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

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A Fine Record

The splendid record achieved in Island hog quality production last year is reviewed in today's Guardian by Mr. Harold Clay, of the Federal Department of Agriculture, whose efforts over a long period of years have had much to do with this success.

Present figures indicate that the 1954 percentage of grade "A" hogs will be over 55, as against 37 fifteen years ago. During the same period, the overall Canadian percentage has dropped from 31 to 28. We are not only in the lead; we are so far ahead that we have no serious competition.

Mr. Clay recalls seasons when the hog outlook appeared dim; but the farmer who stayed in the game was the one who profited in the end. It is he who plans and raises a steady annual production, and if he pays attention to raising mid-winter and mid-summer litters he will have a greater volume to ship when the prices are high.

The swine industry was worth approximately \$5,000,000 to our Island farmers in 1954. This places it among our most profitable branches of farming, and among the most dependable as well.

Full Employment

In his New Year's message Mr. A. R. Mosher, President of the Canadian Congress of Labor, noted that "there can be no excuse in Canada for unemployment of serious proportions." At the same time Mr. Claude Jodoin, President of the Trades and Labor Congress, had this to say: "Let us all agree once and for all that full employment is possible, and that, with full and willing co-operation between management and ourselves, this goal can be attained."

It is clear that the "willing co-operation" between management and labor, which Mr. Jodoin mentioned, needs mending in a number of weak places. There are two sides to almost every dispute; and usually neither party can expect to come out of prolonged negotiations without having made some concession to the other party's point of view.

German Rearmament

It is likely to be some months before final ratification of the pact for German rearmament becomes effective. The process of rearming Germany would then officially start, and the Western zones would begin the process of building up an army of 300,000 men, organized in twelve divisions, an air force of 84,000 men, a navy of 50,000 and administrative and clerical personnel totalling about 64,000.

to be approved by the German legislature. When the laws are passed the "hard core" or long-term volunteer structure of the new German armed forces will be established.

The draft probably will not start until about thirteen months after the professional cadre of the army has been formed, and according to Mr. Baldwin's calculation it will require at least a year of training before the whole can be termed coherent armed forces.

This strong new force in the heart of Europe will be under the operational command of General Gruenther, the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, under a system of subordinate commanders not yet established. But it will also be under the administrative and political control of the West German Government through the Commissioner of Defense.

There are many ifs, ands and buts to this picture, Mr. Baldwin concedes. The twelve German divisions do not entirely compensate for a divided and anxious France, torn in her loyalty to NATO and more fearful of Germany than of Russia. There are, moreover, major problems within Germany which may militate against the effectiveness which the rearmament figures suggest.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Week of Prayer.

During the past year the life insurance companies of Canada invested in Canadian housing approximately \$410 millions, an increase of more than \$60 millions, or roughly 18 per cent, over the previous year.

"Eat more cod, as a slimming diet," is one of the points which is to be made in the £100,000 campaign to be launched this year by the British Trawlers' Federation to attract the average housewife.

Francois Fenelon de Salignac de la Mothe, French archbishop and writer, died this date 1715. The varied character of Fenelon's works is a proof of the originality and flexibility of his mind.

Lawyers in Philadelphia have rejected a proposal that all legal practitioners in the State be compelled to join the Bar Association. In speaking against the proposal a Mr. Philip Price said that "an all-inclusive bar would reduce the legal profession to the level of a labour union."

The number of destitute and deserted wives and children in Canada increased during the autumn of last year, the Canadian Welfare Council reports in the year-end issue of its magazine Canadian Welfare. The expense of supporting these families is one of the most important factors in the growing cost of public assistance.



Here They Come!

Man's Endless Quests

National Geographic News Bulletin

In the endless quest to broaden knowledge of the earth, sea and sky, explorers made far-reaching discoveries and attained new records in 1954. Indications that Mars is a living planet with simple vegetation marked the end of a six-month astronomical expedition sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Lowell Observatory of Flagstaff, Arizona.

On December 1, the U.S.S. Atka left Boston for a five-month reconnaissance trip to prepare for a major United States expedition in 1957. The crew of the icebreaker will investigate Little America, near the outer edge of the Ross Shelf Ice on the Bay of Whales.

On February 15, two French naval officers made a record descent of 13,287 feet in a bathyscaphe off the coast of Dakar, French West Africa. They beat by 2,948 feet the previous record set by Swiss Professor Auguste Piccard in 1953.

In September, two French cave explorers descended 2,485 feet in the Berger Cave near Grenoble, France, setting a new world's record for exploration in a natural underground cavern.

A team of Italian mountaineers battled to the top of 28,250-foot Godwin Austen (K2), second highest mountain, on July 31. A British group reconnoitered Kanchenjunga (28,166 feet), the world's third tallest peak and the loftiest unsealed mountain.

An Austrian expedition conquered Cho Oyu (26,897 feet), seventh highest peak. A Frenchwoman who tried Cho Oyu with a Swiss team reportedly reached 25,496 feet, a record for a woman climber.

On the Arctic, two United States icebreakers made a historic journey in August. They pierced, for the first time, the formidable McClure Strait that connects the Arctic Ocean with Viscourt Melville Sound. McClure Strait is a western entrance of the famous Northwest Passage that has been navigated through other routes.

Russian scientists reported finding a vast underwater divide between the New Siberian Islands and Greenland. The scientists said their research program, started in 1948, had established there never was a north polar land mass.

Members of a United States Canadian survey expedition found and used food and equipment left behind more than 45 years ago by Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, who discovered the North Pole. Another expedition led by a Jesuit priest of Boston College reported that it localized the North Magnetic Pole in a triangle on the northwest end of Prince of Wales Island. The Magnetic Pole has shifted about 150 miles west and slightly south of the position established in 1946.

The Age Old Story

I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

at Abydos, holy city of ancient Egypt; a vast red granite temple at Canopus, a pre-Christian Roman resort about 15 miles east of Alexandria; at El Karnak on the Nile a 7½-foot tablet showing in hieroglyphics the story of a war for independence in 1600 B.C., a little-known period of Egyptian history.

Harvard University reported the discovery of one of the largest and richest caches of paleolithic man ever unearthed in western Europe. The excavations were made on a farm at Les Eyzies-de-Tayac, a village in southwestern France.

In July American scientists said an ancient skull — possibly the oldest ever discovered in the Western Hemisphere — was found near Midland, Texas. It authenticates the skull would stand as evidence man inhabited America's Southwest in the Ice Age 12,000 years ago.

The Indian Government reported that stone implements of a 10,000-year-old culture was found at Durgapur, West Bengal, in a region believed to have had no human habitation in that era.

Excavators turned up "lost cities" believed to be thousands of years old in several farflung places: the outskirts of ancient Beersheba in Israel; the outskirts of Peiping in China; Kandahar in Afghanistan, and the wilds of Southwest Angola in Portuguese West Africa.

London became increasingly conscious of its Roman heritage when a temple was bared in the bomb-damaged heart of the city's financial district. Among the relics was a white marble head of an Eastern deity, Mithras, believed to be some 1,800 years old.

Excavators also were unearthing what appears to be a complete Roman town between Caerleon and the River Usk in southwest England. In Chile a mule train driver discovered the body of a young Inca princess or prince sheathed in ice in an Andes cave.

The United States Geological Survey said the remains of a mammoth-like reptile, Tritylodon, which lived in the Cretaceous period, were found in a quarry near the town of Tule, California.

Other discoveries reported during the year: a 3,000-year-old temple in Abydos, Egypt; a vast red granite temple at Canopus, Egypt; a pre-Christian Roman resort about 15 miles east of Alexandria, Egypt; a 7½-foot tablet showing in hieroglyphics the story of a war for independence in 1600 B.C., a little-known period of Egyptian history.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Young fry who rebel at studying grammar may pause to honor the anniversary this month of the birth, near Mohikev, Russian Poland, in 1876, of one Teodor Josef Konrad Korzeniowski, better known in this country as Joseph Conrad. One of the great stylists in English writing, he once said: "I've never opened an English grammar in my life." —St. Paul Pioneer Press.

There has been an amazing advance in the understanding of dietary principles. And Canadians can be pleased that so much of the know-how to insure a balance is so freely available. It remains for us to put the principles into practice. It does not mean that our meals need be less tasty, far from it. It means simply that we include the several elements necessary to insure a balanced diet. For instance, Dr. Taub has remarked that people in Canada do not drink enough milk. And over against this, we have the statement by milk producers that we are experiencing a surplus of fluid milk. Here is one of the best food sources in abundant supply. Yet we choose to ignore it in our diet. —Galt Reporter.

One law which came into effect this year and still is being ignored by many motorists is the change in the Highway Traffic Act which makes it compulsory for motorists to signal all turns and also a stop. In the past it was only necessary to signal for a left turn and a stop, but today the right turn is also included. And if your car has no directional signals then this signalling must be done by hand. With the arrival of wintry weather this warning in regard to signalling is probably more timely than during the summer months. —St. Catharines Standard.

One of the most fascinating features of the official mind is its ingrained hatred of everything colorful and picturesque. The latest example comes from Australia, where the authorities are busy renaming the aborigines in the Northern Territory. Hitherto these natives have been known by nicknames such as Big Foot, Jack, Dingo, Mitch or murdering George. The government considers these titles "undignified" and proposes to replace them with Christian and surnames more like those of white people. This will be quite a comedown, especially for Murdering George. With a name like that he must have been automatically a man of consequence in his neighborhood. No prudent person, we imagine, ever contradicted him in an argument, or got ahead of him in a lineup, or did anything that might conceivably provoke him. —Edmonton Journal.

The Poet's Corner

OUR SECRET SPLENDOR

Grand are the harmonies of the unheard. Vivid the crimson of the never seen. The sound and hues of super-sense, the word No lips have spoken, these secret within. Are quickeners of all that's manifest. These are our refuge — these secret splendours — When the world falls and caves. These never yield. Their valid beauty to corruption-vendors. By power of their deep allences they build A fortress firm, impregnable, serene. Against the whirlwinds of the heard and seen. —Percy MacKaye in the New York Times.

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