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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Ducks And Woodcock

The 1st being a Sunday the open season on ducks and woodcock opens Monday morning, and hunters will certainly be out in force to try their luck on the first day of shooting.

This limit, and the limit on ducks of seven a day and 14 in possession, are not a capricious exercise of authority. It is hunters themselves who realized that if wild life was not to be exterminated a limit must be placed on the number of birds taken by any one of their fellow nimrods.

Reckless carnage of game birds is of small moment to those who never carry a gun, but touches to the quick those who enjoy the sport. In their own interest they must see to it that the law is enforced and any attempt at game hogging promptly and effectively dealt with.

A Worthy Cause

The annual campaign for funds in aid of the Protestant Orphanage opens on Monday next. Indications point to crowded accommodations during the coming winter, with living costs at an all-time high.

Institutions which depend, as do our orphanages to a large extent, upon charitable appeals are the very pillars of our democratic way of life. Were their appeals to fall on deaf ears, the State would have to move in and we should be another step nearer to an all-out socialist regime.

Sea Shells And Shellcraft

"Sea-shells were the first foot-prints on the sands of time; the first things of beauty to attract the eye of the untutored savage, the first domestic dishes, the first dress adornment—this vogue having come down through the ages, changing as it moved to suit the trend of the day, until we find today a universal fire-side industry where five million dollars worth is sold annually in Canada, three-quarters of which has been made by amateurs, not experts."

The above quotation is from a delightful booklet on sea-shells and shellcraft, entitled "Wee Voyagers", the second edition of which has just been published by the Busy East Press, Ltd., of Sackville. The author, Miss Atlanta S. Sollows, is a master of her subject, her shell bird and other ornamental shell creations having won her an international reputation.

Phoney Peace-Mongers

There may be some people even in this Province who have fallen for the phoney peace propaganda emanating from Moscow. It would be hard indeed, as the Manchester Guardian recently put it, "to find a more dishonest movement."

Commenting upon the selection of London for the Second World Congress of the movement to be held in November, the Guardian says:

"London has been chosen for the meeting in November of the 'Second World Peace Congress'. Rome (then Genoa) was the first choice, but it has been decided that London will suit the aims of the pro-

motors better. Those aims are quite simply the weakening of all non-Communist Governments and the confusion of the peoples who support them.

"The 'Peace Congress' and the so-called 'Stockholm appeal' it is sponsoring are Communist creations and are run in association with Moscow, whatever the non-party facade under which they are presented. They form one of the most ingenious episodes of the 'cold war' and are treated quite openly by the Russian State propaganda apparatus as a most important branch of Communist activity.

"Just as in the first two years after the war, the Communists tried to monopolize the term 'democracy', so in the last two years they have tried to monopolize the word 'peace'. The world, according to them, is divided between war-mongers and peace-lovers.

"The first are the American and British Governments and all non-Communist parties; the second are the Governments of Russia and its satellites and all who can be prevailed on to accept the Communist conception of 'peace.' The 'peace' campaign has a single purpose: the hampering of the defences of those countries that are not prepared to accept Russian domination."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, 17th Sunday after Trinity.

Tomorrow, World Communion in Protestant Churches.

British Columbia sent us the smoke of scores of forest fires to darken the sky, but also sent Miss Delle Calhoun and all is forgiven.

The three-day meeting of Federal and Provincial agriculturists planned for December 4th has the almost impossible task of telling the farmer what he should expect in the way of markets in 1951.

Summerside and Islanders generally will welcome the navigation students from Atlantic Pact countries. The 20 airmen from France, Holland, Belgium, Norway and Italy are almost certainly the advance guard of much greater numbers to be trained here.

It seems that the turnip maggots which have already caused so much damage by scarring the surface of turnips are now changing their habits and burrowing right into the edible roots. A vast amount of research is being done here on the pests but so far without positive result.

Now that force has failed them the Communists want to "accept" the orders of the U. N. to avert aggression and bloodshed. Much water has gone under the bridge since the orders were given, and to go back to the proposed position would leave the Reds in the position from which they launched the original aggression.

The latest get-rich-quick-without-work gag is known as home quiz. A party is arranged for someone's home, all attending paying a fee, usually \$1, to a "treasurer." He attends other parties, while his guests arrange additional ones in starting a chain themselves. And so on and on and on. It is all a variation of the old chain letter and pyramid club schemes.

"No written record can do justice to the situation which confronted our troops in this area (South Beveland Isthmus of Holland). The bitterest kind of fighting followed." Thus wrote Col. C. P. Stacey about the heart-breaking battle to clear the port of Antwerp for the Allied Expeditionary force—six years ago this month.

At the end of September, 1944, the 2nd Canadian Division had secured a bridgehead over the Albert Canal just east of Antwerp and were fighting for ground along the Antwerp-Turnhout Canal. The 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade, under command of Brigadier W. J. McGill, D.S.O., suffered very heavy casualties but pushed on through the mud and water. On October 13 of that year, the Black Watch lost every rifle company commander in the regiment in the one day. Canadian veterans long will remember the bitter battle for the Scheldt. They fought with stubbornness against increasing odds and mounting casualties until, on October 16, Field-Marshal Montgomery ordered a complete regrouping designed to bring larger forces to bear on the tremendously important task of freeing Antwerp as a winter-time supply port. Victory that came later in the Battle of the Scheldt is known to all. And, says Col. Stacey, credit for winning the battle lay, above all, with the infantry soldier, who many times fought over water-swept land in a rowboat.

Two Who Can Work Together



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT

"We do not remember any event of a local character which has cast such a gloom upon our little community, exciting sorrow so deep, so sincere, and so widely diffused, as the painful and melancholy occurrence which it is our duty this day to record.

"On Saturday morning last, while the lady of Benjamin Davies, Esq., M. P. P. for Queen's County, was engaged in superintending the baking of cake over the kitchen fire of her own residence—her servant being employed in another part of the house—and while in the act of lifting it from the fire, her back being partly turned to the burning logs, a light gown that she wore came in contact with the fire, which so rapidly ignited as to render her own efforts to extinguish it ineffectual. In the extremity of her alarm, she ran violently to her bedroom, up two flights of stairs, where her screams brought the servant to her assistance.

"The latter immediately snatched a double blanket from a bed and threw it around her, in the hope of smothering the flame; but Mrs. Davies, becoming frantic with the heat of the burning, threw the servant off, and rushing down stairs and into the open street, made for the house of Mr. W. Duchemin, immediately opposite her own residence, at the door of which she was met by Mrs. Duchemin and her daughters by whose active exertions the fire was extinguished, although not, unhappily, until every particle of her clothing was entirely consumed, and almost every part of her body dreadfully burned. Medical relief was immediately obtained, but the unfortunate lady was too much injured by the fire to have any hope or chance of recovery. She lingered in great agony until about 8 o'clock this morning (Monday), when she was relieved from further sufferings by death."

—The Islander, Nov. 5, 1852.

'Social Dishonesty'

(Ottawa Journal)

This is a fresh new week with clean pages on which we can write of what befalls. The pity is that one early entry should be so dreary. From Toronto we have the note that the United Church Board of Evangelism and Social Service has considered it necessary to put before a general meeting of the Church a resolution to ask ministers to tell their congregations that tax evasion is immoral as well as illegal.

The resolution, we must believe, is the result of careful thought on the basis of information received from churches across the country. This information has been sufficient to arouse the concern of board members over "social dishonesty" as reflected in income tax evasion, violation of foreign exchange regulations and reported expenditures of unnecessarily large amounts of money during election campaigns.

All such displays of poor citizenship the honorable Canadian must deplore. Of course we are cynical about taxes and politics and there is no sweeter triumph than a legal victory over the tax collector. Elections cost money and doubtless there have been occasions when it has been spent too lavishly; but we have felt there has been at least some protection for society in the returns of candidates' expenses which are filed in the Commons and are open for the world to see. Yet the thoughtful leaders of a Church are troubled and we must take account of their words. In fact it seems very right that the United Church, and all other

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PUBLIC FORUM

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MEAT PRICES

Sir, — I have read that front page story "10,000 Packerhouse Workers Get Wage Boosts Under New Agreement", with about the same interest as would most Canadians, who are naturally concerned with the increasing pressure of food costs on the average income. It may well be that the aforesaid 'wage boosts' for a mere 10,000 workers will, somehow, fall to be reflected at the retail level. It would be encouraging if this could be done; but, in the vernacular, "a man can dream, can't he?"

Without knowing a great deal about packerhouse techniques, I have the impression that a reasonably efficient job is being done. In this respect, perhaps I should quote the following statistical picture, as given in your advertising, in the course of a report to the shareholders of one of the major operators (Canada Packers Limited):

"In respect of live stock (considered apart from all other products) Churches and faiths, should step forward and speak with vigor when there are signs the spirit of our country is in danger of being tarnished. Government is efficient within restricted limits and what it achieves in building the soul of a nation is made possible only by the support it receives, support in the spirit as well as the letter of democracy.

Great states have fallen because the people lost their faith, fled the responsibilities of citizenship, counted the law an ass easily deceived. We do not suggest that Canada is rotten with "social dishonesty," and hope the United Church will agree with us. The examples of lawlessness do not found, and justly assessed, do not represent the spirit of the nation. Nonetheless they are the warning of a monstrous evil and cleric and statesman, capitalist and unionist, in fact all of us, must put on our spiritual armor against it.

operating charges—including depreciation of plants, wages, materials, packages, interest, taxes, selling costs, etc.—out of each dollar of sales, amounted to \$1.43; Net profit, out of each dollar of sales was .48c; Total out of each dollar, expenses plus profit was \$1.91; Return to producer — .885.00.

That's a keen and clean-cut picture. Sir, but the 'smog' comes down heavily as between that point and the final consumer's retail meat-dollar! Unfortunately, no one seems to be able to break down the retail meat dollar into its respective slices. Here, therefore, is a \$200,000 question: "When the housewife in your city, or mine, pays out a dollar for meat, how much is the lady paying to the livestock farmer?"

The Poet's Corner

SONNET

Time flies, hope flags, life piles a weary'd wing; Death following hard on life gains ground apace; Faith runs with each and rears an eager face, Outruns the rest, makes light of everything, Spurs earth, and still finds breath to pray and sing; While love ahead of all uplifts his praise, Still asks for grace and still gives thanks for grace, Content with all day brings and night will bring, Life wanes; and when love folds his wings above, Tired hope, and lest we feel his conscious pulse, Let us go fall asleep, dear friend, in peace; A little while, and age and sorrow cease; A little while, and life reborn anew, Loss and decay and death, and all is love.

—Christina Rossetti.

Notes By The Way —

At United Nations sessions, Russian delegates have been noted for vituperation. But New York City's banquet for U. N. delegates was not an appropriate occasion for the state governor, Mr. Thomas E. Dewey, to give the Soviet Union a tongue-lashing. Mr. Vishinsky administered a deserved rebuke by walking out. The preservation of some amenities is an important function of the U. N. — Ottawa Citizen.

The Voice of America — the American radio weapon designed to acquaint Russians with some of the fallacies of their government at Moscow — is twitting the Kremlin about its sturgeon and caviar supplies. Owing to the fact that the sturgeon, from which caviar is obtained, persist in inhabiting the Persian end of the Caspian Sea, the Russians have been forced to buy large supplies of Persian sturgeon, to be marketed at home as "Russian caviar." The only unusual note about it all, says The Voice of America, "is that Moscow has failed to claim that the virtues of this caviar are due to indoctrination of the fish in Communist ideology." Humor can be, if properly applied, a powerful weapon against tyranny and bureaucracy. Gilbert and Sullivan proved this. It may be that we could use humor profitably. It is worth trying. — London Free Press.

Who commands the various units of the invading North Korean army? The question intrigues the Los Angeles Times, which points out that the North Korean units are always identified, but never the commanding officers — an unprecedented situation in warfare. Military intelligence services historically make a point of knowing who the enemy's commanders are because each commander traditionally reacts in an individual way to particular conditions and tactics. By knowing what the reaction of the opposing commander is likely to be, strategists can plan a more effective fight against him. But the U. S. intelligence service apparently doesn't know the names of the North Korean commanders, despite their importance to U. S. tacticians, the Times says. "Whoever they are, those men commanding the North Korean forces, they are not beginners. Perhaps these North Korean generals, no matter what they call themselves, now, had names which ended in 'ski' and 'off'." — Vancouver Sun.

Speaking in the House of Commons some months ago, Canada's minister of agriculture, Hon. James Gardiner, gave quite a lecture on why Canadians should drink apple juice. He also threatened to boycott restaurants where citrus juices were served in preference to apple juice. Ontario's minister of agriculture, Col. T. L. Kennedy, now is the authority for the statement that although the Ontario apple crop is down 15 or 20 per cent this year, the quality of the fruit was never better. Reports from British Columbia show a good crop there this year, and perhaps Mr. Gardiner and Col. Kennedy can get together to promote a live sales campaign to encourage Canadians to drink more apple juice. If the ministers are prepared to commit themselves to a "juice campaign" we have no hesitation in saying that Canadian newspapers will extol the merits of apple pie, served with Canadian cheese. — Sudbury Star.

most is a "National-Week-to-End-All-Weeks" Week. So far this month of September alone the nation has had National Tie Week, National Home Week, and Lessons in Truth Week. But it's only the beginning. The last week of the month is three weeks, if you know what we mean. — National Dog Week, Religious Education Week, and National Sweater Week. And the month has a name of its own, too. September is gloriously titled Child Foot Health Month. October is even worse; to date it is down for these weeks: National Hat — Cranberry — Wine — Better Parenthood — Fire Prevention — Save the Horse — Letter Writing — Posture — Bible — Smoke Abatement—United Nations Honey — (the kind from bees) — Business Women's — Pharmacy — Apple — Girl Scout — Flower. To say nothing of Grandmother's Day, Children's Day, Apple Day, World Temperance Sunday. — Auburn, N. Y., Citizen-Advertiser.

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