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

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The Polling Booth

However frivolously the politicians may talk on occasion, and notwithstanding the cynicism that is far too prevalent among the electors in every free country today, an election is an important event.

There is so much indifference abroad these days with respect to the right and duty of franchise that many serious students of political affairs are of the opinion that voting should be made compulsory.

Perhaps the pressing need in this country, in this Province, and in all other societies where the people are free to choose their parliamentary representatives, is not for a law to drive them to the polls but for a greater awareness of the freedoms that have been inherited and a deeper sense of personal responsibility in retaining them.

Annexationist Sentiment

As Canada's northern territories develop, notes the Ottawa Citizen, annexationist sentiment in the Western provinces perks up.

Western politicians who eye the Arctic acquisitively know that at present the costs of administration would exceed revenues.

The people of the northern territories may not be enthusiastic about the idea of being annexed to the southern provinces.

Northerners seem to suspect that federal control gives them more specialized

and more generous treatment than they might get if absorbed by the neighboring provinces.

A Fine Statement

The Bandung Conference has passed into history. Some of its results, however, continue to make headlines and will for a long time to come, for much depends on whether or not the nations represented at the conference continue to assert their independence from Western influence and control.

Whatever General Romulo may be like as a political practitioner, it is clear from a statement he made at Bandung that he is well aware of the need for restraint, patience, and good statesmanship on the part of those Governments which are responsible for the conduct of affairs in countries just beginning to play important roles in world politics.

"The success of our conference," said General Romulo, "will be measured not by what we do for ourselves but by what we do for the entire human community.

"Fellow delegates, our strength flows not out of our members, though the numbers we represent are great. It flows out of our perception of history and out of the vital purpose we put into the making of tomorrow.

A Difficult Task

Some sensible words about American foreign policy appear in the current issue of International Journal, the quarterly published by the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

But this led, not unnaturally, to what Professor Craig calls the "illusion of omniscience."

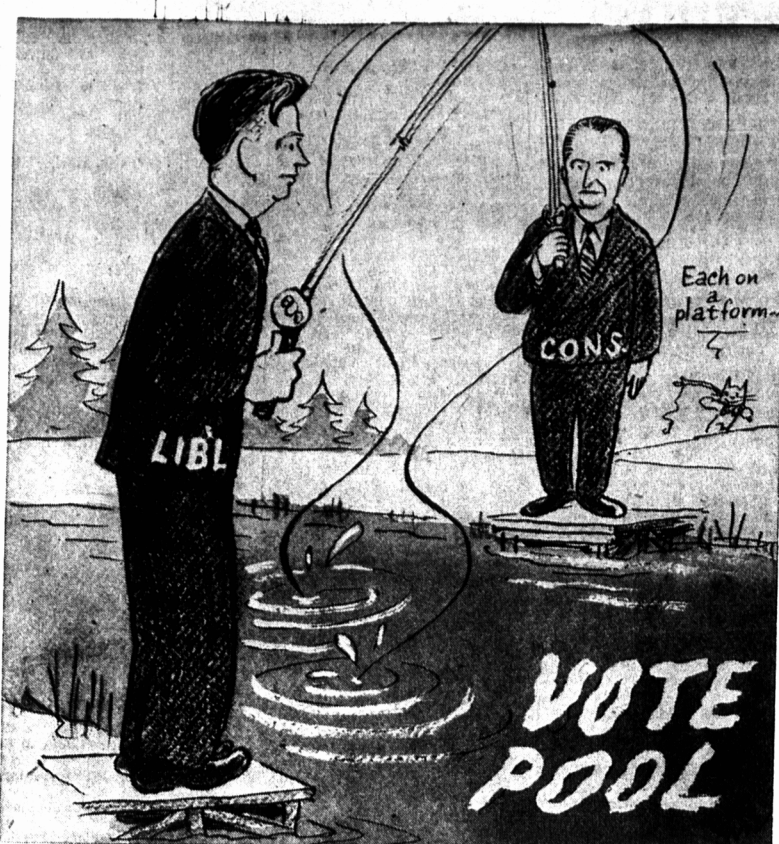
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EDITORIAL NOTES

The new British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold MacMillan, is a bit of a wit along with his other accomplishments.

The average annual per capita income in India is \$57; that of the Chinese is \$27.



Contest Soon Ends

Election Reflections

By Heath Macquarrie

"It's a quiet campaign." How often one hears this comment from voters in various parts of the province as we near the closing hours of the election contest!

It is unfortunate that the old practice is dying out here on the Island at a time when other parts of the country are seizing upon political debates as a means of stimulating voter interest.

There is no reason why the old tradition should be allowed to pass away in this province, which by its small size and well developed background is an ideal laboratory for democracy.

One reason is to be found in the decline of an institution which, at one time, was regarded as an essential part of the election campaign.

But there was no boredom or monotony in the joint meetings. I can still recall the first one I ever attended, a decade before reaching the voting age.

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The Poet's Corner

CREDO

There is a part of me that knows Beneath certitude and fear, I shall not perish when I pass Beyond mortality's frontier;

But greatly having joyed and grieved, Greatly content, shall hear the sigh Of the strange wind across the lone Bright lands of taciturnity.

In patience therefore I await My friend's unchanged benign regard— Some April when I too shall be Spilt water from a broken shard.

—Bliss Carmen.

EDUCATION STUDY

FREDERICTON (CP) — Education leaders of Canada and the United States will meet at the University of New Brunswick here July 25-29 for a conference on the basic problems of education.

DIVISION TRAINS

CAMP GAGETOWN, N. B. (CP) The army says 10,000 men will be stationed for divisional training at this base under Maj.-Gen. J. M. Rockingham by June 30.

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Medically Speaking

Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. COLORFUL CARS SAFEST

Are you in the market for a new car? If you are, give careful consideration to the color. It may help you avoid an accident.

Whether you buy a new auto — or what make you buy — is no concern of mine; but I am interested in your health and safety.

As an experiment, 164 persons were tested for vision with the use of colored cards. Each one looked through a small opening at the cards, which were placed about 200 feet away.

Cards that were either much lighter or much darker than the background appeared closer than those which showed less contrast.

Now this is significant for you motorists. Cars which contrast sharply with the background are much easier to spot.

The color, you see, can actually be a built-in safety device.

As a result of this study, it would seem that the two-toned blue and yellow combination is evidently one of the safest color schemes for a car.

Just keep this in mind: it's sensible to buy an auto that is plainly visible. But most important of all, drive safely no matter what the color of your car.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

T. K.: I have a breast tumor. I have been advised to have a biopsy made to determine whether it is malignant or not. What would you advise?

Answer: By all means, have this test performed. MS;? shrdul omfwyp shrdluwdd

The Age Old Story

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

NOTES BY THE WAY

There is nothing like owning and driving a car to realize how aggravating some pedestrians can be.—Brookville Times-Journal.

A doctor claims he gets as much business repairing the effects of do-it-yourself diets as the carpenter does cleaning up after do-it-yourself handymen.—Edmonton Journal.

According to a scientist it is the alcohol in trees that colors the leaves. It is also alcohol in the man that makes things so colorful that he thinks a red light is green and that another motor car is a part of the highway.—St. Catharines Standard.

The rather startling item of news from Chicago which tells of a baby born on the front seat of a car as the father became lost on a cloverleaf exit en route to the hospital, isn't too surprising to persons who have had the harassed feeling of not knowing just where to go on one of these supposedly simple turnings.

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