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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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The Late Mr. Myers

Prince Edward Island lost one of its most citizens yesterday in the passing of Mr. John H. Myers, of Hampton, known far beyond the limits of his own Province.

Mr. Myers was one of the ablest platform speakers this Province has ever produced. He was never at a loss for an argument or a simile, and his wit was proverbial.

Above all, perhaps, Mr. Myers will be remembered for his warm human characteristics, for his integrity and loyalty, his robust principles and his pride in his native Province and country.

Death came suddenly to this beloved son of Prince Edward Island while actively engaged in the familiar chores of potato harvesting.

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after the election, regardless of its outcome. In general, a Democratic administration can be expected to be slightly more liberal in matters of trade and tariffs.

Another Injustice

Evidently, South Africa's Nationalist Government intends to keep up its persecution of the non-white inhabitants until nothing but ruin becomes the lot of these poor down-trodden people who make up the bulk of the population.

Meanwhile, powerful opposition to the order is being organized. Not that it will do much immediate good, but at least it will help to bring the sordidness of the Government's action to world attention.

No wonder many thoughtful citizens of all Commonwealth countries are beginning to feel that South Africa would do the Commonwealth a service by withdrawing from its membership with what little dignity it still possesses.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An American college has announced a new course in "the use of electronic brains." Meanwhile, no doubt, professors will continue the hard task of encouraging use of the traditional variety.

Mr. Stanley Willis has worthily upheld the Island's reputation at the international plowing match at Brooklin, Ontario, winning third place and also the opportunity of participating, along with the first prize winner, in the world's plowing championships next year.

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NO SHORTCUT ON THE ROYAL ROAD TO LEARNING

Gift Of The Nile

New York Times

Egypt, Herodotus said long ago, is the gift of the Nile. It was not understood then, but it is clear enough now, that the gift of the Nile is an international gift.

The High Dam scheme of President Nasser might be regarded as a bold attempt to nationalize the Nile. The proposed dam—high as a twenty-story building, four miles wide to cost a billion and a quarter dollars, to be twelve to sixteen years in the building and capable of producing twice as much electric power as Egypt can now put to use—was projected without agreement with the neighboring states which supply all the water. If the dam is ever built it would turn back the Nile waters for 200 miles and flood some of the best Sudanese land.

TO NATIONALIZE the canal was a simple operation compared with nationalizing the Nile. Egypt, a gift of the Nile, is a gift of nature with the cooperation of British Uganda, Ethiopia and the Sudan. The direct canal is a gift to Egypt of the British Government and thrifty French citizens whose stockings stuffed with their savings financed the canal and such other unhappy investments as the Russian railways. Soviet Russia, having nationalized the railways at the expense of the French bondholders, naturally sympathizes with President Nasser in his bold determination to follow that example with the Suez Canal.

'Dickiebird' Enters Politics

Richard Strout in the Christian Science Monitor

Washington. — You haven't heard about it yet, but the mechanical marvel of the 1956 presidential election campaign is the "dickiebird."

It moves right in with the "teletypewriter" as one of those gadgets which changes the face of politics.

The new device is a pocket-sized, battery-run recorder, about the size of a folding camera.

Journalists look at it with awe. It is likely to revolutionize their profession.

The device is getting its tryout with William Blair, a reporter for the New York Times, who is covering the campaign of Vice-president Richard M. Nixon.

There is still debate over just what Mr. Nixon said in his controversial campaign of 1952 and 1954. There will be no disputes hereafter. Everything he says is recorded on wire in the reporter's pockets.

NO MORE EXCUSES The name "dickiebird" was born spontaneously when the first spool was reversed and reporters heard like a canary bird as the device ran backward.

It is hard to watch the mechanical marvel without feeling that it is somehow alive and possesses its own sardonic emotions.

It can take a speech up to two hours and play it back instantly. It ends all charges that a man has been "misquoted." Politicians look at it doubtfully. "It's going to put a lot of us out of business," observed one.

The spool has to be reversed before it can play back. While this is being done, the machine utters its own birdlike commentary. It re-

A series of great international projects to stir the imagination had been worked out for the Nile over many years before President Nasser came forward with his High Dam. Dr. H.E. Hurst, former director general of the physical department of the Egyptian Government, describes them in detail in his book, "The Nile," published only four years ago—but how far off that seems in Egyptian history! Great reservoirs for "century" or permanent storage at Lake Victoria in Uganda and Lake Tana in Ethiopia. A regulating reservoir at Lake Albert, combined with Lake Victoria. A canal to carry the White Nile through the marshes of the Sudan, where much water is now lost. Annual-storage dams at various places along the river below the junction of the Blue Nile and the White Nile. Only an annual-storage dam at Aswan—no High Dam to drown out the Sudanese for the benefit of the Egyptians.

SANDS OF THE DESERT

Studies of the fullest use of the waters of the Nile for irrigation are unfortunately less interesting to nationalistic Governments such as that of President Nasser than a scheme like the High Dam. But the lesson of the Nile bears a direct relation to the Suez Canal: to serve their purpose both river and canal have to be considered from the international point of view.

The billion dollars sought for the High Dam would go a long way toward solving the Nile problem. For if the day should ever come when Egypt was deprived of the rain that falls on the mountains of Ethiopia and Central Africa that would be a calamity, indeed. The desert, which now stretches across North Africa and into Asia, with only the Valley of the Nile intervening, would return to the whole vast expanse. One would not wish for President Nasser the epithet of Ozymandias, "King of Kings," whose shattered monument was found by a "traveler from an antique land": "Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair. Nothing beside, remains. Round the decay Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare The lone and level sands stretch far away.

The Poet's Corner

THIS IS OUR ISLE A rhapsody of pastoral scenes, A warm rewarding sod; A matchless nature to inspire A fellowship with God.

A road of red, a grove of green. A Church of spireless white; The friendship of far window panes— A twinkle in the night.

A city nestled near a bay, A village picturesque; A country lane that leads to home; A homestead statuette.

Each plot, each field reflects the hand Of an endearing toil; An absent son returns again To a beloved soil.

Oh, snug domain, unfettered still By striving and unrest! Oh, sanctuary to our hearts; Enchantment to the guest.

These are the gems we cherish still, Our pearls of priceless worth; Our heritage deep rooted in Prince Edward Island's earth. —S. Barlow Bird.

MAXIMS

A fool at forty is a fool indeed.

speech just delivered. The little machine is also able to activate a small loud-speaker so that a group of three or four can hear the speech at once.

When the batteries begin to wilt, "Dickiebird" loses animation and its voice grows faint and dispirited. New batteries revive it.

Prior to "Dickiebird," the "teletypewriter" was the major mechanical political marvel. In one manifestation of it a speaker talks directly into a TV machine. The TV audience sees only the speaker's face, but actually the politician looks through a one-way mirror, against which a reflection of his speech is being unrolled. To the audience, nothing is there. All water the speaker with amazement.

The speaker is able to perform incredible feats of memory. He can recite the whole of a Shakespeare play or give abstruse Einstein formulas apparently out of his head. He doesn't appear to look at a note.

The only evidence of the gadget on the TV screen is a slight shift of the speaker's eyes as they run across the invisible mirror. Some people think this gives the speaker a furtive, shifty look, but most people say they notice nothing unusual.

HAMS CO-OPERATE

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Newfoundland amateur radio operators said Thursday they will co-operate in the simulated emergency test to be conducted during the weekend by Cape Breton amateurs. The Cape Breton hams have a network to provide communications for the island should normal facilities break down. They have asked outside operators to reply if their messages are picked up.

SOUTHERN TIP

The Chilean city of Punta Arenas is the world's southernmost city, centre of a rich sheep industry.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sanderson, M. D.

BRUSHING-ALONE WON'T KEEP YOUR TEETH CLEAN. Brushing your teeth is not enough. You've got to take other measures, too, to keep them clean and in good, sound condition.

No matter how carefully a toothbrush is used, it can't reach all the many crevices and crannies between the teeth. And the crevices, fissures and surfaces that are in contact with adjoining teeth are the parts most vulnerable to decay.

DENTAL FLOSS Probably the best way to most thoroughly clean all the surfaces of adjoining teeth is to use dental floss or dental tape. Dental floss is round and thread-like; dental tape is flat and ribbonlike.

Whether the floss or tape is used effectively depends greatly upon the manner in which you hold it.

First, pull about an 18-inch length of floss from its container. The container has a small, sharp cutting device which will permit you to easily select the desired length.

HOW TO USE Next, twist the floss two or three times around the forefinger and middle finger of each hand. Leave the thumbs free.

Use the thumbs to guide the floss between the upper teeth and the forefingers to guide it between the lowers.

Dental floss should be used carefully and gently. Don't let the floss snap up or down between the teeth. Work it through tight spaces with an easy back-and-forth motion so it doesn't strike the gums forcefully.

WORK GENTLY Work the floss back and forth between the teeth a few times to dislodge any food matter which might be wedged there. Then, withdraw the floss from between the teeth with the same gentle, gradual movements used in working it in.

Food debris and stains around the gum margins not only detract from your appearance, but may also cause bad breath.

Tartar sometimes leads to disease of the gums and jawbone. The tartar that frequently collects around the necks of the teeth irritates the gums and makes them bleed easily. This may lead to destruction of the supporting bone.

Regular thorough brushing and use of dental floss helps keep teeth clean and tartar-free. Usually, however, tartar does appear eventually.

With his special equipment, your dentist can get your teeth clean again. That's why you should have him clean your teeth twice a year.

You can't brush your teeth off every meal. Then, at least rinse your mouth with water after eating. Or chew a coarse food such as an apple, carrots or celery. This will help remove some of the food particles which may adhere to your teeth.

QUESTION AND ANSWER S. J.: I am short of breath. Will a change of climate help me? Answer: It all depends upon the cause of your shortness of breath. Shortness of breath may be caused by a disorder of the heart, lungs or blood and even by an allergic disease such as asthma.

You should consult your doctor concerning a change of climate.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Oct. 13, 1931)

A shooting tragedy occurred on the Bridge Road near Vernon River, when M. John Larkin, Blacksmith at Vernon, met instant death in an overturned car in which he was proceeding with his three sons to Vernon Church.

At a meeting of the Summer-side Board of Trade a discussion took place on the proposed sitting of the Commission to enquire into the feasibility of constructing a canal connecting the Bay of Fundy with Northumberland Strait.

"Dare Devil Dault" performed his hair-raising stunt atop of a pyramid of tables and chairs balanced on our hotel on the roof edge of Hughes' Drug Store.

TEN YEARS AGO

(Oct. 13, 1946) Though over 640 men have been placed in the potato fields of Prince Edward Island in the past two weeks by the National Employment Office, an additional 500 pickers are still needed to harvest the Province's huge crop.

One hundred feet of eight-inch manila cable, lying at the bottom of the waters at the Wood Islands pier entrance, was sucked up by the big propeller of the Charles A. Dunning as she was backing into dock.

The Age Old Story

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NOTES BY THE WAY

There was a time when business was called private and some owners believed that what they did was nobody else's concern. That day is done forever. Today business everywhere needs friends—and you can't make friends by hiding behind a brick wall. You've got to come out front and say hello to the neighbors, and mean it.—Chamber of Commerce News

"To me," says Mr. Cyril E. Lister, a former CPR vice-president, "nothing is sweeter than gaining new knowledge." Fitting action to words the 65-year-old West Vancouver resident has enrolled as a freshman at the University of British Columbia for the current term. And so Canada's west coast presents its proof that the spirit of Tennyson's Ulisses is not dead.—Victoria Times

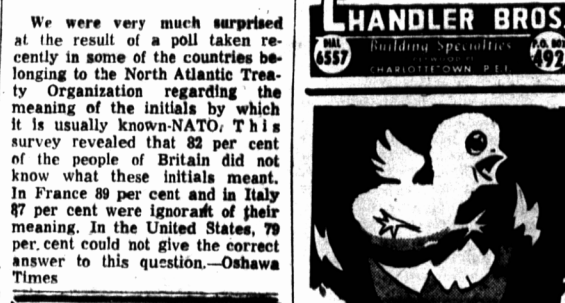
How old is old? Apparently the answer depends pretty much on the point of view of the person giving the opinion. Recently, while participating in a Senate debate the Hon. R.B. Horner talked about "a certain homesteader" who had lived a good life on a Saskatchewan farm. "At 80 years of age he retired to British Columbia, but returned to Saskatchewan to operate this farm; and he lived to be an old man."—Saskatoon Star-Phoenix

The current price of slaves in Arabia was quoted in a recent address to the Anti-Slavery Society by M. Emmanuel La Graviere, councillor of the assembly of the French Union. The cost of a slave varies, of course, according to age and sex. A girl under 15 is worth from £200 to £400. As much as £700 has been offered for a white girl. A man under 40—the under 40 rule applies here as in other markets—fetches £150 and an old woman £40.—Manchester Guardian

We were very much surprised at the result of a poll taken recently in some of the countries belonging to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization regarding the meaning of the initials by which it is usually known-NATO. This survey revealed that 82 per cent of the people of Britain did not know what these initials meant. In France 89 per cent and in Italy 87 per cent were ignorant of their meaning. In the United States, 79 per cent could not give the correct answer to this question.—Oshawa Times

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