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THE STRONGEST MEMORY IS WEAKER THAN THE WEAKEST INK.

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Cause For Rejoicing

The United Nations' tale of woe changes its emphasis so frequently these days that it is risky to speculate on what may happen in any particular problem from one day to another.

Every conceivable threat was thrown in Israel's direction; and at one stage it seemed that the United States was prepared to throw her to the wolves, as the price for gaining oil monopolies and the flattery of Arabian despots.

No one will pretend that Israel has been blameless in the disputes and tensions which have kept the Middle East in turmoil for several years. But, surely, no fair observer can fail to see that Israel has been goaded beyond measure by neighbors whose chief aim is her total destruction as an independent and democratic state.

Aiding The Communists

Mr. John Foster Dulles (strange how that man's name crops up so often!) is, of course, as anti-Communist as any man living. Every now and again, however, he is not above giving the Communists something to gloat about.

Whatever validity there may be for this view (the Americans who are languishing in Chinese prisons probably won't think too much of it) the Chinese themselves are saying that it is merely an excuse for keeping American newsmen from obtaining a good report at first hand of the Communist regime.

Nevertheless, the Chinese reaction to Mr. Dulles' views represents excellent propaganda to feed to the people of Asia who will say, however mistakenly that Mr. Dulles does not want the American people to learn the truth about China.

New Fishing Gadget

Now comes word that an electronic device will soon be brought to the aid of fishermen, both those who hunt on the seas and those who cast a lure, or even on occasion a piece of bait, in lakes and streams.

No doubt, the device will be a boon to commercial salt-water fishing; for a large part of a fishing crew's time is taken up in weary and often unprofitable searching. But for trout fishermen? No, a thousand times no; except, of course, for that small and unenlightened few to whom a well filled creel is the goal of their dreams.

Synthetic Gasoline?

Quite a furore has been created by the claims of two engineers in Sheffield, England, to have discovered a method of producing a synthetic gasoline by using three liquids which are in plentiful supply, and which can be quickly assembled to produce a fuel which, it is claimed is equivalent to 85 per cent octane gasoline.

While at present supplies of the fuel are not available, the discoverers claim that within a very short time they will have supplies ready, and that representatives of the British press will be invited to test the fuel. It is claimed for it that it is just as efficient as gasoline, and that while at the start the two engineers will be able to produce only about 30,000 gallons a week, which is but a drop in the bucket of Britain's needs, it has tremendous possibilities for expansion of production.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is reported that Immigration Minister Pickersgill had an interview with the Queen when he was in London on his way back from Austria. At that time, though, he did not have in his pocket the letter addressed to Her Majesty by a group of Canadian citizens.

A news report says that King Saud of Saudi Arabia and Crown Prince Iah of Iraq, both of whom visited President Eisenhower, have "their differences" respecting what is good for the Middle East. That's so; but when they came to Washington they had one thing in common. Each was looking for all the money he could lay his hands on.

Speakers at George Washington's birthday celebrations went out of their way to explain that the story of George and the cherry-tree is a myth, not to be included in the great man's history. If it's a myth, it's a good one, and it's a pity to disturb it. It's hard, in any case, to tell exactly where myth ends and fact begins.

A news report says that owing to gasoline rationing "the traditional Sunday morning pint of beer is disappearing in London." It's a little difficult to see the connection, but anyway something will have to be done about this particular austerity. Londoners are noted for great powers of endurance, but there's a limit to what they can stand.



SENTIMENTS OF THE SEASON

GOVERNOR BOWLEN'S CAREER

Rangeland Pioneer From P. E. I.

Grant MacEwan in the Farm and Ranch Review, Calgary

Albertans know J. J. Bowlen as a rancher and politician. But as one who experienced all the varieties of pioneer hardship and had to "fight for every nickel" he acquired. His early experiences embraced many other activities, even a job as street-car conductor in the city of Boston and a stint of army service wearing the United States uniform at the time of the Spanish-American war.

The home on Prince Edward Island to which Irish Bowlen came several generations back and where Jack Bowlen was born on July 21st, 1876, was a small one, just like the others in that section of Canada. There he attended school, milked cows and did various farm chores. When he was 16 years of age and considered himself a grown man, Jack Bowlen set out to make his own way in the world.

He happened to be at Fort MacLeod one day late in 1908 and he waited for a train, a band of horses was being driven through town. Jack Bowlen learned that the horses were for sale. He could handle a bunch like that and instead of watching the train, he offered \$7,500 for the 150 head. The owner said, "sold," and Bowlen made out a cheque for the total amount before he realized that he didn't have that much money or credit. It was a horrible sensation and there were visions of dire consequences. But evidently the Humboldt banker had confidence in this young fellow and the cheque was honored.

AT RED DEER RIVER Those horses were driven to High River and wintered at straw piles in the spring. Four riders equipped with a cook wagon were instructed to drive the horses the six hundred miles to Humboldt. At went well until the outfit reached the Red Deer River. It was in flood and angry about it. The party would have to wait for lower water or swim. Decision was made to swim with extra help, the big band of unco-operative horses was induced to enter the water. Even then the troubles were not over because nine horses were lost by drowning. In spite of that loss, however, the trip was complete and the horses sold at a profit of about ten thousand dollars. Needless to say, Jack Bowlen went back to Alberta for more horses and in each of the few years following he was selling about a thousand Alberta horses in Saskatchewan.

(To be concluded)

A Wife Is Heard From

A man can be bold in his words when a few thousand miles of land and sea separates him from the wife he intends to "Orientalize" on his return. A journalist from the United Kingdom, touring Japan, is impressed by the manner in which Japanese wives wait hand and foot on their husbands. He said as much, and more, in an article in an English newspaper. His wife saw it.

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.

ALLOWANCE FOR THE BLIND

Sir,—About a month ago there appeared in the Public Forum of the Guardian, a letter by Mr. George Haines, President of the Friendship Club of the Blind, Charlottetown, calling on the people of this Province to support their program "to impress upon the Government of Canada the need for a supplementary allowance free from income tax to be paid to all blind, people over the age of eighteen."

On behalf of the Charlottetown Lions Club, I would like to take this opportunity of presenting a few facts before the public in support of their cause and the reasons why we as a public service organization wholeheartedly endorse this program.

The general public are probably aware of the fact that there is a federal-provincial allowance for blind persons between the ages of 18 and 69, but are they aware of the fact that this only applies to those in destitute circumstances, and that only about one-third of Canada's blind population (21,000) receive it in whole or in part; that it is subject to a strict means test which limits a single person to monthly earnings of \$40.00 per month over and above his allowance and a married person to \$90.00 that the Federal-provincial allowance itself is \$40.00 per month; that employed blind persons, earning at income tax exemption level of \$1,000.00 for a single person and \$2,000.00 for married categories, are ineligible.

This means that if you are a single blind person drawing this allowance you are limited to \$80.00 a month to maintain a livelihood or your allowance is cut in proportion to what you make over your own earning power of \$40.00 per month, and if married you are limited to \$130.00 per month and the same proportional cut in allowance over that amount. The federal-provincial blind allowance ceases at the age of 70 when blind people along with all other Canadians become eligible for the Old Age Security pension regardless of means. Have you ever stopped to think what it means to be blind? It isn't only that you have lost one of life's most precious gifts, but a lifelong physical handicap and any blind person will tell you "it costs money to be blind." Where the average workman can jump into his car or take a street car, etc., to go to work, the sightless person has to take a taxi or employ a guide to take him there. Think of the blind housewife, who may be very competent in her own home and kitchen, but can't go out bargain hunting like her sighted counterpart? No, she has to rely on her telephone and delivery for her daily needs which quite often means additional expense. You could go on and on thinking of the many aspects of the daily routine of life where it is costing the sightless more than the sighted to accomplish the same task, so suffice it to say that "it costs money to be blind" and support the blind in their effort to secure their allowance without a means test to make them better equipped to bear the added cost of living that their handicap imposes.

How can we help? Lend our voice and influence through letters to our local Member of Parliament, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, other members of the Cabinet and House of Commons. Discuss the question in public and inform as many people as possible and learn more about the robbers of our blind neighbors. By doing this we will be helping those who are trying to help themselves.

I am, Sir, etc., E. S. MATHESON, President, Charlottetown Lions Club.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

QUESTIONS DOCTORS ASK TO SPOT POSSIBLE CANCER A doctor is no magician. He can't tell whether a person has cancer simply by looking at him. But he probably will be able to tell after asking a few simple questions and making a thorough, painless, physical examination.

PHYSICAL CHECKUP When you go in for a physical check-up—and you should have one at least once a year—your physician probably will ask you these following questions regarding possible symptoms of cancer.

Have you noticed any painless lumps or thickening, especially in the lip, tongue or breast?

Have you at any time noticed any unusual bleeding from any natural body opening or from the nipples?

ANY SORES? Have you any sores, particularly around the tongue, mouth or lips, that have refused to heal?

Are your bowel habits regular? Have you noticed any change? Have you warts or moles? Has there been any change in any of these?

Are you bothered with persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing?

Have you experienced any persistent hoarseness or unexplained cough?

Have you gained or lost weight recently? How is your appetite? With your answers as a guide, he will then examine your lips, cheeks (inside and out), tongue and tonsils. He will check your scalp and neck for any scaly or bleeding sores, unhealed scars or black moles. He'll pay particular attention to the glands of the neck and armpits.

POSSIBLE X-RAY With a stethoscope, the doctor will examine your chest. He may order an X-ray.

Simply by touching and applying pressure, he can check the size and character of your internal organs. He can detect any unusual enlargement or growth in your muscles, joints and bones by manipulating them with his hands.

WOMEN PATIENTS With women patients, he'll check the breasts, cervix and uterus. A rectal examination is advisable for both men and women and particular attention should be paid to the prostate gland in men.

Finally, he'll make a urinalysis to uncover anything else that might be wrong.

QUESTION AND ANSWER B. C.: Would an X-ray reveal an intestinal inflammation?

Answer: As a rule, X-ray examination will not reveal intestinal inflammation. However, it may show that the bowel is contracted, or that there are defects in the bowel wall which may be signs that infections are present.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 14, 1932)

A letter from the Board of Railway Commissioners refusing the Charlottetown Board of Trade's

NOTES BY THE WAY

In Barotseland, it is charged that witchcraft and politics have become mixed. Well... where haven't they?—Hamilton Spectator

Doctors advise us not to do things in a hurry, and it's surprising how many people take their advice when it comes to paying the bill for it.—Hamilton Spectator

Amazingly little progress seems to have been made in dealing with the problem of hostile dogs who pick on mail carriers. It was said in the House of Commons last August that up to that month 183 carriers had suffered dog bites and required medical attention. Dominion employees are entitled to compensation for injuries, and many such claims probably are included in the Ontario Compensation Board's statistics, which show between 200 and 300 claims annually for injuries caused by "animals, insects and snakes."—Toronto Telegram.

request for the restoration of double train service with the mainland was read at the regular meeting of the Board last evening. The Committee was advised to bring the matter to the attention of the Premier for a claim against the Federal Government of non-fulfillment of Confederation terms.

Thirty-five ratings of the Charlottetown Half Company of Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserves left on Saturday for their ninth annual training, which takes place in Halifax next week. The men will receive training in seamanship, gunnery, signals, torpedo and stoking.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 14, 1947) Mr. L. C. Callbeck, of the Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology leaves this morning by plane for Toronto to attend the annual meeting of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association, and will address the Monday morning session. Mr. Callbeck will visit Science Service Officers in Ottawa before returning home.

Thirty-five applications have been received for a Red Cross First Aid Instructors School which will be held this week in the Canadian Legion Home. To qualify as instructors each candidate at the conclusion of the course will be examined by a committee in theoretical and practical knowledge and also teach a class a short lesson in first aid.

The best traffic safety slogan of all is "Licence Suspended."—Sudbury Daily Star

If only the mercury would take its cue from the cost of living spring would soon be here.—Lethbridge Herald

Science says slow-moving people live longest. Motorists may be, but not pedestrians.—Brandon Sun

Information comes that Canadianians drank about 13 billion cups of tea during 1956. The country seems to have taken this beverage on an even keel. Not a head-ache in the lot. Nobody has been seen staggering home from a tea party.—Cape Breton Post

Nasser and the Cairo mob are reported to be showing high glee over the resignation of Anthony Eden. Like the dynamiting of De Lessups' memorial, this sort of thing gets their minds off their avalanche of troubles.—Winnipeg Tribune

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce suggests tax cuts on a "deferred" basis—that is, the taxpayer would get a credit note to be redeemed when inflation ceases to be an issue. The taxpayer would rather have the cash in hand.—Ottawa Journal

In the new aluminum town of Kitimat seventy-five per cent of the electorate turned out in a foot of snow to choose their councillors and school trustees and to approve \$3 million in by-laws. It is good to see one of our newest communities showing such vitality, and pointing the way to other voters who should know better.—Vancouver Province

United States Senate proposes a pension of \$25,000 a year to ex-presidents, with free secretarial service as required. Two men will benefit if the House of Representatives agrees.—Herbert Hoover and Harry Truman, Canada makes letters as such, though of course they can qualify under the general pension scheme of Parliament.—Ottawa Journal

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THE POET'S FEAR

We who dreamed of the dark, On nights of our eyes, dreamed of the rich red hush Heavy with wine-dyed shapes and the rush of waters Wide and dark brimming the brook of our eyes.

—Ryah Turnarik Goodman In The New York Times