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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest link"

Highway Safeguards

Any move in the direction of reducing highway accidents deserves careful study, and there is no doubt that the suggestions advanced in the Legislature on Monday with regard to modernizing the system of signal lights at railroad crossings and increasing the number of road signs and centre line markings, fall into this category. Many of the signs at rail crossings, it was pointed out, are visible but outmoded; they are suited rather to the horse and buggy days than to the fast traffic of today. Special reference was made to the Kensington crossing, where four accidents have occurred in the past year. But there are many other crossings where improvement could be made, from the motorist's viewpoint; and it is from this viewpoint that the efficiency, or inefficiency, of such safeguards should be assessed.

Whether this is a federal, provincial or municipal responsibility is surely a small question to resolve. There is responsibility on all concerned; the first responsibility being that of getting together and working out a satisfactory method of procedure. We are fully in accord with Health Minister MacNeill when he stressed the need of a "positive approach." Adequate lights on every crossing, as he said, would be a small expense weighed against the lives that may be saved. The Provincial Government would be well advised to take the lead in this matter, as it has done in other matters of concern to the travelling public.

As for the proposed investigation of highway deaths by a continuing committee comprised of representatives of three provincial departments, this would seem to be quite unnecessary in view of the responsibility now vested in the attorney general's department in this connection. Our system of coroner's inquests has worked well, and it has done so because it is directly under the control of one responsible minister of the Crown. However, in the matter of safety precautions which are needed in keeping the necessity for such inquests at a minimum, both the highways department and the health department could co-operate to advantage with the attorney general.

This discussion in the Legislature was well worth while, and we note that it was approached by members on both sides with due seriousness and with obvious conviction that there is urgent need for improvement.

Not Included

Preliminary figures for 1961 show that while Canada has a positive balance in international trade for the first time since 1952, our trade deficit with the United States still hovers around the $700 million mark. With a view to remedying this situation to some extent, the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa is bringing buyers from the United States to show them Canadian goods. The project will provide the opportunity for Canadian businessmen to show their counterparts from U.S. centres just what they have to offer.

Under present plans some 400 buyers—most of them representing department stores—will be flown to Canada for exhibits at Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver in aircraft chartered by the federal government. The provinces, which have been made fully aware of the plan, are asked to offer their co-operation. It will be up to Canadian manufacturers, however, to do an adequate follow-up. Trade Minister Hees has stated that good design is essential if Canadian products are to compete with low-priced foreign goods. Efficient delivery and services are also most important factors.

It will be noted that the Atlantic Provinces are not included in this itinerary. Surely we have something in this area to interest many classes of American buyers; yet the nearest they will come to seeing our wares will be Montreal, where, of course, it will be Quebec manufactures that will hold the limelight. We could not have expected them to come to Charlottetown in any case, of course; but we expect strong complaint to be made by our sister provinces at this neglect of Atlantic regional interests, and we are prepared in advance to indorse this complaint to the full.

The Lord's Day Act

There was considerable controversy last summer over the operation of the Lord's Day Act, both in this province and in other parts of Canada. This is a federal statute, but the responsibility for enforcing it seems to be one of those things which no government approaches with much enthusiasm. The matter came up in the House of Commons this week, in the form of some amendments with respect to the operation of coin laundries on Sundays. The amendments were thrown out because, in the words of Justice Minister Fulton, representations to the government showed that "views varied widely on the subject, depending on the area or the organization involved."

"The whole question," said Mr. Fulton, "has been carefully considered both in general and in the light of individual representations and the conclusion is that it would not be appropriate or desirable to bring in amendments to the Lord's Day Act at the present session." The situation regarding coin laundries and other coin-operated machines could, he suggested, be most suitably dealt with "on a local basis by the provincial legislatures, which are now in session, without making an amendment of general application to the Act."

Why this latitude with respect to one law and not others? Mr. Fulton didn't quite succeed in explaining that. The nearest he got to it was in stating that it was of general application respecting Sunday observance but that "variations from the general law may be enacted by the provincial legislatures so as to reflect regional or local views and requirements in respect of particular activities." And he went on, generously, to invite provincial legislatures to enact "any legislation that may be desired to provide exemptions from the ban on transaction of business on Sundays." They can also authorize Sunday sport, he indicated.

There the matter rests—not very comfortably—between two stools.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Australia is having a big redistribution of electorates based on its 1961 census returns. There the total number of seats in the House of Representatives, after redistribution, will fall from 122 to 120. The number of members from New South Wales will drop from 46 to 45, from Queensland from 18 to 17, and from Western Australia from 9 to 8. Victorian representation in the House will rise from 33 to 34, while South Australia and Tasmania will retain 11 and five representatives, respectively.

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The first of three million spring flowers which will culminate in the Canadian Tulip Festival in May have now begun to bloom in Ottawa. The first to peek through the ground were a few thousand crocuses in the lawns around the National War Memorial. They'll be followed in the next few weeks by a million more on the same site, as well as on the lawns of Parliament Hill and the city's 33-mile driveway system. About the middle of April a million daffodils will arrive. Then, during the May festival, more than a million tulips will be in bloom, outshining any other flowers and drawing thousands of visitors to the capital.

SEED CATALOGUE TIME

THE EARLE FAMILY

Fine Record Of Service To Community

(Contributed)

The recent passing of Miss Amy Earle marks the end of the active and distinguished contribution to the life of Charlottetown of one of the most remarkable families in the history of the City. She was the last of eleven Earles, who, for, eighty years, lavishly shared the family's abundant supply of artistic accomplishment and Christian charity. They had very little money and they were dogged by constant illness. But friends they had in abundance, and they were happy in their service. They enjoyed the respect and affection of their contemporaries and they deserve an honoured place in the history of the Island.

The father of the family, Samuel N. Earle, was born in Newfoundland in 1845 and came to Charlottetown in 1866 at the age of twenty-one. He was an accomplished musician and he played the organ in St. Pauls Church for 53 years and the Methodist Church for 7 years. Generations of Islanders took lessons from him and many choirs and choruses enjoyed his leadership over 60 years.

In his day Professor Earle was a pioneer in bringing opera, oratorio, and musicals to Charlottetown. He organized singers for his productions and musicians for his orchestras and many brilliant nights were enjoyed by the public in the old Opera House in the City and in various halls throughout the province. He directed most of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas; he was the first to do them here, and he was the last until after the second world war. And there was never a charity concert without "Sammy" Earle participating in some capacity, and few public celebrations without his music given with joy and enthusiasm.

HIGHLY SKILLED

The hands so skilled at the organ, piano and other instruments, were rarely matched with a gun. He was one of the best shots in the Province and his hunting was a recreation to him and a source of amazement to those who shared his outings.

When Samuel Earle died at 90 in 1934 a large part of the cultural history of the community died with him. He was a great citizen.

Mrs. Earle was the former Julia Douse, a gracious lady who devoted her long life to her husband's work, her church, and her large family.

The Earles had nine talented children to share their work and to carry it almost to our own day.

Florence, Mrs. W.E. Bentley, was one of Charlottetown's most gifted soloists who sang in the Kirk Choir for years. Ernest led the St. Peters choir when a youth and played the cornet in local bands. He was with the Royal Bank for 25 years, and in later years in the brokerage business in Vancouver. William, also a fine singer, was manager of the Bell Telephone Company in Brockville. Marion led the Baptist choir in her earlier years until prolonged ill health kept her at home.

Amy ran the Free Dispensary for many years. Charles worked in the Royal Bank, then in commercial travelling, and later in the wholesale fish business, singing, it might be said, almost everywhere. Helen also worked in the Royal Bank in Vancouver. Kathleen, who sang in the St. Pauls choir, was bookkeeper at the Irwin Printing Company and at J.T. Crocket's Ltd. Lillian succeeded her father as organist at St. Pauls and was a gracious, kindly teacher and friend to many.

SET FINE EXAMPLE

The story of all the Earles would be a long one, and we might let that of Amy and that of Charles be illustrations. Amy was an example of charity at its finest. Through the efforts of her Free Dispensary she gave help and encouragement to numerous needy citizens over many years, and she did it quietly and unostentatiously. Her work, in the days of social services, was immense and of far reaching effect. For it she received the M.B.E. from the Sovereign and lasting gratitude from her contemporaries.

Charles, or Charlie as everyone called him, gave the community, "free of charge" the pleasure of a glorious baritone voice and, of a warm, friendly personality. He sang in numerous churches and at virtually all concerts. He was unrivalled at a party and would sit at the piano and entertain his listeners with a wide repetoire of songs. He always had a smile and a story for his friends. And few men had more friends.

The family was close-knit. Their home was happy. Their abilities, interests and friendships were wide, and their leadership in music was of special importance. The service they did their community through the happiness they gave so freely was great. The resulting impact of the Earles on their generations, felt in countless ways by countless people, is a distinguished and shining force in the cultural and charitable history of Charlottetown.

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PUBLIC FORUM

CARPENTERS' WORK

Sir, — I would like to take up a small space in your paper about employment for carpenters, as I see in The Guardian where one of our members from Third Kings wants people to fix up their places and buildings before 1964. I think if they left the situation the way it was you could get a carpenter a lot easier. It is all right for anybody that is building a barn or cabins, but when it comes to repairing a house you can't get a carpenter, for they get no stamps. The only thing you can do now is to hire a bunch of contractors which is going to cost a person a lot more money. So that is not helping the farmers, which our members are supposed to do when they come around looking for votes. So I guess we will have to let our houses fall down. I think that they should shift it back the way it was so you could get a carpenter whenever you wanted one to repair your house.

I am, Sir, etc.
ONE WAITING.

Clyde River.

CO-OPERATION NEEDED

Sir,— Having read the article in your paper of March 31, on freight airlift for P.E.I., I would say that it is as sensible as talking about moving a mountain from N.B. and filling the strait for a causeway, although it seems inevitable that with a dozen or more American interests and the passing of another generation a causeway will be built (an international venture no doubt). New industries are being started and tobacco growing looks promising, but potatoes are the main crop here and will be so long as there is red soil and red blooded men to plant them.

As for the suggestion of the Kensington Board of Trade that the Government keep out of the potato business, who do they think is in a better position to provide a market and price for them? They indirectly control everything else and we are paying them to do so.

Now before the farmers of western Canada could get a suitable price for their wheat, did they start growing cotton or tobacco. No! the answer lies in greater co-operative efforts by the so-called small farmers of P.E.I.

Sure this is a small place compared to the rest of Canada, and two or three men don't seem to get much results when they go to Ottawa; but let 200 or 300 go, as the western farmers did, and watch the reaction! It would bring results plus front page news across the nation or wherever an Island potato was sold.

A great need exists in P.E.I. and especially Queens County for more co-operative efforts among farmers. Co-op housing developments are being started in the cities and towns; why not among the farmers? If in doubt look at the efforts and accomplishments in West Prince among farmers and fishermen and lately in an adult education program.

Leadership is greatly needed and especially in rural communities. We should endeavour to inspire our young people to take part and develop a sound interest in co-operative work and do what we can to keep our leaders here where they are needed so badly by their own people.

I am, Sir, etc.,
READER,

Pleasant Grove, P.E.I.

MONUMENT MISSING

Sir,— Back in the 1820's or 30's, according, to provincial records, a Commission was set up to establish the direction of Township lines throughout this Province. Apparently this Commission, made up of high ranking Navy men and residents of Charlottetown, travelled around the Province checking these lines. That this procedure was followed is assumed from an item in the report stating that, compared with Astronomic North, the Township lines were a fairly uniform 15 degrees 30 minutes to the left of true North, except in the vicinity of Wood Islands where considerably more variation was found.

When the field work was completed they were instructed to set up monuments in Victoria Park indicating the line of Astronomic North. This was done and the monuments may still be found in the park.

Some time later, perhaps at the request of land surveyors, a new Commission was set, up to lay off the direction to be used in the re-running of Township lines, etc. Apparently this was authorized by Act of the Provincial Legislature.

In this case only one extra monument was necessary, as the south boundary indicating Astronomic North was used as the south monument for the direction of the Township lines. The northern indicator was an old cannon barrel — at least it was there in 1915 when I first saw it. It was placed very carefully in a verticle position with the muzzle about level with the ground and it had a pole about 5 feet long projecting from the barrel.

Apparently this monument is no longer in the place where it was set and seems to have been replaced by a slab of concrete about 2 x 4 feet in size. Was this slab used to cover the monument, or was the gun barrel removed and the slab used to cover the resulting hole?

As this monument was established by virtue of an Act of the

Tests Indicate Adults Immune To Mump Attack

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

MUMPS, a winter — spring disease, usually is mild— so much so that one-third of all cases escape detection particularly in children. The majority recovers completely because the most discussed compication involvement of the sex glands, does not occur before puberty.

When an adult is exposed he is likely to be concerned about the possibility of becoming infected. Those who have had mumps need not worry because the chances are they are immune. But what about those who never had mumps or who do not recall an attack of this disease?

Skin tests show that most adults are immune. It is here that we must return to the one-third of all the cases that escaped detection. They have had the disease, explaining why the majority of adolescents and adults without a history of mumps are immune and do not develop it when exposed.

Dr. Richard M. Angie of Santa Fe, N.M., handles the problem in a more logical way. He does a mumps skin test on all doubtful adolescents and adults to determine susceptibility. Originally he tried it on 170 persons who had been exposed to mumps, usually within the family, but in whom there was no personal history of the disease.

The test was positive in 151 of the 170, demonstrating immunity to the disease. None developed mumps. Of the 19 with negative or questionable reactions, 17 were immunized. Some received the protective serum and others the vaccine; the remainder received both. None who received both developed mumps; those not protected or only partially protected contracted the condition.

This study indicates the majority of adults are immune, and the few that are not should receive the protective serum and vaccine. The skin test ought to be given prior to the development of mumps in the family because the vaccine works best when given early.

(Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.)

NAIL BITING FAMILY

A. Y. writes: Can nail biting be cured? I'm in the menopause and this habit is of long standing but seems to be worse than when I was younger. My mother also bites her nails as well as an uncle and several aunts I understand my maternal grandmother did, too.

REPLY

Nail biting is a sign of emotional immaturity and nervousness. Good mental health begins in the home and children are handicapped by parents who never developed emotional stability. Nail biting that has persisted through three generations may be on this basis.

STOMACH LACKS ACID

B. C. G. writes: Is no acid in the stomach a sure sign of pernicious anemia?

REPLY

No, even though everyone with pernicious anemia lacks hydrochloric acid in the stomach. A blood count will be necessary to Butt he opposite also is true in that many normal persons have no acid.

COFFEE AND ULCER

K. F. writes: Is black coffee more harmful for a person with ulcer than coffee with cream?

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—

Don't make the banquet circuit a short circuit to trouble.

NOTES BY THE WAY

First caterpillar: Gosh, just look at that butterfly whizz by. Second caterpillar: Real fast. They'll never get me up in one. — Hamilton Spectator.

Two heads aren't better than one when they are those of a courting couple side by side behind a steering wheel. — Chatham News.

"Good motherhood can be learned," says a women's page of a Montreal newspaper. But we still think it's something a child must be born with. — Ottawa Journal.

"Few women have any knowledge of parliamentary law." "You don't know my wife. She's been speaker in the house for 25 years." — Montreal Star.

Hidden in the mass of news of bickering nations and falling stocks, a brief item from London adds a sweet note worth remembering. Trappist monks from Caldey Island in the Bristol channel were in London for a party to promote the sale of perfume made in their abbey from herbs and flowers on the Island. — Washington Post.

When children become critical of their parents, it's time to cut out their vitamins. They are learning too quickly.—Brandon Sun.

A wealthy Texas oilman cashed a huge personal cheque which came back from the bank with insufficient Funds stamped across its face. Beneath the unstamped words was the handwritten notation: "Not you—us." —Gal Reporter.

As an illustration of imagination at work, consider the story of the blind beggar. He found his tin cup filled and running over when he changed his "I am blind" sign for one reading "It is springtime and I am blind." — Royal Bank Letter.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals professes to be baffled because more stray dogs have been reported over the past few years in Brooklyn than in any other New York borough. Perhaps it's been due to the wide popularity of that novel first published a decade ago. "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn." — Hamilton Spectator.

No Solution In Sight

By Harold Morrison
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The United States and Russia likely will resume negotiations on the Berlin crisis soon, but American diplomatic quarters caution against any assumption that a compromise solution is in sight.

The only encouraging sign, they say, is that the Russians—Instead of whipping up a new diplomatic storm—are showing willingness to talk.

Soviet Premier Khrushchev has delayed implementing his long-standing threat to sign a separate peace treaty with Communist East Germany. His original peace treaty deadline was last December and he has set no new ultimatum.

Moreover, at the opening sessions of the 17-country disarmament talks at Geneva, American sources said Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko displayed eagerness for renewal of the Berlin talks, discussing the issue with State Secretary Rusk in a friendly manner.

HAVEN'T BUDGED

But the key point in the issue, says an American authority close to the problem, is that the Russians haven't budged an inch from their original demands and their original intentions—to get the Western Allies out of West Berlin and to win Western recognition for the Communist East German regime.

The U.S. has attempted to concentrate discussions on the day - to - day operations of the Autobahn linking West Berlin with West Germany and has proposed the highway, running through Communist territory, be placed under international control.

Russia ridiculed this proposal but Rusk has been informed, in his talks with Gromyko, that there might be some compromise on this proposal provided the Western powers recognize East Germany's physical entitlement to the access route.

Rusk has countered that while this might be construed as recognition of East Germany and therefore unacceptable, East Germans might be included in the international control team. This would not require U.S. recognition of the East German regime. In fact, the West deals with East German guards on border points as agents of Russia.

Previous to Geneva, the exploratory talks on Berlin were conducted at Moscow by Gromyko and U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson, now in Washington consulting with Rusk. It is thought possible that the new talks might be opened this time in Washington between Rusk and his associates and the new Soviet ambassador, Anatoli Dobrynin.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
April 4, 1937

Miss Catherine MacLean, director of the Red Cross Society for New Brunswick, is leaving today to attend the Red Cross Central Council meeting in Toronto. Miss MacLean who will be spending some time in her duties as Junior Red Cross Director in Prince Edward Island, will be returning to New Brunswick next week.

K. M. Martin, vice-president of the Boy Scouts Association, presided at the monthly meeting of the Council, in the Tourist Bureau, Monday afternoon. A great deal of routine business was transacted. The only out-of-town guest was Mr. A. P. Ceretti, of Borden.

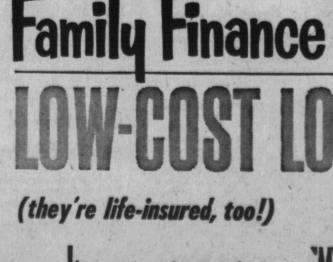
TEN YEARS AGO
(April 4, 1952)

The new building that will house the dial system and offices of the Island Telephone Company in Charlottetown is expected to be completed sometime in June. Dialing equipment for the project is expected to arrive in November. It is believed that the actual installation of the dial system will take about six or seven months.

Mrs. G. S. Inman, Montague, Provincial president of Liberal Women's Organization and Mrs Russell Roper, Charlottetown will represent the Liberal Women of Prince Edward Island during a two-day meeting of the National Federation of Liberal Women of Canada. The meeting is being held in the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa.

The Age Old Story

When he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son.



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