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Conference Proposal

This Province should welcome wholeheartedly Prime Minister Diefenbaker's proposal to hold a new federal-provincial conference at the earliest opportunity.

There is no doubt but that the Conservative pledge to call a new fiscal conference played an important part in the polling results last June.

This is one issue in which party politics should have absolutely no place. Our interests have too often been jeopardized by slavish adherence to partisan loyalties.

Corruption In Labour

Mr. Walter P. Reuther, Vice-President of Labour-Congress of Industrial Organizations, who has been attending the annual conference of the British Trades Union Congress, was loudly applauded when he declared that "the leadership of organized labour in the United States is determined to drive out every racketeer who used his position of trust to gain personal advantage at the expense of union members."

It is to be hoped that Mr. Reuther and other responsible leaders of the American labour movement will be able to carry out this laudable intention. For there is no hiding the fact that corruption and malfeasance are rife among a number of the lesser officials in more than one participating union.

The labour movement in the United States, as in Canada, is very strong; and it plays an important role in the country's economic and social life. It would be a great pity if it were weakened by the irresponsible actions of a small, though noisy, faction.

Facts About Malaya

The Federation of Malaya, the newest member of the Commonwealth, is much in the news these days. The National Geographic Magazine tells some interesting non-political things about it: Monkeys provide an important segment of the labour force. They are used principally to pick fruit from the tops of coconut trees.

from taking long excursions into the jungle in search of bananas for which they have a special liking. Speaking of the jungle, it is so thick that even wild animals find it difficult to penetrate them.

The people on the whole are a cheerful lot. They are chiefly employed in tapping rubber trees, mining tin, growing pineapples, tea and cassava. From the roots of the last-named tapioca is made. In making tapioca workers have to be very careful about removing the sap under the skin of the root.

EDITORIAL NOTES
The Justice Department is to be commended on its promptness in declaring the notorious Jack Comer persona non grata.

An Air Patrol sentry dog which was killed in an accident in Rapid City, S.D., was buried with full military honours.

New Zealand, which abolished its Upper House of Parliament seven years ago, has taken an appraising look at the experiment; and a report from Wellington says that there is no public interest in restoring the chamber.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker told reporters the other day that the question of increasing old age pensions is one that will be "laid before Parliament." The only thing left to be considered, then, is the size of the increase.

United States Secretary of State Dulles remarked some time ago that he didn't care whether American policy made friends abroad or not. Well, one aspect of its social pattern is certainly not calculated to make friends. The other day in Texas a young Nigerian student was arrested and fined for refusing to move to the back of a bus.

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August was a bad month for Britain's dollar and gold reserves. They dropped \$225 million to 2,142,000,000 dollars, roughly 10 per cent below the July level.

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SPEED THE PLOW!

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of current events of national interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

GRADE XII AND O'LEARY HIGH SCHOOL

Sir,—As certain publicity has been given to the non-granting of a Grade XII in O'Leary High School apparently to try and justify very discriminating action on the part of the Department of Education we feel we should present the facts to the public as they exist.

The trustees of the O'Leary School have been following a policy of improving the standard of education in the O'Leary district. In 1947 the old two room school was replaced by a modern four room school, and when the need for a Grade XI became apparent two additional rooms were added which provided further facilities for the district.

In the face of this promise the Department turned around and established both grades in Alberton, a district only fifteen miles from Tignish and we were told we could not have the grade.

On the basis of this class the annual School meeting appointed a special committee to interview the Department of Education with a view to establishing Grade XII. This committee was told by the Minister and the Deputy Minister that if fifteen pupils were in attendance the grade could be instituted.

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OTTAWA REPORT

Eisenhower's Prestige Wanes

By Patrick Nicholson

New York: Ex-General Dwight Eisenhower, the 33rd President of the United States of America, is the first golf fan ever to lose on the first tee.

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THE NATIONAL HERO

When the war-hero general, who was dedicated to the cause of peace, was elected president of the U.S.A. in 1952 the whole free world sighed with relief and hoped for an end to the Cold War.

So a combination of circumstances has led to several severe defeats for the President in recent weeks. If he were Prime Minister of Canada, he would be

say M.L.A., again travelled to Charlottetown to be greeted by the Minister of Education and the Premier with a most frustrating and disheartening verdict.

Check Visual Defects Early

by Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. Early recognition and correctional treatment of any visual difficulties a youngster might have is the best way of protecting his eyesight.

DIFFICULT JOB

Yet it is often an extremely difficult job to recognize an eye defect in a child. You can't expect the youngster himself to complain of ocular difficulties; he just won't do it.

ONE LICKED

So parents must be on the lookout for the telltale signs that might indicate seeing difficulties.

Now this doesn't mean that a child's eyes are perfectly safe until he begins to strain them by reading too much. Quite the contrary, you've got to be especially alert for eye troubles during infancy.

Other signs of possible trouble include: aimless rolling of the eyes in infancy, frowning or squinting when looking at distant objects, tilting or twisting the head when looking at things, holding objects too closely, a marked sensitivity to light, frequent rubbing of the eyes, attempts to brush away a blur with the hand or stumbling over small objects.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES Development activities of the child may be delayed. Perhaps he will fall to follow objects with his eyes at the usual age; a creeping child will fail to pick up small objects. With eye trouble, he may be unable to identify familiar distant objects.

Generally, about five per cent of school-age boys present evidence of color deficiency, and about one per cent of the girls have the same trouble.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

A. G.: I had a baby two years ago and breastfed her for eight months. However, my breasts will not dry up. What would you suggest that I do?

Answer: It would be well for you to have a complete physical examination to determine whether there is some hormone difficulty causing the breasts to discharge.

The Age Old Story

When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him

The Poet's Corner

RETURN OF BIRDS Here is a place that was empty And suddenly it is filled with birds. The watcher is happy because the birds have come. The air is no longer silent and empty.

The birds come. They do not know that the place was silent before they came. They live among their own voices.

Their return is only a coming to another home. They have business to transact here.

If they bring a new season with them they do not know it. They only know they have left another season behind them.

We are happy that the birds are here in this place again. The birds are happy that this place is here again. —C. M. Schmid.

OUR YESTERDAYS

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Sept. 11, 1932) The Central School Fair to be held at the Exhibition Grounds, 22nd and 23rd, promise to be an event of more than ordinary importance. School fairs have long been recognized as institutions of great educational value in the rural sections of the country, but this is the first Central School Fair of its kind to be promoted in Canada and will be the subject of intense interest.

A delegation from the Summer Board of Trade waited upon Mr. E.W. MacKinnon, Superintendent of the C.N.R. on P.E.I. in his private car on Friday when he arrived at Summerside on an inspection trip. The delegation discussed with Mr. MacKinnon the unsatisfactory train service from the west of the province and requested a change in the time table.

TEN YEARS AGO (Sept. 11, 1947) The huge crowd which attended yesterday's Eastern Kings Exhibition at Souris was the largest in many years. Mr. Edwin Reid, President of the Association, said last night. All livestock classes, he said, had a large number of entries, and he

NOTES BY THE WAY

A Detroit-owned parrot has been returned to its owner after entering Canada illegally. Fine feathers won't get you past the boys in blue.—Peterborough Examiner

There was a spine-chilling incident near Truro, where a Monton member of the train crew jumped from a slowing locomotive, raced ahead of it and snatched a four-year-old boy from the engine's path in the nick of time, like an old-time movie serial.—Saint John Telegraph-Journal

Nothing like astronomy to put us in our place. Recently an astronomer revealed that, compared with others, our glorious sun is "merely a very dim, dwarf star." Doubtless astronomers on larger planets than this refer to the Earth as the cinder which appears to have vermin on it.—Peterborough Examiner

County and city jails which dot our land are among the most disgraceful of American institutions. At best they are costly cages which defeat their ostensible purpose. At the worst—and too frequently—they are dismal, dirty, overcrowded lock-ups. Practically all are schools of crime.—Milwaukee Journal

There may be a useful purpose after all, for an illegal pinball machine. A Colorado judge has turned one over to a state mental hospital rather than having the contraption destroyed. The idea is that playing the pinball machine will be a suitable pastime for the mental patients, who have so much idle time. That in turn may hasten their recovery.—Milwaukee Journal

Newspapers have aroused indignation ever since they went to press, especially when a reader disagrees with an editorial. The capacity for indignation is one of the noble attributes of the human race. One wouldn't want it to lessen. A cherished privilege of the reader is that of being indignant, and it's more satisfactory to read something worthy of the capacity of a great indignation, than to be indignant about trifles.—Cape Breton Post

had particularly high praise for the quality of the animals shown.

Fire, which began early yesterday afternoon, destroyed the dwelling house, large barn, workshop and poultry house of Mr. Harold Amsner, Lower Montague. Five calves and 100 poultry were also lost. The loss is estimated at over \$10,000, partly covered by insurance.

The idea of living longer I certainly find pleasant. But there will be problems. Lack of jobs creates a trying problem for a majority of the aged today. The proportion of our population over 65 is steadily growing. While the population has doubled, this group of the elderly has quadrupled. In the light of these facts, the predicted age of 150 is something serious to think about. But there is no reason to get into a tizzy. It's still far distant.—Cornwall Standard-Freeholder

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