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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Friendly Rivalry

Farmers throughout the Province will be showing stock and produce here during Old Home Week, not however, in a spirit of downing the other man but rather to help one and all to improve the quality of their products.

The lone breeder of high grade stock has little opportunity to profit, but when a whole community raises its standards the market for the high quality product more than keeps pace with the steadily increasing supply.

Hyde Park Again

In a few hours at Hyde Park, during the middle of World War Two, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister King solved one of our most pressing war problems. The United States in effect hired some of the industrial capacity of Canada to build munitions.

In Ottawa during the next few days officials of the two countries will meet to work out details of a greatly increased exchange of armaments—in fact, to revive Hyde Park to the extent necessary to underpin the joint defence of North America.

The absence of a joint plan of weapon manufacture and exchange is the main reason offered by the Canadian Government for our army's present alarming shortage of modern weapons.

That the reduction in army estimates was a mistake is obvious in retrospect but when it was made the Government of Canada, like the governments of the free world at large, did not anticipate the Korean crisis and the larger crisis of power behind it.

"A Sorry Misnomer"

A paradox of present day economics is the sense of disillusionment that has come even to the most ardent advocates of planning. Trouble, of course, is that while planning works pretty well when only the hazards of nature and the King's enemies have to be reckoned with, it is apt to go all askew when exposed to the even greater hazards of politics.

Consider, for example, the fate of a good deal of the sort of planning that was popular in Ottawa immediately prior to and following the end of World War II. The economic brain trust of that time was firmly convinced that Canada was in for a depression. So family allowances were introduced on the ground that this would cushion any decline in purchasing power.

wheat has gone up, and the farmers are demanding compensation from the Government for losses suffered.

There is nothing wrong with planning when the environment is solely economic. But, as The Montreal Gazette points out, even when a plan becomes economically indefensible, if made by a government it remains politically untouchable.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Junior Farmers are literally having a field day at Upton.

The poultry yard is the busiest place at present, and likely to remain so as long as the prices of eggs and chickens are on the ascendant.

Flying by air to camp helps to recall the days when it was mandatory that all regiments should march to their camp, by stages if necessary, as part of their training course.

Evidently the Bureau of Statistics timed its release of the boost in the higher cost of living in time to justify the Government in making a satisfactory adjustment in railway wages dispute.

Mr. "Jerry" Foster, setting the pace in training himself for political leadership. All young men and women should have courses in how to conduct public affairs intelligently and efficiently.

Today we should learn what part the Canadian Army is to have in resisting aggression. We do not have to wait to learn that whatever demands are made on it will be responded to with vigor.

Rumours of freight-carrying jet aircraft for this country are probably premature, but when they become a reality, as they almost certainly will, the disadvantages of distance from the larger markets will be sharply discounted; at any rate for high quality, small bulk products.

The Progressive Conservatives of Joliette-Assomption-Montcalm have decided to contest the bye-election there to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. G. E. Lapalme on his appointment as Provincial Liberal Leader.

Queen Amelia Elizabeth Caroline, Queen of George IV, died this date 1821. She was the daughter of the Duke of Brunswick. After his accession, George had her name omitted from the liturgy and attempted to procure a divorce, but the defence of Brougham and Denman forced the government to drop the bill; she was excluded from the coronation ceremony, and died nineteen days later, the object of much profound sympathy.

A warning to unreliable politicians. In extricating himself from his now famous Schuman "plot" gaff, Mr. Strachey, Britain's War Minister, at one point claimed to have been misreported. The retort of Sir Maxwell Fyfe, former attorney-general, in the House of Commons should be preserved for the record when other politicians make such claims.

All a misunderstanding, now cleared up! Government of Quebec charges of disturbing the peace against five Baptist evangelists have been withdrawn. The five were arrested after a crowd of residents broke up their street-corner religious meeting at La Sarre. The incident was one of a series of disturbances in that predominantly Roman Catholic mining town.

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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.

BENEFITTING FROM CRITICISM

Sir,—In a previous letter it was intimated that failure has been the unhappy experience of so many co-operative ventures, because of the fact that man was born an individualist, and as such, could not become indefinitely reconciled to group control over his economic or other affairs and activities.

From the time when woman first decided to exercise her curiosity and original man reached out his hand to accept something for nothing, to which he was not entitled and for which misuse he subsequently sought to place the responsibility elsewhere, when he discovered the bad bargain he had made, mankind has given unmistakable evidence of a deep rooted determination to maintain an individualistic status.

In fact it was Divinely decreed that he should. Man was born an individual, he sinned as an individual; judgment was passed upon him as an individual, and from that day down through the ages, individual responsibility has been his portion, and personal liberty and freedom, his cherished possessions. It has been a long time since then and not to be wondered at if in this mid-twentieth century period he has become firmly established in his prescribed routine and reluctant to exchange for an uncertainty.

In this era we occupy today, man chafes under restriction; he abhors control; he revolts against directives; all because he views such as an invasion of his personal liberties. Modern innovations are looked upon with suspicion as man-made inventions that will sooner or later irritate, and are accepted only in a time of extremity, to be ignored or discarded when the emergency is over. To illustrate the thought in mind, I would quote from an argument used during a discussion on veterans' affairs in the House of Commons on an occasion. It goes something like this: "God and the soldiers we adore in times of danger, not before; the danger past, the wrongs are forgotten and the soldier slighted."

That quotation might well be paraphrased to apply to experiences met with in times of agricultural emergencies. When producers have become the victims of economic ills, it is difficult to bargain with them or persuade them to adopt a course of action that will give promise of relief. The producers' extremity is the uplifters' opportunity, and it is not difficult to become popular at such a time.

When a Moses appears on the horizon under such circumstances promising the millennium and "and dry, if the people will but accept the dogmas proposed, a following is a certainty. But with "the danger past and wrongs righted" it must needs be a repetition of the innumerable back-to-individual responsibility and the cherished possessions of freedom and personal liberty. It was ever thus and is in our day and generation. I am, Sir, etc. J. A. GILLIES.

Christianity Seen Facing Korea Test

A warning that the Christian world faces a war of annihilation if the Communists in Korea force the "thin line of defenders back into the sea," was sounded by General Charles Brandon Booth, Commander-in-Chief of the Volunteers of America.

Addressing the weekly luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Montreal, Gen. Booth, head of the organization akin to the Salvation Army, declared: "we are not fighting as nationalists; this is not a war for commercial gain or for world leadership. This goes back to the old fashioned war—the battle for the soul of the world."

"Describing the Communists as 'godless and greedy,' he said if the United Nations forces were beaten in Korea, 'we may find ourselves in the greatest war of annihilation ever faced by mankind.' 'The people in the United States are deeply serious about the present conflict,' he said. He recalled a recent scene of marching troops where he observed 'no singing, no laughter, no waving at girls, like I saw in the two world wars.' 'Instead I saw a group of deadly serious young people going to face a war of possible annihilation.'"

When men have gone to the Korean war front, "we must be of every assistance to their families who remain," he urged. "We will maintain front line morale by maintaining front line service at home." The speaker deplored conditions he observed in one community during the last war where rents were doubled when a service man's family applied for a dwelling.

He also commented on the social service work being done by his own organization and by Rotary. He praised Rotarians for their work, and urged them to continue building the souls of underprivileged boys. "Your great potentialities," he stressed, "are not to make money, not to gain positions of leadership, but to form the mind, heart and soul of a boy."

The Age-Old Story

The Lord lieth up the meek. He catcheth the wicked down to the ground.

The Neighbors

By George Clark



"I brought my husband along just to prove I'm not hoarding all these groceries."

Cruelty To Parents

(The Times, London) The object of taking part in a race is to win it. Even in Great Britain, where we have developed in the course of centuries—providentially, as it now turns out—a certain aptitude for losing with a good grace, victory still remains the goal for which the athlete strives. He may only have a chance, but he has a single mind. It is not perhaps quite the same with horses, whose motives often appear to be mixed and who sometimes—especially when we have hazarded on them some part of the moneys which we owe to the Inspector of Taxes—lose at a critical moment much of their interest in the proceedings. But by and large it remains true that the will to win animates all contestants in an athletic event, to the temporary exclusion of all other thoughts and emotions.

The suspension of this natural law is what lends an eerie fascination to the races for fathers and mothers organized at the school sports in which their progeny compete at this time of year.

Although these trials of speed, like cock-fighting, badger-baiting and the burning of witches, are they have not yet been, like most other things, prohibited by legislation; and doubtless our children, as they gather our great-grandchildren round their aged knees, will bore them stiff with inaccurate reminiscences of the unhygienic practice to which they once saw us obliged to lend ourselves. For it is, of course, obligatory for parents to enter, unless they are either very old indeed or have had the sense to hire a pair of crutches for the occasion.

The Mother's Race is generally run first and—were it not for the danger hanging so imminently over their heads—their consorts might find something rather charming in the spectacle of these matrons—some lissom, some not—legging it over the greensward, uttering (until their breath gives out) shrill and at the whole remarkably good-humoured cries. In only very few is the thought of victory uppermost. Some are worrying about their hats, others about their high heels, and all fear that beneath their fluttering draperies something will snap.

Some skim, some thunder forward, determined not to disgrace themselves in the eyes of their children, and even more determined not to be beaten by any mother of obviously riper years. The winner's flanks are heaving as she rummages for a mirror in the handbag which her offspring (if male) has made furtive haste to return to her; but she feels agreeably youthful.

The Fathers' Race is a slightly more gruesome affair. No man wants to court a sudden death from heart failure and few wish to expose their braves to the public view; and the consciousness that they are all quite unnecessarily—now doing both these things casts a certain gloom upon the fathers. The will to win braves strongly in a few, and many who cannot aspire to victory feel a stirring of the competitive spirit as they take station alongside their contemporaries.

At last off they go moving (it seems) with unparalleled velocity for the first 20 yards, then losing momentum and in the end finishing (if at all) the reverse of strongly. Their lungs are bursting, their vision is blurred. But at least they were not last, and they will not have to run a 100 yards again until next year. By that time, though their speed is most unlikely to have increased, they will with any luck have got a new pair of braces.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—(Reuters)—Polish police are holding three British merchant navy officers on suspicion of assisting a Polish woman to leave the country illegally. The Foreign Office said yesterday. Poland has informed Britain of the arrests.

NAIROBI, Kenya, Aug. 3.—(Reuters)—Kenya, paradise of big-game hunters, decided today to give official "protection" to leopards. Too many people have been shooting them to turn their skins into fur coats and purses, authorities said.

The Poet's Corner

FROM FAREWELLS FROM PARADISE

Think a little, while ye hear. Of the banks and the willows and the deer Crowned in intermingled ranks. As if all would drink at once Where the living water runs— Of the fishes' golden edges Flashing in and out the sedges; Of the swans on silver throats, Floating down the winding streams With impassive eyes turned shoreward And a chant of undertones,— And the lotus leaning forward To help them into dreams.

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

WORRELL ESTATE SOLD

From a newspaper notice dated Charlottetown, 11th Sept., 1884: "The undersigned, in confirmation of certain agreements lately made by Charles Worrell, late of Worrell House, but now of London, in Great Britain, have by deeds of release and assignment respectively dated the 16th day of August last, conveyed to William H. Pope, of Charlottetown, Esquire, all their right, title and interest, as trustees of the said Charles Worrell, in and to certain personal estates, debts, and judgments in Prince Edward Island, formerly belonging to the said Charles Worrell, and conveyed by him to the undersigned by deeds dated the 17th day of June, 1880, of which all details of the said Estates, and other parties interested in, or indebted to the same, are hereby notified and will govern themselves accordingly. (Signed) James Peake, Charles Hensley, John M. Holl, Theophilus DesBrisay, trustees."

(It is interesting to note, in connection with the item about the concert in the new Temperance Hall quoted in Saturday's issue from The Islander of Jan. 9, 1880, that the organ built by Mr. Watson Duchemin and played by him on that occasion is now in possession of his grandson, Mr. Ernest Duchemin, Charlottetown. Built originally for the first Anglican church in St. Eleanor's, it was later used in the Catholic church at Indian River. Still in good working order and complete in every detail, it has a standard keyboard, single manual, with four sets of pipes and hand pumped bellows. It was constructed by hand of mahogany and pine, and is about 4 by 9 feet in size, and 7 feet in height.)

PARIS, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Henry Parkman, 66-year-old Boston lawyer, soldier and military government expert, today became the Marshall Plan's boss for France. He succeeds Louisville publisher Barry Eingham as chief of the European Economic Co-operation mission to France.

OPORTO, Portugal, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Gullhermina Suggis, famed woman cellist who died yesterday, left a \$10,000 Stradivarius cello in her will to be sold to fund a scholarship at London's Royal Academy of Music.

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Notes By The Way

A teacher on Hudson Bay found her Eskimo students refused to stay away from school for Summer holidays. Ottawa small fry please note!—(Ottawa Journal).

A California dealer throws in \$28 worth of groceries with every car he sells, a little surprise package that fits into the glove compartment, with plenty of room left for the maps and flashlight.—(Ottawa Citizen).

Fred Reed, who lives near Michigan's cherry centre in the Traverse City district, chopped down 100 of his 350 cherry trees in protest against the cheap price of four cents a pound at which cherries were selling on the market. Wonder if there's any record of the market price of cherries when George Washington was wielding the ax!—(Windsor Star).

It is easily recognized that high consumer demand based upon the present or a higher level of purchasing power will keep meat prices in Canada at least where they are. Greater production of meat, poultry and milk is declared to be necessary in the United States and it is hard to foresee other than a similar necessity in this country.—(Moose Jaw Times-Herald).

The decision to make into law what was so rarely granted as a courtesy—the right of a pedestrian to take precedence over vehicular traffic at an intersection—will be welcomed by thousands who use the sidewalks in this city. An amendment to the Streets Traffic and Regulation Bylaw will now make it necessary for cars to give priority to pedestrians where traffic signals do not indicate otherwise.—(Victoria Times).

"The whole problem of man's evolution during the last two or three million years will almost certainly be solved within the next five or ten years." This disclosure was made by an eminent South African paleontologist, Dr. Robert Broom. Dr. Broom bases this assertion on his discovery, three weeks ago, of two unique human skulls among cave deposits in the Transvaal, a discovery which he considers so important that he wishes the world to know

about it as early as possible. "Our discoveries," says Dr. Broom, "have shown that types of primitive man lived in South Africa perhaps one million years ago or earlier. It seems highly probable that man originated in Africa."—(U.K. Information Office).

Old British handicrafts of one kind or another are often described in BBC programs and one of the latest to be mentioned was swilling. Swilling is a very local industry confined to the Furness Peninsula of Lancashire, parts of Lakeland and the Duddon valley. It has nothing to do with washing down steps or making food for pigs, as might perhaps be thought. Swilling is a local form of basket-making and its special feature is that the basket is made from strips of oak and not from willow. The finished swill, something like a very large half walnut shell, is used by farm workers, gardeners and road sweepers, and a special variety of it is made for the people who wander right out into the sands of Morecambe Bay and the Solway to bring in shrimps and other shellfish.—(BBC Bulletin).

One of the illusions of our times is that there is only so much work to be done in a country at any time, and the fewer people there are to do it, the more work there will be for each. That, of course, contradicts all our knowledge. All through history with occasional interruptions, the amount of employment available has increased, not decreased, as population has grown. The theory seems to forget that human beings are not employed for the sole purpose of finding them jobs. They are employed in order to produce goods which they and other people need. As population grows, and standards of living rise, the amount of employment increases. This illusion used to stand in the way of this country being active in encouraging immigration. It was figured that if any more immigrants came to Canada, that numbers of Canadians would be put out of work. If that be sound economics, then we ought to pray for the birth rate to fall and the death rate to go up. That would seem to be a fine way of making a lot more jobs for the survivors.—(Swift Current, Sask., Sun).

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