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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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"On The Same Basis"

The city council should lose no further time in coming to an arrangement with the provincial government in the matter of school building costs. Why, we keep asking ourselves, has it waited so long?

As noted at Monday's council meeting, Charlottetown has been on its own in financing these costs, while the government pays 60 per cent for other districts apart from Summerside, which a few years ago received help to the extent of \$6,000 per classroom in building a high school.

Now our citizens have been told that, without financial aid from other sources, this new program could involve an almost immediate 25 per cent hike in civic taxes. Actually, the news is as old as last April, when the school board first announced that it was going ahead with its plans for this undertaking.

The report of the Royal Commission on Higher Education—which set in motion the whole train of action in the matter—is worth noting in this connection. It recommends, as a necessary prerequisite to the development of a satisfactory program of higher education, that colleges should not offer high school courses but that all high school education in the province "be integrated into the present system so that Charlottetown and Summerside be included on the same basis as other districts."

Congress Asking Why

According to a Washington dispatch in the Financial Post, the lengthy delay in Congressional approval of the Canada-U.S. auto trade deal is because Congressmen want to know why car prices have not yet been lowered in Canada. A good many Canadians would like to have an answer to the same question.

It is said that the United Auto Workers Union has been a prime mover in getting Congress to delay passage of the auto deal on this ground. Canada already has eliminated its auto tariffs, and at Washington the Ways and Means Committee has approved the bill covering the agreement signed by President Johnson and Prime Minister Pearson last January.

to the U.S. are being sold there at American prices even though the same cars cost Canadians considerably more money.

At Ottawa it is said the Canadian government "hopes" the auto program will eventually reduce the differential between car prices in the two countries. But it has no immediate plans to do anything to force price changes. For the time being, it seems satisfied if the manufacturers invest their duty payment savings in new plant and equipment to meet the required big increase in production called for by the program.

But the holdup at Washington may convince Ottawa that the price differential is important, after all. And we may expect, when Parliament resumes, that the Opposition will endeavor to make it clear that a \$50 million "give-away" to the car companies that isn't earning the public anything is a bad political liability.

And So It Goes

Revenue Minister Benson isn't afraid of the big bad Tory wolf. He's openly challenged Mr. Diefenbaker to take him to court for saying the Opposition leader had made a statement "that was just not true" about the Civil Service Commission's pay research bureau having recommended, before the strike, a \$660-a-year pay boost to postal workers.

But Dief—who is a lawyer, has a pointed out that there is no legal recourse against a person who makes an accusation that a statement is untrue. So obviously the issue can't be settled that way. He's dismissed Mr. Benson's challenge as "a smoke-screen" and again demanded that the bureau's recommendations to the commission be made public.

The Government retorts that the bureau doesn't make recommendations—it provides comparative data which the commission uses to make recommendations to the administration. In this case the commission's recommendations of \$330-360 increases were followed to the letter. Prime Minister Pearson maintains, "Pshaw," says Mr. Diefenbaker. "Hairsplitting! Let it produce the bureau's report whether specific pay recommendations are in it or not. That will tell the story." Put up or shut up, as they say in less polite quarters.

This argument could go on for a long time, without making much sense. But if it's so sure of its ground, why on earth doesn't the Government produce the darn thing and get it over with? And for goodness sake let's have no more shadow-boxing from Mr. Benson. His opponent is too old a hand to be taken in by that game.

In Saskatchewan

Last month the Saskatchewan department of agriculture used an airplane to seed grass on 3,200 acres of a 9,000-acre community pasture being developed with ARDA assistance near Yorkton, about 140 miles northeast of Regina. The cost of 89 cents per acre is expected to be about one-third cheaper than conventional ground-seeding methods.

Airplanes have been used in Saskatchewan for crop-spraying and fertilizing, and spraying chemicals on pasture to control bush growth. But this is believed to be the first time such seeding procedure has been used in the province. The department is planning to expand the program in areas where pastures cannot be seeded by the conventional method, or where it is much cheaper to use the airplane.

Air-seeding thus opens up many acres of land previously dismissed as potential improved grazing areas because of seeding difficulty. It may set a pattern which could prove of considerable importance in prairie farming elsewhere.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Children have more need of models than of critics.

An elephant, says one of our cynical observers, is a mouse built to government specifications.

Determined to "keep up with the Joneses" at Ottawa, members of the Quebec legislative assembly have voted themselves a \$3,000 pay boost, making their salaries equal to that of federal MPs—\$18,000—of which \$6,000 is non-taxable allowance. This gives them \$6,000 more than members are paid in Canada's wealthiest province, Ontario, and \$15,000 more than Prince Edward Island indemnities. It will give added impetus, no doubt, to Premier Lesage's demands for a still bigger share of the federal tax pie.



GOING TO TAKE THE PLUNGE?

AUGUST METEORS

They Provide Celestial Fireworks

The skies put on their own Fourth of July display in August. The Perseid meteor shower occurs around August 11 each year. Then the earth is bombarded with tons of debris from space. Meteors streak across the sky every minute by the thousands in a pyrotechnic display. The speed with which the meteors fall generates great heat from air friction. They become white-hot and often blaze bright trails of incandescent gas.

Depicting Violence

Does press, radio, and television coverage of tense situations tend to bring on violence or to hold it in check? The question arose at a recent conference sponsored by the Institute on Violence, Brandeis University. United States Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach asserted that news coverage has been "a powerful deterrent to racial violence in the South."

In Search Of A Million

It is to be wondered which is the greater challenge for the NDP—to raise a \$1,000,000 fund to win a general election or to win without it. In posing the challenge to the party convention, leader T.C. Douglas made no suggestion as to how such a big fund could be raised. He cannot however, be unaware that Labor in Britain is in the money and how it got that way since Prime Minister Wilson reported after the 1955 election failure that the party's organizational machine was "penny farthing."

For Coin Collectors

There are as many different ways to start a coin collection, as there are types of collection, but for the real beginner, who has no special series in mind, possibly the best way is to begin with a general collection. This can be done by purchasing a packet of coins from different countries, organizing them, and adding new packages at the rate which time and money allow.

Red Roses And Noses

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen A.R.B. writes: "My brother's doctor says there is no such thing as rose fever. Why am I sneezing? My eyes are very itchy at this time of the year."

The term rose fever is a hang-over from a misconception that originated 400 years ago. Leonhardus Botallus of Pavia wrote about individuals who developed headache, nasal congestion, and sneezing from the odor of roses. This was the origin of the belief that roses were responsible for ordinary midsummer hay fever.

We now know these flowers are harmless and the cause of hay fever is an allergy to the pollen of a far less attractive plant. Roses rarely are guilty, because the pollen is too sticky to float in the air and is spread by insects. The same can be said of dandelions, goldenrod, cosmos, sunflowers, daisies, and other insect-pollinated flowers.

In contrast, we use the term hay fever even though hay is not the common offender and the victim is not feverish. For some, the hay fever season begins in April and May with the flowering of trees and a early grasses. Grass hay fever is common in May, June, and early July. Weeds, especially ragweed, are in the picture until the first frost. The timing varies in different parts of the country, and the amount of pollen in the air depends upon weather conditions and wind currents.

Ragweeds are the most important hay fever plants in North America despite the fact grasses are found all over the country. All seed-bearing plants generate pollen, but only a few produce enough to constitute a hay fever menace. Pines produce an abundance of windborne pollen that is nonallergenic. Many people are sensitive to goldenrod pollen, but it is transported by insects rather than by air. The flower must be handled in order to develop a reaction.

EXCESS SALIVA

S. S. writes: Can emotions cause an excess flow of saliva? Since the death of my wife a few months ago, I have been troubled by this annoying symptom.

REPLY: Nervousness has varying effects. In some, it increases the flow; in others, secretions are reduced and the mouth feels dry. Of the two conditions, dryness is more annoying.

OVERDOING IT

L. P. writes: My niece soaks up the sun at the beach, and in addition uses a sun lamp. Isn't this too much of a good thing?

REPLY: Yes, and her skin will suffer if she continues her double exposures for many years. Many women (and men) in their late forties and early fifties have dark spots on the skin and are as wrinkled as a prune because of too much sun.

EAR CANAL LINING

Robin writes: I am nine years old and want to know why yellow wax comes from the ears.

REPLY: Because the lining of the ear canal contains special glands that produce wax (cerumen).

NOT WORTH IT

M. L. writes: My novice neighbor used to alleviate the pain of arthritis.

REPLY: Yes, but it must be injected and relief is so brief it is not worth the risk of infection.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT

Avoid overheard and worthless "health" facts.

(NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

NOTES BY THE WAY

A neighbor down the block has just received a long-awaited communication from her young camper: "The food is wonderful. Send cookies." — Calgary Herald.

A girl with the nickname of "Fatty" has won the Miss Universe beauty contest. Her victory will do for plump females what Yul Brynner's stardom did for baldheaded males. — Hamilton Spectator.

When the teenage girl walks down the street not clutching the transistor radio, everyone knows she has forgotten something. — Boston Globe.

It has been pointed out that every federal MP at Ottawa and every MP from Toronto should serve an apprenticeship by operating a business in the black (with from one to 10 employees) for from five to 10 years before being permitted to go into Parliament then we might hope to expect some sane form of economy in Canada. — Lambeth, Ont. News.

Singapore's Secession

Britain's dwindling influence east of Suez has received a one-two job with the secession of Singapore. From Malaysia and the collapse of independence talks between Britain and Aden, Singapore and Aden are traditional bastions of British military and commercial power on opposite sides of the Indian Ocean.

The separate weekend developments have created uncertainty about the prospects of containing Western influence in both places. The Malaysian Federation has been a pro-Western political entity that counter-balanced the often-erratic influence in that area of Sukarno's Indonesia.

Deadlock between Britain and Aden in negotiations on an independence program opens the prospect of increased violence in the Red Sea colony by the Aden National Liberation Front. The Malaysian Federation has been an uneasy union from its beginning 23 months ago.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 11, 1940)

Prohibition administration by the Campbell Government has become more of an anomaly than ever, if current reports are to be credited. The reduction in doctors' prescriptions from an unlimited number to 50 to each doctor per month, following the recent plebiscite, resulted in agreement among a number of doctors to charge the standard medical examination fee of \$2.00 for each script issued.

A clean-up will be made in the City by police immediately of all bootleggers manufacturing "Baltub Moonshine," His Worship Mayor B. Roy Holman said at the regular meeting of the City Council. He explained that this was the name given to moonshine which is made by using Gillett's Lye; adding that it was injurious to the health of the citizens who drank it.

TEN YEARS AGO (August 11, 1955)

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gibson, Marshfield, announced the engagement of their youngest daughter, Lisa June, to Willard Thomas, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waugh, Lower Bedouque.

Police in Montreal said that existence of a "call girl" racket, complete with a filing system of addresses and telephone numbers was made public because of pressure from business executives. Vice-buster Pacificque Plante, assistant police director and the man in charge of the morality squad, said fear of blackmail had been expressed.

But London talks designed to set up a full constitutional conference in December broke down after a week, with Aden leaders demanding British commitment to "early withdrawal" of the military base, an end to a state of emergency and release of political prisoners.

Revolutionary pressure on the British to quit their last important Middle Eastern base is likely to increase.

DANCING BAY VISTA LOUNGE (Just West of Cavendish) WEDNESDAY NIGHTS Music by the Velvets SATURDAY NIGHTS Gordon Heustis Orchestra Fully Licensed Lounge \$1.00 per person cover admission to dances on Wednesday and Saturday. PHONE NEW LONDON 32 Reservations held to 10:15 p.m.

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Tiger Country

London Times

Most English readers must have been surprised to learn that the Queen Mother, during her recent visit to Canada, was honoured in Toronto with a tiger. Royalties, when visiting abroad, receive such a copious and curious assortment of gifts, that accommodation for them all must be hard to find even in palatial premises. A tiger, on first thoughts, would be more acceptable if it were all skin and no bone. But the Toronto animal was no monster; it was a salutation.

OFFER PRICE GUIDES

One of the Australian government's guides for immigrants is a comparison of prices for all kinds of foodstuffs in seven major cities.

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