The Guardian

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew

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Put Out More Flags

Mayor Gaudet has called upon our local merchants and citizens in general to follow the council's lead in decorating the city for this morning's big Gold Cup and Saucer Float Parade, and there is still time for those who have neglected doing so to co-operate in this manner. The parade, of course, is the prelude to this evening's race classic sponsored by The Evening Patriot, and it will be an eye-filling event the like of which has never been attempted here before. Old Home Week is the time for demonstrations of this kind, which symbolize in pageantry and music the festive spirit that prevails.

The eight bands participating include a top-ranking U.S. army organization from Bangor, Maine—where so many former Prince Edward Islanders reside—a girls' pipe band from Glace Bay and an air cadet band from Fredericton. Detachments from two Royal Canadian Navy destroyers will be among the forty-four units in the parade which will move along a two and a half mile route through the main thoroughfares of the city and will take an hour and a half to pass any given point. So there will be no likelihood of anyone missing it, or failing to be inspired by its liveliness and color.

Special traffic rules have been drafted for the occasion, and Police Chief MacArthur has requested that these be strictly observed both by motorists and pedestrians. This is very important if accidents are to be avoided. Here again, the co-operation of all concerned is needed in making the festivities a success.

In Startling Contrast

While Soviet astronauts have soared to spectacular achievements in space, on earth a steady march backwards has plagued Soviet Europe and is breaking plaintively through the choruses of praise over the space exploits.

Belts are being tightened and living standards slashed—basic bread rations and corn meal, this time—in a large area of Romania. Meat stores are only open once a week. The ration in once grain-surplus Transylvania, for example, is 10.5 ounces of bread a day for ration card holders. Corn meal, even more of a staple for peasants than bread, is 44 pounds a month per family.

In East Germany the story is the same. Last week an indirect form of meat rationing was added to other restrictions on food supply. A few days earlier, the price of potatoes was nearly doubled in a move to conserve the dwindling supply. West German newspapers reported that growing discontent in the East German army had resulted in a minor mutiny among soldiers, protesting short rations, at the Thuringian town of Lauchroeden.

Reports also disclose that important items of nourishment are hardest to come by in agricultural areas, since as much food as possible is channeled into the cities to avert catastrophe there. The newspaper Die Welt cites cases in which inhabitants of small rural towns travel 20 miles or more by train to a larger city in order to buy butter and meat.

Since last Christmas there have been no apples on the market, and fresh vegetables are a rare sight. Even potatoes are scarcer than ever. Restaurants serve, instead, what are called "satisfying supplementary dishes" in which fodder turnips and barley predominate.

Last month the Bulgarian regime followed the Russians with price boosts. In the most developed of the Soviet European satellites, Czechoslovakia, the larder is at its emptiest. These are the reliable reports coming through from diplomats. They show, convincingly, that the Soviet system which boasts of its superiority because of staggering technological feats in space, is in pretty full retreat on the ground. The leaders are promising plenty for later; but at the moment it is a case—quite literally—of pie in the sky.

The P.M.'s Schedule

In a recent analysis of the Diefenbaker government's austerity measures, the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has this to say: "If the present moves turn out to be inadequate further measures obviously will have to be adopted. It may be that import quotas will yet be necessary to balance our internal accounts and that increased taxes will be required to balance the budget. Neither prospect presents any adequate long-range solution. Import quotas open possibilities of higher costs while increased taxes, especially with a tax structure that has grown haphazardly without design, will pose still greater deterrents to initiative and enterprise."

The present measures are admittedly in the way of stop-gaps to save our currency reserve from collapse. The Prime Minister has delayed the Parliamentary session until September, but there is no reason why, in the meantime, he should be reticent about the progress, if any, that has been made under these measures and how long he expects they will be continued. In the words of the Winnipeg Free Press, he should let the people know what the government is doing in its own "cooling off" period.

Specifically, is there to be a budget in the autumn session? Is the planned deficit of some $750 million actually being cut in half as the government has promised? Is the tax system to be revised?

Moreover, if he still intends to represent Canada at the Commonwealth conference before he summons Parliament, at least he should announce what his attitude will be at London toward Britain's entry into the Common Market. It would be inconsistent with the Prime Minister's often-voiced concern about constitutional obligations to present us, afterwards, with a fait accompli. And, from the point of view of practical politics, it would be equally unfortunate. For should he follow this course he could hardly expect the opposition parties, or the public they represent, to "cool off." Instead, he would only heat their sense of frustration, and their conviction in the government's impotence and drift.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The need for more Red Cross blood donors has again been emphasized, and it is to be hoped that the response to this appeal will result in replenishing the blood bank.

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"Prime Minister Diefenbaker," says the Ottawa Journal, "may carry a Sir John A. Macdonald cane to the Commonwealth conference and we can't think of a better good-luck totem for any politician to have." Let's hope he won't try to use it as a shillelagh.

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An American Bar Association group, meeting last week in San Francisco, was told that work is well advanced toward that comfortable day when an electronic computer will accurately predict Supreme Court decisions and a lawyer can reliably tell his client whether to fight his case all the way or pay the fine and go home.

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It is reassuring to note, from a statement by Labor Minister Starr at Ottawa this week, that there will be no reduction in either the government's winter works or vocational and technical school building programs. Government commitments by July this year totalled $256,000,000 for 440 new schools or additions. Under the program, the federal government pays 75 per cent of provincial costs of new vocational, trade or technical schools until March 31, 1963.

THE DE GAULLOTINE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Mr. MacLean's Service In Cabinet

Hon. Angus MacLean, our 48-year old Minister of Fisheries, will shortly establish a record among Prince Edward Islanders for long service as a departmental minister in the Federal Cabinet.

Prince Edward Island has had a checkered and scant record as our cinderella province as far as Cabinet representation goes. It has been fobbed off with minimum recognition for native-born politicians, despite the key role its leaders among the Fathers of Confederation played in creating out country, which was largely achieved at the historic meeting at the Island's lovely capital, Charlottetown.

Although Liberal Party leaders have valued the Island's politicians at so little worth, they have never hesitated to use its constituencies as a public convenience when they could find no hospitable political perch elsewhere.

CUCKOOS IN THE NEST

That greatest political waif of all, the late Right Hon. W.L. MacKenzie King, was born, raised and domiciled in Ontario, except when he lived in U.S.A. But he often sought political haven in constituencies, and even in provinces, other than his own. Before he thus roosted in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, one of his several such way-stations was that constituency of convenience, Prince, P.E.I.

Later, in 1940, that same riding gave a political perch to another displaced Liberal Minister, Hon. J.L. Ralston, a Nova Scotian who had previously won election at Shelburne-Yarmouth, N.S.

Meanwhile in 1935 yet another emergency by-election was staged in Queens, P.E.I., to seat another Liberal Minister, Hon. Charles A. Dunning. He was born in England; had made his home in Saskatchewan, and had represented Regina in Parliament until —like an equally unknown politician more recently — he was rejected by Reginans at the polls.

Among native-born resident Islanders who have been appointed to the Federal Cabinet, first was Conservative Sir James Pope, a former premier, who was Minister of Fisheries from 1882 in the administration of the storied Sir John A. Macdonald. His oft-named name was recently re-echoed when his great-great nephew, Major Harry Pope, contested a Calgary riding this summer as an NDP candidate.

LONG OFFICE TENURE

Then in 1896 the famous Sir Louis Davies, already M.P. for Queens for 9 years, was appointed Minister of Fisheries in Sir Wilfred Laurier's cabinet. Honours were showered upon this former premier. In 1897 he was created a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George, an honour which Canadian statesmen, unlike their British and Australian and New Zealand counterparts, may not now accept from their Monarch. In 1901 he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada, where 17 years later he became Chief Justice.

His 5 years and 73 days span stands as the longest tenure of departmental cabinet office by any P.E.I. M.P., native or foreign.

One of the eight Macdonalds from various provinces who have sat in our federal cabinet was Hon. John A. Macdonald, who represented Kings from 1925 to 1935. Briefly in 1926, and then from 1930 to 1935 he was Minister without Portfolio in Conservative cabinets, before being appointed to the Senate. His old seat was later won by his namesake son, who was succeeded by his widow, Margaret, the present M.P.

Hon. Cyrus MacMillan was P.E.I.'s strangest Minister. A professor of English at McGill University in Montreal, he was Minister of Fisheries for 53 days in 1930, namely from 15 days after the dissolution of parliament until 9 days after the electoral defeat of the government of which he was such a brief member lacking a seat in Parliament.

And now Hon. Angus MacLean, who is only P.E.I.'s third native-born resident to administer a government department as a Minister seated in the House of Commons, will set up a new record on 3rd September to become the longest-serving such minister.

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. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to enter into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

VOICES COMPLAINT

Sir,—I am simply appalled at the prominence given in Wednesday's Guardian to the details of shocking testimony at the hearing of a rape case, which originated at Borden. As a family paper, read by old and young and admitted into almost every home on the Island and many abroad, The Guardian has generally set a standard of decency which we have praised. Wednesday's issue, however, in this particular instance, matches the lowest, cheapest and most sensational papers published. Cases such as these must be reported in the press, but surely decency demands they be confined to the barest details and hidden in a corner of the back page.

We people of P.E.I. must feel absolutely ashamed that such cases arise in our midst, but more ashamed of those who publicize the revolting details.

I am, Sir, etc.,

F. H. L.

Charlottetown.

SHOOED AWAY

Sir,— We think that the City Fathers, among other things, showed themselves to be very stuffy and out of tune with the man-in-the-street and the spirit of the times, when they shooed "Daisy Duck" from her nesting place on Market Square.

This enterprising project impressed almost everyone as a unique attraction for natives and visitors alike and surely we need at least a few such attractions at special times to give our city a holiday air.

Supposing the promoters did sell a few trinkets and did a little "barking". The sales should not affect adjacent merchants to any degree and the noise of the barker could not have been objectionable enough to annoy the average citizen. In any case, these objections could have been easily overcome with out forcing "Daisy" "up the creek without a paddle".

If the City Council's sensitivity is affected by this "fakir-like atmosphere" why not eliminate something really objectionable — why not shoo away the many shakos who frequent our public squares, uptown alleys and prominent corners?

The promoters of "Daisy Duck" have shown unusual initiative and enterprise and they and others of like ambition should be encouraged rather than pushed around and possibly out of existence.

I am, Sir, etc.,

D.D.A.

(Daisy Duck Admirer)

R.J. Ruper

Impact On Cold War

By Carman Cumming
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The new Soviet leap into space comes at a bad psychological moment for the United States.

Press and public have been preoccupied with economic troubles, political scandal, labor and integration disputes.

President Kennedy reports gloomily that 1,000,000 teenagers are "out of school and out of work" and says that "the fact of the matter is that there's been a slowdown in our growth . . ."

At such a time it is not pleasant for Americans to learn that they're farther behind in the space race, too.

FEAR PRESTIGE LOSS

Aside from the military implications — which are great — Americans seem to feel the Soviet technological achievement poses a threat to their "way of life." They fear that it will lead to increased prestige abroad for the Soviet Union and an accompanying decline in the U.S. position.

Moscow apparently thinks so, too, saying the twin flights of its spacemen demonstrate "the unquestionable advantages of the socialist (Communist) system."

This claim has a false ring, particularly in view of the reports of food shortages in the Communist bloc and in view of the Berlin Wall, a constant reminder that the Communists have had to use force to keep their own people from leaving.

The space flights do demonstrate several things—courage, endurance, amazing technical ability.

But they do not demonstrate that life is any better for the peasants of the Ukraine or the factory workers of East Germany.

ADD NEW DIMENSION

The flights undoubtedly will have an impact on the cold war. In the words of one British scientist, they add "a new and agonizing dimension to the world's troubles."

But while the U.S. scientists race to catch up, it will be up to the whole Western world to keep the ideological argument in perspective—to demonstrate that democracy is capable of much more than technical excellence.

The final test for communism may be its ability to put meat and bread on the tables of its people—and an element of freedom in their lives — rather than its ability to put men into space.

RECEIVES INQUIRIES

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP) — Industrionics (Canada) Ltd., says it has received inquiries from more than 20 countries concerning its recently developed "miky-amp" miniature amplifiers. W. Wayne Shapiro, president, says the amplifier is impervious to dampness or salt corrosion and so is particularly suited to areas of high humidity. It weighs less than six ounces, is about half the size of a cigarette pack, has an output of two watts and is powered by an ordinary six-volt battery.

Aids Abound For Hay Fever

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

THERE are hundreds of remedies for hay fever due to ragweed, including 125 different antihistamine tablets, nasal sprays, and expectorants. Some of these anti histamines are better than others and some persons react to one but not to another. Common side reactions include drowsiness, lassitude, dizziness, intestinal upsets, and nervousness.

In addition, there are tablets, acrosols, and sprays containing epinephrine, Isuprel, or Privine. Relief also is obtained with inhalers made with Benzedrex or Tuamine.

But this is not all. There are scores of adrenocorticals that bring symptoms under control rapidly. These products are not recommended except as temporary measures because of dangerous side reactions that may follow continued usage. This is logical because hay fever is a self-limited condition in that symptoms disappear spontaneously as soon as the pollination season is over.

There also are devices to filter out pollen, ranging from face masks to window units. These products vary so much in efficiency it is wise to consult the physician before investing. Other hay fevervictims run away, spending their vacation in the north woods, Florida, or other areas where ragweed is uncommon.

The best approach is to be desensitized to the causative allergon. There is the so-called one shot repository method as well as the older multiple (20) injection form of treatment. The end results are the same, regardless of the procedure used. The repository method requires fewer injections but is more difficult to administer. It still is regarded as experimental even though it has been used on thousands of allergic individuals.

Most hay fever sufferers can get along on the antihistamines, when the condition is mild. They should avoid dust, swimming, overexposure to the sun heat, fatigue, golf, and automobile rides in the country. Other allergens that should be avoided include feathers, orris root, molds, and animal danger. Happy Sneezing!

NO NAVEL

R.T. writes: My wife and I have been married three years and she has not become pregnant. When she was young she had a hernia operation which called for the removal of her navel. Is it possible to have a baby without a navel?

REPLY

The navel is a scar from the reproductive activities of the previous generation and has nothing to do with the ability to bear children. There are well established medical methods of determining whether you and your wife are capable of having a family.

DROPSY FROM CIRRHOSIS

S.P. writes: Why does liver trouble cause dropsy?

REPLY

In cirrhosis, many of the liver cells are replaced with scar tissue that obstructs the flow of blood from the lower half of the body. This leads to a dropsical condition of the abdomen and legs in severe cases.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
August 17, 1937

The urgent need of an extensive program of harbor improvement at Charlottetown, including dry-docking facilities and accommodation for large freight and passenger steamers, was impressed yesterday morning upon the Hon. Charles A. Dunning, Dominion Finance Minister and federal representative for Queens County, by Members of the harbor improvement committee of the Charlottetown Board of Trade.

Mrs. Leo Ball of Shanghai, China has arrived safely at Manila, Philippine Islands, according to a cablegram received here by her family. Mrs. Ball was the former Jennie Gates of Charlottetown, and for the past 17 years has been residing in Shanghai. Since the outbreak of the fighting in this area her friends and relatives have been concerned for her safety.

TEN YEARS AGO
August 17, 1952

(Connaught Rifle Range, South Manch, Ont.) Two women sharp-shooters today tied for first place in the qualifying stage of Governor General's Gold Medal match. Lieut. Mary MacLennan of Alexandra P.E.I. and Marjorie Foster of the British Rifle team, today tied with one off the possible to beat out some 600 of their male competitors in the 52nd annual Dominion of Canada Rifle Association shoot.

(Lisbon, Portugal, Aug 15) (Reuters) Lisbon Airport had a carnival atmosphere today as crowds welcomed newly-weds from London — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and the former Clarissa Churchill.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Unmarried: "Do you believe in clubs for women?" Married: "Yes, if you can't reason with them." — Hamilton Spectator.

Eggheads of the world unite. You have nothing to lose but your yokes. — Adlai Stevenson.

Our political leaders, if they will let themselves think as much about the next generation as the next election, will seize the opportunity to keep a tight-er control on expenditures, not only for this emergency period but for the years to come. — Windsor Star.

Russian-born marathon walk-er Dr. Barbara Moore who walked from Montreal to Toronto in 10 days in 1960, plans to walk across the United States. She hopes to finance the hike by raising a mortgage on her house. Dr. Moore's prodigious walking feats have broken no record for distance or speed to date. But they have helped the show business and vegetable growers a little. — Galt Reporter.

The more friends you pick the happier you are, unless you pick them to pieces. — Sherbrooke Record.

A gym instructor advises some business men patrons to pull their paunches instead of their punches. — Chatham News.

In Britain it will soon be com-pulsory for automobiles to be equipped with seat belts, but let for the occupants of cars to wear them. That's a curious balance between paternal government and individuality. — Ottawa Journal

We are far less impressed with news that Jacqueline Kennedy again has been elected the world's first lady of fashion, than the fact that she is a good wife, a good mother, charming lady and a real help to the President and to the nation. These things, it seems to us, are the things that really matter.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Saving The Unicorn

Ottawa Journal

The Arabian oryx is said to be the animal that the authors of ancient legend mistook for the fabulous unicorn. It is a pale, almost white, antelope. It has two horns, straight, sabre-like and set close together and forward on its head so that in profile the oryx could appear to have a single horn on its forehead.

The oryx is close to extinction. Its last stronghold, in the Rub 'al Khali, or Empty Quarter, in the northeast corner of the Aden Protectorate, has been a hunting ground for "sporting" oilmen with fleets of cars and automatic rifles.

But this year the rare oryx was stalked by a different expedition, members of the Fauna Preservation Society. In a country where, as a member of the expedition wrote to The Times, of London, "nothing post-Islam is considered old," and the nearest water-hole might be 85 miles away, they spent three weeks searching before they found the first oryx tracks.

There were many more days of searching before the guides found a fresh spoor to follow. They could move only in the morning and evening; a chase in the heat of day would have killed their quarry. Using noose held on the end of a pole by a passenger in a fast car, they caught two bulls and a cow. One of the two bulls died of an old bullet wound suffered at the hands of less benevolent hunters. But the cow and the surviving bull were flown to a game preserve in Kenya and were, at last report, doing well. Said The Times' correspondent:

"We have done a little toward squaring the debt which man owes to the animal first mentioned by Cesias in 400 BC, and which, in fable, was said to be the only animal which ventures to attack the elephant."

The Poets Corner

INLAND SUMMER

When grain fills evening with the sigh of oceans,
Shipless the waves slap softly on the air
Still thick with fragrances of a long day

As, from a rose not yet touched by the moon,
I look for gulls. I look in vain for shells.
That seldom swoop in the wake of my inland summer

Where wings of wrens cast their small, glancing shadows
On early evening whispers of this sea..

Norma McLain Stoop

Hobbies For Retirement

Sudbury Star

A man who has given songs and music to millions of people in the world is back in harness at the age of 74 years. Irving Berlin retired 12 years ago and now he is writing the melodies and lyrics for a new show.

People who think ahead to their years of retirement will be interested in Mr. Berlin's explanation for returning to show business:

"I found out that the trouble about retiring is you've got to retire to something else — to a hoggy — which I didn't have.

"I thought I could become a Sunday painter, but I couldn't draw. I didn't fish well enough, and I don't play golf. So the only thing I had to do was just live with a fine, warm family seating well, sleeping badly."

People whose work in geriatrics have come to recognize, that aged people with hobbies get the most out of retirement. Nor should the interest be confined to one hobby because this by itself can create boredom. And the acquisition of hobbies should start some years before retirement in preparation for the time when months and years of leisure provide the opportunities to pursue the hobbies. If a tragic condition when an aged person feels useless and believes there is nothing to do but wait for death.

It is a fact that large numbers of people have taken advantage of their retirement to turn useful hobbies into earned income. It can be said with truth that the active hobbyist is the person most likely to derive the greatest measure of enjoyment, health and happiness in the years of retirement.

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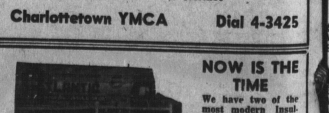

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