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

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New Citizens

A naturalization ceremony is always an important event; and it might be a good idea, if it could be arranged, to hold it at a time of the day when a larger number of citizens might find it convenient to be present.

The five immigrants who went through the solemn ceremony of naturalization in Charlottetown on Monday morning are now Canadians. Without discarding or repudiating anything, that was good and noble in their ancestral traditions, they have accepted membership in a new community with all the rights and duties appertaining thereto.

Confusion In Education

Let no one imagine that the current controversy regarding the functions of the schools is peculiar to our time. It has been going on ever since the first school teacher sat on one end of a log and tried, probably without success, to convey a bit of elementary knowledge to the mystified person who sat on the other end.

About 2300 years ago the Greek philosopher Aristotle wrote in this fashion: "All people do not agree in these things they would have a child taught, both with respect to improvement in virtue and a happy life; nor is it clear whether the object of it should be to improve the reason or rectify the morals."

Modern educators and school administrators find themselves in a similar quandary. The only thing on which they appear to agree is that there should be better schools and better teachers. When they are asked, "better schools and better teachers for what?" the answers they give are almost as varied as those offered by the fabled six men of Hindustan when they were asked to describe an elephant.

One resolution adopted by the recent Legion Convention is of particular public interest. It calls for better marking of highway crossings and for well marked signs showing distances to various towns and villages. The lack of these signs is a perennial annoyance to visitors. One visitor put it this way: "You seem to assume that everybody, no matter where he is from, should know the Island intimately."

This "apple pie" concept of the schools, under the various guises of course, is very widespread. In a recent American poll, in which thousands of persons were interviewed, the most common answer to the question, "what are the schools for?" was "to prepare young people for making a living."

Unseemly

It seems that even in illness the President of the United States is expected to provide talking material for the political gossips. One would imagine that for the time being at least the sole concern of all the politicians would be Mr. Eisenhower's prospects of improving in health and getting back to the onerous duties he has discharged so well and so honourably.

To the credit of Democratic leaders, it is to be noted that they have refrained from making predictions of future events, although they are aware—just as the Republicans are—that with Mr. Eisenhower out of the running, a Democratic victory in 1956 would have a better than even chance.

Mr. Eisenhower has done enough already for the Republican Party, for his country, and for the whole world, to entitle him to freedom from political pressure in his time of illness and, please God, subsequent recuperation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

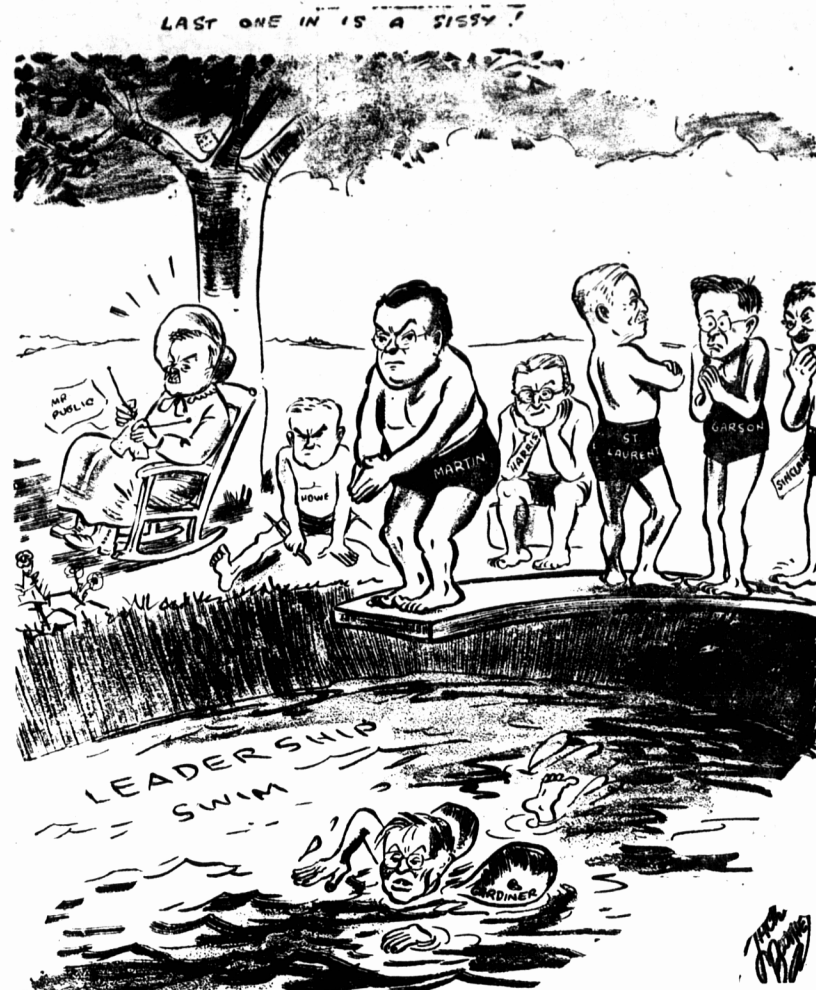
A distiller says that high prices for liquor, made necessary by taxes, help bootleggers. Yes, and they help distillers, too.

It was indeed an impressive religious demonstration at the Exhibition Coliseum last evening, and an encouraging opening of the National Stewardship Crusade of the United Church of Canada.

Johnston, S.C. deserves worldwide recognition as one place that has never had a serious traffic accident. Such places—few and far between these days—should be honoured in some dramatic manner.

Premier Smallwood has charged that a German prospector who had been working for the Newfoundland-Labrador Corporation, a government-subsidized firm, sold an iron mine in his own name for a million dollars. If true, the charge indicates more than an illegal act by a government employee.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of current events of general interest. The opinions expressed are those of the contributors.

DROUGHT AND FLOODS

Sir, — I was intrigued with the following picture of Formosa, as drawn in one of your editorial notes recently: "One of the biggest irrigation dams in the Far East is now under construction there. It will cost in the vicinity of \$50 million, about half of which will be in the form of a United States long-term loan."

On the other hand, I see vast significance in the geographical location of the aforesaid development; i.e., in terms of the growth of the living standards of the not-so-Far East, and wider market horizons for the Greater Canada tomorrow.

That closing reference to "periodical droughts and floods" recalls to this reader's mind the agricultural fact that this twin problem is by no means copyrighted by Formosa, and that other heavily populated areas are likewise manacled to the "Monsoon" or the unpredictable weatherman, on a "feast or famine" level.

I have no doubt that, perhaps within the 20th Century, world statesmanship, once released from its preoccupation with offensive or defensive wars, will devise ways and means of ending regional famines, growing from unfavorable weather in Formosa, India, or anywhere. At any rate it is a social aim worthy of today's brotherhood and tomorrow's busier One World.

I am, Sir, etc. GREEN LIGHT

The Poets' Corner

VOYAGE

What can a man salvage out of a wreck On the seas of the wide unknown? Something afloat to take him to shore To embark once again and be wrecked once more, For new oceans seen, come he naked ashore, The voyage is his alone.

What can a man salvage lacking a wreck If the ship comes safely home? He will weep at the calm and the clear sea air, Lament the brine not encrusting his hair, Envy the voyager bitten with care, And yearn for the taste of foam.

—Norman Nathan In The New York Times

CONVICTED OF SABOTAGE

BERLIN (AP)—Five top officials of Communist East Germany's J. W. Stalin electrical plant have been convicted of sabotage, an anti-Communist organization reported Tuesday. The League of Free Jurists said the officials were allegedly accused of having caused damage of \$5,700,000 east marks (approximately \$1,500,000) to the East German economy by sabotaging plant operations through deliberately wrong orders.

The Search For Lochnivar

Thomas Murray in The Edinburgh Scotsman

The traveller by road from Stranraer to Newton-Stewart, negotiating the curves that precede and succeed the bridge over the River Luce, and his vision further distracted by a British Railways viaduct overhead, may have some excuse for not noticing the sign: "Glenuce Abbey—Ancient Monument," pointing along a leafy by-road.

Yet it would be a pity, if, having seen the sign, he did not let his curiosity lure him the mere mile and a half off his way which is all he need travel. As Scottish abbey, the Abbey of Glenuce is modest in size of its remains. It has a charming chapter-house, well-restored, an unusually large cloister-square, and little else but ruin, albeit picturesque, around it.

Its glory is its setting. Melrose Abbey has the town at its elbow; Kelso's is even more circumscribed. But Glenuce Abbey stands at the head of as lovely a little valley as is to be found in all Galloway.

I first saw it on one of last summer's few good days, a day of warmth and stillness in early August. Sheltered to the north by hills, it lay open to the south and the sun. Around it spread fields, with woodlands beyond.

West of the abbey flowed the river—the "valley linc" of the monks—through gentle, unbroken country towards Luce Bay. Only a house or two in sight; only in my ears the voices of children at play.

Happy, indeed, the Cistercian, I thought, who found himself, shall we say, drafted from the parent abbey of Melrose to Glenuce at its foundation in 1190. Just as the soldier "on detachment" led a more unbuttoned existence than his comrade at unit H.Q., so the monks of Glenuce must have known a gentler discipline than their brothers of Melrose. Any Abbot of Glenuce must have mellowed with the years as surely as the wine in his private cellar.

Of course, an abbey worth its salt must have some appeal beyond the mere ecclesiastical or architectural. Melrose has the heart of Bruce; Glenuce has a possession of a different sort. SHOCKED DISBELIEF

As we crossed the trim greenness of what had been the nave of the abbey, my guide pointed out a solitary recumbent gravestone. "That," he said, "is the grave of Sir John Gordon—Young Lochnivar."

My first emotion was shocked disbelief. All of us first met Young Lochnivar at school in the days of our youth, and somehow thereafter he is placed with the immortals. Forever in our imagination he rides all unarm'd and he rides all alone. There is sacrifice in the thought of him ever as "Auld Lochnivar." That mortality could lay him in earth was inconceivable.

A little research, however, has led me to believe Young Lochnivar a personage perhaps too elusive to be literally run to earth at Glenuce. The Gordons, though nowadays mainly associated with the North-East of Scotland, were Borderers in origin. There is a tradition that a Gordon, a Berwickshire laird, fell at the Battle of the Standard in 1138.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

HOW IS YOUR APPETITE?

Do you eat your regular meals readily, or do you just toy with your food, or maybe pass up entire meals occasionally?

Anorexia, or loss of appetite, is a fairly common complaint among older folks. Some elderly persons lose their sense of taste or smell. This interferes greatly with their appetites. Again, they may feel depressed and unhappy and lack the stimulus to eat.

However, anorexia isn't confined to the elderly. Many of you might suffer from this complaint because of gall-bladder trouble or disturbances of the stomach or bowel. In some cases, a monotonous diet or some emotional disturbance may keep you from eating properly.

Unbalanced Diet

Now you know quite well that your health will suffer if your poor appetite continues. Without an appetite, your diet might easily become unbalanced. You won't get enough protein foods such as milk, eggs and meat.

In addition to removing the cause, your doctor can prescribe vitamin and mineral preparations. He'll also advise planning the diet so that it will be tasty and welcome. So-called tonics for stimulating appetites don't have much value, as a rule.

However, here's one method of restoring the normal desire for food recommended by a great many doctors. Begin the appetite training program with only one meal a day, at 8:00 a.m. and the other at 4:30 p.m. will work out better.

Increase the amount of food in each meal only after the patient has eaten all the food served. As the amount of food is increased, you can gradually work the program into the normal three meals a day.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. J. K.: Is it possible for a woman of fifty-six years of age who has stopped menstruating for a period of four years, to become pregnant? Answer: Pregnancy would not be possible in this case.

CENTURY-OLD VETERAN

LONDON (Reuters) — L. V. Khurtsky, a 100-year-old veteran of the 1877-8 Bulgarian war of liberation has gone to Sofia to attend the 11th anniversary of Bulgaria's liberation by Russia from the Germans, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported Wednesday.

Some plain warrior, divine or squire who sleeps well there. Lochnivar has his ample memorial in Scottish song. To the ancient lands of the West were the lands of eternal youth. Lochnivar comes from them surely already immortal, and thus we willingly accept him.

And off goes the page, stopping at nothing. "Where he found the briggs broken, he bent his bow and swam. We... ne found the grass growing, He slackt his bow and ran."

In Scott's version, the words have broken from a lilt to a gallop, and it is the hero, not the page, who rides breakneck across country: "He staid not for brake, and he stopp'd not for stone. He swam the Eskie river where ford there was none."

Young Lochnivar, then, must remain a romantic enigma more than half-hidden by the mists which swirl across the face of so much of Scottish history. He may have come, at the end, to a resting-place in the Abbey of Glenuce, but I like to think it is instead,

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The high cost of new homes has been a major obstacle in the provision of enough housing for Canadians. Wages and materials are obvious elements in the final figure. It is to be noted, however, the Canadian Legion's Ontario Command in convention here singled out two other factors.

We know very little about the creative process. There's no fool-proof way to say ahead of time that one man will be creative and another won't. When the great inventor Thomas A. Edison was looking for young men to work with him in the laboratory, he devised a method to test likely looking prospects. The job applicant would be invited to the Edison home for dinner. If the young man salted his food before tasting it, he was disqualified as a candidate.

A news item about a car owner who died from carbon monoxide fumes reminds us that cool weather is just around the corner and motorists will be tempted to start their cars in closed garages. Carbon monoxide is invisible, odorless and tasteless and in a closed space spells sure death. It may also be found in the furnace room if pipes or chimneys are faulty.

In future town employes of Westport, Connecticut, will carry official identification papers with them at all times when they are likely to come in contact with the public in the course of their official duties. The identification cards will be complete with fingerprints, photos and the official seal of the town clerk.

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This Is National Immunization Week TO THE PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: Have you had your young children protected against: DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS and SMALLPOX?

Department of Health Clinics are held: Once a week in Charlottetown—188 Prince St. Every Friday—2-4 P.M. Once a month in Summerside—Health Centre (in old hospital). Last Friday in month—3-4:30 P.M.

NOTICE RE 3rd POLIO INOCULATION — The 3rd inoculation against polio for the school children who received inoculations this Spring, will be given next Spring instead of this Fall.

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