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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Eastern Mail Service

In connection with the arrangements which are now being finalized between the Post Office and C. N. R. officials for the inauguration of the new mail truck service to King's County, it has been suggested that the start from Charlottetown should be made at 9 o'clock instead of at 10 o'clock in the morning...

The reason given for the proposed delay is to enable the comparatively small amount of early morning mail reaching Charlottetown by air to go out with the mail trucks the same morning. The disadvantage of this scheme, in holding up all the rest of the mail for three hours, will be apparent to our eastern readers...

Plowing Match Revivals

The revival of old-time plowing matches has progressed to the point where these events have become once more an annual institution. Today the Queen's County contest is being held on the farm of Messrs. MacRae Brothers at Mount Mellick, and on September 26 the Provincial matches will take place at Dundas...

Plowing matches were the most popular of all the outdoor events of early days in this Province. As will be noted from an excerpt published in our yesterday's issue, the Queen's County Subscription Match held at Marshfield in 1868 proved so successful that it was proposed to invite competition from the mainland...

"Simple Arithmetic"

It is now more than three years ago that British Prime Minister Attlee said that it was only "simple arithmetic" that any higher taxes against profits would only mean drying up the money pool, from which industry must find expansion and renewal...

soaking the profits and soaking the dividends. And no matter what the leaders say in their pleas for reason and good sense, they bow again and again before the party's internal storms, and urge another bill of pains and penalties. When will economic sense prevail with such theorists?

Built-Up Area

It is becoming more and more apparent that highways and streets are distinct entities and that expense, danger and inconvenience result from combining their functions. It is a nuisance, to use understatement, to have cross-country traffic passing and repassing through residential streets and it is equally inconvenient for highway users to find long stretches of highway bordered by homes from which children may at any time be expected to emerge.

Once such ill considered construction has been accomplished it is impractical to remedy the situation but there is no necessity for allowing it to spread. Our new sections of highway at least are free from the ribbon development and should be kept that way.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Today the Plowing Match at Mt. Mellick to be opened by Premier Jones.

Florida seed potato testing should attract a lot of entries from here. Arrangements are being made by Mr. S. C. Pappin of the Potato Marketing Board.

It is reported that fewer Cape Bretoners will come here for the potato lifting. This is not because there are expectations of a smaller crop, but because of the high cost of labour in proportion to the sale price.

The Charlottetown Hospital Bazaar opened last evening by His Excellency Bishop Boyle, has become a feature of our Fall events. This year it is reported bigger and brighter than ever.

The Battle of Poitiers was fought this date 1356. Edward, the Black Prince, with about 14,000 men, totally defeated the French army of 60,000 men under the blind King John of Bohemia.

The experts may be interested in whether soil is too wet to benefit from plowing but the chances are that bad weather, should it so turn out, will allow more farmers to leave their daily round to attend the plowing match.

The wounded in Korea have a far better chance of recovery than during the Second World War, thanks to improved techniques and availability of blood and blood plasma. Those at home have a wonderful opportunity to help the boys overseas by expanding the blood donor services.

The largest group of philatelic exhibits ever to leave Britain will be shown at the Canadian International Philatelic Exhibition, opening in Toronto on Friday. The stamps are insured for \$750,000. Sir John Wilson, Keeper of the King's philatelic collection will be showing a selection from the Royal stamps, at the exhibition.

As the outcome of proceedings at Ottawa, Turkey and Greece are likely to become Western Nations, notwithstanding their location in the East. This is because their aims and attitude on European affairs are more in alignment with Western European Europe than with the Orientals. Their military strength, too, will lend weight to Western defensive forces.

As the Royal Edinburgs will not arrive here by air but by railway, there should be a big crowd to meet them and greet them en route from the Station to the Provincial Building and City Hall. No doubt instructions will be given to the chauffeurs to drive so that all spectators who wish to will see the Princess and the Duke.

Some one hundred and fifty schools in Austria are being run on an experimental basis in rural areas. Teachers are given wide liberty in adapting their methods to local geographical, cultural and social conditions—either developing the old methods or trying out a number of new systems. In addition, the teachers are encouraged to make suggestions to the Ministry of Education concerning other types of experimental schools.

For the sixth successive year the French Government has awarded scholarships for post-graduate work in France to young Canadians. This October thirty young men and women will leave Canada for a year's study (1951-52) in Paris or one of the provincial universities of France. The nearest students in the Maritimes to benefit are Mr. R. P. Maurice Chanard, St. Joseph's University, and Miss Dorothy Fraser, Mt. Allison University. Both will study literature.

Good Plowing!



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

WATER SUPPLY

"At a meeting of the City Council last night, the subject of water supply was taken up. A proposition of Messrs. MacKinnon, Fraser and Company to pump from the City Spring 12,000 gallons daily, for fifty cents per day—city to provide a tank and pumps—was discussed and, on motion of Councillor Hooper, accepted. The Park Committee were instructed to provide a tank and pump. It is understood that in cold weather this tank will be emptied out at night and filled in the morning." —The Examiner, Oct. 27, 1877.

Columnist's Chapel

When the war was over, newspaperman Clarence Dirks did what most other city people just talk about doing. He settled down on a little farm to raise cows, chickens and fruit.

He was as green as it is a stock character in a rural comedy; killing a chicken was a new and horrible experience, and at first, he ate a comb of honey a day, until he found he could sell them for 55c. The pittance Dirks got from his 76 acres on Camano Island in Puget Sound would have sent most men back to the city, but he eked out his farming by kidding himself in a column ("City Bred Farmer") for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. He signed off each column with the number of eggs he had collected that day.

Things Not Seen. One day in 1949, things got too much for Clarence Dirks. The farm seemed to be a failure, he hadn't sold a story for five months, his wife had been temporarily committed to a mental hospital. He did something he had never done before; he went to church and prayed. And it worked; faith and the love of God flooded in upon him, and from then on everything in his life seemed different.

In one of his columns, Dirks wrote about Camano's little frame church and two of the people who kept it going—Sunday-school teacher Mrs. Mertie Best ("a saint in a house dress") and Pastor Walter Jerome Wheeler. "How much nicer and more convenient it would be, say," he wrote, "if a church were located closer at hand. Perhaps in a grove of hemlock where the cleared land descends toward the blue channel water; somewhere, where the kindly Sunday-school teacher would not have so far to go. Last night the Farmer (Dirks) could contain himself no longer. He visited Mr. Wheeler, who said: 'If a fund was started to build a small church, I certainly wouldn't oppose it. But remember ours is a small community. Just now, it takes all the Sunday collection to run the children's bus.'"

"Faith, the Good book says, is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 'Things', in this connection, might still be a new little church. Eggs collected: three."

Miracle in the Woods. Next day a woman in Seattle sent in a dollar. "Have faith," she wrote. Other dollars followed (\$9,474 to date), and Clarence Dirks set to work to build Camano Chapel, as he called it. Nearby farmers, carpenters, plumbers, even visitors from the city lent a hand. A lumber company gave cedar logs, which were hauled out of the forest, free, by a trucker, sized and split by two roofers in return for the butts, which the chapel could not use. Seattle hotel and restaurant men gave enough money for a \$2,500 organ. One rainy day, when Dirks needed 28 men to help pour the concrete foundations, exactly 28 turned up. The last man to arrive was from North Dakota; he had read about the chapel, on the mainland, and decided to come over and help. "It's a miracle in the woods," said Dirks.

Last week, interdenominational

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Diplomatic Resource

(Winnipeg Free Press)

The job of representing the Argentine Republic abroad is exacting enough to require the exercise of truly remarkable diplomatic talents. When late in August President Peron "subjected himself to the decision of the people" and agreed to run as candidate to succeed himself in totalitarian elections, one of his controlled newspapers set out in the following fashion to create an appropriate atmosphere for so auspicious an occasion.

"We speak to you, Yanquis! And how! ... We recognize that in spite of your being the biggest 'Sons of America' we know you are entitled to that right like all criminals. We maintain that you are the greatest and most powerfully armed criminals and thieves known in the history of the world, comparable only with the Soviet Union in modern times and with Attila in the past."

Space does not permit reproduction of the entire article which was lengthy and enlivened throughout with verbs of notable vigor. The editorial sentiment appears however to have appealed to the President because it was promptly reproduced on posters (printed at a Government plant) to grace the spacious avenue on which the rally was held.

Less than a week had elapsed when it fell to the lot of Mr. Hipolito Jesus Paz to present his credentials to President Truman as new ambassador from the Argentine. Mr. Paz, who seems to be a gentleman of rare gifts, considered apparently that Mr. Peron's sentiments warranted a somewhat free translation, according more with the language of diplomatic intercourse in the western hemisphere. Here is his version as reported by the United Press: "Senior Paz told the President the United States and Argentina were united by bonds of common inspiration in the organization of our institutions and by ideals such as 'the universal predominance of law and order over force and despotism.'" Truly an admirable ambassador!

BLACKOUT

WORTHING, England — (CP) — The band at the Worthing Pavilion played by candle-light after an electrical disturbance plunged part of this Sussex town into darkness.

WINDSOR, Sept. 18 — (CP) — Commissioner William R. Dalziel, territorial commander of the Salvation Army for Canada and Bermuda, is in hospital here. He was taken ill yesterday while visiting in Windsor. He is expected to be in hospital for a few days.

Camano Chapel was dedicated with a soundproof "crying room" for mothers with babies. Eight hundred people came to the dedication, and 3,000 turned up three days later when Evangelist Billy Graham came over for a visit.

Big, rugged (6 ft. 2 in., 220 lbs.) Clarence Dirks, 48, was about as happy as a newspaperman—or even a farmer—could be. But he couldn't say anything at all when one of his farmer neighbors read a poem about him, and said: "Clarence Dirks is a good man, beloved by his neighbors."

The Poet's Corner

THESE ANCIENT TREES

Tall trees seem taller when the daylight fades Into the hush of sunset; leaves grow still And pools of shadow deepen in the glades, Echoing to the lonely whiff-poor-will. High branches reaching upward to the sky Can almost touch the multitude of stars. Where constellations brilliantly wheel by, Attended by inscrutable, red Mars. Here in the dimness of these ancient trees A brooding peace is bringing to the earth. A quiet understanding that the breeze Has quickened into hopes for a rebirth— New hopes of faith and steadfastness that stand Solid as trees across a waiting land. —Bayka Russell

NEW DIRECTOR

LONDON — (CP) — Frederick Lloyd, regional director of the arts council, will succeed Alfred Nightingale as general manager of the Doyle Carte Opera Company. The change followed announcement that three players and a number of chorus performers were leaving the company.

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AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

Notes By The Way

The new official Soviet Encyclopedia straightens us out on another controversial matter. If you thought a couple of Americans named Wright invented the airplane, you were wrong again, see! It was a Russian named A. F. Mozhaysky. — Ottawa Citizen.

As a means of relieving the tensions of life, a psychiatrist says painting is the No. 1 remedy. He does not mean painting doors, chairs or anything around the house, but painting pictures. Artist suppliers in three big cities report that there never has been such a demand for materials by amateurs as there is today. The majority of amateur artists are professional men, but a great many are housewives. Art schools, and evening classes in winter time, are also having more pupils, but the majority of leisure-time artists are self-taught. — Stratford Beacon Herald.

It is rather difficult for the uninitiated person to comprehend the vast extent of this north land and what an air search really means. Most people know their country by the roads over which they travel. But roads are a mere thread on a tablecloth. Beyond them are miles and miles of uninhabited, roadless and trackless territory. A man or plane down in it is virtually swallowed up in space unless, perchance, he is on some lake or bare rocks or other form of clearing where he could be seen from the air. In the bush he would indeed be lost. — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

In Pittsburgh, Fred Bowes, Jr., of Pitney-Bowes, regaled a U. S. Chamber of Commerce meeting with these illuminating definitions: Socialism: You have two cows and give one to your neighbor. Fascism: You have two cows and the government takes both and lets you buy back some of the milk (skimmed). Communism: You have two cows; the government takes both and shoots you. Capitalism: You have two cows; you sell one and buy a bull. Capitalism under a certain administration: You have two cows; the government takes both, shoots one, milks the other — and throws the milk away — Saturday Review.

Our famous "Banana Belt" has seen a lot of strange things in its day, but nothing stranger than the sight of a thousand or so frogs wandering around on our highways during last week's heavy rain. Even more startling was the sight of a hefty turtle aimlessly walking across a highway during the same storm. Where did these frogs and that turtle come from? As far as we know, Southern Alberta isn't turtle country, nor does it usually contain many frogs. Anyhow, we would like an explanation before we start believing

those stories about frogs falling from the skies during particularly heavy rainfall. Even that, however, won't explain the presence of a turtle. — Lethbridge Herald.

Arguments over the causes of the blue moon and sun which appeared last September over the North Sea now may be settled. The British Association for the Advancement of Science has officially sanctioned the school of thought that held the Alberta forest fires responsible for the phenomenon. According to members of the association who looked at the blue sun through the 36 inch reflecting telescope of the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh, the smoke particles were transparent globules of oil. And the oil was produced by the distillation of wood in the Alberta forests. Their observations, and the Association's acceptance of them, will eliminate at least three theories that were propounded last September. Those who explained the phenomenon in terms of high-blown dust and those who favored high cloud formations must admit their error. The group of extremists who held that the end of the world had come have already recanted. — Ottawa Citizen.

"As the dollar's value drops people would rather see a great plate than a home plate." So observes James Toomey, an official of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. The remark is his partial explanation of a decline in patronage at his team's home games—a state of affairs that's typical of baseball attendance the country over. The number of fans who turned out for professional games hit a peak of 62,400,000 in 1948. The following year attendance fell slightly, then last year it plunged about 16 per cent. The drop thus far in the 1951 season from a year ago is estimated at 10 per cent. Spokesmen for the "big leagues"—National and American—put their decline from a year ago at 12 per cent and seven per cent respectively. George E. Trautman, president of the association of 49 minor leagues, estimated an average drop of 16 per cent among these smaller operators. — Wall Street Journal.

The Age-Old Story

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. . . . Who for giveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases. . . . He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

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