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They Gave, Not Lost, Their Lives

We mourn victims of calamity but we honour those who gave their lives for what they held dearer than life.

For this very reason their sacrifice is the greater. If they could have participated in a romantic cause, or splendid achievements, or contest of strength and skill, or the safe deliverance of their country, the reward would have gone far to make it easier to give their lives for such a cause.

With no compensation, however, and with the certainty of having to participate in a formless, repulsive struggle, they counted their own preferences, ambitions and even lives as well lost if they could avert the immediate danger which threatened.

This is the reason that we must remember them if we are not to break faith. Their share of the task was willingly done. We are reminded on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day that our own responsibility remains.

More Than One Desk

Potato growers have spoken again through the medium of a plebiscite and the result seems to be much like the feeling expressed at the meeting at the Charlottetown Forum at the end of August.

In the course of the campaign, for campaign it was, practically everyone expressed the view that they could work with the Board. It is to be hoped that now that the Board as such has received this indication of general approval there will be active cooperation to enable it to serve the industry to best advantage.

To all intents and purposes the industry is in the position existing over a year ago when the Board controlled a great many aspects of the potato industry but did not seek to become itself the industry.

There were difficulties then but they are of a kind that can be overcome if everyone displays a reasonable amount of readiness to give and take.

The Chancellor's Reply

Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany is an old man and, so reports say, a kindly man who likes to go out of his way to be friendly and obliging to newspaper reporters who seek his views on various questions.

However, on the assumption, no doubt, that a civil question, no matter how irrelevant to the occasion it may be, deserves a civil answer, Dr. Adenauer did not brush the question aside with "no comment", a practice which an increasing number of politicians of all parties seems to find very convenient these days.

no one could possibly take offence at it. It indicated diplomatic skill and political finesse, both of which are valuable assets for any statesman or political leader.

Advice From Bangkok

Under the sponsorship of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East fifty financial experts from twenty countries have been meeting in Bangkok and discussing the various aspects of economic development programs.

Apparently, this argument is based on the theory that, since future generations are going to enjoy the economic fruits of the program, it is only right and proper that they should have a share in paying for them; which, of course, is what happens when long term loans have to be secured to make up for unbalanced budgets.

Whatever the experts may say there will continue to be much controversy regarding the economic and moral status of the "working on borrowed money" concept; but there was hardly any need for the extra-taxation recommendation. Most people will agree that governments everywhere are ready enough to raise taxes without any encouragement from experts in Bangkok.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Remembrance Day, Armistice Day 1918.

This Remembrance Day Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein is observing in Canada. Last month the Deputy Supreme Commander Allied Forces, Europe, dedicated a memorial in the Western Desert.

A West German publication reports that no less than 70,000 teachers have fled from the East Zone to the West, some 60 or 70 per cent of whom have been absorbed in the teaching profession. This is in spite of the fact that, not being members of the Federal Civil Service, they start at a lower salary scale.

Northern Saskatchewan, because of wet weather and late blight, is suffering from a very critical shortage of potatoes. The Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture has made an appeal to more fortunate areas of that Province to donate any surplus they can spare which will be carried at Government expense to the areas requiring them.

The Ottawa Journal takes exception to the proposed name, Toronto-Dominion Bank, for the expected amalgamation of the two financial institutions and proposes instead that it should be called the Bank of Ottawa.

Everybody is interested in the potato industry although only the farmers voted yesterday. The prospect is that, with more than double the normal quota for entry into the United States at a low rate of duty, and surpluses out of the way, the farmer should have a good year, which means also that everyone else will have a good year.

Violet Vanburgh, English actress, died this date 1942. Like her sister, Dame Irene Vanburgh, she sustained a great number of roles with distinction, among them being Queen Catherine in Henry VIII and Lady Carfax in The Knave of Diamonds.

Sir Winston Churchill's 80th birthday on November 30th will be marked by a presentation to which his admirers in all parts of the world are invited to contribute Canada's High Commissioner, like those of other Commonwealth countries, is a patron of the fund. The Hon. Treasurer is the Rt. Hon. Lord Moynehan, 156 Charing Cross Road, London, W. C. 2, England.



OURS TO CHERISH

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.

SOURIS HARBOUR

Sir,—In the issue of your paper of Nov. 9th appears a report under the heading "Souris Alarmed After Ship Grounds in Harbour."

The National Chiropractic Association warns against "television squat," consisting of sitting cross-legged on the floor and goggling at the box. It is feared that this posture may injure countless children by straining their ankles, knees and backs.

No matter what they do they won't make them popular. This is a closing comment on a report from Washington that U. S. income tax forms are to be given different colors, partly to make them "morally attractive."

Old Charlottetown

From The Examiner, Nov. 30, 1952.

C. F. Stackpole has opened a shooting gallery and a bowling alley in the Athenaeum. They are opened early, from four o'clock to 10 p.m. Prizes will be given monthly for the best bowling and shooting.

It is not probable that steam ploughs will be introduced into this Province, but they are likely to be used with success in the great Northwest. A few days ago there was a large assembly of prominent agriculturists at Brampton, Ont., to witness the public testing of what may be called the first steam plough used in Canada.

The feast of St. Andrew, Scotland's patron saint, was celebrated by the Caledonia Club of this City by a grand dinner at the Rankin House. The members of the Club met in the club room on Queen Street at 8 o'clock and marched in plaid regalia to the hotel, where on arrival of Lieutenant Governor Haveland and R. B. Hodgson, A.D.C., they sat down to a sumptuous feast.

Maritime Problem

Growing traffic across Northumberland Strait between Pictou, N.S., and Wood Islands, P.E.I., causes increasingly long queues of cars on both sides of the strait, waiting their turns on the ferry.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 1954

Proudly you gathered; rank on rank, to war, As who had heard God's message from afar; All You Had Hoped For; All You Had, You Gave,

NOTES BY THE WAY

Miss Gene Tierney, the film actress, is reported to have suffered a nervous collapse "brought on by overwork and tension resulting from her two-year romance with Prince Aly Khan."

The Ontario department of highways, to speed up road-building, perhaps, now, the public can look forward to completion of the Trans-Canada Highway within the next few years.

United States Congress passed a bill that would have made it a crime for a restaurant to serve trout caught in another country unless it displayed prominently a sign saying "foreign-caught fish were being served. President Eisenhower vetoed the measure. And that is one reason they have a president in the United States! —Ottawa Journal.

A Calgary man has telephoned to tell us about his six-year-old's comment on the first day of school. It seems that after the little fellow had returned from the classroom his father, like fathers everywhere, asked him what he thought of school.

At an exhibition of modern architecture in Milan, Italy, a small-shaped house was on display. The small house had four rooms and was all built of plastic. To those accustomed to rectangular shaped homes, the new idea will look radical. Still, a small-shaped house in Canada might be appropriate to denote the feelings of many home owners in regard to the speed which their mortgages seem to be reduced.

The risks and dangers of the London pact show us the dangerous condition of the world we live in. For desperate circumstances there must be desperate remedies. But as German strength grows we should not forget that her rearmament is a desperate gamble.

On November 14, when he reaches the ripe age of six, Prince Charles will receive a pair of boxing gloves as a birthday gift, and thereafter he will be taught the many art of self-defence. With a sparring partner of his own age the heir to the throne will learn to put up the "dukes". The intention, presumably his father's, is to make him an athletic prince, sound in mind and limb.

ferry boat which had been scheduled to start operating early next year. In the meantime the queues of cars grow longer, and the growls of frustrated motorists become louder. Waiting at Ross Ferry is a trifle compared with that, but don't try to make the Baddeck Board of Trade believe it.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer AFTER THOUGHTS

By the time this article appears the great potato issue will have been settled—for another year, at all events. I suppose, therefore I may be permitted to jot down a few general observations regarding it without running the risk of being slain like Zacharias the son of Barachias.

Then, the fire kindled. Just as I had persuaded myself that this column was absolutely essential to the literary well-being of Guardian readers along came this last minute barrage of forum admonition to tell me, that I am, after all, expendable. Woe is me, for I am undone.

The plebiscite is a most respectable democratic instrument. It is also a very ancient one and was in use centuries before parliamentary legislation arrived on the political scene.

The referendum is not used much in this country—in fact, I don't think it has been used at all; but in the United States it is a common practice. Usually it is an addendum to a general election; and that, I would say, is its proper place.

Since a plebiscite seeks advice, and not direction, the results of Wednesday's voting will not, necessarily, be binding on the Provincial authority; although, of course, if the verdict is overwhelmingly decisive one way or the other it is reasonable to expect that it will be implemented.

One clear reason for this unusual interest was, of course, that the prosperity and good management of the potato industry are matters of great concern to everybody in this Province. Our entire economy is affected by it in a very large way.

The letters I read most of them—that appeared from both sides to the dispute were, on the whole, interesting; but I cannot believe that anyone who had not been helpful to the potato industry already made up his mind. On the side seemed to believe with almost fanatical intensity that a marketing board with authority to fix prices is the one thing needed for a sound agricultural economy.

As in all election campaigns, unfortunately, there were many deviations from the main issue into irrelevancies, a circumstance which cannot be of much help in efforts to work out a satisfactory arrangement for strengthening our farm economy; and that, surely, is what everybody—board of

The Poet's Corner

Sleep on, brave heart, thy broken sword beside thee! The last red breach is stormed the last foe slain, No strife nor sacrifice denied thee, No trumpets call to fierce assault again. Now with our bright blades we shanched And came laurel-wreathed We come, thy comrades in the tramping fight, And bear thee with a long proud song To the deep house of night. Sleep on, brave heart! Our cause is ours no longer, The world we saved rolls on without our aid. We fought for right, but hate and fear are stronger, We dreamed of peace, and dreams have been betrayed, But never troubled breath Can touch thee, who in death Hast seen the flaming triumph of our wars, Nor heartbreak find thy deep, sweet sleep Beneath the quiet stars. Sleep on! Sleep on! The winds of Blot white above thy buried memory, Thou wilt not wake to the inglorious morrow That mocks our anguish and our victory. Thy daring and thy pain, Thy youth for visions slain, Were crowned with honour in the crimson dawn, And Death was to the end thy friend— O valiant heart, sleep on!

The Age Old Story

See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; in that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply; and that the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

FIERCE KITTEN

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP) —seagulls are protected in British Columbia — except for a tiny bit of shoreline patrolled by an eight-month-old kitten. Workers were amazed to see the small feline seize a gull by the neck and kill it.

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