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Youth Projects

One hears so much these days about the "irresponsible" ways of young people that one likes to read about some act by an individual or a group which shows the other side of the make-up of modern youth.

The workers come from various occupations. They are students, teachers, junior social workers, store clerks on holiday, and young men and women with the wine of adventure in their blood.

A Quick Response

President Eisenhower's appeal to cultural societies to do what they can to bring about better relations between the Soviet Union and the West has been answered speedily and enthusiastically by the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Unless there is a big change in the present amicable state of affairs, it is almost certain that the Boston orchestra will perform in Moscow and other Russian cities in 1956.

If music is the common language of mankind, perhaps it will be able to accomplish certain things—intangible but important—which the politicians and the diplomats have thus far been unable to do.

through the ranks of warring factions bearing tidings of a common need which transcends the quarrels that mar and break human relationships.

It Is Not Right

A report from Toronto says that an investigation is to be launched into the circumstances surrounding the death of two young women in that city and the serious injury of another as a result of being hit by a careening car which had been fired on by police.

There may be good reasons why the average policeman in a patrol car or on foot should be armed with guns, although the police of London and other large British cities seem to have managed very well without them for a good many years now.

It just does not seem right that the lives of bystanders should be put in jeopardy every time some lawless individual races through city streets in a stolen vehicle.

Farm Losses

Commenting on the crop losses anticipated in Ontario and Quebec as a result of the drought, a French language paper, L'Action Catholique, states that last year, rain was responsible for a serious loss and this year the drought has already caused an estimated loss of \$85,000,000 in the two provinces.

"These two instances alone," it says, "point up the great insecurity under which the farmer operates. Expenditure on farms increases yearly because of changing economic and living conditions. The agriculturist never knows in advance what profits he will have; he is at the mercy of the weather and has no control over the sale price of his product.

"Opposition to Ottawa's price maintenance policy is therefore unjust," the paper declared. "This policy seeks only to assure the grower a minimum of remuneration for some of his produce. It is far from embracing a sphere as extensive as the minimum wage law. Yet there is a great deal of talk about the surplus of butter accumulated as a result of this policy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ben Jonson died this date 1637. Old Charlottetown will come to life at tonight's Centennial Historic Pageant, in music, song and dance as well as in fine stage settings and costumes.

It is gratifying to all concerned that this year's Provincial Red Cross campaign was an unequalled success, the objective of \$27,600 having been reached and passed.

For what their predictions are worth—usually 60 to 70% of accuracy—the long range weather forecasters say that the hottest part of the season in this general area is yet to come.

Today's the day for the big Centennial Float Parade, and it is hoped that there will be 100 per cent cooperation in making it a success. This means keeping all cars off the parade route, parked or in motion, as requested by Police Chief MacArthur.



Never Felt Younger!

World's Oldest Newspaper

By Robert Rice Canadian Press Staff, London

Twice a week, a flatbed press in the heart of London turns out another edition of the world's oldest newspaper, and within hours copies are on their way to Ottawa.

Other copies are rushed to Buckingham Palace. Some go to the foreign office for dispatch to British embassies around the world. The rest go on sale in a few London bookshops.

The London Gazette, 11 years short of its 300th birthday, hasn't changed much during its long history; it has never missed an edition, coming out despite strikes, floods or wartime air raids.

BECOMES DRIER, DULLER If anything, the passing years have made it drier, duller, more matter-of-fact. Yet its news-state intelligence, official notices, even bankrupt proceedings, of its headline matter in contemporary publications.

The Gazette, steeped in dignity and tradition, is officially the "appointed organ for all announcements of the executive." The three-man editorial staff is sworn to secrecy because frequently important and significant notices are first printed in The Gazette.

The Queen's honor list, for example, appears first in The Gazette a world scoop for the newspaper with a normal circulation of about 1,500. The Gazette began as the Oxford Gazette in 1665 during the Great Plague which was sweeping London. Charles II, seeking safety in Oxford, ordered the newspaper started because he was afraid the London newspapers would transmit the disease.

When King Charles returned to London three months later, The Gazette moved, too, and started in 1666 its continuous publication that has spanned the reigns of 15 monarchs.

What it has gained in prestige through the years, The Gazette has lost in humor. It takes an act of Parliament now to get an advertisement in The Gazette, but in the old days it wasn't as difficult. When Charles II lost two dogs in 1669, he put an ad in The Gazette: "Lost from St. James's Park a couple of very small beagles, one a black dog with tan'd legs, the other a white bitch with black spots and a red head, both belonging to His Majesty, whoseever shall be well-warded for their pains."

And when the next king, James II, lost a diamond-studded button from the royal sceptre at his Coronation, he, too, put an ad in The Gazette. The colorful, human touches may have disappeared, but the editors still strive for accuracy, as Samuel Pepys said about The Gazette long ago: "It is very pretty, full of news, and no folly in it."

Today, the official newspaper keeps "folly" out of its pages, and is far sterner with prospective advertisers. When London was newspaperless during the recent strike, The Gazette found itself with a wide open market. "A number of advertisers tried to get into The Gazette," said one of the editors. "But we turned them away. Parliament says what advertisements we should accept, and there are enough of them to make the paper pay its own way."

Fluoridating Story Sydney Post-Record Behold the cities where fluoridation of water functions to reduce dental decay in children. Even "fluorophobes"—those opposed to fluoridation—should be willing to look at the record.

New York is studying the question while in Chicago the civic authorities have given the go-ahead signal, ordering contracts made for fluoridation of the city's water supply, not only for Chicago but also 51 suburbs buying Lake Michigan water from Chicago.

Among the largest cities in the United States already having fluoridation are: Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Denver, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Rochester, Louisville, Providence, St. Paul, Miami, Oklahoma City, Norfolk and Richmond.

U.S. cities where fluoridation has been authorized but has yet to be put into operation, include Chicago, Detroit, Fort Worth and Minneapolis.

Twenty-two of the 50 largest American cities have fluoridation or have authorized it. And it would not do to overlook Jacksonville, Florida, located in a natural fluoride area. The fluoridation is just naturally there in the water the citizens drink, as it is in a number of other areas. The steady increase in the number of civic water supplies where fluoridation operates, hasn't occurred without considerable public debate, and sometimes acrimony, but the fears of those opposed to it have subsided after a time; they find something else to worry about. Take the case of Bradford, Ontario, as recalled by the Bradford Expressor. It's good for a laugh. The Bradford newspaper tells the story as follows: "News announcement was made of the approval of the fluoride...

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. PROTEIN RELIEVES ULCER PAIN

Milk is an important aid in treating peptic ulcers. High protein foods, such as milk and eggs, are given to ease your ulcer discomfort because they neutralize the free hydrochloric acid in your stomach. It's this acid, you know, which irritates your ulcer.

It might be a good idea to keep a glass of milk beside your bed in case ulcer pain wakes you during the night. A glass of milk usually helps relieve the symptoms. Cream and egg yolks are advisable, too, since the fats they contain tend to decrease the secretion of the hydrochloric acid. In addition, they give you extra calories which most ulcer patients need.

Ulcer patients generally have a craving for milk and eggs. They readily accept the hourly feedings of milk, usually prescribed for anyone with an active ulcer.

ALLERGIC TO MILK Unfortunately, however, some ulcer patients are allergic to milk. We usually solve this problem by giving these patients gruels and graham crackers instead of milk at their hourly feedings.

Recently, it was reported that a soybean product has been used effectively in treating ulcer patients who are allergic to milk. Its acid-buffering ability is similar to that of milk. And it remains a finely divided curd when it is mixed with gastric juices. In fact, this product has been used for many years as a milk substitute in diets for allergic children.

It does not, however, provide vitamins A and D as milk does. Consequently, your doctor will probably add another source of these vital vitamins if he prescribes the soybean product for you.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

J.K.: About a week ago some debris blew into my eye. Will it come out by itself? Answer: You should seek medical help. A foreign body in the eye may carry germs and cause severe infection.

If They're Smart

Ottawa Journal All very well to have scientists making floating moons and that sort of thing, but if those guys are so smart why can't they make us more rain?

It occurs to us as odd that those scientist fellows should be always employing their ingenuity to make things to kill us or to make more trouble for us, like those moons. But when it comes to getting a bit of water out of the sky for our corn or cabbages or lawns they are as useless as any Tom, Dick or Harry we meet on Sparks street just mopping his brow.

Years ago out in Calgary they had a "rainmaker", a fellow who came up from somewhere in the States and put up a great platform and said he would make rain. All these scientist wisacres scoffed, said he was a fraud and not a true man of science. Yet this rainmaker—we forget his name—did manage one shower at least, or said he did. And got paid.

Scientists! What sort of scientists are they when with all but an ocean flowing past our doors we can't get a bit of water to put on our lawn? Are a few pipes or drain harder to build than a hydrogen bomb—or one of those "basketball" moons?

Margarine Policy?

(Montreal Star) The Dominion Government is making an attempt to alter its producers' price support program for butter. By raising its selling price for storage butter by two cents, to fifty-eight cents per pound, it hopes to use the program as a retail price stabilizer. But it will not work out that way. The trade already is moving to raise general retail prices by the full two cents to consumers—and also planning to meet a heavier demand for margarine as a result.

The new policy is therefore a margarine policy. It will make it necessary for the Government to buy up increasing amounts of 1954 fresh butter, of which it already has accumulated thirty million pounds, in addition to its carry-over of forty million pounds from former years. Its gain of two cents a pound will soon be eaten up in extra purchases at the support price.

The stupid thing about the new pricing excuse is that dealers do not want a price rise for fresh butter under any circumstances. They know it will increase the demand for margarine and, as a consequence, they would not inflate the price merely because of regional reductions in butter production in some drought areas.

But the most serious principle involved in the new policy is that it compels domestic consumers to compete with the Government for fresh butter. A price support program for producers is one thing. It is quite another to place the taxpayers who pay the losses on that program in the position of competing with the Government for available supplies—with no additional benefit to the dairy industry. As neither producers, nor consumers, nor dealers, nor the Government stand to gain anything, the sole beneficiary becomes the manufacturers of margarine.

CADETS ARRIVE ST. CATHARINES, Ont. (CP)—Thirty-three European air cadets arrived here Friday during a three-week Canadian tour to spend the weekend visiting points of interest. The cadets were having a "wonderful time" despite airsickness from a rough flight here.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It is useless to nag at the young to be unorthodox. They don't know. Modern education has scared all the originality out of them, and it will take them years to regain it—if they ever do so. And the unorthodoxy of the young is one of much interest or value. It consists chiefly of attacking sacred cows which all but the stupidest of their elders have ceased to respect long ago. No; what we need is more middle-aged unorthodoxy. And the obvious leaders are those who most eloquently urge the value of unorthodoxy on the young—the university presidents. —Peterborough Examiner.

"The world at large owes much to the hardships that drove so many Highlanders to its far places. Few frontiers, of territory or the mind, have not found a Scot hacking away at the rank underground of the vegetation or error. Now Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton and the Highland funds which have been established in Great Britain and the United States are attempting to redress the balance and to reinvigorate the economy of the Highlands.

"Self-help is the keynote of the plan as it must be for so independent a people. Long term, low interest loans will be the principal means used, to provide capital for individual enterprises. It is a challenging idea: To allow a territory, which has proved rich in human resources to put them to work at home. The music of the Highlands has too long been dominated by the laments for those who have gone away; it would be well if some lively reels or strathspeys became the keynote of the region rather than "Lochaber No more." —Oshawa Times-Gazette.

The high cost of new homes has been a major obstacle in the provision of enough housing for Canadians. Wages and materials are obvious elements in the final figure. It is to be noted, however, that the Canadian Legion's Ontario Command in convention here singled out two other factors. One is land speculation which increases the costs of property on which to build, and the other is interest rates. There is a big difference between paying \$50 or \$500 of even \$1,000 for a suitable lot on which to build. And also in the spread of one percent in the interest rate carried over a long term mortgage. —Windsor Star.

Governments have been made a scapegoat for their red tape and their penchant for having documents made out in triplicate. Recent experience makes us wonder if some private businesses are not just as bad. A certain document came to our desk requiring our signature. It had to do with a minor matter involving only a small amount of money. But it was a lengthy one, replete with fine print, which required the signature in three different places, and that of a witness to each. And it had to be filled out in triplicate.

The amount of detailed information required was startling. It asked virtually everything except the great-grandmother's maiden name. Did private business learn all about this triplicate procedure from governments, or vice versa? Surely the costs of doing business, public or private, must be increased when such simple things must be done three times—Windsor Star.

THE AGE OLD STORY

And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When you art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room, lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; and he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

The Poet's Torment

AN ODE FOR BEN JONSON Ah Ben! Say how or when Shall we, thy nesty, Meet at those lyric feasts Made at the Sun, The Dog, the Tripple Tun, Where we such clusters had As made us nobly wild, not mad? And yet each verse of thine Outdid the meat, outdid the frolic wine.

Ah Ben! Or come again Or send to us Thy wit's great overplus; But teach us yet Wisely to husband it, Lest we that talent spend, And having once brought to an end That precious stock, the store Of such a wit the world should have no more. —Robert Herrick (1591-1634)

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