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

Apple Day

No one will dispute the importance of the Scout Movement in our society, and a great many will maintain that, next to organized religious institutions, it ranks first among character-building agencies. Certainly, its work is outstanding and deserves the greatest possible measure of public support. Apple Day, which finds scouts and cubs in practically every city, town and village in the country collecting money for the use of their local organizations provides one opportunity for this support to be made available; and, doubtless, today's receipts will be generous and a good proof of the favour in which the movement is regarded.

It is a good time, too, to pay tribute to the many men and women who voluntarily give of their time and talents to forward the work of scouting. At times it is tedious and difficult work, but it carries a good reward in the satisfaction of a service rendered and in the knowledge that its influence for good is far reaching.

Fine Public Service

The observance of the 50th anniversary of the Life Underwriters Association of Canada is an event of great national importance. Perhaps no group of professional men — and women — has contributed more to Canada's economic expansion and social development; for life insurance is not only big business, it is a business that is closely related to thrift, wise financial investments, economic stability and all the other factors which, taken together, help to build a strong social fabric.

Mr. J. Le Roy Gallant, President of this Province's branch of the Association, has good reason for saying "through our Association the occupation of the life insurance representative has undergone a remarkable transformation during these 50 years. We have established high standards of ethics and professional competence and have made steady progress in bringing life underwriters ever closer to those standards". Corresponding progress has been made by a process of education in building up a better appreciation of the benefits of life insurance on the part of the general public. The time has long since passed when insurance was regarded as an extraordinary means of systematic saving and protection of one's dependents. Today it is as much a part of the normal business relations as banking facilities, government bonds, and the like. In this, too, the Life Underwriters Association has had a big share, and its individual members can take justifiable pride in performing a signal public service.

Ban On Oranges

According to a news report from Washington, Florida's citrus fruit industry is disturbed over a Canadian import ban on oranges which have been treated by a coal-tar derivative. The report goes on to say that representatives of the industry, having taken their grievance to the United States Department of State, are hopeful that the department "will explore every possibility to try to help us". Presumably, the State Department will bring its persuasive powers to bear on Canadian Government authorities in an attempt to have the restriction removed.

It is to be devoutly hoped that the Canadian Government will dismiss this complaint with a firm hand. For one thing, it would be unfortunate if American exporters of any product were to be encouraged in the belief that they can do away with any Canadian trade restriction simply by running to the State Department with a complaint. For another, there is a strong suspicion in scientific circles that coal-tar derivatives are among cancer-producing substances; and this, no doubt, was why the ban was imposed in the first place. This suspicion was dealt with at length in a report on an international symposium on cancer held last summer in Rome. "Although there are at present no chemicals in food which are definitely known to provoke cancer in man", one section of the report reads, "some precautionary measures may be worth noting". It then goes on to list a number of items "which will bear watching"; and at the top of the list is this one: "oranges with color added".

Throughout the entire report, which is bulky and for the most part written in technical language, food additives come under close scrutiny. Anyway, all this aside, just why it should be thought necessary to "improve" the colour of an orange by adding coal-tar to its skin is beyond comprehension. The colour is quite all right as it is — and demonstrably safe.

Commendable Resolution

A resolution passed by the Canadian Exporters' Association recommends that free entry into the United States of a number of unspecified Canadian products be made a condition of hydro-electric agreements now being negotiated between the two countries. The fact that the resolution was passed with only one dissenting vote shows that Canadian exporters, whatever any government official may say to the contrary, are disturbed over this country's growing imbalance of trade with the United States. It is most unlikely that the resolution will have any effect on the hydro-electric agreements, and there is little hope that it will bring about any change in United States' tariff regulations. Indeed, from all reports, the next revision of the tariff system will take an upward rather than a downward course. This is already being urged on Congressional Committees studying the subject of customs duties and will probably be put into effect shortly after the November election regardless of its outcome.

There is something to be said for the resolution, nevertheless. As its sponsors pointed out, it is foolish to assume that this country can go on year after year piling up billion-dollar deficits with a country whose population is ten times greater than our own. No economic structure, however strong and capable of expansion, could stand that sort of imbalance indefinitely. Since the Federal Government hitherto has not been disposed to do much about the situation by way of such retaliatory measures as are available, exporters are to be commended for keeping the matter constantly before public attention and also before the attention of United States' Congressmen who probably have gathered from Canadian official and semi-official statements — Trade Minister Howe's recent address before an American audience, for example — that Canadians in general are reasonably satisfied with the situation as it is.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Delegates to the National Dairy Council's annual convention are predicting an increase of 1 cent a quart for milk in the near future. Even then it will be among the cheapest of foods, considering its importance to health.

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King Phumpiphon of Thailand has become a Buddhist monk, but only for 14 days. Monastery officials probably wish he had thought up some other kind of social diversion. Not knowing anything at all about monastic life and not intending to stay long enough to learn, he'll be a nuisance.

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Some of Premier Hicks' supporters are making much of the fact that he was a Rhodes Scholar. That is, of course, to his credit, but he is well aware that it is not necessarily a vote-catching qualification. Mr. Hollett, Newfoundland's Conservative leader, also was a Rhodes Scholar, and his party won only 4 out of 36 seats on Oct. 2.

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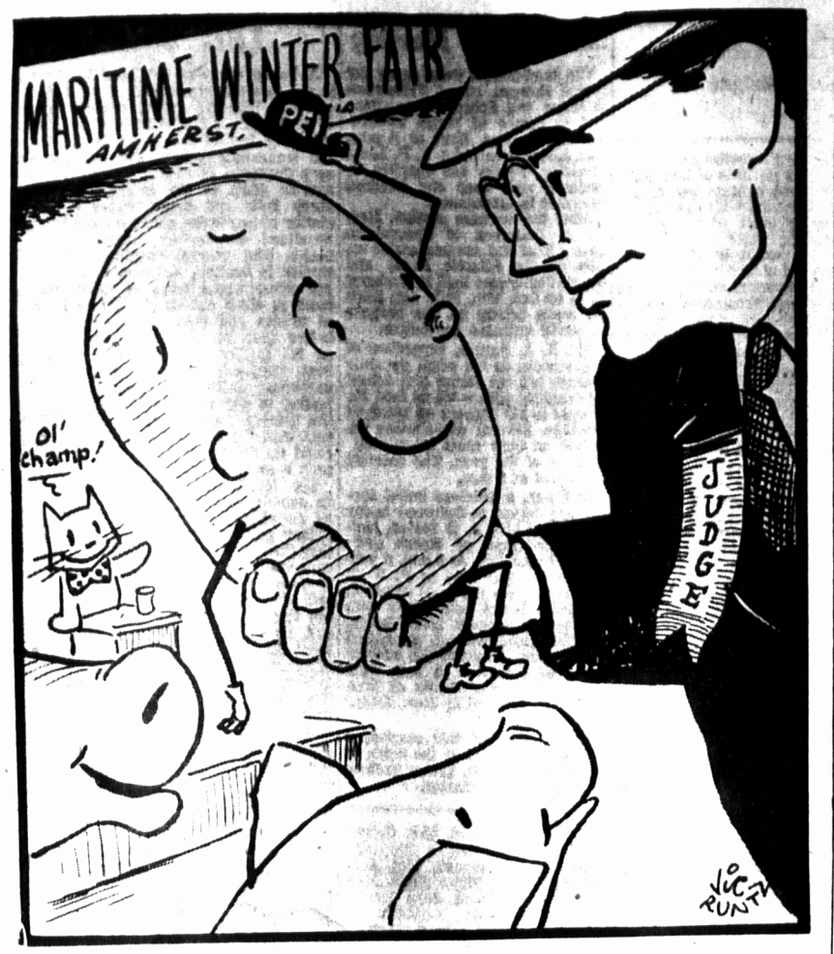
Eggs have always been included in the arsenal of student-demonstrations. But the Laval students who have been on the rampage against Premier Duplessis' aid-to-universities policy are reported to have thrown oranges as well as eggs. Perhaps this was a mistake. The Premier might very well take the view that students who can afford to throw oranges all over the place are not in special need of financial aid to further their education.



WILL THEY SEE EYE TO EYE ONCE MORE?

PUBLIC FORUM

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Sir, — The other evening we had the pleasure of hearing Dianna Lynn on "When You and I Were Young, Maggie." Some years ago there was a radio program called "The Story Behind the Song," in which it was said that this Maggie lived in Ontario (I forget the particular place). The poem was written by a local bard. Its appeal to the heart of humanity made it a favorite wherever heard. May it live forever like many other precious memories and as this one coming from the heart and lips of Dianna Lynn be a sacred treasure of promises and fulfilment.

I am, Sir, etc.,
J. P. McCLOSKEY

Cornwall, P. E. I.

OCTOBER

Sir, — October! The loveliest month of them all and my favorite is fast waning, as is this Sabbath day drawing to a close. So if I want to send a message to my favorite "Isle" I had better get busy ere the curtain of night falls on the one day in seven when there is a semblance of peace and quiet in the hurly-burly of modern day living.

Much has been written in prose and verse about the autumn, but I think I like a selection of Charles-Kingsley's as well as anything, beginning, "Oh, the splendor of the universe!"

A recent letter from my old home tells of a beautiful day, and goes on to say, "I know you would love to be here now when the leaves are changing color and there is so much to admire in nature." How very correct my correspondent was in that assumption! How I would love to see the maples in their splendor of autumn garb once again! My next neighbor told me today that her son has one in his garden in the country, also they have a hedge of pyracantha which blooms in spring with a white flower and in autumn turns scarlet, or flame color. There is a shrub, or bush of it, directly across the street in front of my living room windows which I have admired for a long time but only recently learned its name. Birds love it and about the time the rains come here there are flocks flying hither and thither around it. It remains beautiful all winter.

Another missive states "My garden (Island) would be lovely except for the early frost! Yet I note Mrs. MacMillan's Country Garden suffered little at that time because it was sheltered. I understand her great love of flowers and gardening, but I marvel at what she accomplishes — if she does it unaided — also at her knowledge re flowers, shrubs, etc! There does not seem to be a locale she is not familiar with, probably much more so than they who reside in that area. I was a bit surprised to learn that she had crysanthemums last till January. As long as mine did here — when I had them — but sometimes I discarded them for the old English holly. At present at Lakeside Park they are again celebrating the "mum" show — it must be gorgeous with so many varities. Down the Penninsula there is the Fall Africal Violet Show and so it goes.

On account of going in the red, the Califronia Spring Garden Show had to be discontinued after twenty-three years. It was replaced this fall by a much simpler Home and Garden Show — really more practical for home-owners to get ideas re local plants and outdoor living, patios, etc., to which this climate lends itself so well. Some felt T.V. to blame for the decrease in patronage of the more gorgeous displays. Why anyone would prefer a second, or third rate, program to so much of beauty is beyond me? But it takes all types of folk to make a world.

The fourth annual "Do-it-Yourself Show" opened last Thursday at the Exposition Building here in this fair city. One fine feature of it is the benefit to the blind students from the Orientation Center who are demonstrating what they can do in woodworking operating such power tools as a saw, lathe, drill press and sander. The gentleman in charge said, "that the blind center program gives students confidence and makes them aware they can perform difficult tasks without sight."

Some may congratulate themselves in inventing something new in the "Do It-Yourself" idea, but our pioneering ancestors were adept at it as it was a must if they were to hew homes out of the virgin forests and in fact survive during those early days. Sometimes I wonder if we haven't lost something with everything made so easy today? For instance Thanksgiving — now past in my beloved childhood days when there was much of preparation as the mince meat, etc., was home made, and how wonderful those savory doors coming from the kitchen! Recently I've been reading of Thanksgiving among the Purtians in New England when even the children were recruited for help with the initial preparation such as chopping the mince to a nice fineness for the pounding the cinnamon, allspice and cloves as everything came in bulk in those early days, even the salt was rock and had to be washed and ground for use. If the actual celebrations were as thrilling to experince as the reading about it now, then I think they were to be envied? Today everything can be purchased in cans, even the stuffing for the turkey readymade — if one cares for the mixture — report says it is not too palatable.

As Mrs. MacMillan says re gardens, "the more one puts into them, the more one gets out of them," thus I feel it is with special holidays, the greater the preparation the greater the enjoyment. I also agree with Mrs. Dixon —"Ellen's Diary" — that Thanksgiving is more a state of mind than a certain day. How very, very much we, here, in this Western World have to thank God for, even dispite disturbing headlines telling us that "all is not well with the world." Rightly or wrongly, I feel we mortals were meant to be happy else why should the Creator have so much of beauty in His handicraft? This it behooves us to look for the silver lining among the dark clouds.

I greatly enjoyed Mr. S. Barlow Bird's poem in the "Poet's Corner" — Guardian, October 13 — and how wonderfully he portrayed "The Isle!" It is interesting and nice to know that some Islanders make the "Poet's Corner" along with the old masters, or selections from same; and the lesser modern Canadian and American poets and verse makers. Even one not familiar with the Island could readily picture its beauty, quiet and restful pastoral scenes, and last—but not least—its spiritual and idealistic inhabitants. Congratulations! Mr. Bird.

Indian Summer continues here with its lovely sunshine, haze on the landscape, and tang in the air, to say nothing of the indescribably lovely sunsets. We do not of course have the gorgeousness of color as the Northern, or temperature climes, but for the nature lover there's much to enjoy.

In passing, politics is the order of the day here as all are aware, but many today look on those every four year elections as more or less necessary evils and are relieved when the ordeal is over and those in authority can go back to "Business as usual" — goodness knows there's much that demands attention with the dark clouds of the world's controversy hanging over us! Personally, I dislike recriminations and find more and more people today this minded. Just once in youth I attended a political meeting held in a little hall near my home. The opposing candidates were present and spoke from the same platform that evening. Needless to say it was pretty rough with personalities involved to such an extent that I felt if anyone talked about me as they were doing about each other, I'd never recognize them again. At the close of the meeting, to my amazement, the speakers — all smiles — greeted each other like long — lost — brothers, so I realized they were playing a strange game and there was nothing personal in it.

Best of good wishes to all interested enough to read a little about "This" and "that!" Also have lots of fun kiddies on Hallowe'en which is just around the corner! Thanks for continued courtesy, and au revoir!

I am Sir, etc.,
G. S. Gordon,
(Mrs. D. J.)

Oakland, Califorina.

SPEAKING OF BIRTHDAYS

Sir, — There were some 50 people in Charlottetown who had a birthday, October 24th. But the Guardian did not report any but that, of Mr. Joseph O'Brien. This writer took notice, as his own occurred on the same date.

We each have something to contribute to the good of our neighbors according to the talents given us. A more important organism than these was born on October 24th., namely the "United Nations Organization". Its delegates with their attendants comprise the greatest aggregation of brain power that ever met in one place.

We are reminded by those who know, that it does much good, in mutual help among the nations. We had vainly hoped that before this it would have beaten all the swords into plowshares. It has failed in this regard through lack of "Faith in God".

My friend the sea captain says—"I would not trust much to faith". He meant, no doubt, that it is a waste of time to ask God to help us. "He is not able or not willing to do anything for us".

A certain man, one Orel Roberts in the States, says that by prayer, he has seen many sick people cured. Another over there who is well known here says, "We dare not set limits" to the power and goodness of God, in the matter of life and health. Sydney Katz in McLean's Magazine, attacks Roberts for asking God to cure people. Or in other words, God knows best, when people should be relieved of their pain.

I would rather stand with Roberts than with an atheist. The more faith you have in God's power and sympathy for us the better. Just lately I was taken to see a Church in Pictou County.

After seeing everything that stood for utility and beauty we signed name and address in visitors book. But seeing a column left for comments, I simply wrote "Have faith in God". A great statesman said that one with God is a majority.

I am, Sir, etc.,
ARCH MACKENZIE

Conrad Centenary

Poland will next year observe the 100th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Conrad 1857 - 1924 with the publication of a volume of letters in which are included 81 recently discovered in Warsaw.

Conrad, born Jozef Korzeniowski, became a master of English prose although he did now know a word of the language until his early twenties. His father, Apollo, wsa a translator into Polish of Shakespeare, Victor Hugo and Alfred de Vigny.

Many of the newly found letters are by Tadeusz Bobrowski, Conrad's uncle and adviser during his youth and early manhood. They were written to Conrad over a period of years from 1869 to 1893. The remaining letters were sent by individuals closely associated with the writer.

The letters were discovered by the literary scholar, R. Jabikowska, who described them in a recent issue of Kwartalnik Neofilologiczny Neophilogical Quarterly as an exceptionally valuable set of documents on Conrad's youth and his relations with his family.

The commemorative volume, to be issued by the Ossolineum Publishing House of Wroclaw, will also contain a diary in which Bobrowski noted the more important events in the life of the Korzeniowski family, letters by Conrad, a bibliography and critical articles. The text will be in Polish and English.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D

DOCTORS FIND PREGNANCY WILL NOT AGGRAVATE TB

For years there's been a great controversy over whether women suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis— even inactive cases — should have babies. In many cases, pregnancies have been halted because of fear that they would aggravate the TB.

Two Philadelphia physicians report, after a survey covering a 30-year period that pulmonary TB is not complicated by pregnancy and should not be considered a reason for ending the pregnancy. More and more doctors are adopting this viewpoint.

RECENT REPORT

Writing in a recent edition of The Journal of the American Medical Association, Drs. Loren M. Rosenbach and Columbus R. Gangemi say that if the disease gets worse during or immediately after pregnancy, it is not due to the pregnancy but simply to "the tendency of tuberculosis itself to progress."

Neither they nor I would recommend pregnancy during an active case of TB; but should it occur, their findings indicate that therapeutic abortion is not beneficial in the majority of cases.

With the proper obstetric care and medical treatment, the pregnancy should have no adverse effect on the tuberculosis.

Many physicians, even those well trained in treating tuberculosis, advise women with inactive cases to wait between two and five years before they become pregnant.

INACTIVE CASES

From their studies, Drs. Rosenbach and Gangemi report that in clinically inactive cases no waiting period is indicated before pregnancy.

They found no reactivation of the disease during pregnancy in any of the inactive cases of pulmonary TB they studied.

But be on the safe side. If you have an inactive case of TB, discuss it thoroughly with your doctor before deciding to have a baby.

You might tell him of the studies I have cited above and see whether he agrees.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

H. W.: What is the treatment for worms?

Answer: There are many types of worms and the treatment depends upon the type of worms present.

The Poet's Corner

TALL NETTLES

Tall nettles cover up, as they have done
These many springs, the rusty harrow, the plough
Long worn out, and the roller made of stone;
Only the elm butt tops the nettles now.

This corner of the farmyard I like most,
As well as any bloom upon a flower
I like the dust on the nettles, never lost
Except to prove the sweetness of a shower.

—Edward Thomas.

The Age Old Story

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

(October 27, 1931)

The Red Cross Society has demonstrated a valuable service to the Province by the clinics for crippled children held last week in Charlottetown and Summerside. Dr. T. B. Acker, Halifax, on Saturday completed his twelfth trip to the Island in six years to conduct these clinics which bring so much relief to children with crippled disabilities.

James McKee, Maritime Electric Company, was guest speaker at Rotary yesterday. He referred to the changes made in the power plant in 1926 when the old gas operated plant gave way to more modern equipment, a 500 kilowatt turbine and all auxiliaries, and a 406 horse power water tube boilder. During the present year a 1,500 KW turbine has been installed and will be in operation by November 25th.

TEN YEARS AGO
(October 27, 1946)

The City firemen had a fire almost at home early this morning when a fire broke out on the second floor of City Hall. The blaze is thought to have had its origin in the lavatory since it was there that the greatest damage occurred. Considerable damage was done to the ceiling on the south side of the fire hall as the firemen found it necessary to cut a hole through in order to expedite their work of extinguishing the blaze.

A group of six missionaries and missionary executives representing the Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian and United Churches, occupied the pulpits of the churches of the city yesterday in the opening services of an Interchurch Missionary Conference celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first missions of the Anglican Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Canada.

MAXIMS

Outside show is a poor substitute for inner worth.

RULER'S CAPITAL

The Asian capital city of 13th-century warlord Genghis Khan lasted little more than 100 years.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Alberta taxpayers will be cheered by the statement of Provincial Treasurer E. W. Hinman that he does not think there is any danger of Albertans being taxed double on their incomes. Whatever may be the siutation in other provinces. Alberta, with its overflowing revenues from oil and other natural resources, has no reason to resort to such a burdensome levy. We are fortunate. — Edmonton Journal

If the warm trend continues, says the scientists, we can expect more moisture and less frost in the northern half of North America and more heat and more drought in the lower half. For Canada that would mean a northern extension of the tree belt and grain-growing areas, wider use of tender crops like tobacco, corn and soybeans, more power from bigger rivers and a longer season for navigation. For the southern U.S, however, it might not be so pleasant, as they would certainly have more blazing heat, more desert, more irrigation problems and less farming.—Winnipeg Free Press

Speaking in Hamilton the other day at the local Association of Dental Nurses, Dr. Wesley J. Dunn, editor of the Journal of the Canadian Dental Association, addressed himself to opponents of fluoridation in these terms: "I can see no moral difference between inflicting a disease on a child and withholding a proved disease preventice." This is a statement which should cause some soul-searching by the opponents of fluoridation. Fluoridation, Dr. Dunn emphasized, would prevent more tooth decay than is now treated by the country's 5,000 dentists.—Toronto Telegram

FARM RADIO FORUM

Opening Calendar

MONDAY, OCT. 29
8:30 P.M.—CFCY
Opening Broadcast:
"School Milk"

MONDAY, NOV. 5
8:30 P.M.—CFCY
"Should Farmers Invest in Marketing?"

FIRST NIGHT FOR ISLAND FORUMS TO MEET

SOUNDS WONDERFUL

"What sounds wonderful?"

"Well—I hear the complete Star Weekly is coming out in Tabloid form."

"You mean the Rotogravure Picture section?"

"No—that's already in Tabloid form. I mean the whole paper is to be in compact tabloid form—all pages ten and a half by fourteen inches."

"Oh I see—the magazine section too."

"Yes and that's not all, they tell me the Star Weekly is going to be new in many ways. New and modern make-up—New type that's easier to read—exciting and colorful."

"My—that does sound wonderful. When will we get it?"

"Out October 29th I believe."

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

General meetings will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the following places:—

Afton Hall—October 29.
Kinkora High School—October 30
North Tryon School—November 1
Kensington High School—November 5
Crapaud School—November 6
Freetown School—November 7

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