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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew"

"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Mobile Columns For Civil Defence

Prince Edward Island is not regarded as a potential target area and consequently there has been little emphasis on the organization of civil defence.

The experience of the United Kingdom, however, indicates that this Province could well play a much more important role in overall civil defence planning.

An experimental mobile column was formed at Epsom, in Surrey, last year, using army personnel and staff because of the time required to conduct the necessary experiments.

A second experimental column is in training, consisting of three units, each comprising six rescue vehicles with a team of eight men and attendant motorcyclists.

These mobile columns are not intended to replace local civil defence organization but to supplement it at whatever point the need is greatest.

The Inchcape Light

A storied Scottish lighthouse lamp that emigrated to Newfoundland has achieved New World as well as Old World renown. This beacon is the Inchcape Light, says the National Geographic Society.

The Inchcape Light's gleaming reflectors were made in Birmingham, England, in 1816. They replaced an earlier light on the Inchcape Rock, where the first lighthouse was begun in 1807 and lighted in 1811.

One dreadful sound could the Rover hear— A sound as if, with the Inchcape Bell, The Devil below was ringing his knell.

The Inchcape Light's present home is a less striking structure: a square, red and white building. Yet every summer hundreds of motorists travel the new Cabor Highway to Cape Bonavista to see the transplanted beacon that faithfully flashes red-and-white every 90 seconds over the Atlantic toward Scotland.

Fertilizer From Sea Water

What is regarded as an industrial development of major significance has been announced by a leading electro-chemical concern in Norway. This is the completion of a pilot plant for the extraction of potassium fertilizer from sea water.

The initial output of the pilot plant, located at Ijmuiden, near Amsterdam, Holland, will be 1,600 tons a year. Eventually, separate plants will be built in Norway and the Netherlands.

Jacob Kielland, the Norwegian engineer who pioneered the process, began to study methods of extracting potassium nitrate from sea water many years ago. To test his findings the Norwegian company built an experimental plant on Heroya in the late 1930's.

EDITORIAL NOTES

One aspect of the great controversy over progressive education must be disquieting to those who imagine that new ideas are plentiful. This new idea has aroused great interest but the implication is that it is not only new but rare.

The dairy industry takes exception to the term "fresh churned" as applied to a certain brand of margarine. The objection seems to be well taken. Whatever the merits of the product, it has a quite different origin from that of butter and because of the use of preservatives the question of freshness hardly arises.

The Community Concert Association is an excellent demonstration of the effectiveness of the co-operative approach. Commercial entertainment provides by far the greater part of our public amusement but the members are able to add to that fare artistic performances which would normally be available only in much larger centres.

The increased interest of Ottawa in vocational training, as evidenced by amendments before Parliament, should be most valuable in providing the trained manpower that a growing industrial nation requires and also in opening up opportunities for our own people.

Singapore fell this date 1942, having been preceded by Hong Kong and Manila. Few troops could be evacuated and most of the newly arrived reinforcements were made prisoner. After the Japanese had fought their way down the Malay Peninsula they could have reduced the island by air and artillery bombardment in a few weeks.

A signal honour has been bestowed upon Mr. Walter R. Shaw, M.B.E., retiring Deputy Minister of Agriculture for this Province, in his election to the office of presidency of the Horticultural Council of Canada. Mr. Shaw, who is also chairman of the Potato Committee of the Council, presided at the annual meetings of the organization last week at Ottawa.

All Don't Crash



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.

HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY

Sir,—It is my candid opinion that every motor vehicle using the highways of the Province and carrying a van, stake body, gravel box or load which prohibits the operator of such vehicle giving the usual directional signals with the left arm, should be required by law to be equipped with directional lights and the people educated through the medium of the press of their significance.

I am, Sir, etc., L. S. J., Summerside, P. E. I.

EDUCATION STANDARDS

Sir,—In view of the controversy regarding teaching and educational standards at Prince of Wales College and especially since there was reference to standards in other Provinces, I became curious to find out something about Junior Matriculation standards in my native Province of New Brunswick.

I procured a copy of the Annual Report of the Department of Education for 1952 and on page 30 found the following statement by Deputy Minister regarding Junior Matriculation examination results in June, 1952.

I am, Sir, etc., FORMER N. B. RESIDENT, Charlottetown.

HOME AND SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sir,—The recent controversy on education in the Public Forum is a very wholesome sign indicating an increased interest in education. As Home and School members we applaud this tendency as one of our chief objectives is to promote more public interest in education.

Another important part of my work is that of School Education in which our Home and School members study the school and its needs. Consequently, parents will be enabled to co-operate more intelligently with their children's teachers. It is most essential that the parents and general public be well informed on education. It is they as citizens, who in the last analysis are responsible for the kind and quality of school education which we will have in the community. They must be ready to demand, demand and pay for a high quality of education in the

The Age Old Story

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

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Noies By The Way

Some sins are far more serious than others—particularly those the other fellow is guilty of.—(Kitchen-Waterloo Record.)

"Greek Theme For Parisian Gowns,"—heating. The sarong may be coming faster than you think.—(St. Thomas Times-Journal.)

Cold weather is not too hard to take after all. You can at least get all the way home before the ice cream melts.—(Hamilton Spectator.)

An old-timer is the one who can remember when nothing was as alluring as a circus poster posted on the side of a barn.—(Calgary Albertan.)

Ballet is new to Canada as an expression of Canadian talent, but in the relatively few years since the Second World War, has developed to the status of a fine art comparable to and perhaps not surpassed in performance by the best Canada has in music and the theatre and painting. Indeed the ballet combines the elements of all the arts—in music, drama and pictorial beauty. The ballet performs stories in terms of the dance. The news from Washington telling of the brilliant debut of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet in the U. S. national capital, makes anticipation of the keener respecting the coming performance of the same troupe in Sydney in late February. It is refreshing to learn that in an art of interpretation wherein Europe long has been dominant, Canadian troupes now are performing with a skill, authority and originality that wins respect and acclaim.—(Sydney Post-Record.)

Man is a most adaptive animal. Not a few disciplines of science—anthropology, ethnology and physiology among them—have been established to study and record his adaptations. But the reason of his versatility in fitting himself to environments that he alters even more rapidly than he revises his own physical and psychological structure, his sciences are ever a pace behind his latest evolutions. It will be a dull day when his ultimate form is attained; life will become mere existence and the sparkle will be gone. And it would seem from press dispatches, that one ultimate has been reached: a toddler in the Southern United States recently bit a mosquito—very venomous snake—so severely that the snake died. It is a matter of congratulation that no Canadian child has yet demonstrated this degree of dental ferocity. Perhaps Canadian herpetologists and biochemists should devote themselves to developing, along

with anti-venom serums, a potent anti-toxin for use in child bite.—(Toronto Globe and Mail.)

It takes a lot to surprise people these days. Hardly a murmur has come out of the air-conscious world in respect to the announcement that a Royal Air Force Canberra jet aircraft will make a series of flights over the North Pole, beginning next week. More common might have been caused in the popular imagination if Benarr Macfadden decided to walk across Broadway on a tight rope of off Marilyn Monroe tried to swim the English Channel. And yet these trivial things do not in the slightest manner compare with the Pole crossing in importance. We are apparently adjusted to the remarkable age of the jet and atom. It is common knowledge that the Canberra will not be the first aircraft to fly over the Pole, but the fact that many people will have difficulty recalling whether it is the first jet to do so places such an exploit in the category of common events.—(Saint John Telegraph-Journal.)

Then took the other, as just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim, Because it was grassy and wanted wear; Though as for that the passing there Had worn them really about the same, And both that morning equally lay In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back. I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less travelled by, And that has made all the difference.—Robert Frost.

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