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Water Safety Week

Water safety precautions are, of course, something to be observed all through the season; but the designation of one particular week in the year serves to highlight the great importance of following accepted safety practices.

Water safety is one of the continuing projects of the Red Cross across Canada, and in this Island Province the program has been most successful in training competent instructors and in cutting down the number of accidents during the summer season.

Report On Vaccine

Any authoritative report on the Salk anti-polio vaccine is of world wide interest; for no medical development of modern times has given a greater lift to the hopes of mankind.

Another encouraging bit of information is that since May, 1955 all the vaccine produced has been absolutely safe. It will be recalled that in the initial stages of the program in the United States some of the vaccine turned out to be of inferior quality.

Unexpected difficulties resulted in a shortage of the vaccine this year. That was unfortunate and regrettable.

ation program is one of tremendous magnitude and involves numerous technical adjustments. All things considered, it has made reasonably rapid and satisfactory progress and reflects much credit on all who are connected with it in one or other of its many phases.

The Tiger & The Mouse

The Crown Prince of Yemen, seif al-Islam elbadr, is in Moscow. Time was, not so long ago, when a little news item like that would have been considered of no importance at all. Today it means something special.

Yemen is a small state of no military significance in its own right and of little consequence to the economic or cultural patterns of the outside world. Yet, when the son of its ruler arrived in the Soviet capital he was greeted by high ranking officials as if he were the representative of a great power.

It reminds one of the old fable about the tiger and the mouse. The tiger solemnly undertook to be good to the mouse so long as the mouse remained civil.

Highland Cattle

Reports from British Columbia say that a new breed of cattle, the Highland, is doing well on a co-operative ranch in that province. It is a descendant of the old Celtic cattle of many centuries ago and is very popular in its native Scotland.

The Highlands, true to the traditions of their native land, are hardy cattle and, or so the report says, need hardly any care. In B. C. they are kept out in the open all during the year. The meat is of high quality and commands a premium price in some markets.

Perhaps it would be a good idea to import a few head for experimental purposes to this province. They should thrive here at least as well as in Saskatchewan and Ontario.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The latest revolution in Argentina didn't amount to much. Still, it was big enough to keep the country in the traditional Latin American fashion.

One of the historic symbols of British sea power is to be abandoned in the interest of economy. It is Scapa Flow where the Germans sank the Imperial Navy's Grand Fleet following their defeat in World War One.

There are not as many Russians in the world as we had been led to believe. The first statistical review to be produced since 1939 gives the population as a little more than 200 million, some 50 million less than had been reported unofficially a year ago.

The New Hampshire House of Representatives has the largest membership in the United States, and on a per capita basis perhaps the largest in the world. It is now proposed that the membership be reduced from 400 to 300.



The Man From Glen William

Arthur Blakely in the Montreal Gazette

A lean, grizzled Scot drew a magnificent reception when he returned to the parliamentary lists last week.

Few orators who have tried to run the gauntlet of noisy heckling during the pipeline debate have emerged unscathed.

But Angus MacInnis, the veteran 71-year-old CCF Member of Parliament for Vancouver - Kingsway, accomplished a near miracle. From the moment that he rose to speak, until he resumed his seat, the House was hushed and attentive - the same House which has broken all records for truculence, angry clamor and nervous irritability during the past two weeks.

It was the more surprising because this was a provocative speech - as has been most of the addresses delivered by Mr. MacInnis in his 26 years of service in the Commons. And it was delivered in that same harsh voice, rasping and grating like a file at work on stern metal, with which the House of Commons had become so familiar before his long illness.

The elderly Scot, native of the Prince Edward Island hamlet of Glen William, has never been in better form than he was for this speech. As a tour de force, it outstripped anything heard previously during this debate. And it may well have marked a new peak in Mr. MacInnis' long career.

VISIBLY IMPRESSED

Even the Government Liberals, who were on the receiving end - except for a few random shots which the Speaker directed at the Social Credit benches - were visibly impressed by his performance. And this is a rough-and-tumble debate in which no holds have been barred.

While it lasted - and as pipeline speeches go this one was short and to the point - Mr. MacInnis contrived to sound, and even to look, like an ancient prophet. And if he didn't exactly prophesy hellfire and damnation, he came about as close as parliamentary rules and forms permit.

His return to the flurry of debate came on Monday, May 28. A few moments earlier, Prime Minister St. Laurent - trying to take some of the heat off the Gov-

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ernment for its unprecedented use of the guillotine has intimated that if the Opposition would only behave itself and act sensibly, the Commons could spend all of the rest of the week debating all 'remaining stages' of the bill. At the time, some thought that he was offering a concession. As it turned out, the peace offering was only an admission.

Mr. MacInnis, rising soon after, took vigorous exception to the suggestion. He glanced around the Commons as if it had changed, somehow during his long absence.

"I declare," the old warrior growled, "that the statement made by the Prime Minister is an insult to this House. It is intolerable that free men should come here and be told what they may or may not discuss on the word of the Prime Minister or anyone else."

He was worried, he said, about the breakdown in Commons discipline, decorum, mutual respect and procedure. A return to the old ways was essential.

THE RIGHT TIME

He wanted to make it plain to one and all, he said, that he favored the use of closure - was convinced that the Government not only had a right but had a duty to invoke it. But at the right time. And the right time was when it had been demonstrated that only by use of closure could public business be done. This was closure "old style". The new style, designed and operated for Trade Minister Howe - this he regarded with loathing. He could not believe he said, that the Liberal M.P.'s the Cabinet or the Prime Minister really understood what was happening. He had enough respect for all of them to be confident that if they did, the present course would be abandoned.

Crusoe Re-discovered

(New York Herald-Tribune) It's interesting to learn that the Communists have finally got around to reading and reviewing Daniel Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe". The book was published in 1719, and the other day "Neues Deutschland" organ of the Communist Party in East Germany, ran a favorite review of a new edition just out.

It turns out, of course, that Crusoe was a "progressive" because he opposed cannibalism. In the 28 years he spent on his desert island the ship-wrecked mariner obviously had to do a few things which were not altogether satisfactory from a Soviet standpoint. His attitude toward Friday, the savage he rescued from the cannibals, left something to be desired. For, as "Neues Deutschland" points out, Crusoe "felt like a colonial master" on his island, and didn't treat Friday as a complete equal at all times.

"Neues Deutschland" probably is aware that Crusoe felt like an Englishman most of the time, too. He had sailed originally from England, and was happy enough to return there when the rescuers took him off his lonely island. Probably he would have spent his 28 years of isolation reading the speeches of Sir Winston Churchill if copies had been available.

Of course, if a Russian ship had passed by first there's no telling what might have happened. Perhaps this is what "Neues Deutschland" had in mind. It looks like the best thing for the Communists to do would be to bring out "Robinson Khrushchev", a new, progressive and anti-cannibal account of what really took place on that lonely island.

MOTORCYCLE DEATHS

HAWKESBURY, Ont. (CP)—Richard LaLonde, 19, died in an ambulance on the way to a Montreal hospital Tuesday night following a motorcycle smashup that killed a companion. Gaston Parent, 20, driver of the machine, was killed when the bike went out of control on a curve about five miles east of the town 55 miles east of Ottawa. Both resided here.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(June 16, 1931) The oil tanker S.S. Farralite, Captain Gilmour, after discharging a cargo of oil here, sailed yesterday for Sydney.

Death last night brought to an abrupt end to the life of one of the Lake Region's best beloved priests, Rev. John J. MacDonald, 83, of Prince Edward Island, who was the rector of St. Lawrence Church of Michigan City for the past 32 years.

TEN YEARS AGO

(June 16, 1946) Lieut. Col. C.J. MacDonald, Carleton Place, P.E.I., has been appointed to command the 22nd Light Field Ambulance (Reserve) of Charlottetown.

Approximately 75 members of the Maritime section of the Canadian Restaurant Association will be present at today's opening session of a two day conference here.

After a two week's visit to New York and other American cities His Worship Mayor B. Earle MacDonald and family have returned to Charlottetown.

The Poets Corner

HOUSE OF SMALL THINGS Now the house of all small crawling things, that belong to land, is going up in grass.

It is erected, as in other springs, inch by stalwart inch, and small things pass tentatively through its plane and groove, under beam and rafter, and, no doubt, approve.

Here are rooms for ground squirrel, field mouse, toad; floors for laboring ants in rotted bark; niches for slow bugs. It is the abode at night and morning of the meadow lark and there are high-arched, ripping, winding halls, through which the snake, relaxed and easy, crawls. —Helen Harrington.

Soldiers Hannibal Slew

Italian Scene. Soldiers who died in battle 2,182 years ago are about to receive a belated burial eight miles from the Italian town of Barletta, looking out on the lower Adriatic sea. On August 2, 216 B.C. Roman Consul Varo and Paulus Emilius thought they had the wily Hannibal trapped at Cannae, where he had set up camp along the Ofanto River with his back to the sea. The astute Carthaginian accepted the challenge and, hiding some crack Libyan reserves on his right and left, let the attacking Romans push his centre seaward. He then unleashed his Libyans in a giant pincer manoeuvre—later rediscovered by every great general in history.

Numerical cavalry, which he had sent around to attack the corkscrew Romans from the rear, closed the deal. Twenty-five thousand of Rome's proudest fell by the knife, and Hannibal got a new lease on Southern Italy.

The big sepulchre at Cannae is now to be enlarged and renovated to harbor the many bones still being dug out of the dry Apulian soil. At the same time the little local museum will be spruced up and enriched with weapons coming to light in the surrounding country, which is getting a deep plow to remove as part of a land reclamation program.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The modern young man doesn't leave footprints on the sands of time. Just tire tracks.—London Free Press.

It used to take the wool off 10 sheep to clothe a soldier. Nowadays it takes more than that number of hides off a taxpayer.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Casual wear for men has come a long way since the days when it consisted principally of the undershirt, with braces dangling, for summer time veranda-sitting.—Hamilton Spectator.

Russian school children are naturally puzzled by the way history is being written over there. Res a tful too, if this means they no longer get off on Stalin's birthday.—Orillia Packet and Times.

Four men drifting from Halifax to Europe on a raft have covered only 254 miles in 13 days. We hear much about the mad pace of current events, but that's what it is out there on the North Atlantic.—Windsor Star.

Smilies are groups of people no two of whom like their breakfast eggs cooked the same way.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Sic transit gloria. Perhaps it is true, as some say, that the Senate no longer serves any useful function in Canadian life. Perhaps it does not even provide, as some say, security for deserving politicians in their old age. The Senate conducted itself this week as though it were anything but secure; as though, like the Government majority in the House of Commons, it could only survive by kicking the boots of its master.—Globe and Mail.

Any speaker who can hold an audience at a Chamber of Commerce dinner in thrall to his eloquence and send them away smiling and thinking noble thoughts—and can do it all in the line of his business—is no ordinary mortal. Mr. Leo Dolan did it in Peterborough, and he is not ordinary. He is an Irishman out of New Brunswick. He is also the best director the Canadian Government Tourist Bureau has ever had—and not merely because, as he says, he is the only one it has had.—Peterboro Examiner.

Ottawa says all kinds of common jobs are seeking jobs at \$800 a month on the DEW radar line in the far north. They can't be hired until a \$10,000 a year screening officer has been hired. How much will it cost to hire a man to screen the applicants for the screening officer's job?—Vancouver Province.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada, suggests that equipment be set up in the House of Commons for simultaneous translation of members' speeches into either French or English. While it seems to be a commendable idea, it might be better to encourage the members to learn the opposite language. After all, they may wish to talk to one of the other tongue when there is no simultaneous translator around!—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

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