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The Happy People

A popular fallacy is that the more people have in the way of material possessions, the happier they are likely to be. If this were so, Canadians and Americans would be the happiest people in the world.

Actually, according to researchers who have done extensive work in the field of human relations, we are very low on the list. The National Geographic Society says that the happiest people on earth live in Thailand which, while it is not as impoverished as some other Asiatic countries, is still numbered among the "underdeveloped" areas of the world, with many of the inhabitants, in avoidance of actual hunger is a matter of some concern.

The favourite saying of the Thais when disaster strikes is "It frequently does, is 'Mal pen arai'—'It hardly matters'. They are also a very gentle people. In some sections of the country it is considered harsh even to kill flies and insects.

The Society tells of a Thai official who visited the United States on some mission. "We turn to you for technical help," he told interviewers, "but not in the search for happiness. You have nothing to teach us in that way."

Perhaps we over-fed Westerners, who imagine that the "good life" is only another name for superabundance, would profit by exchanging technical missions to Thailand for a mission of cheerful people bent on showing us how to be happy and contented in the midst of plenty.

Seeking Ancient Harbour

Divers and archaeologists from Israel and the United States will start underwater archaeological excavations in the Mediterranean next Spring in an attempt to discover the ancient harbour of Caesarea. A preliminary survey made last year showed the outlines of the old harbour, which appeared to be about four or five times larger than the present one.

Caesarea, the city from which Paul of Tarsus sailed in chains to Rome, is mentioned in the books of Josephus Flavius, who, in his history of the Jewish war against the Romans, referred to a temple and other structures built on the harbour's re-embankment, all supported by huge cubic cut stones.

For many years fishermen off Caesarea have been catching in their nets jugs, vases, lamps and other objects dating back to 1,500 B.C. During last year's expedition, stones corresponding in size to those described by Flavius were found, as well as a Roman sarcophagus. The finds are considered promising and the Israeli Government is attaching one of its leading young archaeologists to the Caesarea expedition. The Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D.C. is expected to loan a team of experts.

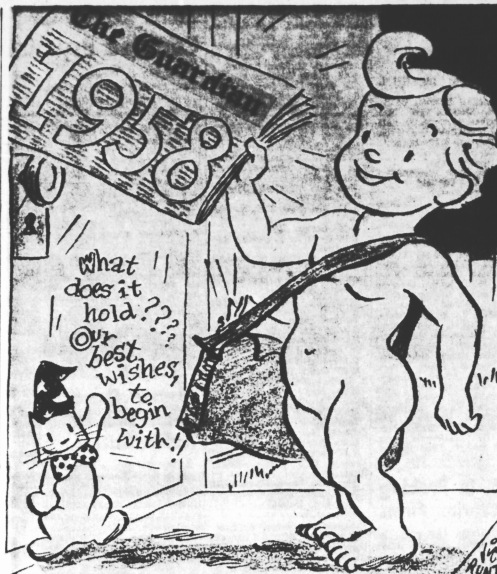
EDITORIAL NOTES

Bonne et Heureuse Amee! Feliz Ano Nuevo! Gott Nytt Ar! Gott Nyttar! Geluklik Nieuw Jaar! Bladhna Mhath Ur. That's saying it in French, Spanish, Swedish, Norwegian, Dutch and Gaelic—A Happy New Year.

Sir Winston Churchill has so distinguished himself in political and literary fields that relatively little publicity is given to his painting. He is by no means, however, a mediocre artist in that field. Directors of the Smithsonian Institution think so highly of some of his pictures that they have arranged for 35 of them to be sent on a tour of the United States and Canada beginning some time this month. They include land—and sea—scapes, still lifes and interiors.

There are times when a change in administration brings good results even though there be little change in policy. In Cyprus conditions have improved greatly since Sir Hugh Foot succeeded Sir John Harding as Governor several weeks ago. There has been no violence and very little trouble of any kind. At Christmas time British residents and Greek Cypriotes mingled freely with hardly a sign of ill will on either side.

It may be that an end to the unhappy situation which has existed for several years is in sight.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hogmanay In Scotland

The celebration of St. Andrew's Day touches off a series of Scottish celebrations that reach their peak at New Year Hogmanay and continue with little respite to Burns Day on the 25th of January. Few national festivals occupy more unobtrusive ground over more of the world's face. From Halifax in Hong Kong, Scots of all climes, dream of haggis, heather, highlands and the skirt of bagpipes. Indeed, they spare no effort to make the dream come true. But all this enthusiasm, far from Scotland's searated coastline, is only a token of what goes on in the home country itself. With Canadian currency value making things Scottish exports, the British Travel Association predicts that this year's Hogmanay will take on an almost international flavor, with Scotland's sons and daughters returning in their hundreds to spend the holiday among their own kilted kin.

The Line That Failed

This phase passed when Russia developed her own atomic bomb and her own hydrogen bomb. The West then passed from a position of monopoly, but came to depend upon a deterrent that was still held to be effective. This was the theory of massive retaliation. If Russia were to press too seriously upon an atomic strategy of the world, nuclear weapons would be employed. Now this theory will have to be revised. For Russian recourses in nuclear weapons, and the methods of their development, have become so great, that the West can hardly stand ready to be the first to use such weapons, even in self-defense. For the Russian capacity has become so awesome, that these weapons may have to be used in a limited fashion, even if there were to be a severe challenge to the West. This has altered the power of the deterrent very seriously indeed. For it means that Russia, with its her conventional forces, could challenge the West. The deterrent, comparatively weak in conventional forces, might find itself depending exclusively upon a nuclear deterrent that could not be used. The West, in other words, would be deterred by the retaliation of its own deterrent. STAGGERING COSTS To acquire a balanced defence force, the West must be prepared to build up both nuclear weapons and conventional forces to match them. This is a task that involves such costs that the idea is staggering, and there is little inclination among the Western Allies to contemplate it.

The Lunar Landscape

Despite celestial hullabaloo in the news, one suspects that most people are not really as interested in the satellites of whatever name, as the directors of international outer-space competition appear. One believes, subject to error, that most people who are interested in the earth are satisfied with this earth for the time being, and haven't the remotest interest in galloping through space to the moon which is as dead as that unlauded and the Dodo. The trouble with the moon— from scientific accounts and whatever one can ascertain—is that it is dead. The moon is totally without water and probably has no more than a few inches of a terrible desert. The moon has no air, and the temperature is so low that it will freeze to death.

TOWERING MOUNTAINS

Apparently, the moon has mountains of tremendous height, in a case you are interested in mountains, consider the grandeur of the lunar seas, with out water, atmosphere or life. These vast craters of awesome depth and those soaring tooth-like peaks hitting at the sky. If you really want to go there, this is writing to discourage you from going if you can. There will be no feeling of ever being in the sun, you are far from it. The imagination conjures the terrible realization of first person view of a mountain range, the sun back up at the earth in the left, and in a final gasp of moment of astonishment, the

Why Spoil Holiday Fun?

By Herman M. Bandeen, M.D. SEEMS AS THOUGH THERE'S A T.V. Every New Year's Eve I write about this subject. But each year, early in December, safety and traffic experts and law-enforcement officials begin circulating with requests to caution my readers about reckless driving, drinking intoxicated and driving during our boisterous farewells to the old year.

OTHER DISCOMFORTS But aside from the dangers of traffic accidents—and that's a very great think of the discomfort-overflowing causes. Give a thought to that big head you will have tomorrow morning. You may be thinking, "It can't be harmful to most people. In fact, as I have advised you previously, alcohol in moderation has certain therapeutic advantages.

A cocktail party, for example, may help relieve the pain of rheumatoid arthritis. It is the abuse, not the use, that counts. NO LONGER SATISFY A changed use of language may lead to a tolerance for it. After a celebration tonight won't make you feel such a drink is gratifying. Of course, you won't become an alcoholic, but drinking to celebrate a celebration tonight won't make you feel such a drink is gratifying. If you are going to drive home, even one drink may be too many.

THE LATEST METHOD In treating alcoholism is the use of tranquilizers in connection with over-indulgence has been confined, primarily to treating the withdrawal symptoms following a New Year's Eve party. It has been found that not only do they induce a sense of well-being, they also relieve his nausea and permit him to eat much earlier than is customary after a bout with a bottle.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Q: Can a duodenal ulcer ever develop into a stomach ulcer? A: Answer: The possibility of a duodenal ulcer developing into a stomach ulcer is a possibility. Stomach ulcers have a greater chance of developing into cancer.

The Age Old Story

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. A WINTER SOLISTICE. How fabulously still this night, and cold! Two coats of snow, too still for whisper of dry brush; New England sun in deeps of high winter.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Dec. 31, 1928) The minimum wage loss for the province during 1928 is estimated at half a million dollars by Mr. J. H. Mackenzie, Provincial Fire Marshal. The total loss in 1931 was \$430,000. The largest loss was that of Prince of Wales College building. Heavy losses were incurred in the destruction of the Kennedy and Kennedy's store, O'Leary, and the Rustic Company.

PUBLIC FORUM

POTATO POOL PLAN Sir—Though not a farmer myself, I am a keen admirer of Sir Ernest Edward's potato production scheme. I propose the formation of a Potato Pool Plan for small farmers for P.E.I. The pool would be only for farmers who are farmers. The pool would be one to ten acres. These are the real farmers of the province. The main part of business. Hence the big farmer, who has a machine, should not be excluded from such an organization.

Due to the fact that a small amount of money was available for the purchase of a new car during the past year, street work was considerably curtailed during the past year. The main part of laying a concrete base on Preston, Kent, Richmond, Pownall, Prince and Weymouth Streets was completed.

MAXIMS

The administration of Justice is the duty of the law. The law is the rule of the land. The law is the basis of our civilization. The law is the foundation of our society. The law is the cornerstone of our democracy.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Women usually put on a better appearance than men, but look long it takes them.—London Free Press. Home is where a man can do as he pleased if he doesn't mind getting into arguments.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Now what about doing something to get drivers up to the standards of the cars.—Moose Jaw Times-Herald. Is this ingredient which makes ink flow freely a monopoly of the fountain pen industry, or could it be added to ketchup?—Hamilton Spectator.

North America now has a total population of 233 million. And they all seem to want to drive down the same street we do on a Sunday.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review. A uniform system of reporting traffic accidents across Canada could become this country's greatest preserver of life and limb. Accurate statistics could put down accident causes clearly and suggest effective cures. They might provide a lot of surprises, too.—Vancouver Sun.

On the fisherman of \$1,800,000, reports J. J. Larabee, Supervisor of Fisheries. Prices for all varieties of fish were lower than for several years past, with the lobster fishery showing the greatest decline. Reporting on the unemployment situation in Prince County at the end of the year, Earl Cannon, manager of the Summerside office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, states there are fewer people registered as unemployed than at this time last year, but that the prospect of providing employment for those registered is remote.

UNGRADED EGGS

Your paying price for ungraded eggs is being delivered. Charlottetown today is: Grade A Large ..... 33c Grade A Medium ..... 30c Grade A Small ..... 25c Grade B ..... 26c Grade C ..... 16c Cracks ..... 16c

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