

NATO's Future

Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium, the newly appointed Secretary-General of NATO, is regarded as one of the great statesmen of Europe.

Mr. Spaak will not take over his new office for some months, but already he has caused to wonder whether his role of mediator means anything more than a platitudinous assignment.

Indeed, unless something more promising than anything yet brought forward is incorporated into the NATO design, it would seem that the organization is destined to become another U.N. in miniature with all the latter's frustrations except one, namely, the negativistic influence of the Soviet Union—and even that, of course, will be working in the background.

More Cheers Than Boos

A dispatch from London says that when Sir Anthony Eden arrived at his home in Downing Street, after spending three weeks in Jamaica, he was greeted by "cheers and a few boos" from the small crowd standing around.

There is, it must be admitted, a fairly large section of public opinion in Britain that Eden's policy in the Middle East has produced nothing but moral frustration, economic austerity and military defeat.

Within the next few weeks Sir Anthony can be expected to do one of two things. He will either decide to carry on as Prime Minister, in which case his Government will continue in office for the rest of the term for which it was elected; or he will resign and advise the Queen to call on the man of his choice to form a Government.

their appeal for a new mandate. Whichever step is decided upon the Labourites have little chance of taking over the Government, which of course was the sole purpose of their harassing tactics.

Popular Poem

It has been estimated that each Christmas season at least one million persons listen to a recital of, or read for themselves, "A Visit From St. Nicholas"—"Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring not even a mouse..."

Mr. Moore, however, was more than a writer of popular verse. In the words of Samuel White Patterson, whose book "The Poet of Christmas" is now being published by the New York firm of Morehouse-Gorham, he was "a scholar, a pamphleteer, a prominent churchman, a professor, and a college trustee as well as a poet."

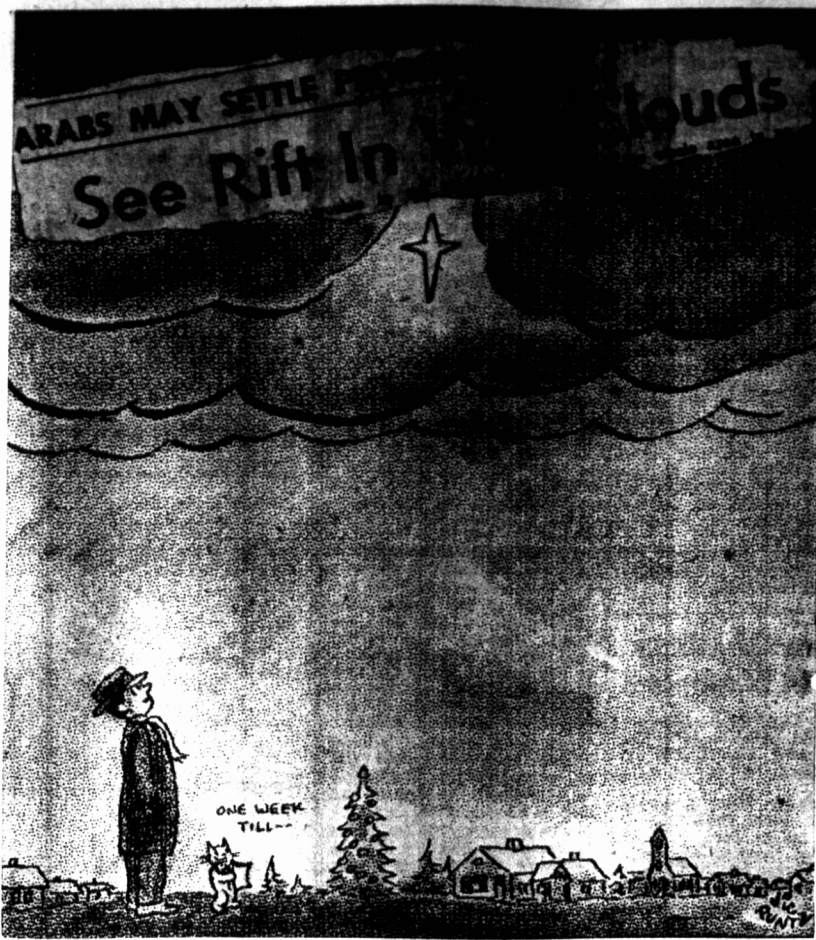
EDITORIAL NOTES

Prime Minister Nehru who has arrived in Washington is reported to be carrying a "secret message" from Premier Chou En-lai to President Eisenhower.

There is more than one way of defeating political opponents, and President Magliore of Haiti has hit upon one of the more effective ones.

There's always something being added to the excuse department. For example, a motorist in Iowa, arrested for not having this year's permit, proudly exhibited one of 1932 vintage and explained: "I'm not one of these people who lose licenses and things. This was my first permit. I never lost it, so I did not need to get a new one."

There will be general regret at the passing, at the comparatively early age of sixty-three, of Mr. Wylie Gibson, of Marshfield.



DO WE SEE A STAR?

OTTAWA REPORT

Heart Of The Seaway

By Patrick Nicholson

OTTAWA Much early history of Upper Canada is being brought to light by the creation of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Just 50 miles south of this capital lies the heart of the seaway. There the Canadian and the United States banks of the great St. Lawrence river's international section are to be flooded.

The greatest living expert on local lore is George Jowett, the squire of Trelawney Manor, in Williamsburg Township.

Water to rise 30 feet. When the water-level rises to create the seaway, those riverside villages will be submerged.

Among all those points of U.E.L. interest stands the White House ranch. There Charles Dickens stayed, in the days when it was the first posting halt from Montreal.

Flanking that old post road are many links with the past, each

one interestingly pointed out to me by George Jowett. There is Trinity Church, the pretty grey stone building, capped by its unusual Celtic cross, on the site of Upper Canada's first Anglican church.

Further along the river road stands the old house where, before Confederation, Sir John A. Macdonald and his colleagues drafted a constitution for Upper Canada.

Much which might have got destroyed by the flood has been rescued and will soon be on view in new museums. The Williamsburg of Ontario may show as much of early colonial life as is to be seen in reconstructed Williamsburg, U.S.A.

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OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(December 18, 1931)

A full inquiry into the circumstances of the Falconwood fire will be made next week, Premier Stewart said yesterday.

The Beautiful silver cup, donated by Lucas R. Allan, M. P. F., for Tag-of-War contest at the Crystal Rink, Summerside, was won by the team from Kensington.

TEN YEARS AGO

(December 18, 1946)

Construction of the long-awaited Y. M. C. A. building in Charlottetown, which has been planned since early 1944, will be undertaken early next spring.

Representatives of the City's service clubs, the Ministerial Association, and the City's Public Schools met last night in the City Council Chambers to appoint a committee which will act with the Provincial Government committee in arranging Charlottetown's celebration of Canadian Citizenship Week.

The Age Old Story

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

TRIBUTE TO MR. GIBSON

Sir—I was saddened, yesterday, by the news of the death of my dear friend, Mr. Wylie Gibson.

He has been doing business with me for a number of years, and has been one of the largest producers of Grade A milk coming to my plant.

I have lost one of the finest friends and counselors I have ever known. My sincere sympathy goes out to his immediate family and relatives, at this time, in their sad bereavement.

I am Sir, etc. PERCY G. GAY

daughter, a lively girl in a lettered jersey and slacks, was getting married tomorrow. It will be the first wedding to take place in the new chapel.

The American passion for higher education is fascinating. Dr. Tribble told us that he had to spend a large part of his time in fund raising and in public relations.

Dr. Tribble's delightful home in a secluded part of the grounds was full of excited young ladies. He introduced us to two of his daughters who had had a wonderful time at the Edinburgh Festival this year.

MAXIMS

If you seek to make one rich, study not to increase his stores, but to diminish his desires.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundeboom, M. D.

MEDICAL DEFENSE OFFICE

REALLYING KIT FOR SHOCK. Newspapers across the country recently carried stories about the discovery of a new treatment for shock.

An international team of medical scientists conducted clinical tests which demonstrated that oral consumption of a salt and soda solution is an effective emergency treatment for cases of shock due to burns.

COMPLICATED TREATMENT

Usual treatment for shock is injection of whole blood, plasma or plasma substitutes into the veins. In emergencies, such as an air attack, such complicated treatment would be virtually impossible on a mass scale.

Carefully conducted research showed that by drinking the salt-soda solution alone an extensively burned person (up to 30 per cent of the body surface) could maintain fluid balance.

Some of the news stories concerning this new method of shock treatment stressed the fact that the ingredients used in the solution—baking soda, table salt and tap water—are in every home.

GREAT DANGER

This obviously is true. However, there is a great danger that the average layman would make too strong a solution even if he were to mix it at his leisure.

Since it would ordinarily be prepared only in emergencies and under great stress, there would be even greater chance for mistakes.

If the solution contains more than 14 milliequivalents of sodium per liter it is apt to produce nausea, diarrhea and other undesirable symptoms.

INACCURATE MEASURE

Even when household teaspoons and measuring spoons are scrupulously leveled off, some of them hold amounts which would make the solution too powerful. Moreover, it's the tendency for most persons to round off a teaspoon, especially when hurried, instead of measuring accurately.

CORRECT AMOUNTS

The Office of Medical Defense knows this. That's one of the reasons why the OMD is procuring 330,000 packets of measured amounts of salt and sodium citrate. These will be distributed along with quart measuring containers among first aid stations and mobile hospital units, according to the New York State Department of Health Bulletin, dated August 27, 1956.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

V.M.: I have always thought that coronary heart disease occurs only in older persons. Is it true that young persons can have it also?

Answer: Yes, coronary heart attacks have been reported in persons in their teens and they are not too infrequent in persons un-

NOTES BY THE WAY

When you have been happily talking about the day when a dollar bought twice as much as it does now, stop and ask yourself how many dollars you had then? — Peterborough Examiner.

Trouble with ready money is that it is hardly ever ready. — Brandon Sun.

Most of the gangs on that constitute juvenile delinquency are at home with parent or parents. So, it is largely a matter of parental responsibility to be home themselves when the children should be there. — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Carelessness with false teeth costs the Middlesex executive council of Britain's Health Service thousands of dollars a year. For example, they cited a mourner at a funeral whose molars fell into the coffin and were buried and a truck driver who sneezed and blew his teeth through the window, after which he ran over them. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

All this debate against compulsory retirement at 65 is a bit difficult for many a fellow who has a decade or so to go before reaching that age and is already pretty tired of the "daily grind." While it's a real hardship to many, there are a lot of us lazy fellows who look longingly to that day. If we'll ever survive that long. — Owen Sound Sun-Times.

A silver snuff box missing 140 years was returned to the Seaforth Highlanders when the London branch of the Regimental Association held its annual dinner. The snuff box was lost in 1816 on the Isle of Pre-Paris, in the Bay of Bengal, by a former colonel of the regiment. It is believed the box was found by natives and later passed through the hands of Eastern traders before it was discovered. — Edinburgh Scotsman.

der 30 years of age. It is believed that the tensions of fast living may be a factor producing these attacks in young persons.

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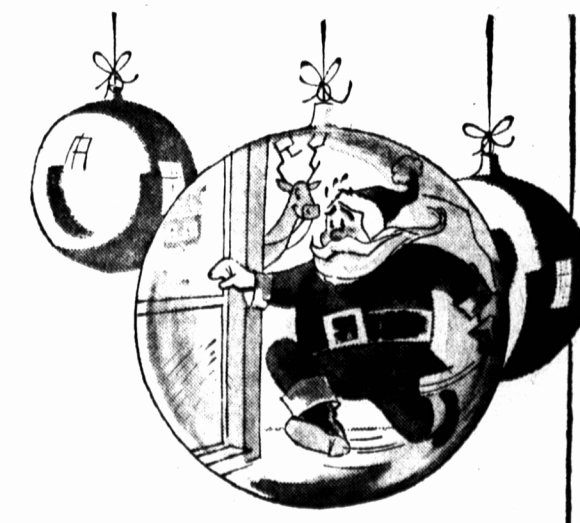


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