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Moderator's Visit

Prince Edward Island welcomes a distinguished visitor this week in the person of the Rev. Finlay G. Stewart, D.D., of Kitchener, Ont., Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

A former Ottawa school teacher before entering the ministry, Dr. Stewart has served also as a chaplain in Northwest Europe during World War I, as a chaplain in the Reserve Army and with the Canadian Legion.

The Moderator's rally services are proving of much inspirational value and there is no doubt that keen interest will be taken in his visit to Charlottetown today.

Premier's Conference

The conference of the Premiers of the four Atlantic Provinces at Halifax this week will, it is hoped, be conducive to closer co-operation between the respective provincial governments.

One of the matters under discussion is the Federal proposal to build thermal power plants in the Maritimes and the prospect of cheaper power for Prince Edward Island.

It is to be hoped, too, that something concrete will emerge from the discussion on Maritime claims for compensation for the large tracts of northern land given other Provinces at Ottawa.

Civil Defense

Presumably, the reason behind this Province's non-participation in the current Civil Defense exercises is that in the event of a nuclear, or any kind of aerial, attack on Canada, we should in all probability be kept outside the resulting fire and destruction.

In a limited and negative sort of way this is a reassuring view. Whether it is a valid one is another matter. In the Second World War German heavy bombers—the most destructive engines of that time—were by no means confined to military installations and great industrial works.

In any event, even if we must assume that abhorrence of waste would triumph over recklessness, what justification is there for hoping that this Island would escape from the wrath to come? Surely, with bombs being as powerful as they are now, one dropped, say, in Halifax, Saint John or Argentea, Nfld., might be expected to carry its devastating effect such a short distance as we are from any of these centres.

Without Enthusiasm

Under the constitution forced upon Japan by the United States at the end of World War II, a military establishment of any kind was ever banned. "Land, sea and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained" was the actual stipulation.

It was, of course, an unrealistic constitutional provision from the start. But those were the days when, Germany and Japan having been defeated, the United States and its allies were determined that never again would these nations be permitted to disturb the peace of the world.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Some day, somewhere," said Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota the other day, "the United States must take a stand." It is a happy sign that more and more responsible Americans in and out of Government are coming around to that view.

An East German newspaper, answering criticism of the country's electoral system which allows only one-party candidates, said it is a "democratic" system because it gives voters the right to see that the candidates carry out their promises.

Mr. St. Laurent says he has "no doubt whatever" that he will go to the Commonwealth Conference as Canada's representative. Mr. Diefenbaker, on the other hand, says that he is almost certain to be the next Prime Minister of Canada.

An American inventor has patented a device for keeping earthworms "in such good and vigorous condition as to make them better adapted for use as fishing bait or for breeding and transplanting for soil building."

In both the United States and Canada there is talk of doing away with the bushel as a measuring unit in favor of the hundredweight. There seems to be a feeling among those chiefly concerned with the proposed change that there would be many advantages to the hundredweight.



FOR CLOSER TIES

A Fortress Of Friendship

Heath N. Macquarrie In The Globe and Mail, Toronto

A great fortress is being built on the boundary between Canada and the United States. But do not be alarmed; this is a very special kind of fortification. For it seeks to protect peace and fortify friendship.

Today this fortress of friendship is a popular stopping place for travellers and many people from nearly all the states and provinces and from many other parts of the world visit it annually.

In 1928 Dr. Henry Moore, a Canadian agriculturist, attended a meeting of gardeners in Greenwich, Conn. On the way home, glowing with warm appreciation of the kindly welcome he had received and the interesting people he had met, Dr. Moore had an idea.

"Why not have a garden on the international boundary where the people of the two countries could share the glories found in a lovely garden and the pleasures found in warm friendships?"

ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED Dr. Moore did not lose his vision and within a year he presented it at the National Association of American Gardeners meeting in Toronto and was enthusiastically received. A committee of 25 Americans and 25 Canadians was set up to study the situation.

From a farsighted man in the little town of Boiesevain, Man., this subcommittee received a suggestion which was to simplify their work. W. V. Udall, editor of the Boiesevain Recorder, invited them to look at the Turtle Mountain area in the southernmost part of Manitoba.

There is a continuing development of the trees, shrubs and flowers. Thousands of plants have been set out and the gardeners' genius is displayed for months during the summer when a riot of color and form greets the eye.

Although mainly supported by private funds in its early days the International Peace Garden is now receiving generous government aid. Congress voted \$100,000 for a three-year period. The Canadian Parliament used to give \$15,000 a year but has since reduced the grant to \$10,000.

Three names which would spell peace and tranquillity or grave trouble and even strife for the newly-independent African state of Ghana are being heard more and more frequently here.

They are Brong, Kyempin and Ashanti. They represent tribal groupings of the old warrior kingdom of Ashanti, whose capital is Kumasi and which is one of the five regions of Ghana.

There has been agitation among certain supporters of the ruling convention people's party that Brong-Kyempin and Ashanti be given the status of an independent state or region divorced from the authority of the Asanteman council, the traditional authority of the Ashanti region.

Many observers of the Ghana political scene say that a Brong state cannot possibly be created. Others assert equally emphatically that it can.

The Brongs are an ancient warrior tribe of West Africa who inhabit a rich agricultural and timber area of Ashanti. Most of Ashanti's hundreds of tribal chieftains pay allegiance to the Asantehene, or king of Ashanti, Otumfuo Sir Agyeman Prempeh II, who rules from a white palace on the outskirts of Kumasi.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

SPRING SONNET FROM THE CITY You say: "Write. Tell me how spring finds the city, And you, cosmopolite. Make a new song Of gay Fifth Avenue windows, or the Park. What of the animals? Are the tulips pretty In Rockefeller Center?" Lord how long.

WENT FIVE YEARS AGO (May 9, 1952) The first car to come through from Charlottetown to Summerside arrived on Saturday, Mr. Pope Clark, of Clark and MacDonald, who drove the car, reported the road in good condition.

YEN YEARS AGO (May 9, 1947) At the meeting of the breeders interested in artificial insemination held Tuesday night it was decided to proceed forthwith to set up an artificial unit here.

MAXIMS He that will not reason is a bigot; he that cannot reason is a fool; he that dares not reason is a slave.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M.D.

ARE YOU PHYSICALLY FIT TO ENGAGE IN SPORTS?

So your company is planning a recreation program this year and you think you'll take part. Well, before you embark on any ambitious activities in softball, bowling, golf or horseback riding programs let's take stock of your physical capabilities.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. K: Can you tell me what might help or cure Buerger's disease? Answer: There have been many types of treatment advised for Buerger's disease.

TRAIN FOR IT Will I be given an opportunity to train for the sport, or will I be expected to take part in a full game the first time out? Will we do this for fun and companionship or will we go at it like a job?

THE AGE OLD STORY Beloved, if our heart condemns us not, then have we confidence toward God.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Darwin was right about evolution—such as, from the grandfather's farm to his son's garden and his grandson's can-opener.—Chatham News

A traffic expert claims that only one driver in ten is capable of driving a car over fifty miles an hour. But a lot of them die trying.—Toronto Star

A people which loses the habit of saving loses its stake in its own future. A people which relies on the State to look after its needs, loses not only its stake in the future, but it also commits the big sin which is forcing others after them. Once that becomes common practice, the moral fibre disappears along with the economic sinews.—Financial Times

Toronto is considering passage of a bylaw preventing the blowing of automobile horns, except to warn of actual danger. The proposed legislation is a measure intended to deal with hurried and frustrated drivers who blast away on their horns in the hope that they can thus clear a way through congested traffic. New York and Paris already have such a law. Paris, where horn-blowing was a traditional discord has cut its accident rate in half.—London Free Press

When we criticize young people today for wanting security above all else, let us remember that their parents wanted it, too. Their trouble was that they hadn't found a way of making everybody else pay for it.—Peterborough Examiner

Isn't it lucky, George," said a wife, visiting her much battered husband in hospital after a car accident, "except where you went through the windshield the car is quite undamaged."—Montreal Star

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