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 "The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."
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NOTES BY THE WAY

There is only one beautiful child in the world, and every mother has it.—Brandon Sun.

A 60-sided building has been added to the Owen Sound Collegiate, which should provide the students with an all round education.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Picnic season is here and again the country is going to the dogs—or hamburgers.—Sudbury Daily Star.

A national survey found the average Canadian was shorter and heavier than was thought. Possibly shorter in cash and heavier in debt.—Daily Times-Gazette.

They say paper can keep a person warm. We know a fellow who had a mortgage that kept him sweating for twenty years.—Guelph Daily Mercury.

Hay fever, remarks a cynic, seems to be going the same way as money. More people have it these days, but nobody has quite so much of it.—Hamilton Spectator.

When, through lakeshore erosion, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario eventually join up with Lake Huron and Georgian Bay we won't be here to regret it. Apparently lakeshore erosion is something we have to learn to live with.—Farmer's Advocate.

Published by the Newfoundland Tourist Development Office, a Pilot's Guide invites visitors—especially Americans—to come by plane. It tells what to expect at the customs, where gas can be obtained, what the elevations are around Bay Bulls, Big Pond, and what the soundings are at Twillingate. Newfoundland is out to make the most of the air age.

Ex-King Farouk of Egypt congratulates the United Kingdom for withdrawing from the Suez Canal zone of Egypt. Reciprocal courtesy would seem to demand the United Kingdom congratulate Farouk on previously having withdrawn from Egypt.— Windsor Star.

Bonny is five years old. She was one of those tossed out of a 25-foot boat hit by heavy waves in Lake Huron. Exercising remarkable presence of mind, the father rescued Bonny and her baby brother Dennis. And when the excitement was all over, Bonny said: "I wasn't afraid. I knew my Daddy would come and get me." Such complete confidence of a child in her parent is one of the most delightful sides of human relations.—Fort William Times-Journal.

Those who persist in traveling in canoe or outboard motor boat without lifebelts at least at hand are inviting trouble. Actually in outboard motor boats safety officials urge that the belts be on if the boat is traveling at a fast rate. There is always the chance of being thrown out with such suddenness that there will be no time for grabbing a nearby belt. It isn't a bad idea, either, to test out the belts to see that they really will do what one expects them to do in time of crisis.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

The world has become a virtual paradise for pessimists. There's continually an ample supply of things to worry and complain about.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

An era of unprecedented unemployment may be in the offing. A scientist says the time will soon come when people will do only mental work.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Senator Sooper doesn't believe women will stop with this new pipe-smoking fad. Next thing, he says, we'll have cuspidors in decorator colours.—Hamilton Spectator.

Since we can't do anything about the odd weather we have been having this year, we must perform make the best of it. It certainly is good for conventional purposes, a marvellous filler for blank pages in diaries, and a real godsend to editorial writers, hard pressed for subjects now that so many of the international disputes are being settled.—Fredericton Gleaner.

After all, what need is there for anyone to travel more than 50 miles an hour anywhere? At best it only saves a few minutes on any average trip in days when time is never so important because some one will be saved in other ways with all the modern gadgets and conveniences. It is much more important that lives of law-abiding people be saved from the reckless and irresponsible ones who are the offenders.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Twenty-year-old Joyce Landry, Miss Toronto of 1954, currently is visiting California where she was quoted as saying she hasn't seen an American male she could go for—not even two movie stars with whom she cavorted for the benefit of photographic cheese-cake. It isn't that she's belligerent toward U. S. manhood, but simply because her kind of man, she says, is found only in Canada. Now there's nationalism that should spur the pride of every red-blooded Canadian man in this great Dominion of ours.—Niagara Falls Review.

We are rearing a generation of extremists. When the children come into the house they make a bee line for the television set and turn it up to full volume, then go over to the fan and turn it up to "high". The radio has to be turned up as loud as it will go, the windows are flung up as high as they'll go, the doors are banged wide open. When they get a drink the water is turned on full force so it splashes all over the kitchen; when they take baths the tub is filled to the brim. Everything is done with a bang at top speed. Except when it comes to mowing the lawn. Mower has one speed—very slow.—Eldora (Iowa) Herald-Ledger.

The Age Old Story

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

Impediments To Statehood

Residents of Hawaii and Alaska must be wishing these days that partisan considerations were a little less pronounced in United States political circles. For a year or more both districts had been led to expect that very soon they would be admitted as States. So they would have been but for considerations which have nothing to do with the eligibility of their claims. President Eisenhower's idea was to admit Hawaii first; this pleased Republican Congressmen because Hawaii might reasonably be expected to send Republican representatives to Congress. But it did not please the Democrats, who argued that Alaska, which traditionally is inclined to that political Party, should be admitted at the same time; this package deal would not upset the political status quo, at least in the foreseeable future. To make matters more irritating still, from the viewpoint of Iawaiians and Alaskans, the Southern Democratic bloc was not anxious to admit either at this time for fear that the new Congressmen might bolster civil rights strength in Washington.

It is all very unfortunate and not conducive to sound political thinking in either Hawaii or Alaska; but, political partisanship being what it is, it seems that Statehood for either district will have to await the time when one Party or the other can claim and exercise absolute control of Congress. Then both districts can shape their political patterns accordingly, both becoming Republican or Democrat as the situation may demand. Once they are in, each can choose again its own political course.

A Change Of Attitude

About a year ago the people of East Germany were faced with a severe food shortage, amounting in some sections to famine. When news of their plight reached the United States, President Eisenhower offered relief supplies; but the offer was rejected. Foreign Minister Molotov of Russia called the President's action an "insult". That, however, did not prevent millions of the hungry citizens of East Germany from getting American relief; they streamed across the border into the Western zone and picked up their packages of food, in defiance of police and immigration officials. It was reported at the time that many of them went to prison for their boldness in the face of hunger.

This summer, following the most serious flood conditions in many centuries, famine struck anew at East Germany and other areas in the Soviet bloc, and again United States supplies were offered the suffering victims; this time the offer was accepted. This change of attitude on the part of Communist officials may indicate a more sensible and more humanitarian approach to problems of the moment; that would give some cause for hope that relations between Russia and the West are improving a bit. On the other hand, of course, the new attitude may mean nothing more than that Communist leaders were anxious to avoid a repetition of last year's hostile demonstrations with their embarrassing diplomatic effects. In any event, the important thing is that hungry and homeless people have been given a measure of relief; it is a shame that human destitution should ever be aggravated by political disputation.

Golf In Ireland

"Conchobhar went out on the green, and he saw something at which he marvelled—three times fifty boys at one end of the green and one boy at the other end of it, and the one boy was defeating the three times fifty youths at the goal and in driving the ball. When they were playing the hole-game (for the hole-game used to be practised on the green at Emhain), and when it was their turn to keep goal and his to hurl, he would put three times fifty balls into the hole without missing."

A bulletin issued by the Irish Government cites the above extract from an ancient Irish tale, "The Cattle Raid of Cooley"; the youthful hero is Cuchulainn; the game might well be the fore-runner of golf as well as of hurling. Make the hole so difficult that it does not require a hero to defend it, reduce the number of players and the game does in fact bear a striking resemblance to present-day golf. "To make this claim, however," says the bulletin, "would deprive a neighbouring Celtic nation of an honour of which it is rightly proud."

While Ireland must forego the honour of being the home of golf, it has neverthe-

less been associated with the game for more than three hundred years. The Hamilton Manuscripts record that a game known as "Goff" was played in Newtownards about the year 1600; King Charles I, it is said, was playing golf at Leith when he first received news of the Irish Rebellion of 1641.

In Ireland interest in the game did not however develop to any great extent until the late eighteenth century, although records show that the game was played on the plains of Kildare at the beginning of the nineteenth century. One of the oldest clubs in the country is in this area, the Curragh Golf Club, founded in 1885. This honour is shared with two other clubs, the Royal Belfast, established in 1881, and the Royal Dublin or Dollymount Golf Club, founded also in 1885. Since the establishment of these clubs hardly a year has passed without the foundation of a golf course in some part of Ireland until at present there are more than two hundred in the country. In Dublin City alone there are seven clubs; in Dublin County, twenty. Most famous of all is perhaps Portmarnock, hard on the shores of Dublin Bay, and which has been with some truth described as the St. Andrews of Ireland.

Advice On Chips

Maritime potato chip manufacturers are making chips or "crisps" of excellent quality, reports the Experimental Station at Kentville, N. S., and those who have enjoyed the various brands of chips produced in Prince Edward Island will thoroughly agree. The trick, it seems, is to use the right kind of potato.

Chips must be crisp, light, golden brown and not too greasy. The greatest factor in achieving this result is starting with a potato in which starch, sugar and water are in proper proportion. The plants convert sunlight and plant foods into simple sugars, which are then stored in the tubers in the form of starch. Storage of starch is greatest in the late growth period.

A potato high in starch is usually low in water content and gives a chip which is crisp and not greasy. A potato which is still producing sugars when harvested will give a chip of deep mahogany brown colour. It follows that well-matured tubers are required for the chip industry. Digging the crop before the vines die down is a disadvantage from the chip manufacturers point of view.

Storage below 55 degrees Fahrenheit also results in the formation of sugar which, however, can be eliminated by the potatoes being "cured" in a warm room after their period of storage at comparatively low temperatures.

The varieties which lend themselves to suitable storage for chip making are Irish Cobbler, Katahdin, Kennebec, Sebago and for late season manufacture, Nettle Gem.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Five-day or medium-range weather forecasts will be available next year, promises the Dominion Public Weather Office. The service should be valuable to a great many people but the weatherman can expect more rather than less criticism.

The concern expressed recently by Federal livestock marketing officials at the prevalence of over-weight hogs has a serious enough basis. The solution is fairly simple, however, and the adoption of Prince Edward Island Yorkshire breeding stock on a national scale would put the entire Canadian industry on its feet.

The fortress of Bomarsund on Aland Island was captured by the French and English this date 1854, after a bombardment lasting a week. It was destroyed and the treaty of Paris bound the Russians not to rebuild the fortification commanding the Gulf of Bothnia. It now lies within Finnish territory and the Finns are bound by a treaty with Russia to demilitarize the area.

Work will begin shortly on rebuilding London's famous "oranges and lemons" church, the blitzed St. Clement Danes, at present an empty shell in the Strand. Plans for its reconstruction as the Royal Air Force memorial church have been approved. The architect in charge will start work in a few weeks time. The church will be restored as far as possible to the original Wren design and the work will take about two years. The "nursery rhyme" bells have been recast and will eventually hang in the 115 foot tower again. Built in 1686, St. Clement was burned out in 1941 and has since remained an ugly scar on the main approach to the City of London. As the RAF church it will have some new interior features. The floor of the nave will be inlaid with all the squadron badges of the RAF carved in squares of slate. When rebuilt the church may again be used for the traditional children's service held before the war on every March 31. At the end of this service children of Danish residents in London would hand oranges and lemons to the other children.



Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

From the Royal Gazette, March 24, 1840:
 A few days since, some persons of the name of Burns and Cameron, while lumbering in the woods at Bedeque, came to a den, wherein a huge bear was domiciled. He was first attacked with clubs, not finally despatched with a gun. We have seen his skin, which is beautiful, and he weighed upwards of 500 lbs.

A. Lane, Captain and Town Major, Her Majesty's 57th Regiment, quartered at Charlottetown, announces that "any persons apprehending Deserters, or who shall give such information as may lead to their apprehension, will be entitled to receive at the Treasury of this Island the sum of Five Pounds for each Deserter, over and above the reward allowed by the Articles of War; and any person found harbouring, concealing, or assisting any deserter from Her Majesty's service, is liable to pay for every such offence the sum of Twenty Pounds."

James H. Conroy, Charlottetown, advertises for sale the leasehold interest of 200 acres of land, for 999 years, at one shilling sterling per acre, beautifully situated on the south shore of Lot 26, Bedeque; about sixty acres cleared, with a 26 x 36 feet, a new barn, a good draw-well at the house, and a constant brook within 200 yards of it; also with an inexhaustible supply of sea manure on the shore, and a level bank to haul it up.

At about 11 o'clock last night an alarm was given, that Mr. Pethick's Brewery was on fire, and indeed but for the prompt assistance which was afforded, and the great exertions which were used, that valuable building would soon have been a heap of ruins. We are happy to say the fire was got under control, with apparently little damage.

James Narraway advertises that he will be happy to receive orders "for the erection of his Threshing Machines, either for two, three, or four horses power, or to be put in operation by water. There are twelve or fourteen of his Machines erected in Prince County, and give general satisfaction."

On Tuesday last, the anniversary of St. Patrick, the members of the Benevolent Irish Society partook of a dinner prepared for them at the Wellington Hotel. Francis Longworth, Sr., Esq., the President of the Society, assisted by Dr. Conroy, the vice president, presided on the occasion. The appearance of the room was much enlivened by a tasteful arrangement of evergreens and well disposed transparencies. Among the latter was a very pleasing representation of the venerable St. Patrick, and an animated likeness of the Lord Chief Baron of Ireland, Daniel O'Connell.

Good While It Lasted

(Exchange)
 A man was making an application for employment with a certain company and asked the personnel manager:
 "Does the company pay for my Blue Cross insurance?"
 "No you pay for it. It is deducted from your salary each month."
 "Last place I worked they paid for it," the applicant said.
 "Did they give you a life insurance policy, too?" the personnel manager asked.
 "Sure."
 "Profit sharing?"
 "Sure."
 "Two and three-week vacations?"
 "Yes, and big bonuses, gifts on your birthday and—"
 "Why did you leave?"
 "The company folded."

SEE POLITICAL ASYLUM CUXHAVEN, Germany (AP)—Four teen-age East German fishermen deserted their ship, the Neues Deutschland, here Saturday and asked West German authorities for political asylum. Wolfgang Sandhop, 16, Peter Witt, 16, Burgard Schifke, 17, and Hans Gastert, 17, said they waited aboard the vessel until their political commissar went asleep and then slipped ashore. The Neues Deutschland is a training ship for fishermen.

Mystery Of Stonehenge

Jack Stepler in the Ottawa Citizen

Salisbury Plain is a familiar corner of England to two generations of Canadians, fathers and son who fought in two great wars. And familiar to them, too, is a puzzle that has been intriguing the British for a good many centuries. Holidaying Britons will go miles out of their way to visit Salisbury Plain, to stare open-mouthed at the sarsen and blue stones of Stonehenge, and to ponder its purpose. For its origin is as puzzling as the great white horses carved into the chalk hills a few miles northeast. Serious men of science, with imposing arrays of letters after their names, spend hours carefully excavating the ground around upright and fallen stones which, for some reason that continues to elude researchers, were set in a precise geometric pattern by a race of people who have left only this monument to their descendants 4,000 years later.

Stonehenge is not a static puzzle. It is as much alive today as it has been for the past few hundred years. But it is a puzzle which, sphinx-like, keeps its secrets from even the most astute archaeologists; and keeps them returning year after year to dig a little more, sift a little more, and learn a little more.

Two men whose names are currently prominent among those probing the Stonehenge mystery are Prof. Stuart Piggott and R. J. C. Atkinson. They recently took part in a television documentary which described how Stonehenge was built, where the stones came from—and what Stonehenge was not.

Primarily, it was not a sacrificial temple built by the Druids. This theory is as popular as it is incorrect. Perhaps the Druids used it as a temple; if they did, they inherited it from the real builders, who pre-dated them by hundreds of years.

Recent excavations indicate that there were three Stonehenges, the first dating to about 1900 B.C. And during the next two or four centuries the other two were built on the same spot, in the manner of alteration and revision rather than as completely new construction.

It is also indicated that some of the destruction at Stonehenge was caused by the Romans, who took punitive measures against the Druids because of their human

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The Poet's Corner

COOL TOMBS
 When Abraham Lincoln was shoved into the tombs, he forgot the copperheads and the assassins... in the dust, in the cool tombs.
 And Ulysses Grant lost all thought of con men and Wall Street, cash and collateral turned ashes... in the dust, in the cool tombs.
 Pechahontas' body, lovely as a poplar, sweet as a red haw in November or a pawpaw in May, did she wonder: does she remember... in the dust, in the cool tombs?
 Take any streetful of people buying their clothes and groceries, cheering a hero or throwing confetti and blowing tin horns... tell me if the lovers are losers... tell me if any get more than the lovers... in the dust... in the cool tombs.
 —Carl Sandburg.

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