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Mr. Nicholson's Visit

As the minister responsible to Parliament for the activities of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation as well as for citizenship and immigration, the weekend visit of the Hon. John R. Nicholson was of special interest at this time.

Another purpose of the survey, as explained by Mr. Nicholson, is the preparation of a manual for small urban centres showing how certain features can be improved and brought into more balanced relationship with their environment.

There have been other studies along this line, as we recall, though not on the scale now contemplated or as a Housing Corporation project financed by the federal authorities.

Mr. Nicholson has also tendered good advice in urging civic and provincial authorities to take full advantage of the recent changes in the National Housing Act which make available a broader range of federal assistance in providing for the housing needs of low-income families.

The minister put the challenge on a higher level when he insisted, in addressing the Liberal Association here on Friday evening, that "these things are a necessary part of our national purpose since it will have real meaning only if we can realize greater happiness, security, opportunity and care for people of all ages and means."

Though his constituency is Vancouver Centre, Mr. Nicholson is a native of New Brunswick, and as a Maritimer he is doubtless well aware of the special difficulties we have to contend with in this part of Canada.

U.S. Farm Program

Canadian farm organizations will be specially interested in the hearings now under way at Washington on President Johnson's controversial farm products bill.

Of the big farm organizations the National Grange has given most support to the measure. The National Farmers Union, more concerned with the plight of the less affluent farmers, would have preferred that it go further toward raising farm income.

force better prices, but many object to this collective bargaining technique, and it has not caught on.

The administration's bill proposes long-term contracts for voluntary retirement of farm land. The Farm Bureau argues that this won't really help reduce surpluses as long as high price supports continue to encourage greater production.

Some farmers put their hope in programs designed to speed up the process of getting more farmers out of farming. Others believe that underconsumption rather than overproduction is the problem and that the answer lies in expanded markets.

And so it goes. The House of Representatives now has the problem of sorting out the wheat from the chaff in the bill's provisions. One thing emphasized is that farmers are becoming more interested in uniting for contract or cooperative marketing and purchasing as a means of gaining bargaining power.

All Part Of The Game

Like most Canadian newspapers, the Toronto Globe and Mail is sceptical of what it calls "the Perils-of-Pauline game" which is being played in Parliament Hill these days.

Farcical, too, it says, are the dramatics of the division bells of whips rounding up stray members and a handful of Opposition members rushing to snatch a desperate Government from the face of the cliff.

"The fact of the matter," says our Toronto contemporary, "is that such accidents and outbursts no longer occur, if they ever did. When a government is going to fall both sides know it, as they knew it when the government of John Diefenbaker fell in 1963."

"The fiction that a minority government may be unexpectedly upset in divisions is perpetuated because the parties would have us believe that members vote on issues from principle, though it brings on an unwanted election. The truth is far different. The Opposition will defeat the Government if the Opposition parties believe they will do better in the ensuing election. They are playing with our votes, not theirs."

This puts the whole thing on a purely partisan basis, leaving us bereft of the hope that either side wants, very much, to change the rules of the game.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Now it's California that's considering the idea of borrowing a little bit of Sweden. There's a bill in the state legislature now to set up the office of "ombudsman."

In England it is an offense to drive a car "with ability impaired by drink." But such impairment is so difficult to prove that, as a British commentator remarks, police act only when a driver is "at a stage of drunkenness close to stupefaction."



ANOTHER WALK IN SPACE

RECALLING STUDENT DAYS

Classics Discussed With Dr. Cedric Boulter

By Rev. Horace F. MacEwen, Sydney, N.S., formerly of Charlottetown

During a recent visit to the United States for the purpose of attending the Synod of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, which met at Chattanooga, Tenn., on the way back I had occasion to pass through Cincinnati, Ohio. Having several hours to wait for my bus which was to take me on to Pittsburgh, I determined to seek out an old acquaintance from boyhood days in Charlottetown, Dr. Cedric Boulter, who is now occupying an important seat as professor of Classics in the University of Cincinnati.

A few telephone calls expedited matters and shortly I found myself at the front building of the campus, the University Library. A hurried dispatch of baggage with the watching porter near the front door, who checked every book from the borrower's going out, and a tramp up several flights of stairs, saw me in the reading room of the Classical library, zany about and observing some fragments of pottery, such as the usual lamps and vases, in use of the display cases.

Newest Fad In Pets

The friendly, intelligent porpoise may become man's second-best friend.

The sea-going mammals are the latest fad in household pets for those who can afford and have the place to board a porpoise. A Florida woman swims everyday with her two porpoises, hitching a ride on their backs when tired.

The familiar porpoise, or bottle-nosed dolphin (ursinus truncatus), is surprisingly humanlike. It is the subject of intensive research.

This small member of the whale family has a larger and seemingly more complex brain than man. Porpoises can solve simple problems, devise games for their own amusement, and learn by experience.

Children's Castle

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen - The Children's Castle in Helsinki, Finland, is a hospital for youngsters with long-term illnesses. It has 70 beds for medical patients, 40 for neurological patients, and 50 for psychiatric patients.

While browsing through my files, I found a folder containing a dozen old letters about porpoises with eyes of different colors. The search was prompted by seeing a girl with a blue and a brown-colored eye.

Two letters told of individuals with different-colored eyes and eyelashes. One was a beautiful blonde who had a blue eye with blonde lashes on one side, and a brown eye with black lashes on the other.

A school teacher wrote of twins in her class; the only way she could tell them apart was by the color of their eyes. One had two light-blue eyes, and the other a blue and a brown-colored iris.

No, but the turpentine is not needed because it does not hasten or slow down the evaporation of the water and has no medicinal value.

He draws, sketches, or makes designs while listening to others talk over the phone or at a lecture. This is normal and having copies of aimless scribbles is an interesting hobby.

No, but we sometimes suspect it about those who sleep half their life away.

Everyone has good qualities. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

MONSOON DISPLACE 25,000 COLOMBO (Reuters) - Monsoon floods have driven some 25,000 persons from their homes in low-lying parts of Ceylon's capital, it was reported Saturday.

RESEARCHERS IN CALIFORNIA AND Florida found that 16 "words" in the vocabulary of the Atlantic porpoises are equivalent to sounds made by the Pacific species.

Dr. John C. Lilly, director of the Communication Research Institute at Miami, thinks a man may be able to communicate with porpoises in a decade or two.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, United States Navy, and Air Force have backed porpoise research, reasoning that if man could learn to talk to porpoises, astronauts might learn how to communicate with non-earthlings - should the need ever arise.

NOTES BY THE WAY

When it comes to making predictions, the pessimist is about a dozen times more psychic than the optimist. - Windsor Star.

It's often after you get home from vacation that you realize you really couldn't afford one. - St. Thomas Times - Journal.

Drivers who drive fastest past a school are the same ones who took so long getting through it. - Vancouver Sun.

Diner: "Send me the manager. I've never seen anything as tough as this steak you served me." Waiter: "Wait 'til you see the manager." - Toronto Star.

A town council in Texas has passed a bylaw requiring horses to be lighted when ridden on public streets after dark. To comply with the bylaw, a resident had designed a "tail light" for his horse complete with directional signals operated from the saddle.

"Very sorry, Mr. Brown, but the coffee is exhausted," the landlady announced. "Not at all surprised," came back Mr. Brown. "I've seen it growing weaker and weaker every morning." - Montreal Star.

But the time a man can afford to lose a golf ball he can't hit that far. - Globe and Mail, Toronto.

The comparisons with pre-war conditions are too close to be ignored entirely. And no one who watched the conference in San Francisco that set up the UN 20 years ago could say that its hopes have been borne out by the present state of the world or of the UN.

Too Close To Be Ignored

By Carman Cumming, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Twenty years after the collapse of Nazi Germany, the world remembers uneasily it has come through a post-war period almost as long as that between the two world wars.

A couple of anniversary comments by New York columnists are typical of views held by many about the UN's situation.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 10, 1940) Germany today invaded the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, claiming it was taking those countries under its "protection."

IN AN HOUR OF national peril, while British and French troops were marching into Belgium to halt Germany's drive through the Low Countries, Britain turned today to Winston Churchill, her man of action, and made him prime minister.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 10, 1955) Donald Maxwell Nicholson of Summerside was one of two Mount Allison students to be awarded the first Donald Blair Norton memorial award.

Nine students from P.E.I. were among the 153 graduates who received degrees and certificates at the Spring Convocation of Mount Allison University.

They were: June Kathleen Bowman, North Wilshire; Peter Edwin Darby, Summerside; and Frank Wallace Lockhart, Summerside.

These also are many diplomats who believe Russia and the United States, in current peace-keeping negotiations, have for the first time moved away from their set positions and are getting down to serious horse-trading.

They see a chance for a compromise before the end of the summer between the Russian view only the Security Council can set up and finance peace forces and the American view the General Assembly also can do so if the council fails to act because of a veto.

If these negotiations do succeed, it will mark the first time since San Francisco the big two have agreed on a practical set of peace-keeping rules—a development that would put the whole UN in a much more hopeful mood.

Scotiabank advertisement featuring a large dollar sign and the text: 'NEW UNIQUE SCOTIABANK SERVICE Get \$4 for every \$3 with six-year Scotiabank Savings Certificates Buy as little as \$10 worth or as much as you like - cashable any time. Scotia BANK'.