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With The Times

Charlottetown has made a long step forward with the construction of the Queen Charlotte High School which is being officially opened this evening.

The reasons for the crowding which made building necessary at this time are both the growth of the city, which has doubled since the last important school building programme, and also the fact that young people today are remaining at school in larger numbers than ever before.

Today there is a serious attempt to give at least junior high school to practically all youngsters. This means that there can be no selection of the particular group which is interested in and capable of following a rigid curriculum which is designed to give a "solid grounding" for advanced work in arts and science.

Not Democracy

In some of the Southern States organized groups and individuals who look with favour on the Supreme Court's anti-segregation ruling are running into all sorts of difficulties. The latest device adopted by the so-called "Citizens' Councils", which have been set up as rallying points for those who want to delay—or, if possible, frustrate—the carrying out of the ruling, is the economic boycott.

Asked to comment on the purpose and activities of the Citizens' Councils, Mrs. Wilma Sledge, a member of the State Assembly, said: "They are organized for the sole purpose of maintaining segregation. They do not and will not advocate violence in any form."

New Financial Arrangements

Stressing the necessity of making new financial arrangements among the Dominion and Provincial Governments, the Globe and Mail argues that while a full scale Dominion-Provincial Conference cannot be called straightway to deal with this matter, there is no excuse for inaction.

The Globe and Mail recalls the Economic Committee which was set up at the last Dominion-Provincial Conference and was regrettably allowed to perish when the conference did. It concedes that pending the reconstitution of this committee a full-scale conference would be pointless.

scale executive conference, involving only eleven persons, at which Prime Minister St. Laurent would meet the ten Provincial Premiers. Such a conference could discuss immediate problems and map out long-term ones to be taken up at a full-scale conference later on.

"There are evidences of a new spirit at Ottawa, which is as much the result of new conditions as of new faces," adds the Globe and Mail. "The Government cannot ignore the warning of its own statistics that some better arrangement must be made with the Provinces and municipalities. It must see that if we are going to have a fiscal policy that can meet the new conditions, if we are going to have an economy that will maintain development, and if we are going to have a proper sharing of functions and finances among the three levels of authority, the time has come to do some serious talking about it."

"One other thing Ottawa must see, and that is the failure of the 'temporary' tax-rental agreements to do the job they were supposed to do. The basic problem of 'have' and 'have-not' Provinces remains. And other problems have disclosed themselves which were not even considered when the agreements were drawn up; for example, education. New solutions will have to be sought — solutions which last, solutions which solve."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Britain's first telecobalt unit for cancer treatment was opened recently at Bristol General Hospital. The unit was designed by the staff of the hospital and built at Cambridge University. It is said to be an improvement on existing units and does the same work as a 3,000,000 volt X-ray machine at much less cost and with less ill-effect on the patient.

Bad musicians serve a good purpose, in the opinion of Ralph Vaughan Williams. The British composer points out that it takes the training of perhaps a thousand musicians to produce one good one. His idea is that broadening the base of the musical pyramid would result in more and better artists at the top.

Statistics are not only of general interest but should serve a useful purpose and highway accident statistics should contribute to safe driving. This is the thesis of a conference of Federal and Provincial experts now meeting at Ottawa in an attempt to create a uniform statistical procedure to record Canada's traffic accident details.

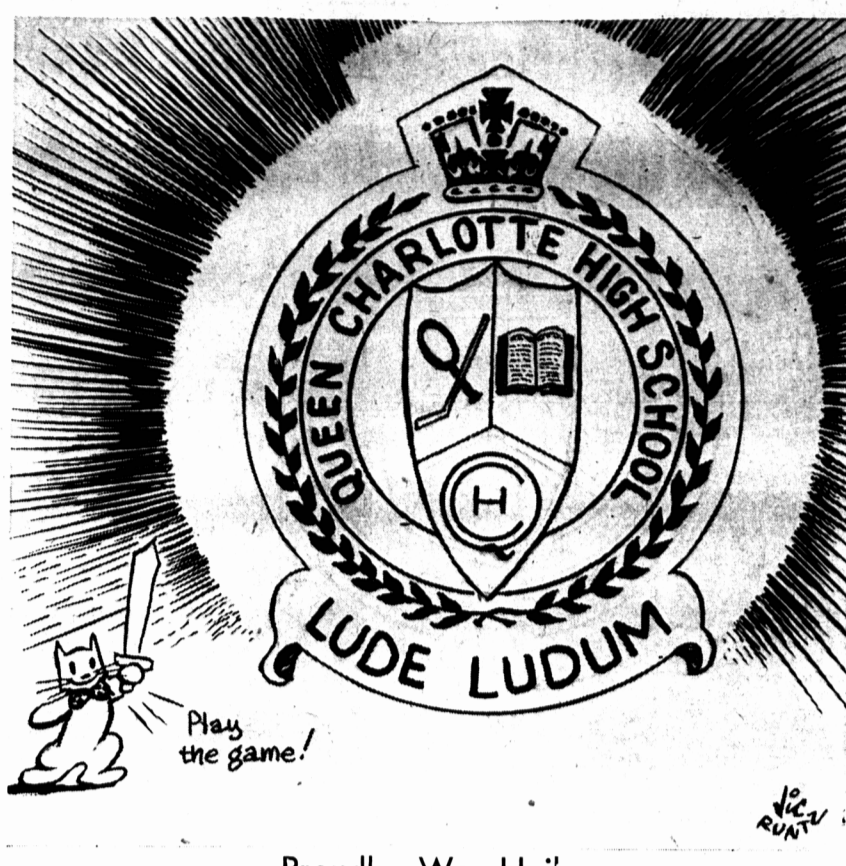
Anthony Trollope, English novelist and civil servant, died this date 1882. His mother was a well known author and he combined duties with the Post Office with the writing of some 47 novels as well as short stories. His official duties required extensive travel, all of which was grist to his literary mill.

Canada will not be able to feed itself in ten years, according to the president of the Ontario conservative council. In all probability Mr. F. H. Kortright did not take the fisheries into consideration in his calculation, but his estimate of the effect of increasing population and the wastage of natural resources is a valuable reminder of the vital importance of that top six inches.

The naval dockyard of Malabar, Ireland Island, Bermuda is familiar to almost every Canadian naval man. While it was under Admiralty administration it was made use of by units of the R. C. N. working up or carrying out exercises in the Bermuda area. The Royal Navy gave up its Bermuda establishment some time ago and now the Canadian government is considering taking it over. It is a place of perpetual summer on Canada's very doorstep.

A report recently issued by the National Employment Service, on the supply and demand situation in relation to university graduates, calls attention to the continuing shortage of dentists. This shortage has existed for several years, and apparently there is no sign of the deficit being overtaken. No marked improvement appears to have resulted from the abolition, a year or so ago, of certain interprovincial barriers.

The Age Old Story
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Proudly We Hail

PUBLIC FORUM

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

ALTERNATIVE VOTE

Sir, — I was interested in the editorial entitled "Alternative Vote" in your issue of November 27th. I cannot agree with you that the "Single Alternative Vote" has the effect of electing mediocre candidates and thus have "mediocre government."

In the Maritimes you still adhere mostly to the two party system and thus conditions referred to by the Chamber of Commerce do not exist. However, in Ontario and the Provinces west we have the CCF, Labor Progressive and Social Credit parties and with the splitting of the vote minority candidates are very frequently elected.

I would remind you that the single transferrable vote has been in use in Manitoba for forty years and in Alberta for thirty-five years. It works perfectly and fairly in those Provinces and there has never been the slightest movement to have it done away with. The Liberal and Conservative parties invariably use this system in their conventions where there are more than two candidates on the slate, recognizing that it would be quite unfair to do otherwise.

I am, Sir, etc., M. N. CAMPBELL (Formerly of North Wiltshire, M.P. for Mackenzie, Sask. 1921 to 1933; vice-chairman of the Traffic Board 1935 to 1943). Hamilton, Ont.

WESTERN ART EXHIBITION

Sir—These lines are from one who has found much to admire in the exhibition of Western Canadian art now showing in the Harris Memorial Gallery.

One appealing picture is that of "The Family", whose faces show that they have accepted ill-fortune with patient, hopeless resignation. But one sturdy child reaches after the butterfly and hope.

"Negro Girl" is lovely in colour and pose. "Cypress Roots" has an attractive pattern. In "Beach Birds" the simple forms of the birds emphasize their characteristics, and the expanse of beach with its shallow waterpools makes a lovely background.

In "Peace River" the light on the distant hills and the foreground trees seems almost to be shining through stained glass. "Black Bull, Grey Bull," is very fine. The soft red lines of the cattle are in quiet colours against a cleverly handled bright background.

Two abstracts seemed at first glance meaningless patterns of lines, but as the eye came back to them time after time, they took on colour, form, and meaning to an amazing degree. That has taught me never again to judge a picture hastily as poor, but to give my eyes time to discern what the artist is trying to show.

Two pictures only were unattractive to me. They may please other people. If but one picture in an exhibition gives me enjoyment, it is a privilege to be able to spend an hour with it in the gallery. Thanks to those who so carefully hung the pictures to show them to best advantage, and to all who made it possible for the exhibition to be brought here.

I am, Sir, etc., J. M. Charlottetown.

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NEW UNIVERSITY HEAD

NEW YORK (AP)—Dr. David Dodds Henry, 49-year-old vice-chancellor of New York University, Saturday accepted the presidency of the University of Illinois. Dr. Henry is a former president of Wayne University in Detroit.

The Davies Dismissal

By Heath Macquarrie

Not long ago an official of the American State Department was ousted from his post after having served in diplomatic positions for twenty-three years. Mr. John Paton Davies, the dismissed servant, was fired because in the opinion of an investigating committee he lacked "judgment, discretion, and reliability." There was no question of his loyalty involved. Mr. Davies by leaving the service at this time will forfeit all retirement and pension benefits which would have accrued to him if he remained on the payroll a few years longer.

It seems unfortunate that a man should be thrown overboard after so many years of service, and especially because of a point of view which he held over ten years ago. Although Secretary Dulles declines to release the complete record of the case as Mr. Davies requests, there appears little reason to doubt that the career diplomat is now paying for holding opinions and tending advice now very unpopular with powerful forces in American politics.

In 1944 Davies was a senior official in China and early foresaw the defeat of Chiang Kai-shek and the eventual triumph of the Chinese Communists. He thought the American policy of unlimited support of the declining generalissimo was wrong and he advised an effort to separate Communist China from Russia. Such suggestions were not well received by his superiors in Washington and were anathema to the powerful China lobby. From 1949 to 1952 Davies was investigated eight times, by loyalty boards, and cleared on every occasion. Finally, a few years ago, the ninth investigation brought forth a recommendation for his dismissal. He had also come under fire from certain prominent Republican senators including Joseph McCarthy.

This is far more than a case of an individual's career. It involves some basic concepts which are of interest to America's allies as well as to the citizens of the republic. Of much concern to many in the western world is the inflexible policy which Washington has now adopted to do the Chinese situation—a policy which means in Britain and elsewhere considerable territorial concessions. But beyond this is the whole question of the effectiveness and impartiality of the

civil service and its freedom from political interference. The Christian Science Monitor wonders if actions like those against Davies will not encourage foreign service officers to be nice — "reporting only what their superiors want to hear or hedging so that no turn of events can prove them mistaken." Certainly the Davies case and the Lattimore affair cannot be encouraging to men who would make a career of the diplomatic service. And never in history were the decisions of the American Department of State of such far-reaching importance as in this generation in which the United States has been charged with a responsibility world-wide in scope.

There is grave danger in a policy which throbbles free expression of opinion among those who, by their specialized knowledge, are in a position to advise the men who make the decision which involve both United States and her allies in matters of vital import. As a leading American newspaper asks, "How soon is the United States going to find a better way and quit damaging its own security in the name of security?"

The Poet's Corner

Hardly without knowing, It came, and by surprise, The first and lightest snowing Quicken'd the step. The flurry That melted, touching ground, Moved all with one warm sound Of footsteps clicking "hurry." The mouth said, "cold," but summer Skipped forth that wintry way As on the gentlest day When blossom and when hummer, So lightly fallen, heard, Announced that all would capture, And free the risen rapture Of joy's eternal bird: The still and soaring word. —Joseph Joel Keith, in the Christian Science Monitor.

Old Charlottetown and P. R. L.

EPISCOPAL VISITATION

"The Venerable Archbishop of Nova Scotia recently visited the distant missions of New London, St. Eleanor's, and Port Hill, and returned to Town by way of Bedeque, passing through the flourishing settlement of Westmoreland Harbour, in which the funds having been already provided, the immediate erection of a handsome Church is contemplated. After a short stay in Charlottetown, the Venerable gentleman, accompanied by several of the clergy, proceeded to Georgetown, where, having as on his former visits to the other stations, conferred with the church wardens and other influential members of the congregation with a view to the necessary arrangements for the accommodation of their Minister, he returned to Charlottetown."

"Having brought to a satisfactory conclusion matters of pressing moment to the Town, and attended a full meeting of the Committee of the Diocesan Society, the Archbishop devoted the short interval previous to his embarkation, to an unrestrained intercourse with the clergy, and to calling upon the principal inhabitants of the place, and on Saturday morning took his departure by the steamer, for Pictou, on his return to Halifax."

"The following are the new stations, and the names of the clergymen appointed to each: Georgetown, Rev. F. D. Panter; New London, Rev. Frederick Roberts; Port Hill, Rev. William Roche." —Royal Gazette, Nov. 16, 1941.

NOTES BY THE WAY

And then there's the man who wears a ready-made bow tie—and objects if his wife serves him pie with ready-mixed crust. —Hamilton Spectator.

Crime didn't pay here in town over Hallowe'en where the perpetrators of the only two real Hallowe'en offences were caught. Those who soaped and waxed upstairs windows in Central school had to wash it off the next day. Those who tore down the trellis of a rose arbor on Grand River North will have to rebuild it. —Paris Star.

In reading over a list of rules for pedestrians we came across one which is seldom observed, yet most important. It is "if possible carry a white object when walking at night." Dark clothes at night, even on city streets, are difficult to see. A white object would be of material aid to motorists. St. Catharines Standard.

The Malayan Reds are taking quite a chance when they tell the aboriginals that the recently-seen openen rally are Red Chinese and reinforcements against the British. Won't the Malaysians then expect the Red Chinese to be ugly, big and hairy? Will that attract them to Communism? —Niagara Falls Review.

Current U. S. agitation for bigger locks on the seaways reminds one of the old story of the camel and the tent. It took more than 50 years of pushing and prodding to persuade the camel to stick its nose inside the tent. Now he has moved right in, and for a later-comer seems to be taking up an awful lot of room. —Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

Forty-eight of Canada's top foxhounds entered the eighth annual championship field trial of the All-Canadian Fox Hunters' Association. Fifty foxes were sent to ground near Peterborough in the three-day trial, but not a fox was caught. Either the foxes thereabouts are particularly foxy, or the top Canadian foxhounds are not very smart. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

It gripes us when hyper-critical people make remarks about others just because their tastes in any given subject happen to be different. What folk in small towns need to learn is what people the world over need to learn. Namely, that because your neighbor is different, it doesn't necessarily mean that he's crazy. The crazy one might well be yourself. —Wingham Advance-Times.

County councils, it is reported, are on the way out. But such statements have been made on and off the past 20 years, and the county council is still doing business at the same old stands. The county council is the link between rural government and provincial government. It could be removed by a metropolitan plan, but as conditions exist today the middle body is essential to smooth operation. —St. Catharines Standard.

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