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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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## W.I. Convention

This morning the Prince Edward Island Women's Institute will open its forty-third annual convention in Prince of Wales College hall, and it is expected that there will be an exceptionally large attendance. This evening's session will be of particular interest, the guest speaker being Mrs. Alice M. Berry, O.B.E., J.P., of Queensland, Australia, president of the Associated Country Women of the World. Greetings from the president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada will be tendered by Mrs. Nancy Adams, of Saskatchewan. Apart from these special features, there will be much of interest and importance in the convention activities, in the various committee reports, discussions and resolutions, which in the past have helped to spark community movements in this Province and have always been of a constructive and inspiring nature.

In health, in education, in music and other cultural movements, the Women's Institutes have played such a leading part that it is hard to realize that they have been less than half a century in existence. They have not only left an indelible mark upon the Province, but they are continually promoting its welfare and shaping its efforts to worthy objectives. A tree is known by its fruit. In pursuing their beneficent aims, without fault-finding or self-seeking, the Institutes have indeed brought forth abundantly, not only in Prince Edward Island but throughout the Dominion. There is every reason to expect that this week, as on other occasions, their annual convention will be productive of far-reaching results.

## Speaker's Resignation

In tendering his resignation from the chair of the House of Commons on Monday, Speaker Beaudoin expressed the wish that it would be accepted "as soon as possible." The absence of Prime Minister St. Laurent may cause some delay, but it is to be hoped the House will act promptly and relieve Mr. Beaudoin from the untenable position in which he has been placed by the Opposition vote of censure on his conduct and by his own unwise comments thereon, published inadvertently but nevertheless indicating his far from impartial attitude.

There is a good deal of sympathy for Speaker Beaudoin as being more or less a victim of the government's drive to put through four successive debate-limiting closure motions to meet the June 7 deadline for its gas pipeline bill. Through two previous sessions he had come to be regarded as one of the best Speakers the Commons ever had. But his past record does not remove the taint of partisan bias from his recent ratings, against which both the Conservative and CCF party leaders have spoken so strongly.

Evidence that he can no longer command the respect he should enjoy was shown last week by the improper remarks attributed to the Conservative member for Restigouche - Madawaska, Mr. Van Horne. Obviously, as the Globe and Mail points out, the Speaker was not doing his job or he would have halted Mr. Van Horne after the first impropriety. He could not do his job because the Government had destroyed his prestige in its indecent haste to ram through its controversial legislation. What authority the Speaker had left, he was reluctant to use. This does not excuse Mr. Van Horne or his colleagues; having censured the Speaker for failing to apply the rules, they should never have sanctioned such an abuse of them by one of their own number; but it does point up the fact that there is not the respect for the chair which parliamentary procedure requires.

It is understood that Mr. Beaudoin is anxious to continue to sit as a private member and that he will seek re-election in the next contest in the Quebec constituency of Vaudreuil-Soulanges, which he has represented since 1945. That is his right, and no one will object to him speaking as freely as he pleases in his own defense, after he has assumed a private member's status. In the meantime, he has done well, if somewhat belatedly, in submitting his resignation. It is to be hoped the Government will act upon it expeditiously, and that in the new appointment some means will be found of ensuring that the speaker will be dissociated entirely from partisan interests. Mr. Beaudoin's case is a tragic example of what happens when this safeguard is neglected.

## Stalin No Saint

Metropolitan Nicolai, the head of a Russian Orthodox Church delegation which has been visiting the United States at the invitation of the National Council of Churches, is evidently a man who knows how to trim his sails to the winds blowing from the Kremlin. Back in 1949 this high ranking prelate was very friendly with the "ruler of all the Russias", Josef Stalin. And because that gentleman (using the word in a strictly formal sense) was an enemy of Pope Pius the Twelfth, so was the metropolitan, who in a speech referred to the Pontiff as "an agent of American imperialism and an ardent enemy of the USSR". Questioned about this just before he left the United States on his return home, Dr. Nicolai said that he regretted the statement "which had been made in a period of high tensions and misunderstandings". He went on to say that "one side or another says unpleasant things at such a time, but now we are all living through a period where we are hoping for real friendship". One would not like to question the Metropolitan's sincerity; but his words would have sounded much better had they been spoken, say, a year or two ago, before Soviet political leaders embarked on their sweetness-and-light-love-for-everybody campaign.

On another matter, too, Metropolitan Nicolai kept strictly to the "new look". Asked to comment on a story that he had once suggested Stalin for sainthood, he declared that he had never even prayed for the man (which surely was a mistake) and added: "That he should be raised to sainthood would be comic. It is stupid even to think of it. The Church never thought he was a genius". Mr. Krushchev, if he has any human feeling at all, will thank him for that.

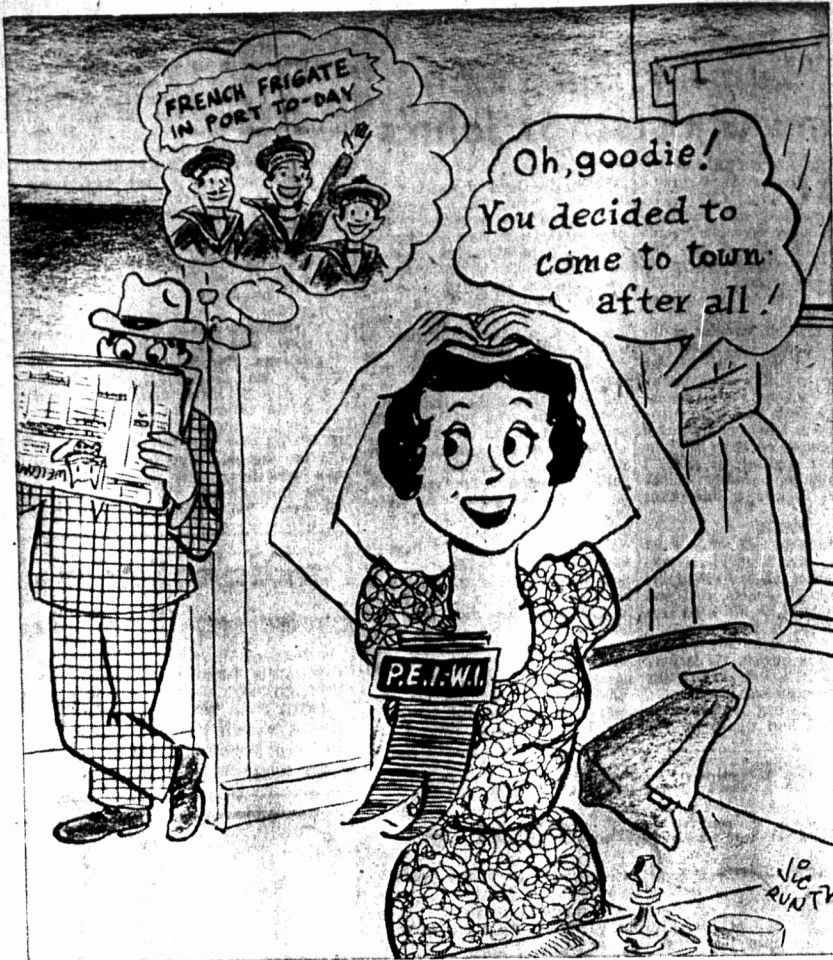
## EDITORIAL NOTES

United States Secretary of Agriculture Benson may have a great many political critics, but judging by a statement he made the other day, it is unlikely that he has many personal enemies. "I have no ill feeling", he said, "for any living person".

Trade Minister Howe says there is no "conflict of interest" between his position as a cabinet minister and his role as an executor of the estate of the late Sir James Dunn. Maybe not. For all that, there's something about it that doesn't look just right.

Australians are out to capture first place in the business of beer drinking. At present they come third, the citizens of Belgium and Luxembourg being ahead of them. Last year's consumption came to about 24 gallons per person. They think that with increased production they can do better this year.

The number of passenger cars registered in Canada has more than doubled since 1946 to around 2.9 million, and might total 4.2 to 4.4 million by 1965, says the Bank of Montreal in its June Business Review. The review says that the automotive industry has been one of the most dynamic elements of the Canadian economy since the end of World War II. In 1955, motor vehicle dealers accounted for nearly one fifth of the total value of retail trade, compared with 15.6 per cent in 1950 and only 8.2 per cent in 1946. There are few industries and few Canadians that are not affected directly or indirectly by the activity in this, the fifth largest Canadian industry.



WELCOME, VISITORS!

## Egypt's Biggest Problem

Associated Press, Cairo

### 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.

#### CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Sir,—Since our officials of the Canadian Government on capital punishment have decided to continue the death penalty for murder whether by hanging, gas chamber, or the electric chair it is still the law of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. This law was handed down to us from the times of Moses. Even when Christ was born or during His ministry He tells us that the law came by Moses but grace and truth by Jesus Christ. We are told that the words of this Man made many fear and tremble, even Pilate who sentenced Him to the Cross.

Now here is my plea for those unfortunate ones, both men and women who have committed murder. In the great majority of cases there is a great provocation or cause of anger on the part of the criminal, and I would state that, except for the strong Christian training of tolerance and patience, many more would be numbered with the guilty ones. And further, capital punishment does not deter from crime. England at long last acknowledged this, a land where in olden days it would hang for stealing a loaf of bread.

Yet when England provided a way of life that was necessary for a man to live in harmony with his fellow neighbors and plenty to eat, murder decreased and is still decreasing. Murder will decrease to the extent that a nation teaches in her homes, schools and colleges the fundamental principle that we are our brother's keeper, and this means what God says, not only national in sense but international.

It is true we will have some crime, maybe to the end of time, so the problem is what shall we do with the unfortunate ones. One answer to this is a state farm or state factory where those inmates may learn an occupation of respect. I understand we do some of this today but why not include all that are guilty? In closing let us not forget that many States in the Union south of us have abolished the death penalty, along with England. Why not Canada?

I congratulate some of our Women's Clubs for advocating this step. I wonder sometimes whom do our officials listen to.  
I am, Sir, etc.,  
HARRY PRIDHAM  
Alberton, R.R.

#### THE FAIR ISLAND

Sir,—They talk of Kentucky, Paris and Spain. But there's a wee island, I long there to go, 'Tis Prince Edward Island." Recently I have spent a weekend on my home island. It was very different from a weekend I spent in April. While then, the cold weather with a newly arrived snow storm had blocked many roads and was to make clay ones more muddy, yet in May there was a great change. In April, there seemed to be the hush of stillness and inactivity; in May there was a renewed vitality and life in all aspects of nature. The difference was seen in the fields, for seeds which had been dormant were giving forth green blades. It was noticeable as well in the trees, for blossoms and leaves were shooting forth as a young colt rejoices to be loosed from its stall. It was evident too in the cultivated fields, for there farmers were churning the rich loam, preparing it for good grains and high-grade potatoes. Such scenes create an atmosphere which the mind does not easily forget.

The people themselves were enjoying the same renewed vitality. The fishermen rejoiced in their lobster catch from good fishing grounds, off the island. The farmers were glad to put their hand to the plow, while housewives were pleased to have their children play out-of-doors, and to

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's biggest problem is Egyptians. They are born at the rate of more than 1,000 a day, making an annual increase of 400,000 in a population of 23,000,000. Despite a high death rate, Egypt's population has doubled in half a century. At the present rate, it will double again in only a quarter century. While the birth rate in the last decade has been constant at 42 per 1,000, the death rate has decreased from 27 to 16 per 1,000. Even the multi-million-dollar Aswan dam project could not solve Egypt's population problem. It is believed the benefits of the dam, if completed in 15 years, would just about cope with the demands of the increased population.

An increase in agricultural production has failed to keep pace with the rise in population. Egypt is a predominantly agricultural country with about 76 per cent of the population engaged in rural work.

Children in Egypt have a great value socially. They raise the status of mothers and protect them from divorce—mainly on account of the alimony the father has to pay for each child of a divorced wife. In a country where divorce is easy to obtain and polygamy is legal this becomes important. The government is adopting a two-fold program in spreading birth control. A number of ulamas, or Moslem religious scholars, have written on birth control from the Islamic point of view. These conclude that Islam not only permits birth control but advocates its necessity for the welfare of society. However, many religious leaders strongly oppose birth control.

Along with the religious approach, a program has been set up by the newly-formed National Commission for Population Questions to instruct the fellah (peasant) on birth control techniques. Twelve family clinics have been established in the big cities and villages, financed by women welfare organizations and the government.

The services of the clinics will add a necessary touch to their homes and in the schools. Teachers were delighted to lead their pupils in sports and physical training under the glow of the noon-time sunlight. May is the month too, when tourists begin their annual trips to the "Garden of the Gulf." Some of them return as visitors, while others come back to see friends and relatives, proudly proclaiming the land as their home.

Many of these people come to the Province for the first time and try to claim it as their homeland. They are like a certain Irishman who visited the island for a few days one summer. During a friendly chat with a farmer, while everything around them was filled with peace and harmony, the Irishman burst out: "It's nice to get back to your native land, whether you were born there or not."

Since P.E.I. is the healthiest Province of Canada, it is no wonder that people long to come here to be freed of the busy rush and artificiality of city life. No spot on the island is very far from water, and the climate far surpasses that of all inland regions of big Provinces. This and the fact of plenty of sunshine give people more vitamins than people in big factories receive.

Wherever an islander goes, be it far or near, he will always refer to his homeland by the simple words, "The Island." There is nothing new about this name; the early Micmac Indians referred simply to "Minigoo," meaning "The Island", thus implying as every successor does today, whether English, Scotch, Irish or French, "What other Island is there?"  
I am, Sir, etc.,  
E.T. CROZIER  
Halifax, N.S.

## Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Budeson, M. D.

### DON'T NEGLECT SYMPTOMS

Don't take after-eating discomfort lightly. A feeling of fullness, belching and pain may be only indigestion. On the other hand, it may mean gallstones. Stones in the gallbladder can produce one of the most excruciating pains possible. And repeated severe attacks usually send the victim hurrying to his doctor for medical assistance.

### MILD ATTACKS

Yet many attacks are so mild that you may virtually ignore them. This is a mistake. For while you can usually remove the gallbladder through surgery, delay might make the matter more hazardous. A ruptured gallbladder means serious trouble. Gallstones are not unusual. In fact, about five to ten per cent of the nation's population have them. Three-fourths of those developing the ailment are women.

### SEVERAL FACTORS

Several factors enter into the disease. Among them are pregnancy, obesity or rapid reduction of weight, lack of exercise, too much fat in the diet and poor bowel habits.

### AT TIMES, ATTACKS SEEM TO BEAR A DEFINITE RELATION TO THE MENSTRUAL CYCLE.

As is the case in so many illnesses, we don't know exactly why stones form in the gallbladder. But generally we consider bile the source of them. Bile is a powerful chemical which helps break down food during the digestive process.

Your gallbladder is a pear-shaped organ lying under the liver. It's here that the bile is stored after it's manufactured in the liver. The greatest supply of bile is poured into the intestine after you eat a fatty meal because bile is essential for the digestion of fats.

### STAGNATION OF BILE

Now any occurrence in the digestive tract to prevent the gallbladder from emptying may mean stagnation of the bile and as a result help to form gallstones. When stones prevent emptying of the gallbladder, it may mean symptoms ranging from indigestion and mild discomfort to the characteristic gallbladder attack, gallstone colic. The gallbladder may rupture under the overflowing bile released into your general system may turn the skin yellow.

Between attacks, your diet should be low in fat, limited in calories and high in proteins and carbohydrates. If jaundice isn't present, supplemental vitamins A, D and K might be advised. Surgery is the only known permanent cure.

### QUESTION AND ANSWER

H.R.: Is it true that X-ray treatment helps some cases of asthma?  
Answer: Yes, in certain cases that do not respond to the conventional methods of treatment, X-ray treatments may be of some help.

### OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 4th, 1931) Yesterday pupils from the city and country alike began their three days in which they write their examinations into Prince of Wales College. As there were 600 candidates taking the exams and 400 writing in Charlottetown this is a record year.

### HEAT

The sun glares down with seeming cruel intent And robs the earth of energy, thus spent With dull unmitigated heat she soon Will seek to rob the pools of their last boon. The listless trees stand by with haled breath. While crickets chirp, as slow and sure as death: And distant thunder swells the chorus now With echoes from the hillside's humid brow. And life is stilled. . . The drowsy herds retreat To shady glades, we hear no songsters sweet. The Chirper lone remains in timid night. To warn us there is no relief in sight; While aspens tremble, as in mortal pain. And sigh for cooling balm of summer rain. —Helen Hill Young. In the Toronto Daily Star.

### TEEN YEARS AGO

(July 4th, 1946) Charlottetown music lovers were treated to a delightful concert at the Prince of Wales College auditorium last night, the recitalist being the St. Thomas Choir, comprising an array of local talent under the competent direction of Professor Armand Auger of Montreal.

One of the recipients of the M. B.E. announced from Ottawa in the Dominion Day awards is Mr. A.E. Lawlor, Charlottetown, a son of Mr. John Lawlor also of the City.

Seven Prince Edward Island veterans of the South African War had the privilege of an informal chat with Lady Baden-Powell at Government House yesterday

## NOTES BY THE WAY

Causes of farm tractor accidents are varied, but in one respect the pattern shows little change—the casualties include a surprisingly high proportion of children. The record of recent months in Ontario shows these victims of fatal accidents were from three to sixteen years of age.—Toronto Telegram

In extreme cases, national boundaries have been altered so many times that people who have never moved from their birth-place have nevertheless lived in different countries. One tombstone in a graveyard in Prague bears this epitaph. Here rest Josef Schmidt, who was born in Austria, lived in Czechoslovakia and died in Germany yet never left his native city, Prague.—London Revue

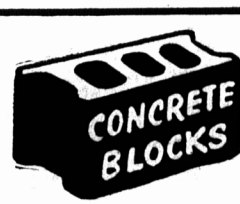
The middle class in Canada has no voice in political parties, for the theory under which governments operate is that the rich can afford to carry the burden, and the poor are happy to get the benefits. Should the in-between middle class become organized and a political force things could happen. Slowly the belief is growing that the benevolence of governments are at the expense of the middle class.—Truro News

The relinquishment of British bases around the Indian Ocean would be more serious for the Asian countries than for Britain. Once the British forces have gone they are unlikely to come back. Not even an appeal by the United Nations—in the event, for example, of a serious incursion across the borders of Burma—would bring substantial military help. It could not, because such help would be physically impossible.—Manchester Guardian

Criticism of the Royal Family should proceed with caution. The Commonwealth needs them more than they need the Commonwealth. We no longer believe that they rule by Divine Right, but we must bear in mind that they have the right of every human creature to any legitimate pleasure that they can achieve.—Peterborough Examiner

A national fire code is being prepared by the National Research Council to give guidance to provinces and municipalities in passing building laws which will ensure a high degree of safety against fire. Last winter's epidemic of fires gives added point to the study. When it is completed, it should be closely examined by communities across the country, and action taken on it.—Ottawa Citizen

For reasons that no doubt seem good to them some learned scientists have been conducting elaborate experiments with sound records in an effort to find out whether French crows understand the language of crows living in North America and vice versa. The conclusion they reach and announce to a breathless world is that French crows appear to understand American crows to some extent, but that the American birds show complete indifference to the calls of their French brothers. This seems to show, if it proves anything, that the French crows are the smarter, at least in the etymological sense.—Ottawa Journal



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