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

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The Late Mrs. Mutch

Many friends abroad as well as in Prince Edward Island will feel a personal loss in the passing of Mrs. R. E. Mutch. A lady of wide culture, she took a keen interest in social and economic problems as well as in the arts, and it was a pleasure and privilege to converse with her on any subject of genuine importance.

She had been a lifelong friend and classmate of the late L. M. Montgomery, and possessed a fine literary talent of her own, which makes one regret that she did not write a biography of the creator of "Anne of Green Gables". She did, however, provide a great deal of information to journalists and other writers on this subject, and was regarded as the most authentic source of such material, especially in connection with the famous author's early years. She also carried on a wide correspondence with friends in many parts of the world, and was frequently called upon to give addresses before various local organizations.

Mrs. Mutch was keenly interested in all that concerned her own community and Province, and gave much of her time and means to social improvement work. Most of all, perhaps, it was her friendly personality and warm human sympathies which endeared her to all who knew her, and will be recalled particularly at this time. The Guardian extends sincere sympathy to Mr. Mutch and family in their grievous loss.

Among The Czechs

Czechoslovakia, like all other Communist-controlled countries, has a systematic anti-religious policy amounting to curtailment of normal civil rights of those who still cling to religious faith. In a recent issue, a leading Czech newspaper stated that this is wrong—not the anti-religious policy, but the harsh methods which are used to enforce it. As quoted in the New York Times, the paper expressed the opinion that "constant and patient perseverance" and not political pressure is the best method for eradicating any religious influence that may still be at large in the country. The old method, the paper maintains, is too "crude" and, in any event, is likely to make martyrs of religious persons, something which must be avoided at all costs.

The paper outlined a program which it believes will in due course "keep idealistic ideas from affecting the minds of the people. Referring to an organization known as the Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge, it urged recruitment of more biologists, physicians, historians, writers, teachers, and cultural workers for the "great task" of explaining to the workers the "harmful character of religion". This is how the society should proceed: "It must show that the foundations of a religious world outlook are opposed to progress. This means that it must include an explanation of the origin of the world and man, the origins of religions, its reactionary role in society, and so on. It must disseminate the materialist world outlook and thereby expose the mendacious character of religion".

In view of all this and other evidence equally repulsive, what hope is there for mutual goodwill and understanding in the world? How can it be?

Watching Eisenhower

According to a writer in the Montreal Gazette, keen interest is being taken at Ottawa in the campaign plans for President Eisenhower. The President announced that he was available as the Republican Party's presidential nominee, but ruled out any "extensive travelling" or "whistle-stop speaking" if he should be renominated. In Canada too a general election is drawing closer day by day and the type of campaigning done across the border could set a pattern.

Weeks before Mr. Eisenhower

made his announcement, the Liberal hierarchy had intimated that steps would be taken to make Prime Minister St. Laurent's election chores a little lighter this time. Indication was that his Cabinet colleagues, especially the younger ones, would be expected to do more of the barnstorming. For the Prime Minister is now 74.

And it could be that Opposition Leader Drew, while rated as fully recovered from a serious illness in 1954, won't be travelling far or shaking as many hands as he did in the last election either.

CCF Leader Coldwell, not in the best of health, may be in the same position. And Sacred Leader Solon Low still hasn't returned to the House since he suffered a heart attack from which he is recovering.

So, what with one thing and another, developments across the line are being followed with acute interest on Parliament Hill.

Monkey Business

Farm operators who find it difficult to secure reliable help in harvest time will be interested to hear that a new source of farm labour is about to be tapped: monkeys. That's right. A report from London says that a professor at Cambridge University, and an authority in the monkey business, has written a book in which he sets out in detail the advantages of having monkeys on every well regulated farm. They are better at certain types of farm work, he says—picking oranges or digging potatoes, for example—than the most complex electronic gadget that could be devised; and since he believes that within another 50 years almost everything on the farm will be done by self-operated machines—provided the moneys don't get there first—he thinks something should be done about it right away. In addition to their remarkable agility of eye and hand and brain, monkeys are economically sound. The only pay they ask is a pound of nuts a day. Compare that with the electrical power it takes to run a mechanical brain or with the wages demanded by farm workers, especially in England where they are organized in unions, and anyone can see that the monkeys have the edge.

This is no mere theory cooked up in a college laboratory. No, indeed. It has been worked out on a cherry orchard in Kent, where one monkey picked so many cherries in a day—about ten times as many as his nearest human competitor—that the union interfered and had the animal taken off the pay roll. Farmers, however, should not be too jubilant over the prospect of cheap labour. The professor reveals that monkeys can be instructed in the techniques of factory work as easily as they can be taught to dig potatoes or hoe turnips.

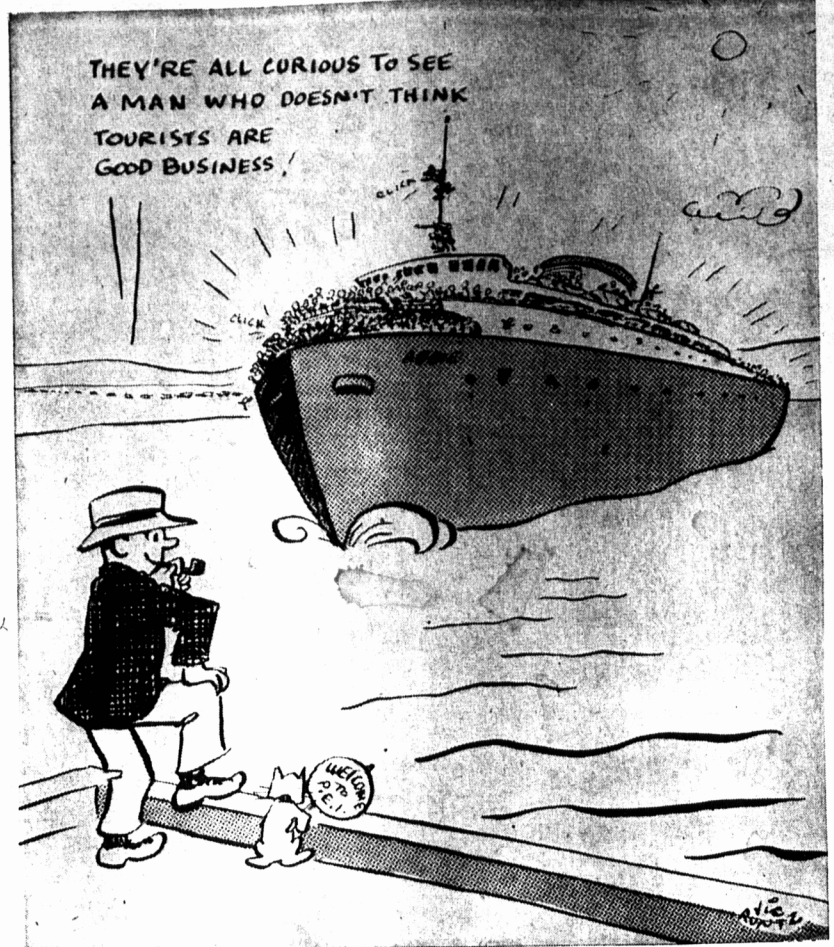
EDITORIAL NOTES

A lady who has driven 800,000 miles without even a minor accident says the secret of safe driving is "to drive as if every car you meet is driven by a madman". There has been less sensible advice given by traffic experts.

Former Secretary Selwyn Lloyd is not finding his post any bed of roses these days. On his travels he is being annoyed by angry mobs, while in the House of Commons his critics, including some of his fellow Conservatives, are charging him with "cavorting around the world to no purpose".

It isn't often that the influential London Times sides with the Labour Opposition against the Conservative Government. It did, however, when the Government instituted new economic curbs in their attack on inflation. The paper blamed Sir Anthony Eden for "misjudging, which has brought the country into a dangerous economic situation."

An American ichthyologist says that closed seasons on trout and other game fish are "profitless". He claims that for every fish caught tens of thousands die from natural causes. If they didn't, he states, there would be no fish worth catching, since the shortage of food would keep them all in a state of semistarvation. Poachers are reminded, however, that fishery wardens, in carrying out their duties, are not noticeably influenced by ichthyological opinion. Their job is to enforce the law, not to question its logical basis.



POSSIBLE UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of current events of national interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

PARKDALE NOT SPONSORED
Sir.—On hearing the Education Week broadcast last Monday night by Mrs. Marjorie Dover and Mrs. Wanda Murphy on "The Advantages of the Larger Administrative Unit", I would like to comment on a remark made by Mrs. Dover. Mrs. Dover stated that one of the advantages of the larger Unit was the sponsorship of Cub Scouts, Guides and Brownies within the Unit.

As one of the leaders of Parkdale Brownie Pack, I would like to point out that this organization is definitely not supported or sponsored by the Unit. The Cub Scouts, Guides and Brownies are all solely supported and sponsored in this District by the Women's Institute, and interested parents; and were in existence a good number of years before we in Parkdale were pushed into the Unit. I do not know where Mrs. Dover got this information but I am sure she was badly misinformed on the subject.

I am, Sir, etc.
S. W. DOLLAR
Young Owl Parkdale Brownie Pack.

London Times

Becoming A Philatelist

Philately means stamp-collecting. Almost everyone knows that, and yet beyond the strict bounds of definition it means much more. To the child, stamp-collecting is what it says it is, the bringing together under one cover of as many different, bright-colored specimens as his intermittent correspondence and exiguous allowance for pocket money will allow.

A few stamp hinges a sympathetic relative or two, and an elementary knowledge of barter are all he needs. He does not care greatly whether the latest recruit comes from Mozambique or Asia Minor, places of whose geographical location he was probably formed only the haziest impression.

Meet the same person several years later, and what has happened? In all probability he long ago handed his album on to his young sister or exchanged it for a pair of skates. If he has not then what a transformation is there! The indiscriminate hoarder of school days has developed, or so it seems to the outsider, into the master of an abstruse science. With magnifying-glass screwed in to his eye and tweezers poised, he croaches above his latest penny black, while through his mind pour calculations about plate numbers

Education Is A Privilege

Chatham Daily News

We heard a story recently about a Yorkshireman who wrote to the principal of his son's school, objecting because the boy was given the homework. "If I do overtime I get time-and-a-half," he wrote, "my son gets now!"

We doubt if this tale is true. However, it reflects an attitude which is common both among pupils and parents in countries where education is free and compulsory: it is the attitude of the children who go to school because the law insists, that they deserve every privilege they can wring out of the educational authorities, and that they should do the minimum of work. It seems curious that anyone should think this, but those who do so. They have not yet grasped the fact that education is a privilege, and that their children are exceedingly lucky to get it, and should be prepared to make considerable sacrifices for it. Too many schools are plagued by too many clock-watching little loafers.

Until recently it has been assumed that nothing could be done about this situation. We have undertaken the great experiment of educating everybody, and we must coat education with sugar to make it palatable. But Alberta has taken a different view.

STRICT DISCIPLINE

Alberta has decided that it will not waste time and money on slackers. Therefore any pupils who do not make a suitable showing on their October report cards are given a warning. If they have not improved by January, they are put on two months probation, this means that they must curtail their out-of-school activities.

THE AGE OLD STORY

Go not forth hastily to strive lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbor hath put thee to shame.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

SEEK AID FOR POOR SKIN

Probably no portion of your body is so mistreated as your skin. Just about everyone, teenager and parent alike, it seems, visualizes himself as a skin expert. If you had heart trouble, can't get a liver ailment or virtually any other disturbance that was giving you trouble, you'd go to your doctor. But with skin blemishes it's often another story.

You or your youngsters promptly diagnose your own trouble and launch a program of self-medication. Even those who do consult a physician or dermatologist frequently add their own remedies to his prescription.

Some of these medications may be helpful. Others, if not used properly, may be injurious. Self-medication can seriously aggravate an otherwise simple skin condition.

MIGHT BE ACNE

These blemishes, you see, might be a symptom of acne, and it's important that acne, when it occurs, be properly treated by a doctor to prevent possible permanent scarring. You parents should not view lightly your children's skin disorders. To them, it's an immediate and distressing problem. You'll help them avoid increased self-consciousness if you see that something constructive is done to aid them. Send them to a doctor.

CLEANLINESS IMPORTANT

It's usually difficult to determine whether blemishes are externally or internally caused. Cleanliness, however, is important in maintaining a good complexion, and one of the best mixtures you can use to keep your face clean is soap and water.

Wash your face at least twice a day. Wet your face with warm water. Then work up a good lather with your hands or a face cloth.

Massage the soap in thoroughly, rinse with warm water, then splash your face with cold water. This will not only keep your skin clean, it will also help perk you up.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

J. K.: What is the cause of colic in infants?

Answer: Colic may be caused by exposure to cold, air, or the eating of cold food. If a child is sensitive to certain foods, he may also have colic.

Some children swallow an excessive amount of air, are overfed or are given excessive amounts of starches, any of which may cause colic.

Crow-Moon Month

(Ottawa Journal)

March does something for the average human being; it brings a lift to a man's heart even as he makes disparaging and forceful remarks concerning the gusty winds.

For now the evidence is unmistakable. February leads one hopefully along, but the second month in spite of thaws and unexpectedly peaceful, soft-breeze days, is still deep in the heart of winter. But once the country has torn the second sheet from the big calendar at the kitchen wall, the skies take on a deeper blue.

Blue-grey smoke curls upward from weathered sugar houses crouching among gaunt, shaggy-barked maples. Crows begin to straggle northward and toward month's end a robin walks the farmyard and hunts for food. Down along the creek and beside pastured brooks willows push out soft-furred buds to test the air. Skunk furred noses to test the air. Skunk furred noses to test the air.

Each day the sun wheels over a higher arc in the sky. Soon the equinox will arrive and men will say that it is officially Spring. But the heart does not need a calendar man does not wait for celestial bodies in outdoor astral space to move into specific formations.

When the Crow Moon month arrives, as the Indians called this period, the heart draws assurance in the verities that have proved themselves bulwarks and solid anchors.

Notes By The Way

Life can become so dominated by labor-saving devices that it takes all one's time to have one's labor saved.—New Statesman and Nation.

In Vancouver's police probe a witness testified to seeing a man in a drug store with a handful of bills "about an inch thick." Probably getting a prescription filled.—Toronto Telegram.

Calgary can take 30-below without lifting a frosty eyebrow, but in Vancouver and more especially in Victoria, 20 above weather cuts right through a person, causing more downright pain and distress than Calgarians ever felt. The people there aren't prepared for it. They aren't equipped to combat it.—Calgary Alberta.

The District Attorney was questioning a Kentucky colonel. Unable to shake his testimony, he tried sarcasm. "They call you colonel," he sneered. "In what regiment are you a colonel?" "Well," drawled the colonel, "it's like this. The 'Colonel' in front of my name is like the 'Honorable' in front of yours. It doesn't mean a thing."—Maritime Advocate.

It seems curious that of all the great composers, Mozart's face is the least known to us. Images of Beethoven, who came after, and Bach, who came before, are clearly fixed; the portraits of Mozart are few, conflicting and unconvincing. Yet a picture of the man seems hardly necessary, so close does his presence seem in his music. Perhaps this, too, is part of the miracle of Mozart, a miracle undimmed by the centuries.—New York Herald Tribune.

An urban family food cost survey completed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics shows that the average weekly cost of feeding a person is \$6.94. The food bill for two adults per week was found to be \$18.38; for three adults, \$23.82; for two adults and a child, \$21.40; for four adults, \$30.40; for two adults and two children, \$23.86; for two adults and three children, \$26.47 and for two adults and four children \$30.67. What was proved by the study is hard to say, but what was disproved was the old saw about two living as cheaply as one.—Moncton Transcript.

Those whose credulity is strained by some Old Testament stories such as Jonah and the whale, Noah and the ark, and the parting of the waters will find interest in the fact that archaeologists studying the history of the Near East have found the Bible an invaluable guide in locating ancient settlements. Traces of hundreds of ancient settlements have been found in the area which confirm accounts in the Book of Genesis, describing Abraham's journey from Palestine to Egypt and back.—Fort William Times-Journal.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1955	
(Including Details of the Earned Surplus Account for the Year Ended 31st December 1955)	
ASSETS	
CURRENT:	
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 97,787.87
Accounts receivable	\$113,075.28
Less: Provision for doubtful accounts	2,000.00
	311,863.15
Inventories of matured and unmatured spirits, raw materials, manufacturing and other supplies, valued at the lower of cost or market	2,056,492.19
	\$2,368,355.34
CASH SURRENDER VALUE OF LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES	4,956.61
PREPAID AND DEFERRED CHARGES:	
Unexpired insurance, taxes and other prepaid items	7,207.25
Leasehold improvements, less amount amortized	17,000.70
	24,207.95
FIXED:	
Land, buildings, machinery and equipment, at depreciated replacement values as appraised by the Canadian Appraisal Company, Limited in December 1954, with subsequent additions at cost	2,197,972.85
Less: Accumulated depreciation	1,264,852.40
	933,120.45
TRADE MARKS, FORMULAE, PATENTS AND GOODWILL	1.00
Approved on behalf of the Board:	\$3,351,642.53
F. W. ROYCE	Director
S. MARSHMAN	Director
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT:	
Bank loan	\$ 300,000.00
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	236,832.41
Deposits re production contract	83,964.24
Taxes payable	94,962.15
	\$715,768.80
RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES	40,000.00
CAPITAL STOCK:	
Authorized and issued—	
125,000 shares 6% cumulative participating preferred, par value \$10.00 each	1,250,000.00
62,500 shares common, no par value	250,000.00
	1,500,000.00
EARNED SURPLUS ACCOUNT:	
Balance at credit, 1st January 1955	\$1,085,542.61
Add:	
Profit on disposal of Fixed Assets	803.06
	1,086,345.67
Less:	
Net operating profit for the year ended 31st December 1955 before taking up the items below	252,166.69
Deduct:	
Provision for depreciation	\$ 71,968.68
Provision for income taxes	83,000.00
	154,968.68
Net profit for the year 1955	97,218.93
Dividends paid on the preferred shares—	
Cumulative dividend of 60 cents per share in respect of 1955	75,000.00
Non-cumulative dividend of 10 cents per share in respect of 1954	12,500.00
	87,500.00
Balance at credit, 31st December 1955	1,095,663.73
	\$3,351,642.53

The Poet's Corner

PASTORAL
In Winter, when the colored air, At early evening, early dawn, Is meadows that have learned to wear The Summer flowers we said were gone. Some obscure level of the mind Will make a subtle text of this, Rejoicing in itself to find Believing is what seeing it. And sees the risen flowers, there, Beyond what they were asked to bear. —By David Morton in the New York Times.