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Your Health, Sir Winston!

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to one man." We have altered the famous tribute of Sir Winston Churchill for the only reason that would permit of such impertinence—to apply it directly to himself.

It is quite unnecessary to review the record. The name alone of this grand old warrior, statesman, historian and impassioned spokesman for democracy sums it all up.

"I expect that the Battle of Britain is about to begin"—we can hear yet the solemn cadence of those words as they came to us over the radio: "Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilization."

It depends on our own British life, and the long continuity of our institutions and our Empire. The whole fury and might of the enemy must very soon be turned on us.

We have space only for one more quotation—from a speech made at Dundee away back in 1908, but very apropos to the present occasion, and to our aspirations at this time:

"What is the use of living, if it be not to strive for noble causes and to make this muddled world a better place for those who will live in it after we are gone? How else can we put ourselves in harmonious relation with the great verities and consolations of the infinite and the eternal?"

Did he remember those words when he made his great Commons speech in 1940? At any rate they strike the same note of indomitable faith and courage.

We join, humbly, with the millions of Sir Winston's admirers today in wishing him many happy birthday returns. It comes at a time when he has been under fire from some historical writers, but they are like pigmies attacking a giant with peashooters.

Drinking Myth Exploded

Highly pertinent to the highway safety campaign which should be engaging our attention at this time, is a pamphlet debunking some "drinking myths", published by Birk and Company Inc., New York.

Both will absorb alcohol from the intestine with equal speed, both will lose their perception and co-ordination at the same rate, both will become unconscious at the same blood level.

The moral is that habitual use of liquor, whether moderate or heavy, does not change the body's fundamental response to alcohol, regardless of a man's control of his mood.

In Sweden's famous Caroline Institute a research team tested a number of drivers under the influence of considerably less alcohol than is accepted in many courts as the minimum definition of drunkenness.

EDITORIAL NOTES It was left to our Island-parliamentary delegate at the United Nations, Mr. Heath Macquarrie, to congratulate Italian Somaliland on its plans to declare independence next July 1.

A dream of President Nasser, of the United Arab Republic, has been the Aswan dam, which would back up the waters of the Nile in southern Egypt to develop power and irrigate parched lands.

Australia has embarked on two great projects to make the barren, waterless wastes of the interior of the country productive and habitable.

The Toronto Telegram, a strong supporter of water fluoridation, was challenged recently by a correspondent to "publish the names and addresses of those who are trying to push this rat poison on the city."

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THE ANVIL CHORUS

AT THE U.N.

Distracting Luxuries

NEW YORK — Our Parliamentarian delegates and observers attending the General Assembly here are fully occupied with their work. But some are accompanied by their wives and they, like the many other Canadian visitors evident here, are glimpsing the joys and paradoxes of the most unabashed enjoyment of Mammon the world has ever seen.

A comfortable three-hour flight by Trans Canada Airlines "Viscount" sped me from Ottawa's teetotal airport, where the overcrowded waiting room offered no seat and a tiny counter purveyed coffee, candy and gum, to New York's fabulous Idlewild airport; there the first sight was big glass doors leading into a crowded and elegant oyster and cocktail bar.

Outside the Third Avenue offices of our Mission to the U.N., the sidewalks are beautifully graced with dead fallen maple leaves, or a reasonable facsimile thereof. This is not an intentional tribute to Canada; it is the consequence of higher remuneration for crawling the streets as driver of one of the many unheated taxicabs than for sweeping the streets as a municipal employee.

NATO's Chronic Ailment

If there are any new ways to spell C-R-I-S-I-S, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will surely find them. Every year around this time, pre-December gloom descends on the Palais de Chaillot in Paris as representatives of the 15-country alliance grapple with the annual stocktaking of member contributions, item by item and nation by nation.

The earthquake that shook Yellowstone National Park in August thoroughly disrupted the underground plumbing system of its steaming geyser basins. Sapphire Pool, once a listless geyser that bubbled up no higher than 6 or 7 feet, now dramatically spurts 150 feet into the air.

Earthquakes Open Paths

Geyser form in regions where volcanoes were active in the past. Deeply buried molten rock contains to seethe and send up hot gases—mostly steam—along joints or faults in solid rock. Earthquakes may open new escape vents or breach subterranean chambers.

Concern Still Acute

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New Drugs For Many Ailments

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. OUR REGULAR monthly review of medicine today deals with a new drug to help prevent morning sickness in pregnancies, a constipation corrective, a soluble aspirin and a new drug to combat rheumatic fever.

FEW SIDE EFFECTS Laboratory- and clinical researchers report it has few or no tranquilizing or sedative side effects.

According to scientists who developed the drug, it prevents nausea and vomiting by depressing or reducing the responsiveness of certain nerve centers in the brain. These centers must be stimulated in order for nausea or vomiting to occur.

The drug is available only through a doctor's prescription. The constipation corrective is reported to effectively and dramatically reduce the incidence of high and excessive straining by constipated individuals.

The aspirin, developed in Switzerland, deposits no insoluble particles that may attach themselves to the stomach lining, thus causing possible irritation, congestion and even erosive or severe hemorrhagic gastritis.

Improved Sulfa Drug

An improved sulfa drug gives promise of cutting down the dosage of oral drugs required to protect rheumatic fever victims against recurrent attacks.

Question and Answer

Mrs. R.A.: I am 68 years old and of late have been troubled by a constant throbbing in my head which keeps me awake at night.

Our Yesterdays

Commander C. T. Beard, R.C.N., inspected the Charlottetown Royal Canadian Naval Reserve last evening.

Ten Years Ago

Recognizing the work of the Ladies Auxiliary of the King's County Hospital, the "Town of the Week" award for outstanding community achievement has been given to Montague, it was announced yesterday.

Making New Geysers

Recorded intervals between Old Faithful's eruptions range from 33 to 94 minutes. Several geysers in Yellowstone are more faithful than Old Faithful.

Active For Centuries

The word geyser comes from the Icelandic "geysir," meaning gusher or rager. The name was given to Iceland's Great Geyser which has been active for centuries.

Return Adult Polio Clinic

For Souris and Surrounding Districts St. Mary's Parish Hall, Souris Wednesday, Dec. 2nd—7 - 9 p.m.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It takes, say the housewives, 20 minutes to mix coloring matter in a package of margarine. If the housewives' time and labor have any monetary value, surely it would be cheaper to buy butter. — Ottawa Journal

A student has asked a question for which we find no ready answer: If it was just "entertainment" for Asst. Prof. Charles Van Doren to fool the public, through accepting surreptitious coaching about what he knew, why would it be "cheating" for one of his students to do the same thing on an examination? — Milwaukee Journal

Parents should not be fooled by the memory of a few men who made the grade in spite of a poor educational background. Their days may well be numbered, for the future belongs to the scholars and geni who will soon control this mechanized, science-ridden world.

The Mounties who always get their man have nothing on the Toronto policeman who arrested a woman driver the other day. For sheer persistency and devotion to duty, it would be hard to surpass his achievement.

Eden Philpotts, English author, marked his 97th birthday by starting work on another book; his 251st. Proof of his long creative life is that he was writing nine years before Somerset Maugham began, that he was 21 years of age when Stevenson wrote "Treasure Island" and that he was well established before Wells, Galsworthy and Joseph Conrad were known. — London Free Press

Forward To Methuselah

A Russian expert has predicted that, 50 years from now, the human life span will have been stretched to between 150 and 200 years. The prospect raises several intriguing questions.

It is, indeed, tempting to ask just what the teenagers of those days will be like, and particularly what they will be saying about those 150-year-olds who come in their path.

The Age Old Story

Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

TRAFFIC MESSAGE

To The Parents: at this time of the year special hazards present themselves... advise your child to be careful.

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MAXIMS

The reason worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work.

The Poets Corner

I never saw so white And tall a silence. Oh, How terse, yet recondite, Implicit is the snow.

Immaculate, the lane Walks in a timeless trance; Far fields of foam, like grain, Stretch to a sea's expanse.

From here to Jericho There is no ghost of a track To guide me through the snow Of foreverness and back

—John Robert Quinn, (In The New York Times)

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