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The Lane Memorial

Although he lived his adult life in the United States, Franklin K. Lane was an Islander, and his outstanding career in public life reflects credit upon his native Province and country.

In one of the national parks he helped to found, says Dr. Cheatham, there is a mountain peak which bears his name. Franklin Lane has no such outstanding monument in this country, but his name has been a household word here, and the memorial at Desable will serve to perpetuate it, and bring also to mind the achievements of many other Prince Edward Islanders abroad, who have risen to prominence in church and state, in the professions and in various other walks of life.

Hurricane Defences

One of the lessons learned from the hurricane damage in the United States in recent weeks is the inadequacy of the defenses against this kind of visitation. The United States is not alone in learning how deficient are its systems of defense against such storms.

The New York Times takes as its text the deluge which had struck metropolitan New York in the wake of hurricane Connie a week earlier, and notes the forecast of that day's weather: "Cloudy with occasional showers."

Even while those words were being written, another hurricane, Diane, was apparently blowing itself out to the south and already its obituary notices were being written. Yet the weekend brought drenching rains and devastating floods to at least six northeastern states.

End Of A Struggle

A little news item from Vancouver provides another reminder of the almost universal authority of technology and utilitarianism in this age of the machine.

take by fifteen feet for the purpose of meeting growing demands for electrical power. They were joined in their campaign by members of an organization called the Conservation League, who claimed that the proposed development would not only spoil the site for camping and fishing but would be a serious detriment to fish propagation.

The dispute has been a long and bitter one, with both groups calling on expert engineers from time to time to bolster their respective arguments. Provincial authorities hesitated to issue an edict one way or the other; and understandably, for of course there were votes as well as logic on both sides of the controversy; to a government—any government—that is a matter worth pondering and weighing with care and discretion.

A Submerged City

Cyprus, considerably in the headlines of late owing to the demand of the Greek population for reunion with Greece, possesses a small edition of the fabled Atlantis in its lost city of Salamis. The city originated in the early history of the Aegean as a colony of the island of Salamis, forever famous as the scene of the disastrous naval defeat of the Persians under Xerxes in 480 B.C.

The colony in Cyprus seemingly began prior even to the naval battle, for Greek traditions place the founding prior to the Trojan war. It was the city state of the enterprising prince Evagoras, whose independent rule is the sole title of Cyprus to be considered Greek.

The Cypriot Salamis remained an important city and harbor till, in the fourth century AD, it was destroyed by an earthquake. For ten centuries the ruins remained a monument to its vanished greatness; till in the fourteenth century a tidal wave submerged most of the former city area. It still rests, as does the fabled Atlantis, beneath the sea.

The British today are merely the last of a long succession of rulers of Cyprus, but—unlike their predecessors—they have been taking an active interest in the submerged city.

Local divers have already traced two major harbors, one a commercial port, the other a naval base; and a team of British underwater explorers will try to further chart the harbor walls and extend operations into water as deep as ten fathoms. Coincidentally with this work, the Cyprus department of antiquities will excavate the portion of Salamis buried under the land.

The exploration has, it is said, a commercial angle, which will take the form of a search for sunken ships and valuable cargoes. It seems that in 1571, after the Turks looted the city of Nicosia, three ships laden with plunder, including valuable art objects, blew up off shore from Salamis; and storms and naval battles at various times have taken toll of ships in the surrounding waters.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Maurice Maeterlinck, Belgian dramatist and poet, born this date 1862.

Icelanders have at long last got around to giving the Irish their due. Their schoolbooks now give the information that Queen Aud, widow of Olaf the White, brought the first settlers to the island some time before the Norsemen arrived.

If Senator Neuberger of Oregon has his way, party campaign funds will soon be a thing of the past. He is going to ask Congress to enact legislation which would apportion funds from the U. S. Treasury on a 50-50 basis to both major parties. It is not exactly a new proposal, having been suggested by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908.



Everyone Does His Part

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.

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

Sir,—May I, through the columns of your valuable newspaper call the attention of all good citizens to the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics which are to take place at five different centres during the first four days of this week, and urge maximum attendance at them for the following reasons:—

1. Prince Edward Island is over 1,000 bottles in debt to the Maritime Depot at Halifax and patients in our island Hospitals continue to need blood at the rate of 250 bottles per month. The situation is "DESPERATE" — it needs every one's support to make it possible to continue this service. Those who can't be donors should be boosters and get others interested.

2. This free blood transfusion service is for the benefit of ALL, and for this reason ALL should feel personally responsible for providing it - through the medium of the Canadian Red Cross.

3. It's very easy to be a Blood Donor - if you are in good health and between the ages of 18 and 65 years.

4. There is no pain or no after effects in giving blood. The small amount taken is completely replaced by the average person in forty-eight hours.

5. Every day blood transfusions dramatically save lives particularly of those who are severely injured in accidents, those who have severe haemorrhage, jaundiced babies whose blood must be replaced immediately after birth, those who have operations which cannot be performed without blood to replace that which is lost during the operation. Blood is also used in a great many cases as a therapy which lessens the period of hospitalization and convalescence and makes it possible for the patient to resume his/her earning power at a much earlier date than would otherwise be possible. This represents a saving on all sides.

6. The Blood Transfusion Service also provides - free of any charge - complete RH investigation for pregnant women at the request of the family physician.

7. Thanks to medical research, additional uses for blood and products derived from blood have developed - gamma globulin for the prevention and treatment of measles and infectious jaundice, and in lessening the paralytic effects of polio - fibrinogen to help in controlling severe bleeding, and an albumin for the emergency treatment of burns and serious injury.

These are but a few of the important uses that are being made of blood and its components but should be sufficient to make us all realize how important it is for this province to provide its share in keeping this service running smoothly. Let us hope that by the provincial objective of 1350 will not only have been reached but surpassed. That this can be done was proved at the June Clinic, and this success can be easily duplicated this week.

I am, Sir, etc., FREDERICK A. LARGE) Provincial Chairman Red Cross Blood Donor Committee.

ACTRESS TAKES PILLS NEW YORK (AP)—Melinda Markey, pretty actress-model daughter of film star Joan Bennett, was in critical condition Sunday from an overdose of sleeping pills following an argument with her husband, police said. The 21-year-old brunette remained in a semi-comatose state at Bellevue hospital and officials advised the husband, Donald Hayden, 29, not to move her to a private institution.

LAY ANTHONY TO MARRY HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Actress Mommie Vaa Doren 32 says she'll marry band leader Ray Anthony in Toledo, Ohio Monday.

Speaking Of Queer Names

Manchester Guardian

How strange a part coincidence can play in this business of the queer surnames which persist in getting into the news! It has been reported, for instance, that a Mr. Wren has succeeded a Mr. Sparrow as chairman of the council at Hadham, Devon. A Miss Sharon Slaughter has been elected beauty queen of a Michigan, United States, safety conference.

One of the most entertaining instances of an apt name occurred in Johannesburg last year when a man named Johnny Gallon was fined 2 pounds for drunkenness. To the prisoner at the bar the magistrate said: "I suggest you change your name to 'Pint', which may remind you not to drink so much in future."

Sometimes advertisers make use of a happy combination of bizarre surnames. Thus London's biggest caterers last year brought together a Mr. Fried, a Mr. Egg, a Mr. Ham and a Mr. Bacon for a celebration breakfast to mark the opening of a west end "bacon and egg" restaurant.

How happily some names go with their owners' jobs! Thus a former welterweight champion of Great Britain was Johnny Besham. Chingford, Essex, once had a baker named Cakebread and South Wales an undertaker named River Jordan.

Russia's Invisible Harvest Under the hot sun of southern Russia the grain harvest is coming in, and with it a political harvest of incalculable dimensions. The Russian peasant may not know it, but the long-range plans of his government, perhaps of world communism itself, are staked on an agricultural revolution of which the current crop is the first instalment.

Mr. Khrushchev, a plumber by trade, has risen to power among Stalin's heirs as the expert who can reconcile the contradictions of the communist agriculture and cure a food crisis now publicly admitted. While delivering an emergency increase in food production this year, the Khrushchev plan promises to complete Stalin's original program a few years hence by converting the peasant into a kind of factory worker and the farm into a smoothly-working cog of the central state machine.

The Kremlin's anxiety on this score was indicated last spring by its loaded and misleadingly optimistic figures issued for public consumption but then followed by a sudden silence in the press. Meanwhile, the government has pressed its program in two directions. Every existing state and private farm is under orders to increase this year's output by expanded acreage and more intensive cultivation. A huge new acreage in the east, which has never felt the plow before, is being colonized by a mass movement of settlers comparable to the conquest of North America West half a century ago.

The technical objectives of this program are to break new land, to produce corn as food for livestock, and to complete the mechanization of agriculture everywhere. Mr. Khrushchev's immediate targets are ambitious—a doubled meat and milk production by 1950, some seventeen million hectares of corn this year as against less than four millions in 1954, and nineteen million extra hectares of grain currently planted on old pasture land.

PENTAGON STRIP WASHINGTON (AP)—The Pentagon is building its aerial helicopter landing strip so aerial taxicabs won't spoil the grass. The concrete strip measuring 100 by 100 feet is now under construction and will be ready for use early in September.

Medically Speaking

HOW TO PREPARE CEREAL

Very often, cereals are the first solid food a baby gets. Your baby needs them, for the starch they provide gives him energy.

You'll need the following: One level tablespoonful of farina or other cereal, or two tablespoonful of oatmeal. Four ounces (1/2 glass) of milk. Four ounces of water. One-half teaspoonful of sugar. A pinch of salt.

Use a knife to level your spoon measure. Pour the milk and water into the upper part of a double boiler and warm it. Then slowly add the cereal, salt and sugar, stirring all the time. Cook the mixture directly over the flame for about 10 minutes, stirring it to prevent burning.

Next, cook it in the double boiler until it is ready. This usually requires about one-half to one hour. It's a lot easier, however, to give your infant dry cereals especially made for babies. They are easily prepared in a few minutes. Cooking instructions are on the labels.

Generally, add three to four tablespoonfuls of warm milk mixture for each tablespoonful of dry cereal. If your baby is breast fed, and equal parts of milk and water boiled for three minutes. Add this mixture while it is still hot.

Question and Answer Mrs. C: What is the cause of cracking bones? Answer: Cracking in the joints is probably due to the fact that there has been a disturbance known as fibrositis in the ligaments. This may cause the ligaments to become somewhat shorter. When the bones move, the ligaments are stretched, which may cause the cracking sound.

There is no need to worry about this condition as it usually will cause no trouble.

Still An Island

(Sydney Post-Record)

The Canso Causeway—now that it has been piper-piped into continent-wide recognition—is the subject of a rash of published comment about Cape Breton Island no longer being an island. This island now is being described as a "man-made peninsula." Fiddlesticks, Peninsula? Don't go telling it to the Marines; they know otherwise. Those who believe so are invited to witness the opening of the Canso Navigation Canal which verily in terms of tidal flow of salt sea water keeps Cape Breton an island.

They will see the bridge that spans the canal, swing open to permit the passage of an ocean vessel, and there will be many such passages between the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Atlantic to the south. The causeway-croser won't complete his crossing to this island until the ship has passed and the bridge swings back again to highway position. A fact is a fact, Period.

The Age Old Story

This is the book of the generations of Adam... And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth; and the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years; and he begat sons and daughters.

SITTINGBURN, England (CP)—Workmen unearthed 14 skeletons near a chalk quarry outside this Kent town. Archaeologists believe the site was a Roman burial ground.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

That couple who looked ticks for the Shakespeare festival at Stratford, Connecticut, but ended up at Stratford, Ontario, could have done worse. After all, they might have ended up at Stratford, England—St. Catharines Standard.

With the Fall fair season underway and pie-eating contests among the many interesting events, a report of a huge pie is timely. At the Monroe County Fair, near Rochester, N.Y., a pie 15 feet in diameter was baked and served. The pie was part apple and part peach and cherry, providing 2,500 servings. Baked in a huge grill over 36 gas burners and under 20 infra-red lamps, it had 150 pounds of flour, 110 pounds shortening, four pounds salt, 22 quarts of water, 760 pounds of fruit filling and 320 feet of pastry strips for the top in addition to the shell.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Hurricane rain is not the record for density in the United States. The rainiest single minute in the Weather Bureau's history occurred on April 5, 1926, when in 60 seconds almost two-thirds of an inch fell at Opid's Camp, Calif. Holt, Mo., in only 42 minutes on June 22, 1947, was drenched by a foot of rain, and Smithport, Pa., by 30.8 inches in four and a half hours on July 18, 1942. Among high figures for the Northeast, which was utterly unprepared for what hit it in the last few days, are: Boston, 11.91 inches of rain in 40 hours, and Hartford, 12.12 inches in 24 hours.—New York Herald-Tribune.

This is becoming a push button world much faster than most of us imagine. In Ladysmith—South Africa, not Wisconsin—a retired meteorologist has just taken out a patent on a new type of fishing rod. It's automatic and brings in fish by itself. This strikes us as the pinnacle of gadgetry. Now if someone would invent a self-casting rod a fisherman wouldn't have to move a muscle. Nor would he have much fun. Landing a fish automatically is something like providing a robot to kiss your wife or hiring a stand-in to drink your gin and tonic. The reel's inventor says he's confident that he'll find markets for it at home and abroad. He's probably right. There's a growing generation of fishermen who really prefer gadgets to fishing itself.—Milwaukee Journal

"Am I tried on my record?" asked a prisoner in magistrate's court. The question and its timing indicated that he had a certain acquaintance with law and court procedure, however acquainted. An accused person is not tried on his record. Each charge stands on its own; but if convicted his record is properly taken into consideration by magistrate or judge in passing sentence.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle

There remain those uncouth people who think it is fun to speed up to prevent someone else from turning safely into an intersection—a "I who refuse to give signals of their own intentions. There are still those idiots who are willing to risk several lives to gain a few minutes that they haven't got the brains to use to good advantage. These are the people who pass on curves and do similar stupid things.—St. John's News

One sees very few windmills through the country these days. And on a great many farms the old hand pump has disappeared except, perhaps, as a little used auxiliary source of water. Many farms have electrically-operated pumps and, in a great many cases, their water system is practically equal to that of the city or town home. Not only are the homes thus served, but the water generally is pumped throughout the stables, even into hen houses in some cases. In fact there are those farms where these latter buildings have running water while the house does not.—Sherbrooke Record.

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