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Summerside Continues Active

The strong denial by the acting commanding officer of R.C.A.F. Station Summerside that the station will be closing down will be welcomed both from the point of view of service efficiency and of local interests.

The change in emphasis of training from trans-Atlantic to Arctic flying and perhaps other considerations led to navigational training being concentrated elsewhere, but such considerations must be kept under constant reassessment.

The R.C.A.F. has shown its recognition of that fact by continuing a policy of development at Summerside. By using the station for the 103 Search and Rescue Unit and the Navy's 31st Support Air Group, the Department of National Defence clearly indicates that it sees the advantages of the situation, both of location and flying conditions.

Criticism Or Carping

"I don't mean to be critical, but..." "Wait a minute," came the interruption, "you do mean to be critical, otherwise you wouldn't be speaking in that fashion."

This bit of conversation points out, reflects the Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph, one of the weaknesses of men today. Perhaps what he means in the first instance was: "I don't like to be critical."

The weakness is that we have come to look upon criticism purely as unfavorable. Because the world is so full of wrong and error, we have come to associate criticism almost entirely with that which needs correcting.

Criticism can praise. Criticism can condemn. If we are fed too much of the first, it is not good for us. And if the unfavorable criticism is to be at all helpful, it must be balanced with a good portion of the first.

Risky Beliefs

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., the chief United States delegate to the United Nations recently expressed the belief that Chinese Communist forces would be unable to take Formosa. What is more, he believes that Premier Chou En-lai was "bluffing" when he said a little while ago that his "liberation" forces soon would invade the Nationalist stronghold.

The fact is that, with the best intentions in the world, foreign policy makers are sometimes obliged to go back on earlier commitments which have not the sanction of formal treaty, as is the case with American relations with Formosa.

As for Mr. Lodge's reference to Communist "bluffing", he may be right in this, too, but it is a dangerous assumption. It will be remembered that right up to the time Hitler sent his armies into Poland the general belief was that he was bluffing.

Basic Mental Training

After deep study of how a number of United States servicemen were conquered by their Communist captors in Korea, it has been decided that courses must be given to the American armed forces which will help future prisoners resist Communist methods.

These techniques include much more than highly-developed methods of torture. If that were all there is to fear, why would 21 Americans and one Briton have chosen to stay in Communist Asia rather than be repatriated?

The servicemen will have to be taught, besides resistance to these techniques, how to see the holes in the political arguments that are forced on him. He will have to be taught what Communism is, what it claims to be and isn't, how different are its statements from its acts.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Britain declared war this date, 1939. Lloyd's of London evidently consider that the danger of war in the Far East has lessened by fifty per cent. At any rate risk rates for the China coast have been lowered from one to one-half per cent.

Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England, died this date, 1658. Disgusted with the Government, he arranged to take his family to New England but the ship on which he was to sail was detained by proclamation.

Citizens attending the ceremony at the Queen Charlotte High School yesterday, were impressed by the planning and construction which has gone into this magnificent addition to the educational facilities of Charlottetown.



In The Wind

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of subjects of general interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

DON'T BURN HAY OR STRAW STACKS

Sir,—Humus in our soils consists of any more or less rotted vegetable matter, and is one of the main agents for moisture conservation. It also improves the physical condition of soils; aids in preventing erosion, and is the home and food of the many beneficial micro-organisms that help to break down and make available, and soluble the inert inorganic elements.

When hay, straw, potato tops, etc., are burned, we not only destroy a lot of good humus-forming material, but we also lose a lot of fertilizer material, to replace which would mean an outlay of considerable cash on artificial fertilizers containing Nitrogen, Phosphorous, etc., which are destroyed or made inert by burning.

I am, Sir, etc. W. T. ALLAN STEWART, Strathgartney

ANTS AND EARTHQUAKES

Sir,—One has to live in the tropics to see and feel vermin. There are there in endless millions with no frost to destroy them. Ants are perhaps the most numerous, and the very smallest of the most troublesome. In the tropics they are everywhere. In the tropics they are everywhere. In the tropics they are everywhere.

The umbrella ant is very destructive. A colony will attack a large fruit tree and in a short time clean off every leaf. Each one carries a pair of scissors and cutting the leaf off, carries it away to its home in the ground, chews it into a ball for fermentation as food for its children.

The stinging ant is not so numerous nor its bite so severe as a hornet, but it is quite troublesome. I had occasion to climb a tree, and discovered I had disturbed a nest at the root. I preferred to climb out on a limb and drop to the ground.

The Poet's Corner

THE EXAMPLE

Here's an example from A Butterfly: That on a rough, hard rock Happy can lie; Friendless and all alone On this unsweetened stone.

Now let my bed be hard, No care take I, I'll make my joy like this Small Butterfly. Whose happy heart has power To make a stone a flower.

—W. H. DAVIES

PAYS COMPLIMENTS

Sir,—You will note that I have emphasized Canada? when designating Prince Edward Island. I did that because I recently learned that there is another "Prince Edward Island" somewhere off the coast of Africa. I have frequently heard P. E. Islanders ask "What other Island is there?"

Well there is at least still another Island and I once saw a play written by the late George Bernard Shaw and it was called "John Bull's other Island" I understand it is off the north west coast of Britain and it is a place where they crack skulls every twelfth of July, just to show that they are a friendly and sociable people.

My experience has always been that they have much more pleasant and agreeable pastimes on your island and I have been over it too many parts of Ontario by horse and buggy, by train, by car and by plane and except for the latter mode of travel... from Tignish to Souris... and about the only kind of a fight I ever saw there was a dog fight. I did see, however, a few political fights...

Old Charlottetown

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS

"On the 11th of September, inst. that imposing, and in this Island, novel ceremony, occurred at St. Peter's, The Regiment, the King's County, or Castle Tioram Regiment of Highlanders, commanded by Lieut. Col. R. C. Macdonald, was presented by the Lady of their Lieutenant Colonel, in the presence of Major General Sir James Macdonnell, K.C.B., K.C.H., and a large concourse of persons, with two splendid Regimental Colours, having upon them appropriate devices and emblems.

The colours were composed of blue, white and crimson silk, beautifully emblazoned with gilt letters, and handsomely painted with appropriate figures. The one contained the arms of the Glenagarry and Glenaladale families quartered, surmounted with their crest, and supported by two Highlanders, one dressed as a soldier, the other as a husbandman. And the other, being the Queen's colours, contained the Crown above the Thistle, surrounded by a laurel wreath, with the title of the regiment in gold letters inscribed upon it.

—Royal Gazette, Sept. 15, 1840.

newspaper... a newspaper that any city of a million or more could be justly proud of. Yet Windsor has a population of about 150,000... but they appear to be great boosters and co-operators.

However, I feel that I had better get back to the Windsor Star. About ten days ago it published an editorial from your paper stating that if the Ontario farmers wanted some real good bacon hogs that they should go to the Prince Edward Island and purchase some of your excellent breeding stock. Well, that would no doubt help... but the Island pig would need some help from weaning time to market time and that is where so many of the Ontario pig feeders fall down.

The same applies to cows as it does to hogs. You will recall how my very dear friend, the Senator James, your former undefeated and unbeatable Island Premier used to take them to the cleaners at the C.N.E. and the Royal Winter Fair and not only in the show ring... but also at the fair... the real dollars and cents part of the cow. The same applies to my good friend Allison Profit... who never had a loss with cows and hogs and whom I had the great pleasure of spending some time with when he was in London attending the Federation of Agriculture meeting in January. Also to the Lewis boys, the Steads, the McRae's, the Eastons, the Rogers and not forgetting my old friend Earl Ings... who never had a loss with cows and hogs and whom I had the great pleasure of spending some time with when he was in London attending the Federation of Agriculture meeting in January.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"If you must throw your weight around, do so by putting your shoulder to the wheel." — Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Cost of living will be lower by fall, according to one prediction. Turnips will be ripe then. — St. Catharines Standard.

The wasteful folly of forcing men and women to quit work at 65 or even 70 is indicated by the United Kingdom Ministry of Labour's report that 190,000 men and 43,000 women aged 70 or over are still at work in that country, says the Letter-Review. Placing value of their production at only \$25 a week, this represents a gain to United Kingdom economy of \$300,000,000 a year. — Fort William Times-Journal.

We had the water off a few days ago and later we had power off lasting for some considerable time. We take water and power for granted and depend so much on them and perhaps appreciate them most when something happens, as when storms cut at the heart of power transmission. No one likes such interruptions, yet we must admit that they are much scarcer than used to be the case. Nowadays, the Ontario Hydro, having become such a complicated system, it takes a little longer sometimes to unsnarl breaks. What we need most under such circumstances is patience. — Niagara Falls Review.

Newfoundlanders are baffled because the Canadian Post Office has changed the name Silver Hare Islands to Silver Fox Islands. A possible explanation — suggested by the Windsor Daily Star — is that at some point in the past, a hungry fox caught the rabbit. An other and more likely explanation is that the meddlesome Post Office just doesn't know enough to let well enough alone. — Sydney Post-Record.

So the average Canadian, forty years hence, can expect to live to be 100 years old! That's what Dr. Harold N. Segall, professor of medicine at McGill and president of the Canadian Heart Association, assured the national doctors' convention here. We're not so sure we would want to live to 100, things being what they are. However, we presume this implies that the aging process would be more gradual and the thought of being ten or fifteen years "younger" all the way up to the century mark has some rather attractive possibilities. But, when we're all lasting that long, what's going to happen to all our pension plans? A woman who goes to work at twenty, works forty years and retires at sixty can then expect to be supported by pension cheques for the next forty years. And how about the servicemen, or others who can retire at forty. The time may not be too far distant when we have as many people drawing pension cheques as working. Who then pays all the taxes? — Vancouver Province.

The cantaloupe is the only fruit out of which restaurants can get three halves. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

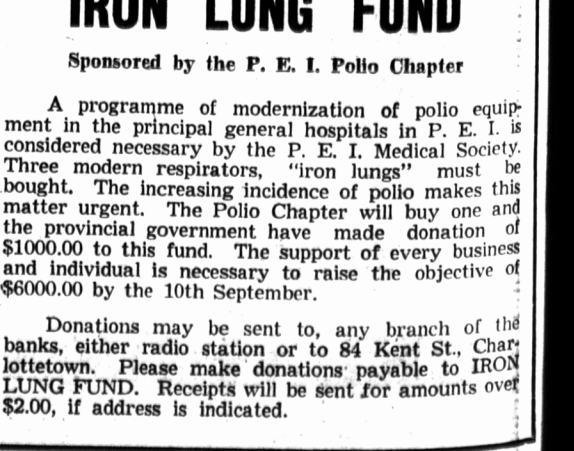
Some time ago some supposedly learned individual suggested that nurses be clad in black rather than white uniforms so as not to be so prominent in the sick room. Now they want to displace the pretty nurse who takes your temperature with an electronic instrument on the patient's wrist having a seven-foot cord so that the result can be read on an easy-to-read indicator. It is more sensitive than a nurse's fingers and will register the weakest beat and maintain a constant check. — Kitchener Waterloo-Record.

The doctors are not concerned with the economic situation when they advise men and women to keep on working. They might, of course, advise those who can afford to return from jobs to keep up a hobby requiring physical energy, and to maintain an interest in life to avoid killing boredom. The best that can be hoped is that governments which have power of economic control, and industrialists who hold the destiny of workers in their hands, will heed the doctors' advice to aging workers and find a place for them. The constant cry is far more productivity. There is more productivity to be got from employing older workers than from leaving them to rot in retirement while the productivity of younger workers is devoted more and more to taxes levied for social security. — Vancouver Sun.

The National Tie Foundation in New York says that popular color in men's ties this fall will be black and pink. By "popular" it is understood they mean the usual procedure: the market will be flooded with black and pink ties and we men will be advised to buy black, and pink ties, or worse, black-and-pink ties for Christmas presents. In fact, their most important announcement, however, they also declare that ties will keep getting thinner. This is the thin end of the Edwardian wedge. The Edwardian Look hasn't hit North America with full force yet, but those ties are the begging. They're so thin now they only look like a dirty mark down the front of the shirt. — The Montreal Gazette.

The Age Old Story I will make him a help meet for him. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field: but for Adam there was not found a help meet for him.

WARNING!



INTERRUPTION NOTICE

There will be an interruption of electric power on the Montague line east of Charlottetown on Friday morning, September 3rd, weather permitting, between the hours of 8 and 10 a.m. (Standard Time), for the purpose of replacing broken insulators.

These insulators have been willfully damaged and we would solicit the co-operation of the residents of this area in order to prevent a recurrence of this damage and the necessary interruption which must follow.

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Donations may be sent to, any branch of the banks, either radio station or to 84 Kent St. Charlottetown. Please make donations payable to IRON LUNG FUND. Receipts will be sent for amounts over \$2.00, if address is indicated.