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PAGE 4 MONDAY, JULY 11, 1966. The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink.

The Human Touch

There was good news indeed in Saturday's Guardian, to the effect that tenders are being called this week for an additional 114 new housing units under the expanded program of the Senior Citizens Housing Corporation...

These projects will not only take care of a great demand from elderly people but will provide work for some 250 labor and tradesmen in all centres of the province during the coming winter...

The board chairman, Hon. Henry Wedge, states that for the 214 units almost nearing completion there are now some 300 applications received, and the units will be allocated according to the date of application...

The minister also indicated that tenders are being called immediately for the construction of 50-bed units in Alberton and Montague, and for a 200-bed unit in Charlottetown...

It will be recalled that several months ago Mr. Wedge was chosen by a committee of prominent citizens to receive The Evening Patriot's 'Masthead of the Year' award...

Another Stormy Issue

Spokesmen for all four opposition parties at Ottawa have come out flatly against Finance Minister's Sharp's proposed Bank Act revision...

What is most embarrassing to the government is the behind-the-scenes activity of Liberal 'rebels' who plan to continue their lobbying against the measure during the summer recess...

as former finance minister Walter Gordon and former state secretary Maurice Lamontagne. Also, there are Robert Thompson and his four Social Credit followers who have provided the Liberals with their winning margin on several occasions this summer...

Actually, Mr. Sharp hasn't spelt out the precise formula for first raising and then removing the ceiling, and until this formula is known, the exact effects of the policy cannot be predicted...

Here, as seen by its proponents, are the advantages the measure would provide. It seems to us that they add up to a formidable case for making some kind of change in the present system...

At present, banks cannot loan money at more than 5 per cent interest. If they can lend money at higher rates, they will be able to pay more on deposits and compete more effectively with the trust companies...

Banks can now hand out mortgage money only under the National Housing Act, while the trust companies can also make conventional mortgage loans at higher than six per cent...

Frankly, we can't understand the force of the opposition which has been marshalled against this measure. To the depositor, the small borrower, and the person who wants a mortgage it would seem to be most desirable...

Uprooted Victims

In terms of human misery, one can get an idea of what the Viet Nam war means by statistics recently released by the Saigon government, indicating that more than a million South Vietnamese have fled from their homes in the last two years...

There are good grounds for arguing that the DBS yardstick does not accurately reflect the cost of living of the average Canadian. This has been substantiated by a private firm of accountants, which has recently analyzed prices and come up with the conclusion that inflation has slashed the purchasing power of our dollar by nearly ten per cent during just the past two years...

The majority of the refugees are women and children. They are people caught in the middle, as an industrial development agency calls them—people whose husbands, sons and fathers have been killed or drafted into the Saigon government armed forces or the Viet Cong...

According to a New York Times dispatch, the Ky government has budgeted for more than \$16 million for refugee aid this year. But some American field workers contend that much of this, as well as much American aid, is siphoned off by corrupt local officials...

For A Record Vote

Last week's advance poll voting in First Kings was the heaviest in history. Let's hope that there will be an equally heavy turnout for the regular balloting today by the 2,500 eligible voters who have the grave responsibility of deciding which party is to form the government of Canada's smallest province...



AFTER EVERY HOLIDAY

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Not Just Soaring But Skyrocketing

What's wrong with Canada? The most prevalent criticism today, according to a recent poll of public opinion, is that inflation is rampant, and the cost of living is consequently soaring. This is the chief beef of Canadians today.

In the three years since Prime Minister Pearson's Liberal government assumed office, from May 1963 to May this year, the Consumer Price Index has risen 11 points, or 8 1/2 per cent, according to the official survey by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. That happens to be exactly the same percentage rise as that recorded during the previous six years, through most of which Donald Fleming, "the housewife's friend," was Minister of Finance, keeping a strict thumb on the cost of living.

The Pearson Era has thus been an era of inflation. But Canada cannot afford to have prices continually rising at this rate of 2 1/2 per cent each year. This is pricing Canadian goods out of world markets. Wages have risen even more than prices during the three Pearson years, and their increase in this period has been 10 1/2 per cent. Yet despite that increase, the average Canadian housewife feels herself to be worse off now than she was three years ago, in the sense that her housekeeping money buys less.

HOW SOARING?

Is this a misconception? Or is our inflation worse than the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports? There are good grounds for arguing that the DBS yardstick does not accurately reflect the cost of living of the average Canadian. This has been substantiated by a private firm of accountants, which has recently analyzed prices and come up with the conclusion that inflation has slashed the purchasing power of our dollar by nearly ten per cent during just the past two years.

There are various grounds on which these accountants criticize the DBS figure. First, its typical "shopping basket" is now outdated, and does not represent the true spending pattern of the average family. Second, its surveys are inaccurate in assuming that prices are the same throughout any metropolitan area. For instance, Torontonians tend to shop at their nearest shopping centre. Those living on the western fringe of that metropolis pay rather higher prices for their goods. They probably

don't know that many grocery items can be found perhaps 10 per cent cheaper on the eastern fringe, but even if they do know that, can the Oakville housewife be expected to travel many miles through the cross-town traffic to buy more cheaply in Scarborough?

ALL CANNOT USE SALES

Thirdly, the pricing methods of DBS are questioned. Sure, an average suit of men's clothes might be available in a certain bargain basement for \$52 in the sales. But can Father always be sure that a sale will be on just when he suddenly needs a new suit for an unexpected funeral, or when his old suit wears out? And if he does go to the sales, as like as not the suit he wants is not available in his size. So he pays the regular price of \$85 for his new suit.

The same with children's shoes: what child ever conven-

iently needs new shoes just when the sales happen? Or will those sales-shoed shoes fit Junior when he needs them seven or eight months later, and he has grown several sizes larger? And what if he can't drag her brood round the crowded sales to hunt for that special pair of shoes? Thus the prices on which the DBS sometimes bases its Consumer Price Index may be correct on paper, but are often entirely impracticable in ordinary life.

So I respect that independent survey which tells us that living costs are not just soaring upwards as DBS says, but are in fact skyrocketing. And if you think price increases are bad now, wait until early next year when we feel the full force of the Pearson pattern of settlement wage demands. In a centennial year, our prices will soar higher than those celebration rockets.

Gap In Dental Care

In an address to the Canadian Dental Association Health Minister MacEachen pinpointed the major obstacle in the way of providing a comprehensive dental service program of the kind the Hall Commission recommended should be operative by the 1960s. He said preliminary studies by his department showed that to provide dental services to only five per cent more of the population by 1975 would require additional treatment facilities equivalent to 1,000 more dentists. Canadian dental school graduates only about 250 dentists each year.

The minister went on to refer to the federal government's proposed \$500 million health resources fund that is to be used over the next 10 years to assist the provinces to acquire, construct and renovate health training facilities and research institutions.

Challenge For India

London Free Press. Those who thought that India's Prime Minister would lack toughness because she is a woman should realize their mistake. In an address which recalled the Churchill of the Dunkirk days she has told her countrymen that they must go through hell and fire to survive.

If she can match her tough words with equally tough action India may have a chance in spite of the sea of troubles which confronts her. Devolution, which was a blow to Indian pride, was an acceptance of reality.

One of the difficulties of India is that some of its leaders have felt that somehow the pressing problems of feeding the people and improving their economic status could be done easily. The toughness of Chinese Communist leaders, which has enabled them to accomplish so much, in spite of such monumental

Operation Barbarossa

At the time, the outside world was terrified for there was an aura of omens about Hitler. Indeed, it was supposedly an attribute of dictatorship that it could never fail whereas democracy was doomed to stumble whatever it engaged in.

Now in retrospect we can see how dictators were, and are, incapable of objectivity. Hitler with supreme confidence pushed Barbarossa despite misgivings—some of his military authorities, Stalin with equally supreme ego refused to listen when his own experts said the Ger-

Eliminating Bad Breath

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen. NINETY PER CENT of the odors in the breath originate in the mouth and good oral hygiene will eliminate most of them. Thorough brushing of the teeth usually purifies the breath for two hours. Additional attention should be paid to removable dental prostheses. It is also important to remove all food particles between the teeth with round toothpicks. Stim-U Dents, dental floss or a Water Pik Electric toothbrush are excellent for cleaning the ivories.

If this does not dissipate the odor, a complete dental examination is advisable. Cavities, severe periodontal disease (pyorrhea), and debris from food impacted between the teeth lead to halitosis. Dried saliva from mouth breathing also causes some odor.

A pocket of transverse indentation filled with decaying food may exist at the back of the tongue. This trap should be cleaned if halitosis exists. Food particles also collect in the crypts of the tonsils. Foul odors can originate in infections of the tonsils, sinuses, and nose. The cause of the remaining 10 per cent usually is obvious because the individual has serious lung, stomach, or liver disorders. In these cases, halitosis is the least of his worries. Certain foods including pork, milk, butter, onion, garlic, and other spices also may cause bad breath.

Some persons have a complex about breath odors and are always gargling, brushing, or chewing gum or mints. Overuse of certain preparations damage the membranes of the nose and throat.

On the other hand, foul breath may be a serious handicap, especially in those working in close contact with the public such as barbers, dentists, physicians, and beauticians. For these individuals it could make the difference between success and failure. They must adhere to strict dental hygiene. See their dentist frequently, a lot of tobacco and foods known to contribute to bad breath.

SMOKING AND NASAL TISSUES

H.A. writes: In your article on mistreatment of the nose you did not mention the effects of smoking. Would you care to comment on this aspect?

In my opinion, smoking should be taboo in the presence of disturbances of the upper air passages including the nose. Smoke is an irritant and may interfere with healing.

GIVE HIM TIME

D.C. writes: Should a very short 3-year-old boy be given injections to increase his height?

Not unless there is a glandular deficiency. Otherwise injections may interfere with nature by disrupting the normal hormonal balance of the boy's system.

Mrs. W. writes: Is there any chance that a weak eye muscle in a 5-year-old child can be strengthened by wearing glasses?

Yes, but if good results are not evident within a reasonable time, a competent eye specialist should be consulted for more adequate treatment.

TABLETS FOR HEMORRHOIDS

F.J. writes: Would you recommend tablets by mouth as a cure for piles?

Medicines can offer little more than temporary relief of hemorrhoids. Surgical removal is the only cure.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT

Boredom is man's greatest enemy. (Note: All correspondence to Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, C.O. Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

TASHKENT ROCKED AGAIN

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Another tremor shook the earthquake-battered city of Tashkent Saturday after four days of relative calm. The Soviet news agency reported that slight tremors have been felt in the last few days in the Soviet central Asian city, hit by series of earthquakes since April 26, Tass said.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The Bank of Canada's decision to make a special one dollar bank note commemorating the centennial is a nice gesture. But the best thing we could do to honor the dollar bill and Canada would be to preserve its buying power—Ottawa Journal.

Don't cry when you send your boy away to camp this summer. Remember, you're not losing a son. You're gaining two frogs, a turtle, a garter snake and a matched set of field mice—Plymouth Review.

United States space scientists have landed a vehicle on the moon and for years have looked forward to this "moon shot." How many can remember back during the depression when they looked forward to a "shot of moon"—Lake Geneva Regional News.

It's a good thing the pilot who saved the experimental bomber by making emergency repairs with a paper clip wasn't a woman. There are some things a hairpin just can't do—Calgary Herald.

A cow was sold in Oakville at \$42,000 this week. No wonder the price of milk is rising—Vancouver Sun.

"So you gave a fellow \$75 to look up your ancestors," said Smith. "What did he learn?" "Plenty!" answered Brown. "I had to give him another \$75 to keep quiet!"—Montreal Star.

We've given the subject a great deal of thought, and the answer must be that washing machines have secret compartments where they hide one of every two socks—Chicago Daily News.

In this family there was a large number of small children. Little Willie, age six, was taken in one morning to see his father, who happened to be laid up with influenza. Little Willie was quiet, almost reverent, in the sickroom. When it was time or him to go, he went up to his father's bedside and said, "I bin good, ain't I, pop?" "Yes, son," the old man whispered, "Well, then kin I see the baby?"—Montreal Star.

Postage Stamp Art

We note with great interest that Canada's centennial stamps are going to include pictures of such delightful sights as the Pacific coast replete with totem pole, the northern lights and a dog sled, and the St. Lawrence Seaway.

But what really excites our interest is the post office's decision to place the works of outstanding Canadian artists on a higher denomination stamp (eight cents to one dollar). How the postie department picked the artists is anyone's guess, but we can tell you right now there's going to be more than a tosspot in a tempest when snubbed artists get pens and vitriol in hand.

Artists whose works will be on the stamps are A. Y. Jackson, James Wilson Morrice, Tom Thomson, J. E. H. MacDonald, John Ensor, Lauren Harris and H. G. Glaze.

Caterpillars On Toast

Doctor Ronald L. Taylor, a young insect pathologist—physiologist at University of California—he is 26—is greatly concerned with the population explosion and has decided that the world should earnestly search for additional sources of protein to help it survive possible starvation.

He considers that economists and dietitians should seriously turn their thoughts to encouraging humanity to overcome its prejudice against consuming insects in its daily diet.

Eastern tribes already eat fried locusts. Bees dipped in chocolate can be purchased in Canadian stores. Australian aborigines thrive on grubs as part of their daily sustenance. The gorillas and chimpanzees augment their daily consumption of vegetable matter with grubs found under logs.

Bilingual Signs

The Quebec Government has decided to replace the unilingual French-language signs on the Trans-Canada Highway from Dorval to the Ontario border with markers in both English and French.

Whether it was prompted by the new Johnson Administration, or by the approach of Expo 67, is immaterial. Many English-speaking tourists from elsewhere in Canada and the U.S. who enjoy visiting La Belle Province, but who do not have knowledge of the French language, will feel a lot more comfortable.

One wonders why the unilingual signs were erected in the first place. Out of courtesy to English Canadians, many of whom will be using this main highway over the years, bilingual markers should have been installed.

Many Americans who, perhaps have never heard French spoken and cannot read French, will be heading for Montreal and Expo '67 next year. The unilingual signs would have been hazardous to them.

English-speaking Canadians should not feel smug, however, over this anti-turn by Quebec. As a courtesy to the many French-speaking tourists who each year cross the border into neighbouring Vermont and New York, the governments of the two states have erected French signs on the highways that lead into, or run parallel to, Quebec.

No reason why Ontario and New Brunswick shouldn't do this on the main approaches to Quebec. There are some French-language signs now. There could be more.

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