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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Battle Of The Atlantic Sunday

Tomorrow is being observed across Canada as Battle of the Atlantic Sunday and Canadians from coast to coast will recall the grim struggle to keep open the ocean supply line to Britain, threatened by the U-boat, surface raider and long range bomber.

It was a long, drawn-out battle, fought with skill and determination on both sides. The merchant navy carried in the vital supplies despite heavy losses and the navies of the Allies met and eventually triumphed over the U-boat menace.

Canada has contributed the greater part of two support groups, squadrons of shore-based planes and, above all, ships of the escort groups whose lot, though arduous and dangerous, was seldom brightened by the spectacular successes of the striking forces. By 1944 this country had become the principal custodian of the trade convoys crossing the Atlantic to the United Kingdom.

Safety Week Campaign

The first Highway and Traffic Safety Week ever held in Prince Edward Island was launched successfully last year under the auspices of the Charlottetown Junior Chamber of Commerce. This year's observance is scheduled for next week, and all our citizens are being invited to join in making it an outstanding event. The Provincial Department of Public Works and Highways, the R. C. M. P. and the Charlottetown police force are giving their active support, the country schools are being circularized by the Department of Education, and a full week's programme of activities has been arranged.

A timely introduction to the campaign was the letter on traffic safety appearing in the Public Forum recently from Chief of Police MacArthur. Emphasis was placed by Chief MacArthur on the fact that laws, in themselves, are inadequate to safeguard the travelling public unless they have behind them the full support and co-operation of our citizens. This is the whole purpose of Safety Week—to arouse public opinion to the need of constant care and vigilance, both in the handling and operation of motor vehicles and in the observance generally of all-traffic regulations, including the practice of courtesy and consideration for others which is most important of all.

In making this campaign an annual event, the Junior Chamber of Commerce has shown laudable initiative and there is no question but that it will prove of far-reaching value to the community.

Taking The Initiative

Something new in agricultural marketing have been the price agreements made by Ontario cheese producers with the British Ministry of Food and the Canadian trade. According to the Ottawa Journal, this is the first time that organized primary producers in Canada have successfully negotiated for the bulk sale of their product, the first time a group of producers in Canada have concluded a firm contract with the British Government. For eleven years now these annual contracts have been negotiated between the two governments, with the Canadian producers having little or nothing to say in the matter.

Last year Britain paid 25 cents for cheese, and the Canadian Government bonused it three cents a pound. The contract for 20 million pounds just concluded by the Ontario producers is for 32 cents at seaboard, returning slightly better than 30 cents at the factory.

In addition the producers' organization has made agreements for a minimum price for cheese sold to the trade in Canada, something that is entirely new in the trade. This is 36 cents at the factory, with the trade able to bid above that price if they want supplies badly enough. The two prices, export and domestic, are to be blended so that all producers will share equally.

The net result, says the Journal, is a fair assurance to cheese-milk producers they will receive this summer considerably more than the average price last year, a price so low in comparison to growing costs that it threatened to wipe out the once thriving cheese industry in Eastern Ontario.

Farm Accidents

Farm accidents are more numerous and more serious than one might think. In the United States for example where there are now probably less than 5.5 million farms, there were in 1949, a total of 17,000 farm deaths due to accidents and 1,650,000 injuries. The average days lost per accident varied from 11 to 31, according to type of accident, for 1,927 of these accidents, and the average medical cost per accident ranged from \$19 to \$64.

Agriculture ranked third highest in death rate per 100,000 workers, among eight large occupational groups in the U. S. No comparable figures for Canada are readily available, but certainly accidents do occur in large numbers, and it is pertinent to inquire what kind of accidents these are, which happen to farm folk. The chances are that close to three-quarters of all farm accidents happen to males. Falls account for about one in five; about five out of eight farm accidents occur either on the farm or in the farm home, and the remaining three on the highway.

Nearly half of all farm deaths from accidental causes involve mechanical equipment of some kind, automobiles, trucks, tractors and farm machinery. This implies that most accidents occur during the busy seasons, when there is much work to be done and often not quite enough time to do it in.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, Trinity Sunday.

S. D. U. graduation takes place on Monday. The big day for P. W. C. falls on Friday, the 25th.

Guides and Brownies are much in evidence taking part in their annual Raisin Day campaign.

Charlottetown's Little Theatre players are assured of the good wishes of all in representing the Maritimes in London tonight with their production, "Papa Is All."

The film short, "The Oysterman," tells graphically all about scientific oyster culture but with enough of the delights of oyster eating to make theatre goers wish there were an R in May.

They have some funny people other than C. C. F. in Saskatchewan. For instance, Corny Friesen, 35-year-old bachelor plans to marry his grandfather's 42-year-old widow on May 27. Friesen's grandfather died a year ago. His widow was his third wife.

The Canadian Society of Dentistry for Children seems agreed that we can build immunity to tooth decay by a high protein diet. Carbohydrates, it seems, are the villains which produce lactic acid in the mouth to lead to tooth decay.

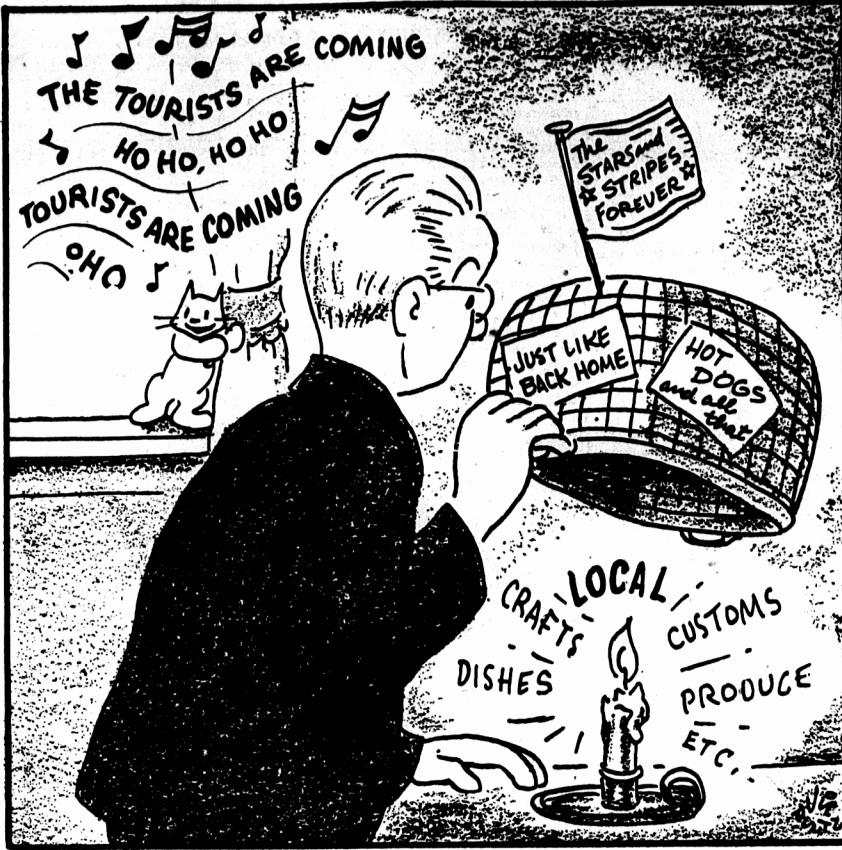
In 1942 Britain purchased 3,000 cartons of honey from Canada, and stored it in Liverpool. While in storage, air raids damaged the warehouse, and made the removal of the honey too hazardous. Eight years later it was placed on the market and only ten tins were completely unusable. Otherwise the quality was reported as excellent.

James Boswell, biographer of Samuel Johnson, died this date 1795. Son of a Scottish judge, he early went to London and published poems, two works on Corsica, a defence of Archibald Douglas to the dukedom of Douglas, a series of papers in the "London Magazine" and his "Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides." His major work, of course, is his "Life of Dr. Johnson" but his newly discovered and published "London Journal" is reviving his interest to the public.

Two special commemorative postage stamps will be issued on the 25th June to honour two former Prime Ministers, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Laird Borden and the Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King. These two postage stamp issues will be the first of a series of postage stamps to be issued in the course of the next few years displaying portraits of those former Prime Ministers who have not previously had their portraits reproduced on postage stamps.

Visitors in cars to Montreal must have all their wits about them these days. As if Montreal motorists didn't have enough under their skins with the new \$5 parking tickets, traffic gendarmes have started calling the letter of the law on an old but long neglected regulation. This one states it is illegal to park your motor vehicle more than six inches from the curb. Mounted Constable 1096, says the Gazette, was handing them out on Union Avenue and there were no buts about it. So if one has grown careless about how close he works in to the curb when parking the family buggy, he is warned to get it within six inches or be prepared for a \$5 penalty.

Let's Be Canadian



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.

Turnover Tax Off

Sir,—Please permit us to offer our congratulations on the part your paper played in informing Canadians fully of the dangers that existed in the hasty and ill-considered Turnover Tax amendment of the British North America Act. The Turnover Tax proposal is at least shelved and may never be revived. Every good citizen will appreciate the efforts of a large section of the press, in which your paper participated, in subjecting the matter to public scrutiny. Certainly the already-overburdened taxpayer will be grateful that through the force of aroused public opinion he has been spared the added burden of an unfair and unwise hidden retail sales tax. I am, Sir, etc. C. J. HARRIS Secretary Canadian Unity Council Room 4, 207 College St., Toronto, 5, Ont.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) STUDENT DAYS AT P. W. C. "The principal was Alexander Anderson. Of the many teachers I have since known, he was the best. His authority was absolute; therefore he was never known to exercise it. He was of short and massive frame, erect and unbending. He had a powerful head, beautifully modelled, with brilliant, dark and humorous eyes, abundant grizzled hair that stood up as straight as himself, and a well-cut beard. His dress and lines were faultless; his deportment if he were a sergeant-major on parade; his grey beaver hat and golden stick were symbols of majesty. "He had two hundred scholars under his control, and in two years he never administered to any one so much as a rebuke, unless a whimsical bantering reference to his youthful folly might be construed as such. He treated the crude boys as if they were young gentlemen determined to become scholars and win by their scholarship any highest place in the world. But he was known to have an immense reserve of savage sarcasm which none but a fool would let loose. "A breach of discipline was looked upon by himself and his pupils as an offence against his own dignity and therefore against the eternal order of the universe. He had for his support the whole official community. Members of the government, of the judiciary, and of the professions had all passed through his school, and they retained for him a respect and fear not unminged with affection. In addition the best schools were taught by his pupils, and they helped to propagate the legend of his power. "He loved to teach. That was his secret. The subjects were few. Greek, Latin, mathematics, English, French, for English, Shakespeare was his text. He would read whole plays and expound their setting. That was his method of teaching ancient history. He would devote a day in turn to the masters of English prose, reading from their writings and describing the circumstances in which they were written. That was his method of teaching modern history. There were textbooks, of course, of Greek, Roman, and English history, and of English literature; but these texts were learned in seclusion, and by "learning" was meant the ability to repeat them word by word as one would say the ten commandments. "This teacher had a curious idea that boys came to school to learn; not to waste their time, or their

The Poet's Corner

FARMER

His face is a copper coin that Time has dented With fingers of ice, with breath of scorching fire; Yet down through seasons mild and blossom-scented He has pursued the course of his desire. Rough are Time's hands upon his flesh and spirit. But something in his face makes townmen stand And envy him, and all he must inherit. His pride and wonder in his hard-sown land. Unconquerable and brave, he proudly shakes A fist at Fate, and then starts in again. Seeing beyond the rows the narrow breaks A wide and golden ocean of ripe grain. While in his eyes a look of serene weather Affirms that he and peace walk close together. —June Harward.

The Age-Old Story

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel without knowledge? . . . Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. . . Hath not the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew? . . . Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

Books Received

THIS IS NEW BRUNSWICK by Dr. Jessie I. Lawson and Jean M. Sweet (The Ryerson Press, Toronto 202 pp. \$3.50, illustrated), is an interesting and very readable travelogue of a holiday spent getting to know our neighboring Province. The authors have intriguing tales about everything seen and a good eye for quaintness, beauty or drama of the modern scene. The personalities of the writers, however, never intrude so that the reader finds that it is he or she and a friend who are welcomed near Edmundston, explore the St. John River and Grand Lake areas, the south and up the east coast to Bay Chaleur and the Gaspé coast.

COLUMBUS, O., May 17 —(AP) —The Ohio Legislature today passed a bill permitting husbands to sue wives for alimony.

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Notes By The Way

An American was arrested the other day for tearing up dollar bills. Who did he think he was — the government? — Hamilton Spectator.

One thing the census is almost certain to show is that British Columbia and Alberta have run away from Saskatchewan and Manitoba in the population race during the last 10-year period. British Columbia has displaced Saskatchewan from first place, and Alberta has climbed above the big wheat Province which led the way in 1941. — (The Lethbridge Herald).

One afternoon recently the employees of Colonial Airlines took time out to participate in what has become a happy annual custom of the line: the celebration of safety. All along the 3,182-mile route of the line birthday cakes were cut and large ornamental safety pins were fastened to lapels, for Colonial had just completed its twenty-first year of operation without a single fatal-ty or serious accident to passenger or crew member. Probably no other major form of transport can boast of such a safety record. In twenty-one years Colonial carried 522,204 passengers and made an estimated 522,204 landings and take-offs without mishap. It has flown in all seasons and in just about every kind of weather. Credit for the remarkable record is due to every employe of the line, with perhaps a special nod to maintenance and operating personnel. But essentially safety in the operating of an airline is indivisible. And every employe of the airline whose motto is "Safety Is No Accident" knows that full well. — New York Times.

This is one of the points of a too-short year at which if we do what is asked of us we will be fulfilled. Busy tiding up the while we take thought to enjoying the results of our work. For this is both Beautification Week and Swimming and Water Safety Week. One no more deserves emphasis than the other. The need of one we see all around us, that of the other in the statistics of drowning fatalities which every summer season brings. If bathing is not on anyone's mind yet, boating is, on one occasion or another, and there has already been one triple tragedy in local waters to drive home the importance of taking care. The answer to the conspicuously high drowning toll every year is not hard to find. A great many enjoy bathing, but only one in ten can swim. Any of the other nine, getting into an unsafe spot as it is easy to do, is likely to drown. The course of good sense is to learn to swim, above all for parents to give their children every encouragement and opportunity to learn. There are not many, what with Y and civic groups for whom that is out of the question in this city. There is, of course, a bit more to being safe in the water than learning to swim. There is judgment in deciding when and where to swim, care and competence in handling boats. It is a full "course" the Red Cross offers in this connection. Let us hope that the efforts it has been making in recent years will begin soon to produce measurable results. We are buying summer fun at too high a price when it involves nearly three hundred drownings. — Montreal Star.

When the four occupying powers in Vienna rotate every month and their national flags are lowered and raised, their troops salute these emblems — British, American, Russian and French. It is only military punctilio, yet it may have some kind of symbolism at that. These salutes may prove to be the augury of some future day when the first flag in the world will be the United Nation Flag, entitled to universal priority. Neither the "cold war" nor international divisions can last forever. One day man will be a citizen of the world, proud of the land of his birth but owing first allegiance to a parliament of the world. — London Free Press.

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