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The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink.

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It May Do Good

The widespread indignation over the letter written by the president of the Dominion Drama Festival, asking that consideration be given to a certain brand of liquors "when occasion arises", was to have been expected.

Now that the mischief has been done, it is possible that some good may come of it. It may be the means of rectifying the original mistake that was made when Festival officials accepted the distillery's offer of financial assistance in the way of awards and trophies.

It is not too late to remedy the situation before a mockery is made of the entire cultural movement.

Railway Services

Vice President Fairweather, of the Canadian National Railways, maintains that the railway has reduced its passenger service in this Province not through choice but of necessity, and that as trustees of the people's money it is not their business to continue trains that are not being patronized.

In judging such matters the Transport Commissioners are expected to keep in mind the report of the Turgeon Commission of 1951, in which note was taken that inadequate railway service was a strong subject of complaint on behalf of this Province.

quate and suitable accommodation for the receiving, loading and unloading of all traffic for carriage upon the railway, and without delay carry and deliver all rail traffic; and they are likewise obliged to furnish such other service incidental to transportation as is customary or usual in connection with the business of a railway company and as may be ordered by the Board.

In a memorandum published along with the Turgeon Report, prepared by one of the Commissioners, Dr. Innis, it was noted, from evidence submitted, that Prince Edward Island "is particularly exposed to the dangers of a monopoly of a relatively obsolescent type of transportation in restricting an extremely important source of revenue in the motor car and the tourist trade.

The last sentence seems to imply that regions such as Prince Edward Island, where there is monopoly control, are "paying the shot" for the expenses incurred to meet intensive motor truck competition elsewhere.

A Mighty Movement

The annual report of the executive Council of the Boy Scouts Association is an interesting booklet which this year makes particular mention of the World Jamboree held last Summer at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Since 1914, when there were 14,477 enrolled in scouting, interest has increased and expanded until at the end of 1955, the total enrollment was 196,409.

Generally speaking, there is one adult leader for every 10 or 11 boys in the movement. This is important, for it shows the manner in which the Scouting movement seeks to help the youngsters in their formative years.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The latest United States' hydrogen bomb tests have had to be postponed several times because of adverse weather conditions. Isn't it a little sobering to realize that for all their knowledge the scientists cannot change the course of the wind or stop a single raindrop from falling on the earth?

According to an Ottawa correspondent there will be no July-January holiday for our parliamentarians this year. Prime Minister St. Laurent will be leaving Canada to attend the conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London late in June.



THE EMBARRASSING CONSEQUENCES OF RUNNING OUT OF THE REGULAR MEDICINE

PUBLIC FORUM

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

APPRECIATION

Sir—On Saturday, May 12, the cast of the Little Theatre Guild production, "Angel Street", left for Sherbrooke, Quebec, to take part in the Dominion Drama Festival from the 13th to the 19th of May.

To send this talented cast and their stage set to this event, required a lot of cooperation from the east, and moral and financial support by the people of this city.

Through the medium of your paper, the Executive of the Little Theatre Guild would like to express its sincere appreciation to the business firms of Charlottetown for their generous donations; and to all others who supported us financially by their attendance at our performances.

We hope that your good wishes will attend them along the way and that they will bring back more honors to this City and to the Charlottetown Little Theatre Guild, whom they represent.

Many thanks for your valuable space.

We are, Sir, etc., Little Theatre Guild of Charlottetown.

George Anderson, Business Manager.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 15, 1931)

The first car accident of the season in the O'Leary district happened on Saturday night near the High School, when a car driven by E.H. Strong, Summerside, collided with a horse and carriage owned by John McKinnon, Knutsford, injuring the horse severely.

The lobster season which opened May 1 from Gaspé, Que., has not been a success the first ten days. Fishing is fair on the west end of P.E.I., and improvement is expected shortly. Prices are as low as five cents a pound for unsorted lobsters.

The largest ship of her type and the latest word in ice-breakers ever built in a Canadian shipyard will be launched next Wednesday, when the car ferry "Charlottetown" takes to the water at Lauzon, Que. Mrs. Charles Dalton, wife of Lieut. Governor Dalton of P.E.I., will sponsor the new vessel.

TEN YEARS AGO

(May 15, 1946) Although some good lobster catches have been made by Georgetown fishermen, the opinion is the catch will fall far short of that of last year.

Yesterday marked an historic occasion in the commercial history of P.E.I., when a big reconverted American transport plane loaded with 5,000 pound of live lobsters, roared off the runway at Charlottetown airport for New York.

Something unusual for the 9th of May, Mr. James Houston made a trip to New Glasgow by sleigh, with very fair roads.

The Age Old Story

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the City of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her, and that right early.

PREVENTS ROBBERY

MADOC, Ont. (CP)—An unidentified youth returning home from a visit to his girl friend apparently frightened away a would-be bank robber Monday, police said. The boy ran to warn Ontario Provincial Police when he noticed a man in a grocery store next to a branch of the Bank of Montreal.

OTTAWA REPORT

Pensions And Pipe-Line

By Patrick Nicholson

Two fascinating coincidences in dates: first the Fowler Royal Commission on Broadcasting heading westwards from Ottawa for its trans-Canada hearings, announced its intention to arrive in Winnipeg on 7th May. Wags here were quick to consent that Winnipeggers would have a busy day manning the dykes of freedom—the crest of the anticipated Red River flood had also been predicted to reach Winnipeg that day.

Less frivolous was the timing of announcements by two Cabinet Ministers on Tuesday of last week.

These provided for a bigger baby bonus, but no hope for our old folk. Health Minister Paul Martin said that the Federal Government cannot afford to raise old age pensions from the present level of \$40 to \$50 per month. This increase would cost no less than \$100,000,000 a year, and this represents an extra burden which the taxpayers of Canada could not be expected to shoulder.

DO WE REALLY CARE The Conservatives think they got a red-hot election issue in this American economic seizure of Canada, and especially in the Trans-Canada pipeline.

On the other hand, the C.B.C. has at last and with reluctance announced that it will lose \$22,000,000 this year, which must be collected from the taxpayers, on top of the money they have already paid—probably without being aware of it—for the C.B.C. this year.

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The Poet's Corner

SPRING WOMEN In the fickle Northern latitudes, we know that Spring is here when sunny women break Out of their doors like flowers, grimy snow Still melting in the corners of the yards. They hurry in sun across young grass and shake Their colored clouds of laundry to the sky. Toes Winter thoughts to the garden's Winter shards. Men, going to work, in slow amaze pass by The women blossoming in blue and gold. The open windows in the singing houses. And feel warmth in wind they thought was cold. The women greet the Spring as each one chooses. With sparkling water, merry broom, or line Flinging the bright clothes up to the lolling wind. As if this were a new world just begun. The men stride down the chill street, feeling young. Watching their women blossom in the sun. —Francis Frost.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

NEW AID FOR COLDS, MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

A NEW drug combining an antibiotic, an antihistamine and an analgesic has been developed to relieve cold symptoms and control secondary infections.

The new cold medicine is Achrocin. Tests show it controls many bacterial invasions and seems to be of value in treating such symptoms of the common cold as headache, muscular aches, fever, nasal discharge, excessive mucus and chest congestion.

The preparation combines the broad spectrum antibiotic Achrocin tetracycline with an antihistamine and an analgesic compound.

It is, however, emphasized that the usual precautions such as bed rest, increased fluid intake and protection against cold and exposure, must be taken along with the new drug and, of course, it should only be taken under the doctor's direction.

The new myasthenia gravis diagnostic drug is edrophonium (tension) chloride. Doctors report that administration of tension produces a marked, but temporary, strengthening of muscles within ten minutes.

Healthy Persons The healthy persons, or those suffering from other diseases with similar symptoms, do not react in this way, the new drug helps uncover definite cases of myasthenia gravis.

Another new drug, Mestimon bromide, is reported effective in controlling myasthenic symptoms, particularly difficulty in swallowing.

Most milder cases, one doctor reports, obtained "almost complete relief." He cites this to support his belief that there are many mild-to-moderate cases of the disease for every one with the classical severe symptoms.

QUESTION AND ANSWER A.J.L.: How can my bedridden mother be prevented from getting bed sores?

Answer: Bed sores are caused by prolonged pressure on the skin. They can be prevented by moving the person to different positions often during the day and by keeping the skin dry. A special type of mattress is designed to change the pressure to different areas of the body as he lies.

stimulate disarmament, Bulganin and Krushchev have made the western nations take a severe look at their defence bills. A recent Canadian authority revealed that we pay an unequalled proportion of our fighting soldiers to sit in chairs at headquarters. The grocerias of Ottawa are the only scene of action ever known to many of this huge chairborne force of ours. A good question for some Opposition M.P. to ask Defence Minister Campney would be: "How many officers and men of our active forces have been stationed continuously in Ottawa for (a) the past 5 years and (b) the past 10 years?" Campney's Cavalry and the grocerias Grenadiers represent two of the taxpayers really unnecessary expenses.

NOTES BY THE WAY

An increase in American spending abroad must compel Canada to reconsider its very modest contribution to the Colombo Plan, not only for what Mr. Walter Lippman rightly calls moral reasons but because the stability of the poorer countries is essential, as Mr. Eisenhower says, to the security of America.—Victoria Times

Five thousand two hundred men making up the seventh Turkish replacement brigade to rotate Turkish troops already on duty in Korea are being readied to sail from Izmir under the command of Brig. Gen. Caviti Elicevik, in line with Turkey's determination to fulfill its obligations to the end. A total of 29,322 Turkish officers and enlisted men saw active service in Korea.—News From Turkey

The rear-view mirror in the automobile of the future may be replaced by a televised view of the road behind. This is reported from Boston, where more than one good idea has originated in the past, been accepted elsewhere and finally been made effective. The idea is that a small camera would be mounted in the car's rear trunk, to flash views through a closed-circuit television on to the dashboard.—Sydney Post Record

A special day each year, to be observed in honor of all grandfathers, is being promoted. To be eligible for such attention it will be necessary to have reached the age of three score and ten. The old boys would gather, swap yarns of other years, and for one day at least find themselves again the centre of interest. If the country didn't have too many "days" now, this might be a good idea. Whether the rocking chair interest are backing the promotion is not revealed.—Cornwall Standard

Balanced budgets somehow bring to mind the oldtimer who figured he had saved \$800 by not being shaved for 30 years. But he did not have the \$800.—Oshawa Times

Roger Phillion, of Cobalt, while doing his duty for the first day as official dog catcher was bitten by a dog he was after, punched in the eye by the dog's ever loving master, and sewn up by the doctor for a split lip; three teeth were lost in the scuffle.—Winnipeg Free Press

Since fluoridation of Brockville's water supply will be undertaken shortly and since there has been some doubts in the minds of some persons as to the wisdom of such action by the public utilities commission and the town council, the declaration by the Federal Minister of Health, the Hon. Paul Martin, that the addition of fluoride to water is safe and effective for the partial prevention of tooth decay is timely.—Brockville Recorder

Of all the delicacies favored by man none is uglier than the lobster. A writer once described it as "a large marine, stalk-eyed, 10-footed, long-tailed crustacean of the genus Homarus, much used for food, and of a brilliant red when boiled". But ugly as it may be the lobster is a valuable marine animal. The new season has just started and, if all goes well, nearly \$2,000,000 will be shared by Newfoundland lobster fishermen over the next few months.—St. John's News

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