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A Great Benefactor

It is, of course, a sad fact that the first half of this century has been marked by turbulence and strife.

In the category of the truly great no name is more worthy of honour than that of Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin, who died a few days ago.

This, always and in every field of service, is the supreme sign of greatness. He said that his success in research was "pure luck."

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An Important Issue

This Province has a big stake in the next Dominion-Provincial Conference on fiscal relations.

In inviting the Provincial Premiers to Ottawa on April 21 for the purpose of deciding when the formal Conference should be held, Prime Minister St. Laurent said it was important to give the matter "a good deal of careful thought and study."

"Of the urgent need for an informed and successful Dominion-Provincial Conference," says our Toronto contemporary, "there cannot be the slightest doubt."

the so-called have-nots—to meet their constitutional responsibilities with the tax resources now available to them.

"That the agreements have failed to do any such thing is proved—if proof were necessary—by recent events in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

"In Nova Scotia, the Provincial Government has just raised its gasoline tax to seventeen cents a gallon—the highest in North America—in order to maintain public services."

We in Prince Edward Island are feeling the pinch just as badly as our sister Maritime Provinces, though we haven't had to resort to increased taxation for some years.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Forewarned is forearmed. Some meteorologists are already talking about the probability of a long hot summer.

Two members of the Italian Upper House are reported to have engaged in fisticuffs during a debate on the Paris Agreements.

The announcement of the death of Princess Napoleon, mother of the Pretender to the throne of France, is a reminder that monarchical sympathies are still alive in that nation.

There's always something to impede progress. No sooner had one group of English scientists discovered a way to cut lawn grass with a liquid solution, than another group came along to say that the liquid, while hard on grass, is easy on weeds, and therefore would do more harm than good.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek has invited all foreign correspondents in the area to make a tour of the Matsu group in order to see for themselves that the Nationalists intend to hold the off-shore islands.

Vice-President Nixon has returned from his Latin American trip with renewed confidence in the pro-United sentiment of the people he met.

There is not much the Indian tribes of South America can do to hinder the opening up of oil wells on lands which they regard as their heritage.

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In The Books

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

STRONGLY DISAPPROVES

Sir: May I avail myself of space in your very fine daily to bring attention to a movie now playing in this city.

Influenced by the propaganda of the advertisers, I went with considerable anticipation to what I believed would be a highly artistic and entertaining musical.

The whole film is unnecessarily earthy and sexy, and the ballet of the women in their beds and around their beds is vulgar and stupid.

Children will be seeing this film all this week. For adults this is an insult to their Christian outlook, and understanding of love.

Parents should know this, and should keep their children home. This is another instance in which the theatre, a potential force for good and beauty in society, is betraying the trust that people have put in it.

Then they saw Forth and forward faring Pharaoh's war array Gliding on a grove of spears; glittering banners, there the folk the march trod.

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LENTEN MEDITATIONS

Paradox Of Fear And Love

The Times, London

The language of religion abounds in paradox. And this is inevitable, since the application of religion to life is so many-sided, and its claims so comprehensive, that it is only in such language that its wholeness can be expressed.

To speak of both fearing God and loving him is to give utterance to what may seem to imply a contradiction.

under whose judgement evil must inevitably come. If there is such a thing as a moral order in the universe, this very fact presupposes divine justice, and the recognition of an absolute difference between good and evil.

Sales Tax Obscurities

Grant Dexter in the Winnipeg Free Press

The Federal sales tax is 10 per cent. Of this, 8 per cent goes into the general revenue of the country and 2 per cent is paid into the Old Age Security Fund.

Proposed changes in the sales tax are always of interest. But changes proposed at the present time by the Canadian Tax Foundation—a non-profit organization set up by the Canadian Bar Association and the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants—are especially so.

The two "basic weaknesses," which are not disputed by the Federal Government, are these: 1. The present law does not clearly establish the base to which the tax applies and, in consequence, there is an undesirable degree of arbitrariness in the administration.

Medically Speaking

Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

SPONGING REDUCES FEVER

A sponge bath can be used for something besides washing the baby. It is an effective method of reducing his temperature if he has a fever.

The room chosen for the baby's sponge bath must be warm, about 78 to 80 degrees.

How to Proceed

You're going to need two large towels, two washcloths and a pan. Fill the pan with about two quarts of lukewarm water.

Place the baby on a table on his back on one large towel and cover him with the other. Soak one wash cloth in cold water just as it comes from the faucet, wring it out and place it on his forehead.

Remember to keep the baby covered, except for the particular area being sponged.

Turn the baby on his abdomen. Take the second cloth from his forehead and use it to sponge his back and buttocks in the same manner.

It will usually reduce his temperature from one to two degrees. And that's a big reduction.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

L. T.: Is ACTH in jelly form good for arthritis?

Answer: ACTH is usually not administered for arthritis in the form of jelly to be applied to the skin. It is much better to take it by injection.

B. C. Taxes Highest

(Victoria Times)

The budget not only makes British Columbia by far the highest-spending and highest-taxed province in Canada but involves a huge deficit.

After promising a pay-as-you-go policy, Mr. Bennett is not paying as he goes. He deliberately plans to collect some \$14 million less in taxes than he spends in the next fiscal year.

Not only that. It has begun a huge expansion of the public debt by taking power to borrow \$80 million.

Queen Mother's Piper

(Edinburgh Scotsman)

If by chance half-a-dozen average citizens were to go through London's Admiralty Arch and up the Mall at 9 a.m. today, several of them would, no doubt, be mildly startled to hear bagpipe music coming from the Queen Mother's home.

Whatever the weather, Pipe Major de Laspee will be heard if the Queen Mother is in residence. Sometimes there is a telephone call from Clarence House, and the Queen Mother will personally thank him for playing some piece of music she has particularly enjoyed.

On the second point, the examinations have to do with machinery and apparatus and with building materials. Both date from 1945.

The machinery and apparatus item is conditional "if in the opinion of the Minister they are used directly in the process of manufacture."

Building materials are also a mixture. A building is defined as the shell only. It is very difficult to understand and apply the law.

Outright statutory exemptions are favored over exemptions which

NOTES BY THE WAY

There is quite a difference in cash which varies from the equivalent of \$56 to \$112. We can imagine some hectic bargaining between the two men, the father arguing that his daughter is in the \$112 class, and the groom arguing that she isn't a good looker, or she's too fat or too lean, and the father should consider himself lucky that he is getting the minimum price.

Since speakers have been telling us for years that we stand on the threshold of a new era of world peace and prosperity, why don't we go on in? We've certainly been standing there long enough to have taken off our galoshes.

We sometimes wonder what the present generation would do if it were to have one of those old-time winters. We also wonder what our ancestors would think were they privileged to return and see us riding in motor cars on nearly all roads in mid-winter.

The other night a man was killed near Orangeville as he stood near his car, parked on the side of the road after the lights had failed.

Next to the Prime Minister, perhaps the person most adept at disarming criticism is C. D. Howe, as witness his recent observation in the House of Commons: "I have a speech prepared, Mr. Speaker, but on re-reading it I find that the facts as disclosed by the Bureau of Statistics and otherwise are so favorable that I fear I would again be accused of being an optimist."

The United States has a Trusteeship Council which tries to ease the lot of men and women in tribal countries where there are often harsh restrictions on their way of living.

long passed the ridiculous stage and the public is paying for it in needlessly expensive cars. More sensible would be a race between makers to see who can build the smallest engine with the highest efficiency.

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