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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Needs Of Education

A half-billion dollar grant—the largest contribution of its kind ever made—has been distributed throughout the United States by the Ford Motor Company to expand and further meet the obligation of industry to education.

Similarly, in other industries in United States—and Canada too—there has been a growing interest both through scholarships and direct aid to institutions of higher education to help bear the steadily growing burden of expense.

And that cost is rising rapidly. Dr. E. F. Sheffield, director of the education division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, has predicted a doubling of university enrollment in 1965.

Energy From The Sun

The earth spins in a ceaseless glare of pure energy. Without sunlight, the planet would be a frozen cinder. In the sun, it lives. Capturing this blazing solar power has been an age-old human dream.

The sunlight striking less than a 100-mile square of Arizona desert, if completely used, would be enough to power all the industry in the United States.

In 215 B.C., Archimedes reputedly set fire to Roman ships besieging Syracuse by focusing sunlight with a mirror.

For centuries, men have studied the sun and sought to build sun-powered devices. Dr. Charles G. Abbot, former secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, pioneered modern American solar research.

One of his projects was a solar radiation station built atop a mountain in South-West Africa in 1925 for the Smithsonian and the National Geographic Society.

Old As The Pharaohs

Keeping statistics on births, deaths and marriages is by no means a modern practice. Egypt in the age of the Pharaohs, ancient Romans and the Incas of Peru also recorded them.

It was prepared by the UN's Statistical Office to help governments develop and appraise their services for recording live and still births, deaths, marriages and divorces.

Based on data from more than 100 countries and territories, the Handbook does not only give a world-wide cross-section of practices and methods for gathering vital statistics.

The registration of births, deaths and marriages, it shows, has had a very long history. Thus, ancient Egypt had a vital statistics scheme in operation as far back as 1250 B.C.

Registration systems as known today, however, really began with the Incas of Peru. They had a well-developed records system, even though they did not know how to write.

Another interesting fact to be gleaned from the Handbook is that while in most countries, parents are responsible for seeing that the birth of a baby is recorded.

Education In Russia

One of the world's most famous and best reporters is Miss Dorothy Thompson. Just returned from Russia and delivering the Marflet Lectures at the University of Toronto she has been telling her impressions of Russian education.

"She was most impressed by the Russian school system. Education is now universal and compulsory through 10 grades with the child starting at the age of seven.

"Obedience is the first law of the school and industry is the second. The glorification of work begins in infancy... The idea of learning through play—a prime concept of North American education—is rigorously rejected.

"Miss Thompson was impressed with the behavior of school children outside the school. It was the best she had seen anywhere. School discipline had a lasting effect."

Propaganda for the Soviets? The answer is that not on this continent is there a more violent anti-Communist than Dorothy Thompson. But she happens also to be an honest, factual reporter.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We had a White Christmas—right out of the refrigerator.

A young pilot hiked out of the Arizona desert the other day in pitiful condition, five days without food or water. In what was probably the prize understatement of the year, he described his ordeal as "an unpleasant experience."

At a Christmas party given by the Immigrants' Aid Society in Montreal, the Santa Claus of the party spoke in seven languages. Even with his seven tongues, Santa didn't get around to the languages of all 165 youngsters present.

Seventeen different nationalities were represented.



HERE WE GO AGAIN

Ottawa And The Provinces

By John Bird, Canadian Press Staff, Ottawa

Canada's lawmakers left no historic legislative landmarks in 1955 but ideas advanced outside of Parliament could result in important developments next year.

At federal-provincial conferences the St. Laurent administration made four proposals on which legislative action may be taken at the next session of Parliament opening Jan. 10:

1. A suggested formula for replacing existing tax rental agreements with the provinces with a plan under which provincial governments would return to the direct tax fields—personal and corporation income and inheritance.

2. A plan to participate with the provinces in the payment of unemployment relief.

3. A new system of payments to complete construction of the trans-Canada highway by 1961.

4. Construction of an all-Canadian natural gas pipeline from Alberta to eastern Canada by government and private interests.

BIG PROJECT The proposal for construction of the 2,200-mile, \$350,000,000 pipeline involves building of the line to the Ontario-Manitoba border by Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd.

The federal government also outlined in broad terms the conditions under which it would be prepared to enter a plan of national health insurance. However, talks with the provinces produced no agreement even in principle.

Most of the 60 government-sponsored measures passed in 1955 were amendments to existing legislation. The main ones were in the fields of regulation and social welfare.

The Progressive Conservatives opened their filibuster June 7 against a government bill to extend indefinitely the extraordinary powers of Defence Production Minister Howe, due to expire July 31, 1956.

The government yielded and agreed to put a three-year limit on nearly all the special powers.

The second biggest bill came when Ross Thatcher, a CCF member since 1945, announced he was leaving the party over policy differences to sit as an Independent for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre. It was the first time in more than 10 years that a Commons member had openly left his party's ranks.

JOBLESS INSURANCE Within a week after Parliament met last January, it had passed an act broadening winter-time supplementary unemployment insurance benefits.

Finance Minister Harris' budget reduced personal income taxes by an average of 10 per cent starting July 1 at a cost to the treasury of \$128,000,000. The rest of a total of \$148,000,000 in tax cuts went chiefly to corporation income tax and the excise tax on new autos and tires and tubes.

Parliament voted \$4,507,900,000 for the current fiscal year in government expenditures, about \$60,000,000 below the previous year's peacetime peak. The amount will be increased slightly by supplementary estimates at the next session.

In January, Parliament by a vote of 213 to 12 ratified the entry of a rearmend West Germany into the North Atlantic alliance. Later in the year it also ratified a 10-year Canada-United States convention to eradicate the fish lamprey, a parasite destroying fish stocks in the Great Lakes.

HIGHER PAYMENTS Among other measures, war veterans allowances were increased 20 per cent at an annual cost of \$9,500,000. The starting age for a 40-month blind pensions was lowered to 18 from 21. Salaries of federally-paid judges were boosted by a flat \$2,500 a year.

Federal grants to municipalities in lieu of taxes on crown property were increased. The government agreed to pay municipalities full tax rates where the value of federal property exceeds two per cent

The Poet's Corner

FROM ODE ON THE DEATH OF SIR H. MORISON

It is not growing like a tree In bulk, cloth make man better be: Or standing long an oak, three hundred year, To fall a log at last, dry, bald, and sear: A lily of a day, Is fairer far, in May, Although it fall and die that night: It was the plant and flower of light. In small proportions we just beaut-ies see; And in short measures life may perfect be. —Ben Johnson.

power plant at Bonneville, Wash. The government objected to the arrangement on grounds that B.C. would be selling its water power resources too cheaply.

In the field of transportation, the railways received greater freedom to set agreed-charge freight rates. They now have the right to put these charges into effect on 20 days' notice without prior consent of the board of transport commissioners. Agreed charges are special rates contracted with shippers in return for a guaranteed percentage of their traffic.

Outer Mongolia

National Geographic Society

Outer Mongolia, land of Genghis Khan—wild as his warrior history, cold as a Siberian blizzard, remote as the Gobi wastes—has been turned down again for admission to the United Nations.

The Mongolian People's republic, back door between China and Soviet Russia, has been closed off from the outside world for 31 years. Very little is known of its life today, a strange mixture of nomads and modern cities, huge livestock herds and increasing literacy.

Both area and population are vague, an estimated 900,000 people obtain a indefinite tract of mountains, grasslands, and desert covering some 600,000 square miles. They own more animals per person—32.1 at last count—than any other nation on earth.

YURTS ON THE STEPPE Across their high wind-swept plateau or steppe, most of the Mongolian Republic's people still live in tents, light cloth shelters in summer and heavier felt-covered yurts in winter, much like Navajo hogans.

Fires in the yurts burn smokily, for dried dung is the only fuel on the iron-hard plains, through winters the Mongol system of being warm. Bow-legged Mongol horsemen warm themselves from wooden bowls of hot kumis, a rancid concoction of fermented mare's milk, tea, and salt.

Their short shaggy-haired Mongolian ponies are fast and tough, at home equally in prairie, rock-topped mountains, and desert.

Horse racing is the national sport. The Mongol system of racing, however, uses 8- to 10-year-old jockeys, the smaller the better, and sends them off full tilt for 20 or 30 miles cross-country.

Outer Mongolia has seen many changes since the republic emerged in 1924 after the death of the Living Buddha of Orga. A recent British visitor to Ulan Bator, the capital, brought back photographs of a modern city of 100,000 inhabitants and white-columned government buildings.

entire country in 1924; there now are hundreds. Modern veterinary stations and hay-cutting cooperatives aid herdsman. A wide-gauge railroad crosses Mongolia from Russia to China, auto roads link Ulan Bator with the 16 provinces, there is air service from Soviet cities to the north.

TEMUJIN THE CONQUEROR From this land 750 years ago burst the greatest troublemaker of ancient Asia, Temujin, Genghis Khan, having become supreme ruler of all Mongols in 1206, conquest

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sandesen, M. D.

NEW DRUG FOR DIARRHEA You never know where medical science might find a new drug. Use of the carob, the fruit of the Mediterranean carob tree, for example, is growing extremely valuable in treating diarrhea. It's especially useful in aiding infants and children, relieving them of diarrhea in less than a single day.

PROCESSED FLOUR

Manufactured under the name of Arobon, the new drug is made from specially processed carob flour and provides a high natural content of pectin, lignin and hemicellulose. These names mean little to you, but you will be interested in what the substances do.

Since they are water-binding, absorbent and demulcent, they form a gelatinous mass which is soothing to the inflamed areas, lessens discomfort and hastens recovery. The carob flour also controls dehydration.

In mild cases of diarrhea, this may do the trick alone. In more severe cases, it may be used in conjunction with specific medication ordered by your doctor.

The powder is simple to take, does not interfere with appetites and is free from side reactions. For infants, you can mix 2 to 4 level teaspoonsful to 4 fluid ounces of water or skim milk and feed in place of the regular formula for the first 24 to 48 hours.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. W. E. F.: What are the symptoms of stomach cancer?

Answer: Cancer of the stomach may cause symptoms such as indigestion, occasional vomiting, sometimes diarrhea and later some abdominal discomforts.

As the condition progresses, there may be a great deal of vomiting with blood present. Blood in the bowel movements may be an early sign.

Whenever such a condition is suspected, immediate X-ray examination of the stomach is advisable.

The Age Old Story

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

A Needed Inquiry

(SATURDAY NIGHT)

The outcry of some Socialists following appointment of the Fowler Commission to study broad casting policies in Canada not only a childish show of bac manners but a characteristic display of prejudice. They decide that because two of the three members of the Commission, Robert M. Fowler and James Stewart have been active in the affairs of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, it was all a plot to destroy the CBC, a "sell-out to big business".

Fortunately, the country has become accustomed to such snarls from the Left. It has been a long time, of course, since any responsible person suggested that the CBC be liquidated. But for many years, at particularly since the arrival of television, it has been obvious to all but the most fanatic believers in state monopoly that a realistic examination by a competent, independent body should be made of both the powers and the financial structure of the CBC. The Fowler Commission should be able to make such an examination. Mr. Fowler, the chairman, is a lawyer, businessman, worked with the Rowell-Sirois Commission, and has made a special study of international affairs. Mr. Stewart is a conservative banker with a liberal mind. Edmond Turcotte was a well-informed and respected journalist before becoming a diplomat.

SUBMARINE STUDIES

Oceanography as a science—the charting of ocean depths—is less than a century old.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Laws of life: Never drive a better car than the boss; never buy a younger child a better bicycle than an older one. — Hamilton Spectator.

After analyzing all available opinion, we are prepared to announce that those who are well-informed on the subject in the United States are divided on whether or not Ike will run in just about the same proportion as those of us who don't know anything about it, either. Stratford Beacon-Herald.

One facet of the Peron dictatorship in Argentina came to light in a Buenos Aires court action against the former Under Secretary of the Interior, Abraham Krislavim, who fled when Peron was overthrown. Krislavim's niece got a low grade in high school. He summoned her teacher and asked that the grades be changed. She refused. He had her arrested on Sept. 16, 1953. She was held several hours, then released, but the grades remained the same. She was arrested again a month later. Still no change in the grades. — New York Herald-Tribune.

The fact that every person, no matter what his status or his past record may be, is entitled to his day in court, is a basic right as important and as precious to the free, democratic system under which we live, as is freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, and other liberties enjoyed under our democratic institutions. The role of the lawyer in the maintenance of liberty and justice, of course, is paramount. It is the place and the duty of the lawyer to accept the role of defender. It is well known that the court itself at times appoints a lawyer when the unfortunate man at the bar is not in a position to supply himself with legal help. In accepting this duty, the lawyer in no way identifies himself with his client, except that he is concerned only to see that the accused... whatever the case may be... receives every protection and every benefit provided under the law. In accepting this role, the legal profession undertakes a great service to every citizen by ensuring that justice is administered in conformity with the basic tradition of freedom that has grown up through the centuries. — Toronto Telegram.

In a recent roadblock check in Southern Ontario, seventy cars out of 200 were found to have some mechanical faults. If this is a fair sample, thirty-five per cent of the cars in use have defects. No matter how high garage bills go, they are still cheaper than paying one's way out of a serious accident. A campaign to stimulate thinking along this line is evidently needed. — Ottawa Citizen.

Birds migrating south next fall are going to have safer passage. Powerful vertical light beams in the vicinity of United States airports, which have caused many thousands of birds to be earthed, are going to be filtered turned off during the migrating lod. The high-powered vertical light beams are used to determine the ceiling, or range of visibility over airports. The merciful decision to save the lives of untold thousands of birds is welcomed by nature-loving Canadians. Great numbers of birds that are slaughtered by one means or another in migratory flight, are birds that breed and spend the Summer months in Canada. Unless more measures are taken to protect them, we will become aware of far fewer birds than formerly in Canada. — Sydney Post-Record.

Almost certainly the vast majority of car accidents are caused by "good" drivers, good in the sense that they are skilled in making a car go, back up, turn corners or ship into a parking space. But good driving is just as much a matter of mental attitude as it is of skill, and probably more so. And a skilled fool driving a car is a very great threat indeed. — Calgary Herald.

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