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

The British Liberals

Reports from London indicate that, although the Conservative Government of Prime Minister Macmillan is, undoubtedly, unpopular at the moment, the Labour Party led by Mr. Hugh Gaitskell is not by any means as well regarded as it used to be when the moderates were led by Mr. Clement Attlee and the left wingers by Mr. Aneurin Bevan.

It is pointed out by political analysts that while in most recent by-elections the Conservatives went down to defeat, many former supporters of the party voted Liberal rather than Labour.

A resurgence of the British Liberal Party would surely be a bit of historic justice. For it was that party under such glittering names as Melbourne, Palmerston, Gladstone, Campbell-Bannerman, Asquith and Lloyd George which in the 19th century and the first decade or so of the 20th, guided the destiny of Britain and, on the whole, guided it well.

These were Liberal movements. Nothing that has been done by any other party has eclipsed their value to British society.

Posthumous Victory

The spirit of the late George Bernard Shaw can rest a little easier these days, thanks to a new ruling respecting his will by a British Court.

It will be recalled that when the distinguished playwright died his will disclosed that he wanted 100,000 pounds of his estate—practically the whole of it—to be put in an "alphabet trust" for the purpose of simplifying the alphabet by the addition of 14 letters.

This judgement was appealed by the Shaw Society, an organization dedicated to the proposition that the great man could do no wrong and make no error.

abet, the balance going to the other beneficiaries. This has been accepted.

Crazy as it may sound to those who are quite satisfied with the A-B-C's as they are, the proposal has some staunch defenders, including Isaac Pitman, a descendant of the inventor of the shorthand system which bears his name and a linguistic expert in his own right.

Economic Forecast

Trade Minister Churchill's forecast of the nation's economy in 1958 may be described as cautious but not pessimistic. In Mr. Churchill's opinion the economy is strong but there is little evidence of forces which would put new strength in exports or investments.

Mr. Churchill explains the present "levelling off" by saying that Canadian industrial development has now reached the stage where, for the time being, less resources are needed for the building up of basic industries.

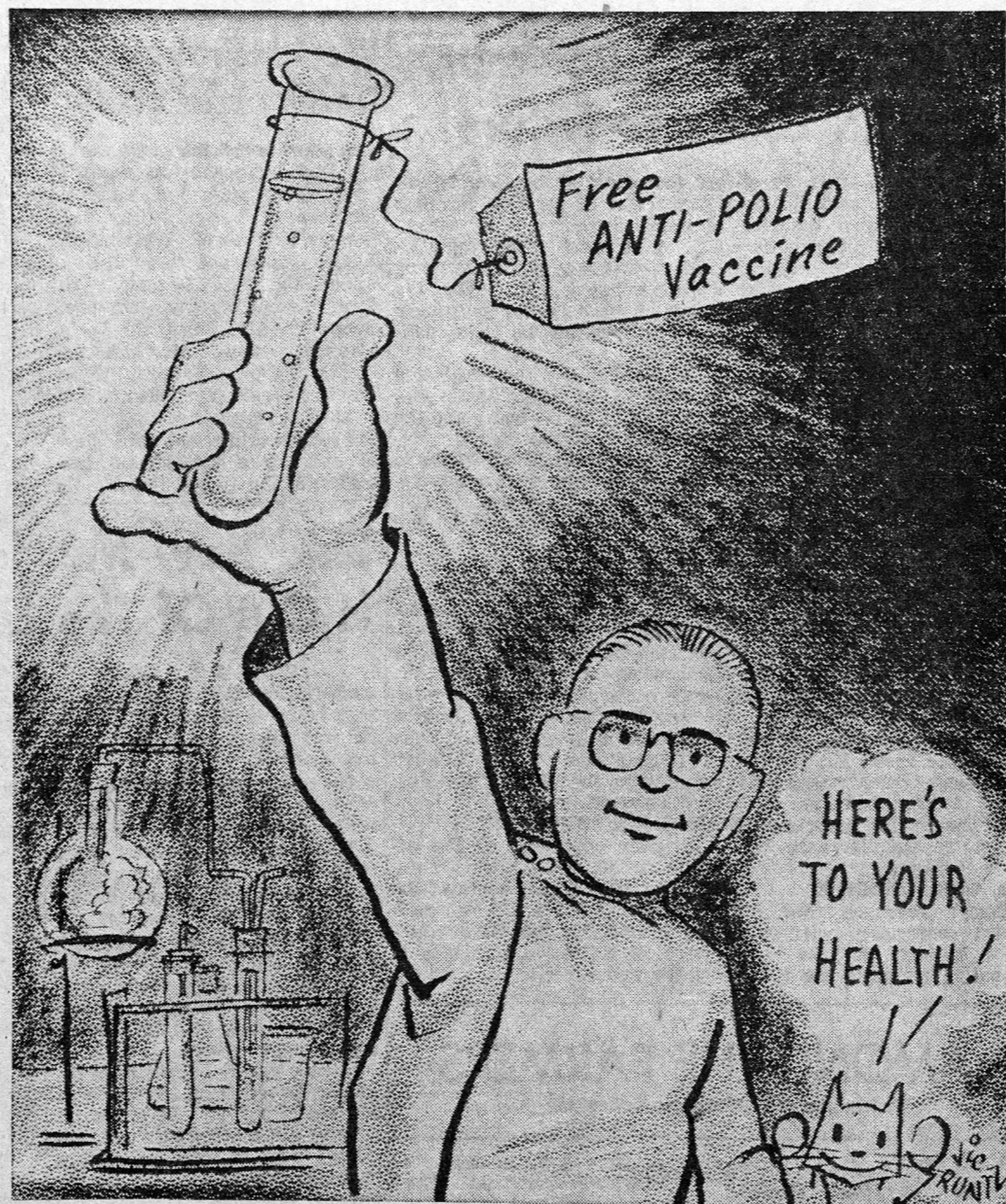
EDITORIAL NOTES

Pig weed may be a nuisance to farmers; but, historically, it has a proud position. Archeologists at Syracuse University say they have proof that it is the oldest wild grain on the North American Continent.

Asked by a school inspector what school he attended in an American mid-west town, a first grade pupil replied: "The Marilyn Monroe School, sir".

A good story of political gobble-dygook comes from Norman, Oklahoma. After explaining to a questioner in a long drawn out speech the difference between allowing Russian membership in the U.N. and barring Communist China, a certain Senator inquired: "Did that answer your question?"

Two Alberta hunters used a "trojan horse" in hunting geese. The two men made a wooden horse big enough so that when it was supported over their stooped bodies their legs took the place of the four legs of the horse.



ANOTHER NEW YEAR TOAST

OTTAWA REPORT

The Franking Privilege

By Patrick Nicholson Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Ottawa: Every Christmas raises a storm of discussion here about the use of the postal frank by Members of Parliament.

The postal regulation reads as follows: "Letters and other mailable matter, except air mail and parcel post, addressed to or by any Member of the Senate or of the House of Commons while at Ottawa, during any session of Parliament or during the ten days immediately preceding or following a session of Parliament, may pass free of postage provided these letters and other matter are posted at or addressed to the Senate or House of Commons and not to the private residence in Ottawa of the member."

That is quite clear. Many members of Parliament keep up a voluminous correspondence with their electors, and never lick a stamp from the time they arrive in Ottawa until after their departure. Many Canadians are discouraged from writing to their own or to other M.P.s because they are not aware that they can send letter after letter of suggestion, commendation or criticism without affixing a five cent stamp to it—always provided that they address such letters to the M.P. at the House of Commons, Ottawa.

TO FRANK OR NOT But there is always the suggestion that it is in some way improper to use this franking privilege for the wholesale distribution of C.L.T.M.s cards. Every other Canadian has to pay for the cost of posting Christmas

greetings, runs this argument, so why should M.P.s slip out from under that expense, and shuck off the cost onto the shoulders of all other Canadians.

Against the background of this thinking, it is interesting to see what happens each Christmas. It is generally recognized that Conservative M.P.s buy stamps for their Christmas greetings, while Liberals use their frank.

One of his Cabinet colleagues however arrived at a neat financial compromise. This was appropriately Finance Minister Donald Fleming. He did not use his parliamentary frank, but neither did he buy a two cent stamp in at least one case; so the recipient paid four cents "postage due" to receive greetings from Hon. Donald Fleming.

And so, for another year, the argument "To frank or not to frank" remains unsettled. But it is unusual now for Parliament to be in session just before Christmas, so generally the question does not arise: for the frank is essentially a privilege which M.P.s can use only during a session, or for the ten days immediately before or immediately following a session.

Caesar's Gallic Capital

National Geographic Society

The French city of Lyon is celebrating its 2,000th anniversary, and people of many lands are joining the year-long birthday party.

In April, French President Rene Coty will personally open the 1958 Lyon fair. Highlights will include museum exhibits, lectures, religious ceremonies, parades, "light and sound" stereophonic shows, and operas in Lyon's archaic theatre where Roman gladiators once fought.

In the eyes of the world, Lyon has long been overshadowed by its sister city, Paris. However, Lyon can boast that it was the glittering capital of Caesar's Gaul when Paris was a frontier town.

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A World Food Bank

Ottawa Citizen

The suggestion for an international food bank, as proposed by Prime Minister Diefenbaker at last week's NATO meeting in Paris, deserves close study. A similar proposal was made almost 10 years ago by Lord Boyd-Orr, when he was head of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization.

A food bank into which surpluses could be placed for distribution to needy countries would have manifest advantages. For exporting countries, "give-away" programs could be placed on an orderly basis, so that international markets would be disrupted as little as possible.

The National Geographic Society says. The site was once occupied by the Segusians, a Gallic tribe. Ancient Phoenicians or Rhodians may also have settled there for a time.

In the year 43 B. C. Munatius Plancus, a friend of Cicero, established a Roman colony on the Fourviere hill, overlooking the site of modern Lyon. In 27 B.C., the emperor Augustus, on a visit to Gaul, made Lyon (then known as Lugdunum) his imperial residence.

Four great military highways met at Lugdunum. They led north to the English Channel, west to the Bay of Biscay, south to the Mediterranean, and east to the Rhine. Magnificent temples, aqueducts, a theatre, and a senate gave Lugdunum much of the grandeur of pagan Rome.

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stant supply of food would be available when they experience a shortage and when they cannot afford to pay for imports—in brief, when they are faced with distress conditions.

It would probably be best if a bank of this kind were administered through the United Nations. If it were handled by a regional alliance, such as NATO, it might become merely another weapon in the cold war, and in the result add to international tensions instead of achieving its real purpose, which would be to reduce friction and bring a degree of trust and confidence into the world.

Many Homes Too Hot And Too Dry

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

WHEN the temperature drops outside, the temperature goes up inside.

Many homemakers, peering at the plunging thermometer on their open back porch, or hearing radio or television reports of a sub-zero cold wave, automatically turn up the thermostat or heave more coal on the fire.

HOT AND DRY

Too many of our homes are too hot and too dry during this cold weather!

Just remember that you aren't going to spend all your time inside. You'll have to go outdoors whether it's to go to work, to shop or merely to call the kids.

And even though you bundle up warmly, stepping from a room that is too warm into below freezing winds may be too great a change. Your body might suffer from the strain, especially if the procedure is repeated frequently.

ADEQUATE TEMPERATURE

Well, I think a high of 70 degrees Fahrenheit is about right. Scientists and doctors have checked into this matter pretty thoroughly and they report this temperature is adequate for most homes.

Now, of course, a temperature of 70 degrees Fahrenheit is not a steadfast rule.

If, for example, someone in the house is ill, or if an elderly person feels chilly under such circumstances, a slightly higher temperature may be maintained, say up to 74 degrees, or so.

The bodies of aged persons, you see, are not able to produce as much heat as those of healthy younger individuals.

CHILLED ROOM

You probably will want to air out your bedrooms. That's fine, providing you don't plan to sleep in a room thoroughly chilled by a cold air pouring in through a wide open window.

The best bet is to open the bedroom windows for 15 minutes before you go to bed. Then close them upon retiring. You'll have plenty of fresh air and you'll be warm and comfortable, too.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

W.D.: I have extremely low blood pressure. Would it be harmful for me to drink alcoholic beverages?

Answer: If there are no symptoms from the low blood pressure and one is normal in other respects, there is no harm, as a rule, in consuming a limited amount of alcoholic beverages. However, this is a matter for your doctor to decide.



THE GHOSTLY WALL

Go down in sleep and bring back dreams From the ocean of subconscious night, Bring up sargassum and black pearls, Bring coral fragments, red and blue, Grope for the spiraled nautilus; Catch chanteys from a mermaid's song—

File treasures high, grown necrotic As the triple tines of Neptune's prong... But diver, avoid the ghostly wall That wrecked and broken, disintegrates Where slopes of Atlantis, crumbling fold Tall towers the tide now laminates: Who dredges there must, wakeful, descend To that watery grave, a continent's end. —Mary Word Elliott in the New York Times.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Jan. 3, 1933)

Mr. C. A. Fowler, architect, Halifax, arrived in the City yesterday with the detailed plans for a new Falconwood Hospital. These plans he is submitting to the Government for approval.

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EXPULSION GOVERNOR

PEIPING (Reuters)—Sha Wen Han, governor of China's east coast province of Chevi, has been dismissed, the Peiping People's Daily reported Wednesday. Sha and three of his senior aides had been branded "rightists" and expelled from the Communist party.

NEWSPAPERMAN DIES

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DUMB CHILDREN KILLED

PICAYUNE, Miss. (AP)—Four children, three of whom could not walk or talk, were burned to death here Wednesday night when fire destroyed their home. A fifth child escaped. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Windham, were not at home when the fire broke out, authorities said. Dead are Cleo, 10, Mary Ellen, 8, John David, 6, all unable to walk or talk, and Betty Jean, who could not talk.

MAXIMS

Whoever is in a hurry shows that the thing he is about is big for him.

HISTORIC SITE

Lower Fort Garry, 20 miles north of Winnipeg, is the only stone fur-trading fort left intact in Canada.

NOTES BY THE WAY

There is a feeling among economists that the boom is flattening out. It's about time, for it has already flattened most of us.—Brandon Sun

Too many meetings are held each month for no better reason than it has been a month since the last one.—Hamilton Spectator

Shoes always hurt when they are too small or when you have to buy them for a whole flock of youngsters.—Kitchener - Waterloo Record

"Poor Year for Striped Bass" says a headline. But it's all in the point of view. The striped bass still alive and swimming thinks, no doubt, that 1957 has been a pretty good year.—Ottawa Journal

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years—people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the heart and turn the greening spirit back to dust.—Smiths Falls Record-News

Mrs. A. L. Caldwell of Saskatoon, president of the Liberal Women's Federation, says more women than ever before will be casting ballots for the new Liberal leader—150 per cent more than in 1948. Look out now for buttonholes, spats and courtly gestures from Mr. Pearson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Harris.—Peterborough Examiner

Books are friends because they are constant companions. There is nothing quite the equal of a small home library. The mere action of opening the pages of a book can bring the reader into communion with the greatest minds this world has ever seen. The public library opens the door into a world of knowledge that is free to everyone who would enter.—Sudbury Star

The old-fashioned spelling bee has been replaced by many things in our schools of far less worth. When the fundamentals and disciplines of education are ignored, the undermining process has been started. It is important to be able to spell correctly and the sooner those in charge of our educational system realize it, the better.—Edmonton Journal

WHAT GOES UP . . .

EL CENTRO, Calif. (AP)—A two-stage homemade rocket swooshed into the desert sky and its five collegiate designers noted with satisfaction that both stages worked. So successful was the Tuesday firing, in fact, that it introduced an interesting third stage into the experiment. To wit: Finding out where it landed.

TERMINAL EVACUATED

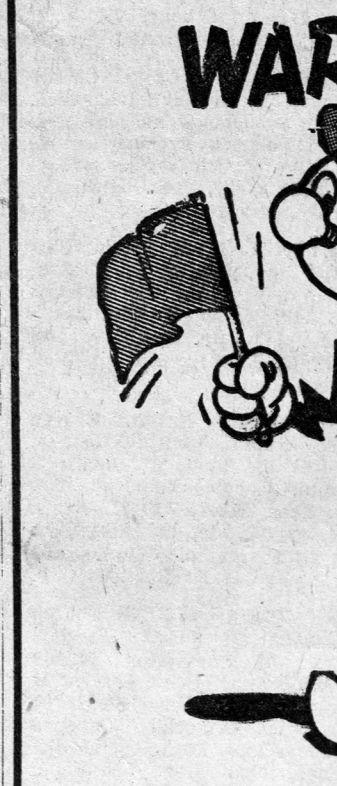
NEW YORK (AP)—The Grand Central Terminal waiting room was evacuated Tuesday night after an anonymous telephone caller said a bomb had been placed in an adjoining baggage room. About 150 persons left while police searched the area for an hour. No bomb was found.

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For some years, Saskatchewan has been naming lakes for its explorers, pioneers and servicemen, the supply of which still seems large. An excursion in the north, however, represents an excursion into Commonwealth relations. Its approval by Ottawa has brought a message of appreciation from Ghana's prime minister, who is "gratified by the special and continuing interest" of Canadian in his country.—Ottawa Citizen.

News photos in recent days have shown a mouse nestling between the ears of a c.t., a bear and a dog sharing the same dish of food, and a budgie greeting a puppy with a kiss. Such pictures become news because animals are referred to as being dumb and given to preying upon each other without provocation. When one reads the international news and learns of the strife that prevails, it is suggested that the term "dumb" has been applied to the wrong species.—Moncton Transcript

It had to happen, people being what they are. And again it happened to a child, at an age when he couldn't fight back. Thus it came about that Monrovia, Cal., has a resident one week old whose full name is Alexander Sputnik Ornelas. Whether in future years he'll be known as Alexander S. or A. Sputnik Ornelas is for time to decide. But for the moment the boy is "dated." And between the ages of six and twenty it could get him into a lot of scraps.—Windsor Star

NOT PINK? NOTTINGHAM, Eng. (Reuters) New Year's celebrants saw a bel-lowing elephant ranging up and down a street early Wednesday. It pushed a car for 50 yards, tried to uproot lamp-posts and, after smashing in a house door, stuck its trunk inside the room. It had escaped from a circus stable and was quieted by its trainer.

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