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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

The Easter Message

The spring festival of resurrection and rebirth is one of mankind's oldest rituals. It existed, in greater or lesser degree, wherever the religious impulse revealed itself in man. But Christianity invested it with a deeper and sublimer meaning, which we commemorate in the observance of Easter and to which we give a uniquely Christian interpretation.

Easter is not the sign merely of a temporary victory over the grave. It is the embodiment of all our hopes in the divine assurance of a life everlasting, of the triumph of good over evil; of eternal love, timeless beauty, endless compassion that will not be gainsaid.

In the workaday world in which most of us habitually live, we may give little attention to these things. But each year God Friday and Easter bring them again to mind, inspiring thoughts that serve as spiritual sustenance for the days ahead, bringing us more into tune with the celestial harmony.

Tomorrow will be a special occasion for church going, for prayer and praise and thanksgiving. Let us be thankful that we have in this favored land not only the freedom of worship, but facilities for divine services which are denied to so many people in some parts of the world. We should make the most of them, "seeking God's house in happy throng."

The Pension Issue

The federal-provincial conference next week should, in all equity, result in a better fiscal deal for this Province. But there is another issue in the offing that may overshadow everything else. That is the wrangle over the Canada Pension Plan, already introduced in the Commons but still to be threshed out on the federal-provincial level.

According to an Ottawa dispatch on Thursday, Liberals were still hoping that Premier Lesage would bring Quebec into the plan; but there is hardly anything on which to base such a hope. Mr. Lessage has said that Quebec has its own pension scheme. Federal efforts have been concentrated chiefly on winning Ontario's support, since without either Ontario and Quebec the plan can't work at all.

But last week in the Ontario Legislature it was strongly argued that if Quebec can do better outside the federal plan, then Ontario should stay out too. Since the Quebec scheme is not far advanced, it will be impossible to say how much it will cost; but if it can provide comparable benefits at equal or lower costs than the federal plan, it will undoubtedly provide an advantage. For Quebec will have the use of all the money put into the fund. During the next 30 years this is estimated at $8,000 million—a sum which could be devoted by the Quebec planners to providing funds for new Quebec industries.

Should Ontario stay out, and develop its own scheme, it could presumably do the same. On the other hand, if it should enter the federal plan it would share with the participating provinces 50 per cent of the accumulated reserve. Would that arrangement constitute a handicap in competition with Quebec for industrial growth?

Premier Robarts has shown great concern for Canadian unity, and he has intimated that Ontario would be willing to make some sacrifices to bring about a national pension plan. But there is still the question of how far the federal government will go in meeting his stipulations.

Should this be the dominant theme at next's week's conference, it's likely to dwarf other issues of equal concern to the smaller provinces. We can only hope that this will not prove to be the case.

Those Ferry Rates

Our views we are free to express as we like, but with facts we must strive to be as accurate as possible. And it seems we were guilty of a factual misstatement in our issue of March 21, when we quoted Transport Minister Pickersgill as having assured Premier Shaw, with regard to a proposed increase in car ferry rates, that "immediate steps would be taken to amend the regulations providing for the increase."

This statement, we are now assured by Solicitor-General MacNaught, did not refer to car ferry rates but to an increase in wharfage charges, from which the wharves on both the Borden-Tormentine and Wood Islands-Caribou ferry services are to be exempted.

When we assumed, therefore, that the minister's statement afforded conclusive evidence that a car ferry rates boost had been planned and was called off in view of legislative protests, we were jumping to a conclusion that wasn't warranted.

We gather that Premier Shaw also misunderstood the import of Mr. Pickersgill's letter, otherwise he wouldn't have cited it in connection with the rumored rates boost. However, the Premier can speak for himself; we are concerned only with our own responsibility in having unwittingly misled our readers on this point.

On the other hand, we would remind Mr. MacNaught that Mr. Pickersgill's statement doesn't prove that there were no plans for a ferry rates boost, either. Premier Shaw cited other convincing evidence to show that this increase was on the point of being made, and would likely have gone through but for the attention called to it in the Legislature. It was not just a matter of "rumors", as the Solicitor-General maintains.

We are still of the opinion that the Premier's warning came just in time, and that the assurance now received that there will be no ferry rates boost this year represented a last-minute reversal in policy, due in part at least to the outspoken adverse reaction of our members on both sides to the news that it was pending.

The moral of which, as we endeavored to show before, is that it pays to be vigilant.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The number of farmers operating under provincial marketing boards in Canada and sales of controlled products are increasing. Some 250,000 producers were involved in marketing boards last year, an increase of 10 per cent over the year. Sales exceeded half a billion dollars.

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An insurance company in the United States is offering policyholders using automobile seat belts a 50 per cent increase in medical and confinement benefits. The increased benefits are given at no extra cost, and constitute a striking tribute to the efficacy of this highway safety measure.

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The Canadian U.N. force in Cyprus, like the British, will have the thankless job of trying to placate both sides in the struggle. According to a news report, neutrality goes so far that British weapon pits have be circular so that they point to neither side and two men have to occupy each pit, one looking toward the Greek quarters, the other toward the Turkish sector.

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According to a Canadian Pacific Railway vice president, Canada is on the verge of a $3,000 million investment boom. What distinguishes this statement from the usual overly-optimistic forecast is the stress placed on resources development. In fact the CPR official predicted the boom would almost entirely involve development of natural resources.

FISHING THROUGH THE COLD WAR ICE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Rare Compliment For Canadian Woman

It's a very rare compliment for a Canadian woman to be selected by the U.S. magazine "National Business Woman" as the subject for its feature called "Careers Unlimited." But that compliment has just been deservedly paid to Hamilton born Mrs. Seymour Brett Osborn.

Living up the adjective "unlimited," Mrs. Osborn has crowded three separate careers into her life. As a skirted egg-head, she has been scholar, writer and lecturer. As a married woman, she has been wife of a Governor of Michigan State. And as a lover of mankind she has played her greatest role as the dedicated power-behind-the-scenes in a great international organization.

One of her unusual fields of study was medieval English. She became will-known as a lecturer, and as the author of many books and articles in the field of history, geography and literature in the Great Lakes region.

"Perhaps most significantly," declares the National Business Woman, "she is a founder and the only woman officer of the International Movement for Atlantic Union."

This movement advocates the creation of an Atlantic federation on the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It was founded in Paris, France, where it maintains its headquarters. Its North American office is in Washington, USA, and there Mrs. Osborn works as Secretary for North America; actually her activities are bi-continental, in Canada, USA and in nine NATO countries of Europe.

PRAISED BY LEADERS

Mrs. Osborn's efforts to bring this great challenge home to the peoples of the cradle region of democracy, around the North Atlantic ocean, have been praised by the politicians and professors, the generals and the tycoons of many NATO nations.

As secretary for the International Movement for Atlantic Union, Mrs. Osborn is in continual touch with prominent citizens in NATO countries who support its objective of a comprehensive, powerful, wealthy and peace-maintaining United States of the Atlantic. These include Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, General Pierre Billotte and Robert Schuman of France, Anthony Eden and Lord Boothby of Britain, Lester Pearson and Senator Wishart Robertson of Canada, Will Clayton and P.F. Brundage of USA, and literally hundreds of others of similar distinction.

MEMORABLE DATES

Mrs. Osborn tells me that her secretarial duties have recently covered an important share in organizing a remarkable birthday party in New York City. On 4th March a lunch meeting was held in the historic Fraunces Tavern, near the Battery, to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the birth in New York City of the world's first federal union government, and the 25th anniversary of the launching in the same city of "Union Now — a proposal for a federal union of the Democracies of the North Atlantic." This was the widely acclaimed proposal by Clarence Streit — a proposal which, Mrs. Osborn believes, would avert the repetition of such suicidal frictions as this century's world wars; a proposal whose acceptance, Mrs. Osborn believes, could successfully be promoted throughout the Atlantic World by her native country, Canada, and her adopted country, USA, working together.

PUBLIC FORUM

POTATO MARKETING BOARD

Sir,— We note that our members of the Legislature are very much divided as to the value and general purpose of this Board. First would we expect this Board to accomplish very much for the farmer when they haven't a dollar to work on right now? They have to hire lawyers to fight their case to collect one cent per bag from farmers and dealers. We as potato growers should be ashamed of ourselves. Ask any union man what it cost him to be a member for one year.

How many of us know the Catholic Farmers Federation of Quebec raised their dues the other day from $8 to $10 a year. Again have we forgotten that our old Potato Growers Association charged us farmers hundreds of thousands of dollars to operate and sell our potatoes. And remember Mr. Boulter as manager and Mr. Peppin as chief potato inspector did a mighty good job. But let us remember Mr. Boulter tried charging his growers five dollars a year, but it didn't work. So he put on the hidden tax and it worked 100 per cent. What we need today is qualified men to travel aboard in the interest of selling P.E.I. high quality seed potatoes.

Have we forgotten how Mr. Peppin would go after us if we neglected our crop? It was Mr. Peppin that introduced tuber unit growing. What happened here? We allowed the big boys in the business with two-year plants with the results of inferior seed stock.

Coming back to the Marketing Board I say put her in the harness not only to grow good spuds but to regulate the selling of good seed at a price that will give the grower a profit for his work. Also this would eliminate the cut price selling that our Minister of Agriculture, Mr. MacRae, has informed us is going on every year.

What about our Federal Government Wheat Board? Is it not this Board and not the wheat growers or even the wheat pool that sells and finances the whole operation? Have we ever read of the Western farmers wheat pool selling wheat? They organize the shipping of it and that's a big job. And last but not least let us vote at least two cents for 75 lbs. for doing a good job. What will we say if we lose both our table stock and seed market?

I am, Sir, etc.,
HARRY PRIDHAM
Alberton, P.E.I.

SEEKS PEN FRIEND

Sir,— When I was a child I read L. M. Montgomery's "Anne" series of books. Ever since that time your lovely Island has had a special place in the pages of my mind. It occurred to me recently that perhaps I could find, yes find a pen-friend from your particular part of the world. Someone who would be willing to tell me of life over there, while I in return could portray in my letters, perhaps a little of the beauty that surrounds us in Orange New South Wales.

Orange is a city, a busy bustling city of 22,000 people, a wonderful thriving, growing city with a heritage of wealth.

I am a young married woman, and I have two small children, aged 3 years and 12 months. My interests are wide and range from childcare to geography.

So please find me a pen-friend if you can.

I am, Sir, etc.,
(MRS.) HELEN SMITH
58 Prince St.,
Orange, N.S.W., Australia.

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

Sir,— We the members of the Clinton Women's Institute wish to comment on a matter of which we feel we have far greater knowledge than even the Minister or personnel of the Department of Education.

First of all we would say that we are all mothers of school or preschool children. The matter we refer to is the consolidation of Elementary schools in P.E.I.

We feel that the present policy of teaching grades one-eight in our rural schools is the most satisfactory and suitable system for our province.

Consider the length of time small children would be away from home—make a number of would spend in excess of two hours travelling per day. Parents of such children would also spend many anxious hours in times of storms on icy highways.

Teachers in our country schools are in much closer contact with their pupils' parents. This gives them greater understanding of each child's environment and ability. In case of consolidation of our schools it would seem reasonable the standard of education for teachers accepted in these schools, would be raised. This could have an adverse affect on some of our young people. Many career and professional people have used rural school teaching as a spring board to higher education.

From an economic standpoint, consider the cost per pupil attending a Regional High School. School tax has risen by 125 per cent in most districts since inception of Regional High Schools. A further change to consolidating elementary schools would probably mean a 300 per cent increase from our previous rate. At a time of rising overhead and diminishing income, our farm families this increase might well be the straw that would break the camel's back. School tax does not mean the total cost of an education scheme, the Government must subsidize, and we the people must pay in the end.

While on the subject of education we would like to comment on the vocational area of our system. We believe that most young people possess some talent in some ways it seem unfair that such lads possessing hands gifted in carpentry, mechanics, brick-laying, etc., must be rejected if they cannot meet a certain academic standard.

We must remember some of our best tradesmen have little formal education—yes, even some statesmen and world leaders.

We are, Sir, etc.,
Members of Clinton WI.
Mrs. William Cotton, secretary.

Our Yesterdays

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO
(March 28, 1939)

Canadian Airways weekend service between Charlottetown-Summerside, Moncton-Halifax and Saint John would be inaugurated, airways officials announced. Pilot H.S. Jones, superintendent of Canadian Airways here expects to make the preliminary trip to complete arrangements.

Potato markets here appeared uncertain with the possible threat tubers from Maine might upset the Canadian market within the next few weeks. In produce dealers said practically no orders were coming in from Upper Canada where markets appeared fully stocked.

TEN YEARS AGO
(March 28, 1954)

"I believe the future of the tourist industry lies in the motel line not in the construction of cabins as has been the custom during the past five years," stated Premier Alex Matheson during the discussion on tourist accommodations in the Legislature.

Over 80 garages and automotive repair stations in the Province are listed in the annual Maritime Trade Directory for 1953-54 which is published by the Imperial Press of Halifax.

Rheumatic Fever And Prevention

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

Rheumatic fever differs from diseases like whooping cough and measles in that one attack does not confer everlasting immunity and the victims usually are left more susceptible. But, during the last few decades, much has been done to prevent recurrences.

The second and third siege if rheumatic fever may do additional damage to the heart. Prevention centers about the group. A beta hemolytic streptococcus that trigger the malady. Strep sore throat, tonsillitis, or scarlet fever generally precedes rheumatic fever by 10 days. The trick is to eliminate the microorganisms before they have a chance to set the stage for the second attack.

This can be done in different ways. Every youngster who has had rheumatic fever should be given an antibiotic or sulfa drug regularly to safeguard against recurrences. Surveys in large cities show that many youngsters who should receive this prophylaxis do not get it, for a variety of reasons.

In Chicago, rheumatic fever is a reportable disease and the health department and heart association are making a concerted effort to locate those with a history of rheumatic fever and heart disease. Families who cannot afford the preventive medicines get them free.

A plan to prevent the first bout of rheumatic fever also is gaining momentum. Throat cultures are made on children with an upper respiratory infection, and the results are reported to the family physician within 24 hours. An antibiotic is administered immediately, if beta hemolytic streptococci are present. The treatment is continued for 10 days to eliminate all traces of the organisms.

Rheumatic fever occurs in only a small percentage of those with this type of streptococcal infections. There is no way to tell ahead of time who is susceptible. For this reason, everyone harboring these organisms is treated even though the chance of developing the disease is small.

At one time we believed heredity played a role and those with a family history of rheumatic fever were more susceptible. There is evidence now that the strength (virulence) of the bacteria is more important. The weaker strains are less likely to cause rheumatic fever.

SIESTA

W. E. D. writes: Will a nap every afternoon add years to a person's life?

REPLY

Yes, especially when the individual has high blood pressure, heart disease, or ulcers. Catnaps are wonderful for those who work under tension and are fortunate enough to have the time and place.

WALKING HEADACHE

E. B. G. writes: Could something wrong at the end of the spine cause headaches as walk?

REPLY

Yes, provided you refer to the upper end of the spine. Arthritis of the vertebras of the neck may cause headache while walking.

MENTAL PROBLEMS

M. V. writes: Can a feeble-minded person get schizophrenia?

REPLY

Yes. Combinations of different mental disorders occur.

FLABBY TUMMY

A. W. writes: What is the usual reason for a potbelly in a thin person?

REPLY

Weak abdominal muscles.

The Poet's Corner

LIFE AGAIN
An Easter Song for Christians

From the haunted shores of Nemi,
To the quiet pool of Taj,
From the jewels of the Northland,
To the Southern flaming badge;
Flies the message of the Giver,
Swifter than the fleetfoot gait;
He is risen from the cavern,
Leaves no footprint on the sod!

Great Pan died in far-off islands,
And the darksome Ruler fell,
But the Child born of the Lily,
Has rung the Rising Bell!

Now the peoples of the planet
Despite the fear of Doom,
Despite the horror of the atom,
And the heavy weight of gloom,
See the Sunrise of His Glory,
Know the promise of His Face,
Celebrate their Easter story,
The eternal Paschal grace!

—William H. Poncette,CSSR
Charlottetown and Rollo Bay.

IT'S EASTER! HE IS RISEN!

Great darkness fell upon the earth,
Its mystery none could probe,
No sound was heard except the soldiers throwing dice
To barter for His robe.
And then the veil is rent in twain
The cry comes loud and clear:
"It is finished!" The great drama ends
In broken hearts, and tears.
But then, the deep dark shadows rise,
The tragic night is done,
The agony on Calvary is passed,
The victory is won!
And now it's Easter, He is risen,
No thorn upon His brow
With His own blood He paid the debt,
And glory crowns Him now!
Then all the earth awakens
The trees and forests ring
All hearts are stirred and quickened
For Easter brings the Spring!
May we all keep our Easter,
By rising up to sing
Anthems of adoration
To Christ, the risen King!

—Mrs. Effie MacEwan
Guest of Sunset Lodge,
Charlottetown.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Free medical service isn't anything new. Ask any physician who treats patients on credit.—Timmins Press.

The chances of living to be 100 are about 100,000 to one. See, everybody's against us, including the law of averages.— Windsor Star.

Some provincial premiers have been getting too big for their britches. It would be chastic if ten provincial premiers got the idea they were running this country.—Windsor Star.

A California doctor says husbands should be given more freedom. A choice of detergents when doing the dishes, perhaps? —Calgary Herald.

Certain medical scientists are working toward lengthening the human life span to 150 years. Unless something is done to stop the rise in the cost of living, few people could afford to live that long.—Sudbury Star.

The average girl makes a poor wife, says a sociologist. Maybe so, but she probably makes a better wife than the average man deserves.— Sudbury Star.

A Sparta grade school teacher, in trying to get over the concept of distance, asked her pupils last week whether they lived close or far away from the school. She got a number of answers, but the one she liked best was the young moppet who told her, "I think I live pretty close. Every time I come home, my mother says, 'Good grief, are you home already'?"—Sparta Herald.

In an argument he's an intelligent fellow if he agrees with you and an egghead if he defeats you.—Brandon Sun.

A plant in Ireland weaves steel cloth out of wires thinner than a human hair. Is there any hope that one day they'll use the cloth to make trouser pockets?—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Then there's the one about the professor who stayed away from class and left a tape recorder to deliver his lectures. When he looked in, a few days later, there were 12 tape recorders absorbing his remarks. — Christian Science Monitor.

Someone in professional football must have the inside track to the income tax department in Ottawa. It has been announced that donations to the proposed Football Hall of Fame are deductible for tax purposes. How Ottawa can square donations to a project dreamed up as a promotional scheme for a business enterprise with the definition of charity is something which may cause many to wonder—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Screw-worm flies, the flesh-devouring cattle pest, seem headed for oblivion. Past losses have ranged up to $100 million annually. But since mid-December, no screw-worms have been reported, the longest such period so far. A three-year battle against the bugs is mainly responsible. Main tool of the fly-fighters: Release of billions of sterile male flies for futile mating. The female dies after laying her infertile eggs.— Wall Street Journal.

Scores U.S. Attitude

By Harold Morrison
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Canadian Press Staff Writer By carefully aiming his fire at the official U.S. attitude towards Cuba, Panama, South Viet Nam and mainland China, Senator J. William Fulbright may have seriously weakened the U.S. foreign policy position. His voluntary efforts are not likely to be appreciated by the Johnson administration.

The chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee is no idle gossiper and the American public has reason to listen to his words. His was the only major voice raised against U.S. support of the disastrous Cuban invasion attempt in 1961. The late president Kennedy probably regretted that he did not accept the warning of the Arkansas Democrat.

CHALLENGE TO RUSK

Now Fulbright has directly challenged State Secretary Dean Rusk by declaring that American policy in attempting to isolate Cuba is wrong; that the U.S. ought to be more magnanimous towards Panama and that American policy towards Communist China and the Vietnamese crisis is based more on the expediencies of domestic politics than the global threat of Communist aggression.

Fulbright's words are of the kind the American public could expect to hear from some Western allies but not from their own high-ranking politicans.

When Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield tried to venture into this new kind of approach, by merely considering that the U.S. ought to accept neutrality for the Vietnamese, he was virtually trampled upon for presenting a weak and unrealistic view.

MAY STAY SILENT

It is not likely that Rusk, or even President Johnson, would be willing to take on Fulbright as they have taken on Mansfield. Rusk may choose to remain silent, though his department is deeply disturbed that the arguments they have presented to their allies on the Cuban issue have been challenged by Fulbright.

Suggesting it is a myth rather than a reality to think that communism soon will be swept away in Cuba, Fulbright told the Senate there is no merit in the administration's oft-repeated hopes that Castro's regime may soon collapse. The best the U.S. could do, he said, is to stop concentrating so heavily on Castro and pay more attention to the bigger problems of Latin America.

As for Panama, it was not a test of American courage to refuse to renegotiate the 1903 Panama Canal Treaty, he added. It took no courage to stand up to the tiny country with virtually no military force of its own.

"The real test in Panama is not of our valor," Fulbright said, "but of our wisdom and judgement and common sense."

FACE IMPRISONMENT

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexicans are being warned that they face jail terms of three days to six months and fines of 10 to 300 pesos if they do not register to vote in the July presidential election.

RECRUITING

Royal Canadian Navy

Recruiting is now open for all branches of the ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

If you have Grade 8 education or better write or call the

R.C.N. Recruiter
HMCS "QUEEN CHARLOTTE"
Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Phone 4-4913
for further information.

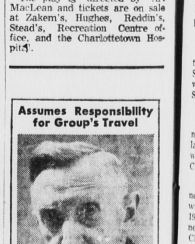
Easter Monday Play "I LIKE IT HERE"

Pat Connelly

David Bellows played by Pat Connelly, an ambitious young lawyer, who with his scheming ways foils his romance with the professor's daughter.

The play is directed by Art MacLean and tickets are on sale at Zakem's, Huzhee, Reddin's, Stead's, Recreation Centre office, and the Charlottetown Hospital.

Assumes Responsibility for Group's Travel



DEWAR SCOTTI

Quickly grabbing the reins of his new office, Mr. Scotti had most decided views about travel. "Our Lodge's funds are hard to come by" he said, "and I intend to stretch them to the last cent. With **Canadian National's** Group Travel Plans. Take CN's Party Fares, for example, for smaller groups of 10 or more. I can save this Lodge 10% to 20% over and above the big savings on Red 'Bargain' and White Economy' fares. And, for larger groups, I'm going to use CN's Charter Coach Plan. Think of it. We can enjoy a coach exclusively for the entire trip at a rock-bottom price. 60 Lodge members, travelling in their 'own' coach, can save as much as 33%. We've got ourselves a real bargain. We can even charter our 'own' sleeper for overnight trips. It keeps the group together — and solvent! See why I was elected Travel Officer?"