

At Ninety-Three

This community owes a debt it can never repay to such grand old family physicians as Dr. G. F. Dewar, who observed his ninety-third birthday anniversary here yesterday.

That was before the days of public health clinics and social security funds. We do not know how many bills Dr. Dewar conveniently "forgot" to send out in necessitous cases...

These amiable qualities he has carried with him into ripe old age, along with a lively interest in current affairs and in the personal problems of young people...

It is the hope of all his friends that he will enjoy many more anniversaries, in health and good spirits, in his well-earned retirement.

Shakespeare & The Turk

Most of the speeches in the U.N. General Assembly are so stilted and so lacking in imagination that it is refreshing to hear of something out of the ordinary...

Speaking in the debate on Cyprus, Fatim Rustu Zorlu, Foreign Minister of Turkey, quoted from Shakespeare's "Othello" in support of his argument that the island should be divided into Greek and Turkish sections.

"When we consider the impertinence of Cyprus to the Turk And let ourselves again but understand That, as it more concerns the Turk than Rhodes, We must not think the Turk is so unskilful To leave that latest which concerns him first."

22 Million Christmas Trees

In a Government booklet is the information that Canada's 1958 crop of Christmas trees is placed at 22 million. Many will grace Canadian living rooms shortly but still more will be exported to the United States.

Three native species are most popular — the balsam fir with its shining glossy leaves, the stocky white spruce, and the Scotch pine. The fir is the most handsome but an abundance of sticky gum and the fact that its leaves shed easily have made many Yuletide celebrants turn to the drier and more durable Scotch pine.

Only in recent decades have Christmas trees become an industry. In earlier times they came chiefly from farmers' woodlots as most hereabouts still do.

At first glance one would think it wasteful to cut down saplings from five to 10 feet high. Would it not be more profitable in the long run to let them grow for eventual use as lumber and pulpwood?

Nehru Has Cow Trouble

Prime Minister Nehru of India is being threatened with a suit under the criminal procedure code for "outraging the religious feelings" of the Hindu community.

This equating horses with cows is outrageous to a devout Hindu. But the amazing thing is that Pandit Sita Ram Khemka, the would-be plaintiff, charges that Nehru said that "he looks up to the cow as he does to the horse."

India, it is said, has more cows per capita than the United States has automobiles. And most of them are useless. They don't give milk. They get in everyone's way.

Pandit Sita Ram personifies Nehru's problems in India. He has run against Nehru in elections. And, as Nehru has said, has confined his campaign to leading a cow about and repeating, over and over, "Ram, Ram, Ram."

It must be discouraging, comments an exchange, to be faced with the terrific problem of raising 370,000,000 people by their bootstraps while being forced to compete for support with a cow.

EDITORIAL NOTES

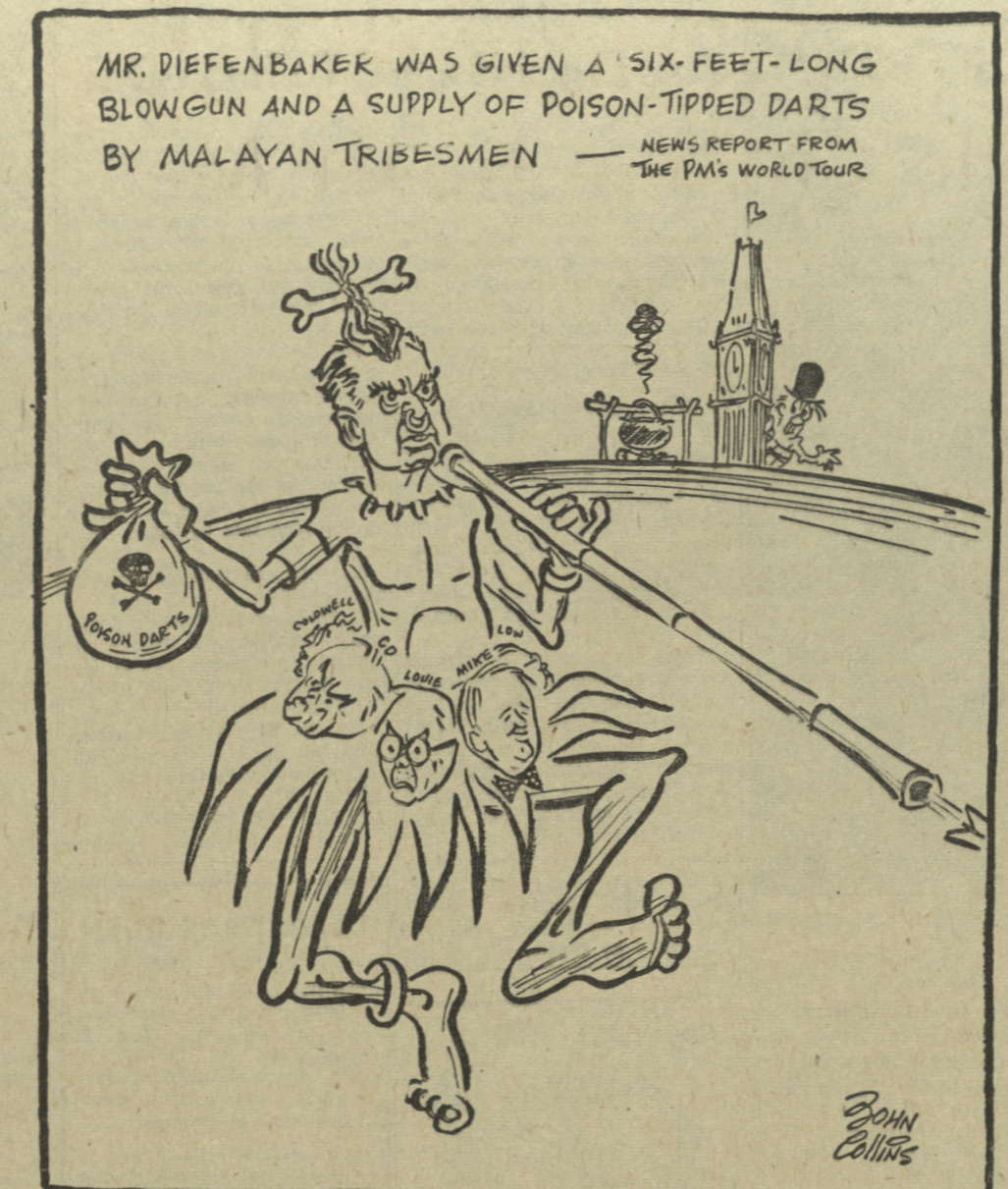
The Maritime Electric Company has the right idea concerning the destruction of trees that present a hazard to lighting operations—whenever a tree is cut down, plant another of a suitable variety in its place.

British Government officials are said to be disturbed about the growing number of unemployed. The figure stands at about 530,000. By current Canadian standards, that is not a bad showing.

The two Federal by-elections in this country on Monday next are of considerable interest. Both seats were won by Conservatives in the last general election.

A news report says that "de Gaulle's grip on the French Government is tightened" by the election of one of his supporters as Speaker of the Assembly.

It seems that only passengers with plenty of time on their hands can afford to take passage on the "William Carson" on the North Sydney-Port Aux Basques run.



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National Aviation Policy

Canada will be ready and eager to take full advantage of the Jet Age. The traveller's need, the engineer's deed, and above all the Government's lead have beneficially coincided to overcome the disruptive and constraining influence of distance in our national life.

Our national aviation policy also aims at attaining another objective, more profitable than the earnings of a transportation utility and more far-sighted than the convenience of speedier travel.

Prime Minister John Diefenbaker won overwhelming support at the polls largely by firing the voters' imagination with his "vision" of northern development, by the allure of his word picture of our sleeping beauty of a northland being awakened by his own Prince Charming kiss.

But that awakening can only be achieved through the aeroplane. AIRCRAFT ESSENTIAL. An earlier prime minister had the vision to link the tiny scattered communities of British North America by means of an east-west transcontinental rail of steel.

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This program does not comprise solely such important shop-window work as the construction of a bigger and better air terminal building at Montreal's international airport.

It aims at the provision of a fully-equipped airport, a "depot" of the Jet Age, to serve every community which can use air transportation.

But more significantly, it provides for the take over and operation of airstrips constructed in our Arctic by the Americans.

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Important To Baby's Health

By Herman N. Bundesen M. D. A NEW mother generally is much more considerate of her baby's welfare than she is of her own.

Now this is very understandable and even laudable. But to a certain extent it also may be a great mistake. Your baby's health, you must realize, depends really upon your own health.

To help preserve your energy, and to make sure you are ample, doctors as a rule suggest that if it is at all possible, you lie down for 10 to 15 minutes between each household chore, and this includes caring for the baby.

As a rule, the best way of conserving your strength and your breast milk supply probably is to get someone in to help you during the first month, or month and a half, that you are home.

Battle Concerning Teeth

The controversy over whether the ideal water will be decided by the city's ratepayers soon. It will be a mercy for the teeth of the Charlottetown juveniles if the outcome is an affirmative majority.

After years of debating the issue pro and con, the Charlottetown City Council recently voted unanimously for fluoridation, but opponents of the project weren't willing to accept the council's decision sitting down.

A majority vote for the proposition might not altogether silence the people who oppose fluoridation, but would reduce them to impotence so far as capacity to interfere is concerned.

Experience where fluoridation of city water has succeeded has been that the people who oppose it finally subside, drink the fluoridated water without a qualm, and actually seem to enjoy being alive.

Then, after a few years, when investigation shows that the incidence of tooth decay in a city has been markedly lowered, the erstwhile opponents of fluoridation are glad to be as inconspicuous as they had been before they made themselves public figures by storming city hall against it.

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Dec. 13, 1933) Ceasing her daily trips from Charlottetown to Rocky Point on the earliest date for some years, the S.S. Hillsboro made her last crossing on Sunday last.

The Canadian Airways nine passenger DeHavilland Dragon plane which has been in the London - P.E.I. airmail and passenger service for the past month left yesterday for Montreal where it will be equipped with skiis suitable to make landings at either airfield.

TEN YEARS AGO (Dec. 13, 1948) The City Council decided last night to meet the Queens County representatives in Parliament, to register a protest against the election for the proposed site of the new Dominion Government building.

Eleven retired members of the Island Division, C.N.R. were honored yesterday afternoon when they received Imperial Service Medals for long service. They included Jerome Bernard, William Brown, Benjamin D. Condon, George H. Douglas, Peter Holland, Harry Hyde, J.J. King, G. A. Kelly, Josephine McInnis, Cyrus L. Partridge, George B. Fancher.

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him. DRY AREA Annual rainfall in the Punjab area of Pakistan averages only about 10 inches.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A discouraging bit of news for anglers is the autopsy report on a large trout found dead—possibly of old age—in a Wyoming lake. Its stomach was found to contain a large ball of fish line, several lead sinkers, three spinners, one swivel, one minnow hook and two regular hooks—mute tokens of many successful encounters with man.—Globe and Mail

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