

# Modern English Alphabet Is Seen Possible This Year

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LONDON (CP) — George Bernard Shaw's dream of a new and simplified English alphabet may become a reality this year.

A team of English-language experts now in the process of wading through 450 suggested designs, all with more than 40 letters, and later this year will decide which one, if any, will fulfill Shaw's dream.

If the suggestions of the late Irish dramatist are followed, the chosen alphabet will have at least 16 letters with vowel sounds, and no one sound will require more than one letter. Shaw never did like "PH" being used for an "F" sound, and he thought the word "though" was a "wild absurdity."

His will, published in 1951 a year after he died at the age of 94, specified that as much money as necessary could be taken from his estate to cover the development of his alphabet. The remainder of the estate, then worth £267,257, was to be divided among the British Museum, the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and the National Gallery of Ireland.

**LEGAL SQUABBLE**  
The alphabet project was hung up for six years while the museum and the Royal Academy successfully argued in a court

action that it could not be carried out as specified. Would-be language reformers launched an appeal, but before it was heard in 1957 a compromise agreement was reached whereby the alphabet project received £8,300 from the estate.

By this time the value of the estate had risen to £716,000 as royalties kept coming in from Shaw's works. The biggest contribution came from My Fair Lady, a musical version of Pygmalion, that has earned about £250,000 in royalties since it first opened three years ago.

When the will was eventually settled in 1957, the enlarged estate was divided among the British Museum, the Royal Academy and the National Gallery, but a spokesman at the public trustee's office refuses to say if royalties will continue to go to these beneficiaries. "We consider this a private affair and do not disclose details," he said.

**NO FAST CHANGE**  
Although the new alphabet is expected to be put in writing some time this year, nobody expects it to get widespread usage for a long time. Language experts have said it would take generations to change over to an entirely new way of writing. And the trustee office says this new alphabet will have little resemblance to the existing one.

When the office called for designs a year ago it said that, besides having at least 40 letters, the alphabet must save time, energy and paper; it must be convenient to write and easy to read. The practical problems of typography must also be taken into account.

The spokesman says it is "quite remarkable" that 450 people entered the contest. He also says the experts studying the entries are "quite amazed" at the work involved.

## Stock Market Drops Again

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market underwent its second straight weekly decline as a cautious mood prevailed on Wall Street last week.

The fall in prices, however, was de-emphasized by light volume. The four-day trading week, shortened by the Good Friday holiday, generated turnover of only 12,876,510 shares.

The small turnover came in sharp contrast with the three prior weeks when transactions were at the heaviest rate since last October. It contrasted, too, with usually big volume of 11-

417,800 shares on the American exchange.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks fell \$2.10 to \$221.70 for its biggest weekly loss since the week ended Feb. 7 when it dropped \$3.30.

A number of "growth" stocks in electronics, Florida real estate and other fields ran into trouble. On the American exchange Universal Controls dropped 18% to 78%, General Development 4% to 65% and Maule Industries 7% to 14%.

Philadelphia and Reading on the big board plummeted 13% to 116 1/2 in disappointment over acquisitions, rumors of which had given it a big rise. American Agricultural Chemical rose 8 1/2 to 113 1/2 on stock split news.

The steels were unsettled by the fact that record weekly output was slated to shade off and also by weakness in scrap prices. Coppers gave ground on recent declines in copper futures and softness in the price of copper scrap.

The most active issues on the New York exchange were: Benguet, unchanged at 17 on 375,800 shares; Minute Maid, up 3/8 at 19 7/8; American Motors, up 2 1/2 at 35; Hupp Corp., up 1/4 at 6 1/2; and Avro off 3/8 at 13 1/2.

### NOT SO BAD

MONTREAL (CP) — Montrealers can take some belated comfort from the weatherman's announcement Saturday: The winter wasn't as bad as most people thought. Total snowfall to the end of March was 116.1 inches, just five inches more than the previous winter. Average snowfall is 109.6 inches.

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## Mashed Spud Plant Planned

TORONTO (CP) — A plant for the manufacture of instant mashed potatoes will be built at Alliston, about 60 miles north of Toronto, by Salada - Shirriff Horsey Ltd., the company announced Thursday.

The plant is expected to employ about 120 people at the start. The announcement says the plant should create a new outlet in Ontario for producers of high solid-content potatoes.

## Wheat Exports Dip This Year

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's wheat exports dipped to 142,700,000 bushels in the first six months of the current crop year, down 6,000,000 from a year ago.

In the same period, United States exports increased by 22,000,000 bushels, to 218,100,000 from 196,100,000, the bureau of statistics reported Monday.

The U.S. share of the world wheat market thus rose to 50 per cent from 46 in the first half of the current crop year; Canada's share dipped to 32 per cent from 35. The crop year ends July 31.

Of the two other major exporters, Argentina's share of the market remained unchanged at 10 per cent, though her exports rose slightly to 44,900,000 bushels from 40,200,000. Australia's share dipped to eight per cent from nine as her shipments declined to 33,300,000 from 39,700,000.

**CLOCK'S NAME**  
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## SUB BREAKS THROUGH ICE AT NORTH POLE

Crewmen walk on deck of the USS Skate, atomic powered submarine, as it rests on surface after breaking through a thin ice opening in the North Pole

ice pack. The craft, which left New London, Conn., went beneath the ice and surfaced exactly at the North Pole three days later. The sub surfaced 10

times through leads and thin spots in the polar ice. (U.S. Navy Photo with AP Wirephoto).

## GEORGETOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fraser and daughter Velda, left last week by car for Boston, Mass., on their return they will be accompanied by Mr. Fraser's aunt, Mrs. Arthur Jones, who has been visiting in Boston for the past few months.

Friends of Mrs. Bernard Batchelder are sorry to hear that she is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital and all wish her an early return to good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McConnell and family, of Charlottetown, motored to Georgetown on Sunday and were guests of relatives and friends.

Miss Elizabeth Grant, school teacher at Newton Cross, spent Easter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. De Lory.

Miss Carol Walker, student nurse at the Prince Edward Island Hospital was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Walker on Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Allen of Tracadie motored to Georgetown on Easter Sunday and were guests of Mr. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burke and family of Charlottetown motored to Georgetown on Easter Sunday, where they were guests of Mrs. Burke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Jackie Publicover of the Canadian Army, stationed at Camp Borden, is spending a short time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Publicover.

Seaman Wilfred McQuillan Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred McQuillan and Seaman Gerald MacDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aeneas MacDonald, who spent leave with their parents, left recently for Montreal, Quebec, where they have been posted with the Royal Canadian Navy, following their basic training at H.M.C.S. Cornwallis in Nova Scotia.

Miss Joan Murphy left last week for Halifax, N.S., where she will attend a Red Cross Convention.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wood and son Blair and Miss Eleanor MacKinnon of Rollo Bay motored to Georgetown where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fitzgerald.

Mrs. Gordon Yorston, was a visitor to Charlottetown on Tuesday, March 31st.

Miss Charlotte Praught and Miss Claire Bondeault of Summerside, were recent visitors to Georgetown where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Solomon.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
EDWIN BURKE

On Friday, March 20, 1959 Edwin Burke passed away at his home in Fortune Bridge. The late Mr. Burke was born here on June 26, 1872. He enjoyed good health for most of his four-score years and seven. Although he was confined to his home for the past several months that he was unable to be up and to take his usual place by the family fireside.

He was a man of good Christian character, always ready with a friendly word and a smile. His many friends in the community will remember him kindly. His family will cherish the memory of a kind and loving husband, father and brother.

He leaves to mourn his wife, one sister Jane, and a grandson Ira, who reside at the home; one daughter Edna, Mrs. James Sanderson and four grandchildren of Dingwell's Mill.

On Monday, March 23, 1959 funeral services were conducted at the home and at Bay Fortune United Church by his pastor Rev. W. A. MacQuarrie D.D. who brought a message of comfort to the bereaved. The hymns sung were: "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus".

The pallbearers were Lester Burke, Stirling Burke, Kenneth Burke, Henry Townsend, Fred Aikken and Ernest Aikken.

Interment was in Bay Fortune United Church Cemetery. After each storm comes sunshine.

After the darkness light,  
After the winter's dreary cold  
Come blossoms fair and white,  
Shine it is God's wisdom  
These after an aching heart  
There shall be life eternal  
Where loved ones never part.

Friends of Mr. Roy Yorston are pleased to hear that he has returned home after being a patient for a considerable time in the Veterans' Wing of the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Miss Gloria Myers is spending the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boudreau. Miss Myers is a student at Union Commercial College in Charlottetown.

Master Eldon Scamler of Charlottetown, is visiting Georgetown where he is a guest at the home of Mrs. Gordon Yorston.

Friends of Mr. John C. Gotell are pleased to hear that he has returned home after undergoing surgery in the Charlottetown Hospital.

Mr. William Hughes of Souris West, recently spent several days in Georgetown at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Temple Gotell.

Friends of Mr. Nelson Hansen are sorry to hear that he is ill at his home in Georgetown.

Mr. John Morrison of Georgetown, Royalty, left recently on a visit to Boston, Mass.

Mr. Joseph Marchant of Georgetown Royalty, left on Tuesday for Alberta, where he will visit relatives.

Mrs. Earl Walsh was a recent visitor to Summerside where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. William Jay and Mr. Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Batchelder of Charlottetown motored to Georgetown recently where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Martell.

Spr. A. Paul MacLean of the Canadian Army Engineers who recently returned from 18 months' service with the Canadian Army in Germany is spending two months leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter MacLean.

The members of the Teaching Staff of Georgetown High School this week attended the annual Teachers Federation Convention in Charlottetown.

**LITTLE SANDS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin MacKenzie have returned to their home in Little Sands, after spending most of the winter in Nova Scotia. Their son Dannie Wilson has also returned to Little Sands.

Friends here extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Heath Larter, Hampshire, whose mother, Mrs. Charles Larter, passed away recently. Mrs. Heath Larter was formerly Evelyn Blue of Hopefield and is well known here.

Friends regret to hear of the passing of Mr. William Duell, White Sands, last week. His funeral was from the United Church, Murray Harbour on Sunday, March 22nd. Relatives and friends from Little Sands attended the funeral. Kind sympathy is extended to all the bereaved.

Friends and relatives in Albin and Sturgeon will be interested to hear of the marriage of Mrs. Alex Blue's nephew, William Roy (Dud) Conrad in Detroit, Michigan, on April 3, to Jeanette Wriens Schaefer, also of Detroit, in the Covenant Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. reception followed the ceremony in the Church Fellowship Hall. Dud is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Conrad, Detroit, Mich., formerly of Sturgeon and Albin.

There is still a lot of ice to be seen in the Strait here. There is some open water also to be seen. The board ice is still very solid looking, and piles of it piled up here off the reef. All will be glad when the last of the ice is seen for this year.

Several flocks of wild geese have been reported flying north here. A flock of 36 were reported seen yesterday. Other spring birds are late in returning from their winter home.

School closed here on March 28 for the Easter holidays and will re-open on April 6. The teacher, Miss Velma Stewart plans to attend the teachers convention in Charlottetown next week.

**STRATEGIC MALTA**  
Malta, the British stronghold in the Mediterranean, has a population of 300,000 in an area of 222 square miles.

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## Apology Is Given For Goon Edition

By NATE COLE  
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VANCOUVER (CP) — The student council of the University of British Columbia apologized officially Thursday for a "sacrilegious and disgusting" edition of the student newspaper *Ubcyssey* published last week.

The apology came from student council president Peter Meekison, who applied the two adjectives to the paper's "goon" edition after seeing its picture-satire of the Easter tradition.

**'Press' Reveals Editor Change**  
WINNIPEG (CP) — The Free Press Thursday announced the resignation of editor Tom Kent has taken effect and that Victor Sifton, publisher, now is also editor.

Mr. Kent's resignation was announced March 12. The newspaper said he will remain in an advisory capacity until the end of April.

Mr. Kent, 36, has been editor since 1954. He is leaving newspaper work to become assistant to the president of Canadian Chemical and Cellulose Company in Montreal.

**CRUISE SHIP BURNS**  
OTTAWA (CP) — The \$50,000 cruise ship *Ville Marie*, once a ferry in the Montreal area, was destroyed Friday by fire of unknown origin. The ship burned at her dock on the Rideau River three miles south of Ottawa.

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