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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Hitch-Hickers

The Boy Scouts Association in pointing out that Scouts do not "hitch-hike" except in an emergency are not adopting any change in policy.

It is one thing to be stranded accidentally and beg a lift of a passing motorist. Anyone could find himself under such a necessity.

Apart from the indignity of depending upon others there is the fact that the imposition soon exhausts the friendly impulse of motorists, and results in the accidentally stranded wayfarer being deprived of needed assistance.

Matrimonial Forecasting

Back in the good old days the blushing maiden who wanted to know her matrimonial prospects went to the local fortune-teller, or teacup gazer for the answer.

Take the bachelor male in his sixties. What are his chances? Not so good, perhaps, as those of the fellow in his thirties.

What about the husband-hunting young woman in Charlottetown? Will she marry someone from Swift Current, Saskatchewan, or a farmer from Kamloops, B.C.?

It seems a pity that Canadians should be deprived of the piquancy of chance in matters matrimonial by DBS's thoroughly reliable research into the problem.

What Mao Wants

China's Communist leader Mao Tse-tung has a lot of people guessing as to his intentions in Korea. Two possible answers suggest themselves.

Why should Mao want a buffer-state carved out of North Korea? There are several reasons why such an objective should appear desirable in Chinese Communist eyes.

A second objective would be to partially discredit the UN victory over the Korean Reds. General MacArthur's successes in Korea had already provoked doubts in a good many Asiatic minds as to Communism's strength.

Yet another reason why Mao might want a buffer-state in North Korea is because of the vast mineral and industrial potential of the area.

That some deal along these lines will be proposed by the Chinese Reds when they turn up at Lake Success seems certain.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We escaped, as usual, any serious damage from the gale.

The local Little Theatre Guild deserves credit for aspiring to regional and perhaps national competition.

That is a commendable move at Winsloe by the department of Adult Education. Training in dramatics for the rising generation will enable them "to hear for themselves as others hear them."

The shortage in the quantity of butter in cold storage has resulted in a cent increase to the consumer and producer as well. A good deal more could be done in butter consumption by a well-conducted advertising campaign throughout the urban centres.

Pity the poor Islander, surrounded with prize cattle and poultry, with surpluses of potatoes, cranberries, eggs, butter and cheese, an abundance of fish of every kind, bank accounts at an all-time high and not enough work to do.

Today the Income Tax collector influences everything, even Cupid. An end-of-the-year wedding means a sizeable reduction in tax for most couples, and is very apt to outweigh even the attraction of a June wedding.

It is interesting to note that the winner of \$13,175 for his Herefords at Toronto Winter Auction Sale is half an Islander. The mother of Mr. W. A. Crawford-Frost was the former Miss Constance Ings, whose home was at 1 Dundas Ave., now the nurses' residence of the Charlottetown Hospital.

Richard Hakluyt, English geographer and ecclesiastic, born this date 1616. He held several livings and became Archdeacon of Westminster. But he had studied navigation as a youth, and was intimate with Raleigh, Drake, Gilbert and others who had sailed to other lands.

A contract for the Soviet Union to supply 800,000 tons of coarse grains to the United Kingdom is announced by the British Ministry of Food. The contract signed in Moscow will take effect immediately and deliveries will begin soon.

Egg production on P. E. I. is holding steady. Receipts of pullet eggs are light. Quality is good and demand continues strong. Although in some centres, prices have declined, quotations here have remained steady.

Table with columns for Province, Registered Nov. 4, Oct. 28, Oct. 21. Rows include B. C., Alta., Sask., Man., Ont., Que., N. B., N. S., P. E. I.

Poaching Leads Only To A Fall



Notes From Another Island

By "Anson"

LONDON, England.—Many of our customs and traditions are very old, some are new; some, old or new, are picturesque, exciting, uplifting, morale-building and generally to be recommended both for what they represent and for what they are as spectacles.

If all our customs, or manifestations of tradition, were as stirring as that sort of thing or as picturesque as the dancing round the maypole on May Day in the village, who but the most bitter cynic would complain? Alas, all are not so, and one at least—at any rate to my way of thinking—is absolutely barbaric.

Fireworks that make pretty patterns, floral designs and harmless decorative splutters, or that bring to multicoloured life carefully designed set-pieces are a joy to behold. Rockets that soar upwards and burst at a safe height into a shower of glittering sparks, are fascinating to the most jaded eyes.

Or he may just be walking along the street, trying to get home whilst he is still unscarred, when a furiously flaming cylinder of gunpowder lands at his feet, where it has just been thrown by the small boy across the road who looked for all the world as if he were just trying unsuccessfully to melt some butter in his mouth.

Summerside's Museum Site

(Summerside Journal) The Summerside Town Council at its last meeting put forth what would appear to be an excellent suggestion and more than that, a splendid offer to the government of this province. The offer is a free gift of the valuable corner property on Summer Street adjacent to Memorial Square.

With such a lack of interest as Charlottetown has in late years evinced in this subject, it is only right that some other community should have a chance to take the initiative in this matter, and Summerside has many citizens who would be only too happy to demonstrate that they are really interested and would make a success of such an institution.

Mayor Wedge and the members of his Council are entitled to commendation for their foresight and enterprise in putting this proposition before Premier Jones, and in view of the lack of vision and co-operation in Charlottetown, the Premier might do much worse than accept the Summerside offer.

The Lodge-ical Gift for the Men on Your List. Advertisement for jewelry featuring a watch and rings.

G. H. Taylor Jewellers for Four Generations. Advertisement for jewelry featuring various rings and pines.

The Poet's Corner

LOST DAYS

The lost days of my life until today. What were they, would I see them on the street? Would they be Lie as they fell? Would they be ears of wheat?

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) CITY SCALES AUCTIONED

"The city weighing machine was yesterday let at public auction to the highest bidder and the purchaser was Mr. Daniel Bethune, who had it knocked down to him at a rent of \$11 for the ensuing year.

And above all, pray for heavy rain. The funny thing about it all is this. Nobody seems to have decided if this annual November riot is to commemorate the fact that Mr. Pawkes failed to blow up the Houses of Parliament, or to reverse his memory for what seems a jolly good idea.

Notes By The Way

We do not think that Western Canada is in any danger of Russian invasion. Just think what would happen to heavy Soviet tanks if they ever hit some of our municipal roads — Virden (Man.) Empire-Advance.

No one should retire at night and keep windows locked. An open bedroom, even if it permits only a small amount of fresh air inside the room, may be the means of saving lives. Too often families leave burners on at full blast during the night.

That parents and teachers may get to know each other better, and through acquaintanceship and regular meetings contribute something gainful to the schools of Corner Brook, an effort will be made next Tuesday night to form this area's first Home and School association.

When pride cometh, then cometh shame, but with the lowly is wisdom. Advertisement for Eastern Canada Savings & Loan Company.

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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