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

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Business & Goodwill

While the Russians and the Americans are competing in every way they can think of for the ideological sympathy of India, the British, apparently, are concentrating on getting what business they can in that country.

While all this has been going on, Communist countries on the one hand, and the United States on the other, have been offering the Indians all sorts of economic aid plans; but in each instance there has been an implied suggestion that help of this nature deserves a certain amount of favourable response in the political field.

Anyway, they are getting more than their share of Indian business, and with it, it is safe to say, a lot of goodwill, which generally accompanies satisfactory business dealings, whether between individuals or nations.

The Stoa Of Attalus

More than twenty-one centuries ago, a grateful alumnus of the Academy of Athens showed his appreciation for his education by presenting the city with a magnificent colonnaded structure overlooking the Agora, the Greek capital's civic and market centre.

The Stoa of Attalus, used as a meeting place by the ancients who daily thronged the Agora, was a two-story porchlike building, 382 feet long and 64 feet wide, says the National Geographic Society. It was made of stone and marble, with a double row of columns marching along each level.

For more than four centuries, Attalus' porch stood on the Agora, in the shadow of the Acropolis. Then in A. D. 267 raiding Barbarians stormed down from the north and destroyed this and other buildings. Later, stones from the ruined stoa were used in nearby fortifications, thus preserving original material for today's restoration.

The area. With the removal of these houses, followed by 25 years of intensive excavations by the American School of Classical Studies, scores of thousands of bits and pieces from Athens' varied past have come to light.

Inscriptions in stone and ceramic that have turned up give valuable information on famous men and practices of classical times. Hundreds of pottery fragments bearing painted or scratched-on names tell of the ancient custom of balloting by the Assembly to banish community leaders feared as potential dictators.

New Political Movement

It has been a long time since any new political movement of consequence appeared on the British scene. But, according to the well-informed Drew Middleton, London correspondent for the New York Times, one is now emerging with promise of developing into something interesting, perhaps a new National party.

Evidence that the movement is no "fly-by-night" affair is demonstrated by an editorial in the influential Sunday Times which says the sentiment expressed by the League "comes from all over the land".

EDITORIAL NOTES

Premier Fleming is not going to get all the credit for being regionally minded, if Premier Hicks has anything to say about it. Following Mr. Fleming's call for a meeting of minds to discuss regional problems, the Nova Scotian leader has suggested they all go to Ottawa to discuss revision of Maritime freight rates.

In trying to excuse nuclear tests in the Marshall Islands area of the Pacific, which in the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations has been called "a moral disuse of trust territory", a United States spokesman said the tests "might go down in history as events that made future international war an impossibility".



HELPING HAND

New Brunswick Power Plans

Probably on July 9, certainly soon, the Premiers of the four Maritime provinces and senior members of their administrations will meet in Fredericton to study ways to speed up the area's development.

The case for entrusting development to the few Brunswick Electric Power Commission, according to a provincial survey of the situation, is that piecemeal private development would increase power costs substantially, and would not afford adequate reserve capacity.

Power requirements over the next few years, of the mining and metallurgical enterprises on top add up to 35,000 kilowatts, those of the pulp and paper industry to 64,000 kilowatts. There is in addition an emerging demand for steam which might be supplied along with power by appropriately located thermal power plants.

Advance of Automation

Lord Halsbury, managing director of British National Research Development Corporation, in London Calling. The cynic's definition of automation: "well proceed as follows: 'Automation' is a verbal fallacy referring to any technological advance which the user has in mind.

The first advance relates to coupling, automatic machine tools or presses together so as to form a continuous sequence of automatic operations. In effect 30 automatic tools, say, are converted into one, and 30 manufacturing operations are performed in sequence as a result. A casting goes in at one end accordingly and the

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 3, 1931)

Yesterday a Fairchild Cabin sea-plane, bound for the wilds of Labrador to chart, explore and photograph that wilderness, landed, to the delight of many spectators who lined the sea shore, on the Charlottetown Harbour.

The Prince Edward Island Light Horse Regiment encamped Monday morning for eight days voluntary training without pay. The number this year includes 30 of all ranks, and the camp is under the command of Col. F. I. Andrew, MM.

TEN YEARS AGO

Lady Baden Powell, World Chief Guide concluded her Cross-Canada lecture tour last night by delivering an address at the Charlottetown Hotel on the Girl Guide movement throughout the World.

The annual Cairns reunion was held Dominion Day at Pearson's shore, Chelton. Miss Calvert of the National Film Board, Ottawa, delivered an interesting address on Education at the Canadian Legion. Hall last night to the Prince Edward Island Arts Society.

NO NEED FOR ALARM LONDON (AP) — Air Minister Nigel Birch said Friday the West "need not be put out of countenance" by the quality of Russia's air force. Birch, back from a visit to Moscow, said Russian equipment "is not out of this world, nor overwhelmingly good."

Probing Mars' Mysteries

Astronomers studying the face of Mars during the next six months hope to solve many of the mysteries of the only other planet in the heavens that shows signs of life. Dr. E.C. Slipher, world-renowned astronomer, is leaving the United States in mid-June for Bloemfontein, South Africa, on the second "Mars Expedition" in three years sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Lowell Observatory of Flagstaff, Arizona.

From at least 20 other points around the world, observatories will carry on a coordinated photographic patrol in coming months. They will keep watch on Earth's neighboring planet as it swings across the sky in its closest approach since 1941. RED PLANET NEARS On September 10, Mars and Earth will reach "opposition" lining up with the sun. Only 35,300,000 miles apart—little more than a third the distance of the sun from Earth—they will be virtually as close as they ever come.

There is no common factor shared among these four advances. The fact that they have matured at about the same time is somewhat of a coincidence, but it is a coincidence that has set people thinking and talking, and that is why a new word "automation" has become popular to describe what they are thinking and talking about. People confuse what they imagine is happening with what really is happening; what is done today with what may be done tomorrow; what is being done in America or Russia with what is being done in Britain; and what is really new with what is a mere extension of something old. This confusion will pass.

Medically Speaking

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THREE NEW DRUGS TO FIGHT DISEASE

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The antibiotic polycycline has been used by Syracuse University scientists for successfully treating acne, a skin condition that afflicts countless teen-agers and young adults.

The results, the scientists report, indicate that the antibiotic exerts more than a germ-killing action since acne is not merely a simple bacterial infection but also involves hormonal imbalance within the body.

Polycycline is known chemically as tetracycline. SPECIFIC TARGET The newly synthesized antibiotic agents are related to tetracycline, but pin-point a specific microbial target. The new drugs are known as tertiary butylhydroxy-tetracycline analogs.

They are reportedly up to 200 times as effective as either tetracycline or Terramycin in the test-tube battle against trichomoniasis, a disease affecting some 10 per cent of the nation's women. No results in humans have been reported.

Ritalin is a new mild psychomotor stimulant which reportedly raises patients to normal levels of mental and physical activity without producing an exaggerated sense of well-being or depressive rebound.

It is reportedly successful in overcoming chronic fatigue, psychotic depressions and depressions associated with the menopause and nervous exhaustion, also.

CANCER RESEARCH In the field of cancer research, scientists have found a virus which for the first time consistently causes mouse leukemia.

This ability to cause leukemia makes it possible to study immunization against the disease by vaccination of animals with the virus. The scientists caution that this does not necessarily indicate that leukemia in humans is a viral disease. But at least it's another stop in the quest for the cause and cure.

QUESTION AND ANSWER B.W.: If both my parents died at an early age from heart disease, would it mean that I also will have a short life? Answer: No, it does not necessarily mean that. It would depend upon the cause of the heart disease. One does not necessarily inherit disease tendencies.

We must remember that our life expectancy has increased greatly in the last few years.



FROM AN ESSAY ON CRITICISM

'Tis best sometimes your censure to restrain, And, charitably let the dull be vain; Your silence there is better than your spite, For who can rail so long as they can write? Still humming on, their drowsy course they keep, And lash so long, like tops, are lashed asleep. —Alexander Pope.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The rose of Socialism has withered, but the name of the CCF still smells sweetly enough in Saskatchewan.—Winnipeg Free Press

Folks are now debating which two weeks of the summer will provide the best weather. It will probably be the two weeks you didn't pick for your holidays.—St. Catharines Standard

Without a recognition of history a nation is nothing more than a mass of people living and working in a country. Whatever the material satisfactions of the present, it is history that gives a people something to live for and something to die for. It is the past that shapes a nation. Canadian history is not short of heroes; the need is to make them living and vital for our children. And that should be the duty and the pride of all Canadians.—Hamilton Spectator

A Canadian engineer, Prof. Gerald W. Farnell of McGill, has invented an "electronic slide rule" that can give the answer to tough mathematical problems in less than a minute. It is an improved type of slide rule, and the latest word is that a graduate engineer can be taught to use it in a few hours. If there is a catch in it, though, it's a few weeks' exposure. No slide rule produced so far has been for the masses, and this one is no exception. It can be operated only by those persons of special mathematical bent who could work the problems, anyway, if they had the time.—Windsor Star

Bank entrances and bank advertisements have in recent years shown that banks have adopted a younger look. Where bank entrances once were forbidding gates, there are now bright panels of glass that open at a touch; where advertisements were austere and almost bearded with Victorian conservatism, they are now ingratiating and almost frivolous. Banks are definitely sprightly today.—Toronto Telegram

There is every reason to believe that sunshine is healthful. But there is no reason to think that hours of broiling can give anything but discomfort and possibly actual harm. Start your sunbathing program carefully. You may not become a bronzed statue figure over night. But neither will you suddenly get to look like something fresh out of the frying pan.—Owen Sound Sun-Times

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