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Battle Of The Atlantic

Battle of the Atlantic Sunday is being observed tomorrow, commemorating the services of the Royal Canadian Navy and Canada's Merchant Navy in the Second World War.

The Battle for the Atlantic took a radically different turn following conquest of the Low Countries, the fall of France and Italy's entry into the war.

Tougher Treatment Urged Addressing the Canadian Highway Traffic Safety Conference at Quebec last week, Mr. Paul Blaisdell, U.S. safety consultant, said this: "I am convinced that no amount of persuasion, moral or otherwise, can get people to drive safely."

The truth of this analysis, comments the Globe and Mail, is confirmed by our own country's statistics. For many years, private and public agencies have beamed a constant stream of exhortations at the public, designed to encourage safe driving and observance of traffic rules.

Unfortunately, the appeals for safe driving reach only the "converted" — the sober, conscientious majority who take few chances and who are rarely guilty of anything more flagrant than overtime parking.

license suspensions. It will not be an easy task. It will involve stronger highway patrols, a tougher attitude by the courts, and probably changes in the Criminal Code, both to eliminate the technicalities which now permit many violators to escape, and to give magistrates wider powers of punishment.

No such program can hope to be popular; as Mr. Blaisdell pointed out, fear of offending public opinion has hamstrung most efforts at stricter law enforcement in the United States.

Salvation Army Appeal Every dollar is a working dollar when given to the Salvation Army. The remarkable thing about this fact is that it is now taken so widely for granted.

It is unnecessary to outline the many activities which the Salvation Army carries on in our midst, but special mention should be made of the fine accommodation provided for the aged at Sunset Lodge and of the work done in taking care of unmarried mothers.

EDITORIAL NOTES

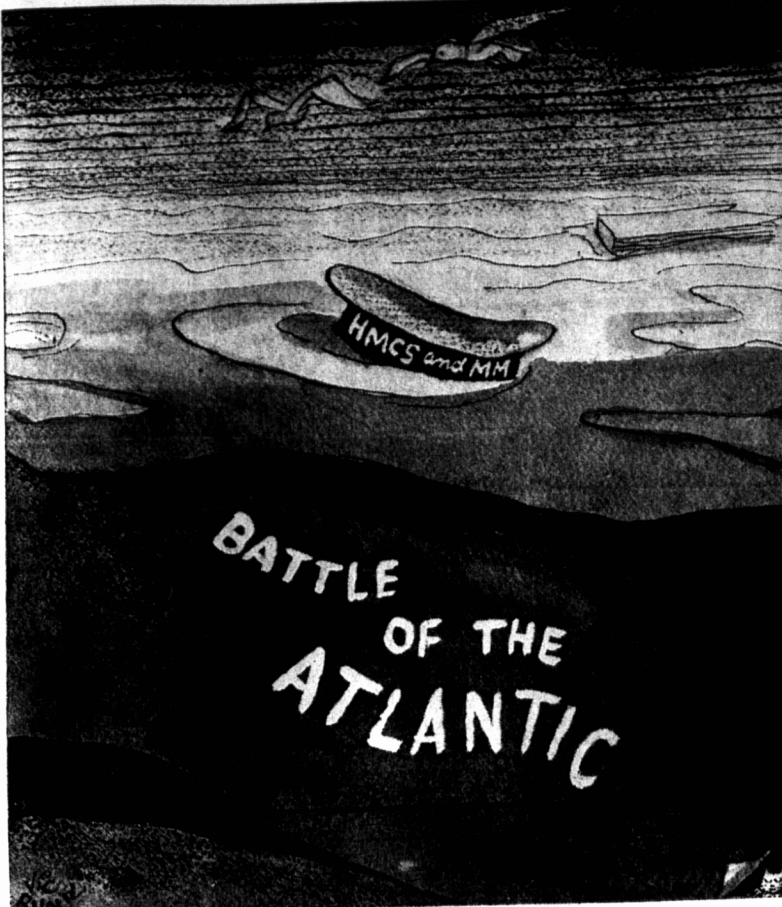
From St. John's, Newfoundland, comes word that starlings which first appeared there in 1941 have built up "a considerable population."

A report from New Delhi says that some political leaders in India are worrying about the condition of Prime Minister Nehru's Congress Party. They fear that its long tenure of office has made it "sluggish, too comfortable and set in its ways."

"We are in the full swing of a great period of development," said Trade Minister Howe in a speech at Edmonton. "I fully expect, just as everyone who has knowledge of what is going on expects, that Canada will expand during 1957 at a faster rate than ever before in history."

This month is studded with war anniversaries. On May 2, 1945, Berlin fell to the Russians after twelve days of street fighting; war in Italy, the Austrian Tyrol and Salzburg ended at noon with the surrender of nearly a million Germans.

These are the extreme departures from the general rule of representation by population under which Commons representation is made in 1952 after the 1951 census. The last redistribution was decided after each decennial census, and the next change will not be made until 1961.



REMEMBERING THE PRICE

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Counter-Stroke In Sight

In Britain going to be the first in the field in finding a counter-stroke to the guided missile? That was one question that was left hanging in the air when correspondents from Britain and overseas crowded into the conference room of the Air Ministry here.

As their ammunition they had a slim, nine-page pamphlet with the cumbersome title of "Memorandum by the Secretary of State for Air to Accompany the Air Estimates, 1957-58."

In a sense, the pamphlet was a burial service for the Service that has blazed its way to glory across the skies. There was talk of bombers but only for the next few years. There was talk of fighters — with the proviso that the next one to come off the stocks, the super-sonic P. 1, was to be the last to have the famous red, white and blue roundels painted on them.

The realities of the problem came in the next remark pitched in: "But a great technical effort will be needed, and that costs a money." Nearly the Servicemen have landed, the baby right back into the laps of the British Treasury — and that Treasury is not at all keen on spending money these days.

OTTAWA (CP)—Although every Commons member has one vote in Parliament, there are wide differences in the number of persons each represents.

There is another exception to the rule of setting provincial membership according to population. It provides that no province shall have fewer seats in the Commons than it has in the Senate.

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.

OUR SO-CALLED TEMPERANCE ACT

Sir,—Whoever wrote "Consistency (you art a jewel rare)," must have known about Prince Edward Island's "Temperance Act."

When you buy a bottle of liquor "legally" you must take it home by the most direct route. Really you should hire a helicopter and drop down in your own back yard to avoid making a detour.

If you are travelling through New Brunswick and buy a bottle of liquor legally there for the purpose of taking it home, and if, as you made the purchase, the officers will seize your liquor and your car and you will be ordered to pay a heavy fine or go to jail and you also lose your car.

Liquor regulations if sensibly enforced are useful in stopping traffic in liquor but the over anxiety of enforcement officers for convictions has led to many injustices.

over to an independent commission, as in the United Kingdom. NOT STRICTLY APPLIED

The population rule is not strictly applied in dividing up constituencies within each province. It is generally considered that urban ridings should have larger populations than rural ones.

Some of the 21 were in the Toronto and Montreal districts. But in Halifax constituency, which returns two Commons members and each voter can pick two candidates, 124,316 votes were cast.

Smallest is Montreal Cartier, covering seven-tenths of a square mile.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M.D.

IF HOARSENESS PERSISTS BETTER SEE YOUR DOCTOR

Hoarseness generally is nothing to become concerned about—if it isn't persistent.

There can be many acute and chronic laryngitis, influenza, benign or malignant tumors, trichinosis, even allergy.

A fairly common cause of persistent hoarseness is the paralysis of one vocal cord. This comes about by pressure on the recurrent laryngeal nerve such as sometimes occurs in thyroid disease.

Fortunately, a simple examination of the larynx usually discloses the source of the trouble. In some cases, X-rays of the chest, sinuses, larynx and esophagus will help in the diagnosis.

Medicated steam inhalations can be quite helpful, too. QUESTION AND ANSWER

J.R.: Can a cyst of the ovary turn into cancer? Answer: Some cysts do turn cancerous. If you have a cyst, you should be under the frequent observation of your physician.

APRIL'S THE MONTH... April's the month no old man thinks of dying. He's toughed it through the winter; now he'd putter.

April's the month no old man spends in sitting. Besides a stove, and dulled by spells of snoozing; waiting till neighbors call with scraps of newsing.

April's the month no old man wastes in giving. Small growls at a lame knee which came each snowing. Liliae are nigh, and every rooster's crowing;

April's the month an old man thinks of living. —Adin Ballou, in the New York Herald-Tribune

The Age Old Story

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 4, 1932)

The opportunity of Prince Edward Island developing an extensive market for barley at premium prices is reported by Mr. J. W. Boulter, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 4, 1947) By a unanimous vote the City Council rescinded last evening the resolution which, twenty-four hours before, it had passed by a vote of four to three making Daylight Saving Time effective in the city on Sunday.

The S. S. Stiggorthen which was scheduled to arrive in Summerside two days ago will dock tomorrow. The ship will take on a cargo of about 250 carloads of potatoes for Great Britain.

WIND INSTRUMENT The ancient musical instrument, the sackbut, was an early form of the trombone.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It takes a man to admit he's wrong, but it usually takes a woman to prove it.—Brandon Sun

It's not fashionable to pay as you go, for everyone prefers to pay after he has went.—Moose Jaw Times-Herald

"Thieves rob piggy banks," says news headline. We always thought Dad was the only one who did that.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review

Great Britain is experimenting with oil tankers made of nylon. "Come to the bridge immediately, captain, we've just sprung a run."—Hamilton Spectator

The polar bear (Thalarctos maritimus Subsp.) continues to be hunted in the American Arctic Circle. Those responsible seem to be the sportsmen who hunt the bear from aircraft, causing justifiable resentment from the local Eskimos for whom the animal provides so many necessities of life.

Three Toronto papers are on the griddle for working on Sunday. Just how does the Lord's Day Alliance get around the business of a newspaper reporter covering a church service?—Sarnia Canadian Observer

Art so often foreshadows reality. Thus, T. S. Eliot said that April was the cruelest month long before it was chosen for the collection of income taxes.—Hamilton Spectator

Linguistically, Japan has adapted itself increasingly to the 12-year presence of Americans first as conquerors, now as allies. "O-kay" and "hallo" are settled parts of the Nippon vocabulary.

POTATO GROWERS

Treatment of Potato Seed is urgently recommended both by our Inspection Department and Research People. It is not expensive and can be done with little extra trouble.

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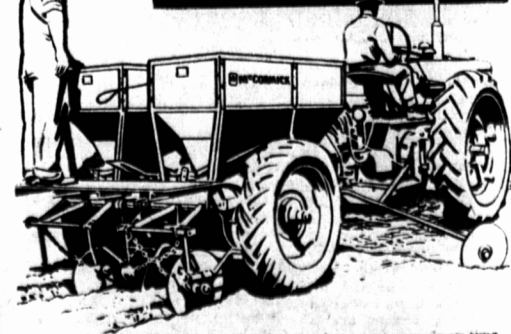
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