

Power Of The Classics

While statesmen of many lands are searching feverishly for some political formula that might bridge the ever widening gulf between the ideological divisions of mankind, it is interesting and refreshing to note that Dr. Gilbert Murray, one of the great scholars of the world, is recommending study of the classics as "the one center round which the gentler and nobler influence of the world can gather and stand fast."

No one knows better than Dr. Murray the nature of the link which connects the thought of ancient and mediaeval philosophers to the pragmatism of 20th century practices and customs; no one is more conscious of the futility of short cuts to economic and political well-being.

They might even teach us a more Christian approach to the bitter war settlement problems confronting world statesmen today. The following passage, written many years ago by Dr. Murray, relates to the ancient Greek custom of marking victories by a trophy and nothing more:

Not a bad moral, one would think, for the Geneva Conference delegates to ponder under the shadow of the hydrogen bomb.

New Aid To Science

Leukemia is one of the diseases which thus far have resisted all the efforts made by scientists to bring them under control. However, research into this devastating scourge of the blood is going on all the time and there have been hopeful signs in recent months that the much sought cure is in sight.

Apart from their contribution to science, bats have emerged from the preliminary studies with enhanced reputations as concerning their ways of living. Contrary to unkind things often said about them, they are unable to bite human beings, for the simple reason that their mouths and teeth

are too small for any such pastime. They do not transmit any disease to any other form of life, and they are clean and sanitary in their personal habits. It may be true, after all, that no living thing, however humble, is "useless or low" in the great scheme of creation and in the structure of the good and abundant life.

All-Climate Breed

The Montreal Gazette cites reports from Texas, to the effect that attempts to breed "hot-climate" cattle have been successful. By crossing the English shorthorn with the Brahma bull of India, Texas breeders say they have developed a new species, the Santa Gertrudis, which develops healthily in both hot and humid and hot and dry climates.

Development of the new breed can be important for more areas than the drought-ridden U. S. Southwest. The fact that the Santa Gertrudis are also reputed to fight their own battles against insects and parasites could make them an important factor in many other parts of the world.

They could, for instance, be of enormous value in various sections of Africa, where stock-breeding has been difficult both because of climate and deadly insects, such as the tsetse fly. The introduction of home-produced meat into the native diet could have considerable effect on the health standards of the central States.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The monsoon has started in north India, offering the prospect that Communist supply trucks will be unable to continue rolling in from the North. There does not seem to be any report on the success or otherwise of French attempts to create rainfall artificially.

New long-range navigation aids which could span the world's longest air routes—including the Atlantic—are being developed by a British company. Technical details have been put forward to the International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal which is representative of some 63 different member states.

The Regimental Band of the Irish Guards will travel to Canada this summer to play at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. This will be the band's first trip to Canada since 1934. Directed by Captain C. H. Jaeger, the band consists of 60 musicians. Colonel of the Irish Guards is Field Marshal Lord Alexander of Tunis.

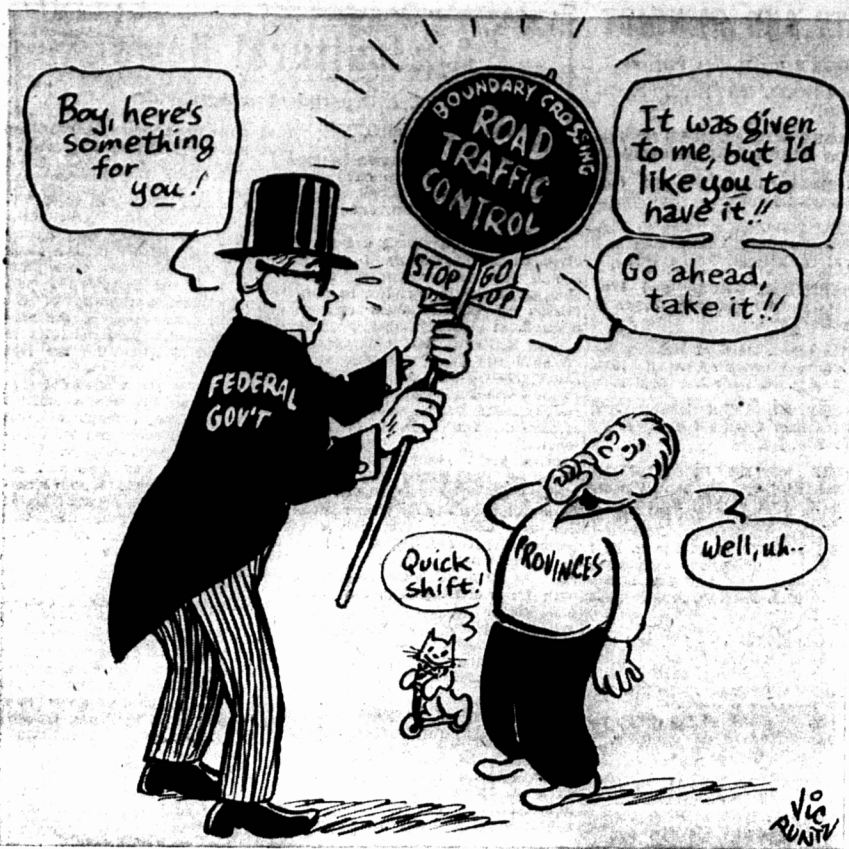
The bulletin of the Toronto public schoolmasters' association advocates that men teachers should be permitted to wear turtle neck sweaters to classes in winter and a T-shirt in the summer. That would certainly be one way of eliminating some of the "white collar jobs" which critics of youth claim are proving too attractive.

Placing juvenile delinquents in foster homes has often proved effective in changing their habits and attitudes. Now Ontario is exploring the possibility of rehabilitating older prisoners by placing them in private homes. It seems strange that not so long ago "advanced" thinkers were beginning to regard the home and family as obsolete.

"To be a member of the rising generation in Canada today is to be in a most enviable position, I assure you." So spoke Chairman P. W. Litchfield of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company recently. When young he went to Ohio in response to the call of "the West". Today, were he making the choice he would point towards Canada because this country offers boundless opportunity.

The mutiny on board H. M. S. Bounty occurred this date 1789. Under Capt. William Bligh she had been sent out to introduce the bread-fruit plant into the West Indies from Tahiti. After a 6-months' stay at Tahiti, however, many of the crew were unwilling to leave. They cast Bligh and some others adrift to sail over 1,000 miles in an open boat to Timor. Bligh eventually attained the rank of vice-admiral. Most of the mutineers were punished or murdered but one John Adams survived to head the little colony they founded on Pitcairn Island.

A stained glass window commemorating some 55,000 members of Bomber Command aircrew killed in the Second World War—among them 1,233 Canadians—will be dedicated in the Airmen's Chapel of Lincoln Cathedral on May 8th, the 9th anniversary of V-E Day. The main theme of the window will depict the Archangel Michael slaying the Dragon. The window will be unveiled by Air Marshal Sir George H. Mills, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Bomber Command. The R. C. A. F. will be represented by Air Commodore Martin Costello.



Cheerful Giver

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NOTICE TO TENANTRY

From a notice by W. Douse, land agent, addressed to the tenantry of the Selkirk estates, Nov. 14, 1837. "The trustees and executors of the late Earl of Selkirk, proprietor of lands in this Colony, have ever shown themselves desirous of giving good encouragement to an industrious Tenantry, and have instructed me to receive from you, in payment of Rents, merchantable agricultural produce, for which the highest prices will be allowed, to be delivered immediately. To you that are in arrears of Rent, and unable to pay in cash or produce, a favourable opportunity is also afforded, to make payment in labour, on advantageous terms.

"The mode of payment, liberal rents, and long term of your leases will, I trust, be a sufficient hint to you that are unwilling to pay thirty shillings instead of a pound, to make immediate remittances. You may rest assured that each of you will be called on for payment of your Rents, forthwith, and that, for the future, they must be paid as they become due; if not, the law will be resorted to, and rigorously enforced, for recovery, without any distinction of persons. The utmost leniency will be exercised towards industrious settlers, and even those desirous of quitting their farms; any tenant, therefore, wishing to give up his lease and premises in proper order, during the present winter, shall have a receipt in full of all demands, on payment of one year's rent; or, if he can make sale of his farm to better advantage, and the purchaser be approved of, he will be accepted as a tenant, and be held liable for the amount due.

"That the Tenantry may not deceive themselves with the idea of Lord Selkirk's property being escheated, I will merely observe to you, that the conditions of the Grants have been fully complied with, as required by the Government. . . I shall appeal to your good sense, to avoid being deluded by artful individuals, who may be endeavouring to deceive you, and to refuse compliance with the terms of your agreements or leases. I can only assure you, it is my most earnest desire to treat with you fairly, openly and candidly, and to continue that good feeling, so desirable for the peace, happiness and interest of yourselves."

"The complete unit can be packed into a case somewhat taller and thicker than a portable typewriter and weighing less than 40 pounds. The transmitter can be put on the fender of a police car parked along the highway. When the switch is on it will clock the speed of every car that comes along up to 100 miles an hour. If two come along together it picks the fastest. The exact speed registers on a dial inside the police car. How it works is somewhat incomprehensible and it may be a gross oversimplification to say that it draws its power from the automobile battery and sends out a constant stream of microwaves to an elevated distance of about 175 feet. When a car moves into this stream the microwaves bounce back to the instrument, something like the way an echo is produced, and the length of time it takes them to bounce back indicates the rate of speed of the automobile. If a permanent record is desired a separate unit records the speed on a graph paper on which the exact time and place of the check is also recorded. If the speed is excessive the cop can give chase and make the arrest himself. More commonly, though, he has a pal staked out about a mile down the road. He notes the make of car and the license number and gives his buddy the information over the radio telephone, and radar claims another victim."

"The psychological effect of radar speed check is nothing short of amazing. Capt. Ralph C. Buckley, head of the safety division of the Connecticut State Police, which has tested and used the device for seven years, reports that merely the knowledge that they were in a radar zone slowed people down. During the first six months after a radar speed check was introduced into Gary, Ind., last year there were only six traffic deaths compared to 23 during a similar period in 1952 and 21 in 1951. In its first year of use, in the small town of Deal, N. Y., there were no traffic accident deaths and the number of accidents was cut by 14%. Ohio police reported a cut in accidents of 50% after the device was adopted in 19 cities. Take Akron, Ohio, for example. Ohio, incidentally, has far more radar speed detectors than any other state. More than 30 cities and towns, in addition to the state police, now use it regularly. Akron began using radar in November, 1950. During that year Akron had 29 traffic deaths and the previous year there were 35. But during the first full year of radar operation Akron cut its traffic fatalities to 15 and became, traffic wise, the safest city of its size in the United States.

The Age Old Story

Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my father's name, they bear witness of me. . . My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.

Behaving Like Russians

Russian artists touring Canada performed in Toronto's Massey Hall last night but without accompaniment from Toronto's musicians. Said Walter Murdock, president of the Toronto Musicians Association: "We have a trade agreement with Massey Hall under which local musicians will appear for visiting artists but on this occasion we are ignoring it. Our constitution prohibits us from having anything to do with any Communist organization." Sounds Russian to us, and pretty silly. For we have never heard that there is such a thing as Communist music, and it occurs to us that if these Russian artists are in Canada legally, admitted by our immigration authorities, they are as much entitled to courtesy as visiting artists from any other country. Music, drama, the ballet, sculpture, painting—all are international: the expression of a common culture and civilization. Any musician not understanding that and behaving accordingly, surely doesn't understand his profession, and clearly hasn't grown up.

Radar Speed Control

Dickson Hartwell in The Elks Magazine

Radar speed control has swept across the country, catching tens of thousands of motorists with their throats floorboarded, and has left them paying a \$10 or \$50 fine, somewhat numbed after their first personal encounter with this bewildering product of the electronic age. The radar speed control device is, indeed, nothing to argue with. It talks back with a piece of graph paper on which your exact speed is calibrated in very convincing ink. So convincing, in fact, that of the first 56,000 motorists arrested on this type of evidence, almost exactly 99.44% either pleaded or were proved guilty.

To the police, these conviction figures are a godsend. The old way that certainty of conviction is the greatest deterrent to crime works for traffic violators, too. Since excessive speed is the most important factor in fatal traffic accidents—49% of all highway deaths are caused by illegal speed, according to insurance statistics—the radar device's advocates, expect it to save many lives.

The spring is coming by a many signs: The trays are up, the hedges broken down. That fenced haystack, and the remnant of antique fragment weathered brown. And where suns peep, in every sheltered place. The little early buttercups unfold. A glittering star or two—till many trace. The edges of the blackthorn clumps in gold. And then a little lamb bolts up behind. The hill, and wags his tail to meet the yoc. And then another, sheltered from the wind. Lies all his length as dead—and lets me go. Close by, and never stirs, but basking lies. With legs stretched out as though he could not rise.

—John Clare (1793-1864.)

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Few of us ever stop and think back to the quaint, modest bathing suits and income taxes we once considered so outrageous.—Hamilton Spectator.

A boarding house is a place where folks pay good dollars and often get poor quarters in return.—Suburb Star.

In an English boxing match, two fighters knocked each other out, thus proving that, if one waits long enough, life will finally imitate a movie comedy.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

There is a couple in East Sherbrooke whose longevity record can be matched by few. Mr. and Mrs. Denault celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary years since. Mrs. Denault is 104; her husband, 103. He was still an active worker in the woods at 99.—Sherbrooke Record.

There are pock-marked street pavements in all parts of Ottawa, but some of the streets in the West End are particularly bad—those where sewers were put down last year, notably. They deserve some special attention.—Ottawa Journal.

The Saturday night bath is new suspect. The announced possibility that polo may thrive on cleanliness is an undermining piece of news, although it may bring joy to small boys. In this age, folk are getting used to making these mental adjustments. The norm is to presume that things may turn out differently. The only security is a sense of insecurity.—The Printed Word.

Skyrocketing coffee prices are making history repeat itself in that when a commodity becomes scarce and gets too high in price consumers and processors become inclined to try substitutes. Usually the substitutes remain on the market, as in the case of margarine.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Canada has the third most favourable ratio of inhabitants to physicians among the nations of the world, reports the statistical year book of the United Nations. Canada has 900 persons for every doctor in 1950. This is an increase from 1940, when the proportion was 1,000 to one. The countries with the best ratios were Switzerland and the United States. In 1950 they had 700 and 750 persons per doctor, respectively. At the bottom of the list was Ethiopia with 150,000 inhabitants for every physician, an indication of the broad differences and underdeveloped countries in the field of health care.—Windsor Star.

Only selfishness or thoughtlessness can be the explanation why people throw objects from moving vehicles. The other day a little girl was hit and seriously injured when an empty whisky bottle was thrown from a moving car. In such a case the chance of finding the guilty person and bringing him to justice is slight. This antisocial behavior is increasing, as highway verges in the country testify. Some of the secondary highways, particularly those near cities, are often littered with empty whisky and beer bottles flung from passing cars. This is particularly noticeable after a weekend.—Hamilton Spectator.

It was late last Summer that Port Arthur district people heard for the first time that there might be panthers in this territory. Report came from a point about 100 miles west on the Trans-Canada of an animal answering the general description being seen by a timber man whose powers of observation and description appeared of high rating. Shortly afterwards there was another report from east of the city, along the Nipigon Highway. But nothing else, although officials of the wild life division in the Department of Lands and Forest have been waiting with some eagerness.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

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