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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."  
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## Plowing Match

The heavy traffic in eastern Queens today is not really to or from the Wood Islands Ferry but to the intersection at Millview where the Queens County Plowing Match is being held. Plowing is, of course, the central and essential skill of farming as we know it. A farmer may have a thousand useful skills, but if he is a poor plowman his misfortune is plain for all to see.

The annual plowing matches, of which the Queen's County one is of increasing importance, offer the chance for one and all to compare their technique with that of experienced farmers and keen-eyed youths.

The day, however, is at least equally devoted to meeting old friends and enjoying entertainment in the form of sports, music and dancing. It is in fact the farmer's holiday between his early and late harvesting. In years such as this, of course, he may not be very sure that there is an interval but in most cases he will make one.

The great majority of events are for tractor work and this is as it should be, although many will regret the passing of the infinitely more difficult art of managing a team and single plow. Progress does not bow to sentiment, however, in farming or elsewhere. Today's mechanized farmers might or might not be able to compete with their fathers behind an old fashioned plow but there is no question about their ability to do a much faster and usually better job given their choice of equipment.

## Prisoner Probation

A report submitted to the United Nations by Dr. Max Grunhut, noted British criminologist, gives some interesting information about the benefits of and difficulties concerning prisoner probation. The study on which the report was based had to do with methods in Britain, the United States, and the Scandinavian countries. While admitting that there is no ready made formula for deciding which prisoners in any institution are entitled to probation and that many errors are made by probation officials, Dr. Grunhut says that the system is, on the whole, about 70% satisfactory. He points out also the great financial savings which follow successful probation of offenders; this applies not only to prison expenditures but also to the general economy, since a man who is employed in industry is more valuable than one who is working merely on prison projects.

The main difficulty about probation is the public inclination to regard it as soft treatment of prisoners; but this difficulty, Dr. Grunhut believes, is becoming less and less troublesome as more and more people in all countries are coming to realize that rehabilitation of prisoners is at least as important to society as proper punishment of wrong-doing. As Dr. Grunhut points out, there are bound to be miscalculations in this matter of probation, as in all other matters where the uncertainties of human judgment are deeply involved. However, chances sometimes have to be taken, and the fact that so many prisoners are being reinstated to social responsibility is sufficient reason for developing the probation system to its utmost potential usefulness.

## Watch The Children

Timely at this period of the opening of the school year are the following traffic safety rules, formulated by the Ontario Safety League:

- Parents should:
  - Set children a good example by crossing streets only at intersections, waiting for the signal, looking both ways and for turning traffic before crossing.
  - Find out what traffic safety education your children are receiving at school and co-ordinate your own instruction with it.
  - Impress upon children the danger of playing in the street or near moving traffic. See that they play only in approved play areas.
  - See that children are skilled in using outdoor toys such as roller skates, bicycles, scooters, tricycles and wagons and that the youngsters practise safety rules when using the toys.
- Motorists should:
  - Keep a constant lookout for children. Even when children are clearly in view, their actions sometimes are unpredictable.
  - Near school areas be constantly alert for signs, traffic police, signals, school patrols and for children themselves.
  - Decrease speed and increase vigilance

when driving near playgrounds and residential areas and other places where children are likely to be found.

- Don't compete with bike riders. Be ready to give them the right of way.
- Exercise special care when backing in an area where children are likely to be playing. It is good practice to get out of your car and make sure there are no children nearby immediately before starting to back up.

## The Educational Dollar

While Canadians are spending roughly half a billion dollars a year on education, and in another decade may be spending three-quarters of a billion, they are not getting full value for their money. This is the informed opinion of Mr. M. E. Lacerte, research director of the Canadian School Trustees Association. In an address to the meeting of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities he laid most of the blame on an inadequate policy of teacher selection and training.

Mr. Lacerte estimates the average cost, for the nation as a whole, at 87 cents a day for every pupil enrolled, but there is a wide divergence from province to province. One of the provinces finding favor with Mr. Lacerte is British Columbia, where the high cost figure of \$1.45 a day is accounted for by more generous grants and higher salaries than in most other parts of the country, and with this combination he finds richer academic programs resulting.

Given a choice between more money for buildings and money to pay teachers, he would choose the latter, as apparent in this observation: "Let us not forget that children get more education if we have good teachers in poor classrooms than if we have poor teachers in million dollar buildings." It may be possible, however, to obtain the desired results without going to either extreme. Attractive surroundings and modern equipment in the school plant are an inducement to many to enter the profession, just as they are an important part of the child's school life.

"The public, surely," argues the Ottawa Citizen, "will not go far wrong if it provides enough money to encourage men and women fitted by temperament to become teachers. The additional outlay should be divided judiciously between salaries and plant improvement, for a lopsided emphasis on either one or the other is hardly likely to produce the optimum value for the taxpayer's dollar of which Mr. Lacerte speaks."

## EDITORIAL NOTES

National Day of Malta, G.C., 1565.

The jet engine brought in the propellerless aircraft, which is now followed by the wingless plane, a logical but not necessarily practical extension of the trend towards merely rudimentary wings. Pilotless aircraft have long been familiar so that all that remains to be got rid of is the engine.

It is reported that the executive council of the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade will devote much of its time in Moncton next Monday to preparations for the first meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council which has been called for Sept. 28, in Halifax.

The United States is now prepared to share with other countries, and equally significantly with her own industry, the task of developing atomic energy for peacetime use. This, even more than Hiroshima, may well be regarded as the beginning of the atomic age in the world at large.

Good manners and a knowledge of the rules of safe driving are both essential to highway safety. The former are probably beyond the scope of highway authorities to inculcate but the Motor Vehicle Branch distributes a manual for motorists that tell practically everything a driver should know about the legal requirements of safe driving.

Potato growing areas are constantly shifting, notes the American Potato Yearbook. The early States now produce 15 per cent of the crop, late States 80 per cent, whereas the intermediate states are squeezed to the small proportion of 5 per cent. North central States have switched away from potato production, while the East has maintained its position and western States have increased their production by thirty per cent.

King Feisal of Iraq died this date 1933. He led Arab nationalist forces during the First World War, co-operating with Allenby, and was proclaimed king of Syria with British backing. He was deposed by France, however, and turned his attention to the throne of Mesopotamia or Iraq, for which his brother Abdullah, King of Transjordan, was an unenthusiastic candidate. He was elected by a huge majority and the British Government exchanged the mandate for a treaty arrangement and backed Iraq's application for membership in the League of Nations.



They're Off!

## The Poet's Corner

### ALONE

"When I'm alone—the words trip off his tongue As though to be alone were nothing strange. "When I was young," he said; "when I was young." I thought of age, and loneliness, and change. I thought how strange we grow when we're alone. And how unlike the selves that meet and talk. And how the candles out, and say good night. "Alone" . . . The word is life endured and known. It is the stillness where our spirits walk. And all but inmost faith is overthrown. —Siegfried Sassoon.

## Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

### TARGET PRACTISE

"On Wednesday last, the Charlottetown Volunteer Company of Militia, under the command of Captain Lobban, proceeded to Strawberry Point, for the purpose of practising with ball cartridge at a target. The evening was most delightfully pleasant, and the whole company, dressed in complete uniform, presented quite a novel appearance. The firing was conducted with the strictest caution, commencing at four o'clock, and continued by each man in regular succession until nearly six. After firing ceased, the target was eagerly visited by the whole company, double quick, which was discovered to have been literally riddled, one ball being put in the bull's eye." —Royal Gazette, Sept. 22, 1840

## Plenty Of Room

(Washington Post) Those who see the globe threatened with a standing room only sign may take some cheer from a recent United Nations study, which shows that even cities could provide elbow room for a long time to come for the hordes migrating to them—if only they were properly planned. City growth has long been largely a hit-and-miss affair, hence much of the world is now faced with serious postwar housing problems growing out of overcrowding. In Bombay, tenements average more than seven persons a room. In Panama as many as 20 persons occupy a room of 15 by 15 feet, sleeping in relays. In Bolivia a single room in a crude cabin must serve one or more families and their domestic animals. In Istanbul, Turkey, the number of persons per dwelling increased from 5.95 to 9.49 between 1927 and 1950. Yet there is really no scarcity of land for housing, points out the study. With proper planning, the earth's entire population could be housed at a density of 25 to the acre on the 143,000 square miles of Germany. The present population density on Manhattan Island is 136. This three-year study lists the chief housing and land problems of the postwar world as migration to cities, with resultant overcrowding and social readjustments; slums, resulting in lack of adequate shelter. If these problems are not to grow worse, it warns, countries will have to revise their urban land policies to cope with them. Providing decent privacy to the planet's increasing populace is almost as important as providing food. But it will require much foresight and vision for the future and in cleavage with the past.

## The Age Old Story

Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he flourisheth as a shadow, and continueth not.

## OTTAWA REPORT

### NATO Convention For Young People

By Patrick Nicholson

Canada, Canadian achievements and Canadian delegates all won the limelight and admiration at a "NATO in Action" Week for young people held in England last month. Representatives of all the fourteen NATO allies except Iceland arranged to attend this convention, which was held at Trent Park, the beautiful home of the late Sir Philip Sassoon. Forty-five delegates, all between the ages of 18 and 30, enjoyed enthusiastic discussions and energetic social events, and all for a total cost of \$17 each for a week's stay in this former millionaire's home. The objects of the conference were to teach delegates about NATO, to provide an opportunity for those present to learn more about each other and their countries, and to consider future youth action in NATO matters. The conference really was a huge success. "I hear from the organizing secretary, Miss Ann King-Hall, who is the daughter of Commander Sir Stephen King-Hall, the founder-editor of the widely read National News Letter. "The Atlantic Citizens of Tomorrow really exist," she says, "not just on paper or in a few people's imagination, but as a group conscious of who they are. At the end of their conference, they were so enthusiastic over the week they had spent together, that they formally recommended the setting up of Youth sub-committees by each of the NATO countries national Atlantic Committees. One or more similar conferences should be held annually in the future, they resolved."

Canada was ably represented by two delegates. These were 28-year-old Donat J. Levesque from Edmundston, N. B., and 25-year-old William M. Dobell, of Montreal. Mr. Levesque has degrees from Bathurst's Sacred Heart University of New Brunswick; he was admitted to the New Brunswick Bar last year. Now he is working towards another legal degree in London on a Beaverbrook scholarship, and at the same time honeymooning with his bride, the former Miss Dionne who is a school-teacher from Edmundston. He says he is happily surprised by the English people; he expected coldness and standoffishness, but finds them hospitable and friendly. The only physical, in his not very generally heated apartment. Mr. Dobell is working for a degree at Oxford University. He says he is impressed by the much greater interest taken in Britain than in Canada in unofficial international movements, such as this NATO Youth Conference.

Mr. Dobell himself took a prominent part in the discussions of the subcommittee studying the implementation of Article Two of the North Atlantic Treaty; this is the so-called "Canadian Clause" inserted in the Treaty on Canada's insistence, which provides for operation between the allies in the non-military fields, and widely heralded as the blueprint for the establishment of an Atlantic Community with some degree of confederation.

The delegates learned much about each other's countries through films, records and an excellent exhibition specially assembled for the conference. The Canadian stand was greatly admired; a miniature model of the Cobalt Bomb for the treatment of cancer drawing much attention from all delegates and outside visitors. One result of the conference will be the launching of an essay competition, open to all young people in all the NATO countries. Writers of the best essays on the selected NATO topic will be awarded prizes of free trips to Paris and conducted tours round the NATO civilian and military headquarters there. Details of this competition will be announced next month. The greatest lesson from the conference, says King-Hall, was the immense gap between the delegates' bubbling enthusiasm for NATO and their scanty knowledge of it. "It looks as if governments are going to have a NATO public opinion on their hands before long," commented one older and experienced observer. Cabinet Ministers and other politicians here have long been conscious of the urgent need to launch a NATO information program, so that all Canadians may learn about the optimistic possibilities of NATO and about the positive steps already taken to lower the barriers between the allies, such as the opportunity for workers to exchange posts with workers in certain other NATO countries, group travel arrangements, and collective passports. Present unhappy developments in Europe make this imminently essential.

## Help Handicapped To Help Themselves

(Galt Reporter) The value of the contribution which handicapped men and women can make to Canada's economic progress is being emphasized in a number of ways. A national committee on which federal and provincial governments, employer and employee, and social welfare workers were key officers of the organization, has stressed the importance of helping the handicapped to help themselves. The great majority of the provinces have now signed agreements to co-operate with the federal government in rehabilitation efforts. Recently a course of national importance on rehabilitation and counselling of the handicapped was held at the University of Western Ontario. The majority of the students were key officers of the special placements division, National Employment Service. The Department of Veterans Affairs was also represented. For a month these students listened to lectures by professors on the staff of Western and other universities concerning the nature and manifestations of various diseases and disabilities and how they affected the employability of those who had experienced them. The course was sponsored by the Unemployment Insurance Commission which administers the National Employment Service. It was a co-operative effort on the part of the Commission and the University, and its value will become more and more apparent as time goes on. The special placements division of the National Employment Service is concerned primarily with assisting persons suffering from handicaps of varying nature to find work which will be suitable for them. More and more it is becoming apparent that the handicapped individual stands a better chance of living a reasonably happy and successful life if employed where he or she can do work which is also becoming apparent that handicapped persons when given the right work can make a great contribution to the economic life of the country. The last world war demonstrated their value to their country. It has been found that a handicapped person properly placed sometimes does work superior to the so-called normal individual. The importance of finding the right work for each handicapped individual immediately becomes apparent. That is the job of the special placements division of the National Employment Service. It is sometimes a difficult one, but remarkable success has been achieved. Employers are now becoming aware of the value of handicapped workers. In many cases they are co-operating wholeheartedly knowing that by so doing they help both the handicapped individual and themselves.

## GOOD CHICKEN

More than half of all the canned chicken in Canada is processed in Prince Edward Island canneries.

## INSTRUMENT MAKERS

Slightly more than half of Canada's output of musical instruments comes from Ontario, the rest from Quebec and B. C.

## NOTES BY THE WAY

Some folks go around in circles of friends—others just in circles. —Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

A Detroit family had to abandon their home when bats moved in. With some families we know, they moved in the bats would move out.—Chatham News.

It could be risky to tell a woman she looks perfect in the new Dior style. Flat but not necessarily flattering.—Brantford Expositor.

The political leader who shoots himself, as did the deposed president of Brazil, eliminates also a number of other complications.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

The other day United States senators passed 47 bills in 10 minutes. It's likely that any of them is as prompt in dealing with the other kind of bill. —Brantford Expositor.

On the Quebec side of the United States border Mounted Police seized a truck with 400,000 "smugs"—and a smug, for the benefit of law-abiding people, is a smuggled cigarette. —Ottawa Journal.

One of the worst features of civilization is the increasing noise it produces. If Mr. Nature were on the job as he should be, she would be evolving earplugs for human beings. —Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

During the last year book-sellers say there has been a strong trend in fiction toward space travel stories and that is not surprising, remembering all the space given to flying saucers and to projected trips to the moon and to Mars.—Niagara Falls Review.

The terms of the agreement are good . . . The Persian conflict has been a sorry tale. The best way of celebrating its end is to draw the moral, reflect upon it deeply, and hope that it will help to prevent disputes in the future. —Manchester Guardian.

The completion of a national system of Trans-Canada airways, the development of great networks of communication, and the building of modern highways have helped to bring the John Does and Bill Smiths—yes, and the Joe Leblancs, the Pat O'Rileys, and Angus Macdonalds, and the Mike Rozecks of Canada that much closer together. —Health Minister Martin.

News photographers have an extremely difficult job and must possess both ingenuity and initiative in order to carry out their assignments. Some of the more ambitious camera clickers, unfortunately, carry things too far and thus place all news photographers in a bad light. —Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

Midnight movies should be banned in the best interests of citizens. The mid-night movie does a lot more harm than good . . . The atmosphere . . . is not good from a moral standpoint. They also create disturbances after the show is over as the throng comes out on the street. This must be a source of irritation for those who reside in the vicinity of the theatres. —Kitchener Record.

If you've been wondering about increases in the price of coffee, as many householders have, you may have been intrigued by an Associated Press story out of Rio de Janeiro. It said the Brazilian Coffee Institute officially estimated that the nation would finish its coffee year, June 30, with 700,000 more bags of coffee than it had anticipated. Will this bring the price down? From this distance, it appears that it's likely to, at some future date, but don't hold your breath.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

If it has accomplished nothing else the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh has drawn in a spectacular manner the attention of Canadians, Great Britain and the world to the striking development which is taking place in Northern Canada. The world knows now that Canadians are pushing back the map of Canada to the Arctic and finding a new Eldorado. —London Free Press.

A short course in the procedures of Canadian Government for all new citizens would enable them to fully appreciate the land which they have taken as their own and provide them with some understanding of the regulations which they must observe as citizens. It would certainly enable them to assume the responsibilities of their citizenship with sound judgement and fuller appreciation. —Roderney, Ont., Mercury.

Farouk the former king of Egypt got into a huff and waddled out of an Italian night club the other day because he didn't want to pose for a picture with J. Fred Muggs, the chimpanzee. It's just as well he did, because it could have developed into an awkward situation for Mr. Muggs, who, as television personality appearing on the screens in millions of American homes, has to be pretty careful about his reputation. —Toronto Saturday Night.

To settle a discussion a correspondent of an Ontario newspaper asked when, if at all, it is correct to applaud in a church. The editor pointed out no applause should occur at a church service but that it would be acceptable at meetings other than religious ones. It is rather a good thing church attendances do not applaud. If they did they would also be free to show displeasure and in either case the unseemly conduct would wake up those who were quietly sneaking in 40 winks after Saturday night's high-jinks. —Kitchener - Waterloo Record.

Since the time of Methuselah—and perhaps before—mankind has sought the secret of prolonging life. At last there seems to be some hope that he is succeeding, although comparisons with other periods in history cannot be made because of faulty vital statistics and the hearsay of olden times. Until recent years old age almost inevitably meant an easy chair by the fireside and memories; there was something not quite respectable about a spry old person. Now this attitude has been swept away. The cause of longevity is a mystery. For every centenarian that ascribes his long life to his having drunk half a glass of neat Scotch and smoked a black cigar every night before going to bed since he was fifteen years of age, there is another who proudly claims never to have smoked tobacco or touched alcohol. The secret obviously lies elsewhere. —Hamilton Spectator.

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Any complaints or disputes regarding the placing of poles on private property or otherwise, or the cutting of trees necessary for line construction, must be referred to this Commission through the local committee before 15 September 1954.

The committee representing this area comprises the following members:

- AUGUSTUS TIERNEY, New Haven.
  - LLOYD MACKINNON, New Haven.
  - NEIL CAMPBELL, New Haven.
- THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,  
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