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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Our Festival Of Music

The Prince Edward Island Music Festival, now in progress at the Prince of Wales College hall and the Empire Theatre, represents a truly remarkable achievement in cultural development.

The primary object of these annual festivals is the discovery of local talent and its encouragement in the schools and in the homes. They also afford a very fine series of entertainments to the general public, and it is not surprising that the contests, which are running concurrently in both auditoriums, are attended by very large and appreciative audiences.

Butter Shortage

On the first of this month the Federal Government's new support price for butter comes into effect. It is generally an increase of five cents a pound over the previous floor price and, although at the moment the market is considerably higher, the Government buying price has an immediate effect on the policies of those interested in the industry.

On Friday there will be a meeting of Island dairymen to consider storage plans for the coming summer and while they may not be altogether satisfied with the price set they have the advantage of being told that it is for a two-year rather than one-year period and can plan accordingly.

Paradoxically enough a fair floor price saves the consumer money. With the threat of disastrous breaks in the market removed, production should be encouraged at a high level and the sky-rocketing prices of seasonal scarcity avoided.

More Like Chess Than Poker

Mr. Hume Wrong, Canada's Ambassador to the United States, gave a helpful analogy in discussing the problem of international relations in a speech in Baltimore recently.

"There has never been a period of modern history when the facts of international affairs were more frustrating, or the consequences of mistakes likely to be more disastrous," he said. "Frustration is a mood which stimulates the emotions rather than the intellect. Yet what the leaders of the free world must try to do is not to outbid or out-bluff the leaders of the Soviet world and collect the pot after a show-down, as in poker, but to engage with them in a cautious, prolonged and carefully thought-out matching of wits, as in chess.

"This involves an unparalleled degree of national and international restraint and mutual understanding. We have gone quite a long way in developing this between Canada and the United States, but we have in both countries further to go, and there is still more to do in adjusting our attitudes towards our more distant friends and allies.

each other is an example to the rest of the world. This state of affairs is the product of hard work, mutual understanding and tolerant respect for national feelings and national prejudices. It is not to be taken for granted. The qualities which have produced it are continuously needed to maintain it and to strengthen it."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Rather cool this morning to rise and bathe in May dew.

An aeronautical engineer has been widely quoted as saying that there is no limit to the speed at which man will be able to travel. There certainly is a limit, however, to the speed from which he can pull up within a given distance.

Canadian forces in Korea appear to be living up to the best traditions of Canadian fighting men. We must not, however, be lulled into the comfortable delusion that a brigade can do the work of a division or several divisions should they be necessary.

A new "pocket glove" with a zippered palm pocket makes use of a hoary device. Generations of children have carried change in their mittens, but the improvement may be that it does not fall out before arrival at the corner store.

In old pre-Communist days labour organizations throughout Europe and in the United States used to hold high festival on this date. At present with the world in a ferment such celebrations are more conspicuous by their absence.

The increased pension rates for the dependents of veterans' widows should meet with approval so far as it goes. A period of rising prices, such as has existed for more than ten years, bears heavily on fixed incomes, whether from pensions or invested savings.

Bicycle manufacturers are surprisingly influenced by custom in the design of their product. Although knickerbockers and voluminous petticoats have long ceased to be the characteristic dress of boy and girl cyclists the chain guard is still provided for girls' and omitted from boys' "bikes."

Then gently scan your brother Man, Still gentler sister Woman; Though they may gang a kennin wrang, To step aside is human. Then at the balance let's be mute, We never can adjust it; What's done we partly may compute But know not what's resisted.

Mr. George A. Munger, Head Football Coach of the University of Pennsylvania says, "The reason a dollar won't do as much for people as it once did, is that people won't do as much for a dollar as they once did." We merely add that as competition in a free economy is the virus encouraging the giving of more for less, the giving of less for more must be a virus of some other economy.

Six years ago on May 1, 1945, Allied forces were sweeping across south Germany and had penetrated as far as 11 miles into Austria near Passau. On May 2, the war in Italy, Austrian Tyrol and Salsburg ended at noon with the surrender of 1,000,000 German troops. Hitler was reported as "dead" and Doenitz succeeded him as Fuehrer.

One trouble after another. South Africa's Minister of Defence, F. C. Erasmus, declares the union's troops in Korea will be recalled or sent elsewhere if war with China breaks out. Addressing a meeting at Hopfield, Cape Colony, the minister said South Africa does not want another war and it is not the policy of the Government to extend the Korean conflict. However, he added, South African soldiers will remain in Korea as long as they are required to fight Communism.

The nearer the kirk, the farther from grace; similarly nearer military headquarters the fewer enlistments. Maj.-Gen. G. R. Pearkes, V.C. (PC-Nanaimo) turned up a curious piece of information last week. Royal Military College has 197 civilian employees. Of this total, 56 are women—51 of them non-veterans. The 141 male civilian employees include 33 non-veterans. Of the 33, 20 are of military age. Of the grand total of 197 civilian employees, only 10 are members of reserve force units.

The memory of Sir Sandford Fleming, designer of Upper Canada's first postage stamp which was issued 100 years ago, will be honored during the international stamp exhibition to be held in Toronto in September. The first stamp made its appearance on April 23, 1851. It had been designed in the office of Sandford Fleming which, research shows, was located at what is now 112 Yonge street in downtown Toronto.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

ELECTOR'S EXPERIENCE

Sir,—Will you please allow me space in your paper to ask a few questions and to make a few remarks concerning the current election?

Although born here, I polled my first vote in this Province on Thursday; and if what I observed is any indication of existing policy, it is also my last.

I would greatly appreciate knowing, if it is approved balloting procedure for the returning officer of the poll to mark each voter's ballot with the number corresponding to his name in the ledger kept by the clerk of the poll. If so, then where is our secret ballot? As far as I am concerned the returning officer might as well have written my name on that ballot before placing it in the ballot box.

When I spoke to the returning officer about the number being so placed, he told me he did so with each ballot and placed his initials after the number. To this constitutes an invalid ballot.

I have voted on other occasions but in another Province and have never seen this done before. If what I have just stated is the incorrect procedure when polling votes, then what disposal is made of those spoiled ballots? But if it is the approved and correct method of balloting, then can anyone blame me for saying I have polled my last vote?

I am, Sir, etc. NEW VOTER

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

MAGISTRATES ADMONISHED

"This being the first day of Term, the Supreme Court was opened with the usual formalities. The attendance of Grand Jurors was fuller than usual, twenty-one being the number sworn in. As several of the Jurors were magistrates, His Lordship (Chief Justice Jarvis) took the opportunity of pointing out to them the very loose manner in which commitments were frequently made out by country magistrates, so much so, that the Grand Jury were unable to proceed upon them. Some very vague idea also prevailed with regard to bailable offences, sometimes the magistrates refusing to bail persons when no legal grounds existed for so doing, and improperly admitting others to bail who were not entitled to it. Much was necessarily left in such cases to the discretion of the magistrates, and he endeavoured to impress upon them the necessity of exercising due caution as well as vigilance in the discharge of their duties."

—Prince Edward Island Register, Feb. 16, 1830.

The Poet's Corner

THE WAKING EARTH

With shy bright clamour the live brooks sparkle and run. Freed flocks confer about the ways. The air's a wine of dreams and shining haze. Beated with bird-notes thin,—for Spring's begun! The glad earth wakes; the glad light breaks; the days grow round, grow radiant. Praise for the new life! Praise for bliss of breath and blood beneath the sun! What potent wizardry the wise earth wields. To conjure with a perfume! From bare fields The sense drinks in a breath of furrow and sod. And lo, the bound of days and disbelieving yields; And fetterless the soul is flown abroad. Lord of desire and beauty, like a god!

—Sir Chas. G. D. Roberts.

The Age-Old Story

And Balak the son of Ziphor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. . . . He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me: come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them: and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou bleesest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed. . . . And when Balaak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost coast. . . . And Balaam said unto Balaak, Lo, I come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

GIBRALTAR, April 30.—(Reuters)—A Spanish, Francisco M. Amador, 48, died in hospital today bringing to nipe the death toll in the explosion of the British ammunition ship Bedenham

All Out For Beautification



Notes From Another Island

By "Anson"

Whatever else may happen this year to make 1951 worth remembering or best forgotten, it is destined to be called to mind through a good stretch of the future as being "Festival of Britain" Year. The world has been, or is being, told about it through all kinds of publicity, and little now remains except to see that it opens on time in May, and to see that it is a resounding success when it does. It, of course, being the Festival proper, which is due to run until October in various forms and in numerous towns, cities and villages up and down the country.

The focal point is to be the great site in the heart of London, on the South bank of the River Thames, but there will be vastly more to the Festival than could possibly congregate there. For, of course, it is not simply London that is to be on show, but the whole of Britain, with all the kaleidoscopic pattern of local tradition, custom and craftsmanship that manifests itself in a thousand and one forms and in the most unexpected places to make up all that Britain is. In other words, wherever one finds oneself in Britain during this Festival year there is almost certain to be seen something of the festive spirit.

And yet is "festive" quite the right word? On its own that implies joyous merrymaking, gaily singing and dancing; but that sort of thing, although there will be plenty of it, is only half the story. The other half is far more impressive, far more significant, and adds up to something of which we can be infinitely more proud. It is simply the story of Britain.

Not necessarily our history, although history will inevitably come into the picture. Not necessarily a catalogue of what we make, although there will be plenty of examples. Not necessarily how we live, how we dress and how we eat and work and play, although these things will be there for all to see. It will be ourselves at home on a nation-wide scale, demonstrating our contributions to the arts, the sciences, to commerce and culture and industry, and to mankind's lot generally.

In the ordinary way we are not given to shouting about ourselves, a virtue that has at all times been carried to the extreme to become a vice. But in a quiet way we believe we have something to be proud of, and this year we are putting that something on record. We are putting it on show, too, which is different: after all, if we are a "nation of shopkeepers" we ought to know that however good the merchandise is, it will sell better if it's well packaged and displayed in an eye-catching manner.

That golden rule is what has to be in the minds of those responsible for the special displays connected with the Festival, and the greatest of these is, of course, on the South Bank of the Thames. The buildings erected there to house the various exhibits are the latest word in modernity: the "architect's dream come true", somebody said the other day. Many, if not all, of these structures are, indeed, exhibits in themselves, even without the marvels that they contain. And superlatives are almost ten-a-penny, with nearly everything the biggest, the widest, the longest, the tallest, or several

REMINDER TO HOUSEHOLDERS

Persons removing their Furniture and Personal Effects, from one location to another, should notify Underwriters, to obtain a removal permit, under their policy of insurance. In the case of premises becoming vacant for more than thirty days, it is also advisable to notify Underwriters and obtain permit where necessary.

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Notes By The Way

Vancouver Scots suggest the United Nations have an anthem written in Gaelic. They remember of course that this language was used in the Garden of Eden—Ottawa Citizen.

It is impossible to doubt the invincible force of democracy and of liberty. And it is this cause that will triumph for it belongs to the millennial dream of man; it is in the heart and mind of the people; it is in the logic of things and of history. — Vincent Auriol.

Of all the slush and nonsense that is being written about General MacArthur, dismissed commander of the U. N. forces in Korea, the reference of a Japanese newspaper to "our beloved conqueror" earns the churlish blossom teapot. — Sudbury Star.

valuable lessons in the new technique of mountain warfare in Korea, where a balance has to be struck between fire-power and mobility. Military honours earned during the 8 months in which it has been in action have included a Victoria Cross, 2 Distinguished Service Orders, 4 Military Crosses, 3 Military Medals and 13 Mentions in Dispatches.

From the United States Government men of the Brigade have received 8 Silver and Bronze Stars, and it is understood that other American military decorations for the Brigade are likely to be announced soon.

Squadron Leader John Proctor of the R. A. F. Unit in Korea, has been awarded a Bar to his Distinguished Service Cross. His Squadron has been operating regularly in the Korean campaign since November, 1950, and under his leadership it has carried out 61 sorties involving 1,000 flying hours. The London Gazette says: "In extremely adverse and cold weather conditions, Squadron Leader Proctor has completed 21 long general reconnaissance and rescue sorties and has also flown 238 operational flying hours at and above the 38th Parallel with accompanying dangers of severe icing and mountainous approaches. He has invariably flown the more hazardous sorties himself. As a result of his personal example in the air, his fine airmanship and first-class leadership, his Squadron have achieved an exceptionally high standard of all-weather flying technique."

The old idea of the diplomat as a suave gentleman whose manners were perfect, even if his morals were dubious, has received some rude shocks during recent years. Today angry words are spoken and tables thumped, while statesmen do not try their annoyance from each other. Partly this change is due to the social revolution in nearly every country since 1914. Ministers and diplomats are no longer chosen exclusively from a narrow class trained to conceal their real thoughts behind a mask of real politeness. Partly it is due to the development of open diplomacy and to that extent is all to the good. On the other hand, though, more than one international conference since the war ended might have been more successful if the delegates had paid more attention to their manners. Prince Albert Herald.

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