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sons learned from soldier settlement after World War 1. A good channel of communication between veterans and field men is maintained, permitting quick, accurate assessment of circumstances created by change. The administration has, over the years, defended the small family farmer and now can see him retaining his place in the farm community. The total population of families settled on small holdings would equal the population of Ottawa. Altogether, veterans have bought land equal to the arable agricultural acreage of British Columbia, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Originally there were two main concepts written into the act. One was that a farmer could not pay the total cost of a farm during his lifetime and support a growing family. The other was that high interest rates had been one of the basic reasons for farm failures in the past. Other safeguards provided for awaiting the benefits of returns, ownership by agreement for sale to protect the public investment, and—receivable only from a provincial advisory board—authority to supervise the establishment of settlement. Recent amendments provide additional loans to established veterans to improve their homes in various ways.

From the regional director's office we are informed that lands are still available in the Charlottetown and Summerside area for house construction. One-half acre lots, however, are becoming increasingly difficult to find and the director has purchased lands for subdivision and resale for veteran establishment in the Charlottetown area. There is one such subdivision on St. Peter's Road at the intersection of the Hertz Road east of Charlottetown Royal, containing 14 lots. All but three of these lots have been taken and built on and there are three good lots available at this time for veteran establishment.

In the Summerside area the director has negotiated the purchase of 13 one-half acre lots in St. Eleanor's on Highway No. 1 near the intersection of Linkletter Road. These lots are presently serviced with water and sewer and streets and will be available for veterans to commence construction immediately Spring weather permits. A number of veterans have already made application for establishment on lots on this subdivision.

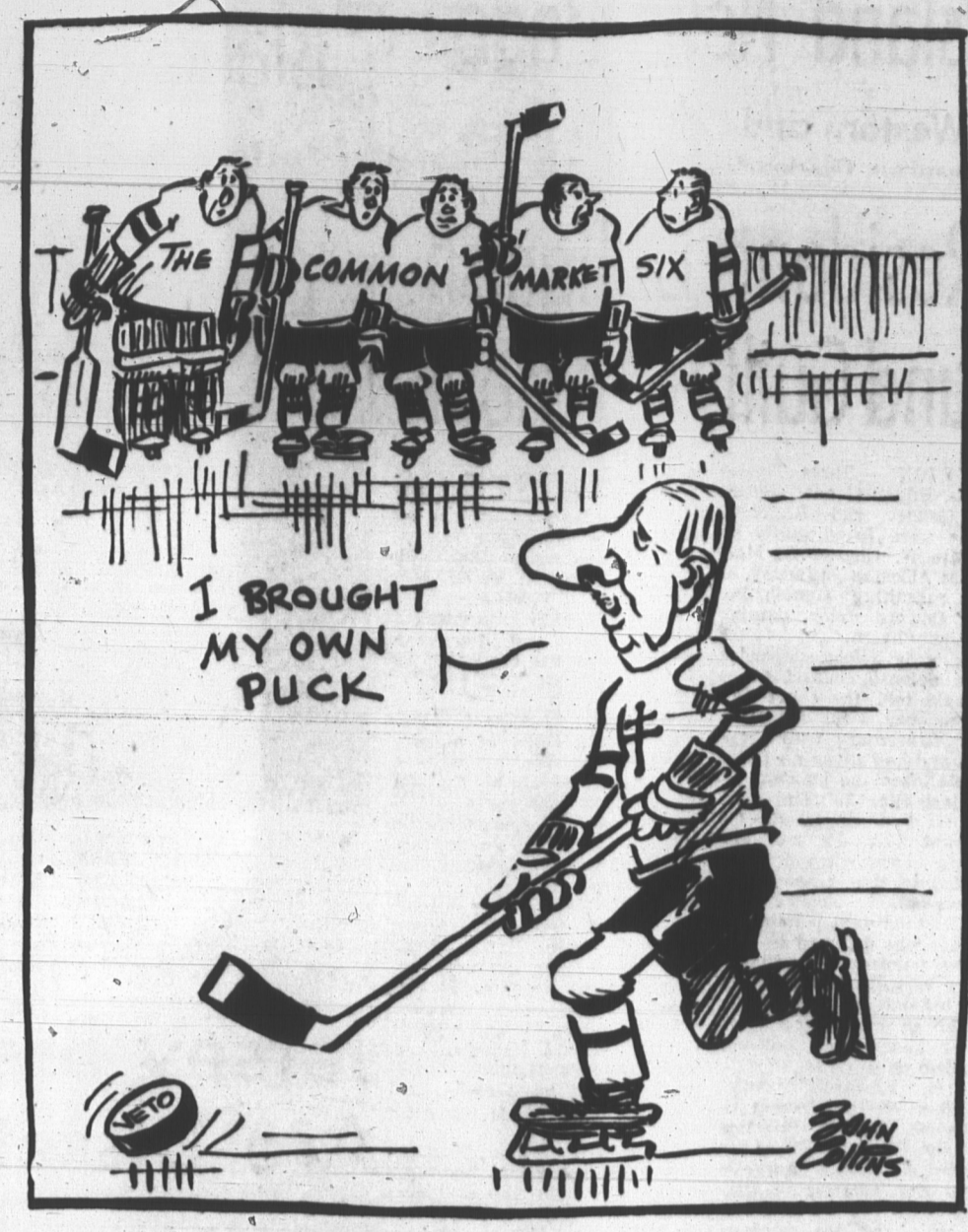
Altogether, since the act was passed, over 100,000 veterans or about one in every ten World War II veterans has received benefits under its provisions. And despite the \$17 million which VLA must collect each year from veterans, no problem has been experienced. The less than two per cent arrears might well be envied by any agency collecting such sums of money.

Reassuring
There's a man in Ruislip, Middlesex, who keeps an annual reckoning of the Christian names given British children whose birth or adoption is announced on the front pages of the London Times. A meticulous man, he counted 6,802 birth notices during 1965. And he comes up with the comforting information that for the second straight year, such old-fashioned names as James, John and Charles topped the boys' list, in that order, and Jane, Mary and Elizabeth were the favored girls' names. Edward and Peter replaced Robert and Jonathan in the male top 10. Adam, Dominic, Henry and Patrick rose in parental favor. In the girls' ranking, Emma swooped from 11th to 8th place. If there were any "Ringos" among the entries, no note is taken of it.

EDITORIAL NOTES
The United States now has 197,000 troops in Viet Nam—an increase of 6,000 in the past 10 days. The breakdown is: Army 126,000, Marines 39,000, Air Force 23,000, Navy 9,000.

Out in Vancouver a motorist sneezed, lost control of his car, bounced off a concrete wall, broke through a fence and tumbled down a ravine. The poor man really had a sneezing fit, despite what he went through. He was still sneezing when he reached home.

Communist East Germany has decided it made a mistake when it encouraged youngsters to play guitars. In an attempt to correct the error, rock 'n' roll groups now are being tested for competence and the successful ones are licensed like car drivers. All over East Berlin, says a Reuters dispatch, would-be Beatles and Presleys now must face official examining commissions which test their "musical and social abilities."



THE HOLDOUT RETURNS

VIET NAM DECISION

Dire Alternatives Facing President
The United States is deeply honestly—and apparently increasingly—split over what to do about Vietnam. Each of the two main views (whether or not to resume North Vietnam's bombing) are equally patriotic, equally anxious for peace, equally interested in sparing American—and Vietnamese—lives.

Those who believe that there can be no safe areas for the foes of South Vietnam freed on feel equally certain that to show less than full resolution only whets the confidence and appetite of totalitarian imperialists.

MOMENT OF DECISION
Meanwhile, America stands at a grim moment of decision. It now seems undeniable that the bombing halt did not win what its advocates hoped for—a Communist willingness to talk. Furthermore, these same advocates of a longer suspension of bombing cannot show that a further hold-off will achieve more.

Basic to the decision of whether to again take up the bombing of the north is the question of whether the United States can fulfill its pledges to South Vietnam, to Southeast Asia, and to

Our Yesterdays

Twenty-five years ago (February 3, 1941)
Establishment of a four-month compulsory military training period in the place of the present 30-day and complete re-organization of the training program to graduate 72,000 recruits a year was announced by Prime Minister McKenzie King.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 3, 1956)
Immigration Minister Pickers-gill told a Memorial University audience at St. John's, Nfld., that Newfoundland cannot leave Confederation as Premier Small-wood had threatened. "It is not legally possible," he said. "This is an inalienable marriage. It could be broken up only by revolution."

Prime Minister Anthony Eden arrived at Ottawa for a visit to Canada.

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.

IN APPRECIATION

Sir—On behalf of the Town Council of Gander and the Gander Minor Hockey Association I have been instructed to express our thanks to the people of Charlottetown for the very fine hospitality extended to the members of the Gander Minor Hockey team during their visit to your city on January 24th.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed the trip and their stay in Charlottetown, and to them it will doubtless be the highlight of the 1965-66 hockey season.

I am, Sir, etc., E. BAKER

Town Manager, Gander, Newfoundland.

Motorbike Injuries

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
Motorcycle mishaps are on the rise and in 23 states fatalities increased from 756 in 1963 to 1,100 in 1964. There were 200 additional deaths from motorbike and scooter, accidents according to the National Safety Council. It is surprising that the death rate is not higher with almost one million motorcycles registered and 180,000 accidents affecting all these vehicles.

The battle against this new epidemic is being led by members of the trauma committee of the American College of Surgeons. One of the group, Dr. James C. Drye of Louisville, is not impressed with the fact that venient and cheap transportation. In his opinion they are the most lethal weapon on our streets. Parents doubting this should "get your son a motorbike for his last birthday."

There is a trend toward safety training and regulations in some areas. In New York state for example, new drivers of motorcycles must pass certain road tests before they get a license. This became necessary after the number of injuries reached 1,654 in 1964 with 44 deaths.

Fatalities from skull fracture and brain damage can be lowered by one-third with the use of helmets. The lower extremities are frequently involved in motorcycle mishaps with fractures involving the leg and pelvic bones. There is no protection against these although some help may be obtained with spill bars.

Changes along this line will eliminate one of my main objections to the use of lightweight vehicles. Drivers of scooters, motorbikes and motorcycles have no protection against accidents. One boy hit a small rock that upset his scooter and he was killed instantly when his head hit the curb. Speed also is a factor as well as skill in handling the machine. In addition, it is difficult for the driver of a truck or auto to see a motorcycle in the rear view mirror and accidents occur especially when passing on the left.

NERVOUS TENSION
K. writes: I am 16 years old and have a problem. When I go to bed, I feel as though I can't breathe. This frightens me. A physical examination and chest X-rays showed nothing wrong. I'm very nervous and don't think I should be at my age. Please tell me what to do?

NERVOUSNESS AND tension may be responsible, especially if your physician found no organic cause and the sensation disappears long enough to let you sleep. The latter rules out the possibility of having a flap of tissue or polyp that obstructs the airway when lying down. Time will take care of this problem, but a tranquilizer may help until you learn to relax.

TIME OF CONCEPTION
A reader writes: Is it possible for a woman to conceive in early March and have the baby in mid-January of the following year?

REPLY
Yes, some babies come late, and some mothers have a poor memory when it comes to time of conception or the last menstrual period.

THIRSTY
P. R. writes: Is there any danger in drinking 15 glasses of water a day?

REPLY
No, but a thirst of this kind should be investigated.

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Cautious Co-operation

By Harold Morrison
Canadian Press Staff Writer
The French decision to resume cautious co-operation with Common Market partners removes an obstacle to progress in the Kennedy round of world tariff bargaining. But it does not remove the barriers France erected to keep Britain out of the six-country community.

The language of the Luxembourg agreement is ambiguous enough to make it easy for both sides to claim victory. The five other members, led by West Germany, can say France agreed to end its obstruction and to abide by majority rule in the Common Market—a certain point. France can say it yielded no sovereignty to the Common Market executive. It reserved the right to block majority rule on "very important" proposals.

What are these very important proposals? Undoubtedly the market's executive commission at Brussels would like to have the power it originally thought it would get to build up and administer a large treasury. France fears this would undermine its national sovereignty.

DISCUSSION COULD GO ON
And undoubtedly some member countries would like to see the bar against Britain reviewed, with the possibility that Britain eventually would be invited to join—despite French opposition. But there is nothing in the Luxembourg compromise which would allow this to happen. Discussion and negotiations on a majority rule would simply be allowed to go on, and on, without a deadline.

It is evident from this indecisive arrangement that Common Market progress can be made only to the extent that France is willing to co-operate, on issues which would not im-

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