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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1956

Labour Presentation

Following the practice of our Agriculture Federation in recent years, the Prince Edward Island Labour Council presented a brief before the Legislature on Wednesday.

Amendments are requested to the Trade Union Act, dealing with union membership, with minimum wage rates, holidays and maximum hours of labour.

The brief takes note of the serious problems facing agriculture. It supports our farmers' appeal for tariff protection against American table stock potatoes and for reduced freight rates on western feed grains.

Not all of the matters raised in the brief are within the sphere of the Provincial Legislature; some pertain to civic and others to federal legislation.

New Tensions

Although Indochina has not been prominent in the news lately, there is every indication that it is entering another period of acute unrest and trouble.

It is reasonable to expect that most of these, under the sort of domination that exists in every Communist-controlled state, would vote Communist.

wants the election to be held as scheduled; and there are dark hints from the Communist rulers that, unless this provision of the truce is carried out promptly, the war will be renewed.

It is to the interests of the Western powers to keep President Diem and his brand of democratic government—though this is something different from Western democracy—in office, and thus save South Viet Nam for the free world.

American Farm Income

A report issued by the United States Department of Agriculture gives a number of facts and figures relating to the state of agriculture in that country for the year ending Dec. 31st last.

Against all this the income of industrial workers and all non-farm workers rose considerably above 1954 levels. Total income in these categories came to about \$275 billion for an individual average of \$1920, more than double the farm average, and something like \$100 higher than in 1954.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A librarian in Portland, Me., reports that it's adults and not the youngsters whom TV has lured away from reading.

The Chinese Communist Government is reported to be considering a fashion campaign to encourage designers to take some of the "ancient grimness" out of Chinese clothing.

Pity poor Vice-President Nixon! Republican Party strategists simply don't know what to do with him.



SIGN OF SPRING IN THE CITY

Atom Radiation Problem

By Francis E. Carey Associated Press, Washington

Some day you may carry in your wallet a little card called a radiation card.

It would be a cumulative tally of all the radiation you have been exposed to—including fallout from A-bomb and H-bomb tests; x-rays or radioactive isotopes used in diagnosis or treatment; workday exposure if you are an atomic worker; any accidental exposure to radio-active waste from an atomic plant; or exposure to radioactive materials released in any plant accident.

Some scientists are giving thought to such a personal radiation scorecard. They are concerned with the possible cumulative hazards of radiation of all types.

The idea of a cumulative record would be primarily a precaution against building up a dosage over the years which could result in cancer or anemia or cataract.

Hereditary defects But your record card, while offering doctors means of keeping tabs on your own health from a radiation standpoint, wouldn't necessarily be an assurance against the possibility of your passing on a harmful hereditary characteristic to some future descendant, perhaps generations away.

Our Yesterdays From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 16, 1931)

An increased demand for silver fox furs on the London market, though at low prices, is reported by Mr. W.K. Rogers of this city, who returned last night from a business trip to Scotland, England and Germany.

An appeal to the Board of Railway Commissioners at Ottawa for revision of the freight and express rates for live, boiled and canned lobsters has been made by Dr. Richard Hamer, central secretary of the United Maritime Fishermen.

Estimates of the potato crop in the Maritimes for 1930 are: Prince Edward Island 4,799,000 cwt. Nova Scotia 3,530,000 and New Brunswick 3,544,000. The 1929 yields were: Prince Edward Island 3,820,000. Nova Scotia, 2,872,000. New Brunswick 4,640,000.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 16, 1946)

The first graduate of the first school of nursing in Prince Edward Island, Mrs. Sarah Jean Arthur, died at her home in Summerside on March 13, in her 81st year.

City Councillor Gordon MacDonald, chairman of the Fire Committee, lost no time in implementing the suggestion to the Council that in view of the recent drowning, the Fire Department should have a small boat. The boat, about 12 feet long with a beam of three feet, is now in the Fire Station, complete with oars.

J.E. MacIntyre of the Maritime Fertilizer Council told the meeting of the P.E. Island Potato Growers Association last Thursday, the recent "spy scare" in Canada probably had something to do with Russia's cancellation of a Canadian order for 3,000 tons of fertilizer, potash.

SOUTHERN POSSESSION The Ross Dependency of the Antarctic, under New Zealand administration, is an estimated 175,000 square miles.

The Poets Corner

SKATING RINK AT NIGHT

Suddenly strange, his powdery hair brushed back, he looked at me. Suddenly alien, as if all of us were exploring the heavily glaciated equator.

Twelve floodlights round the rink are the moons of gold, and houses on the hill are the far fixed stars.

While in between, like meteors streaking the cold, there ply on the highway the arcs of flashing cars.

We must race on our skates—the planet can rotate fast. We must trace with our blades a trail for safe returning, in a waste and howling wilderness, till at last

We swoop on the warming house, with its wood-stove burning. And we laugh our relief that it isn't a rocket-ship.

Frozen in place on a Jupiter landing-strip. —Betty Bridgman

Where Western Propaganda Fails

By Alan Harvey Canadian Press, London

The Western alliance is reassessing its propaganda techniques. It wants to know why, when it comes to gifts and loans, the free world gets the kicks and Russia gets the kisses.

With the cold war gradually transforming itself into something resembling a charity bazaar, officials are disturbed that Russia's rice-and-rubles offensive creates so much stir while the Anglo-American contribution largely falls flat.

Why should the rafters ring when the Soviets spoon out foodstuffs to some eastern country? Why is American aid to India regarded as a necessary, but galling, hand-out?

The reasons are probably psychological. It is understood the answers are being sought by allied study groups, and it is just possible the initiative came from Canada.

On his return to Britain, Eden told the House of Commons: "Consider the contributions of Canada and even a small country like New Zealand, to the eastern lands. None of their contributions gets written up the way the Russians seem to do."

One obvious Russian advantage in the propaganda wars is novelty. She enters the give-away game long after the West, and thus reaps something of the prestige the U.S. won initially with the 1947 Marshall aid program.

Now American aid is old stuff. Official documents in some recipient countries occasionally refer to the U.S. gift as amounting "only" to so-and-so millions, as though the figure, being reduced from past years, were negligible.

Despite this apparent irrational bias, the West could probably do better. In reference to aid for India, the right-wing British magazine Spectator says typically that "America has the money, but her psychological approach wrong," and many stories could be cited to reflect Indian sensibility.

TREATED AS EQUALS Thus, a Bombay dispatch in the Manchester Guardian, an independent Liberal newspaper, quoted a "composite" view of why Indians sometimes appear to give the Russians the edge over the West. It said: "We (Indians) must be allowed to learn from our own mistakes. The West must cease to assume that it knows best. . . we may not be fully grown up yet but by rubbing it in only tension will be achieved. The Russians treat us as equals, whatever the reason, they, unlike the democracies, are not patronizing us."

Perhaps the lesson for the students of gift psychology may therefore be found in British historian Arnold Toynbee's admission in the Western countries to "slip out of our native skins" and

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

RHEUMATIC FEVER GIVES SOME ADVANCE WARNING

Hemolytic streptococcus is the villain in the rheumatic fever picture. Actually we don't know just what causes this insidious disease. But it is possible that as many as 90 per cent of rheumatic fever cases begin two or three weeks after a hemolytic streptococcal infection like a sore throat, tonsillitis, infection of the middle ear or scarlet fever.

KEY TO PREVENTION Therein lies the key to prevention of this crippling. Prevent such an infection, or have it treated promptly, and you safeguard your youngsters.

Strept infections are most common in the wet, cold winter weather we now have in most sections of the country. So it's of the utmost importance that you now heed these suggestions.

Teach your child to avoid anyone with any kind of nose or throat trouble. Explain to him just why he must follow your advice.

You might tell mothers of his neighborhood playmates about this precaution, too, so they'll cooperate in case one of their youngsters comes down with nose or throat trouble.

NUTRITIOUS MEALS Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and good, nutritious meals.

Once your child develops a sore throat, you've got to analyze the situation quickly. "When to call your doctor" check list has been prepared by the American Heart Association to alert you to the possible presence of a strep sore throat.

1—Did the sore throat come on suddenly? 2—Does your youngster complain that his throat hurts most when he swallows?

3—Does it hurt below the angle of his jaw when you press there gently with your fingers? Are the glands swollen? 4—Does he have a fever? (A fever between 101 and 104 degrees usually accompanies a strep infection).

5—Does your child complain of a headache? 6—Is he nauseated? Has he vomited? 7—Has he been in contact with anyone who has had scarlet fever or a sore throat?

DANGER SIGNALS It's unlikely that a youngster with a streptococcal infection will have all of these symptoms. But if some of these danger signals are present, call your doctor right away.

QUESTION AND ANSWER V. E. S.: Is multiple sclerosis considered a mental illness? Answer: Multiple sclerosis is not considered a mental illness, although it affects the nervous system.

Notes By The Way

A writer says the old-fashioned doctor has disappeared. Likely with the old-fashioned family.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

There was a time when a girl couldn't get a husband unless she had a dowry. Nowadays all she needs is a good job with a firm that offers liberal fringe benefits and no objection to married employees.—Hamilton Spectator.

Miss Ruth Sleeper, president of the National League of Nursing in the United States, says the girl who wishes to become a nurse should possess the following 10 qualifications: Reliability; responsibility; an enquiring mind; adaptability; sense of humor; tolerance of other races, creeds and colors; generosity; discretion; good health and be a good student. Which just proves that all the angels can get in heaven.—Belleville Intelligencer.

A new name has been added to the Maritime's map, in the establishment of Oromocto, N.B. The name has an evenly-rounded, mouth-filling sound, and requires the full exercise of the muscles that serve the lips to articulate it clearly. This is a good thing. Now, it's up to the new school to invent a school yell to do the name justice—a yell that will scare the livin' daylight out of any team daring enough to meet Oromocto in sports contest.—Sydney Post-Record.

Ducks, Unlimited, is a vigorous and admirable organization devoted to the preservation of wildlife and we are happy to note that in its enthusiasm it has not lost its sense of humor. Its official publication contains this from a young bird-watcher: "Geese is a low, heavy set bird which is mostly meat and feathers. His head sits on one side and he sits on the other. Geese can't sing much on account of dampness of the moisture. He ain't got no between-the-toes and he's got a little balloon in his stomach to help him sink. Some geese when they get big has curls on their tails and is called ganders. Ganders don't half sit and hatch but just eat and loaf and go swimming. If I was a geese I'd rather be a gander."—Ottawa Journal.

An English lady wears a fur lined raincoat, explaining that it's more chic to wear the mink on the inside. Odd that this never occurred to the mink.—Edmonton Journal.

What's in a name? Mrs. Money is the new treasurer of the women's branch of the British Legion at Loftus, Yorkshire, England, while the treasurer of the Women's Institute at Chalcock, Kent, is Mrs. Greedy.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Gifted children will receive more attention in Ottawa's public schools when some of the recommendations approved by trustees last week are put into effect. The recommendations came from the Ottawa Committee on Gifted Children after months of study. They reflect a growing conviction throughout North America that emphasis on some education for all has resulted in neglect of the full education needed by some. There is no disagreement that this deficiency should be remedied where shown to exist, but specific proposals and experiments have provoked controversy.—Ottawa Citizen.

You can't go ALL-OUT If you feel ALL-IN These days most people work under pressure, worry more, sleep less. Strain on body and brain makes physical fitness easier to lose—harder to regain. Today's tense living, lowered resistance, overwork, worry—any of these may affect normal kidney action. When kidneys get out of order, excess acid and waste remain in the system. Then backache, disturbed rest, "tired-out" heavy-headed feeling often follow. That's the time to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. Dodd's stimulates the kidneys to normal action. Then you feel better—deeper better—work better. Ask for Dodd's Kidney Pills at any drug counter.

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