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The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink

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Of Vital Concern

Last year 1,127 Canadians lost their lives by drowning. What concerns us most about these figures is that 16 of the fatalities occurred in Prince Edward Island, constituting an increase of more than 33 per cent over the previous year.

None of the drownings in this province occurred at swimming places or in camps, which points up the moral that awareness of water dangers is a vital factor in averting them.

Our Red Cross water safety services are doing magnificent work. Last year, in 95 different communities and camps throughout the province, swimming and water safety courses were organized by volunteer committees.

At present a surf lifeguard school is being conducted in the YMCA pool for 15 young men who will be employed by the National Park this summer at nine lifeguard posts stretching from Dalvay to Cavendish.

The Red Cross already conducted an instructors' refresher course at Easter, when 25 young people re-qualified. Two more instructors' schools will be conducted June 15-25 and July 5-15.

A Troubled Continent

Six weeks have passed since rebellious military officers began the revolt which toppled the military-backed civilian junta in the Dominican Republic.

The Dominican Republic is essentially an agricultural land with virtually no industry. Its earnings are dependent upon crop yields and international prices for its crops.

only a few families share in the bulk of the nation's wealth.

In Bolivia, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela the same problems are causing concern. The fear, which some observers feel might impel these nations into action through sheer desperation, is both immediate and long-range.

Between all these troubled, under-nourished republics there is need for leadership toward some form of economic integration. Something like the successful formula of the European Common Market, for example.

But surely, such a confederation would provide the best, and perhaps the only, safeguard against the Communist infiltration that Washington is so concerned about.

Joey Says No

Slated for debate when the Department of Labor estimates come up in the Commons is Prime Minister Pearson's "anti-poverty plan" to make loans or grants of up to \$1,000 to families and \$100 to individuals looking for work to move to jobs elsewhere in Canada.

At the end of March, one in seven of the working force in the Atlantic provinces was looking for a job, compared with less than one in 30 in Ontario.

In an interview last week, he stated that his government has been asked "hundreds of times through the years" to stake families or individuals for transportation expenses to Montreal, Toronto and other centres.

He is not opposed to individuals going away "for five, six, or eight months of the year to work." This, he says, has been the pattern for thousands of Newfoundland men for years.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Advice to summer campers is now the order of the day. Here's one which appears to have been born of painful experience: Never fry bacon and eggs while barefooted.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that farmers' net income—their take-home pay, so to speak—increased in 1964 by 13 per cent. This gave them an extra couple of hundred millions to put in circulation.

A parishioner told a clergyman in rural England that he would not give any money to the collection for evangelical work overseas because he did not believe in foreign missions.



WHOSE MASTER'S VOICE?

THAT WAR IN YEMAN

Nasser's Prestige At Stake In Conflict

Milwaukee Journal

The civil war in Yemen, that primitive, mountainous country bordering on the Red sea, grinds on despite periodic reports of a settlement.

Both these nations have provided food and arms for the royalists who have been holding out against the central government ever since the overthrow of the imam—a combination of priest and king—in September, 1962.

Yemen's Premier Noman needs Egyptian military support as long as the royalists continue fighting, but he is said to believe that by working with neighboring Saudi Arabia he may be able to reach a political settlement making it possible to get rid of the Egyptians, who are strongly resented even by many republicans.

The alternative to a settlement is long drawn out—or even stepped up—fighting with its accompanying devastation and death.

The Egyptian presence may well prove the major stumbling block to any political settlement, for Egypt's President Nasser, whose political and military prestige in the Arab world is at stake, has made clear his determination to gain a military victory.

He has been backed by Yemen's President Abdullah al Salal; but the president's powers have been curtailed in the government which took power in April.

Supersonic Airliners

Vancouver Times

Many air travellers view with something far short of ecstasy the prospect of being whisked across oceans and continents in supersonic airliners.

These planes, now in the development stage in the U.S. and in Europe, are designed to travel between 1,500 and 2,000 m.p.h.

The thought of going through a fresh round of disasters before reasonable safety standards are attained is frightening.

But that's not all. The supersonic airliner will have the additional disadvantage of creating havoc at ground level.

It will leave below a trail of broken windows, cracked plaster, frightened animals and frayed nerves.

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Case Of Missing Coin

Guelph Mercury

Silver coins are disappearing. The United States has been hit harder than this country, but Canada has its case of the vanishing coin, particularly the silver dollar. Dollars are being destroyed largely by collectors.

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Tattooing Birthmarks

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen A few weeks ago I was walking along the avenue and passed a woman who had a large portwine stain on her face. It was the type of birthmark that some authorities believe is best let alone or covered with a tinted cream that matches the skin.

Dr. Herbert Conway of New York City has been using this method for 17 years. He injects a white inert pigment (titanium dioxide) in the space between the mark and the outer layer of skin.

Dr. Conway has tattooed 735 patients with this type of nevus. Of these, 640 have completed the full course of treatment and 85 per cent were judged to have a good or acceptable camouflage. The results were poor in 15 per cent.

This method is time-consuming and tricky. Dr. Conway invented his own tattooing instrument. The most difficult part is to match the edge of the mark with the adjacent skin.

C. B. writes: Can anyone say with certainty there is no danger of physical damage to humans from supersonic testing—particularly brain injury? Is it possible that intense jolts could cause a brain cancer?

REPLY: There is no evidence that they injure the brain unless the unexpected boom is so startling that you fall off a chair and have a concussion.

BILE DUCT VIRUS J. L. writes: Is there a virus that attacks the bile duct, causing jaundice? Any cure?

REPLY: Yes, if you refer to a viral infection along the tiny bile ducts in the liver. There is no specific remedy for hepatitis, but most victims recover.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"Mother," asked the little one, on the occasion of a number of guests being present at dinner, "will the dessert hurt me, or is there enough to go round?"—Toronto Star.

Professor (to medical student): "The muscle of this patient's left leg has contracted until it is much shorter than the right; therefore he limps. Know what you do in such circumstances?" Student: "I'd limp too."—Hamilton Spectator.

A Sparta father, noticing his son rather listlessly watching television, thought he would score some points. "Son," he said, "when I was your age, I got up at daylight every morning and waded in hip deep snow out to the barn to do my chores. I milked three cows, fed 200 chickens and thawed out the pump. Then I rode three miles on horseback to get to school."

An exasperating woman had spent almost two hours looking over the store's stock, complaining constantly, criticizing incessantly. "Why is it," she snapped at last, "that I never get what I ask for in here?" "Perhaps, Madam," said the tired saleswoman, "it's because we are too polite."—Montreal Star.

Most of us would rather carry the heaviest instrument in the band than play second fiddle.—News Graphic.

A friend of ours, having heard a rumor that the Magna Carta would go on display at the fair this season, called the fair's information service to find out if there was any truth in the story. A tired voice countered his question with another "What kind of a Magna Carta?"—New Yorker.

Mrs. Jones: "This is certainly an elegant apartment you have. I suppose they ask a lot for the rent." Mrs. Smythe: "Yes, indeed. Why, last month they asked my husband seven times."—Toronto Globe and Mail.

Petrified Forests

National Geographic Society

Sightseers don't have to go to Arizona to see a petrified forest. At least a few stone trees can be found in almost every state from New York to California.

Fossil tree stumps near Gilboa, in New York's Catskill Mountains, stand where one of America's great primeval forests grew millions of years ago.

Stone tree trunks are so common near Piggott, Arkansas, that many have been used as tombstones. Chunks of petrified logs are scattered about farms in Coshocton County, Ohio.

Boles of giant petrified redwoods, some 120 feet long, are strewn along California's 15-mile-long Petrified Forest Highway between Santa Rosa and Calistoga.

Arizona's Petrified Forest National Park embraces a 94,161-acre region in the Painted Desert. Here is the world's biggest, brightest collection of stone logs. Some petrified trunks reach 200 feet, but earthquakes and erosion have broken most into small pieces.

gin, trees must be covered by water, mud, or lava. The wood is literally "canned" without sufficient oxygen to make it decay. Waterborne chemicals—chiefly silica—soak into the tree cells, replacing wood fibres. Small amounts of iron, manganese oxide, and carbon may produce color patterns in yellow, red, green, and brown.

Annual tree rings, with their story of weather cycles, can often be seen clearly. At Yellowstone National Park, fossil forests of fig, laurel, and magnolia indicate a far warmer, wetter climate in the past.

Some petrified wood even shows the holes bored by worms, and a few have encased and petrified the worm itself.

Petrified wood also can tell paleobotanists much about geological history. In Oregon, hollow stone castings of charred-away bark and wood are petrified proof that a tidal wave of hot lava engulfed a prehistoric forest thousands of years ago.

Petrified rock is so beautifully colored that some park visitors can't resist picking up a specimen even though large signs warn that souvenir collecting is illegal. During a recent tourist season, Arizona Park officials searched 360 cars, and recovered more than 3,000 pounds of petrified chips and chunks. One man professed astonishment when a 45-pound log was found in his car trunk. He claimed that his four-year-old son must have put it there.

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