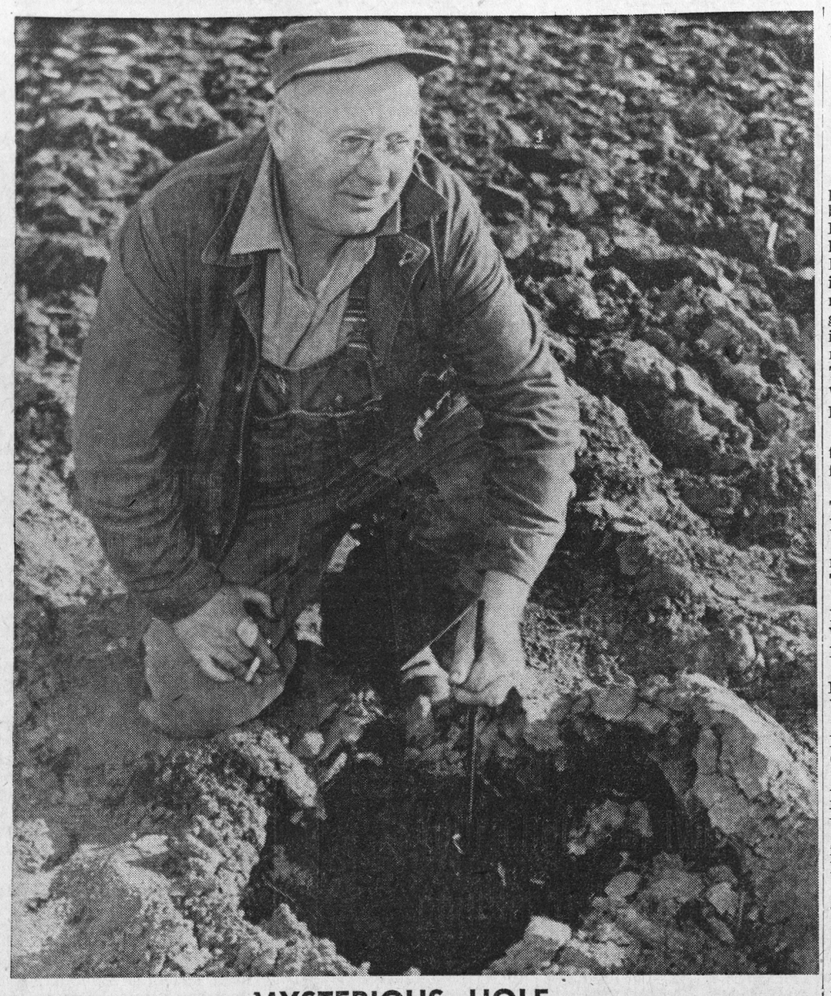

MYSTERIOUS HOLE

HARROW, Ont., — Francis Beaudoin, a farmer in the Harrow district near Windsor, probes mysterious hole which has suddenly appeared in one of his fields In two weeks since it was discovered, the hole has gone down to a depth of nearly sixty feet and is still getting deeper.

Eight Plays Are Invited To Compete In Dominion Festival

LONDON, Ont. (CP) — Eight plays from six provinces have been invited to compete in the Dominion Drama Festival to be held in Halifax May 12-17. Mrs. D. W. McGibbon of Toronto, president of the festival, Monday announced the names of the eight groups which have accepted the invitation of the executive committee to compete for the Calvert Trophy and the $1,000 cash award which goes to the DDF winner.

INVITED GROUPS

The invited groups, in order of their appearance at the Halifax festival are:

Halifax Theatre Arts Guild, The Lady's Not For Burning, Monday, May 12;

Vagabond Players, New Westminster, B.C., The Skin of Our Teeth, Tuesday, May 13;

White Rock (British Columbia) Players' Club, The Playboy of the Western World, Wednesday, May 14 matinee;

University of New Brunswick Drama Society, Journey's End, Wednesday, May 14, evening;

University of Toronto Alumnae Dramatic Club, Waiting for Godot, Thursday, May 15;

Le Guignol a Moustaches, Montreal, Ciel et Mecanique, Friday, May 16;

London Little Theatre, Witness for the Prosecution, Saturday May 17, matinee;

Coaldale (Alberta) Little Theatre, All Summer Long, Saturday, May 17, evening.

These eight plays are the final choices of the British adjudicator, Richard West, who spent three months touring Canada and who saw 60 plays in 16 regional festivals from Newfoundland to British Columbia.

This is the first time in eight years that two plays have been invited from the same region. Mr. West selected both the White Rock Players and the Vagabond Players at the Vancouver Regional festival. White Rock is a rural community about 40 miles south of Vancouver.

Another unexpected choice was that of the Coaldale Little Theatre. Coaldale is a small mining town near Lethbridge.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Mr. West gave honorable mention in his final choices to the following players and their productions:

Toronto Playcraftsmen, Medea; Toronto Curtain Club, The Marriage; Dominion Theatre of Kingston, The Plough and The Stars; La Societe Artistique de L'Universite de Bathurst, New Brunswick, Les Gueux au Paradis; Theatre Guild of Windsor, Andromache.

Mr. West selected Gwen Pharis Ringwood's Dark Harvest for the Sir Barry Jackson Trophy awarded the best Canadian play presentel at a regional festival. It was done by the Chilliwack, B.C. Little Theatre.

The Bessborough Trophy for the outstanding performance of a classic play in the regional festivals went to the University of Toronto Alumnae Club for Medea.

A prize of $100 for the best playwright domiciled in Canada was awarded by the adjudicator to Antoinine Maillet of Sackville,

Consumption Of Horse Meat Up

VANCOUVER (CP) — Rising beef prices have doubled the consumption of horse meat in Vancouver in the last four months.

The manager of an East Hastings horse meat outlet said Saturday his sales have jumped from 1,500 to 3,000 pounds a week since beef prices began a steady climb four months ago.

He said it was the biggest demand for horse meat in Vancouver in five years when beef prices last hit a high level. Horse meat is now selling at less than half the price of beef in the city —99 cents for beef sirloin steak compared with 45 cents a pound

Scientists Agreed War Would End Civilization

QUEBEC (CP) — Cyrus Eaton Thursday termed the second Pugwash conference a success and said a third, and fuller meeting, is to be held in Vienna this fall.

The Canadian - born Cleveland industrialist said the 30 nuclear scientists attending the present informal discussions at the nearby resort of Lac Beauport agree that war would mean the destruction of civilization.

He made the statements at a press conference aboard his private aircraft before leaving for Cleveland. The present conference began 10 days ago and is to end today. It takes its name from Mr. Eaton's family home at Pugwash Junction, N.S., where the first conference was held last summer.

The scientists discussed nuclear warfare from both an ethical and a practical point of view, Mr. Eaton said.

"Warfare today is discordant with the ethical sense of the word." In addition the present destructive power of nuclear energy was prohibitively high.

"One United States bomber in the air today can carry more explosives than used by all nations during the Second World War."

The present conference would serve as the basis for a more complete round of talks to be held in the Austrian capital sometime early in September. These talks would be sponsored by the Austrian government. Further details were not yet available.

Of the conference Mr. Eaton said: "You can't say fighting will preserve democracy—there won't be anything to preserve."

"To go to war would be incredible folly."

The main problem now was to get all nations to compromise. There had to be less distrust and a greater spirit of co-operation among nations.

Mr. Eaton said a complete statement from the present talks may be delayed but a list of suggestions probably will be released after the scientists have returned to their own countries.

CONFERENCE REMARKS

Mr. Eaton had jotted down remarks made by several of the delegates during the talks.

From A. V. Topchlev, chairman of the Russian delegation: " . . . The ceaseless arms race, accumulation and modernization of stocks of atomic and hydrogen bombs, a fanning of hostility and hatred . . . the horror of a third world war would remove whole countries and nations."

From Dr. John Edsall of the United States delegation: "War would mean "unparalleled disaster," and said the United States had made an "ungracious response to the stopping of bomb tests."

Mr. Eaton had praise for the four-man Russian delegation and the single delegate from Red China. He said he believes the Russian delegates are sincere in saying their main desire is to raise the standard of living in their own country.

Crowds Flock To See Sir Winston's Paintings At Show

TORONTO (CP) — The biggest crowds in more than three years are flocking to the Art Gallery of Toronto this month to view Sir Winston Churchill's paintings.

Since the opening of the Churchill exhibition April 4, nearly 14,000 have attended. The showing ends Sunday.

Thirty-five of Sir Winston's canvasses are being displayed in the exhibit which is touring North American cities. All but five are landscapes and seascapes.

Reaction to the paintings is extremely favorable, a gallery official says. "They are not considered to be great paintings, but they are interesting paintings by a great man."

WEEKEND PAINTER

Toronto newspaper critics describe them as works of an amateur weekend painter with more than average abilities.

Pearl McCarthy, of the Toronto Globe and Mail, says the paintings are "buoyant" with the "warmth and vigor of a giant personality."

Although the 8,600 persons who attended the exhibition last week set an Easter week record at the gallery, there isn't much chance of attendance reaching an all-time high. Exhibitions of old masters have previously drawn up to 10,000 daily at the gallery.

RECORD CROWDS

The paintings were displayed to record crowds in Kansas City, Detroit and New York City earlier this year. The exhibition goes from here next week to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Most comments from visitors to the display have remarked on the brightness and even composition of Sir Winston's landscapes and seascapes most of them painted in the south of France.

Mrs. Dorothy Maas, gallery publicist, said the "paintings had attracted much attention and favorable comment from amateurs, nearly all of whom had done similar work. The gallery from amateurs, nearly all of whom had done similar work. The gallery had been warned to expect criticism from people who object to amateur work being exhibited so widely. Happily, none of that type showed up."

Servicemen Overseas Thank I. O. D. E. Chapter For Books

The April meeting of the Lucy Maude Montgomery Chapter I.O.D.E. was held Monday, April 14th at the home of Mrs. R.W. MacLean, with 21 members present and the Regent, Mrs. Rankin, in the chair.

The meeting was opened with the Prayer of the Order being repeated in unison by the members, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Dumont reporting for Services At Home and Abroad read a very interesting and appreciative letter thanking the Chapter for the books sent to the Canadian Servicemen in Germany. The letter also told us something of the facilities provided for these men, and described how some of their leisure time was spent. It was felt by all members that we make another collection of pocket books to be shipped as soon as possible for the Canadian service personnel stationed in Germany.

Mrs. Arthur Love reported that the three pictures of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and one of Prince Philip had been purchased and framed and are now ready for presentation to schools on Prince Edward Island.

Plans were discussed regarding the display of I.O.D.E. articles from the three Charlottetown Chapters. This display will be shown in the window at Rogers Hardware during the week April 26th to May 3rd. It will then be packed and shipped overseas.

Mrs. R.W. MacLean asked for volunteers for the House to House and Street Selling Rose Day campaign which is to be held in the near future.

Mrs. Robert MacLeod gave an interesting report on the annual meeting of the C.A.C. which she had recently attended.

Mrs. A.M. Johnston gave a most interesting talk on mentally retarded children. she pointed out the difference between the mentally retarded and the cerebral palsy. In her discussion she told how the people interested in these children had formed a group in Charlottetown, and traced the history of this group up to the present time. She told of the work they have done and the progress they have made so far, and also the hope they have for the future.

On behalf of the Chapter Mrs. Frank MacKinnon thanked the speaker for her information and time spent.

On adjournment of the meetng a delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Stewart MacKay, Mrs. Ross Down, Mrs. C/E. Whitlock and Miriam Matthew.

Railways Revise Wage Comparison

MONTEAL (CP)—The major railways Monday revised a wage comparison study submitted earlier in the long conciliation hearing over a multi-million-dollar contract dispute with their 130,000 non-operating employees.

The revision was made in the railways' calculation of the hourly wage rate paid in October 1956, to outside industry employees with jobs similar to those done by the non-operating workers.

Originally, the railway study showed the outside workers earned $1.39 an hour, compared with $1.49 for the railway employees. Monday's change, made with later figures and new "weighting," brought the $1.39 figure up to $1.46.

The railways had contended earlier that their wage study showed the non - operating employees—who do not actually operate trains — earned about 10 cents an hour more than comparable workers in outside industry.

KEY TO DISPUTE

The fight over a wage standard is the key to the big dispute.

The unions support a standard based on wages paid in the durable goods industry—the heavy manufacturing group including automotive workers.

This yardstick, the unions say, supports the union demand for a wage increase that works out to abuot 35 cents an hour. The present contract was to expire last Dec. 31.

The inquiry is expected to conclude Wednesday and adjourn until May 8 when final arguments from both sides will be heard.

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