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Education And Democracy

Today the electors of this Province are exercising one of their most cherished democratic rights. The free and secret franchise is possible only under democracy, and democracy—as Dr. Whitton pointed out in her Samuel Robertson Memorial lecture at Prince of Wales College recently—is essentially a spiritual force, maintainable only through the reaffirmation of spiritual values.

Education, His Excellency stressed repeatedly, is valueless unless it is used for the benefit of mankind. Hoarded knowledge and hoarded riches have very much in common — both are essentially sterile. It is the giving forth to others that counts.

The urgent challenge of today is for true social and economic reform along Christian lines. "The masses in both the East and the West are now on the march; their development is inevitable, and danger to themselves and to the world lurks at every corner along the route."

Mr. Truman And The U.N.

Speaking before a joint session of the State Legislature in his home State of Missouri, Mr. Harry S. Truman, "private citizen", as he likes to call himself, stated that the United States should give no consideration to withdrawal from the United Nations. It is, of course, only natural that the former President should think highly of the world organization, since he was one of the prime movers in its creation.

some of them, indeed, were definitely opposed to it. It is well known that one of Mr. Truman's "hobbies" is the study of history. He has gone about it with such diligence and patience that some competent critics say that he might be considered an authority in many phases of historical research. He would be the last man in the world to make any such claim; for, whatever his faults and limitations as a statesman, no one has ever charged him with over-rating his intellectual attainments.

A Fitting Tribute

The Governor General visited Winnipeg recently, and the Winnipeg Free Press took occasion to pay tribute to this distinguished Canadian in words which will be indorsed by many of our citizens from coast to coast. "A Governor General," says the Free Press, "always has to work in the glare of publicity. That is the nature of his functions as the representative of the throne."

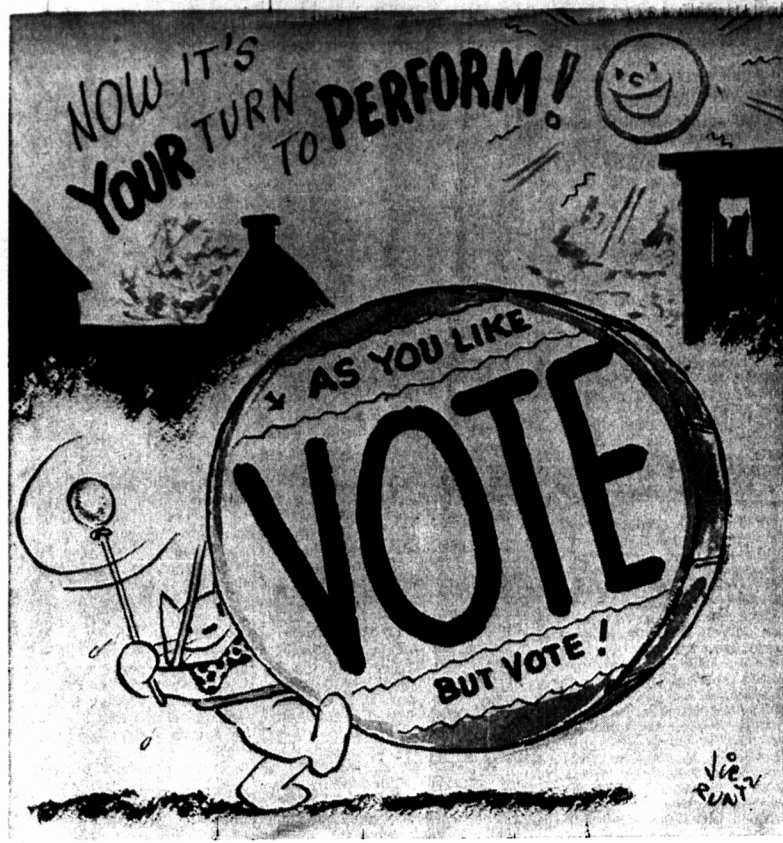
EDITORIAL NOTES

A small American college is setting up machinery for a survey of Western civilization and its possible course in the future. It is good to know that there still are intelligent people who believe that our hard pressed culture is good for a while yet, A and H bombs notwithstanding.

The official view of the Eisenhower Administration is that Hawaii, which usually goes Republican, is ready for statehood, and that Alaska, which almost always goes Democratic, is not. The Republicans are saying that all this is a mere coincidence. The Democrats, however, have another name for it.

A Chinese restaurant proprietor has donated a \$2000 annual scholarship for students of Chinese origin attending an American college. The purpose behind the gift is a logical one: to enable the fortunate student to take courses in food administration in the vocational department of the college. Now, there's a sensible idea in education and no frills about it.

The sceptic may laugh at those persons who believe in ghosts, goblins, hobgoblins, and the like. Nevertheless, there are savants who think the world of apparitions is worth studying. Some of them, including a number of distinguished psychologists, are meeting for a week this summer at a no less important place than Cambridge University for a full dress research into what they call "spontaneous phenomena". They are even planning to visit a few haunted houses, just to find out, if they can, what the visiting ghosts are up to, and why. Perhaps they had better take along a few broomsticks for peace-offerings, in case a few angry witches turn up unexpectedly.



Get Into Step—Exercise Your Franchise!

The Dionnes At Twenty-C

(The four surviving sisters of the Dionne quintuplets will observe their 21st birthday on May 28 and simultaneously come into an estate of nearly \$1,000,000. The following story was written by the managing editor of the North Bay Ontario Daily Nugget, who helped break the story of their birth and has followed their development ever since.)

It was just another Monday morning, a quiet, sunny day. We were down to work a bit early that morning, but that was only because it was a publishing date. In those days we published just three times a week.

But something happened that morning to make it a day of days as far as the newspaper was concerned: something that in time did much to transform us from a tri-weekly paper to a daily, increase our circulation by 7,000, and up the population of North Bay by 5,000 persons.

Contrary to the opinion of some, he was not a pauper at the time the quintuplets were born. He was a farmer who owned his own car and his own farm and that was something for a farmer in this district during the difficult 1930s.

Finally, however, the editor became convinced it was no joke and after announcing the event to the staff in rather matter-of-fact tones, he proceeded to pound out a 50-word bulletin to The Canadian Press, a bulletin which broke the story of the amazing story of the Dionne quintuplets.

While he was tapping out his historic message, Bunyan dispatched senior reporter W. H. (Bill) Dumsday and a commercial photographer, the late Richard Ballant, to the Dionne farm-house. There they found the five whimpering bits of humanity the combined weight of the quintuplets was only 10 pounds 14 ounces), the mother pale and weak and the father flabbergasted and shaken.

The Poet's Corner

YOUTH WHOSE HOPE IS HIGH O Youth whose hope is high, Who dost to truth aspire, Whether thou live or die, O look not back nor fly.

consume her time. Her great love for her family is evident in her every action. Her great courage and efficiency were never more evident than when Emilie died last August. She kept her grief under complete control, performing her duties with admirable competence as many hundreds of persons came to the house to pay their respects.

PERFECT MANNERS

Nobody, of course, knows what the future holds for the four remaining quintuplets, but it is my guess that each of them will get married and raise a family. The quintuplets are not beautiful and they are not brilliant. But they are attractive and of above-average intelligence. They have always done well in their studies. Their manners could not be improved upon.

INCREASED WEALTH

Olivia Dionne has developed poise and a vocabulary that would be a credit to a highly-educated person. He can hold his own in conversation on almost any subject. Nobody will deny that he has made a success out of administering the business affairs of the quintuplets since an act of the Ontario legislature in 1944 made him their sole guardian. The wealth has increased since the father assumed control until it is slightly under a million dollars. Now held in trust, it will be theirs on May 28.

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Medically Speaking

Herman N. Sundesen, M.D. DO YOU SNEEZE A LOT? Do you sneeze all year long? Is your nose frequently stuffed up? Does it seem that you've got hay fever the year round?

Skin Tests In many cases it is difficult, if not impossible, to determine what you are sensitive to, but skin tests will usually show the source of your trouble. Simply avoiding the substance to which you are allergic will bring quick relief in most instances.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

J. K.: I have cramps in my legs nightly. Is there anything that might be of help? Answer: Night cramps usually can be controlled very well by the use of quinine. However, this drug should be taken only under the direction of a physician.

\$10,000 FIREWORKS DAMAGE

TORONTO (CP)—Victoria Day weekend fireworks were blamed Tuesday for causing damage to Toronto metropolitan area. Scores of children were treated for burns. Firemen were kept busy answering calls to burning homes, garages, vacant lots and schools.

day celebration, but there is nothing definite about it. Marie, incidentally, has regained her health. She looks well and seems happy again now that she is at home. She sometimes comes up to North Bay to take in an afternoon movie.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Men may have their little failings, but they never hold up the family's departure for a party while they telephone their friends to find out if they're going to wear hats.—Winnipeg Tribune.

What is the speckled trout's tremendous attraction? Probably its beauty and game qualities. The flesh is delicious. Some fish are amber, pink or red, while others, taken from the same waters, may have white flesh. Just why, no one has been able to determine as yet.

A Fifth Avenue, New York tailor has inaugurated a new method of selling Bermuda shorts to the hesitant male. An extra pair of pants with a suit has long been a successful offer by men's clothes. This tailor is using a new slant. Marketing Magazine reports. He offers one and a half pairs of pants with each made-to-measure suit.

Have you paid your baby-sitter tax? If you have not, you can congratulate yourself on the fact that you live in Canada, where no such tax is imposed.

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The Age Old Story

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McCulloch twin-action power lawn mower advertisement. Includes text: 'It mows...sweeps...trims...edges...mulches...cuts weeds', 'HERE'S A NEW KIND OF POWER MOWER, FOR ANY KIND OF GRASS', and 'New McCulloch Twin-Action Power Lawn Mower'.