

Convocation Week

This is a big week in the Province educationally, highlighted by the centennial commencement exercises at St. Dunstan's University on Monday, and by the ninety-fourth convocation of Prince of Wales College which takes place on Friday morning.

Prince of Wales College has also sought to maintain the high standards of previous years, and the proof of its success lies in the large number of its graduates who have distinguished themselves in all fields of activity.

To the graduates and students of both our colleges, congratulations are due for the hard work put in during the year, and the gratifying progress achieved.

Budworm War Continues

The next few days in the northern areas of New Brunswick will see reactivated one of the most extensive undertakings ever attempted in Canada to conserve forest growth.

This year, with all forces of men, aeroplanes and specially produced DDT insecticide marshalled, and more new strategic airfields built, the next few days will see launched another seasonal battle of spraying the trees to exterminate as many as possible of the new crop of budworms now making their emergence.

The treed acres being subjected to the pestilential attack, notes the Moncton Transcript, are further south this spring, in the Gloucester-Northumberland border localities mostly.

If the spruce budworm attacks, which come in cyclical intervals of 20 to 25 years, could not be met by combative insecticide spraying from the air, the softwoods stands would be ravaged to a tremendous extent.

is realized. The two preceding years of aerial warfare against this destructive pest have been well worthwhile in the results achieved, and give assurance of further success again marking the operation.

Polio Pioneers

The nation-wide Salk Polio Vaccine trial is now well under way in the United States; already more than a half-million youngsters in various sections of the country have been inoculated.

Meanwhile, the youngsters who have been selected for the first tests are being called "Polio Pioneers"; at the completion of the series of shots—there are three in all—they are awarded buttons and certificates bearing that designation.

Before the tests began concern was felt in some quarters over the possibility of young children's resistance to the technicians and their needles; as a precautionary measure a half-million lollipops were called into service.

EDITORIAL NOTES

France, the nursing profession and women everywhere may well be proud of Lieut. Genevieve de Galard, heroic nurse of Dien Bien Phu, and rejoice in her release by the Communists.

It seems a thousand pities that countries of Central America should be seemingly on the brink of war. They have many problems, economic and otherwise, but certainly none of them will be solved by engaging in hostilities.

The helicopter is rapidly making a place for itself in naval operations. Britain is fitting a helicopter squadron with "dipping asdic" to lower into the sea and direct search operations.

The development of the hydrogen and cobalt bombs have brought the extermination of human life on earth within the range of technical possibility, Britain's Association of Scientific Workers was told by its retiring president.

An Anglo-Russian Treaty of Alliance was signed in London this date 1942, to last for twenty years. It provided for mutual "support of all kinds" during the war and for "common action to preserve peace and resist aggression in the post-war period" and for close "collaboration after the period of re-establishment of peace" in the organization of the security and economic prosperity of Europe.

On June 6th the whole free world will join France in celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Allied D-Day landings in Normandy. The French Government has prepared a free folder, "France, 1954: The Tenth Anniversary of D-Day."



Making Ready

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

DEMOCRACY AT WORK

Sir.—The generous manner in which your newspaper made public the many meetings held throughout the whole Province in connection with the forthcoming plebiscite on the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board is surely commendable.

It is beyond my understanding why any reasonable producer would want to destroy an organization, that, but a few years ago, was an impossible to organize. The reasoning of most producers and dealers being that a Marketing Board was a necessity but feared that our Government would never agree to granting marketing legislation.

Over demilitarization Mr. Mohammed Ali says that Pakistan will not take a rigid line. While he insists on safeguarding the Indian troops should not interfere with the impartiality of a plebiscite, he is not laying down fixed demands about their number or their proportion to the Pakistan troops in Azad Kashmir.

Kashmir Issue

(The Manchester Guardian)

When Mr. Nehru met Mr. Mohammed Ali last August they agreed that a Plebiscite Administrator for Kashmir should be appointed. There is no sign of the Administrator. In a speech recently in the Pakistan Parliament Mr. Mohammed Ali has described what has happened in the negotiations.

India is incensed because of Pakistan's agreement with the United States and fears that Pakistan—in spite of Mr. Mohammed Ali's pledge—may be really arming against India. Delhi may believe that after the East Pakistan election there will soon be changes in the central Government of Pakistan.

Public opinion polls have shown that Indians all over the country, and not simply in the north, are more tenacious of Kashmir than was supposed. But are these valid reasons for refusing to negotiate? India may dislike the Geneva conference because Western countries are presuming to try to settle Asian affairs. It is disliking would be more impressive if India had been ethical over Kashmir.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Those who like their coffee rich are having it that way these days —Fort William Times-Journal.

Denier has nothing to do with the length of a stocking except its wearing. —Moose Jaw Times-Herald.

Tomorrow is the day that always gets here just after you have today's various problems figured out. —Sudbury Daily Star.

After about 15 years' wear and tear on the china and silver, the average couple can have eight persons for dinner as long one of them doesn't drink coffee, another refuses the soup, and only five separate forks for the salad. —Edmonton Journal.

Dr. Maurice Burton, of the London Museum of Natural History, is the first scientist to try to advance the theory that Scotland's Loch Ness "sea serpent" which we used to hear so much about, could have been actual, not imaginary. Long a student of sea-serpent lore, he says all such tales described long beasts with a series of humps above the water line.

The great metallurgical centre of Kitimat, destined to rank with the world's famous triumphs of planning and construction, has taken another step towards community building. It has published its own newspaper. Number One of Volume One, the Kitimat Northern Sentinel, reaches us from Howard T. Mitchell, publisher. This is another voice in Canadian affairs and one which, because of the fast-growing importance of the miracle metal aluminum may some day be powerful. Kitimat has grown from the wilderness, out of men's skills and power over machines, in a few history-packed years —Vancouver Sun.

Sombody should write a novel based on the price of fish. The drama, passion and tragedy of this subject bring within their compass all the greatness and all the weakness of the Newfoundland people.

The Age Old Story

For though there be that are called gods, (whether in heaven or in earth, as there be gods many, and lords many), but to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we by him.

UPHOLD RED BAN

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Supreme Court Monday upheld a section of the Internal Security Act which bans an alien must be deported if he was a Communist at any time after entering the United States. Justices William Douglas and Hugo Black dissented from the 7-to-2 decision.

The Passing Scene

By Observer A MOMENTOUS DECISION

Most of the great decisions which have brought communities to important turning points in their history have come slowly. The mills of reform are hardly ever in a hurry. One such decision, which may in time have unprecedented effects on American political and social democracy, is that recently handed down by the United States Supreme Court on the subject of school segregation.

Whatever may happen meanwhile the decision will mean that within a few months a new chapter in American race relations will begin, a chapter which cannot fail to have a profound influence on the theory and practice of American democracy; but it will not settle right away the issue of social segregation.

The Poet's Corner

Onward and outward into space, the mind Projects itself. Familiar stars are passed And nameless galaxies bespeak a vast On-whirling universe, still undetermined. Here human thought confronts eternity, The never-ending marches of the years Where man's brief life span gleams and disappears, A raindrop lost in the unheeding sea. Dismayed and humbled, the receding thought Is driven back to earth's accustomed hours. To rivers, mountain mysteries and flowers, To wisdom that no other star has taught. Though narrow seem the path where he must tread, Here Man may gather radiance, glint by glint And find in the minutest pebble's tint The vastness dwelling in the mind of God. —Inez Barclay Kirby in the New York Times.

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