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Salvation Army Appeal

Despite progress in social service activities under government sponsorship, the need for such volunteer pioneering organizations as the Salvation Army continues to be as great as ever. This is particularly the case in large industrial centres, but it also applies to Prince Edward Island, where the magnificent work achieved by the Salvation Army is known to every citizen.

Social Work Conference

The Maritime Conference on Social Work, which concluded its sessions at Dalvey on Saturday morning, has served a most useful purpose in interpreting social problems and their methods of solution to the general public. The discussions covered a wide field, all tending to emphasize the need of unity of action as between governmental and volunteer organizations, and the importance of maintaining the latter as well as the former in achieving further progress in welfare activities.

Rural Electrification

A policy to which all political parties in this Province stand committed is that of rural electrification. The progress made in this direction, however, has been discouragingly slow. Meanwhile, under more fortunate circumstances, extension of hydro-electric facilities to rural areas in Ontario is progressing to such an extent as to have worked almost a revolution. The Ottawa Citizen says in this connection:

Labor-saving devices and amenities which would have been unheard of only two decades ago in most country districts are now becoming quite common. Refrigerators, electric stoves, irons, washing machines, even electric razors and home movies are entering more farm homes each year. How strong a factor electrification will be in keeping farm youth from drifting to the cities only time can tell. But it should certainly carry weight in favor of a decision to remain on the farm.

Tourists Help Britain

Britain, experiencing the best tourist year in history, is discovering the dollar value of her historical show places. More than 335,000 Western Europeans and about 130,000 North Americans are among the 560,000 tourists who will have visited Britain by the end of this year, says the British Travel Association. It is estimated

that these visitors will leave about \$220,000,000 in the United Kingdom treasury as the result of their journeys. London is still Britain's best show piece; next comes Stratford-on-Avon; then historic Windsor Castle; then the lake-district in the North, and of course picturesque Scotland does its share in luring tourists. This is a valuable adjunct to Britain's dollar income. There is a great deal to be seen in Britain, and one short visit in summer is not enough to do it justice. Before the war the Americans were Europe-minded when it came to vacationing, but the majority of Canadians are only beginning to extend their visits to Britain. Canada now to follow further loans to Britain but Canadians visiting the United Kingdom as tourists will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are combining pleasure with help for sore-pressed Britons.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The air toll grows apace. Britain's nationalized transportation system is reported to have a deficit of £4,732,824 for 1948. That is getting rid of the profit motive with a vengeance. Prime Minister St. Laurent expresses admirable sentiments on the need for enlarging and improving the fishing industry and extending markets. It only remains for action to follow.

Manitoba, according to a Winnipeg Free Press writer, is not a prairie province. Well perhaps in recognition of Port Churchill we will recognize it as one of the Maritimes.

The teachers have had their innings preparatory to resuming duties. There is a modicum of satisfaction in the announcement there is an increase of students for teacher training at P. W. C.

There are few more compelling sounds than that of a ringing telephone. Even so it is surprising to read of New Jersey's wholesale killer taking time out from his battle with police to answer a call put through by an enterprising reporter.

Cellulose pharmaceutical goods, plastics, building materials, polishes, commercial gums, manures and certain types of foods are some of the products Britain is told she could derive from sea-weed. The same opportunities present themselves around our own shores.

For some time civilized man seemed to be getting away from dependence on and knowledge of the weather, but with large parts of this country pressing on the limits of their hydro development the city dweller is again as weather conscious as any farmer.

According to the British delegates at the Washington Conference it is a matter of salesmanship to wipe out the dollar deficit. That is so, but it implies increased production by workmen who are now feeling the pinch of poverty on a hunger diet. It is euphemistically called austerity but actually means to a considerable extent working on an empty stomach.

The Air Transport Board is probably justified in refusing to continue American air privileges in Newfoundland until the U. S. implements her part of the pact, now held up by a challenge in the courts. The whole attitude, however, of hard bargaining and insistence on national sovereignty in the air is anything but stimulating to the developing of air transport.

The Saint John Telegraph-Journal celebrated the end of the dog days with a six-point story on the R.C.A.F. The final item of the story should have been a tip off to its character. "With an expectation that the speed of jet planes will reach about 1,200 m.p.h. within the next few years, the R.C.A.F. is concentrating on plotting flights before the aircraft leave the ground." Presumably with a crystal ball.

Here is news to our berry-pickers who have not yet made their presence felt. Cranberry harvesting in the New England area and New Jersey began on the first and was in full swing by Saturday. Shipment to regular markets will begin soon after today. All cranberry growing areas now report a total inclusive estimate of 803,000 barrels for 1949, approximately 17 per cent less than last year's crop. A large percentage of this year's crop will be pre-packaged and sold in ready-weighted cellophane bags for greater buying convenience.

Preliminary steps towards the erection of a concrete and steel grandstand at the Provincial Exhibition have been taken. Mr. E. M. Woolcombe, vice-president Foundation Maritime, Halifax, and Mr. P. Hall, Montreal, have been conferring with the directors of the Provincial Exhibition and Driving Park. The cost of the grandstand would be \$140,000. The seating capacity would be about 4,000 with probably 2,000 reserved seats. The present bleachers would still remain. Wood from the centre grandstand will probably be used in modernization of stall for horses.

Earl of Oxford and Asquith, English statesman, born this date 1852. A brilliant lawyer, he took to politics late in life, but made rapid progress in the House of Commons, under the sponsorship of Prime Minister Gladstone. He was the strongest opponent of Chamberlain's tariff reform policy, and became Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Campbell-Bannerman Government. He became Prime Minister in 1908, and remained so until 1916; meantime having formed a coalition Government in 1915, the coalitionists under Lloyd George and Bonar Law ganged up against him on account of his inactivity in war preparations and his "Wait and see" policy generally. In 1918 he lost his seat in East Fife in the House, but was returned by Paisley two years later. In 1920 he was raised to the House of Lords as Earl of Oxford and Asquith.

Cure For A Down-And-Out Feeling



PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

RESULTS OF SMOKING

Sir, — A woman told me that they went to spend an evening with a young couple and when they drove into the yard he came out of the house smoking as thin as a lath. Yes, I said, he is killing himself smoking. I don't think he'll live long, he reminds me of a man I met about 15 years ago who told me that he started smoking when he was young and when he got along about 30 or 35 he found his health falling and he went to a doctor and the doctor asked, 'Do you smoke?' Yes, Well the tobacco is killing you, you will either have to give it up or go very slow on it. Well, he said, I'll give it up. And he said if I hadn't given it up I would have been in my grave long ago. Now that man is about 75 and is still operating his own farm.

Professor Raymond Pearl of Johns Hopkins University, compiled the life histories of 12,000 persons and he traced the record of tobacco use among these persons and found that up to 70 years of age that Britain was dying of starvation was double that of non-smokers. He said there are 19 poisons in tobacco and when tobacco kills indirectly the doctors will say it is the death of a man and when he is smoking escapes the blame. Now that shows convincingly the destructive effect of smoking on the health.

Now I shall try to show its destructive effect on the pocket book. A reliable Christian man told me that he was brought up in poverty because his father spent more money in tobacco than his mother had to feed the family. Dr. Bicknell, of London told the English people three or four years ago that the death of a man and when he is smoking escapes the blame. Now that shows convincingly the destructive effect of smoking on the health.

You can travel along some roads in this Province and in other provinces and see little shacks which look like little chicken brooder houses. You can conclude that I'll tell you of one fellow that didn't smoke. He was a boy in a large family and his parents couldn't give him any start in life and he went and hired with a good farmer. He was a good boy and the farmer paid him good wages. He saved them carefully and the farmer raised his wages and he made a substantial payment on it and gave a mortgage for the balance. He then married a nice girl and they went to work and soon lifted the mortgage. Now they have a nice homestead of about 75 acres and she told me two or three years ago that they didn't owe a dollar and lots of boys of his time and similar circumstances have nothing but smoke. Now they want the Government to build houses for them. Will people go on wasting their health on these facts; they must have some strange new religion with no cross.

I am, Sir, etc. OBSERVER

The Ago-Old Story

He that feareth God shall come forth of them all. OLD TIMEPIECE

The ancient water-clock was known as a clepsidra.

Raw Carrots and Beef

(New York Times) For all practical purposes Britain's representatives at the conference on the dollar question are the two leaders of the British delegation, for they are the ones who will conduct the negotiations and make the decisions. Ernest Bevin, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer. The one has effective jurisdiction over the whole field of foreign policy, the other over the whole field of economics, finance and trade. Even in these days when "plenipotentiaries" no longer possess complete powers to represent their governments, personalities count a great deal. The outcome of these crucial negotiations will be strongly influenced by the two British leaders.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) ASSISTANT JUDGE NEEDED. The Trinity term just closed was opened by Chief Justice Jarvis, this being the only occasion on which his Lordship appeared in court, having been unable, from severe illness (we understand from failure of sight) to attend any subsequent period of the term. We further perceive, by a notice published by the Sheriff of King's County, that there is to be a grand jury at Georgetown this summer, owing to the continued indisposition of the Chief Justice.

ALL-OUT ATTACK

YORKTON, Sask. — (CP) — Peter Brown had only a .22-calibre rifle and an ax, but he killed a 350-pound bear three miles north of here. He chased the bear into a hangar at the Yorkton airport and caught the animal with 12 shots while Bruin climbed out a window. He finished off the job with an ax blow on the head.

RAT EVIDENCE

EDMONTON — (CP) — Oil worker Angus MacDonald added further evidence to reports that Alberta is being invaded by rats. His jeep ran over a rat more than a foot long and weighing about six pounds.

VARIED PUNISHMENT

The penalty for murder in various states of the United States can be by electrocution, lethal gas, hanging, shooting or life imprisonment.

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Notes By The Way

Grand Manan's first paved highway was officially opened recently. It's one of the most beautiful scenic routes in Canada. It winds along the eastern side of the island, through the picturesque villages of North Head, Castalia, Woodward's Cove, Grand Harbor and Seal Cove, and a branch of it runs to Inghall's Head, which is on a point two-and-a-half miles from the main road. The length of the highway is 12 miles, plus the two-and-a-half-mile Inghall's Head link. This paving will bind the scattered communities of Grand Manan closer together and has put an end to the clouds of dust with which motorists formerly had to contend. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

An illustration showing why some men succeed where others fail is found in the news item which reports that a steam boiler burst in a pickle factory. At the time of the accident, the company has \$3,000 worth of pickles ready for bottling. Many company heads would accept such a situation as an act of God, call for reparation and take the loss as gracefully as possible. But not the manager at North Tonawanda. He did some quick thinking. He had some emergency steam right away to finish the cooking of those pickles. We can see him snapping and cursing as he caught an idea. He reached for the telephone and called the railway company offices. Yes, he finished cooking the pickles and saved some of that \$3,000 by leasing a railway locomotive. — Fort William Times-Journal.

To Lord Byron, the Alps were the "palaces of Nature" and the highest Alp, Mont Blanc (15,781 feet) was the "monarch of mountains." To less poetic adventurers, they have always stood as an eternal challenge in man's struggle to conquer nature. Last week these stories were told of men who took the dare: Two Italian customs officials, climbing Mount Blanc, saw a shadow under the ice. Cutting through the glacier, they dug out the body of a tall, slim young man, perfectly preserved. In his old-fashioned jacket was a newspaper dated July 10, 1910. He was an Italian school teacher who had been missing since he set out that day to conquer the highest Alp. Three Englishmen were descending the mountain Black Gate Glacier. Suddenly one slipped. His companions, to whom he was roped, were pulled after him. Their fall set in motion an avalanche of snow which buried them. Rescuers dug out two bodies, and then reached the third climber, saved from suffocation by a snow pocket. But he died before he could be tobogganed down the glacier. — Newsweek.

MARKET DAY

It follows up the hill and down— The road that takes me into town. With smiles and glances bold or sweet; Eyes that are blue maybe, or black— But I am never smiling back. I have to hold my tongue and go As prim as if I didn't know. Ah, dear, it's hard—this being good— I don't like doing what I should. My basket's always heavy, too. I need a man's strong arm. I do! When all the air's so kind and warm, When smiling lads swing down the road And ask to help me with my load. In smiling back to them again— Not every time, but now and then. —Abigail Cresson.

The Poet's Corner

There will be a warm feeling of satisfaction around this province when people read of how the citizens of Hespeler turned on a gang of raiding zootsuters Sunday night and gave them a dose of their own medicine. These hoodlums had invaded the town to give it a "beating up," only to find themselves on the receiving end. A number of Hespelerites, including many war veterans, asked them to leave town. When they refused they turned on them. While nearly everyone will be delighted with the way this reception worked out, it is plain that it offers no real

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