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

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More Centennials

Centennials are falling thick and fast this year. Or is it that we notice them more readily on account of our own civic celebrations?

On this continent the Soo Locks Centennial celebrations will get under way on July 1. The first locks were completed on the United States side 100 years ago by Charles T. Harvey, not an engineer but a salesman for Fairbanks scales.

The Sault Ste. Marie Star, in a special issue marking the occasion, recalls that Etienne Brule, first tourist in what is now Ontario and first white man to set eyes on Humber Bay, visited among the Indians up on Lake Superior in 1622, while seeking a water route to the Pacific.

Maintains Press Freedom

Chief Justice Michaud of the New Brunswick Supreme Court has dismissed an action for contempt of court against five newspapers and a correspondent for publishing reports of the inquest and preliminary hearing incident to a murder trial.

It is believed that the application, which the Chief Justice so quickly quashed in the interests of press freedom, was one of the first attempts in Canada to obtain a contempt citation for publication of evidence taken in open court.

Politically Stupid

The Nationalist Party of South Africa, led by Prime Minister Johannes G. Strijdom, may not be in particularly good favour of world opinion with respect to its policy of "apartheid"—racial segregation.

Following is the substance of the report: Since God divided mankind into different races and languages, equality between Negroes and Europeans is clearly illogical and wrong.

vanced" (meaning, presumably, the 1 1/2 million Europeans in South Africa) rests the responsibility of leadership and protection of the less advanced.

One leading Church official criticized the report, not because of its arguments in favour of racial discrimination, but because of its "unsuitability for overseas distribution."

Bovine Wakefulness

Is there any animal in the world that can get along without sleep? Yes, the cow, says British scientist Clive Balch.

However, a scientific pronouncement is not of much weight without good and sufficient reasons to back it up. Dr. Balch has these, too. If a cow lies down on its side, he says, its stomach doesn't function well.

It is likely that farmers will pooh pooh Dr. Balch's findings and say that he doesn't know what he is talking about. Be that as it may, we merely pass along the report, without comment, favourable or unfavourable.

Motor Vehicle Figures

Canadian automobile industry researchers estimate that 173,360 vehicles which had been in use in 1953 were not licensed last year.

A preliminary report based on motor vehicle licensing in all provinces of Canada shows a grand total of 3,641,065 vehicles in use at the end of 1954, as against 3,431,797 in 1953.

The ratio of motor vehicles to total population in Canada continues to be well below that in the United States. Last year there was one motor vehicle to each 4.2 persons in Canada.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Lord Rowallan, of Kilmarnock, Scotland, Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth and Empire, is to open the Canadian National Exhibition on August 26.

It is significant that few leading Liberal newspapers have had anything to say in defence of the bill which would make permanent the Federal Government's defense production powers.



"Looking Ahead" To Going Ahead

After Ten Years

The city of San Francisco last week became the meeting place of diplomats and statesmen from all over the world who have come to celebrate an historic anniversary. It was in the same city that the United Nations Charter was signed ten years ago by representatives of fifty nations, most of whom had fought in the grim struggle with the Axis powers.

Snaring A Monster

Scientists are planning a giant marine trap to snare a monster from the ocean depths of Cook Strait. They do not know exactly what they will catch.

Korea Anniversary

The thin line of South Korea's constabulary was shattered when war exploded on this unhappy Asian peninsula five years ago Saturday. With rifles, light artillery and obsolete anti-tank guns were sent to fight North Koreans armed with heavy tanks and artillery supplied by Russia.

PIDGEON GETS BIRD

CASPIAN, Mich. (AP) — Roy Stewart found a stray parakeet in his parked car. He advertised his find in a newspaper and promptly located the bird's owner—Joe Pidgeon. Stewart gave Pidgeon the bird.

WILL DISCUSS TENSION

CAIRO (Reuters)—Egyptian and Israeli military representatives will meet Tuesday under the chairmanship of Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Canada, chief United Nations observer, to discuss border tensions in the Gaza area, it was learned Saturday.

FOURTH LARGEST

South Korea now has the world's fourth largest army—behind only those of the United States, Russia and Red China. U. S. advisers claim South Korea's army the best in Asia.

HAS REBUILT ARMY

The Red Chinese "volunteers" are reported to have withdrawn upwards of 110,000 men but have left behind a well-trained cadre for a rebuilt North Korean army.

IN THE COOL OF THE EVENING

I thought I heard Him calling. Did you hear a sound, a little sound? My curious ear is dinned with flying noises, and the tree goes—whisper, whisper, whisper silently.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Nothing, positively nothing, makes a woman so aware of all the heavy work that needs to be done around the house as the sight of her husband oiling a fishing reel.—Hamilton Spectator.

Use of a drive-in theatre for interdenominational services by churches of North Bay is an excellent idea, and the services should be well attended. The worship of God is to be commended any time, any place. The roof of this place of worship will be His own sky.—North Bay Nugget.

The successful mother is, of course, a practising psychologist, whether she knows it or not. Possibly she would derive some value from academic knowledge on the subject. It might not help her to regulate the unpredictable behavior of robust, healthy and normal children. But it could furnish some satisfaction. Sufficiently well informed, she might at least know why she is driven temporarily off her rocker by children who don't operate according to the book.—Victoria Times.

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