THE GUARDIAN

Morning Daily (Founded in 1887)
Authorized as Second Class Mail Post Office Department, Ottawa
The Island Guardian Publishing Co.
Editor and Managing Director, J. R. Burnett
Associate Editor, Frank Walker.

"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

CHARLOTTETOWN MONDAY, MAY 8, 1950

Important Discussions

Washington reports that the U. S. Secretary of State, Mr. Acheson, Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, and France's Foreign Minister, M. Schuman, have agreed, in the main, on the major European and Asiatic questions to be discussed at the diplomatic conferences in London.

Indications, based on the Washington information, are that the chief spokesmen will devote most of their attention and efforts to tighten the bonds of accord and co-operation uniting the Western Democracies. The political and economic co-ordination of Western Europe, including Western Germany, is prominent in the reported list of subjects. Equally so is the matter of defence plans under the Atlantic Pact.

The Middle East and its multiple and often complex problems should also have an important place on the agenda, for that part of the world is of high strategic importance now, just as it was in the First and Second World Wars. Then, of course, there is the dangerous situation in Asia, where Communist incursions have led to the domination of China and potential threats to several other countries, including Malaya and India.

And the proceedings will be set against what a correspondent has appropriately described as a sinister background of tension between Soviet Russia and the nations of the West.

The purpose and necessity of the forthcoming deliberations is to increase the security of the non-Communist world. That is a tremendous undertaking, and its scope makes haste and effectiveness in achieving adequate joint defence items of great urgency, asserts the Brantford Expositor.

Kindness To Animals

No one can inflict cruelty on an animal without leaving a mark on his or her own personality. Inevitably we gain in our own lives by acts of kindness to a fellow creature, or become warped in spirit by needless cruelty. This happens to be "Be Kind To Animals Week", but like so many of these "weeks" it is merely an occasion for thinking about things that should be practised throughout the year.

Young children are not instinctively kind to animals, although they may be fond of them. The toddler must be taught that he should not strike friendly dogs with a hammer or something equally maiming, and it is only by assuming responsibility for the welfare of a pet that the youngster learns to take thought for its needs and comfort.

We have only to mentally compare the child who tortures small animals with the one who lavishes care on them and understands their feelings to realize how accurately we can rate the real worth of man by his attitude to the animal kingdom.

"Bob-a-Job" Week

Boy Scouts all over the country, reports The Times, London, have been busy earning money in the "Bob-a-job" campaign to swell the movement's funds. The tasks offered during the week did not lack variety. The irksome were accepted with zest along with the pleasant and there was no shirking. But some of the boys were lucky enough to find chores of special interest.

Two City Scouts spent a couple of days cleaning cannon in the Tower of London, while another boy who applied at Lord's cricket ground was delighted to be put on the job of dusting the historic collection of cricket bats. Perhaps the most envied Scout was the boy from Oxford whose father entered on his card, "For keeping out of the way for two hours—one shilling."

Every member of the movement, from the youngest cub to the Chief Scout, is expected to earn some money by doing extra jobs. Last year, the first attempt at this scheme, over £50,000 was collected, of which £22,000 was given to Headquarters. This year the public have responded well and equally good results are looked for.

EDITORIAL NOTES

V-E Day, 1945.

• • •

Public works are now to start in earnest, but there is still delay over the new Federal building project.

• • •

It is the spirit and organization in a campaign that counts for most success. The "Men of the Kirk" for instance, raised within the congregation itself between two Sundays over $10,000 for Hall repairs and innovations.

"The Sally Anns" and their financial campaign will be the feature of this week.

• • •

The purpose of the Trans-Canada Highway of giving greater unity to this country and to its people seems to have temporarily dropped into the background, but some day the tape of asphalt should prove an effective supplement to the ribbons of steel.

• • •

The spirit of adventure is strong as ever. Within a few hours of the publication of an appeal for four volunteers for the crew of the Discovery II on its research voyage in the southern ocean and Antarctic, the British Admiralty had 200 applications by letter or telephone from adventurous young men.

• • •

The improvements at the Exhibition grounds are of interest to everyone, and will be appreciated by competitors, exhibitors, and spectators alike. It is co-operation in public interests like this, as in the Festival of Music, which helps to boost the Island as having a well-developed community spirit.

• • •

With yet another failure of the Big Four deputy foreign ministers to make any progress towards a settlement in Europe, the North Atlantic Pact meeting in London assumes a dominating importance. In a sense it is Russia, strangely enough, that is welding the rest of the world into true unity.

• • •

An unusual course of instruction will be held this summer at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. For the first time in the country's history a class of rural clergymen of all denominations will receive instruction in soil conservation, field crops, livestock management, plant diseases and other practical farm topics.

• • •

Mr. R. E. Mutch has been celebrating his business jubilee this month, having started out as a wholesale grocer on May 8, 1900. He has gone a long way since then, and now is one of our outstanding business men, contractors, and ship owners, adding "sense to sense" and dollar to dollars to become what in business is described as an "adequate" citizen whose advice is usually worth following.

• • •

President Truman, born this date 1884. Educated at Kansas City School of Law; operated the family farm from 1906 to 1917; served in the First World War 1917-18, returning with the rank of Major; judge of Jackson City Court 1922-24; presiding judge 1926-34; Senator from Missouri 1935-44; elected Democratic vice-President 1944; succeeded President Roosevelt in 1945; re-elected 1949.

• • •

We tend to think of soil erosion in terms of great gullies down a hillside and of dust storms carrying away many inches of topsoil. Erosion losses here are certainly on a less spectacular plane, but Experimental Farm soil specialist G. B. Woodside's estimate that some 30 per cent of Prince Edward Island soil is moderately eroded should startle many of us into protective action.

• • •

During the recruiting for the Army and Navy we were told we had a considerable percentage of youths below par in education and general knowledge. We are not singular in that respect. The Chief Constable of Herefordshire, in his report just issued, states that two out of 123 applicants to join the Herefordshire police force could not name the Prime Minister or give the name of any well-known novelist. Because of the low physical and educational standard of the applicants it was possible to select only 18 men.

• • •

The Maritime Regional members of Canadian Press will foregather here next month. They will hold their annual convention at Pictou Lodge, and then come by Northumberland Ferries for dinner at Dalvay, guests of the Northumberland Ferries, to hear an address by Premier Jones.

The worst of radio propaganda, it gets so badly mixed up in one's mind, with Fibber McGee and Molly, etc., that one is not sure whether the propagandist is chaffing or chafing.

• • •

A four-man delegation including a Newfoundlander will aid Revenue Minister McCann when he goes to Geneva for the third world health assembly opening there today. Dr. H. A. Ansley, Director of Health Services for the Department of Health and Welfare and Dr. Leonard Miller, deputy Minister of Health for Newfoundland, will be members of the delegation headed by Dr. McCann. E. A. Cote of the office of the Canadian High Commissioner in London and N. F. H. Berlis of the Canadian permanent delegation to the European office of the United Nations in Geneva will act as advisers. The assembly will discuss the program of the World Health Organization for 1951, and will study operation of W. H. O.'s regional organizations, membership applications from Indonesia and Viet Nam and the annual budget.

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.

JOINTS EXAGGERATED

Sir,—Being a person of unquestionable loyalty to The Guardian and being an incessant reader of each and every interesting column in your paper, I happened to notice in the May 5th issue that a correspondent from another Province had the audacity to insert a letter in The Guardian's Public Forum concerning the Temperance Commission of Prince Edward Island and being dead set against it.

Maybe I should not question the integrity of Mr. MacRae, but, being a loyal Islander, I wish to stand up for the rights and privileges of this our dear little Island Province. Undoubtedly Mr. MacRae is a man of great courage, daring to affix his name to the above-mentioned letter.

What I cannot understand, however, is why Mr. MacRae should wish to choose a couple of villages inhabited by some of the most temperate people on the Island and making the statement that there are so many bootlegging "joints" in these communities. Some might say that this isn't saying much for the rest of the Island, but the fact is that Mr. MacRae has made the almost unpardonable mistake of stating that there are five bootlegging joints in North Rustico of which village I am a resident, thus being in a position to judge better of the condition of this place. I know for a fact that this is an erroneous statement, so the only conclusion I can come to is that either somebody was trying to pull Mr. MacRae's leg or else he wants to bring disrepute to this respectable community.

I am, Sir, etc.,
INTERESTED.

North Rustico.

Gathering Of The MacLeods

(U. K. Information Office)

Some 15 years ago, the chief of the McLeods received at the historic castle of Dunvegan a gathering of clansmen who had made their way to Skye from all parts of the world.

There were Polish MacLeods; there were German MacLeods—indeed scarcely a country was not represented by MacLeods, many of whom had lost the original spelling of their name but had retained throughout the generations of exile the love of their ancestral island.

This gathering of the MacLeods will be repeated in May during "Skye Week", when Flora MacLeod of MacLeod—now chief of the great clan—will welcome her kinsmen.

Skye Week (May 20—27) will be opened at the island's capital of Portree. After the ceremony there will be Highland Games in sight of Skye's magnificent hills—the Black Cuillin, renowned for their beauty and for their gruelling rock climbs.

A "feill" will be opened by Lady Hermione Cameron of Lochiel and there is to be a MacLeod Day at Dunvegan Castle when Flora of MacLeod will welcome all her guests. Shinty matches, sheep-dog trials, cruises and tours will highlight the week's events.

Visitors arriving on the island on Friday, May 19th, will be welcomed by pipe music at Portree and a concert at Broadford.

• • •

The official welcoming ceremony to be held at the games ground at Portree, on Saturday, May 20th, will be attended by the Lord Lieutenant of the County, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, K. T.; Sir Andrew Murray, Lord Provost of Edinburgh; Mr. Victor Warren, the Lord Provost of Glasgow; Mr. Thomas Johnston, the chairman of the Scottish Tourist Board; Lord and Lady MacDonald; Flora of MacLeod; and Provost Grigor of Inverness.

The Portree Pipe Band is to play during the games which are to follow, while the pipe band of the 1st Battalion of the H. L. I. which is to pay a week's visit to Skye, will bring the games to a close by the ceremonial of "Retreat."

The feill which Lady Hermione Cameron will open earlier in the day at Portree, and which will remain open during the week, will include a display of Skye's beautiful woollens, including tweeds from Port na Long and cloth woven at the Kilmuir School of Weaving.

Highland games are to be held at Kilmuir on Monday, May 22nd. Other events that day will include excursions and tea cruises, ceilidhs and dances in various parts of the island.

• • •

While Dunvegan Castle will be open during the entire week, Tuesday, May 23rd, is being set aside as a special MacLeod Day, when Flora of MacLeod will be at home to the members of the clan.

The pipe band of the 1st Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry is to play during the afternoon outside the castle, and in the evening there is to be a ceilidh and dance in the village hall at Dunvegan. While the MacLeods are celebrating at Dunvegan, other visitors will have a variety of entertainment, including a series of tours.

On Wednesday there will be a shinty match at Portree, an excursion to Borreraig, the site of the ancient school of piping conducted by the Macrimmons, a country dancing display at Ardvasar, a concert and dance at Broadford, and sea cruises and excursions.

On Thursday, May 25th, there will be sheep-dog trials at Bradford, and a series of ceilidhs and dances.

• • •

On Friday, the final day of the week, there will be a regatta at Portree, dramatic performances at Duirinish, a garden party at Ardvasar, and a series of concerts and dances.

The Isle is reached by steamer from the Scottish mainland at Glasgow or Oban. There is a regular daily service of fast trains from London to Glasgow. British European Airways will also be operating a direct service from London to the Hebrides.

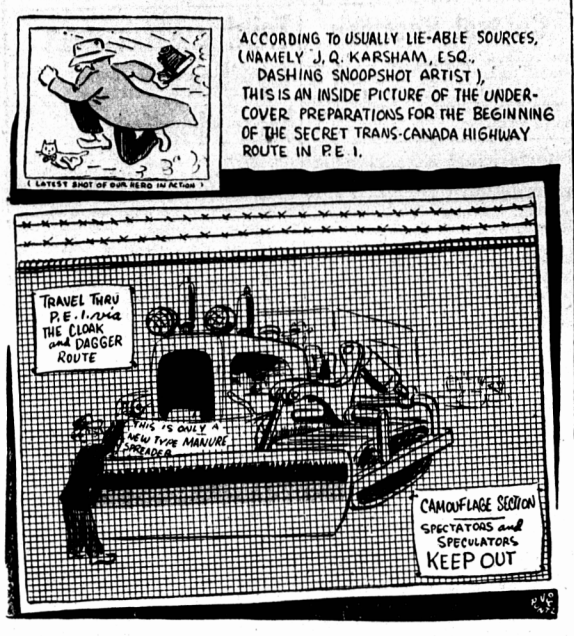
To meet the needs of daily visitors to the island, British Railways are to run a series of excursions from Inverness to Skye.

The Age-Old Story

He that keepeth the law, happy is he.

COMPLETE VISUAL REFRACTION and ANALYSIS
G. F. HUTCHESON & SON
Optometrists
53 Grafton St.

Deep, Dark Secret



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

TOWN CLOCK PROPOSAL

Before Charlottetown could boast a town clock of any description, an anonymous correspondent in The Islander newspaper of Oct. 1, 1847, advanced the still quite modern suggestion that an electrical clock be procured! This proposal of over a century ago reads as follows:

"Science has advanced so rapidly in the improvement of horology, as well as in other departments of metallic skill, that it is now believed that a public clock could be obtained for nearly one-third the cost it could have been had for thirty years ago; and the late improvement of electricity, as a moving power, has brought to perfection their value in accurate time-keeping, together with — it is believed — a less cost.

"To obtain a public clock with the most scientific late improvements, let a committee be appointed to correspond with a gentleman in Manchester, where one of the electrical clocks has been going for some time past, to ascertain its cost, and the rate of its performance, and whether this climate would—considering its rapid changes—prevent its keeping correct time: the writer has no doubt that it would in the least derange its movement, but this should be clearly known by the best available authority."

As a site for a public clock with four illuminated dials, the writer (who signed himself "A Friend to Improvement") suggested the tower of the Roman Catholic Church, where it could be seen "from every street in town, and far away on the roads leading to it." The only other suitable site, he wrote, would be the Colonial Building, "and this would be attended with a cost of some twelve or fifteen hundred pounds for a turret on it, to make it generally observable."

The letter concludes: "Let then the public arouse themselves, form a committee of correspondence and management, get a subscription list open, and decide, after due inquiry, on the best kind of Time Keeper that could be procured, and petition the Legislature to allow a small additional rate to be collected with the pump and well rates, for lights and oil, and attendance for lighting the dials; all which matters to be laid before the subscribers, or the public, as may be advisable."

The latter proposal was adopted some years later, when the first public clock in Charlottetown was placed in the tower of St. Dunstan's Cathedral in 1856. It remained there until 1874, when the local Government, at a cost of $1,700, placed "a very fine illuminated clock in the south-west cupola of the new Law Courts building, the lighting and extinguishing of which is altogether self-acting."

On Being A Family

Royal Bank of Canada News Letter

Getting married is really little more than signing a contract to build a marriage. The real building is done over the years that follow, and the resulting structure is called a family. Planning and energy and skill are needed by the 243,000 men and women who were married in Canada last year, and by the quarter million who will be married this year.

Making it as easy as possible for these young people to find the right way to build sturdy family life is the business of all of us, because the success with which they pair off in this generation determines the fate of the nation.

These young people really have taken on a big job. The responsibilities facing them are literally unprecedented. They are called upon to make decisions which seem to demand all the wisdom of the ages.

• • •

Both the form of the family and the nature of married relationships have varied greatly in the course of human history, and never were they more exacting than they are today. Poets to the contrary notwithstanding, marriage does not overnight change character and personality so as to fit everyone miraculously for founding a family.

There is more to family life than biology and romance and the economics of family support. Understanding appreciation of each other's good qualities is necessary, and it must be made known. Many a marriage breaks up in sorrow because one of the parties basks in the sunshine of appreciation expressed by workshop or social friends, while at home everything able and good is taken for granted.

What shall we set up as the motto of the home? One man, puzzled to find a decoration for over his living-room fire-place, discarded pictures and wrote up two Greek words meaning The Healing Place of the Soul.

Home is the unit of spiritual, emotional and physical security. The home develops personality educates in living, and fits us to take our place in society. It is here that children grow into men and women who find within the family the fulfilment of their needs and desires, the release from worry and the encouragement they need to face the heavy responsibilities of life.

Religious belief is a vital part of family life. It is worthy of note that not only does the family instil religious observance, but the various forms of religious confession emphasize the family as a vital part of our civilization.

The Christian Church carried over a high evaluation of the family from Judaism. The people of Israel laid stress upn the beauty and unity of home life. The family pattern became the symbol of the Kingdom of God. Our hope for the future of the human race rests in no small part upon carrying into the wide world the concept of the Christian family.

• • •

Good families do not just happen, but are the result of unselfishness, good-temper, forgiveness, and humour. A family needs two parents, qualified to make a home that will meet the minimum demands of normal life; community surroundings that make it possible for parents to do their parental duty; and a vital alliance between the family, the church, the school, the political system, and all cultural opportunities.

No other institution can take the place of the family. It is sad to see parental power yielding in some countries to the broadened functions of the state. The spontaneous co-operation of natural human association breaks up, and finds precarious replacement by the external and artificial bonds of social management and compulsion. Practically all the major religious and social study groups are agreed that for any true security, national or international, the rights and obligations of the home must be safeguarded.

We have seen the other side of the picture in recent years, when totalitarian states encroached upon the sanctity of the home and imposed pagan ideas upon their people. This is one of the dangers in a too socialized world: that by interfering in family life the state may weaken the nation in two important ways, by raising a race of dependent people, unable to think or do for themselves and by breaking up the cohesion of the family unit, which is the basis of national unity.

(To be continued)

Notes By The Way —

A correspondent reports that chewing gun has "a firm foothold" in North Africa. We know just what he means. — Edmonton Journal.

The suppression of the word "Dominion" is now admissible in the majority of Anglo-Canadian opinion. It is not the same with the suppression of the word "royal" which would raise a formidable opposition if it were proposed in parliament. French-Canadians who have always given a lead when it is a question of constitutional reforms should however set an example, this time again. If for the time being it is not a question of suppressing the word "Royal", it is always possible to banish it gradually from the current vocabulary. Why not re-baptize, one after another, sports clubs, hotels, cinemas, commercial societies which popularize the idea of monarchy? And that applies to other names which maintain royalist sentiment, like "Windsor." It is by setting aside the royalist vocabulary that the blossoming of the republican sentiment will be hastened. — Le Devoir, Montreal.

Modern life has hazards amongst its conveniences. Thus, a Michigan lady reports her husband ran away with the baby-sitter — Toronto Telegram.

Nobody is elderly unless he feels elderly, and nobody feels elderly when he starts the day with porridge, plenty of porridge with lots of milk and either salt or sugar according to taste. Brown sugar takes a lot of beating for this purpose.— Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

Q.—I recently had the misfortune to break the back axle and had a new shaft fitted by a friend. He has now gone away and . . . I find the car moves backwards when placed in bottom gear and forward when placed in reverse gear. What do you think is wrong?

A.—There is little doubt from what you tell me that the rear axle will have to be dismantled again. . . . —London Evening Standard.

A middle-aged widower, Mr. Brown, had a 17-year-old son, Jim. Mr. Brown married again. His second wife was 21 years old. The couple had a daughter, Sadie. After a few years Mr. Brown died. His son Jim, by this time a full grown man, and being no relation to his stepmother, who was only four years older than he, they got married. They now have a son — Bill. Here we have Jim married to his stepmother, and Sadie, who is really Jim's sister, but his wife's daughter, calls Jim Daddy. Then little Bill calls Sadie his sister, when she is really his aunt, being a sister of his father, Jim. Sadie calls Bill her brother, when he is really her nephew, being a son of her married brother. It's all legal, and confusing, and interesting. Think it over. —Grandview, Man., Exponent.

The Poet's Corner

THE LOST SHIPMATE

Somewhere he failed me, somewhere he slipt away—
Youth, in his ignorant faith and his bright array.
The tides go out and the flooding tides come in,
And still the old years pass and the new begin—
But Youth?—
Somewhere we lost each other, last year or yesterday.

Somewhere he failed me . . .
Down at the harbour-side
I waited for him a little where the anchored argosies ride.
I thought he came. 'Twas the dawn-wind blowing free!
I thought he came. 'Twas but the shadow of me!
And Youth?—
Somewhere he turned and left me, about the turn of the tide.

Perhaps I shall find him. It may be he waits for me,
Sipping those wines we knew, beside some tropic sea.
The tides still serve, and I am out and away
To search the spicy harbours of yesterday
For Youth,
Where the lamps of the town are yellow behind the lamps of the quay. . . .

Somewhere I failed him, somewhere I let him depart—
Youth, who could only sleep for the morn's fresh start . . .
The tides slipt out, the tides washed out and in,
And far and oft were we lured by the capstan's din . . .
Dear Youth,
Shall I find you south of the Gulf?—or are you dead in my heart?

—Theodore Goodridge Roberts.

J.P. MacPherson & Son
"Men's Clothing That Fits"
SUITS - TOPCOATS - OVERCOATS
157 Queen Street

Electrical Contractor
WIRING AND REPAIRING
ERNEST R. RAMSAY,
129 Elm Ave Phone 1063J

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

A. Walthen Gaudet, LL.B.
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, Etc.
Phillips Building
111 Grafton Street
Money to Loan Collections

Palmer & Haslam
A. J. HASLAM, B.A., LL.B.
Barrister, Etc.
Bank of Nova Scotia Chambers
Charlottetown, P.E.I.
MONEY TO LOAN

Chas. R. McQuaid
B.A.
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY, Etc.,
Eastern Trust Building
CHARLOTTETOWN
Phone 711

Frederic A. Large, K.C.
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY
Royal Bank of Canada Chambers
Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Successor
George J. Tweedy, K.C.

MacPhee & Trainor
R. F. MacPHEE, LL.A., B.C.L.
E. SOMERLED TRAINOR, B.A.
Barristers, Etc.
Toombs Bldg. 165 Queen St.

Gaudet & Haszard
GILBERT A. GAUDET, B.A., LL.B.
Barristers and Solicitors
Money to Loan
Canadian Bank of Commerce Bldg.
Charlottetown

J. S. TAYLOR
Optometrist
Eyes examined, glasses fitted
Corner Kent & Queen Sts.
Office Phone 1956—House 1013

Joseph R. MacMillan, LL.B.
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, Etc.
75 Queen Street
PHONE 776
Money to Loan Collections

John P. Nicholson, LL.B.
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, Etc.
154 Prince St., Ch'town.
PHONE 2338

Dr. A. L. MacIsaac
DENTIST
Dental X-Ray
GLORIA BUILDING
179 Grafton St.
Phone 291

Bell & Mathieson
BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, &c.
R. R. BELL, M.L.A.
D. L. MATHIESON, LL.B., K.C.
Attorneys at Law
LOANS ON CITY AND FARM PROPERTIES
156 Richmond St.
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

M. Alban Farmer
MONEY TO LOAN
B.A., LL.B.
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, Etc.
Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Dr. W. R. Carson
Chiropractor
Palmer Graduate
CHARLOTTETOWN
201 Prince St. Phone 1073

Matheson & Peake
A. W. MATHESON K.C.
A. H. PEAKE B.A., LL.B.
Barristers, etc.
Collections Money to Loan
90 Great George Street
Charlottetown

J. A. McGuigan
NOTARY, ETC.
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR.
CURRIE BUILDING

Charlottetown, Halifax, Moncton, Amherst, New Glasgow, Truro, Kentville
H. R. DOANE & CO.
Chartered Accountants
IN CHARLOTTETOWN
Randolph W. Manning, C. A.
Brenick M. Sears, C. A.
W. Grant Thompson, C. A.
Phones: 2080 - 1447 Box 247

McDONALD, CURRIE & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa, Toronto, Saint John, Sherbrooke, Vancouver, Kirkland Lake, Moncton, Charlottetown.
Currie Bldg., Charlottetown Telephone 1636