

anyone's touching it. In 1889 an American bought it and was on the point of taking it home with him. Friendly persuasion finally induced him to let the Beethoven House Society have it.

Municipal authorities recently decided to turn the house where the composer was born into a music centre where instruments Beethoven once played could be heard. The piano thereupon was sent to a Nurnberg repair shop, while two Guarnieri violins, an Amati viola, and a Ruger cello—gifts of Prince Lichnowski to Beethoven—were brought to Cologne to be refurbished. Ever since the piano came back it's been lucky.

Beethoven's piano is not the only thing that is worrying Bonn's city fathers. Beams of the twenty-century-old house are being gnawed away by woodworms. His statue, too, is causing trouble. Overlooking Bonn's Munster Square for 118 years, it recently had to be taken down while a garage was built under the square. That was a welcome break in a way, for it provided a chance to repair the statue which has 70 bullet holes and some other damage from wartime fragments.

Now people are beginning to ask whether it should be set up in a quieter section of the city. The top of a garage is not a dignified place for a Beethoven statue, some Bonn burghers think. As for the piano—which they had hoped to have in tune for a concert by world celebrities on December 17, Beethoven's birthday—they've about despaired of it altogether.

Idle Acres

Idle farms are not a pleasant thing to see in any province. Often they betoken inability to provide the way of life that will keep younger people at home. The older generation finds the upkeep more and more burdensome. The stock becomes depleted, the land is untended and finally the old people move out, or die, and there is no one to carry on. We know this sad story by rote in Prince Edward Island; it has happened many times. All our efforts in farm rehabilitation have been directed toward remedying situations of this kind.

But what is one to say of the problem in some parts of Ontario, where good land has been allowed to lie idle for quite other reasons? An example of this kind is cited by the Windsor Star, within 60 miles of the big city of Toronto. There, within a radius of two miles from one central farm are at least 1,200 acres of land that is practically unused—not marginal land of the type that never should have been cleared, but most of it land that once supported large families; most all of it very good soil.

One 450-holt goal now is owned by a Toronto millionaire, who does nothing with it except run a few cattle on it. Five other farms are owned by Toronto people. The remainder is owned by neighboring farmers who do little with it except as pasture. There are farms undisturbed by the point of a plowshare for more than a decade.

Fine big barns, once filled to the top with hay and grain, stand empty. The commodious stables which once housed cattle, horses and pigs are deserted. It seems, as the Windsor paper well says, an awful wastage of good earth. And this is only in one particular area.

Time will come when all suitable soil in Canada will need to be used to meet the demand for foodstuffs. Certainly the time shouldn't be far distant in Ontario. Meanwhile these idle acres, so conveniently situated, are being overrun by weeds and scrub brush. A poor symbol, by any standard, of our boasted civilization.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The Ontario Court of Appeal has substituted a five-year prison term for a two-year probationary sentence imposed on Raymond Bruneau, a former Liberal MP for Glengarry-Prescott, who was convicted of accepting a bribe in connection with the purchase of property on which a post office was to be built. Mr. Justice James L. McLeLLan, in delivering the court finding, said: "In violation of their responsibilities, the services of MPs can be bought, then justice and freedom cannot survive, nor can this nation long survive as a place where free men can live."



NEW BALL

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Queer Customs In A Democracy

How would the leader of a political party be selected in a democracy? Britain has just shown the world an example of autocracy at work in its most Bourbon-like and self-assured way. There is the leader of the Conservative Party announced his resignation as Prime Minister as well as party leader actually during the annual meeting of nationwide representation of his party. Yet he did not in formal convalescence, were not invited to nominate their choices and elect their new leader.

Our Yesterdays

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO October 28, 1938 Miss Muriel Goodie, of Westville, vice-president of the Rebekah Assembly for the Maritime Provinces, visited the Rebekah Lodge in P.E.I. last week. While in Charlottetown, she was the guest of Mrs. Ruby M. Houle, Hillshore Street.

Green Gables, Cavendish residence made famous by the novels of Lucy Maud Montgomery, would be restored to its original farmhouse condition, J. Smart, assistant controller of National Parks Bureau, Department of Mines and Resources, said in a recent interview, at Prince Edward Island's National Park.

TEN YEARS AGO October 28, 1933 Representatives from most of the nearer districts met at Long River Hall for the purpose of organizing a Glebe Club. Mrs. George Dickson, New Glasgow, was present to assist in organizing, and led the group in a period of voice practice.

Dr. J.K. Beer, M.D. of Summerside has been awarded a fellowship in the American College of Surgeons. The American College of Surgeons was founded in 1913 to establish standards of competency and character, for specialists in surgery.



MY FARMER FRIEND

His simple speech is warm and flows in little rivulets of prose. But fetching poetry is spun along his words in the sun. Each he flumps meanders, arm in arm. With bracket clauses across his farm. But each ideal he doth pursue lies a pathway straight and true. His hot bent form may lean or swirl. Against a wheel or weathered wall. But when his spirit speaks aloud, I find he is standing tall and proud. My farmer friend is in repose. In overalls and earth-soiled clothes, a threat of thought expressed. In one immaculately dressed. His bank account may not ex-entance. The big mounds of high finance. But he who finds his square feet earth. And measure his inherent worth. Look on the hillside to be tilled. And gentle hearts are strangely still. To find a friend who doth come close. A poem between his cabbage rows. — S. Barlow Bird FreeTown, P.E.I.

Fluoridation Is Desirable

By Dr. Theodore R. VanDellen. The practice of adding fluoride to water supplies at the rate of one part per million is highly desirable as a public health practice in areas where the natural content of fluoride in water is low. This is a means of supplying a nutrient important for the formation of caries-resistant enamel. This statement was made in 1953 by the National Academy of Science, and demonstrates how our most distinguished group of scientists feel about fluoridation. Many other medical and dental authorities have published their support of the project. Research on the relationship between fluoride and dental decay goes back to the 19th century. Fluoridation of water has been used in public health programs for more than 20 years. This substance is not a drug or a medicine and is present in foods and water in many parts of our country. Natural fluorides (7 per million) are found in nearly 2,000 communities.

Only a few states have no natural fluoride levels of 7 ppm. or more. Many careful studies in these areas have demonstrated its ability to prevent tooth decay. This becomes more and more evident when the results are compared with identical studies conducted in regions where the water contains none or too little fluoride to protect the teeth.

The logical answer is to add small amounts of this nutrient to the water supply to protect children living in areas where deficiency exists. Fluoridation is nothing more than adjusting the composition of the water to a point where it hardens teeth and strengthens bone. It takes only one part in a million to do the trick.

The plan has proved effective in children who are caries-prone. These youngsters are often in cavities and often lose all their teeth by early adulthood. The use of fluoride tablets is not as effective as a dentifrice. Brushing with a fluoridated product is most effective during the period when the teeth are erupting.

EYEBROW CRYS: Mrs. H. writes: My 3 year old has had a lump at the end of one eyebrow since age 1. It is not a growth. The doctor thinks it is an fatty cyst and wants to have it removed. Do you think this the thing to do?

REPLY Yes, but when I see doubt, always get another opinion. RB NOT INVOLVED P.C. writes: Is a blue baby due to the Rh factor?

REPLY No. The majority of so-called blue babies have a congenital heart defect. The abnormality prevents most of the blood from being oxygenated before it reaches the lungs. As a result it remains bluish and imparts this color to the skin.

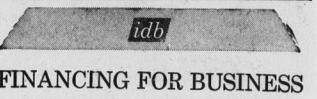
Today's Health—Good listeners often make good counsellors.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration in the U.S. seems to be rather naive in complaining that there were numerous defects in the parts and components supplied by the contractors for the Project Mercury program for putting man into space. Any parent who has attempted to assemble one of those do-it-yourself construction kits could have warned NASA exactly what to expect—Globe and Mail, Toronto.

While New Brunswick apple growers like to ship their product to other parts of Canada and to foreign countries, the fact remains that New Brunswick's cars could easily consume the province's entire crop, and doing so, encourage orchardists to invest in more extensive plantings. For some inexplicable reason, Canada's cars eat only 27 pounds of apples per capita, per year, whereas in the European continent the figure is 100 pounds for each person yearly.—Fredericton Gleaner.

A school in Carlisle, England, offers students a course in how to do homework. What the officers is a course in how to get the children to do it.—Ottawa Journal. It is all very well for the universities to lecture the high schools on the use of French, that the universities should themselves do a much better job of it than they ever have in the past. This is one place where they haven't lived up to their challenge, or responsibility.—Windsor Star. The death of an individual who had in his time given much pleasure to a great number of people, was reported during the past few days. Probably few will know the name of Frank R. Adams of Michigan who lived to the good age of 80. But many will remember with nostalgia his mirth and legacy to the world. He wrote the words of the long popular song, "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now?"—Montreal Gazette.



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