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

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Salvation Army Appeal

Almost as widely known as the Red Cross is the Red Shield, emblem of the Salvation Army whose members are on active service at all times and whose organization represents one of the great humanitarian movements of our time.

Our citizens have responded generously in the past to Salvation Army appeals, knowing well that the funds thus collected go to the relief of the needy and the reclamation of human lives of all classes, ages and creeds.

Measuring The Past

The hands of science's extraordinary "atomic clock" now reach 45,000 years into the earth's past. Using the method of radiocarbon dating, the United States Geological Survey has tested plant remains at least 40,000 years old.

An important peacetime benefit from nuclear research is represented in this new technique. With the dawn of the atomic age, scientists discovered they could estimate an organism's time of death by measuring the amount of radioactive carbon left in surviving tissue.

Egg exports from the Netherlands in 1953 reached the 1,683 million mark, establishing that country as leader among the world's egg exporters. Last year the figure had reached two billion by December 20.

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A few years ago scientists could measure back only 20,000 years. Some laboratories adapted the Libby method to the scintillation counter, a more sensitive instrument. Another technique, developed by Dr. Hans E. Suess of the Geological Survey, converts radiocarbon into acetylene gas.

Radiocarbon dating is revising some age estimates. The United States glacial epoch was believed to have ended 25,000

years ago. The Geological Survey's tests indicate a major glacier started its crushing march 27,000 years ago, fanning as far south as mid-Ohio and Indiana before reaching its climax at about 18,000 years. In its retreat the ice sheet cleared the Great Lakes area only 10,000 years ago.

Protesting Too Much

The approaching meeting between President Tito of Yugoslavia and Soviet Government officials is sure to give rise to a lot of speculation in Western circles. The fact that three of the top members of the Russian political hierarchy are to be included in the Moscow delegation would almost seem to indicate that an all out effort is being made to bring the errant Yugoslavians back to the Soviet shelter.

Another reason for assuming that some such scheme is afoot is President Tito's insistence that it is not. This insistence has taken such a vehement form and has been expressed so many times in recent days that it looks almost like a case of "protesting too much."

Known By Their Woodpile

It is fast disappearing from the landscape now—that old familiar wood pile that used to grace each farmyard in the community. By a man's wood pile you could almost tell his standing in the community; a large wood pile and you knew that the man in question was a good provider.

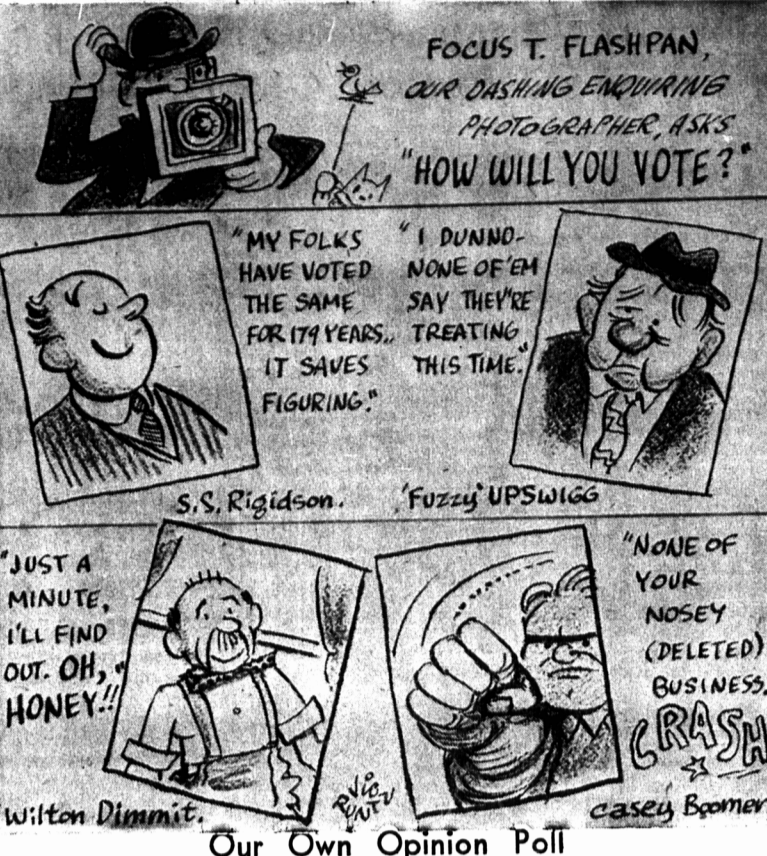
EDITORIAL NOTES

Despite the great industrial boom in the United States, figures show that last year approximately 5% of the labor force was unemployed. This was about double the record postwar low of 1953.

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Less spectacular than some of the events scheduled for our civic centennial year, but of paramount importance nevertheless, is the convention which opens here today of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island branches of the Canadian Public Health Association.

Working 60 feet above the floor of the rotunda, the men with the hammers are carving Mr. Oosterhoff's designs. Chip by chip they are shaping a veritable hall of the provinces. They work at night so that neither commoners nor senators, tourists or civil servants will be disturbed.



Our Own Opinion Poll

subject to the approval of Commons Speaker Rene Beaudoin and Works Minister Winters and his deputies. He moulds them in clay, then casts them in plaster of paris. These plaster casts then are used as patterns by the hammer operators.

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Further mischief that has ever been devised. Mother's task was feeding the wood into the kitchen stove. Here, too, was artistry, for she always knew just how much heat she needed, and how much each piece lying in the wood box would produce.

Carving Canadian History

At 11 p.m., after the Commons has completed its day's work, the night-long chatter of air hammers begins in the House rotunda. Until 6 a.m. workers chip away at blocks of stone, tediously shaping the figure of an oil-clad fisherman from the Maritimes, an Alberta cowboy, a northern Ontario hard-rock miner.

WAS DUTCH IMMIGRANT

The man in charge of the work of carving Canadian history in stone is genial 60-year-old William Oosterhoff who came to Canada as a Dutch immigrant in 1925. Succeeding Cleophas Soucy who died in 1950, Mr. Oosterhoff became the chief designer and supervisor of the job and he figures there'll still be plenty of stonecutting and shaping to do after he's gone.

SYMBOL OF MARITIMES

On the north wall, for the Maritimes, is a fisherman in his boat with a net on one panel and a three-masted schooner in full sail on another. A DC-3 airliner on the east wall, explained Mr. Oosterhoff, represents the distance "between British Columbia and Newfoundland."

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Medically Speaking

Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. PAIN IN NECK THAT'S CAUSED BY TELEVISION

As soon as television became popular, there was much talk about its bad effects on the eyes. It appears, however, that TV won't damage the eyes if the eyes are normal in the first place, as long as the television gaze uses a little reason in the length of time he spends watching it, and does not go to extremes.

However, television has created one disease that is literally a pain in the neck for TV fans. One doctor, noting its frequency, has given it the name of "television neck."

The symptoms consist of pain or discomfort in the back of the neck, usually going down to the shoulders and upper back, and the lower portion of the back of the head. The person has difficulty moving his head and does not have the normal range of motion.

It is believed that this disorder of the muscles and bones of the neck is due to the unnatural position when a television viewer watches the screen. The tendency to bend the neck on the body and then to straighten the head on the neck—the object being to keep the eyes more or less parallel to the screen.

Forward Thrust This is an abnormal posture and may become habit-forming. In fact, a real fan can develop a forward thrust of the face even when not watching television.

An observant doctor can spot a patient with this disorder the minute he steps into the office. The neck may even be displaced sideways according to the side of the TV set the person usually sits on. A husband and wife, both avid fans, may have their heads rotated to opposite sides.

Usually a little rest from the television screen will cure this disease. The symptoms can be relieved by deep heat treatments and short wave diathermy to the muscles of the neck.

A simple prevention for this type of neck disorder is to raise the television screen so it can be viewed without forcing the strained position. It would also be well to move the neck occasionally while watching television.

L. B.: I have been told I have optic neuritis. Can you tell me something about it?

Answer: Optic neuritis may come from many causes. It may be due to injury from disease, such as syphilis, or from poisoning with drugs such as lead arsenic or wood alcohol. It also occurs in brain tumors, and sometimes in cases of hemorrhage into the brain.

Whether or not the condition can be cured depends upon the length of time it has persisted, as well as upon the cause.

Notes by the Way

We wish the haberdashers good luck on their campaign to bring back the vest, but they'll have to make them more comfortable. Those put out with suits about five years ago seem unaccountably snug. — Winnipeg Tribune.

It is to the great credit of Dr. Salk that he integrated all this earlier work as possible, then a series of developments shifting emphasis from the hydrogen bomb race to diplomacy. Despite continued flashes of belligerence both in Moscow and Peking, it would be difficult to find a well-trained leader ready to predict another general war. But it is necessary to be careful in dealing with the word "peace." Easing of tension has been. But we see a major alteration in the basic concept of it as between Communism and free nations. — Christian Science Monitor.

There comes a time every summer when people and hap, and seem to be afflicted with inertia. These are days when small country communities—small dogs lie in the shade sleeping or scratching fleas. What with the unusually early Spring and a kind of universal malaise of doing a little as possible, there are dog days. This is just a reminder, a hammock stuffer that it's all right for a dog to squat and look for fleas but the young man on the make has to hustle for his place in the feed trough Summer of Winter, and there is no rest for the Eager Beaver.—London Free Press.

The President's year-long effort to change the atmosphere of the cold war appears to be paying off. Talk of a summit conference with the Pele regime is only the latest in a series of developments shifting emphasis from the hydrogen bomb race to diplomacy. Despite continued flashes of belligerence both in Moscow and Peking, it would be difficult to find a well-trained leader ready to predict another general war. But it is necessary to be careful in dealing with the word "peace." Easing of tension has been. But we see a major alteration in the basic concept of it as between Communism and free nations. — Christian Science Monitor.

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The Age Old Story

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