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

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A Fighting Old Man

Most people would say that a man who has managed to stay alive and in good health for 150 years or more is entitled to live the remainder of his days in peace and privacy.

Consider the case of Javier Pereira, a native of Colombia, who claims to be 167 years old. He weighs 88 pounds, is 4 feet, 4 inches tall and enjoys reasonably good health.

So far, so good. But when it came to the inevitable press conference with all the trimmings—camera man, television lights, radio microphones, etc.—the venerable visitor from Colombia felt that he was being imposed upon.

Two obvious morals may be drawn from the incident: (1) Never underestimate the fighting qualities of a 167 year old man; (2) If you want to live to be 167 keep your weight down.

Unpleasant Implication
One of the inducements to bid for a second term which Republican strategists held out to President Eisenhower during the weeks of uncertainty following his serious illnesses was an assurance that he would be required to do very little campaigning and no "barnstorming".

Since the campaign got under way, however, and especially in the last two or three weeks, that assurance of victory has received a number of shocks.

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Democrats. Public opinion polls so far this fall have been few, but these few, for what they are worth, seem to favour Mr. Stevenson, although none has actually predicted his election.

All this, of course, is causing the aforesaid strategists considerable worry which, in accordance with custom, they are passing along to Mr. Eisenhower in the form of requests, virtually amounting to demands, that he "step up" his personal campaign.

In Difficult Position

A ruling of the internal revenue department of the government, notes an exchange, has placed all boards of education in Canadian cities in a difficult position.

The explanation given in the report of this incident is that the printing referred to is the mimeographing of board reports and memoranda sent out to city schools.

Apparently there must be some basis in law for this situation, which, now that the Toronto board of education has paid its bill, may affect all other boards of education which have similar work done by their stenographic or caretaker staffs.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is reported that a group of Russian politicians will be invited to the United States this month to witness the last stages of the political campaign.

The results of a survey show that most political speakers on television networks in the United States have been forced to cut their speeches to 15 minutes duration.

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TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS

Tupper Incident Recalled

Stephen Schofield in The Fredericton Gleaner

A current issue of 5-cent stamps bears the portrait of a great Maritimer, Sir Charles Tupper, a horse-and-sleigh doctor who became popular as a politician and carried the Education Bill (which other proponents would not dare to do) through the Nova Scotia Legislature.

What is less known—and probably his most thrilling experience—was a trip in search of his daughter, whose husband, Captain Cameron, had been seized and imprisoned by Louis Riel during his reign of terror in the West.

At Fort Garry, Tupper wrote the letter but decided to take it himself. He reached Fort Garry and, when his driver asked Tupper for his request, and when this was explained, he promised help.

Tupper later became federal minister of railways. Against bitter opposition and tremendous difficulties the Canadian Pacific line was laid through to British Columbia in five years less than the terms the contract demanded.

His next stop was the Hudson's Bay Post. Here he exchanged his sleigh for a carriage, a sort of toboggan which would slide over light snow without sinking.

The Language Barrier

Mel Thistle, Chief, Public Relations Branch, National Research Council, in Canadian Marconi Magazine

How much scientific detail can we expect to understand? The answer is: precious little. Probably the average person who is capable of reading a newspaper can only hope to "get", at most, about one ten-thousandth part of what our scientists are up to.

So the farmer wrote back: Thanks, I am glad to know that the muriatic acid is OK for my pipes. Then a more senior executive wrote: "Hydrochloric acid will most certainly corrode the pipes involved in the present instance."

Scientific fog comes in two packages: the small sample container and the large economy size. The story about the farmer is a small sample of plain ordinary fog.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

ALLERGIES IN CHILDREN
It's a good idea to try to protect your children from allergic reactions right from the start.

Always be alert to any symptoms of allergy. Sometimes manifestations like rubbing the eyes or nose, wrinkling the nose and sniffing, might indicate an allergy has started.

Children with allergic tendencies should not be permitted to sleep with teddy bears or other stuffed wool toys which might contain horse hair, rabbit hair or other allergic substances.

The youngster's room should be kept clean. There should be no rugs on the floors and upholstered furniture, drapes and other dust catchers should be eliminated.

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OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (October 3, 1931)

The S.S. Prince Edward Island has arrived here from Quebec to undergo extensive repairs by Bruct Stewart and company.

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TEN YEARS AGO

(October 3, 1946)

Approximately 600 men from Cape Breton are expected to be working in the potato fields. 50 are already on farms in Prince County. They are being paid \$3.00 per day and their board.

Keen interest in re-awakened trade with Newfoundland is being taken by private citizens. Two of them have purchased naval Fairmiles and are converting them to civilian use.

But the big family-size fog package is a different matter, because no suitable language exists to interpret its message to the layman.

English is no good for this job, which is why our scientific friends were forced to invent dozens of special scientific languages that would be satisfactory.

At most, this will be but a ghostly outline of the shape of things to come.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Any housewife will tell you the most difficult meal for her to get is breakfast in bed.—Kitchener Waterloo Record

A golfer in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, was shooting for a birdie. His ball in flight hit and killed a woodpecker. It wouldn't be surprising if the gentleman tried for an eagle next time.—Fort William Times-Journal

Ice cream, Eskimo style, according to a Toronto newspaper, is made of seal oil, caribou fat and berries. The berries, no doubt, give it that tangy, hard-to-resist flavor.—Sudbury Star

The disputed island of Cyprus, according to historians, was either owned or claimed at various times by the Egyptians, Greeks, Assyrians, Persians, Romans, Turks and British. What we'd like to know is, who got there first?—Sudbury Star

It is a terrifying thought that however well you drive, the law of averages is increasing your risk of a road accident every time you go out in your car during a holiday weekend.

It isn't clear how the gift of clever, evasive gab became associated with a certain stone in Lord Blarney's castle. The stone rests on a high wall of the castle.

A maniastrat on Brampton suggests that pedestrians should carry lanterns when walking on highways at night.

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Important and must be talked about—is not entirely the fault of the scientists. We have our own barriers, too, right here inside our heads.

Advice to the scientist is easy: we can remind him to address us in terms of analogies and parables. Advice to ourselves is not so easy: perhaps it is enough to remind ourselves not to expect miracles of even the best exposition, but to rest content with what we can actually get out of it.

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