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Mr. Eisenhower's Burden

Every free world citizen—and probably a great many people behind the iron curtain as well—will sincerely wish for President Eisenhower a full recovery from his latest illness. Whatever may be his failings as a political leader and statesman, there is general awareness of his rich personality and his devotion to duty.

The fact remains, however, that the state of Mr. Eisenhower's health is such that the burdens of the Presidency in these days of international stress are too heavy for him to bear, no matter whether his present disability be temporary or permanent. So much depends on the decisions which must come out of Washington daily that it is unfair—to expect him to carry on for the remainder of his term. Yet, Washington officials seem determined to exact from him the last ounce of strength and vitality.

If Mr. Eisenhower were totally incapacitated, provision would have to be made for the Vice President to take over executive responsibility. Surely, he could be persuaded to relinquish the office now while there is still some chance of his being restored to a measure of health, adequate for quiet retirement, perhaps for many years, but not adequate for the demands of the Presidency and free world leadership. He went far beyond the call of duty when he accepted nomination for a second term. Why should he be expected to keep in the midst of conflict when, clearly, he is not robust enough for it? He owes the United States nothing. The United States owes him much.

"If We Must Quarrel"

Writing in the Winnipeg Free Press, Bruce Hutchison suggests, in mock-serious vein, that politicians forget such extraneous and trivial matters as budgets, tariffs and pipelines and get down to the serious business of improving the Canadian home and its inmates. In Victoria, B.C. they are quarrelling about the architect's design for a new Government House. If few people outside Victoria think this is not as important as the design for Sputnik, it is because the rest of the world is mad! It is living in an atomic asylum. The rocket's red glare proclaims the fact better than any politician's diagnosis. But Mr. Hutchison is hoping for better things.

"One can foresee a time," he says, "when politics will be divided into such decisive issues as the traditional and the modern in house architecture, the issue currently dividing the electorate of Victoria, or on such refinements as the relative virtues of stone, brick and lumber, the use of glass, the design of bath tubs, beds and garbage pails. In that better day I hope to see the Conservative Party stand for Elizabethan, half timbered dormers, oak paneling and honest antimacassars—standing four-square with a clarity not noticeable in its circular fiscal policies.

"The Liberal Party, returning to its healthy old radicalism, should go to the country on a candid platform of flat, modernistic roofs, glass blocks and concealed radiant heat. Socialism, getting down to cases, will appear as the Co-operative Commonwealth Floor-to-Floor Carpeting Federation with a promise of two fireplaces in every room and a soda fountain for the kids in the basement. The Credit will apply its infatigable berouge to ceilings, drapes and mantels where a cent can do no harm.

could be far more fascinating. It would attract more interest from the common man and democracy would be more alert if political debate concerned subjects within our understanding."

All About Apples

By year's end 14 billion apples will have been harvested in the United States. So says the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and there is no better authority in such matters.

In this connection the National Geographic Society—another authority in almost everything under the sun—says that the apple is the "all-American" fruit, since it is grown in every state of the Union. More apples are grown in the United States than in any other country in the world. (The Russians are going to dispute that claim; but we'll take the Geography here.) In preference to Mr. Krushchev's (any time!) In an average year, a bushel is grown for every man, woman and child in the country.

Historically, the apple is one of the oldest fruits known to man. In fact, it had spread across Europe long before the historians started to work at all. One reason why it is so common is that it thrives in extremes of temperature. It also keeps better than most other fruits. The first settlers in the New World brought apples with them. The English brought them to Virginia and New England. The Dutch introduced them to New York and the French to Canada.

Johnny Appleseed is one of the prominent figures in American history. In the early part of the 18th century he tramped up and down the Mid-West, preaching the gospel and planting apple trees. His real name, incidentally, was John Chapman; but relatively few Americans are aware of that fact. Whence came the popular McIntosh apple? From one tree, among a lot of unproductive ones, planted by John McIntosh in Dundas County, Ontario, in 1796. A stone column marks the spot.

EDITORIAL NOTES

This is St. Andrew's Day and tonight the anniversary will be celebrated with traditional zest by the Caledonian Club.

Sir Winston Churchill born this date, 1874. We in this country will join wholeheartedly in the birthday felicitations that the free world will be tendering on this occasion.

One of the Russian hockey players who are now touring the country was offered a place on the Chicago Black Hawk team. The manager of the Russian team, however, was not impressed. "I don't understand these things very well," he told reporters. "All I know is that no Russian plays hockey for money."

It is reported from Ottawa that one unsuccessful candidate in this Province in last summer's election spent nothing for expenses. Another candidate, a successful one—spent more than \$4,000. How is this discrepancy to be explained? Obviously, it has no bearing on political fortune, since in some parts of the country unsuccessful candidates spent a great deal more than those who came out on top.

The King of Morocco who is now visiting President Eisenhower is said to be worrying about the possibility of reduced grants from the United States. That is just a little trick of the trade. The Americans are so anxious to keep his goodwill and their bases in Morocco that they will give him all he asks for and probably a few extra millions as a tip—after a lot of hemming and hawing, of course.



SEASONS GREETINGS

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Outside The Hard Core

Thomson Newspapers, London, England, Bureau. Although it is expensive and economies, inflation, money, and what else, it is not the only thing that is new. It is not the only thing that is new outside all that just being up here. But in a sense that too comes under the heading of cuts. In the latest plan to cut the price of what Britain's Members of Parliament—the elected ones—call the pound sterling. The searchlight is on the House of Lords again.

SAFE DRIVING WEEK

Sir—Safe Driving Week is December 1st to 7th, 1957. It is being conducted simultaneously in Canada and the United States. This is a very worthwhile effort and will receive the approval and support of every police force in both countries. We join with the Canadian Highway Safety Conference and other authorities responsible for promoting Safe Driving Week in requesting all motorists and pedestrians to do their part. The text confronting every commuter will be to re-examine completely free of traffic accidents for a seven day period. No traffic programme, regardless of how well organized, will succeed without the active cooperation of the public.

OTTAWA REPORT

An Impressive Conference

Ottawa: It was what Ottawa calls a "real conference" week. The Great Parliament Building had a clear blue sky and an exhilarating spin in the crisp air, enthused everyone. The first of the day means a full dress gathering of the prime ministers of the federal and provincial governments, together with their chief ministers and advisers. In addition, many mayors representing our third tier of government attended as observers.

ATTRACTION BIG CROWD

At each end of the long room, and around the walls, the big audience, others a lot of around the door. There were Cabinet Ministers such as Mike Starr from Ontario, Senators such as R.C. Naughton, ex-Cabinet Minister Paul Martin, near the door greeted all comers. attentive M. L. like Chairman's Blake Hufferman, and interested members of the public including Mrs. John Diefenbaker, accompanied by Mrs. General Peakes, and Ontario's party ex-Lady mayor, Charlotte Whitton.

At the opposite end of the room a firm reminder of our past traditions and present danger, hung the painting of the memorial to the Canadian dead capping Vimy Ridge. The problem facing the conference was the same which confronts us today. A John Canada and his wife as they contemplate the weekly pay packet: how to divide the pie into number of slices which together exceed the pie, or alternatively to decide which of the demands can be met with minimum hardship. The national tax rate, 30 per cent of our national income is taken from us in taxes. That means, if

Among Recent Medical Aids

By Herman N. Budens, M.D. A NEW transparent plastic adhesive tape, a quick method for detaching bandages and a new minute test for disease are among our most recent advances in medicine and health practice.

Practically Invisible

The new adhesive tape helps eliminate the usual irritation since, it is practically invisible when applied to the skin. No doctor's surgery and need not be light, thus blending with the appearance of the skin.

Check on Hearing

A new instrument "Oto-Check" can be used for quickly determining hearing loss. It is used only at 4,000 cycle frequency and at fixed intensity levels. Many of our people who are single frequency testing technique is ideal for the armed forces' officers and other locations where a rapid hearing test is desired.

Rapin Test

Chlorine indicates the new Rapid Plasma Rapin test is much faster, more economical and more accurate than the usual serum tests for detection of syphilis. The test measures reactivity of the blood plasma in a matter of minutes.

Question and Answer

A.C. says he'd be glad to volunteer signs of pregnancy? The signs are varied and most of the time, they are not usually in the morning, are early signs.

The Poets Corner

THE ONLY SAILBOAT

The only sailboat on the lake is ours, and ours is all the better. Gull's tip in sunset for our sake the water drops a few degrees. Elsewhere the ether sailors speak of reaching here in height of June. We have been sailors just one moon. From our school to rise of moon. And every day the sky turns pale. While tacking shore to shore we go. Balancing pull of straining sail. With push on centerboard below.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Nov. 20, 1932) A new feature and one which added much to the attractiveness of the program at last evening's anniversary of the Caledonian Club was a most successful and enjoyable function.

TEN YEARS AGO

Yesterday morning the "Prince Nova" and the "Charles A. Dunning" made their last trips of the season for the Caledonian Club. Caribou rovers. Both steamers will continue to operate today where the "Dunning" is captained by Bruce Stewart's Wharf and the "Prince Nova" at the Marine Wharf.

PERMANENTLY TEMPORARY

At the outbreak of the last war, the federal government started grabbing the first and largest slice of the national tax pie as a temporary measure designed to pay the heavy cost of warfare. Now the federal government has secured the provinces and municipalities still cannot provide the services to the standard and volume which this expanding national program requires.

MAXIMS

Christened in the Christian religion, Maxims is all the modern...

NOTES BY THE WAY

Women's feet are growing larger, it is alleged. This is no surprising, however, as they have been filling men's shoes for some time.—Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

Invendis says the first Russian human to go into space will be among the best people to have driven the car at almost exactly the same time that he discovered the old gentleman doesn't know a thing about driving.—Hampshire Spectator.

Remarkable yields of tomatoes by "shocking" the plants with high frequency currents are being claimed by Mr. J.G. Lunfield, a nurseryman of Worthing, with a difference of 30 pounds a plant being recorded this year. The National Farmers' Union has asked the Electricity Research Association to investigate the claim.—London Times.

Dr. Alan Nunn May, the trailblazing scientist who turned nuclear secrets over to the Russians, says he'd be glad to volunteer to go into outer space in a rocket even though there was no likelihood of his getting back to earth. Its too bad it wasn't possible to grant this wish ten years ago.—London Free Press.

Like a grandfather's clock, the U.S. Navy's atomic submarine, Nautilus, sprang a leak and flooded her own reactor compartment on the same day that her designer, John W. Burnham, died in a Connecticut Hospital, of pneumonia.—Ottawa Journal.

Even though the army succeeded in launching a satellite in the Soviet Union, the U.S. Vanguard project is also successful, what will that prove? Only that America can do with light-weight satellites what the Soviets did with a far heavier Sputnik I and the animal-bearing Sputnik II. In the eyes of the world, our satellites will beipping along in the books of the Russian dog.—Milwaukee Journal.

The Age Old Story

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

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