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Law Enforcement

We pay taxes for the support of courts and law enforcement officers so that protection will be provided for life and property. It is a first principle of good citizenship that we should aid rather than obstruct such enforcement. When our own house has been broken into we would take a very dim view, indeed, of the citizen who recognized the escaping burglar but declined to give any assistance to the police in identifying him.

Game resources are the property of all and those who slaughter or drive away geese or other fowl or game are depriving each of us of our shooting rights. Enforcement is not a contest between the game warden on the one hand and poacher on the other. It is an onslaught by the poacher against all of us, in which the game warden is on our side.

The same principle applies to all law enforcement. The police are helping us to keep law-breakers in order. In employing their help we do not cease to be the principally interested party. To get the full value for our tax money we must do everything possible to enable the police to carry out the duties with which we have entrusted them. They are on our side. They are entitled to the full support of their employer.

Car Accident Ratings

In order to encourage more careful driving, the Dominion Board of Insurance Underwriters has proposed a system of automobile insurance on a merit rating basis. Drivers without accident claims against their insurance policy for three years would find themselves in a favored position. The purpose of this proposed measure is admirable, but the Financial Post seriously questions its workability.

In the first place, the Post points out that merit rating won't necessarily reduce the number of car accidents. It may reduce the number of accidents reported—an important difference. Drivers will likely prefer to settle minor accidents like dented fenders themselves without exchanging insurance cards—lest their rates go up.

"Nobody," says the Post, "deliberately has an accident. No one bashes in his own or somebody else's fender just to give vent to his temper. But there are good drivers, and there are poor drivers. It seems only fair that the accident repeaters should pay higher premiums.

"Motorists will watch the new system with interest. But any merit rating must face the problem pointed out by Leighton Foster, a former Ontario Superintendent of Insurance. 'In any one year only 10% of insured drivers have accidents involving other cars and other people, hence two or even three accident-free years mean little. The average driver only has an accident every 10 years.' Any 'no accident discount' based on such a few years as proposed will be in large part a reward for luck rather than an inducement to safer driving. A longer period would be more satisfactory. But bookkeeping and other administrative costs place a definite limit on how long a period can be used."

Some U.N. Highlights

A good deal of criticism is being heard with regard to the failure of the United Nations. Certainly there is much yet to be accomplished before world peace can be assured, but in the meantime the following list of achievements, enumerated by a correspondent in a Toronto exchange, is worth noting.

- 1. In 1946 the Security Council recommended the withdrawal of British and French troops from Syria and Lebanon. It was done.
2. Russia, also in 1946, was requested by the Security Council to withdraw troops—this time from Iran. She did.
3. The UN, through the mediation of Dr. Ralph Bunche, effected peace between Israel and the neighboring Arab states.
4. A United Nations Peace Commission even now stands between the armies of Pakistan and India in the State of Kashmir.
5. Through the efforts of a UN Commission, warfare was stopped in Indonesia and a free and independent republic was established.
6. Another UN Commission achieved peace on the borders of Greece and her

- northern neighbors in the Balkans.
7. In Korea the United Nations has taken the first collective action against unprovoked aggression in history.
8. On the recommendation of the General Assembly, the former Italian colony of Libya became a free, independent nation.
9. In 1948 the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the first universal proclamation of the fundamental human rights of every human being.
10. The United Nations, through its specialized agencies, has fed and clothed nearly 10,000,000 children in war-devastated countries.
11. Under a large scale vaccination campaign against tuberculosis 38,000,000 children have been examined, and 18,000,000 vaccinated with BCG.
12. The United Nations Technical Assistance Program has sent out 1,400 experts to seventy-two countries during 1951-52.
13. The United Nations is responsible for eleven trust territories with 20,000,000 inhabitants in the Pacific Coast and Africa.
14. The International Bank has loaned nearly a billion and a half dollars to development in twenty-eight needy countries.

Trade With Britain

Ottawa reports that Canada's nine-month exports have reached a new high of more than \$3 billion. To get there, we bought \$76 million worth less of British products during the period than for the same period last year—while Britain, in spite of dollar starvation, increased purchases from Canada by more than \$132 million. For the nine-month period our trade with Britain created a trade deficit for the United Kingdom of over \$320 million.

The trend, notes an exchange, was particularly pronounced during the first half of this year—and during the third quarter brought the inevitable reaction: Our sales to the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth areas began to decline. Our volume of exports to the United States and Latin America also declined. These are ominous soft spots in the trade pattern of the Dominion, as we rely very heavily on high export volume for maintenance of domestic business stability.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Being on thin ice metaphorically is risky enough but youngsters and others who literally go on thin ice at this time of year risk at least a ducking and sometimes their lives.

James Groves Thurber, American cartoonist and humorous writer, was born this date 1894. His writings are illustrated by his own characteristic drawings. They are typically satires on pseudo-scientific works on sex or psychoanalysis. "The Last Flower" is an ironic allegory of modern war.

Negotiations between Charlottetown and the Department of Transport seems to be still going along satisfactorily in the matter of the proposed runway extension. Improvement of the airport is of importance both to the nation and to the city but the terms on which it is proceeded with are also too important for any sudden decision.

The reported agreement of Commonwealth prime ministers on the desirability of a rise in the price of gold is understandable although it may have little effect on the world market. The intention, of course, is that the United States should pay more for the gold she buys and the buyer may have a good deal to say about the price.

Winter weather means all too often that car windows are kept closed and that cars are started in the morning in closed garages. As the exhaust of the average car contains about seven per cent of carbon monoxide, one of the deadliest of killers, it does not take long for air to reach one per cent carbon monoxide, sufficient to cause death in a few minutes. Good ventilation is essential to the safe operation of car engines and a perfect exhaust system to safe driving.

In Saskatchewan the new Kamsack Composite High School is equipped to offer a diversified curriculum to students of Kamsack and surrounding areas; in addition to the matriculation course, it will provide major and minor courses in commercial subjects, home economics, and basic shop-work. Total cost of the building was \$225,000. It has six academic classrooms, a science laboratory, library and drafting room, commercial room, home economics room, shop room, principal's office, teachers' room, and a combined auditorium-gymnasium. Financial assistance for construction of the school was provided under the Dominion-Provincial Vocational Assistance Agreement.

Look Who Always Gets It In The Teeth!



The Poet's Corner

CHINESE BROCADE
A lady in a sedan chair
Is carried by two men whose hair
Hangs down in queues. They stop before
A wayside temple with carved door
And pyramidal roofs that rise
To meet the blue embroidered
skies.
A gardener rakes a small court-
yard.
Another waters plants to guard
Their fragile roots from drought.
The peach
Is foaming pinkly out of reach.
The orange, rich with clustered
gold.
Has never felt the pinch of cold.
And near the old pagoda wall
A willow is a waterfall
Of green. The pattern is complete
And silken threads will now repeat
The lore of China which has
strayed
Into the exquisite brocade.
—Gray Blackwell, in the Christian Science Monitor.

Old Charlottetown

BREEDING STOCK IMPORTED
"On the arrival of the steamer 'Prince Edward' today from Liverpool a large crowd went on board to see the stock selected and purchased by Mr. C. C. Gardner, for the Stock Farm Commissioners. After inspection, the unanimous verdict seems to be: 'The best lot ever brought to Prince Edward Island.' They were cared for on the voyage by Mr. John Gilchrist, of Kirkcubrightshire; and the splendid condition they were in is the best evidence of the attention they have received. One of the sheep died the second day after the ship left Liverpool. . . .
"Mr. Gardner says he has purchased all the stock the Government ordered, with the exception of thoroughbred blood horses, which he was unable to procure for the purpose required viz., to sire roadsters and carriage animals."
—The Examiner, April 29, 1881.
(The animals purchased by Mr. Gardner on this occasion included the following: five Border Leicester rams from R. Tweedie, The Forest Caterick; ten Shropshire rams and five ewes from W. Baker, Moor Barns, Atherton; seven Cotswold rams from R. Jacobs, Signethill, Bedford Oxen; three Oxford Down Rams from Charles Hobbs, of Mary Hampton, Fairford; one shorthorn bull from Thomas Morris, of Malsmore Court, Gloucester; one Berkshire baron from R. Swanwick, College Farm, Cirencester; and one three-year old Clydesdale stallion, bred by the late Edward Pease, Greencroft, Darlington. The latter animal's sire was a well known prize winner at the leading shows in Scotland and England.)

Fair Treatment For Fishermen

(Moncton Times)
Three members of Parliament from the Maritimes heard in the Throne Speech debate at Ottawa this week pressed for greater recognition by the Government of some of the needs of these provinces. Mr. A. M. Robichaud, Q.C., of Gloucester was one of these. He made a strong plea for protection for the fishermen against losses of boats and equipment due to storms, as well as for some form of insurance in case of injuries or loss of life sustained in their hazardous calling.
All along the shores of New Brunswick—and the other seaboard provinces as well—storms over the years have caused losses in varying degree to the fishermen, so much so in many instances as to be unable to pursue their calling

Aiding Middle East In Anti-Locust Drive

(U. N. News Feature)
Should you visit the U. N. Food and Agriculture Organization's headquarters here, you might be a little surprised to find a dead locust sitting on one of the desks. Mr. Owen B. Lean, FAO's Locust Control Officer, keeps it as a souvenir. "And it's not a symbol of devastation or famine," he will tell you, "but a reminder that locusts can be controlled."
The insect looks harmless enough, sitting there all alone. After all, a locust is nothing but an ordinary grasshopper that has developed some bad habits. But a locust plague—as any farmer knows—can be a terrifying experience. Swarms can blacken the sky over a hundred square miles. They can rip through standing crops like a bulldozer. They can change the whole economy of a nation in a few weeks.
FAO's Mr. Lean had watched the present plague develop in East Africa, and then had seen the swarms fly off early this year across the Gulf of Aden. Four months later he was examining eggs laid by these locusts in Jordan—2000 miles away. The Kingdom of Jordan suddenly had been turned into a breeding centre. Quickly, it appealed for help. Just as quickly came the response from its threatened neighbors. Technicians and insecticides were rushed in. FAO sent spraying units and other supplies. The invasion was checked.
Meanwhile, however, locusts had already entered Iran, where the plague soon reached even more frightening proportions. More than a million and a half acres were infested with eggs. Sometimes there were as many as seventy thousand eggs per square yard. In two months' time, each egg would become an adult locust. They would swarm across the country, settling on the crops in masses as great as six or eight hundred to the square foot. For Iran's farmers, it spelled famine and misery.
Before the eggs hatched, FAO again rushed in help—eighteen vehicles to transport locust fighters and supplies. Both the Soviet Union and the United States flew in spraying aircraft. Pakistan and India sent insecticides, specialists and other supplies. To get every-

Add Lost Arts

(Globe and Mail)
In these days of complex Governments, an accepted and regular practice of their various branches is the discovery of the self-evident. Thus we are told by the Crops Branch of the Department of Agriculture that the consumer who buys potatoes in small amounts helps to keep the prices up. We are not surprised. The small package habit has been part of a way of life for quite a long time now, and any naive enough to suppose that all the measuring and weighing and wrapping constitute a gratis service quite obviously shouldn't be out without an escort.
But before we consign this latest tidbit to the useless information collection, we might acknowledge the note of chiding that accompanies it. "The consumer," says the learned source, "is paying for his determination to buy in small amounts." Conversely, of course, he could save money lugging home a hundred pound sack of potatoes and have three-quarters of them sprout and turn to leather before it came their turn to be eaten. His plight is that in acquiring the facilities for buying them he has completely sacrificed the facilities for storing them.
Our fathers and grandfathers had root-houses—or their urban equivalent the storage bin—in which the winter's supply of potatoes, vegetables and apples kept fresh and appetizing until the one was used. The storage tradition found its way obstinately into city life, and even the old-time apartment blocks had their individual bins, more or less properly insulated and air-vented.
But in a couple of generations the storage bin has not only ceased to be the mainstay of the urban household economy, but has evolved itself out of existence altogether. Even modern houses with their so-called full basements are built with no recognition of it save an occasional concession in the way of a damp dark corner probably lined with cement blocks, neither insulated nor ventilated. Presumably this matter is left to the owner. But the average house-

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Notes By The Way

Mayor Lamport of Toronto, the champion plowman, has been given a second term. Perhaps it can be assumed, without calling upon him to defend his other title, that he is better at turning a near furrow than Mayor Whitton. — Ottawa Journal.
An escaped convict who broke into a men's clothing store and tried to avoid notice by the police by posing as a window dummy was caught when he brushed off a fly which landed on his nose. — Chatham, Ont., News.
The elevation of Archbishop Leger of Montreal, to the Sacred College of Cardinals honors not only Msgr. Leger and his large diocese but Canada as a whole. Since the death of Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve in 1947, James Cardinal McGuigan of Toronto has been the only Canadian in the Sacred College. Canadians of other creeds and faiths will no doubt join with Roman Catholic fellow citizens in felicitating Msgr. Leger on his appointment. A man of dynamic energy and deep learning, his leadership and counsel will be valued. — Ottawa Citizen.
The roots of violence are not in toys, and to blame the toyshop for making criminals is like blaming the barber for the activities of the razor-slashers. The supervision of the toy-cupboard and the boy's bookshelf is the parents' responsibility. There are, unhappily, many bad parents. But they are a social problem which cannot be tackled in the toyshop. — Manchester Guardian.
A handy index of the amount of exploration for oil is the number of geo-physical crews in the field. This has now risen to a new high of 133 in Alberta, with 52 crews operating elsewhere in Western Canada. The total for the continent is 947. This, nearly one-seventh of all such exploration in North America is concentrated in this province. Agly Texas, among major areas, shows a higher concentration. — Edmonton Journal.
We are going to make hold to suggest that the name of Duchesneau Creek to the west of us be officially changed to Sheeny Creek. We suggest that Duchesneau is not a proper name, although it may be a twisted version of Duchesne or Deschene or something like that. But since nobody ever calls the stream anything but Sheeny Creek, what on earth is the matter with making it official? It's not such a bad name at that—the holder, if he knew how to design such facilities, would probably be building houses himself instead of buying them on twenty-year mortgages.
And so the storage bin, like the root-house, once fashioned with more loving care than was bestowed even on the master bedroom, has become a legend of lost art. The modern family pays, not for its determination to buy small packages but for its inability to do anything else. The progression of perishables is direct and abrupt from the refrigerator to the garbage can. There is no happy medium. And there is no cure, so long as people want it—or are persuaded to want it—that way. Probably our architects should be required to study farmstead conservation before taking out a license to practice. But on the other hand this is a free country, even for architects.

One of the week's lighter blows has come from Washington, where a Smithsonian Institution official has indicated a belief that the giant squid is as dead as the dodo. A living specimen has not been seen in fifty years. As evidence of what we're missing—or not missing—the giant squid is described as a ten-tentacled mollusk, with an overall length of as many as fifty-five feet. It differed from the octopus in that it really was a decopus, if that word is permissible. It's easy to think of more pleasant creatures than this tentacle-waving ocean wrestler. Perhaps it added something to the balance of nature, but it seems easier to do without it. — Windsor Star.

The Age-Old Story
And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite.

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