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June Days

June days are long and very pleasant indeed. It is now that the office-bound townsman most envies the farmer and others whose occupations keep them out of doors. College students have left their studies behind for a while and school children think that nothing could be so wonderful as to have reached college age and have done with the final seemingly endless month of the school year.

Despite changes in almost everything else June retains its popularity as a wedding month. But the chances are that the groom will have to make an early return to the fishing ground, farm or other employment for everything is operating at much too high a pitch to permit much time off.

Trout are biting as they never did in May and lucky is the angler who can whip the streams morning or evening. A wonderful appetite and the perfect dish for its satisfaction are merely a bonus that goes with the pleasures of trout fishing.

We must not forget our visitors, fugitives often from the oppressive heat of great cities or perhaps just friendly people who enjoy doing the things we do.

Memorial To George VI

Already the subject of a fitting memorial to King George VI is being discussed in England. The Observer says that in accordance with precedent, it will presumably consist of a monument in London and a fund dedicated to some charitable purpose. In deciding the purposes for which the Fund should be established, the Memorial Committee is bound to consider the claims of youth camps, with which the late King was so closely associated as Duke of York. But they are necessarily confined largely to the United Kingdom.

"A bolder project, in which the whole Commonwealth and Colonial Empire could share," says the Observer, "would be to establish a scheme of exchange visits between young people in all parts of the Commonwealth. This would not be easy to administer, but pilot schemes have been in operation for some years.

"It would be important not to confine the project to students (who are comparatively well provided for already), but to extend it particularly to older schoolchildren and apprentices in industry. Such a linking of the Commonwealth would be a fitting memorial to a King who did so much to strengthen the bonds of this family of nations."

The Fechteler Incident

A few weeks ago the Paris newspaper to the National Security Council in Washington by United States Chief of Naval Operations Admiral William Fechteler. The essence of the document, as set forth in Le Monde, was that war in Europe would come by 1960 and that when it came, the United States might find itself compelled to withdraw from Europe and, with its allies, stage a counter-attack from the Mediterranean.

The result of this mischievous bit of irresponsible journalism has been to create doubts in the minds of many Europeans regarding the sincerity of NATO plans to defend the continent. Such a reaction has, of course, been grist to the mill of Communist propagandists, all of whom have been quick to seize upon the incident as evidence of the perfidy of Anglo-American promises.

The fact that the story has now been proven to be a complete fabrication does nothing to lessen the extent of the damage. Lord Ismay, Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, has now revealed that the "report" was a hoax. The story itself, it seems, was in reality an adaptation in translated form of an article written by a junior U. S. naval officer and published in the September, 1950, issue of the Proceedings of the U. S. Naval Institute.

Stalin's friends in Paris, it would appear, are still borrowing from Germany their ideas for political warfare. It was the German Karl Marx who provided the Bolsheviks with an economic gospel. Hitler has provided their successors with a political gospel, one of the first tenets of which is that a lie, if big enough, and repeated often enough, will be believed.

World's Food

The United Nations has just completed a survey of living standards of the 2.4 billions of people who now inhabit the earth. In brief its most significant finding is that large depressed areas in the world are still in the grip of the two great scourges of humankind—disease and hunger.

With the advances of modern medical research disease is becoming more easy to control than hunger. And as disease is wiped out the population shoots up, and hunger increases because food production does not keep pace.

Thus although the human race is now multiplying at an alarming rate, the production of its food, in proportion, lags behind the pre-war harvest, and efforts to raise it do not meet with easy success. The main reason, of course, is that long range improvements to soil and drainage are required to increase food production substantially, and these take a good deal of time and money.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Souris has been displaced as the third largest community on the Island by the R. C. A. F. Station, Summerside, and its new housing development, Slemon Park.

Bad driving is largely a matter of bad manners as was pointed out recently by the Duke of Edinburgh. That would make it what the sociologists call a cultural lag.

Sympathy will be somewhat lacking for the French Communist party secretary arrested in last week's rioting. One can imagine the consideration that would be given a democratic propagandist who started a riot in Moscow.

That was a high tribute paid by Air Vice-Marshal C. R. Slemon, C.B., C.B.E., C.D., on the conclusion of his inspection of the Air Training Program at Summerside, viz., "that the Summerside Air Navigation School, together with the Central Navigation School at the Summerside Station, are among the finest in the world."

Milk production for the first quarter of 1952 was nearly 6 per cent over that of the first three months of 1951. There has been an increase in the number of milk cows on farms compared to a year ago, due to the export embargo and an increase in the number of dairy heifers being introduced into herds.

Bad weather may be good and a disagreeable climate most desirable in the atomic age. Experts now say that the perpetual haze and mist over the British Isles "attenuate the thermal radiation and markedly reduce the range at which severe burns are caused." In addition the clothing worn in such a climate provides good protection.

It will not be for lack of good advice that the graduates of Prince of Wales College fail to make good in their respective callings and professions. The addresses at the Convocation were of an unusually high standard, and must have been greatly appreciated, not only by the students, but by the many parents and friends privileged to hear them.

Should a new food industry take root here, as anticipated by Premier Jones, it would undoubtedly tend to the extension and development of what is known as small culture in our midst. We have rich, productive soil, and the main reason why more garden cultivation does not take place, is that there is little ready market at the door, and it is unprofitable to pay freight to factories at a distance.

How simple it is to create a bad habit is illustrated in the case of Harbord Collegiate Institute, Toronto. Police officials report that as many as 500 students were involved in placing bets of a nickel, dime or a quarter since the racing season opened a few weeks ago. Fifteen to 20 students were said to be operating the book-making activities in rotating shifts. Some students who admitted placing bets said the gambling began as "just a bit of good, clean fun" but had snow-balled into a smoothly working gambling operation which "grossed" upwards of \$200 weekly.

Baffled are four Federal Government departments which are trying to bring the Ming Sung controversy to a quick end. Ming Sung ships, built in Canada with Canadian financial aid, are still in the hands of the Chinese Communists. They're still, as far as is known, flying the Canadian flag. They haven't been removed from Canadian registry. The Departments of Transport, External Affairs, Finance and Justice are trying to protect the multi-million dollar Canadian investment in the ships. So far, they haven't found any way to assure a return of the funds loaned originally for their constructions.

Employment Picture



PUBLIC FORUM

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CHATting WITH FARMERS

Sir.—The outstanding characteristic of farming as a vocation, is the "uncertainties with which the calling is surrounded, which probably accounts for the fact that the farmers are the biggest gamblers today in society and that whether they desire to be so or not. They gamble with the weather, with the elements in the air, with unknown potentials for crop growth in the soil which they cultivate and eventually if they do not graduate with a yield of fair proportions, they gamble again on the uncertainty of markets and on their ability to gain access to the hungry consuming centres of the world, through a confusion of international difficulties.

What an occupation in which to be floundering! And yet there are more people engaged in it, and directly dependent upon, this uncertain mode of livelihood, than any other calling in life and paradoxically the world appears to be at the farmer's feet.

In belligerent times, when nations are out to scalp any who stand in their way, to achieve an ambition, farmers provide the sinews of warfare, without which aggression must cease, or defence of necessity would crumble. And yet, they hesitate to take advantage of these inherent possibilities that are theirs—and why? Perhaps it is because of their close association and partnership with nature, in its docile manner of advancement. It would appear as if only the noxious weeds and insects and other pests were dominating and unduly aggressive in this as well as other fields.

But to return to the twofold dilemma in which the farmer finds himself—that of production and marketing. It is definitely the responsibility of the farmer to solve his own production difficulties and the duty and function of government to pave the way towards destinations where surplus farm production can be readily disposed of. The farmer's hold-up, presently, is not owing to a lack of marketing facilities, but rather that of obtaining access to markets that now exist but beyond his reach. Were it not so, then the problems incidental to production and marketing, in their entirety, would be that of farmers themselves.

In his struggle to produce, and emerge with a margin of profit, the present day farmer is more or less in a state of confusion as to what will prove the most profitable venture when he garners in his crop next fall. Some have already made the decision, but many appear ready to "spin the wheel" for a lead. Tips from those who would pretend to be on the "inside" do not seem to ease their concern in the gamble they are about to embark upon.

"The Winner" in the 1951-52 agricultural race was a somewhat discredited entry at the time, because of a record of too many previous failures; yet in the final heat she not only won but broke records. Will she do it again this year? Will "Potatoes" repeat her last year performance? Many believe she will and are paying the ante, which is much higher this year, for a chance on the pari-mutuel. Others are skeptical and more cautious, while only the reckless will venture predictions. I am, Sir, etc.

J. A. G. Charlottetown.

AERIAL CUBE

LETHBRIDGE, Alta.—(CP)—An eight-month-old baby suffering from whooping cough was reportedly cured after being taken to an altitude of 12,500 feet by pilot Vera Stodl of the Lethbridge Flying Club. The infant's mother also went along for the trip.

The Poet's Corner

COLD SCHOLARSHIP
Bald heads, forgetful of their sins,
Old, learned, respectable bald heads
Edit and annotate the lines
That young men, tossing on their beds
Rhymed out in love's despair
To flatter beauty's ignorant ear.
—W. B. Yeats

London Letter

LONDON, Eng., June 1952: Here in London we have had nearly two weeks of summer weather to usher in the season about to begin. In the Royal Parks the trees are decked in their fresh summer foliage, and pink and white chestnut blossom. Flowering shrubs and plants make a cheerful picture to gladden any heart. People have cast off the gloom that followed the King's death, although he is never forgotten, and the Royal Family are now taking part in a limited number of small public functions. The sun has brought out the women in their spring finery—and gaily printed cotton frocks with very short sleeves and very full skirts seem to be among the most popular of the current fashions. The streets gleam with new cars—and baffle the serious financial status of the country.

Three weeks ago, 100,000 fans watched the Cup Final at Wembley and cheered Winston Churchill as he stepped on the turf to shake hands with the players. It was a hard fought game with the Newcastle team winning by one goal—scored in the last 10 minutes of play. Many in Canada will remember their visit two years ago. At these games we see a cross-section of the community, mostly working people, and it was a real delight to return from the match in a train crowded with miners from Newcastle—jubilant enough, but kindly and forbearing in their attitude to their opponents. One sturdy fellow related his family story: two boys in the Forces, one girl in the WRAP, and he and his wife were about to adopt two great-nieces, whose mother had just died. He was delighted at the prospect and said only that morning he had signed on the dotted line to be responsible for these young children. With people like these as the backbone of the country, Communism will never take root in Britain.

Theatres do bad business in a hot spell as a rule, but a visit to the Duke of York's showed a full house to see Eric Linklater's play "The Mortimer Touch," the story of a quack "atom" doctor. It is humorous, witty and clever, pointing a moral. Other new plays to be recommended in the West End are "Under the Sycamore Tree" with Alec Guinness, "The Deep Blue Sea", by Terence Rattigan, starring Peggy Ashcroft, and "Winter Journey" with Michael Redgrave, Goggin Withers and Sam Wanamaker. Two old favourites still going strong are "The Little Hut" and "Seagulls over Sorrento"—both well into their second year. Ruth Draper, always a favourite of London audiences, has started a 6-week run at the Criterion.

In a more serious vein is the fare provided in the House of Commons where on Tuesday, Tory, Liberal and Labor Members spoke and argued heavily for many hours over an amendment to the

Coca-Cola SHOP REFRESHED

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)
ADMIRALTY SURVEYS
"The Admiralty surveying parties under Captains Orlebar and Hancock have returned to our harbour, and the two surveying vessels will soon be laid up for the winter. We understand that Commander Hancock, in the Gulnare, has been employed surveying Codroy, La Poile, Eurin, Great and Little St. Lawrence and the Lawn Harbours. Captain Orlebar, in the Steamer, has been employed principally in soundings off the coast of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, from Halifax to Scatarie Bay, Newfoundland. The growing importance of Tangier having determined the Admiralty to publish the plan of the harbour from the survey of Captain Bayfield—1855—Captain Orlebar was employed during the last week in resounding it, and inserting on the plan the site and topography of the gold diggings. Our readers will be pleased to hear that amongst the most successful of the Tangier miners, are some of our own countrymen."
—The Islander, Oct. 18, 1861.

The Age-Old Story

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God.

Finance Bill. The ability lies with the Tory Ministers, but they had able critics in their own back benches, notably that remarkable man—Mr. Iain Horabin who won such distinction during the War by his gallantry as a V. O. W. of the Japanese. In the visitors' gallery, where the seats are very comfortable and the acoustics excellent, were many from the Commonwealth eager to catch a glimpse of "Winnie"—who stood in like a colossus in an old-fashioned frock coat—speaks a few words to Mr. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and strode out again. We were struck by the tolerance shown on both sides of the House, more agreeable to listen to than the arrogance sometimes displayed by the Labour Party when they were in power. In the House of Commons every man finds his own level, and his worth is soon estimated.

The Chelsea Flower Show is one of the biggest drawing cards of the London Season and is always visited with interest by members of the Royal Family. On Tuesday it was opened by the Queen, with the Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and the Duchess of Kent. Crowds flocked there on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, in spite of the heat, to see a magnificent display of flowers, flowering shrubs, and rock gardens. This Show is sponsored by the Royal Horticultural Society whose fellowship now stands at 40,425, and is the largest Horticultural Society in the world. Many interesting annual events cast their shadows before the Derby, the Trooping of the Colour, the Royal Tournament, Ascot, the Antique Dealers' Fair, and many others which delight the overseas visitors.

TRADE WITH SOVIET
OSLO (CP)—Under a new trade agreement initiated by Norwegian and Soviet negotiators here, Norway will deliver salt herring, hardened fat and aluminum to the Soviet Union in exchange for wheat, rye and manganese ore.

BARNYARD CALAMITY
PINCHER CREEK, Alta.—(CP)—Mayor Ross Zetman would be the first to favor an official dog-catcher for Pincher Creek. A canine got into P.'s barnyard recently and killed 17 three-week-old chickens.

Notes By The Way

At the risk of angering car parts manufacturers, the Montreal Police traffic chief brands horns as "one big headache" for motorists. Deputy Director Thomas O. Leggett said there is far too much horn blowing in the city. It was not only a headache for the police department but for citizens, too.—(Montreal Gazette).

Reading Hansard is not usually an enervating pastime, but there are compensations. Here is an impromptu rebuff by Mr. Churchill to a badgering ally by an opponent: "The right hon. gentleman must be very careful not, by a refinement of unreason, to manage to be wrong both times."—(Winnipeg Free Press).

Nico Kiljasing of The Netherlands—ah, there is a man! He broke the world's pipe-smoking record by puffing on one pipeful of husky for 92 minutes and 18 seconds. So gently did Nico woo Lady Nicotine that the bowl of his pipe scarcely got warm. He took it easy, and he won the championship, and therein lies a lesson for all of us tongue-sore pipe smokers and otherwise. Take it easy, and you'll make out a lot better.—(Cleveland Plain Dealer).

Officials of Banff National Park are taking a proper course in scrutinizing all traffic and travel into and through the park. If foot-and-mouth disease were introduced into the park it might wipe out Canada's moose, deer and elk population in time. No precautions must be overlooked in guarding against such a calamity. In addition to a tight ring of disinfecting stations around the disease area, there should be more such stations at the entrances to the park. On top of that it might not be amiss to prohibit all vehicles from the disease area, whether disinfected or not.—(Calgary Albertan).

The Alberta Legislature has approved in principle the fluoridation of community water supplies, but by order-in-council the Provincial cabinet the final word to go ahead cannot be given by the Provincial Board of Health until the Research Council of Alberta has investigated the effects. It is too bad that Edmonton's plans must thus be further delayed by the ponderous wheels of government machinery should eventually produce definite word.—(Edmonton Journal).

Other communities along the St. Lawrence River cannot help but sympathize with the problem facing the Town of Morrisburg. The expansion and development of Morrisburg has always been hampered by the state of indecision which has beset the seaway project for so many years. Morrisburg in the long run would benefit from the construction of the St. Lawrence seaway. Right now, however, Morrisburg is in a bad position. Nobody wants to risk development in areas which may be flooded out by the seaway project.

It is a mirror of the degree to which the nations have hedged themselves around with all kinds of protective barriers since 1945 that 36 musicians, members of the British Salvation Army Band were not permitted to cross from Niagara Falls, Ontario, to attend a luncheon in Niagara Falls, N. Y., because of immigration rules. U. S. officials refused to waive the \$8 head tax and the provision of a biography for each man, a matter of time and expense. It is surely ironic that regulations devised to protect the Republic against malignant revolutionaries, should now be employed to keep out of the country 36 musicians—members in good standing of the Salvation Army.—(London Free Press).

The pain and humiliation of watching daughters questioned by police and appearing in juvenile court will be a heavy punishment for a number of Grandview parents in the next few weeks. But it's impossible to believe some of the punishment isn't deserved. How could teen-aged girls wear and trade stolen clothing and cosmetics among themselves for eight months if all their parents had been on the job? The parents of a dozen girls expected to be held into court must have been particularly lax. We hope the crackdown by police will be as much of a lesson to the parents as to the girls. And it should be a lesson to all parents who don't give their youngsters the attention they should. Juvenile theft rings have little to do with the areas where they start.—(Vancouver Sun).

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