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A Feast Of Music

Music has filled the Provincial capital this past week. The seventh annual Festival of Music was indeed a resounding success and has earned congratulations for all who had a part in making it so. The honorary life memberships in the Association presented to the first president and the first secretary who organized the Provincial Festival of Music despite inability to find a backer are recognition of a very real contribution to music and community life.

The wealth of talent displayed from various sections of the Province must be an encouragement to other organizations and should make possible numerous performances which would be otherwise unthought of. Competition is unavoidable and those who placed highly have earned their plaudits but the emphasis throughout was on each group and individual giving the finest performance of which they were capable.

The adjudicators, Mr. Clayton Hare and Mr. Reginald G. Geen, F.R.C.O., contributed greatly to both the quality and enjoyment of the performances. They brought an enthusiasm for music and song resulting in efforts of which, perhaps, the performers themselves did not know they were capable.

Individual performances, both vocal and instrumental, were of a high quality but it was choral work for which the week was memorable. A promising development was the performance of several original compositions by local composers.

Sheep Raising In Canada

The co-operative marketing of fleece wool in Canada is dealt with in an informative and interesting manner by Mr. George Allan O'Brien in a brochure recently received. It is the writer's contention that while the wool industry has never attained a position of major importance in Canadian agriculture, the wool growers' marketing organization is an important factor in the farm marketing structure of the country.

The rapid disappearance of sheep from the Canadian farm and ranch scene since the peak years of World War II has aroused a great deal of apprehension among many of the country's leading agriculturists. The sheep population of 2,075,000 on June 1, 1949, represented a 44 per cent decrease from the record year of 1944 when the number of sheep and lambs in Canada reached 3,726,000.

As a result, notes Mr. O'Brien, a concerted effort towards revitalizing the industry has developed through the active participation of interested groups and organizations. Outstanding among these are the National Sheep Committee, responsible to the National Advisory Committee on Agricultural Sciences and made up of representatives from the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture; Sheep Breeders Associations and the wool trade; the Agricultural Institute of Canada, a professional society of technical agriculturists; the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited, and the Wool Bureau, formerly the International Wool Secretariat, an organization established for the purpose of promoting wool on world markets.

The decline of the sheep and wool industry cannot be attributed to a lack of effective demand, Mr. O'Brien insists. Well-finished mutton and lamb moved readily into consumption at prevailing prices during the peak production years although the Canadian public appears to have little appetite for lamb, due either to personal preference or to the lack of attractively prepared cuts. Per capita consumption of mutton and lamb averages 5 to 6 pounds per year as compared with 60 pounds for beef and 50 pounds for pork.

only 12.8 per cent of her total requirements in 1949 and retained for domestic consumption only 7.7 per cent. Moreover, world consumption of wool is, at the present time, exceeding the average annual production for 1948 and 1949 of approximately 3.8 billion pounds.

It is significant, Mr. O'Brien notes, that during the drought and depression of the 1930's, those western farmers and ranchers who maintained sizable flocks of sheep were not included among the many forced to apply for relief. Sheep raising can be a profitable undertaking at all times as evidenced by the many prominent breeders and commercial sheep men throughout Canada today who, through proper care and flock management, have operated successful businesses through good times and bad.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, Mother's Day.

Tomorrow, 4th Sunday after Easter.

A memorial window to The Buffs will be unveiled today at Canterbury by King Frederick of Denmark, their Colonel-in-Chief. The Buffs, in addition to numerous battle honours, fought in the Eighth Army in Italy.

Summerside was not to be stamped into approval of the C. N. R. bus proposal but when an examination of the facts showed the advantages of the offer, the Board of Trade there swung away from its first attitude of opposition to the change.

U. N. Prisoners of War may have unwittingly cut the Gordian knot of truce negotiations. After the seizing of Brig.-Gen. Dodd, the prisoners of war can hardly reproach their U. N. captors for returning them to their own side as required by the Geneva convention.

Ottawa is carrying on an aerial war with mosquitoes. With the assistance of an R. C. A. F. Dakota the Federal District Commission and the Department of Agriculture's Science Service is now spraying a 10 per cent solution of DDT on infected areas to kill the second lot of larvae. The earlier ones were already subject to attack by crews on foot.

Sir Thomas Lipton, Scottish merchant, was born this date 1850. He emigrated to America at fifteen but returned to Glasgow. He built up a business from one provision shop to stores all over the United Kingdom and tea and coffee plantations in Ceylon. He also had fruit farms, bakeries, and bacon-curing establishments as well as a packing house in Chicago.

America could defeat Russia in war but the sole prize would be the right to feed and clothe the Russians, British historian Arnold Toynbee told a Chicago audience. He spoke before a dinner sponsored by the National Arts Foundation in the only address he will make in this country this year. Dr. Toynbee said that both Russia and the United States are nations that "face facts." He said he hoped both nations would continue to do so "and if so we will have a better chance to avoid a third world war."

Thirteen members of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants will attend the 6th International Congress on Accounting, in London, Eng., June 16-20. They are: H. E. Crate, A. Douglas Downie, F. A. R. MacFadden, Chester S. Walters, J.P., T. A. M. Hutchison, W. L. L. McDonald and J. J. Schulman, Toronto; Lt. Col. G. S. Currie, D. H. M. Farish and T. V. Burke, Montreal; W. F. Reid, Calgary; A. E. Beauvais, Quebec and G. W. Benson, London.

There's a lot of truth, says the Vancouver Sun, in the contention of the American Society of Newspaper Editors that "nosey reporters" are the best cure for dishonesty in government. It's a pity though that they had to use such a disparaging term to describe what is really a very fundamental virtue. "Nosiness" has come to have an unpleasant meaning. Even the word "curiosity" has been given a vulgar tint. But it should be remembered, as perhaps these American editors do remember, that "nosiness" or "curiosity" is one of the vital factors in all progress. It is nothing more than a passion for truth in a slang dress. And we have excellent authority for the belief that the truth will "set you free." There is nothing strange, then, in the assertion that nosy reporters are the cure for dishonesty in government.

In Chorus



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.

TEACHER SALARIES

Sir,—At the Teachers' Convention a few short weeks ago, our esteemed Premier addressed the teachers. While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads, he told them that they would get a raise in pay immediately. He said that due to some Parliamentary error the raise was in effect. Now we want to know if the same error was in evidence in the clause which gave the M.L.A.'s a boost in salary. How long did they wait for the fabulous raise? We wonder if it has ever occurred to them to compare the lives of the school teachers to that of our M.L.A.'s. How many weeks of the year do those members work at their jobs? Must they please fathers, mothers, children, school boards, supervisors and what have you and then sink or swim on public opinion? How much did the education of some of those fortunate few cost? Teachers cannot hood-wink their pupils with a few platitudes, for children are not well acquainted with political smoke screens to call a spade anything but a spade.

MOTHER'S DAY

Sir,—Once again this lovely month of May is with us and once again comes Mother's Day, and for the twenty-sixth year I try to write about the queen of our homes. Before starting this letter I searched the golden scrapbook of the past and find so many writers like myself who have failed to picture Mother and her day as they would wish to along the road of life. We find her warnings coming true and her teachings in our youth ringing in our ears.

Mother's Day falls on Sunday each year and that is to remind us to pray for her no matter where she is, alive or dead. Sunday as Mother's Day is also to remind us that our Redeemer took us from the dead, from the weight of our sins on the Sunday we were to be reborn from our straying way of life on Mother's Day and walk again with her the straight and narrow path.

When I look back through the years I see her as the one who took me by the hand and along the road pointed to the different paths of life. She told me of the crimson trail of sin and shame that was so easy to follow. She is the one who warned me of the mountainous passions that would cross my path. "When you are older you will be alone," she said, "alone except for the One whom you see hanging on the Cross for you." She is the one who taught me to listen to the murmur of the wind at night and to watch for the glorious sunrise and see God's blessing there. She is the one who taught me to work hard, play fair and live clean. She is the one whom we turn to when all others fail us, the one we can go to when we are broke, hungry and cold, the one who will take us back to her heart from any place, no matter what we have done. When our sins are so black and our crimes so terrible that all others sink from us, Mother will take us back. We are her own flesh and blood and nothing we may do to break her heart can turn her from us, Mothers seem to be born to sorrow since the Blessed Mother suffered at the foot of the Cross. Yes, we can

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

SEATS REARRANGED

From a report of the opening of the first session of the 29th General Assembly of the Province: "The seats of the members of the House of Assembly have been re-arranged, and placed in rows on either hand of Mr. Speaker — a la House of Commons. The Government retains the sunny south side of the Chamber; the Opposition remain in the shade at the north."

The Age-Old Story

And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sicknesses and all manner of diseases. . . These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not; but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. . . What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light; and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Even as I write this I think with sadness of all the mothers who are today shunned and shamed by their very own. I think of the dear mothers who have long since gone to the grave, heartbroken over their own sons and daughters. They look back from their realm of glory and their voices seem to call in the murmur of the wind at night as they seek again the door of life that is closed, to help their own. We should and must cringe as we see ahead the day when the door of life will close quickly behind us, when we will cry out for Mother to help us and it will be too late. Now is the time; tomorrow is Mother's Day. Let us all remember her on this day.

RECORD OUTPUT

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. — (CP) — The Saskatchewan box factory here saved a record total of lumber in March, making its daily output greater than that of any other lumbering operation in the province.

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Braille Centenary

(Winnipeg Free Press) three years old when he was struck blind in an accident in his father's harness shop at Coupvray near Paris. It was a fateful accident. Out to bring a new light into many thousands of darkened lives. The child developed into a precocious, rather delicate young man. Musically gifted, he learned to play the piano, bassoon, violin and 'cello, and became "one of the most distinguished organists in Paris." When he was only 17 he was appointed assistant master at the Paris School for the Blind. Reading by touch was taught at this school, but only the most gifted pupils could learn to decipher the large embossed Roman letters which were used at that time. The boy's eager mind, impatient with these cumbersome cloth letters, groped for some faster, surer means of communication with the world of literature and science.

The clue for which he had been searching came with the news that Captain Charles Barbier had worked out a method of night writing for coded messages. Using a sappers'awl, the instrument which had pricked him into darkness, Braille plucked out the first lines of his now famous system. The Braille alphabet, made up of 43 arrangements of raised dots, met with a cool reception. The experts and well intentioned professors were against him.

Braille knew what a treasure he had found. He would not give up and after 10 years of intensive work he was able to arrange for the publication of his teaching method in book form. The flood gates were opened. But it was not until the last year of his life, when at the age of 43 he lay dying of tuberculosis, that he had any assurance that his work had not been in vain.

His critics had been wrong. The blind had led the blind, and into a better, brighter world. Next June, one hundred years after his death, his countrymen will transfer his remains from their resting place Coupvray to the Pantheon in Paris.

GROWING POPULATION

OSLO — (CP) — The Norwegian Bureau of Statistics reported Norway had a population of about 3,900,000 at the end of 1951. Births outnumbered deaths by 30,000 in 1951. HORLEY, Sussex, England—(CP) — Citizens who complained a jet aircraft flew so low it shook the houses were asked to give the aircraft's number. One woman told council: "I defy anyone to take the number of a jet flying flat out."

Notes By The Way

A correspondent writes: "What has become of the City Smoke Prevention Department which opened with a staff and offices at the city hall about a year ago? And goes on to cite an instance of one institution that "boches heavy black smoke daily." Our correspondent, while he was about it, might have mentioned a very large number of other chimneys which likewise dim and befoul the air all day long. Getting back to the original question, however, "What has become of the City Smoke Prevention Department?" We don't know; we just don't know.—Montreal Star.

The Poet's Corner

THE GOOSE HONKS HIGH A great grey goose sails a tepid lake Far to the south of the Rio Grande, in him ancestral memories wake Of life in the cool northland. Then northward call has a pleasing ring. The color of Spring is in the air. He lifts to the call on valiant wing. Three thousand miles to dare. For now he is due at Hudson's Bay. His comrades answer their leader's cry. And follow after in close array. Aligned against the sky. Sound of wings in a rhythmic rune Comes down from the wedge-shaped flight. Against a vast and copper moon. An Ozark rancher hums a tune. Spring has come in the night. The journey ends with its final dash To their dream lake under the sky. The grey geese land in a mighty splash. Tumultuous they the water lash With a wild and joyous cry. —W. O. Stoddard in the New York Times

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for various lawyers, optometrists, and accountants. Includes: Gaudet & Hazard, A. Walthen Gaudet, J. A. McGuigan, Palmer & Haslam, J. S. Taylor, Chas. R. McQuaid, J. A. Carruthers, Dr. W. R. Carson, Dr. A. L. MacIsaac, Allison M. Gillis, Hyndman & Co. Ltd., H. R. Doane and Company, and McDonald & Joyal.