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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink" CHARLOTTETOWN THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1950

Youth Problems

President Truman's Mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth recently reported on a whole series of recommendations for the benefit of the rising generation.

More should be done by government authorities, it was agreed, to instruct youth in the serious nature of the world crisis and in the principles of democracy.

In such a conference, notes an exchange, the striking fact is that problems of youth are widely recognized as of a paramount interest to the nation.

Government in Business

The direct participation of Government in business activities which is becoming more common daily brings with it new problems. It was decided in 1916 that a company incorporated by a Province can be empowered by another Province to carry on business within its boundaries.

The Saskatchewan Government's insurance company has for about a year been writing guarantee insurance in Alberta, to the annoyance of that Province's Social Credit Government, which consequently refused to licence the company for 1950.

The Ultimate Responsibility

Critics of literature, motion pictures, radio, journalism and automobile design are frequently loud and bitter in their complaints against the type of product which is offered to the public in these and other fields.

It should not be forgotten, however, that the same public has the remedy in its own hands. Given public acceptance and support there would soon be an abundant supply of almost any type of artistic production.

Every day someone essays a different kind of motion picture, a "different" magazine or a new-fangled mousetrap and promptly loses his shirt. Only if the fickle public supports the project can it survive, so that it is literally true that the public gets what it demands.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Ike" is back!

Feast of St. Thomas.

Just time to mail those forgotten Christmas letters.

At this season, more perhaps than at other times, we should remember the hospitalized veterans for whom the last war or even the first is not over.

Western farmers are depressed by the smallness of the wheat crop and Eastern ones by the superabundance of potatoes. All alike, however, would be happy to put

up with even worse conditions if improvement depended upon a general war.

The week-end will be an exceptionally busy one in shopping circles, but especially in the provision stores, where turkeys, geese, chicken and roasts have been somewhat late in arriving but are now in great display.

According to Major H. S. C. Archibald, Victoria, B.C., home after 15 months as a United Nations observer in India, the Communists there are telling the Indians if they vote for the Communists they will bring back the British to run India.

The New Year will bring a one-third cut in Britain's slender meat ration, bring it to 10 pennyworth of fresh meat and two-pence worth of canned beef per week. The traditional picture of the beef-eating Englishman is sadly out of date.

Fresh falls of snow are pleasant to see but all too often bring hardship to the birds both in town and country, particularly when a crust has formed. Feeding them at such times of scarcity is a task of mercy gladly performed by many busy but kind-hearted housewives.

One of the old French Christmas customs is the "buche de Noel" or Yule log. In the Provinces it is still customary to burn a "buche de Noel" on Christmas Eve. While this tradition has largely fallen into disuse in Paris and other large cities, bakers there make long, narrow cakes covered with chocolate icing to resemble logs, and garnish with colored candied fruits to represent flames.

Now the "cold" war is on the brink of developing into a torrid one, with Canadian and Allied troops concentrating on the Old Country once more. It is just seven years since the last of the "guest" children of the Second Great War left our shores on return to Britain to be absorbed in the army and kindred forces which were about to bring Germany to her knees, and, alas, as it turned out, the Allied nations as well to offset the new foe, Communist Russia.

During the interruption of cable service with the mainland, the C. P. utilized a channel of the Telephone Company's microwave station at Tea Hill, and the army was prepared to fill the breach if needed. It may be mentioned that away back in 1920 when we were having trouble getting cable communication with both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the Guardian tried to persuade the Canadian Press to give us beam connection such as had been successfully carried out between the Prairies and British Columbia.

A decrease from the past two years in the movement of Canadian cattle and beef in the United States is predicted in a report to the U. S. Department of Agriculture by C. A. Harlan, marketing specialist. The expected drop is attributed by Mr. Harlan to the readjustment of the Canadian cattle industry from a controlled industry to one of free marketing.

Country people in Britain still watch the sky on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for signs of a change in the weather, for there is an ancient belief that the weather at this time is a strong portent for that to come throughout the year. "Wise and cunning masters of astrology," we are told, "have found that a man may see and mark for the weather of Holy Night how the whole year after shall be."

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CASTING A SHADOW OVER IT



PUBLIC FORUM

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LARRY GORMAN

Sir,—The recent letter of Mr. McInnis of Vancouver in The Guardian Forum is a model of modesty and proper literary decorum. The accompanying verse seems to merit a place in the classics, too. My humble scribe does not want to arrogate to himself the qualifications of a connoisseur or pose as a judge of prosody, but will risk the assertion that Mr. McInnis must be quite familiar with the classical styles of Shakespeare, Milton and Byron.

I think he may rest assured that Gorman wrote "Prince Edward Isle Adieu". I can't say positively, but I know that in the extreme West-end part of P. E. I., where the bard lived after he came to manhood, the song was attributed to him—and none other. There is quite a vein of cynicism and satire permeating the poet's songs. People had to walk lightly and respectfully in his presence. Anyone who incurred his displeasure through "gypping" in wages or unfair barter was immortalized in the most vitriolic verse set to musical rhythm as old perhaps as the Iberians and Catalonians who colonized Hibernia (Ireland) and Caledonia (Scotland).

Larry Gorman had a great God-given gift for spontaneous versification. He, with some neighbor's boy was seated for supper at a house in Miminigash, about to partake of a plateful of oatmeal porridge, and other comestibles when the arrival of some "split-tailed" aristocracy was announced. The porridge and other pabulum were quickly wafled from the table and something more fancy substituted. One of the visitors jokingly asked Gorman to say Grace. He responded instantly with— "The Lord be praised, I am amazed, How fast things are amended, There's cake and pie for you and I (glancing at the boy), When porridge was intended!"

Gorman later emigrated to Maine where he was quite famous. He wrote the novel called "King Spruce". He belonged to a smart family. His brother Thos. Gorman was editor of "Progress," a Summerside paper. Tommy Gorman the great sport impresario is a son of the editor.

Mr. McInnis' informant on "Peter Emberly" (the great lament) told him truth. The song was made in Miramichi. I think if Mr. McInnis will write Harold Doyle, Campbellton, Lot 4, P.E.I., he will send him the lowdown on those island lyrics. Mr. Doyle can do a good job himself on present-day happenings.

I am, Sir, etc. JAMES PENDERGAST Kensington, P.E.I.

The Age-Old Story

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection... Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord... For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Books Received

COLT OF DESTINY by Alida Malkus (The John C. Winston Co. Ltd.; 244 pages, \$3) is one of a series of books about early Americans called "The Land of the Free". This tale is of the Franciscan missions in old Spanish California and the capture and training of wild horses, descendants of the animals which carried the conquistadors into what is now New Mexico in the year 1640. There is action a-plenty for the youthful reader and introduction to the story of the opening up of the American West.

JINKS OF JAYSON VALLEY by F. E. Rechner (The John C. Winston Co. Ltd.; 216 pp. \$2.50) is the story of a collyie pup whose mother was killed after surviving

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) DISASTROUS GALE

"The schooner Jane, owned by Mr. William Weeks, running between Charlottetown, Bedeque and Bale Verte, was cast away at Cape Tormentine in the gale of the 23rd ult. and we fear all on board have perished. The schooner Lark, belonging to John Howatt, of Tryon, loaded with goods for this town, from Halifax, was cast away near Marie Joseph, between Halifax and the Gut of Canso. The bark Zitella, Capt. Ellis, belonging to Charles Webb of this town, which sailed from this port for Liverpool, timber laden, on Saturday, was driven on shore near Little Harbour, near the entrance of Pictou harbour, and we hear that ere this it is likely she had gone to pieces. The brig Adventurer, Capt. Gregg, from this port, owned by Mr. Calbeck of Tryon, bound to Liverpool, which also sailed on Sunday, was driven on shore near Caribou, and is likely to become a total wreck.

"Fifteen passengers, besides crew, including Mr. Edmund Thresher, son of the Deputy Registrar of this Island, and Alfred Simpson, son of Mr. Simpson, of the Elliot River, perished in the loss of a brigantine from Boston, bound to Pictou, which struck a rock near the entrance of Prospect harbour, to the westward of Sambre Light, and immediately sank. A small vessel from this Island, laden with about 600 bushels of potatoes, and some oats, is on shore near Merimogiche. The whole of the deck of a fishing vessel drifted on shore at Anderson's Shore, Bedeque, supposed to have belonged to a vessel which left Merimogiche with passengers. At the same place, a few days since, the carcass of an immense large Bear drifted on shore...

"A number of new vessels, recently launched, and on their way to their place of loading, have been driven on shore and we hear that some of them will not be got off till next Spring. Indeed, every arrival at this port brings the melancholy intelligence of disasters among the shipping...

"On Tuesday, the 24th, another terrible gale, almost a hurricane, from the N. E. was experienced at Tignish; it destroyed a large fishing sloop, together with a large quantity of fish, herring and salmon nets, oil, mackerel mill, seines fishing gear, beams, scales and weights; also a cook-house; and the top blown off a new store, and the remainder sunk in the sand, and the beach much destroyed. The above was the property of Mr. Charles Blomfield, who has recently established a fishery at Tignish, and one at Casumpeque. On the same day, Mr. J. Cambridge's salt store was blown down, also Mr. Cole's large fish stage. Such an awful and destructive storm is not in the recollection of the oldest inhabitants."

—The Islander, Dec. 4, 1846.

CANADIAN MOVIES

MONTREAL — (CP) — Lt.-Col. Paul L'Anglais told a women's meeting here that he expected 25 moving pictures a year would be made in Canada before 1950. He said one of the greatest industries in the world could be developed here.

a plane crash. He is hunted by the shepherders but befriended by young Hugh Evans. The author, an R. A. F. pilot in the First World War, has always had some sort of a dog around "from a thoroughbred poodle to mongrel shepherd." His previous dog books were "Bonny's Boy" and "Raff"; a popular story of an English setter.

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ANNO DOMINI

Thus the sun rose as never sun before Across the land, and mounding with the lark. Heartened the fisher putting out from shore, Aroused the shepherd in the stone-roofed dark, Traced in pure gold the lilies of the field. And pierced the gateway in the cobbled wall To wake the Roman drowsing on his shield. To breathe the sleeping child within the stall. O never had a sun so shone before In all the years of time as on that day! Blest were the winging larks, the lambs at play, The handmaid sweeping out an arched inn door. Blest were the lilies and the springing corn And all that lived the day that Christ was born.

—Lenore A. Pratt.

SHIPPING HIGHER

MONTREAL — (CP) — Ocean shipping to Montreal this year was 76 ships more than in 1949. Harbor records show 1,081 liners and freighters used port facilities despite the uncertain start last April.

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Notes By The Way

Eight members of the Cheshire diocesan guild of bellringers who locked themselves in the tower of St. Chad's Church, Over, near Winsford, Cheshire, emerged thirteen hours later, having completed a peal of 20,000 consecutive changes. —London Times.

Toronto voters, who have not been particularly interested in voting in past elections, turned down a proposal to have elections every second year. Evidently they cherish the chance of staying away from the polls. —London Free Press.

The airplane is coming into new use, according to a report from Elkhart, Kansas. There the United States Soil Conservation Service is using a light plane to spread grass seed over some 15,000 acres of land. If the grass takes hold as well as that from seed planted by ground machinery, the conservation service may have found a way of restoring such land at much less cost than heretofore has been involved. With continuing heavy demand on American agriculture for meat and grain, this could become an extremely important commercial use of aviation. —Christian Science Monitor.

The history of cheesemaking in Canada goes back at least as far as 1870, when the product was made on the Island of Orleans. Farm cheese was commonly seen in village stores in Ontario prior to 1860. Soon thereafter the first cheese factory was founded in this province and within a few years about 300 more were going concerns. Much of Ontario's cheese has found favor in British and foreign markets. To such an extent has this been true, indeed, that the legend persists that because so much of the better cheese was shipped out of the province, the people of Ontario have never been properly "educated" in the matter of taste for this excellent product. —From Tillsonburg News.

The daily buffetings of life have never seemed so bitter to the patrons of the Automat as they do today. Automat folk are a patient lot, inured through long trial to the joint struggle for food and place at the table. True gourmets as they are, they appreciate the delights of viands which can be contemplated as well as consumed. But despite their preoccupation with little cages of chrome and glass, they do not lead a sheltered life; as few others have, they have met and conquered the perils of mechanized civilization—the balky coin machine, the jammed lid, the stuck handle. Today they have suffered their cruellest blow, one which in their hearts they knew was inevitable, but nevertheless secretly hoped they would never live to see. The price of coffee at the Automat has gone up to two nickels. Doubtless there are good reasons for it. Green coffee prices have been skyrocketing and the five-cent cup has been long dead almost everywhere. —New York Herald Tribune.

On her first try for public office, Dr. Charlotte Whitton was elected at the head of the poll for the Ottawa Board of Control. It is said that she received more votes than any other candidate for civic office in the history of Ottawa. This would be a very flattering experience, and testifies to the unusual reputation Dr. Whitton enjoys. It is not our purpose to analyze the cause of this success, or even speculate on the probability of its repetition. What interests us is the effect of Miss Whitton's reputation for brains and candor on civic voters. One of the commonest complaints of people on the executive and professional level, and of many less influential, concerns the quality of our candidates for civic government. Time was when the Toronto City Council and the Board of Education were filled with the leading people of the city. In those days, 50 and 75 years ago, such service was regarded as a civic duty, and part of the responsibility of social and business leadership. These men lost their seats to others whom they contemptuously called "ward politicians," but who made up in public appeal and electioneering energy what they lacked in distinction. It is our view that those who look down on our civic legislators have a definite responsibility to do something more than talk. The "something more" would, undoubtedly take time. It would require a thick hide to withstand the criticism and misrepresentation which seems inevitable in democratic politics. It would demand a much closer study of the technique of getting elected than most professional people have given. —The Globe and Mail.

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