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Right Honourable Knight

Sir Winston Churchill is Her Majesty's Prime Minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as he celebrates his eightieth birthday, but he is far more than that to the countless people all over the world who pay tribute to a great statesman and a great man.

If qualities of leadership are the hall mark of greatness, then Churchill ranks with the greatest. If an infinite capacity for taking pains constitutes genius then he is a true genius. If indomitable courage marks the hero, then he is indeed cast in a heroic mold.

Although he ran for Parliament at the age of 23 and in the following forty years held almost every great office of state, it was not until the second and by far the greatest World War had been going on for a year that he at length achieved the office of Prime Minister.

The event proved that he was right and left him as the one man who really understood what had been happening and what must be done about it. He accepted the post of war leader with a confidence and determination which he communicated to his fellow countrymen and to the free world.

Wooling Marshal Tito

The Kremlin, it seems, has suddenly decided to be nice to Marshal Tito. 'Incidents' on the Yugoslav border have been reduced to a minimum. Diplomatic relations between Belgrade and Moscow have been restored to normal.

Whether the Russians have merely decided to make the best of a bad job in international relations, or whether something more sinister lies behind Moscow's wooing of Yugoslavia, remains to be seen.

Does Marshal Tito's attitude presage a return of strategically important Yugoslavia to the Moscow camp? Such suspicions, while understandable, would nevertheless be premature. With Yugoslavia's trade relations oriented towards the west, and with Marshal Tito's own keen awareness of Soviet fickleness, it would be improbable that authorities in Belgrade would willingly accept for their country the role of a Soviet satellite.

A more probable explanation for Marshal Tito's attitude is that, being at once both an opportunist and a realist, he will try to exploit the changed Soviet attitude to his own advantage, at the expense both of East and West, and strive while doing so to maintain his own political independence.

A Lesson Worth Learning

During the recent Congressional election campaign many Republican orators thought it politically wise to berate former President Truman. Some of them went so far as to equate what they called "Trumanism" with tacit sympathy for Communism.

At the same time it was revealed that a book written by Mr. Eisenhower, "Crusade in Europe", and given to Mr. Truman in 1948, will be placed in the Truman Library now under construction in Kansas City, Missouri.

There is in this exchange of books and friendly sentiments something more than formal courtesy. While it would not be easy to give it a name, anyone can see that it adds a touch of grace and gentleness to prosaic political differences and, indeed, transcends them in public good.

"The Best Milkers"

The concern expressed by the Canadian Minister of Finance over the high rates of taxes, notes the Montreal Gazette, is evidently shared in Great Britain.

Whatever his recognition of the political difficulties might be, Sir Winston Churchill would no doubt agree. "It is thought of great advantage in a dairy," said Sir Winston some time ago, "to have cows with large udders. You get more milk out of them. These exceptionally fertile milk cows are welcome. Anyone would be thought foolish to get rid of the best milkers."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Is County Tyrone what it was? The Ulster Minister of Home Affairs says of a recent gathering: "After the disturbance was quelled the police collected 225 wooden clubs varying in length from 1 ft. 8 in. to 3 ft. 3 in. and half a dozen steel car-springs, bars and bottles. Yet it is suggested that the procession was organized with peaceful intentions!"

The municipalities have too often been forgotten when the nation's tax resources have been divided up between the Dominion and Provinces on the basis of need. The Federation of Mayors and Municipalities has again effectively drawn attention to their rapidly expanding responsibilities and relatively static revenues.

Ireland, like Canada, is making progress in B.C. vaccination. In four years 139,173 preliminary tuberculin tests have been made, followed by 50,006 BCG vaccinations. It is reported that apprehension on the part of the public has virtually disappeared and the practice is being wholeheartedly accepted.

Literary critic Walter Allen, speaking on the BBC on character in fiction, points out that: "As all readers of fiction know, novelists are at their least convincing when trying to describe good people, the virtuous. This is a fact that has made many readers and many novelists sad."

Canadian Press reports that the Federal Wildlife Service has licked the eel problem in a lake in the Cape Breton Highlands National Park, but it had to kill all the trout to do it. The lake can, of course, be re-stocked with trout, but the eels can also return from the sea. It will be interesting to see whether nature or man is most effective at bringing life back to the lake.

Clive Staples Lewis, British writer and teacher, was born this date 1898. His real name is Clive Hamilton. He followed a scholastic career from Belfast to Oxford and combined it with the writing of a series of books on religion and philosophy.



Doughty Warrior

PUBLIC FORUM

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

SPEAKING NAUTICALLY

Sir,—We didn't have to wait long to feel the need for a controlled market for our potatoes. With such a shortage in Canada and such a good quality of potatoes as we have, there is no reason for the slump we have and a little more education it won't be long before we will have controlled marketing for all our farm products.

Right across Canada the good ship is sailing and she is steady as she goes. It's not the direction of the wind nor the drift of the tide, but the set of the sail that determines when and where she goes.

I am, Sir, etc., ELDON DRUMMOND, Freetown, P.E.I.

WESTERN ART EXHIBIT

Sir,—I have just visited an exhibition of paintings from Western Canada. They do not appear to be of a high standard: rosy mountains, trees terribly Canadian-looking, etc., no very good composition, practically no paintings with human beings, the human figure demanding a knowledge of drawing that the artists apparently do not possess.

Mr. Irwin has a rather lovely painting, "Near Glenmore Dam". Its tones are distinguished, very clean and pleasant. Mr. Yven has a cubist composition, rather strong and masculine, but slightly cliché. The technique of these artists is by no means remarkable and their imagination still lags, nevertheless one will not waste his time at this exhibition if only it reminds him that there are still painters painting.

I am perfectly certain that so much better painting is produced in the West that I do not believe that these are representative of what is being done there in the field of creative art. If more interest were shown, maybe some exhibitions of a higher calibre could be brought to Charlottetown.

Of course the day will come when painters, actors, musicians and dancers will be able to work together, and with the financial and moral support of the city, will, in return, give it art manifestations worthy of the name.

I am, Sir, etc., (Rev.) ADRIAN ARSENAULT, St. Dunstan's College, Charlottetown.

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

ARRIVAL OF THE STANLEY The new winter steamer Stanley, built at Govan, Glasgow, by the Fairfield Ship Building and Engineering Company for the Dominion Government, from designs furnished by Captain McElhinney, nautical advisor to the Dominion Government—based upon what he could gather from the workings of ice-breaking steamers in Hamburg and Gottenburg—arrived here from Pictou yesterday afternoon about four o'clock, and is now moored at Peake's No. 2 Wharf.

The contract for the construction of the Stanley was concluded about the middle of July last, and McElhinney on the 22nd November—about five months after the beginning of the work. On the 29th November she left Glasgow for Pictou direct, and reached her destination in first-class condition on Monday last, after a somewhat rough passage of eleven days. Her best speed on the run out was thirteen knots. At Pictou her crew, with the exception of the three engineers and the cook and steward, were discharged, and she was given in charge of Captain Allan Finlayson, late of the Northern Light, her future commander, who, with a crew from

What's In A Name?

By Heath Macquarrie

In this month's American election a young Republican won a Kenzie King's leading Quebec lieutenant and long-time cabinet minister. In the provinces too there had been a tendency for certain names to recur as with Flemming in New Brunswick, Stanfield in Nova Scotia, Roblin in Manitoba, and now it is Gardiner in Saskatchewan.

Perhaps there is much in a name. Possibly too the record of second and third generation service might indicate that there is more to the story than just the name! Is political ability transmitted from father to son, or is it merely that the family environment develops a taste for public life? Without becoming involved in the complex issues of heredity and environment it can be said that the recipe for success is not always possessed by the descendant. On the other hand to have a name already known in your constituency is rarely a liability.

The Poet's Corner

TRANSFORMATION

I said, I'll fill my afternoon all full of poetry, so opulent indeed And brimming shall it flow that silver streams Of verse will thread the night for me. I'll read, I said, those slim sophisticated lines

That came just yesterday, and I'll sink deep As daylight hesitates in long-loved tones, That dried my tears upon a child's round cheek. I'll read, said I—and gathered up the books And scanned a surging sonnet— your word came, Your voice remembered broke between my eyes And print, the lesser poetry fell back And all the afternoon rhymed with your name.

Katharine Day Little in the Christian Science Monitor.

The Age Old Story

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. . . . Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigneth.

MARK ANNIVERSARY BRANTFORD, Ont. (CP)—The Canadian Order of Foresters, with head office in Brantford, celebrated its 75th anniversary Thursday. Members' across Canada contributed to a fund in aid of cancer research and a \$25,000 cheque for that purpose will be forwarded to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A bird's feather is said to be the strongest thing in nature for its size and weight. But what about a woman's tears? —Toronto Star.

From all indications, London reports, Sir Winston Churchill has no intention of resigning. Not, at least, while there's a cigar in the box.—Windsor Star.

Men may have their little failings, mutters Senator Soper, but they never hold up the family's departure for a party while they telephone their friends to find out if they're wearing hats.—Hamilton Spectator.

Simple and complicated ways of spelling reform are proposed. Some you can read as easily as this: Meri had a lit lam, Its flees waz hwait az sno; And evri hwer that Meri went The lam waz shoer to go.—Harvey Kinsey Boyer, in Saturday Review.

Calgary's winters are erratic. You can't count on them being infernally cold from fall to spring, like you can Edmonton, Regina or Winnipeg winters. They can get rough. They were two or three weeks of bitter weather last January for instance, but from then on it was just a cool, snowy spring. The only trouble was that the cool, snowy spring didn't let up until about September.—Calgary Albertan

Changing from one lane to another in traffic is a hazardous practice that should be avoided. But what else is there to do when a motorist finds himself in the wrong lane for making a turn? To show those behind him what he is going to do the motorist will flash his tail signals. For good measure he will hold out his arm. He assumes that motorists in his rear, seeing what he is about to do, will slow down and, if necessary, come to a dead stop. But the motorists behind him will not adopt that charitable point of view.—Vancouver Herald.

Northern Ontario chuckles over the antics of a pet moose that "turned nasty" on his lighthouse keeper marooned on a small rock island in Lake Superior. The moose, that the lighthouse keeper raised from an infant to keep him company on his isolated island post, charged every time the keeper put his foot outside of the lighthouse building and forced the man to radio for help from the mainland. Perhaps by this time the lighthouse keeper is more familiar with the life cycle of a moose—a bull moose. During 10 months of the year a moose can be as docile as a lamb, but in the mating season of October and November—watch out! Even in captivity, the bull moose never loses his instinct for battle. Keepers of zoos where moose are in captivity stay outside of the pens during this two-month period in the year, because the males will charge anything that moves.—Sudbury Star.

The average passenger car engine develops enough heat to keep a six-room house warm in zero weather, says an antifreeze research engineer as he stresses the importance of an automobile's cooling system. Of this heat one-third is consumed as power to drive the car, one-third goes out the exhaust and the other third is carried off by the cooling system. In other words two thirds are wasted. If some means

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