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Multiple Tragedy

There will be deep and widespread sympathy for the parents of the three children whose lives were lost in the cottage fire at Victoria Park Road yesterday.

When tragedy strikes in this manner—not thousands of miles away but right at home—it brings to all of us the realization that in the midst of life we are in death.

We commend the decision of the Attorney-General, that for the present at least no inquest is needed to establish the cause of yesterday's fatalities.

Fiscal Conference

Hansard of June 4 contains several pages of controversial discussion on federal-provincial fiscal conferences.

First will be the conference with the finance minister and provincial treasurers which is to meet at Ottawa on July 6.

All the provinces, Mr. Fleming said, have accepted the invitation to participate in these conferences, and have pledged their fullest cooperation.

Under Liberal rule, federal-provincial conferences had been called simply in order to receive an announcement.

What is now proposed, he said, will represent "the first full-scale cooperative attempt to reach a solution of these problems in many years."

making effective the work of the plenary conference when it may be deemed appropriate to call it.

The thing that most concerns us in these statements is the emphasis placed on the latitude which will be given for full discussion of our fiscal grievances.

Where Science Has Failed

Many fine tributes have been received by Alcoholics Anonymous, but one of the most impressive came the other day from an outstanding psychiatrist.

The speaker said that twelve years ago he had believed psychiatry had the answer to the alcoholic's problem.

A.A. case histories showed that 50 per cent of the 250,000 men and women who had received A.A. treatment over the world in the last twenty years had recovered with an average of eight to ten years of sobriety.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The American postal system has made its first official experiment with missile mail. In just 22 minutes a packet of letters was flashed 100 miles from a submarine in the Atlantic to Jacksonville, Fla.

First mooted by the Federation of Agriculture, a new temperature control system has been installed on the railway wharf which promises to be of great value to our potato shippers.

A new tourist attraction, of special interest to farmers, is being promoted in Great Britain. It consists of a series of evening walks round some of Britain's most up-to-date farms.

The bicentenaries of the births of Carron Company of Falkirk, an ironfounding firm which turned out guns used by Nelson's fleet and Wellington's armies.



RELATIVELY SPEAKING

Summit Prospects Darker

The general feeling appears to be that the Geneva talk marathon of foreign ministers is running out, without any important agreement, but that East-West negotiations will remain alive.

Viewpoints Of History

In his booklet on Newfoundland issued by the Canadian Historical Association, Professor Rodney has said that Cabot sailed west in 1497, but where he landed nobody knows.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

WATER SAFETY

Sir,—It takes but little persuasion these days to make us think of hours spent outdoors, splashing in refreshing waters, sunning ourselves at beaches or fishing lazily beside a stream.

As we stand on the threshold of National Water Safety Week we should remember that each year, in this nation, almost one thousand people lose their lives in drowning accidents.

Married Live To Riper Age

By Hermann N. Sanderson, M. D. WANT to live to a fairly ripe old age? Then get married.

Higher Death Rate According to "Patterns of Disease," the death rate for single men during 1957 was about 76 per cent higher than that for married men.

Flu and Pneumonia Influenza and pneumonia accounted for three times as many deaths among single men.

More Homicides Homicides also took a greater toll of single men.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mr. A. A.: Could you tell me just what an "optical blood clot" is?

The Poets Corner

VESTIGIAL The living likeness cut in stone Often enough may be Forgotten when the days disown Its dim identity.

Marble or bronze in portraiture Of some proud counterpart May lose the name, yet hold secure The permanence of art.

A temple's classical facade May still be looked upon With reverence, even though the god Who hallowed it is gone

Girdle and glass and monolith— What can we hope will stay. When the vainglory and the myth We worship pass away?

MAXIMS

Try to do to others as you would have them do to you, and do not be discouraged if they fall sometimes. It is much better that they should fall than that you should.

New Tool In "Silent Sound"

Sounds pitched so high that you cannot hear them are finding applications in almost every science and industry in the nation, according to Science Service.

NOTES BY THE WAY

During the past year railroads in South Africa have reported the disappearance of 20 cars, 800 tons of rails and 80,000 ties.

Roughly 50,000 Canadians wear wigs, of whom 10,000 are men.

OUR YESTERDAYS

Rev. Dr. E. H. Ramsay, for many years minister of Trinity United Church of Charlottetown, will be invited to take over the pastoral charge of St. David's United Church in Saint John.

The home of Mrs. Spurgeon Gillespie, Loyalist Road, was a totally destroyed by fire yesterday at noon.

Ten Years Ago Work started yesterday on the two-room school to be built at Southport.

Mr. J. A. Rodd, Director of Fisheries in the Department of Industry and Natural Resources of the Provincial Government.

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