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Alcohol For Pigs

Scientists are reported elated over the discovery that pigs which are kept in a state of semi-intoxication gain weight much more rapidly than their room-mates which practice total abstinence.

Of course anything that hastens a pig's trip to market is worth theoretical attention. All the same, this particular incentive to growth will, one feels, have a lot of hindrances to overcome before it comes into general favour.

It must be kept in mind that the drinking habit is contagious. At least it is in the world of men, and there is no reason why the same danger should not exist in animal society.

Sound Judgment Needed

Some serious aspects of Canada's economic growth are noted in an address by Mr. Louis L. Lang, president of Mutual Life of Canada, at the company's annual meeting yesterday.

pansion of debt, and wage demands.

The Federal Government holds an anomalous position in this regard. On the one hand its authorities have limited the expansion of money supply, and encouraged—or forced—restraint on other sections, including other levels of government.

Mr. Lang warns that a high degree of mature economic judgment, and co-operation by all sections of the economy, will be needed during the next few months if a serious downturn in overall business is to be averted.

Mashur's Gifts

It is probable that three-year-old Prince Mashur will build up more goodwill for the United States in his Arabian homeland than his father, King Saud. The king may take back with him economic and military aid and perhaps a little understanding of what the Eisenhower Doctrine means in terms of Middle East security.

On the other hand, the gifts given to the young prince by President Eisenhower, medical care by top ranking specialists and the promise of good health, will last as long as the child lives. Moreover, they will find a place in the hearts of his relatives and friends and perhaps in the thinking of the Arab world which the diplomatic successes of his father cannot be expected to achieve.

Nevertheless, it was a kindly, benevolent act, lessened perhaps in degree by its political accompaniments, but not in substance; and we may be sure that in the pretentious dwellings of Saudi Arabia's rulers and princes as well as in the mud huts of its poverty-stricken citizens it will be counted to President Eisenhower for righteousness.

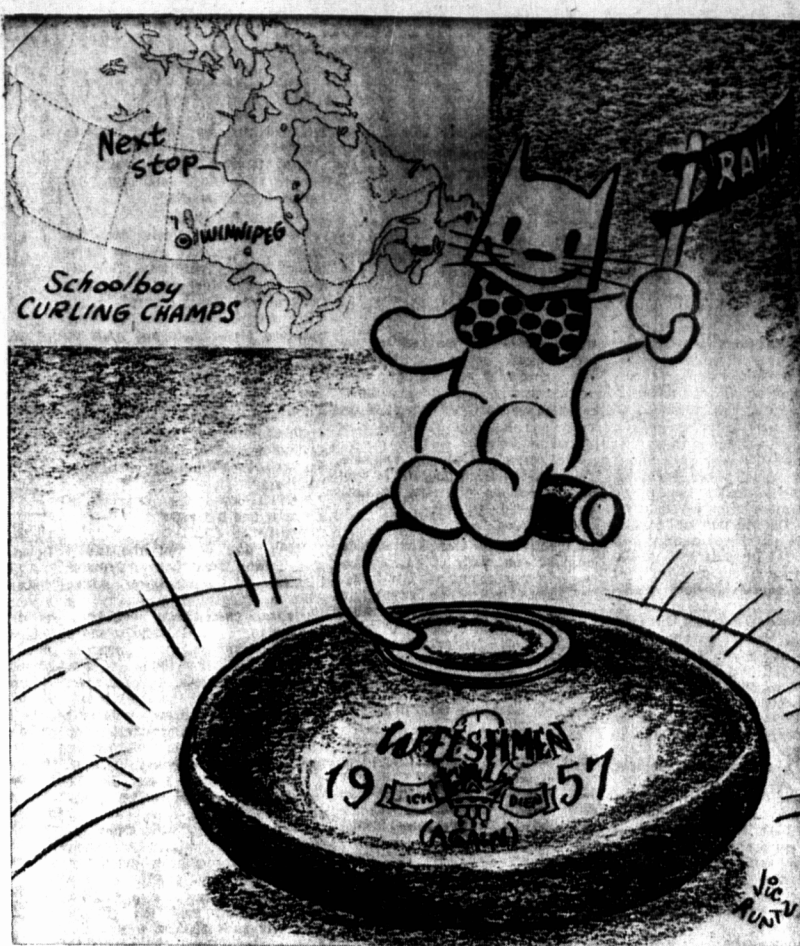
EDITORIAL NOTES

A school for teaching bagpipe playing has been opened at Woodstock, Ont. This may be just a trick to entice people away from the Maritimes.

An Italian cave-dweller has been discovered who hadn't heard of income taxes, the Suez dispute, Abdel Nasser or any other annoying feature of modern times. And he says he is perfectly happy. Of course he is. Why wouldn't he be?

If a bill now being studied by the United States Senate is enacted into law, there will be no dearth of Presidential candidates in the future. It provides a \$25,000 annual pension for retiring chief executives, whether the retirement is voluntary or imposed by the electorate.

The Ten Commandments have been the subject of study, inquiry, controversy for a long, long time; but until now we never heard of anyone proposing to revise them. That delicate task, however, is now receiving the attention of a school board in New York State in order, as one official put it, "to bring out more clearly their moral and spiritual value" for the benefit of pupils.



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!

Population Problem For M. P.'s

Canada's fast rise in population is adding to the job of members of Parliament in representing their constituents. It also means that candidates in the next federal election will have to go looking for more voters than ever before.

This was pointed up today as the bureau of statistics issued population figures for each federal constituency, counted in the national census last June 1.

Of the 263 ridings — including two which elect two Commons members each—227 had larger populations than at the decennial census in 1951.

The population of 18,090,791 last year averaged out to roughly 60,000 for each of the 265 Commons seats. The 1951 population of 14,009,429 meant an average of some 53,500 for each MP.

The bureau, in listing new population figures for constituencies, compared them with 1951 populations included in existing boundaries. The list shows a wide range from before between the largest and smallest riding.

York Scarborough, an eastern suburb of Toronto, increased by 132 per cent in the five years to 167,310 persons. The smallest riding, Quebec's Ile-de-la-Madeleine in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, rose to 11,556 last year from 9,999 in 1951.

Kashmir Can Be A Korea

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This is what Pandit Nehru of India wrote of Kashmir after a visit in 1940, after many years of absence: "Like some supremely beautiful woman, whose beauty is almost impersonal, Kashmir has in all its feminine beauty of river and valley and lake and graceful trees... As I gazed at it, it seemed to me dreamlike and unreal, like the hopes and desires that fill us and seldom find fulfilment."

These were fine words, but the Kashmiri seer and aristocrat already saw the filth and misery of the people of Kashmir. The capital of the state had been described as the second filthiest city of the world. The people, mainly Moslem under the heel of a Hindu ruler, had no opportunities for advancement even up to the standards of other citizens of India.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

Y.M.C.A. CAMPAIGN Sir,—It is indeed a pleasure for me to endorse the Y.M.C.A. current campaign for funds which is being launched this week.

It is the late, beloved Bishop Phillips Brooks of Trinity Church Boston who said, "He who helps a boy to become a good strong man in body and in spirit makes a contribution of the first order to the welfare of society."

These words of truth and wisdom for we know that the boys who come under the influence of the Y.M.C.A. will not likely go far astray.

I believe there is a general recognition that this great Christian organization has rendered and continues to render a service without which this City and Province would be considerably poorer in good and permanent influence.

I like the tribute paid to the Y.M.C.A. by Edgar Guest which I trust you will see your way clear to publish.

I am, Sir, etc. G. D. DEBLOIS, Charlottetown.

Edgar Guest's lines appear on page 2—Ed. G.)

Probably the premise is right; Pakistan is unable to increase her commitments and materially improve the prospects of the Kashmiris, and India has made a point of advancing the economic progress of the mountain state. It is a matter of bread and butter, or chapatis and ghee.

Between the two religions in the sub-continent that used to be known as India is too savage for people to forget that it is an alien people that now rules most of Kashmir. The jails are teeming. The same injustices that prevailed under a Hindu prince ruling a Moslem people are now prevalent with an Indian government in control.

This is the quandary in which the United Nations finds itself. It constitutes a crisis that tests the assembly yet again. Kashmir can become another Korea. It has no relation to the minor crises of Jnagadh and Hyderabad which plagued the governments of Pakistan and India soon after the transition. Kashmir is international.

The case of Kashmir has shown Pandit Nehru, the great internationalist and moralist, as a man with two sets of values. Firstly, he is a Hindu. Only secondarily he is the internationalist and humanitarian.

World Peace struck the arm of a railway bridge, 150 vessels stood idle, some for 3 1/2 days. To the author the most interesting thing about Suez "is that it is still being dug." Without constant dredging it would become a dry ditch.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. PSORIASIS INCURABLE BUT CAN BE CONTROLLED. Usually about 10 per cent of the time of the year there is a sharp increase in the number of cases of psoriasis.

Psoriasis is one of the oldest known skin diseases. While it is seldom, if ever, fatal and does not materially affect the physical health of the victim, it is unsightly and seems to be virtually incurable.

Some cases cause extreme itching. Moreover, the mental anguish it frequently brings, only serves to hamper treatment. MANY VICTIMS About 4,000,000 persons are suffering from psoriasis right now.

Most victims are stricken between the ages of 15 and 35. Negroes seem to be relatively free from the disease and children seldom contract it.

There are various theories as to the cause. The general belief is that a bacterial factor, coupled with a metabolic disturbance associated with fat metabolism, plays a part in the disease.

The small papules originally appear anywhere on the body, but usually on the arms, elbows, legs, knees or the scalp. Fortunately, they don't interfere with growth of the hair. SKIN DISCOLORED The eruptions grow large and then disappear. As the scales fall off, the underlying skin is left discolored.

If you have psoriasis, you must realize that, with our present knowledge, it can't be cured. It can, however, be controlled. You must also realize that emotional stress apparently plays a prominent role both in the original outbreak and recurrences.

Generally, a doctor will place a psoriasis patient on a low-fat diet eliminating such foods as greasy meats and soups, fatty cheeses, oily nuts and chocolates. I want to caution against self-medication since over-treatment will make the eruptions worse.

Generally, though, exposure to natural sunshine in gradually increasing doses is at times helpful. DAILY BATHING Perhaps your doctor also might advise bathing daily, using a mild soap and soft skin brush to scrub the skin to remove scales.

If the scalp is affected, he might recommend shampoos three times a week. But do not try this without your doctor's advice. QUESTION AND ANSWER I.F.: I have had piles for three years, and have a constant pain in the rectum. Is this serious?

Answer: As a rule piles are not serious. It is advisable however to correct the condition. Surgery is often required, but injection treatment may be satisfactory. Your physician will advise you as to the best treatment in your case.

THRESHOLD Here is a new day, lying cradled in the dawn; A fresh sheet in the typewriter, a wide margin spaced; A sky yet untraversed by the vapor's line; A journey still untraced.

Today is a flower bed in the long winter, Tidy and bare; but beneath the frosted clouds Life is at work secretly in the bulb's centre. And soon the leaves will spear up and within them, the buds.

Today is cold clear water, sipped in the hand; It is dew on the grass, for freshness and surprise, Today is a door to push open and pass beyond The things which you hear with your ears and see with your eyes.

—Rosemary Corham, in the Christian Science Monitor. OUR YESTERDAYS From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 5, 1932) Following the disastrous fire which left Prince of Wales College, centre of the educational activities of the Province, a smouldering ruin, immediate steps were taken by the Department of Education to continue the regular courses of studies for the students in other quarters located throughout the City.

The annual inspection of the City Police Force was held in the Board Room of the City Building this morning, before His Worship Mayor Frowse, His Honor Stipendiary Magistrate Martin, and the Police Committee composed of Councillors Holman, Blanchard and Bourke.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 5, 1947) Assurance that the Department of Transport will provide adequate rest-rooms for the travelling public at Borden and Tormentine is given in a letter from Transport Minister Chevrier, received this afternoon by J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal member for Prince.

P.E.I. will ship over two million bushels of potatoes under the terms of a contract with the United Kingdom as announced at Ottawa yesterday by Agriculture Minister Gardiner and confirmed locally by Mr. J. W. Boulter.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A physical culture expert says we are taller in the morning than in the evening. And most of us are a little short toward the end of the week.—Toronto Star

A drought in Texas is declared to be the worst in 700 years. Besides all its other distinctions, Texas apparently has the oldest old-timers.—Edmonton Journal

They don't fool with drunken drivers in Natal, South Africa, under a law that went into effect January 1. The new maximum penalty is a fine of \$1,120 or two years' imprisonment or both. In reporting the new legislation, Reuters-agency, with understanding, comments that it has had a "sobering influence."—Milwaukee Journal

Certainly there should be a closer relationship between the term handed out to the drunken driver who is nabbed before he kills someone, and the sentence given to a man who goes undetected until his drunken driving ends fatally. The time is ripe for a review of the system of penalizing the alcohol-and-speed addicts; too many get off too lightly.—Brookville Recorder

Shooting as a sport must have a lot of things to justify it at all. The ruthless slaughter of beautiful animals is reasonable only if their flesh or skin is needed, or if their numbers must be reduced. It is also only justifiable if it is certain of hitting the animal in a spot which will kill it. There is no justification at all for shooting at animals and allowing them to drag themselves away to die of gangrene.—Sault Ste. Marie Star

The incidence of dental decay and tooth extraction among young children in Sudbury has shown an amazing drop since the introduction of fluorides there in 1952. One Sudbury dentist estimates that it has meant a saving of \$20 per year for every child in the city. Sudbury has discovered, after four years, that fluoridation is definitely resulting in better teeth. In a survey of pre-school children the incidence of dental extraction was down sharply and decay was practically halved. And this survey did not include the group which will benefit most from the measures — those children born since the introduction of fluorides in the water. — North Bay Nugget

Manager of the Potato Growers Association. The price, he said, would be about \$1.00 per 75 lb. bag.

Easy money is the kind the other fellow makes off you when you start out to get easy money.—Brandon Sun

A father down the block reports he enjoyed meeting his son's teacher, but was a little puzzled by her remark: "Well, this explains a lot."—Brandon Sun

A sleep-walking woman in California turned sleep-driver and drove 23 miles before waking up. It was bound to come in this age when many people's feet are more at home on the gas pedal than on the ground. Lethbridge Herald

In Ceylon the total population of elephants probably does not exceed 900, and according to C.E. Norris, secretary of the Wild Life Protection Society of Ceylon, the animal is gravely threatened. He states that at least 200 elephants have been known to be killed during the last four years, mainly because of the damage they cause to crops.—Nature Union

Should we encourage individualists and cranks in our social system? They too are necessary, else progress is likely to stop — especially progress toward human freedom. But it is hard to do this today when, even in our schools, the desirability of childish traits fostering "co-operation within the group."—Vancouver Sun

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