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Putting The Squeeze On

A prime example of the tail wagging the dog was furnished in Vancouver the other day by national Liberal organizer Keith Davey...

Mr. Davey is further quoted as saying that he is certain Mr. Pearson has made up his mind to announce the election date some time during the first two weeks of September...

Was ever a government leader placed in such a humiliating position as this, with those in charge of his party machine announcing his still undeclared intentions in so important a matter?

And why are they so insistent on an election this year? Ottawa commentators say a major reason is pressure from Quebec. Premier Lesage plans a provincial campaign next year...

According to Douglas Fisher, New Democratic MP who writes a spicy political column on the side, it is also noticeable that the federal ministers most intent for the longest time on an election are the ones who have had terrible times in the House...

Pundit Peter Newman has also gotten into the act by writing about the "cocoon of self-esteem" and general assumption that they are the only ones able to govern the country...

New U.S. Farm Bill

The United States has been undergoing a major change in the way the government subsidizes agriculture. A giant further step has been the passing by the House of Representatives of a complex omnibus bill...

one for the domestically consumed product and the other in the form of an export subsidy—is now reduced to a single form of price support to cover both.

Administration leaders in the House were forced to drop a proposal requiring millers and bakers to absorb a 50-cent-a-bushel boost in the wheat certificate price.

More opposition is expected to be aroused by the "dairy stabilization" section, which proposes, according to its supporters, to discourage overproduction in fluid milk by a change in pricing regulations.

Some of the principles of the program were put in operation last year for wheat, and this year for the first time, assuming the farm bill clears the Senate...

Perish The Thought!

As noted in these columns, Quebec legislators received an end-of-the-session pay boost of \$3,000 each a year. The increase, according to Premier Lesage, has little to do with the usual reasons cited for such rises—higher cost of living, longer sessions, attracting a better type of member, etc.

Mr. Lesage's explanation for the hike is the two-nation concept to which his government adheres, and which calls for equal payment of Quebec and Ottawa members.

Thus nationalism has a stiff price ticket. Which prompts the Brantford Expositor to remark that "if Prince Edward Island members ever get bitten by the bug, they will have a lot of leeway to make up. They are paid just over \$2,000 annually plus \$1,000 non-taxable expense allowance. They probably couldn't afford to become a third nation."

No, indeed! And we question whether it's advisable to raise the point even in a hypothetical way. But since our Brantford contemporary has brought it up, we hasten to say there is no evidence of our Island legislators harboring any such ambition, and that if any of them ever get "bitten by the bug" it would be a sure-fire way of settling their hash politically at the hands of the electors.

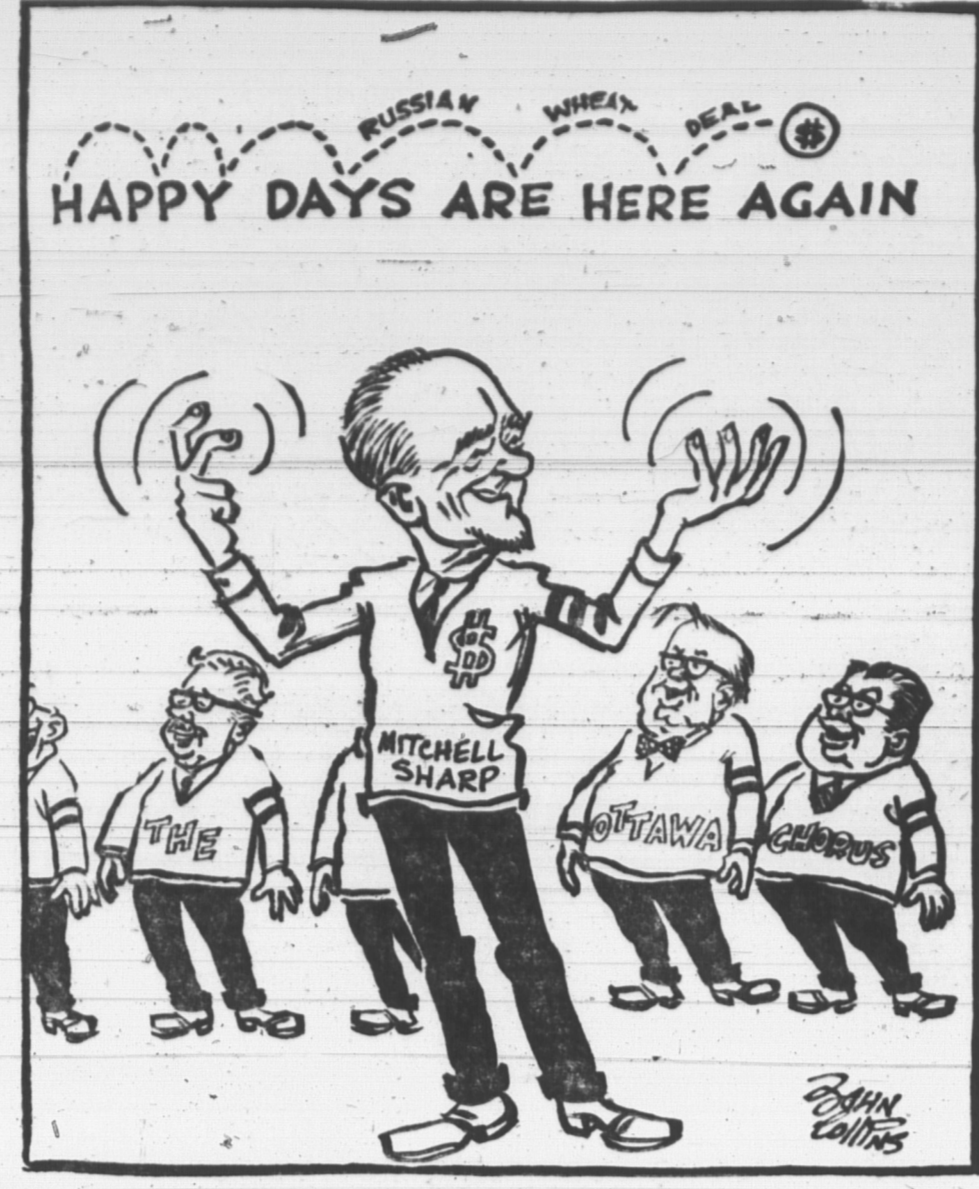
Cuts Farm Guesswork

Farming is no longer "small business," either in relation to capital investment or management skills. Exemplifying this fact is John Leier, a farmer in the Sedley district, 30 miles southwest of Regina, who this spring became probably the first private farmer in Saskatchewan to have his entire farming operation measured and analyzed by a computer, stationed in Calgary. He now has confidence in the future of the computer in farming as it rather discomfitingly pinpoints his mistakes and projects an analysis of his 1,160 acre grain and cattle operation.

The Financial Post reports Mr. Leier as having already revamped much of his farm financial and operational structure on the basis of his computer data. For instance the data told him he can have a solid self-sustaining unit if he adds 160 acres of pasture, which would mean an increase in the size of the herd but a better quality herd; adds 320 acres for growing grain; and switches 100 acres from grain to hay for fodder. Expanding grain acreage by purchasing more land would bring his high depreciation costs into line.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The Journal of the American Medical Association reports that a cure for heroin addicts is in the offing. A substitute drug has been administered on a trial basis to 22 addicts, all of whom have lost their desire for heroin and had their normal physical and mental functions restored. If further experiments prove conclusively that a way has been found to combat this scourge, a tremendous advance in medical science will have been made.



SING ALONG WITH MITCH

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

One Extreme Suggests Another

The creation of a 375-mile long land-bridge, linking New Brunswick to Ontario, is being unofficially discussed among English-speaking circles in Ottawa. This, it is urged, is the essential prerequisite for a peaceful separation of Quebec from the other nine provinces of Canada.

There can now be no doubt that a significant and growing number of determined French-Canadians would be far happier if they could fulfill their ambition for complete independence. Some of the younger among them have demonstrated their wish by violence; but more significant are the Quietudeois, the thinking French-Canadians who have carefully weighed the pros of self-government against the cons of economic problems before reaching their determination for separation.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 27, 1940) The usual church parade of the P.E.I. Light Horse, in camp at the Ordnance Grounds at Brighthelm was not held on Sunday, Aug. 23—instead an open-air service was held on the grounds of Victoria Park by the chaplain, Rev. Dr. R. Moorhead Legate, for the Protestant members while the Roman Catholic members attended Mass in the Canadian Legion tent celebrated by Rev. George McCormack of St. Dunstan's Basilica staff.

The \$18,000 Report

Expo 67 has ordered its publicity and promotion staff members to file a daily written report on their activities. The report covers the entire day, starting with a rundown of contacts "before 9 a.m." and ending with contacts "after 6 p.m."

PUBLIC FORUM

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LIQUOR STORE SITE

Sir—We the members of the Freetown and Bedeque Women's Christian Temperance Unions strongly oppose the establishment of a liquor store in proximity to the Athena Regional High and Vocational Schools. We do not agree with some authorities who consider the school the most practical place to learn to drink. We consider that students don't have to learn at all. It's smart not to drink, and total abstinence is the only guarantee against alcoholism, man's self-inflicted disease, extremely hard to cure.

Discard Old Drugs

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen A thorough housecleaning of the home medicine chest is a worthwhile venture. Keep drugs that are beneficial provided they are fresh and marked so plainly that a mistake is impossible. Labels become illegible when wet and the product should be discarded if a new sticker cannot be attached to the container.

Never take medicines without reading the labels twice. Remedies have a way of accumulating so it may be difficult to find what is wanted amid the litter of bottles, boxes, cans, and tubes. Many serious errors have been made at night in mistaking the feel of a bottle. The same applies to older persons who do not bother to put on glasses and misread the directions.

A physician's prescription usually is for some particular remedy and should be discarded after the immediate need has passed. Drugs deteriorate. The corks may not fit tightly and an effect may be produced by a deteriorating chemical that is quite different from that anticipated. The widely used antibiotic, tetracycline, is an example. It causes considerable kidney damage when outdated. The medicines introduced in the last 20 years are potent—upon standing some become weaker and others stronger.

Children love to imitate adults and swallowing pills is high on the list. Do not take medicines in their presence and never refer to the pill or capsule as candy. A lockable medicine cabinet is advisable if there are children. When cleaning the cabinet, do not discard drugs in the wastebasket. Throw them into the toilet or sink. Children and animals have been known to rummage through pills and other receptacles and are poisoned by brightly colored pills and capsules.

The ideal medicine cabinet contains simple drugs used for the relief of common ailments and emergencies. These include calamine lotion, aspirin, antacids, a laxative, and aromatic spirits of ammonia for fainting spells. An anti-diarrheal product containing kaolin also is useful. The cabinet should contain the drugs in current usage for acute or chronic illnesses. A clinical thermometer, eye cup, ice bag, hot water bottle, and first aid kit complete the needs for home care.

Menopause And Weight Gain

J. M. writes: I am 49 years old and my problem is weight. Since I stopped menstruating two years ago I have gained 30 pounds and can't lose, no matter how I try. What could have caused this gain?

REPLY The most common cause of weight gain during the menopause is eating too much. Some women are emotionally disturbed at this time and resort to food as an outlet. Lack of exercise also plays a role.

NOTES BY THE WAY

In the process of breathing, the average person lifts the blankets 16 times a minute. If the blankets weigh a mere four pounds, that means a 64-pound lift every minute, or almost two tons an hour. That means that the poor guy who sleeps for eight hours has tossed around over 15 tons while he's been relaxing—News Letter.

Indonesia And The Bomb

By Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer Indonesia's insistence that it plans to test and detonate a nuclear bomb has alarmed the Far East. With the Malaysian federation in trouble and with turmoil in Viet Nam and to some extent in Kashmir, the sudden appearance of a new nuclear power could lead to further unrest in that turbulent region.

Some experts suggest there are two possible ways in which a bomb may be exploded in Indonesia. One is the use of a Chinese device employed by Indonesian technicians. But even though China and Indonesia are close allies, there is doubt, at least in British circles, that Peking would disclose its atomic secrets to another country.

Another possibility is that Indonesia would explode a conventional device and masquerade it as a nuclear bomb by including radioactive wastes in the explosive materials. Some Western officials are convinced this is what Indonesia actually will do. It will not result in the mushroom-shaped explosion that could destroy an industrial area in one blast, though it could spread ground contamination over a wide area.

But even such a weapon, with its limited power, could cause panic among the defenceless and primitive peasants of the Far East. Pressures undoubtedly would be increased on some governments who have renounced nuclear defence that they must find some way of manufacturing the bomb simply as a protection against some heated, impulsive move in Indonesia that could lead to suffering and death among the Asiatic masses.

CANADA TAKES STAND This adds emphasis to the Canadian position at the slow-moving Geneva disarmament talks. Canada agrees with its Western allies that a treaty to prevent the spread of nuclear

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