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**Agricultural Research**

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture's board of directors, meeting recently at Port Arthur, expressed uneasiness lest, in the effort to train young men as industrial scientists and technologists, the needs of farming should be overlooked. Following a study by the CFA policy committee, the board made several recommendations with the aim of keeping agricultural progress in step with that of the rest of the economy.

The CFA calls for expanded and improved agricultural research and extension programs, particularly at the universities and agricultural colleges. It would like to see young farm people receive at least two years of vocational training in their own business, besides whatever additional secondary and university training they may wish to take. More undergraduate scholarships are suggested.

The Federation considers that both federal and provincial governments have responsibilities for financing additional research in agriculture—as well as scientific. At the same time, it sees a need for a non-government Agricultural Research Foundation for devoting money to research in what the CFA board regards as the greatly neglected fields of economic and social studies. A special committee is being set up to go into this question.

"As a farm organization of national scope," comments the Ottawa Citizen, "the views of the CFA are usually listened to with respect. Not to be taken lightly is its assertion that there is a dangerously small number of new agriculturists being graduated from our colleges and steps need to be taken to attempt to correct this situation. The Federation's comments are timely, because in the midst of a great industrial boom there is some danger that agriculture may be lost sight of. Farming is still the industry on which the Canadian economy largely rests and, as such, it too must take every advantage of modern research and technology."

**British & German Exports**

According to an article in the British Board of Trade Journal the greatest single threat to Britain's export trade is West Germany's almost miraculous industrial recovery from the damage done to its economy in World War Two. In fact, the Journal reports, West Germany is taking the lead in practically every field of commerce, even in those fields where Britain was predominant for many years, textiles and shipbuilding.

In the two year period from 1953 to 1955, the Germans increased their export trade by 40%. The value of German built ships sent abroad has increased so rapidly that at the present time it is more than double that of British ship exports. In the automobile business German exports more than doubled in the two year period, while British exports increased less than one-fifth. The situation is even worse—from the British standpoint—in textiles. From 1951 to 1955 Germany's rate of exports doubled. In the same period the British share of the world markets declined by one-seventh.

There have been more labour troubles in Britain than in West Germany in the post-war period, and this may have had something to do with the German advance; but apparently not much, since figures quoted by the Journal seem to indicate that wages have risen at about the same rate in both countries. Evidently, it is greatly increased production that is at the root of the West German commercial strength. This has been helped along undoubtedly by what the Journal calls "the single-minded determination of employers and workers alike to rebuild the economy and restore Germany's power and prestige abroad."

Whatever the cause or causes,

West Germany appears to be well on the way to undoubted supremacy in European commerce.

**Timely Warning**

"Never, Never Be A Dodo" is the title of a new children's safety-first booklet being issued across Canada by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, this booklet, which aims at impressing on children the "do's and don'ts" of safety in the home and out of doors, uses cartoon illustrations featuring the dodo as a dullard who gets hurt because he has not enough sense to obey safety rules. Children are urged to "Never, never be a dodo" by obeying the rules, and the cartoons help to show clearly how they can avoid accidents while riding bicycles, crossing streets, playing at games and sports and in many other day-to-day situations.

The main causes of death from accidents for all children from birth to age 14 are listed as ranking in the following order: (1) Motor vehicles. (2) drownings. (3) fire and explosions. (4) poisonings. (5) Falls. Inside the home, falls, cuts and burns, in that order, constitute the major hazards.

Sounding a special warning to parents, the booklet emphasizes that children are great imitators, so that their safety habits will often be directly related to those of their parents. During the early years, no other form of protection can compare with home protection and training.

Copies of the booklet are available to the public on request at any branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

**Cancer's Newest Weapon**

The steady advance in scientific research has been so often demonstrated in the past few years that we have ceased to wonder about it and have possibly lost our appreciation of its meaning to mankind. Cancer, that insidious disease which within our memory was a sentence of death to its unfortunate victim, is now largely controllable thanks to the untiring efforts of scientists.

The latest weapon in the fight against cancer is a minute instrument that has been given the name of "electrogastograph," an electrical device that records the frequency of electrical impulses in the muscles of the stomach. By this device, Dr. Harry S. Morton, of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, its discoverer, has been able to get cancer tracings a year before any symptoms have occurred.

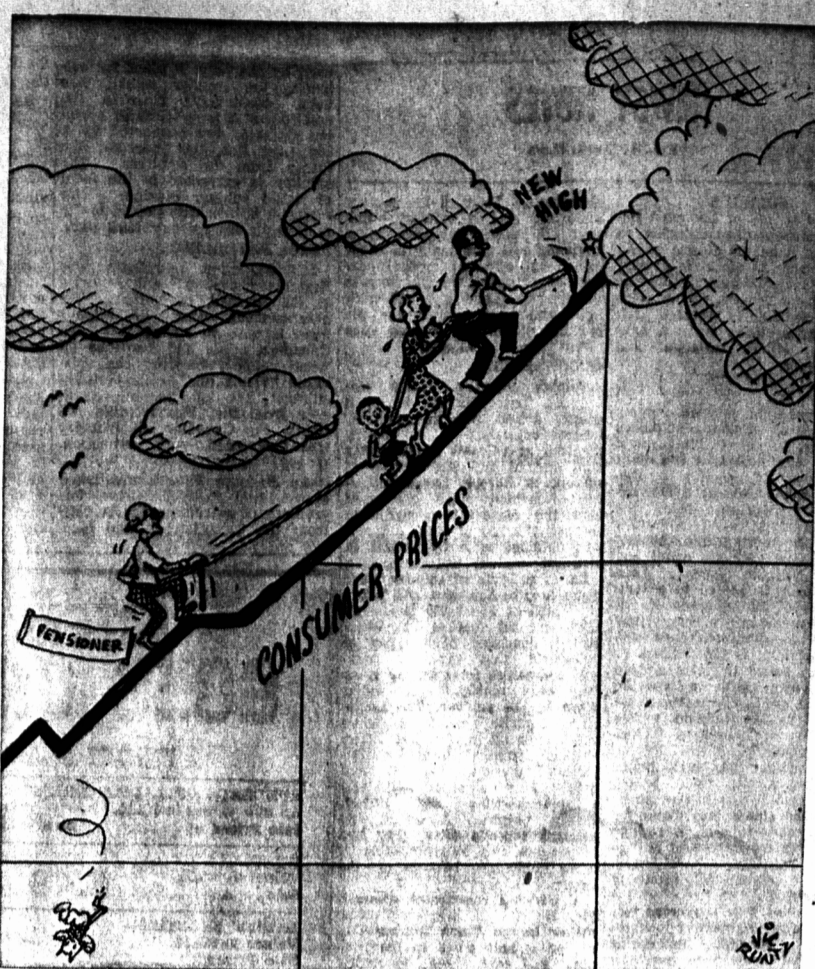
The importance of this can be appreciated when we realize that cancer of the stomach does not announce its presence by any definite symptoms until the growth has proceeded too far to be cured. For this reason it is the most fatal type of cancer, accounting for more than 3,000 deaths yearly in Canada.

The "electrogastograph," consists of a tiny electrode on the end of a wire inside a long, thin tube. The tube is passed through the patient's nose down into the stomach and connected with a pen-writing recorder to a graph. The emotions recorded by the instrument are easily read by an expert. Dr. Morton's work is being supported by the Canadian Cancer Society.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

It used to be hard enough to get anyone of great political stature to run for the Vice-Presidency of the United States; for ordinarily it is a thankless post with relatively little prestige attached to it. This year, owing to President Eisenhower's illness and the likelihood of his having to retire while in office, assuming he is re-elected, almost every politician wants it—just in case.

Defense Minister Campney hasn't added to his stature by the ostrich-like view he is reported to have taken of the Suez Canal crisis. "This," he is quoted as saying, "is primarily a European matter. It is not a matter which particularly concerns Canada. We have no oil there. We don't use the canal for shipping." These were his comments on the emergency proclamation signed by Queen Elizabeth which summoned British Army reservists to the colors. The Defense Minister, who was interviewed on Friday in Vancouver, said the situation does not require him to cut short his 17-day holiday there to return to Ottawa. Maybe not; but he would have been better advised to have kept his excuses to himself.



**THE MOUNTAINEERS**

**Was The Press Biased?**

Ottawa Journal

It has been known for some time that a government tactic in the coming election will be to tell the country that in the pipeline closure debate the Liberals were the victims of a "biased" press; that newspapers across the country were false to truth and responsibility when they reported that the Government debase Parliament by trampling on its rules. Among the newspapers which reported that the Government trampled on rules and debase Parliament were the Vancouver Sun, the Winnipeg Free Press and the Toronto Star, all staunchly Liberal, and among those which condemned the Prime Minister for his handling of the Speaker's resignation was the Montreal Star, staunchly Liberal. Actually there was hardly a single newspaper in Canada, Liberal, Conservative or Independent, which did not stigmatize the Government's conduct on the basis of the facts.

**NOT OUT OF THE AIR**

These newspapers didn't pick facts out of the air; they got them from independent, impartial news agencies like the Canadian Press and British United Press, from their own experienced Press Gallery correspondents, and from the official reports of Hansard. They got them also from the factual reports and comments of distinguished Liberal observers like Mr. Grant Dexter and Mr. Blair Fraser.

Alas, that wasn't good enough for the Government and its supporters; the newspapers had no right to report that this Government was or could be wrong; they should have known better.

They should have realized that Mr. Harris and Mr. Howe couldn't possibly be in error; their plain job was to fall in behind the Government's back benches, chant hosannas for Mr. Howe and Mr. Harris and report that Drew and Knowles and Fulton and the others must be mad to question the wisdom, the virtue, the omniscience and omnipotence of the Government.

**EVEN THE CBC**

And to think, say these Liberal gentlemen, to think that even the CBC—and it owned by the Government—should have turned against them! Mr. Russell Reinke, Liberal for Hamilton South, spoke the woe and chagrin of them all, when he said that many might think "a state-owned news service would be rather partial to the Government." Yet it hadn't been; had dared to join the newspapers in suggesting that the Government had been wrong—that a pass was had come to!

Thus are like victors born; this spans the mood which not only thinks that a state-owned service might be "rather partial" to the Government, but decries it, makes it part of the law, just as Mr. Hitler and Mr. Mussolini did and as Mr. Khrushchev does now and Mr. Franco and all the big and little dictators wherever they may be.

Thus what happens, too, in the case of any government anywhere which holds office too long; it becomes the victim of arrogance and lowering conceits, demands obedience regardless of truth, thinks criticism monstrous subversion.

**Fire Seekers In India**

National Geographic Society

Two kinds of fire seekers are meeting today in the Kangra Valley of India's western Himalayan foothills.

Less than ten miles from the old Hindu shrine Jawalamukhi—where the Goddess Vajresvari reveals herself to followers as a small violet flame issuing from the earth-government drilling crews will probe for oil to supply more fuel, light and power to modern India.

The Jawalamukhi temple stands near the town of Kangra, a farm center and holiday resort of the northern Punjab country, says the National Geographic Society. The lighted gas that seeps from a pit inside the temple is believed to represent the deity's mouth.

**MAGNIFICENT SETTING**

Few shrines anywhere on earth have a more beautiful natural setting than that of Jawalamukhi's fire worshippers in the vale of Kangra. Built against a bold cliff face, the temple looks down on fields of rice, corn and wheat spread out in harmonious Oriental-rug patterns. Here and there are scattered flowering orchards of apples and pears, and broad green patches of tea plantations. In the background, blue and purple hills rise toward misty, snow-capped Himalayan peaks.

The present shrine to the flame goddess is a modern restoration of a gilt-domed and pinnacled structure that stood at this site for unknown centuries. A Sanskrit inscription it contained was estimated to date from about 1428.

The earlier temple was partially destroyed in 1905 by an earthquake that also wrecked much of Kangra town and its ancient fort. More than 1,300 people, including seven Europeans, lost their lives in the disaster.

Together with the shrine's spouting gas, a half dozen hot mineral springs in the neighborhood hint at extensive subterranean activity. The word Jawalamukhi itself literally means "She of the Flame Mouth," and the Hindu mother-deity Vajresvari is known as "Goddess of the Thunderbolt."

**POPULAR PILGRIMAGE**

Pilgrims long made their way from north India's plains to pray in the hillside temple of Jawalamukhi. They still come by scores of thousands each spring and fall when festival-fairs are held in nearby centers.

From time immemorial various forms of Hinduism—nature worship, Brahmanism, Buddhism, and Jainism—have been associated with the Kangra Valley. Even when the Moslem conquerors of northern India controlled the hill territories of the Katoch rajahs, the people continued to make sacrifices and offerings to the old gods and goddesses.

The Jawalamukhi temple was famous for its wealth in gold and silver, jewels and money. Now and then the treasures were confiscated by local Hindu princes or plundered by successive waves of invaders. At one time Moslem overlords collected a head tax on all pilgrims.

The attendants at Jawalamukhi today are reported to fear that their sacred flame may be forever extinguished by the mundane oil drilling. Government officials have announced that there is no cause for worry.

But whatever its future, Jawalamukhi's light in the past has often gone out briefly when the spurting gas in the shrine has died down. When this happened, legend said the fire goddess failed to manifest herself because of the presence of a sinner. Then both temple and sacred hill would be cleared of all visitors until the fire was relighted.

**MAXIMS**

Action may not always bring happiness, but there is no happiness without action.

**URGES CITY PLANNING VANCOUVER (CP)**—William Zerkendorf of New York, president of the multi-million dollar Webb and Knapp Inc. real estate empire, Thursday urged Canadian cities to carefully plan their growth. The rate of progress will be seriously retarded unless city planners are wise in their handling of limited space, he told a joint meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade and Kiwanis Club. "The surface of the earth is the only finite commodity," he said.

**Medically Speaking**

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

**POISONOUS MUSHROOMS**

Don't be an amateur mushroom picker! While most of the hundreds of species of mushrooms are harmless, some are unpalatable; a few are poisonous and downright dangerous.

At least two, in fact—both of them Amanitas—are extremely dangerous. They contain several highly active poisonous alkaloids.

**DEFINITE THREAT**

While you're vacationing or picnicking in the country this summer, don't become an amateur mushroom picker. Just remember that mushrooms represent a definite threat to anyone who isn't familiar with the dangers of mushroom-gathering.

There's only one way to avoid this danger—recognize and avoid the poisonous types. If you can't recognize the Morel and the Amanitas, don't pick any of them. And above all, don't eat any unfamiliar types of mushrooms, especially if they have been gathered by an amateur.

The safest thing to do in such a case is to throw them away. If you ignore this advice and develop signs of illness after eating mushrooms, call a doctor right away.

While there are numerous different types of mushroom poisoning, the worst begins with a series of gastrointestinal symptoms in from 10 to 15 hours after eating phalloides, a type of Amanita.

The victim suffers either constipation or diarrhea, vomits excessively and develops a paralyzing abdominal pain. In most such cases, coma and death follow in from three to eight days. We know of no antidote.

**PLAY SAFE**

So, it's best to play it safe. If you're not a mushroom expert—and I don't imagine many of you are—don't go picking mushrooms for yourself and your friends. And don't eat any they might pick for you.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER**

**C.L.:** My child is now recovering from a liver infection. Should I disinfect his room?  
**Answer:** It is not likely that the infection can be spread by objects in the room. Therefore, disinfecting the room would not be of help.

**OUR YESTERDAYS**

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Aug. 6, 1931)

Mr. Vincent Windsor, Charlottetown, has recently been promoted Ford Company branch superintendent and branch senior manager for the Maritime Provinces, with headquarters in St. John.

Last evening the Canadian Legion Band provided a very interesting evening to the guests and visitors at Stanhope Beach Inn with an excellent programme of selected music.

**TEN YEARS AGO**

(Aug. 6, 1946)

While the proposed new armories for Charlottetown are high on the priority list, the possibility is they will not be constructed until sufficient building material is available so that homes may be provided for all Canadian veterans desiring housing accommodations, Major General Ernest G. Weeks, Adjutant General of the Canadian Army, told a Guardian representative last night.

After 37 years as Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station at Charlottetown, Dr. J.A. Clark has retired from active service. Mr. Frank Tinney, senior assistant to Dr. Clark for the past few years, is taking over Dr. Clark's duties pending the appointment of a permanent successor.

**CBC LIBRARIAN RETIRES**

HALIFAX (CP)—John McNamee, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation music and record librarian here for the last 18 years, retired Tuesday.

**WHITE OWL**

ready to smoke

**Proclamation Civic Holiday**

The following is a copy of a resolution passed by the City Council on Friday, August 3rd:—

WHEREAS on the 8th day of August in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, Charlottetown became an incorporated City,

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**NOTES BY THE WAY**

A garden is something a lot of people like to turn over—but only in their minds.—Hamilton Spectator

There will be a lot of debts paid this summer by folks who feel they owe relatives a visit.—London Free Press

Payroll deductions have accomplished one most unlikely thing: They have made it impossible to spend all one earns.—Edmonton Journal

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

Mountain climbing is recommended as a reducing formula. Six women from Britain scaled six Himalayan peaks and all lost about two inches from their waistlines.—Niagara Falls Review

In Detroit a man is suing his wife for divorce because she has been throwing things at him for 13 years! The danger is that sooner or later she may get him with a wild pitch.—Ottawa Citizen

Scientists have produced temperatures approaching 2,000,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The experiment can be duplicated in the back yard by leaving a metal chair in the sun all day.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

A young mother was changing her baby with a gallery looking on, namely her four-year-old son. When she neglected to sprinkle the infant with talcum powder, the young kibitzer was indignant. "What?" he said, "Aren't you going to salt him this time?"—Galt Reporter

The little elementary school of Portigliola near Locri, on the Ionian coast of Calabria, claimed among its most diligent pupils Rocco Silita. Rocco had started in the first grade three years ago and, come July, he would have had a "licenza elementare" in his pocket to show that he had really learned to read and write. Alas, Rocco will not be able to take his final exams. He died a month too soon. He was ninety-six.—The Italian Scene

Among the brighter news lately has been the announcement that the California Life Insurance Company, of Oakland has gotten out a "plain language" policy which is now awaiting the approval of state insurance authorities. One of the changes reduced "Party of the first part" and "Party of the second part" to just plain "we" and "you". This is pretty drastic stuff, but if it should go through, there ought to be a spectacular rise in insurance policy readership.—Los Angeles Times

A letter from a small boy at camp fails to mention money and is being turned over to a collector of literary curiosity.—Hamilton Spectator

An umbrella is the only thing that most people put away or a rainy day. And then forget its whereabouts when the showers start.—St. Catharines Standard

A sociologist tells girls not to show brains; just marry success. But it takes quite a lot of brains, sometimes, to hide the fact of their existence.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle

An Okinawa angler says he escaped to an island after a giant "undersea monster" pulled his boat for 12 miles. This is one case where the fisherman was glad he, and not 'it', got away.—Sudbury Daily Star

Police in a Minnesota town arrested a motorist who engaged his girl friend in a kiss that lasted through two green lights and a red light at a busy intersection. The driver was booked for careless driving and fined \$25.—Sudbury Star

Eighteen lads from Scotland, all under 22, recently arrived in Winnipeg to learn for trading and eventually to manage Hudson's Bay Company posts in the north-land. They follow in a long and honorable Scottish tradition. Many of our northern pioneers came from above the Tweed, and while trapping and trading in the once remote area to which these youths are headed, they filled our then blank map with Scottish names of rivers and other topographical features.—Brantford Expositor

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