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

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Rural Education

The little old rural schoolhouse, with its single-room accommodation and limited facilities, notes a niche all to itself in the history of our pioneer achievements.

The Minister outlined fully the requirements in these areas, the conditions of the grants, and the co-operation needed to make the policy effective.

The Minister also dealt with the establishment last year, in five of the rural senior high schools, of Grade XII as the standard of matriculation, and with the prospects of extending this advantage to other areas.

The importance of this development, he stated, cannot be overestimated because the advantage of a complete senior high school education is brought within the reach of many young people in rural areas who otherwise, for financial or other reasons, would be denied such opportunity.

This emphasis on rural education improvements will have far-reaching results. There may be criticism of details, but the objective is perhaps of more concern than any subject which has come within the scope of the Legislature of this agricultural Province for many years.

The Union Merger

The news that the two great American Labour Unions, the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O., are making final plans for merger is important. Organized labour, it would seem, has nothing to lose and a good deal to gain by achieving a position of solidarity.

At its annual meeting in Los Angeles about two months ago the C. I. O. passed a resolution opposing Red China's admission to the United Nations at this time.

No leader of the A. F. of L., on the other hand, has expressed any such misgiving. At the recent annual meeting of the Federation an extraordinarily strong resolution, supporting the Administration's entire policy in Asia, was passed without dissent.

tant one adopted, after considerable internal dissension, by the C. I. O., a few weeks before is, of course, a matter of opinion; but, certainly, it shows that much work needs to be done and much re-examination of policy completed, before the two organizations can hope to present a united front on all questions; and, unless they can do that, perhaps they are better apart, each going its own friendly way.

Traffic Offences Emphasized

A decided upward climb since 1952 in the aggregate of criminal investigations in this Province is noted in the annual report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for last year, as tabled in the Legislature.

Strong emphasis is placed by Inspector Nevin, however, upon the marked increase in the offences of "driving whilst intoxicated", "driving whilst impaired", "failing to stop at the scene of an accident", and "reckless driving".

The increase in motor vehicle registrations to a new high of 20,841 in 1954, coupled with the record volume of cars and tourists visiting the Province, contributed to traffic patrol duties.

Appreciation is expressed in the report for the co-operation and support received from a large majority of the motoring public. This is perhaps the most important factor of all.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Sir Wilfrid Laurier died this date, 1919.

Iraq may not be the most highly industrialized country in the world; it does, however, have a standard of management-labour relations which labour and industrial leaders in other countries might study with profit.

As if United States lawmakers did not have enough to worry about already, a resolution has been introduced in both Houses to make the rose the national flower of the Republic.

Trustees of Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio—made famous by its first President, Horace Mann—are going to give faculty members the chance to find out for themselves how "the other half" lives.



Out Of A Hat

Postoffice Anniversary

Canada's post office this year observes the 200th—or 201st—anniversary of its obscure birth. It lacks a birth certificate.

Two centuries have changed the post office from a haphazard venture that made postmasters rich to an efficient government service that ranks with the best in the world.

A nickel will speed a letter from Black Diamond, Alta., to Cape Town, South Africa, in less time than it once took a special delivery to get the 200 miles from Halifax to Louisbourg, N.S., and it used to cost many times as much.

The full-sailed ships that crossed the Atlantic in a month or more gave way to steamers that did it in days, and now fast ships are giving way to planes that do it in hours.

The local post office in Canada may be a complex big-city operation or the back room of a village general store, but everywhere it is taken as much for granted as coffee for breakfast.

This has been taken as official. But a year earlier an advertisement in the same paper said one Benjamin Leigh had opened a "bureau of intelligence and outward post office" at Halifax.

Canada's second post office was opened at Quebec in 1763. Mail came down the St. Lawrence river by canoe or river boat and was taken across the Bay of Fundy by barque.

People not on postal routes were quite happy because the couriers had a monopoly, and it cost one shilling and sixpence to send a one-ounce letter from Halifax to Yarmouth, N.S. Now it costs five cents.

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.

HELP APPRECIATED Sir, I periodically call at the "Island" in the course of my business selling fishing supplies.

I am a comparative newcomer to Canada and I would also like to take this opportunity of saying to the "Islanders" that their hospitality is something which has impressed me deeply.

DAVID N. CORMACK Saint John, N.B.

ed from the Leninist revolution. For a decade the nations of the West have urged the government of Russia to dismantle the Iron Curtain and permit the free circulation of ideas.

Yes To Russia (Winnipeg Free Press) A proposal has come from the Soviet Union in Moscow which will no doubt scare the living daylights out of all the brave McCarthyite warriors who tremble at the vagaries of our tender democracy.

OSLO (CP) — Norwegian Army chaplain Lorenz Pedersen has received the United States Bronze Star for meritorious work at the Norwegian mobile surgical hospital in Korea, which was closed last autumn.

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Medical Speaking

Hermin N. Bundesen, M.D. COD LIVER OIL HELPS BABY'S BONES GROW WELL

Your baby needs vitamins A and D, and one of the best ways to see that he gets them is to give him daily doses of cod liver oil.

Orange Juice May Help Sometimes you can get a baby to take cod liver oil if you put it in a spoon containing orange juice.

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