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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Mr. Harris' Reply

Finance Minister Harris is a pleasing and courteous speaker, and in his reference to his Conservative opponents last night he kept well within the bounds of parliamentary debate.

Victoria Day

On Monday we celebrate the Queen's birthday, which actually falls in April but has been fixed officially to coincide with Victoria Day, the Monday preceding May 25.

In every Commonwealth country the traditions of Britain have taken root. Parliamentary democracy is the guiding principle of all their governments.

Monday's anniversary is a day for renewing our allegiance to the ideals we share in common under the Crown. It is a day for turning a friendly face to our Commonwealth comrades who share them, and perhaps of gaining a more sympathetic insight into their problems and difficulties.

Failure Of The Soil Bank

From time to time the suggestion is made that the Canadian Government should adopt a "soil bank" program similar to the one that has been operating in the United States for the last year or so.

It seems, however, that the American experiment is not working out as satisfactorily as its sponsors had hoped it would; and at the present time a Congressional Committee is seriously thinking of recommending its termination, or at least a drastic curtailment of its operations.

This has already been cut to \$600 million, pending final decision by Congress on its future.

The chief complaint against the plan is that it is unpopular with the non-farming section of the population which sees in it, to quote from the Committee's report, "a means of giving the farmer something for nothing".

These technical considerations apart, it hardly seems right that millions of acres of good land should be kept out of production for any reason whatsoever so long as more than half of the world's population is underfed and at least one-third is in a perpetual state of semi-starvation.

Safe Driving Tests

The teen-age driver, long the menace of the highway, may soon be teaching his elders something of safe driving. Good-driving maxims are being instilled all this month in some 2,500 young drivers in Road-E-Os which are being held in various Maritime centres under the sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Imperial Oil Limited.

On the basis of over-all safe-driving ability, winners of local Road-E-Os will receive awards and will represent their communities in the Maritime finals at Saint John on June 8. Two will go on from this competition to the national finals in London, Ont., June 12-14 in which the winners will share \$1,750 in scholarships.

In Charlottetown the Road-E-O takes place at the Airport today, and it is hoped our citizens will show their interest by turning out in goodly numbers.

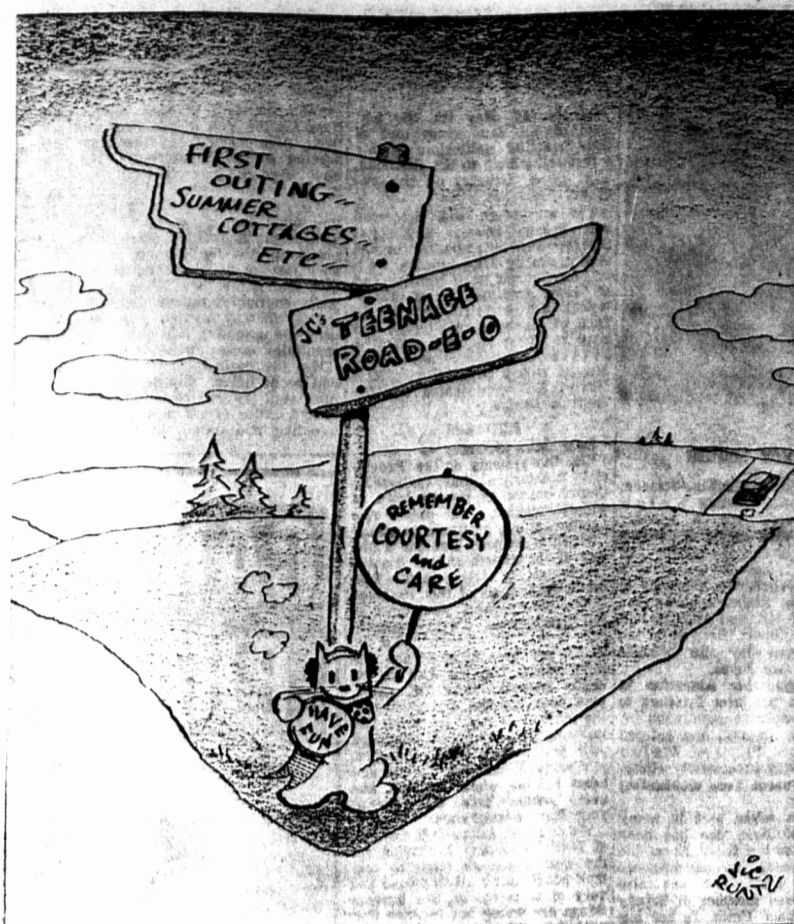
EDITORIAL NOTES

It is encouraging to hear from the Provincial Department of Health that the current immunization program is receiving a satisfactory measure of support. Anti-polio inoculations are especially important. No child should be left unprotected.

Mr. J. Lincoln Dewar will ably represent the Province on the Committee of APEC which will inquire into commercial opportunities at the United States Air Force bases in Labrador. Great quantities of food and other necessities are consumed at these bases. It would seem only reasonable for Maritime producers to have a goodly share in the supplying arrangements.

One thing seems certain. There is to be no P.E.I. Tartan. "I am sternly pointing out," wrote the King of Arms to the Secretary of our Caledonian Club, "that these proposals (advocating tartans for provinces, town, colleges, etc.) are contrary to the whole concept of the tartan as a clan cognizance and thoroughly un-Scottish."

The late Mr. Louis J. MacDonald was widely known to our citizens as district freight and passenger agent for the Prince Edward Island Division, C.N.R., a position which he filled with outstanding ability and conscientiousness. He retired last June with the prospect of enjoying many years of well-earned leisure. His death yesterday came as a shock to all his friends, with whom The Guardian joins in tendering sympathy to the bereaved widow and family.



WHEREVER YOU ARE BOUND

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Talks With Adeneur

Harold Macmillan, Britain's much-travelling Prime Minister, has just returned from a three-day visit in a "showing-the-flag" Comet transport jetplane to Western Germany, and came back with a host of good words about the country. But his remarks caused little excitement among the Briton-in-the-street.

In fact, he is putting on a heavy wailing act towards the half-nation Western Germany represents. Nevertheless, it will take many more words from him before the average man and woman over here overcomes antipathy towards Germany. Or perhaps I would say apathy. The majority of Britons had to think a lot about Germany during two phases of their lives — between 1914 and 1918, and between 1939 and 1945.

I can bet, in fact, that of every five Britons you approach there would be four who would hesitate if asked whether they did want closer ties with Germany — even the "non-Communist" part in the West. That is the main obstacle Macmillan must overcome, and it will take longer than it takes a treaty to be drawn up before he "sells" the idea to Britain and the British.

This antipathy, or apathy, is a factor which both Government speakers and Opposition speakers over here refer to only rarely. But it exists in no mean measure. Macmillan's trip had as its main purpose a series of talks with the West German leader Adenauer to convince him that although some 13,000 of Britain's 80,000 troops on the Continent will be pulled out soon it will not mean that Britain is leaving her European mainland allies on their own.

But from another maker here, Handley Page, comes news of a new short-haul plane, the Dart Herald. It is a turbo-prop job, designed to cruise at up to 300 miles an hour and carry 43 passengers. Getting the Dart Herald out to some hustle. Originally, the makers produced the piston-engined Herald, and designed it to take the place of the old DC3 (the British call them Dakotas or Pionairs) if and when that old warhorse went out. But the Dutch introduced a similar aircraft — and they put British jet engines into it.

Wolfe's Boyhood Home

General James Wolfe, hero of the Plains of Abraham, is very much a favorite of the English too. Chief among the carefully-kept associations with the victor of Quebec in many places in England is Quebec House in this Kent community, his boyhood home. Now owned by Britain's National Trust as a historic site, and kept as a museum, Quebec House holds many relics of the youthful Wolfe.

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.

ADDRESS OMITTED Sir, — In your Public Forum of May 17 you published a letter entitled "The Teaching Profession" written by M. MacKenzie. I wish to inform the public that this is not my letter.

I am, Sir, etc. M. MACKENZIE Department of Education Charlottetown, May 17

NEGLECTED ROAD

Sir, — Now that the Suez Canal crisis is settled, I wonder if Mr. Saville and the Liberal Administration could give some attention to that "canal" extending from Dingwell's Mills to Dundas. The powers that be apparently don't have to travel this much forgotten piece of road, because if they did they would certainly see that something should be done to it right away.

The Dingwell Mills — Dundas Road serves the people in Eastern Kings and is one of the connecting links with the Trans Canada Highway and the Wood Islands Ferry. For the residents of the Eastern section it is 4 miles shorter than the route through Annandale and, with the gasoline tax up, that 4 miles is certainly a consideration.

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command of the forces against Quebec. He never again saw England. Killed in battle, his body was brought back for burial at Greenwich, where there stands an impressive Wolfe statue, designed by the Canadian sculptor Tait MacKenzie and unveiled by the Marquis of Montcalm.

MAXIMS Content makes poor men rich; discontent makes rich men poor.

MAKE PROGRESS WASHINGTON (AP) — Harold E. Stassen Friday reported fresh progress toward an East-West agreement on partial disarmament.

FIRST MONTREAL CROSS MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal's first white cross — marking the place where a man died in a traffic accident — has been painted on the pavement on an east end street. John Sierant, 71, was killed opposite the Grace Dart Hospital when he was struck by a car May 9. A jury ruled Thursday the death was accidental.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

YOUR ANNUAL CHECK-UP A thorough annual check-up probably is the best way to protect yourself from the ravages of cancer. Most cancer is curable if it is discovered, the better.

ASK THE DOCTOR Just what is a thorough examination? Well as a minimum, I would suggest you ask your doctor to make the following check:

Examine the skin of your face, body and extremities for scaly bleeding warts, black moles and unhealed scars. Examine your u.p.s., tongue, cheeks, tonsils and pharynx for persistent ulcerations, the larynx for hoarseness and the lungs for persistent coughing.

LOOK FOR LUMPS Examine the subcutaneous tissue for lumps on the arms, legs or body.

Examine the lymphoid system for enlargement of the nodes of the neck, armpit, groin, etc. For women he should examine the breasts for lumps or bleeding nipples.

He should also examine the uterus for enlargement, lacerations, bleeding or new growths. A bimanual examination will determine the condition of the ovaries.

Investigate any symptoms of persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing. He should carefully feel the abdomen.

Examine the urine for blood with the aid of a microscope. PAIN OR BLEEDING Examine the rectum and determine the cause of any pain or bleeding.

Examine the bones and make an X-ray diagnosis of any bone that may be the seat of any boring pain which becomes worse at night.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

B.E.N.: I have been troubled with a cataract condition since childhood. Is there any cure? Answer: This condition may be the result of an infection in the throat, the tonsils or the sinuses.

A crooked nasal bone or polyps in the nose may also cause it. A thorough careful examination should be made by a physician to determine the source of the excessive secretions.



MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE Women are seeds of kindness. Sown in the garden of loveliness. Grown and guided by the hand of God.

With their beguiling sweetness. Their absence is like a garden without blossoms. And a flower without fragrance.

—Major D. A. MacDonald, in the Moncton Times.

The Age Old Story

My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(May 18, 1932) The H.M.C.S. Champlain and the H.M.C.S. Saguenay arrived in port at Charlottetown yesterday afternoon. The Saguenay carried Commander Hesse who in the afternoon inspected the Charlottetown half Company R.C.N.V.R. under command of Lieutenant George Buntain and Lieutenant J. G. Conolly. The cruisers will sail today for a two-day stop at Gaspe.

A serious fire occurred at Belle River yesterday when a large quantity of standing timber owned by B. Compton and Company was destroyed by fire. The blaze started about noon and burned out in the evening when its progress was stopped by the river. The Compton mills and a large pile of lumber were in danger for some time but were unharmed.

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A type of ship not previously seen in Summerside arrived in port yesterday. It is a former landing barge of the U.S. Army, purchased by M. F. Schurman Co. Ltd. from the U.S. War Assets Corporation. The ship will be used in freighting lumber and other building supplies totalling between six and eight carloads.

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SUEZ RATES DOWN

LONDON (AP) — The Institute of London Underwriters announce an additional reduction Thursday in the surcharge of war strike, riot and civil commotion shipping risks on cargoes passing through the Suez Canal. The rate now is one shilling, threepence (about 17 cents) on cargo valued at £100. Two weeks ago it was two shillings, sixpence (35 cents) and at the height of the Suez crisis it was 25 shillings (\$1.40).

NOTES BY THE WAY

A successful marriage speaks volumes—a cook-book, a check-book, and a prayer book.—Guelph Mercury

Canada may now be considered a welfare state but nobody will get fat on the kind of welfare being doled out at Ottawa. The increases in old age pensions, family allowances, veteran and other benefits are not much more than token recognition that prices have soared astronomically since the present rates were set. In terms of what it would buy in 1950 the \$40 pension is today worth only \$33.40 and if the present inflationary spiral continues for another decade it will be worth only \$25.—Vancouver Province

Some people seem to have the idea that the perils of fast driving and drinking, particularly on big holiday weekends, are exaggerated by traffic authorities. The National Safety Council's latest study should startle them. Analyzing 501 out of the 564 Christmas holiday fatalities this year, the council concluded that excess speed was a factor in 85 per cent of the accidents, as compared with an annual average of 35 per cent.—Sherbrooke Record

Strife things have been happening to Queen Victoria's birthday. It's no longer necessarily on the 24th of May, but on the Monday preceding May 25. And in Canada it is the official birthday of the reigning Queen. It looks as though Victoria will gradually and decorously retire into the background, honored in memory rather than by celebrations. The astonishing thing, indicative of her great personal influence, is that a holiday solely in honor of her was kept so long.—Ottawa Citizen

A girl isn't so much interested in a man with a future, as a man with a present.—Brandon Sun

An American soldier, stationed in Alaska, stopped a charging bull mouse with one punch. At least, that's the way he tells it.—Edmonton Journal

You can bask your faith in modern parenthood when you happen to witness the administration of an old-fashioned spanking.—Sarnia Observer

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