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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Conservative Convention

The spotlight today will be on the Progressive Conservative leadership convention in Charlottetown, the evening session of which will be addressed by Prime Minister Diefenbaker...

We take this opportunity of welcoming Mr. Diefenbaker, and of again expressing appreciation of the cabinet representation we now enjoy in the person of Hon. J. Angus MacLean...

Congratulations are also due to Mr. Diefenbaker on the magnificent personal triumph he scored in the election, and on his more recent honour in being appointed to the British Privy Council...

The purpose of the convention is the selection of a provincial party leader in succession to Mr. R. R. Bell, M.L.A. While many names have been suggested from time to time, it seems likely that the contest will be confined to Dr. L. G. Dewar, M.L.A., and Mr. Walter R. Shaw, retired Deputy Minister of Agriculture...

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saying. Yet how often have the party's prospects—and other parties' too, for that matter—been blighted by bickering and dissensions? Regardless of the results of the next electoral contest in this Province, we need a strong alternative party to the one in power. This we have not had for years, and we have suffered accordingly. On all counts we hope that that unity which alone insures political strength will be forthcoming from tonight's gathering, and that the Conservative Party will take its place once more as a vigorous contender for public office.

Food Imports

A report prepared for the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council by two economists of the Economic Division of the Federal Department of Agriculture is concerned mainly with conditions of which there is general awareness: the special nature of the soil in various localities, its fitness for the growth of certain products, the effect of climate on agriculture, the importance of grass silage, liming, re-seeding and so on.

The section dealing with actual agricultural activities, however, is of extraordinary interest; for it shows that the primary need of agriculture in the Maritimes is not markets but increased production to look after local needs.

Potatoes, apples and blueberries, the report states, are the only products grown in surplus. That is to say, these are the only products in the agricultural field which the area has for export in any worthwhile quantity. Wool, eggs, ice cream and strawberries are raised in just about sufficient volume to provide for regional consumption. Milk and eggs are in short supply a good deal of the time, while poultry, meat, honey, cheese and concentrated milk have to be imported the year round in great quantities.

There may be good reasons why the Maritimes cannot raise enough agricultural products—except potatoes, apples and blueberries—to build up an export trade; but, surely, their inability to raise enough to meet their own requirements is past understanding. Every item on the list of imports is one which can be produced here in as good quality as anywhere else in the world. At least, that is the general belief; and we see no reason for disputing it. Further, one would imagine that the potential quantity with respect to each item ought to be limited only to the need for it.

Clearly, this is a matter which APEC should look into with a view to improving the situation, if it has not already done so.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is reported that the R.C.M.P. will soon take over the task of supervising fish and game protection. It is a good arrangement.

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There's tension in the Middle East and a dozen other places. Inflation is a big problem. Strikes and threats of strikes are common and Asian flu has made its unwelcome appearance. But there's at least one thing to be cheerful about: the price of coffee has gone down a few cents.



IN LIGHT OF - -

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.

BUILDING THE CAUSEWAY

Dedicated to Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and Premier Alex Matheson.

Sir.—We wonder if they will, or will they ever. A causeway built — or will they build it never? Our politicians are so prone to make a promise, only to postpone.

Put plan on plan, put survey on survey, Wrap with red tape, and damn it with delay. Produce, they can excuse of a kind. The handy "fill" they say, is hard to find. Yet always there's a way where there's a will. They have not far to look to find the fill.

Though all the world may wonder, — 'tis a fact There is within this Isle a Temperance Act. 'We Islanders do always vote so dry.

But when it comes to drinking, few are shy. By figured facts it must be now presumed One awful load of liquor is consumed; For every day we find both here and there The empty bottles lying everywhere; Of every shape and size, of every kind. The flasks and quarts in every farmyard field; On bridges, by-roads and on country lane, Beside the tracks, discarded from the train. And by the fence they're found, and in each field. All seasons four, a glassy harvest yield; Flung hither by the poor, and by the rich. We find them on the highway, in every alley and on every street. A billion bottles underneath our feet. Thus all around the tragic tale doth tell Of empty forms where spirits once did dwell; 'Tis true, I swear, 'twixt tombstones may be found The pints and quarts on consecrated ground. If census we should take, and count the cost, Those bottles always tell of battles lost.)

We now propose — and this without delay — That John or Alex should appoint a day And that they organize, we will expect, All volunteers the bottles to collect; Teachers and Boy Scouts, Brownies and the Cubs, The Board of Trade and all the Service Clubs; The Catholic Women's League to lend a hand, The Women's Institutes, and Mission Band. The Masons, Orangemen, and K. of C. — Put all the people on a picking spree. To travel to the limits of this Isle, And gather all the bottles in a pile. Then as the Ferry travels to and fro, All in the Strait the empties will we throw; With bottle piled on bottle, beach to beach, From Tormentine to Borden will they reach; A mountain in the sea, from shore to shore, With cars and trains and trucks all passing o'er; The Island then should surely make the news, We then can boast — A Causeway built by Booze.

I am, Sir, etc.

THEOCRITUS

Sept. 14, 1937.

Tragedy Shared Together

Associated Press, Los Angeles

A letter addressed to Dear Mr. Motorist arrived at the Mirror-News.

"I am not writing this to you to remind you all over again," the letter said. "But to all motorists because school again brings.

"I want to prevent the tragedy that we have shared together — a mother and you, Mr. Motorist.

"That day three sun-tanned little faces smiled as they waved me a happy goodbye and so important went on their way to school. I wanted to call them back to tell them how lonesome it would be.

"Mr. Motorist, I wanted to kiss them once more... then I saw you take that corner — tires screaming, ear out of control.

"What was your hurry? Were you late for work? "Surely not my three. I am sure you would not want to run your screaming tires over their happy faces intentionally, erasing forever the smiles they had for me.

"But, Mr. Motorist, children are very forgiving in life and — I'm sure — in death. They would if they could, put your hand and feel sad that because of one tragic moment

you are left to live over and over again how your love of speed took three lives.

"I don't hate you any more. I feel sorry for you. I can still see those smiling little faces as they wave me goodbye."

The letter was signed. Under the signature this postscript: "Another year. And once again your flowers arrive. They are beautiful. Thank you."

The newspaper sent reporter Charles Newsunder to investigate. He talked with a close friend of the letter writer. She told him the letter was written four years ago on the first anniversary of the tragedy. It was written but never intended to be mailed to the man who was driving the car. The friend sent the letter to the paper, which printed it this week.

The motorist? He still sends the mother flowers on each anniversary of the children's death. And the mother? She couldn't write a letter now. For in her mind she still waves goodbye to the smiling faces of her children. The tragedy was too much. She is in a mental hospital, hopelessly insane.

The Vanishing Stooker

Canadian Press, Saskatchewan

The new harvest season brings recollections of the stookers, who now have faded from the Prairie harvest.

By their handiwork, stooks grew from scattered sheaves to stand row on row across the Western plains. The stookers, before the days of the harvesting combine, preceded the threshing crew by about a week.

Today stooking by hand, an exact and artistic work, survives only among outfields where the sheaves are kept for feed.

EXPERT CRAFT The stooker took pride in a standard 10-sheaf stook, guaranteed to stand through wind and heaving frost. He had a proper method.

On approaching a scattered

SHERWOOD CEMETERY

Sir.—Sherwood Cemetery like many of our cemeteries lacks sufficient funds to be kept in as good a condition as it should be.

When it was established in 1873 and for many years after a plot large enough for eight burials was sold for \$30. A small yearly fee was charged for the care of the plot, which sum to too many cases was not paid.

In 1904 the first \$100 was received for a capital account—the interest of which would provide for perpetual care of a certain plot. Others followed this good example, but the fund was but slowly added to, as by 1929 the total sum received for perpetual care of plots only amounted to \$3,695. At the last annual meeting held this year the amount had increased to almost \$22,000.

For the proper care of the cemetery (twice that amount is required. A plot will not be sold to-day unless \$150 is deposited with the Company for its perpetual care.

Unfortunately many early plot holders have passed away and left nothing at all for care of their plots, which are kept cut at the expense of the cemetery for their general appearance. Their descendants do not apparently care that this condition exists.

During the years many have paid in only \$50, to \$100, for perpetual care of their plot, and this letter is written in the hope that they who still remain may feel disposed to further augment the amounts they previously paid.

I am, Sir, etc.

T. E. MACNUTT Secretary.

U.S. ENVOY DIES

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Dr. Henry F. Grady, 78, former president of American President Lines and first American ambassador to independent India, died of a heart attack Saturday aboard the liner President Wilson. He was also a former dean of the University of California's college of commerce.

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BADEN B A D E N, Germany (AP) — Police said \$22,000 in travellers' cheques and six pearl necklaces worth \$5,000 were stolen here Thursday from one of the sons of King Saud of Saudi Arabia. Saud arrived Tuesday with an all-male entourage of 39, including seven sons, for a stay of several weeks in this health resort.

Several Ways To Make Test

by Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

You mothers are in a better position than anyone else to detect early signs of loss of hearing in your children. You are with them more than Dad or any other member of the family and you are more familiar with their reactions.

If your lot responds less readily to speech or to simple sounds than your other children did at the same age, then be alert for other signals indicating hearing difficulties.

NEEDN'T WAIT You don't have to wait until the youngster is old enough to talk to test his hearing.

Here are a few ways it can be done at different ages.

You can test the hearing of an infant between the ages of 10 days and three months with a sound instrument such as a drum, a tom-tom, cowbell or pitch pipe. This test should be made when the baby is awake or in a light sleep. Be sure not to do it when he is crying.

Usually a child who is able to hear these noises will blink his eyes, cry or move suddenly. Also, he will probably cease his activities momentarily as he stops to listen.

Routine testing of the Moro Reflex can be used on babies from three to four months of age.

LOUD NOISE If the child's hearing is good, a sudden loud noise probably will cause him to throw out both arms and bring them back toward each other jerkily, with fingers first fanned out and then clenched.

Youngsters between four and six months respond better in testing situations to the human voice, especially one which is quiet and familiar. If a child's hearing is normal, simply speaking to him in a normal voice will cause him to turn his head.

FAMILIAR SOUNDS Between the ages of six months and one year, a child with normal hearing will recognize sounds which mean something to him. His own gabbling will become more varied and significant.

From one year to the age of two, a youngster with good hearing ability will begin to understand more words and to speak of few of them.

After the age of two, you can test a child's hearing by speaking behind his back or by making other sounds out of his sight.

VARIOUS PITCHES For these tests it's a good idea to pick a wide range of sounds. Use instruments with various pitches, such as a drum or tom-tom for the low tones and a whistle for the high ones.

A piano or violin might give you a fair idea of the youngster's hearing range. A radio also might provide an indication of hearing acuity.

QUESTION AND ANSWER T. E.: Is there any treatment for trachoma?

Answer: Trachoma, virus disease of the eye, is a difficult disease to treat. However, it has been found that cortisone is very helpful.

OUR YESTERDAYS From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Sept. 17, 1932)

Mr. George Clark, Ottawa, Seed Commissioner, Dominion Commissioner, Dominion Department of Agriculture, arrived in the City yesterday on business with Mr. Gordon MacMillan, Local Inspector of the Seed Branch work, regarding the extension of assistance to farmers in tiding them through a difficult situation. Mr. Clark will remain in the Province until Tuesday at which time he will return to Ottawa.

Owing to the large number of pupils taking Grade Eleven work, and also the large class in grade seven, two new teachers have been engaged in Summerside High School, Miss Keltie Holman, B.A., M.A., Toronto University, has been engaged to teach Grade Eleven, and Miss Muriel Lee has been engaged to teach grade seven.

TEN YEARS AGO (Sept. 17, 1947)

The present strike in Maritime Packing Plants will mean a critical blow to P.E.I. hog producers if settlement is not reached within a very few days. This was the decision reached at a special meeting of the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture called Saturday to consider the crisis from the farmers' standpoint.

A largely attended annual meeting of the P.E.I. Temperance Federation yesterday passed by a standing vote a resolution authorizing the Executive of the Federation to request the Provincial Government to repeat the Prohibition Amendment legalizing six-month scripts and to restore the Prohibition Act.

MAXIMS

The price of power is responsibility for the public good

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Have you noticed how a road hog is the first to squeal after a smash-up?—London Free Press

A news item says the United States can make a clean H-bomb. What we would like is a guarantee that the "other fellow" will wash his up before things get too dirty.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review

There was a time not so long ago when, if you saw a man taking a pill, you could be reasonably sure he either had a headache or indigestion. But times have changed and today pills play a far more versatile role in our lives. The harassed business man takes a pill to keep him awake, a pill to make him go to sleep, a pill to pep him up, a pill to calm him down, a pill to give him vitamins and even a pill for his stomach. But that's the penalty for being a pillar of the community.—Wall Street Journal

Nineteen valuable dairy cows were killed by a single lightning-bolt in Vermont recently; they were sheltering from the storm under a tree. The notion that cows know enough to go out into the rain is an error.—Peterborough Examiner

It isn't that we don't want to believe the advertisements which guarantee us so-and-so's treatment will prevent and or cure baldness. But if money will buy a new head of hair, why are so many wealthy men bald?—Windsor Star

The harassed-looking housewife approached the operator of a mobile X-ray unit. "I don't need a chest X-ray," she said timidly, "but the label has come off this can. Could you tell me if it's spaghetti or baked beans?"—Daily Mirror, London

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The Poets Corner

DISENCHANTED

He said he missed the apple trees, He missed the skies of blue. He could not say his prayers at night Except the farm showed through.

Sometimes he woke at night to find That he had wept, but when he tried remembering why he cried, He could not... there and then.

In time his tears bled down to love, And love bled down to pity. While he lived on to eighty-three And never left the city.

—Edsel Ford In the New York Herald Tribune.

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