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The Testing Time

The apparent futility of the fighting in Korea is the greatest danger we face today. The United Nations do not wish to conquer additional territory because any reduction in the area of North Korean operations means that much less opportunity for air attack on Communist concentrations and supply lines. It is all too easy to look upon the cost of maintaining the static front as so much wasted life and effort.

That, of course, is what the Communists want the members of the United Nations to think. They would like to see an attitude of "What's the use?" spread in the free world and are quick to initiate contentions between the governments and between the peoples opposing aggression. By prolonging the half-war, which could very easily be ended by an armistice even though many points require to be threshed out before a final settlement, they hope to win by default. They imagine that discussion will paralyse the resistance of the non-Communist world and that they will again be able to complete the conquest of one people after another until there is no possibility of successfully opposing them.

These calculations will fail, however, provided the United Nations remain united and give their full support to any country which an aggressor tries to overrun. It is not a question of the strategic importance of particular territory. Every nation must feel that it can depend upon the others defending its territory and existence.

Winter Driving

The advance of winter brings many changes for the car driver. Most of these, changing grease, oil and so forth, effect only himself and his car but adaption to winter conditions is also important to other users of the streets and highways. The longer hours of darkness, conditions of rain and snow, drastically reduce the driver's field of vision. This is the more pronounced because of the temptation in bad weather to keep car windows closed so that in many cases the only view the driver has is through the small areas kept clear on the outside by wipers and inside by defrosting equipment.

From now on, also, streets and roads will be in more dangerous condition. Far more distance must be allowed for bringing a car to a stop than under summer conditions. At the same time pedestrians bundled up in long dark clothing are far more difficult to see than the lighter and more distinctive image they present during the summer months.

It all adds up to the fact that safe driving speeds for the next five months are much lower than for the past months and the need of vigilance on the part of all using the highways increases as driving conditions deteriorate.

Inadequate Military Training

The Globe and Mail notes that there are approximately 182,000 boys of high school age in Canada today, and approximately 42,700 young men attending university. Fewer than half of the former are getting any kind of military training, and fewer than one-sixth of the latter. The total for the high schools is 78,000 (mostly army cadets); and that for the universities is 6,500 (mostly Canadian Officers Training Corps).

Largely through deluded pacifist propaganda, the cadet movement was in a state of collapse during the 1930's. But the war restored it to life, and a complete reorganization by the Defense Department in 1942 put it on solid foundations. By that action, Ottawa served itself well, for the resurrected cadet units contributed many thousands of recruits to the active and reserve forces. Just how many has never been officially stated, but an announcement in January, 1944, said that up to that date 330 of the 1,000-odd units then functioning had provided 37,701 volunteers for active service, half of these going into the army. The war had not been over two years, however, when a sharp reduction in allocations was made for this purpose, establishing a ceiling of 50,000 cadets where, at the peak of the war, there had been more than 100,000.

Why, asks the Globe and Mail, should not the Dominion spend some of the millions appropriated for military defense in assisting in preparing the military man-

power it so badly needs? If every high school boy is given basic military training, if that is taken as a normal and natural part of his adolescence, we shall always have a big pool of manpower for the reserves. And the reserves will constitute (as they do not today) a big pool of manpower for the active forces. Such training would have a most valuable mental effect on those who took it, and on the nation at large. They would feel more respect for the armed forces, and more interest in what they were doing. Defense would not be, as now, a closed book to the public at large; but a subject of lively discussion and, if necessary, concern.

In this connection our Toronto contemporary gives the following timely quotation from General Eisenhower's book, "Crusade in Europe": "Until world order is an accomplished fact and universal disarmament a logical conclusion, it will always be a crime to exclude men from the types and kinds of training that will give them a decent chance for survival in battle. Many of the crosses standing in Tunisia today are witnesses to this truth."

A Sad Prospect

Loud speakers and microphones are to be installed in the House of Commons.

"They could," says the Ottawa Journal, "put other things in the House of Commons that the House of Commons needs more. For instance, MP's who, joining in debate, would take the trouble to find out what the debate is about, stand up, speak up, and shut up. Also, a ruling by the Speaker that the House of Commons is a place for speech, for discussion, not for the reading of manuscripts that are dull and long. It is the MP with his eyes glued to a manuscript and who isn't sure of the manuscript's next line that the House doesn't hear. It has no trouble hearing the MP who knows what he wants to say, says it out of his own mind.

"Microphones and loud speakers we fear will finish debate in the Commons, or finish what is left of it; make the House more than ever a place where the 'cut and thrust' of discussion is a thing of the past. Instead of real debate we may have more and more a wearisome procession of manuscripts. That and people imagining that microphones are megaphones."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 24th Sunday after Trinity.

Premier Jones put the Islapd's claims for improved transportation in a way in which they are sure of attention. He does not go on the principle that a wink is as good as a nod to a blind horse. A touch of the whip gets more results than either.

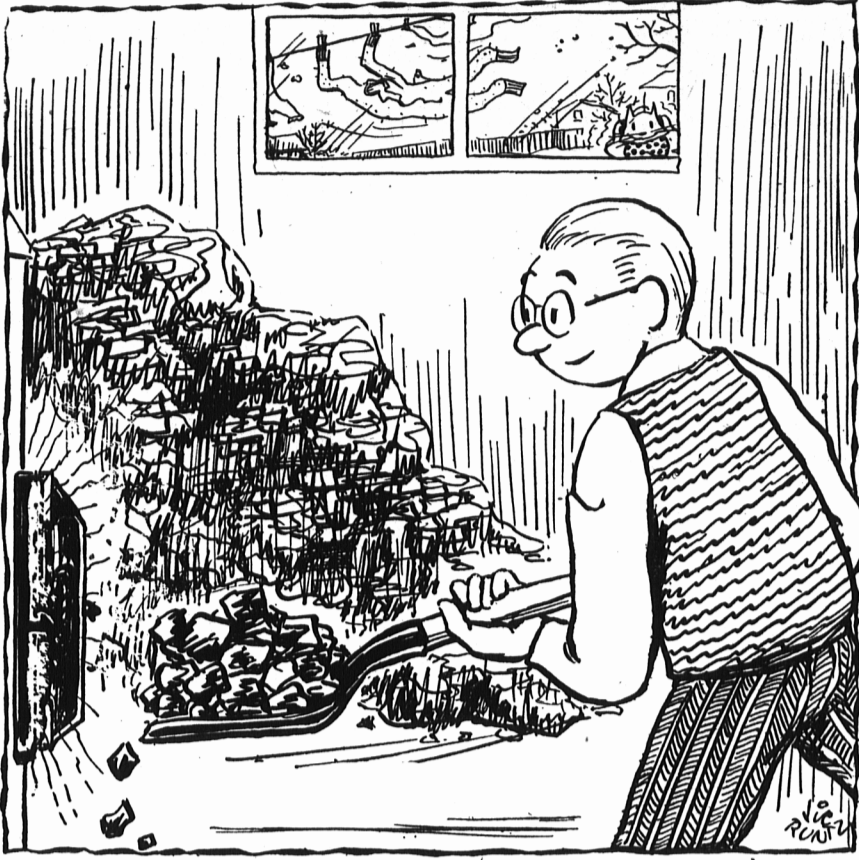
The loss by fire of Prince Edward Island's information bureau at Aulac, N. B., can be compensated for by displaying artistic imagination in planning its replacement. Perhaps a building in the form of an out-size lobster trap would not have the necessary appeal but something striking could certainly be worked out.

Sir Arthur Seymour Sullivan, English composer, died this date, 1900. His first important work was an overture written at Leipzig when he was 16 and a pupil at the Conservatoire. As the associate of Sir W. S. Gilbert he composed many light operas. He also composed such choral works as, "Light of the World", "Martyr of Antioch", the grand opera "Kenilworth", anthems and hymn tunes.

Scotland's greatest treasures are her Crown Jewels, to be seen in Edinburgh. Before James VI of Scotland came to the English throne in 1603 as James I and thus united the two Crowns, these jewels were used at the coronation of every Scottish King or Queen. Among Scotland's sovereigns in the sixteenth century were three babies who, since they succeeded in times of violent internal strife, were crowned in spite of their extreme youth in order to safeguard their thrones. James V was only a baby of 17 months when his father, King James IV, was slain on the field at Flodden in 1513. A month after the battle the little boy was crowned at Stirling. Twenty-nine years later history repeated itself. King James died, leaving a six-day-old daughter, who afterwards became Mary, Queen of Scots. Her coronation took place ten months later when Cardinal Beaton placed the crown on her little head, the sceptre in her tiny hand, and fastened round her the Sword of State. Scotland's last baby sovereign was Mary's son, King James VI. Crowned at the age of 13 months, he was the first Stuart king to wear the crown of two countries—Scotland and England. But it was not until he was 38 that he was crowned in London at Westminster Abbey in 1603.

WINDSOR, England — (CP) — Latest addition to the royal stables at Windsor Castle is a pony called Cloudy, a gift to the young Prince Charles from a Gloucestershire farm. The prince will be given riding lessons during his visits to the castle.

Seasonal Scenery



The Poet's Corner

SLEEPING IN THE RAIN There you go pattering Over my roof again. Tinkling, chattering, Tittering, flatterer. Me with a thought of gain. What a conceited thing You are in crediting Me with an ounce of brain Halt all you little ones Beating your kettle drums Atop my sleep's domain. Now you are whispering Over the distant plain Tales of a chattering Landman a-listening. Tuned to your sweet refrain, Weal to the weary ones, Cheer to the cheery ones, Vaulting a vast terrain. Leaving me settled down Tucked in my bed down Sleeping in teeming rain. —T. L. O'Hara in the Toronto Daily Star.

Pocahontas

(Winnipeg Free Press) It is curious to read in a dispatch from London that the silence of the years has stirred to bring the name of Pocahontas once more before the public, and that to her memory a chapel in Gravesend, England, has been dedicated to the use of all Christian denominations. This is the old church of St. George under the chancel of which, since 1617 the body of the Indian Princess has lain. But her legend has marched on. The story has been told by many a campfire and around many a table. Its native Virginia long since has shared it with the English-speaking world. Perhaps too it is still told in the lodges of Indians. This is the Princess whose dark eyes beheld the English lad among the captives of her father, a great chief, and pleaded for his life. So Captain John Smith was spared. Before this she had noted the Pale Face and could not feel for them the burning hatred that possessed some of her tribe and kindred. Her smile was always for them and for them what shelter she could provide. Finally she took their religion to her heart. To "why God shall be my God" was presently added "Thy People shall be my people" for she married an Englishman, John Rolfe, in 1614 and went with him two years later to live at his home in Gravesend. It is good to know that soft voices received her there and kind hands drew her in. Did she miss the horizons of the new world? Did she miss the far trails? Did the smoke of her father's campfire send her messages. We do not know, but true it is that she did not live long under the English skies. She died in 1617 and the old church, with all the poetry and faith of the Christian service, received her.

Queen Mary, so the dispatch relates, has written to the Gravesend folk to tell them that Lady Mountbatten, wife of Lord Mountbatten, cousin of the Royal House, is a direct descendant of Pocahontas through the baby son she left on that far off day of her death.

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MILLERS' TOLLS Legislative Assembly, Feb. 21, 1834. "A petition of divers inhabitants of Townships Forty-nine and Fifty was presented to the House by Mr. Owen, and the same was received and read, setting forth: That the most grievous impositions are practised upon them by the millers residing in their neighborhood, by the exorbitant toll exacted by them for the manufacture of oatmeal and pearl barley, very much to the injury of the farming classes and the community in general, and praying the House to pass a law for preventing such extortions in future, by establishing a specific and legal toll, for the manufacture of the articles above mentioned." (A bill in accordance with the above petition was passed at this session of the Legislature, and re-enacted with amendments four years later, under which the operation of grist mills was very strictly regulated. For grinding wheat, rye, barley, oats, buckwheat or Indian corn, millers were limited to a maximum toll of one-sixth part of the product; for pearling barley, to eight pounds per bushel; for shelling and grinding grain, to one-sixteenth part, and for bolting meal ground at the mill, to one pint of grain per bushel, in addition to the former toll. A penalty of two pounds was imposed for violation of the toll regulations, or for neglecting or refusing to deliver grain when ground or manufactured. The Act also required all millers within the Island "to grind all grain brought to their respective mills regularly, so as that whoever brings grain first shall be first served, without the said millers, or any of them, giving undue preference to one man beyond another in point of time or priority.")

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The Age-Old Story

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee; and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried with a loud voice, saying, Let us alone: what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not. And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out. And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about. Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. (By the Canadian Press)

CHATHAM, England — (CP)

An addition to the naval war memorial, unveiled this month by the Duke of Edinburgh, has the incorrect spelling "Philippines." The correct inscription, "Philippines," will be installed as soon as possible.

Notes By The Way

Perhaps we could reach a friendly compromise on this Sunday Ball issue, if all the fans would agree to observe a discreet sabbatical silence when Stan Jok lets one go through his legs at third base. And also cut out cussing the umpire in anything above a whisper. Louder than that we wouldn't stand for. Anybody forgetting his manners would naturally get a dirty look from the rest of the crowd, and go redder in the gills than the paint job on a fire truck. —Ottawa Citizen.

That was a nice and not too well publicized touch in Winston Churchill's recent speech about Britain's first atomic bomb test. "All those concerned in the production of this first British atomic weapon," he said looking across the floor of the Commons, "are to be warmly congratulated on the successful outcome of this historic episode and I should no doubt pay my compliments to the leader of the opposition and the party opposite for initiating it." Partisan can be easily brushed aside by big men, at the right moment. —Hamilton Spectator.

Victory of the anti-Communist Greek Rally Party in Greece continues the cycle of right wing victories which have been apparent these past couple of years in democratic countries. There war hero Field Marshal Alexander Papagos led the party to an overwhelming win. This trend has been apparent in the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia and New Zealand, specifically. It represents a changed trend in public thinking which, immediately after World War II, was toward liberal or even radical parties. It must be remembered, of course, that in certain European countries such as Greece the right-wingers are inclined to be more conservative, even reactionary, than on this continent. By the same token, the left-wingers, who often are more extreme. —Windsor Star.

A dog seems to thrive wonderfully away from streets and sidewalks and the confined places. The rural air and the play of the elements seem to put a gloss on its fur and a sparkle in the eyes. The dog doesn't become fat and stodgy. Proper exercises keeps it lean. Farm dogs seldom are overfed and they get enough to eat. They are lean and swift and moreover often are useful, co-operating with the farmer in traffic control of the other farm animals. Now it's quite likely there are those who will assert that this is a city man's idealization of the farm dog and maybe so. No people can be quite so sentimental about farm life as those who do not live on farms. —Sydney Post-Record.

The airplane may one day join the tractor and combine as one of the aids by which modern science hastens home the harvest. Scientists have already begun working on a new aerial technique for drying a crop of wheat or barley quickly and efficiently by spraying it from the air. The crop is sprayed with chemical, sprayed on the ground some eight or nine days before harvesting, which prevents water from moving from the roots up to the head and leaves. The grain, harvested and stored safely with no risk of rot. The cost is reckoned to be about half that of artificially drying the crop in a store. —British Aircraft Society.

Across the continent many children die annually after locking themselves in appliances or containers of some sort. It is an extravagantly high toll for this type of accident, and appears to be on the increase. Often it is an abandoned refrigerator that becomes a death cell for little ones during their play. They climb into it, the door snaps behind them, and ejection soon follows. One of the more recent fatalities of this type occurred in Calgary, where a two-year-old suffocated in a cedar chest after its cover fell on him and his sister while they were playing within. It is the kind of tragedy that has been occurring with deadly frequency, as much the hazard of the airtight "playhouse" is not widely enough recognized. Most parents will not need to be reminded of this danger but obviously there are others who overlook it. For them recurring reminders will be in order. —Windsor Star.

Autumn is too beautiful a word for some current weather. The soggy air chills, the grey skies glower, the trees bend black and black. People go about bowed and grim of face, as sullen as the day itself. Why should they be radiant and gay? A day or two of this November weather could be borne lightly if Spring were not far behind. But immediately ahead is Winter—the southern Canadian Winter which, despite picture postcards and fond memories of childhood, is not one glorious succession of sunny days, clean snowfalls and brisk, starlit nights. None except the very young and the very foolish had the advent of Winter; they spit at it, covering. These are sad days. —Peterborough Examiner.

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