

Horns Of Abundance

In Greek mythology, Amalthea was the nurse of Zeus, variously described as a nymph or a she-goat. She was transformed into the star Capella, and there are many legends about her. Of chief interest is the fact that her horns were wonderful, flowing with nectar and ambrosia; and when one of them broke off, it was filled with fruits and given to Zeus. This was the origin of the proverbial Cornu Copiae, or Cornucopia, which has become a symbol in many lands of the political Horn of Plenty; bare enough, at times, as Mother Hubbard's cupboard but always magically replenished in those seasons of mellow fruitfulness preceding general elections.

All of which is by way of prelude to the bright news in the Speech from the Throne featured in today's Guardian. Increase in old age pensions and related social-welfare payments forecast. Increase in federal grants to universities. Acreage payments to prairie farmers affected by drought. Increase in ceiling on federal loans to finance exports. Interim grant to bolster unemployment insurance fund. Extension of war service allowances to merchant seamen, firefighters, foresters and other civilians with overseas service. Larger aid program for municipal winter works projects, etc., etc.

Whether the Government cornucopia will be as tempting to the electors as the ones the Opposition parties have been fashioning and filling with so many dainties we don't know; but it's an appetizing sight, just to look at it in cold print. A feast for Zeus himself, were he on the go today and eligible for its condiments.

We may expect the debate on the Speech to be a lively one, and we shall reserve comment on other aspects of its forecasts until we get our second wind and delve further into its classical connotations.

Dr. MacKinnon Honored

Though still a comparatively young man, Dr. Frank MacKinnon has distinguished himself in so many fields—all relating to his prime concern with education—that it would seem like adding just another cipher to his list of honors to have proclaimed him the "Islander of the Year" in The Evening Patriot's award for 1961. We are sure, however, that that is not how Dr. MacKinnon will look at this latest recognition of his services to his beloved Province, or how the distinguished judges who made the award feel about it either.

Too often, in the past, the self-sacrificing activities of our leading citizens have been taken for granted. No doubt they reaped their reward in the satisfaction of work well done, but a "thank you" from the community at large—not just from an institution, or a service club, or a government—would have been appreciated by the most modest of them. It was to provide means of expressing heartfelt community appreciation that the "Islander of the Year" contest was launched, and nominations invited from all parts of the Province and from all classes of our people, to determine who was most worthy of this unique distinction.

From the start, it proved a difficult job to make such an assessment; but in each case, we think, it has been done with rare good judgment, and the results have been very widely acclaimed. In this case, despite the many other meritorious entries,

Frank MacKinnon's name, like Ben Adhem's in the old poem, "led all the rest." The reasons are well stated in the judges' citation, in which particular emphasis is placed on the "almost incredible" success of the recipient's efforts, "working mostly behind the scenes and without fanfare", in obtaining Canada-wide recognition for the erection here of a magnificent Confederation Memorial Building as a national shrine and cultural centre.

This mark of appreciation from his fellow Islanders is something very special indeed, nor will its significance be lost upon the people in other Provinces who have been so generous in responding to the Memorial Building proposal, largely through Dr. MacKinnon's activities.

New Dominican Junta

Is a new military dictatorship taking over in the Dominican Republic? This is a question which is being weighed very carefully at Washington, which is viewing the overturn of the Santo Domingo government on Tuesday as a setback to laborious efforts at promoting democracy in the long-despotic Caribbean country.

There are no plans as yet to send an American fleet to Dominican waters as was done late last year. Nor is action by the Organization of American States proposed at present, because the new Dominican group does not pose a threat to the hemisphere. However, it is felt that the U.S. should dissociate itself from any dictatorship, especially with the hemisphere foreign ministers' meeting on Communist-aligned Cuba coming up in Uruguay next week.

Washington had restored diplomatic relations with Dominica, along with other hemisphere countries, following the promise of Dominican reforms pointed toward democracy. But there is not much evidence of democracy in the tight military rule that has been clamped on the country. The information filtering out, despite rigid censorship, shows the unquestioned master of the island nation to be an air force general who was a major figure in the makeshift regime of the ousted President Balaguer, and who has promised electoral reforms but has set no date for elections.

U.S. economic aid is deemed of great importance to the faltering Dominican economy. This may tend to have a restraining influence on the junta now in control, but it is an uncertain factor at best. It didn't work that way in Cuba; and it is ironical to note that among the things Dominica is in line for is the windfall allocation of sugar quotas that would have gone to Cuba if Castro hadn't kicked over the traces.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Civil war centennial celebrations in the United States are flopping. "It seems," comments a Kansas exchange, "the American public got tired of revelling in the slaughter of their great-grandfathers sooner than the promoters thought they would."

Six new sanctuaries for migratory birds have been established by Canada's Department of Northern Affairs in the Western Arctic. Covering 32,870 square miles and representing a six-fold increase in land set aside for this purpose, they are deemed necessary to give more protection for nesting ducks, geese, swans and shore birds.

The first completely automatic passenger train in the United States will soon be running under the streets of New York on the city's subway, shuttling back and forth between Grand Central Station and Times Square. Operated by electric impulses transmitted through the rails, it will stop and start, and doors will open and close, without any driver or conductor at the controls.

The Canadian Highway Safety Council has been concentrating its its warnings this winter on defective exhaust systems. Says one council director, W. Arch Bryce: "Every time you have your car greased, or whenever it is on a hoist, you should have a mechanic check over the manifold and pipe assembly." And from Mr. Bryce comes the information that small gadgets that change color when carbon monoxide is present are being manufactured, but are not easy to find. He would like to check the possibility of having car manufacturers include such devices in their products.



THE BACK SEAT DRIVERS

NEW TRADE DEVELOPMENT

Canada Still On The Sidelines

The Ottawa Citizen

The Canadian government appears content to mark time while great events are taking shape across the border and across the Atlantic. At the conclusion of last week's meeting here of

PUBLIC FORUM

UNIONS AND THE NDP

Sir,—In recent months there has been a concerted drive to have trade unions affiliate with the New Democratic Party. I would like to make a few comments on the procedure being used to make this possible.

The local union is asked to vote at a meeting to decide if they wish to affiliate. If the majority of the members present vote in favor of affiliating, then every member in that union must pay five cents per month out of his dues to the New Democratic Party, or if he does not wish to do this, he can contract out by signing a card stating that he does not wish to contribute.

Everyone knows that a majority decision becomes law at any meeting, but in my opinion an individual's political affiliation is something which no group or individual has any right to dictate. Now someone will say, they are not being dictated to, that all they have to do is sign this card.

Is this democracy in action? A group tell you that you either affiliate or sign a card informing the New Democratic Party that you do not wish to support them. It is the individuals democratic right to keep his political affiliation a secret and this method is infringing on that right.

I have had the argument placed before me, that because a person does not wish to contribute financially to the New Democratic Party, does not necessarily say that he will not support the party at the poll. You would have to stretch the imagination immensely to believe that a person who would not contribute five cents per month to the party, would support it at election time; and even if the individual did contract out, only the New Democratic party know this, and the individual is branded as a member of this party as far as the public is concerned, unless he issues a public denial. Everyone knows political affiliations of an individual plays an important part when seeking employment with the Party in power, and you can imagine the reaction your son or daughter would receive if they sought employment, and the party in power thought you were supporting the opposition.

Apart from the above, I do not consider it a very wise policy for a union or any group to support any political party. When they do this, they lose all influence with the party in power and as a result the membership suffers.

I believe that the New Democratic Party in adopting this procedure in recruiting membership are actually insulting the intelligence of the union members. Every union member knows in his own mind whether the New Democratic Party is good for themselves and the country, and I think if they would allow the individual to decide for himself without using these pressure methods, they would probably not only get the contribution, but what is more important, their vote on election day.

A union meeting is like any other meeting; it is difficult to get the members to attend. In most cases this issue is being decided, by a very small portion of the union membership. My own local voted against affiliating with the New Democratic Party on the issues stated above. However, there were some members who voted in favor of affiliating, and by the same token I do not feel that we

have any right to say that they cannot affiliate; but the Constitution of the New Democratic Party does not allow them to contract in. If the New Democratic Party is open for suggestion, then I would suggest they live up to their name and approach the unions with a democratic method of affiliating and let the individual decide his political affiliation rather than have it dictated to him.

I am Sir, etc., J. F. HENNESSEY, Charlottetown.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

Sir,—I am writing to thank you for the news item carried in the Thursday edition of the Guardian relating to Old Age Security Pensions. We have found considerable response to this sort of item in the past as indicated by a significant increase in correspondence concerning the subject matter covered in the different articles shortly after their appearance. We sincerely hope, that the generous coverage you gave to the importance of early application for pension will encourage people not to delay filing their applications with us and to turn to us for assistance, if they anticipate any difficulty in proving their age.

I would like to clarify one section of the article relating to baptismal records. Several years ago the Provincial Division of Vital Statistics undertook to compile a master index of all existing baptismal records in the various Anglican, Presbyterian, Church of Scotland and United Church congregations in the province. This was done as a public service because, due to the early systems for maintaining such records, many persons who had been baptised in one of those Faiths were unable to determine where their baptismal records were to be found and as a result encountered some difficulty in having their births registered or otherwise proving their date of birth. This index in the Division of Vital Statistics Office has helped many people locate their record of baptism which, in most cases, is sufficient to establish age for Old Age Security purposes.

In the case of members of the Baptist Church their records were not included in the Vital Statistics master index as the baptismal registry in these churches usually record only the fact and date of baptism, and not the date of birth of the person baptised. Obviously such records would not be helpful in establishing age for any purpose. In the case of Roman Catholics, baptismal records can usually be found with little difficulty at the Parish church serving the area where the birth occurred.

We would like to repeat again that should any person approaching seventy years of age have difficulty in obtaining documentary proof of his date of birth he should feel free to contact our office for assistance in doing so.

The above may clarify any possible misunderstanding which may arise concerning this one item in the article. I regret that I did not make this matter sufficiently clear to your reporter who did an excellent job in making an interesting news item out of otherwise colorless government regulations.

I am Sir, etc., J. E. GREEN, Regional Director, Old Age Security.

Research Seeks Clues To Stop Football Deaths

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen NORTHWESTERN—Wildcats are used as guinea pigs occasionally when playing football. Two faculty members plan to put tiny instruments into a football helmet to radio back to the bench information on both impact and brain activity. They hope to obtain information that may help reduce the increasing number of head and neck injuries that plague football players. According to Dr. Stephen Reid, team physician, and James Aagaard, assistant professor of electrical engineering, the delicate instruments and tiny radio are being built.

Many research projects have been conducted by medical schools and sports equipment makers but this is the first set-up that will attempt to get data from live subjects under game conditions.

The jet hypodermic injector is capable of inserting liquid at a high pressure through a 0.005 inch diameter opening. The solution makes its own opening into the skin and penetrates to a suitable depth for immunization. The injector was developed through army medical research and, appropriately, resembles a Buck Rogers ray gun. The shots are fast and painless; the vaccine is released at a speed of more than 700 feet per second, or about 450 miles per minute. Multiple shots can be given without reloading. Anywhere from 400 to 1,000 individuals can be inoculated in an hour.

Line up, men, no waiting, no fainting.

P. S. The inspiration for the gun is believed to have come from noting the effects of high pressure automatic grease guns used by mechanics and grease monkeys.

The latest remedy for hiccups is to manipulate the hair in the ear canal with a cotton applicator. This plan was used successfully on two men by Dr. Ermilio Card of Providence, R.I. One of the men had hiccupped for seven days, the other for four. Nothing helped until the hairs were manipulated and, in both instances, hiccups ceased promptly. Apparently, the maneuver set up a reflex mechanism that interrupted the nerve impulses stimulating the diaphragm.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(Jan. 19, 1937)

Dr. J. K. Clark was guest speaker at the annual meeting and banquet of the Summerside Board of Trade. Speaking briefly on the reports submitted by the committees on this occasion, Dr. Clark made reference to the possibilities of new industries for P.E.I. The suggestion of cultivating cranberries was quite feasible he said, and frozen strawberries might also bring new revenue to Island growers. Honey was another thing that could receive more attention.

Mr. Charles MacKinnon, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. MacKinnon, leaves this morning for Montreal to assume a position in a stockbroking firm in that city.

TEN YEARS AGO

(Jan. 19, 1952)

Two cars, one a Chevrolet panel truck from Travellers Rest, and the other a Dodge sedan from Borden, were badly damaged yesterday afternoon in a head-on collision, said to have been caused by an icy patch of road in a deep cutting, about a mile east of Summerside, no one was seriously injured.

In its reference to the importance the Canadian government places on "Britain's efforts to safeguard the trade interests of Canada and other Commonwealth countries," suggests that Ottawa is not disposed to yield very much.

Speaking for Myself

Picking 'Islander' No Easy Task

If life goes according to plan, I'll be lolling on the lovely sands of Tobago, enjoying a winter vacation on an island that has never known winter, by the time these lines appear.

In the midst of the final hours before leaving Charlottetown, however, word reached me that Dr. Frank MacKinnon has been chosen to receive the Islander of the Year Award for 1961, so I am leaving behind a few hasty observations to appear on the day the announcement is made.

In particular, I want to give personal and public expression to my appreciation of the dedicated sincerity, impartiality and wisdom shown by the judges as they devoted long hours to arriving at what must have been, for them, a tough decision to reach.

They handled their responsibility in a way I found magnificent, and made a choice I find great pleasure in applauding.

INCREASE IN STATURE

This award was created since I joined the staff of The Evening Patriot, which sponsors it, and of The Guardian, so I find a special satisfaction in the way in which it is increasing in stature and meaning each year.

The most exciting thing about the award, I think, is the way it produces so many names deserving consideration through letters of nomination. This year, for instance, 20 names were proposed and several dozen letters were written in support of them.

Surely this record tells a lot about the special qualities of community-mindedness on the Island, and the good feelings between Islanders, when they stop to think about them.

It was the worthiness of the names proposed that made the task facing the judges enormously difficult.

Each year, the naming of the Islander to receive the award is left to a completely independent board of judges—the ablest, most representative board that can be assembled. The Patriot itself takes no part in the judging.

NAMES REMOVED

Under the judging method followed this year, indeed, I was the only member of the newspaper staff who even saw the letters of nomination before they were passed along to the judges, with all identifications removed to avoid allowing any extraneous matters to intrude on their consideration.

Just this much contact with the letters was enough to convince me of the difficulty of the task confronting the judges, who were, this year: Mayor W. A. Currie, Summerside, for Prince County; Mr. Justice George J. Tweedy, Charlottetown, for Queens County and Judge J.O. DesRoches, Montague, for Kings County.

While I have no idea as to all the qualifications taken into account by the judges in arriving at their choice, the glimpse I had of the nominations convinced me that at least four of those proposed had particularly strong claims to consideration.

Indeed, I suppose all of the 20 proposed would have ranked as strong contenders for the nomination, right to the end, but for the definite suggestion as to how the choice should be made, which was applied to the judges. They were asked to use their best judgment in picking "that person who has, during 1961, best used the means available to serve a worthy Island purpose."

They were directly invited to give particular weight to activities and achievements "during 1961," which seems, in the long run, the only right basis for an annual award.

LONG-TERM RECORDS

It struck me that at least 16 of the 20 nominations were based upon long-term, or even lifetime records of strikingly worthy deeds, and of good citizenship at its best, but without par-

ticular reference to activities "during 1961". That would have left me with a minimum of four candidates I would have had trouble choosing between, if I had been a judge; and three of them persons who figured in the news during 1961. The fourth, Dr. A. MacDonald, of Souris, I viewed them in the same way, on the basis of the warmth of the love and admiration expressed for him, without regard for any time limitation.

The other three were:

- 1—Dr. Frank MacKinnon who became the ultimate choice; for the good reasons stated by the judges, and other excellent reasons;
2—Almon Boswell, nominated on the basis of a lifetime devoted to improving standards in agriculture, and to adding to the goodness of life for the farmer, which was climaxed in 1961 by his being named to Agriculture Hall of Fame; and
3—Robert L. Cotton proposed because of the ways in which his large benefactions have carried beauty, and particularly the beauty of nature, into a great many lives, and especially for his creation in 1961 of an \$89,000 trust fund to serve some of the Island's worst-liest purposes.

Even among these three, as I viewed them, (and I have no idea as to whether the judges viewed them in the same way), it became evident that there were great distinctions of two of them, were largely cumulative, including moments of culmination which came in 1961, but that they were not otherwise linked particularly with 1961, any more than with many other recent years.

GREATEST IMPORTANCE

In the case, however, of Dr. MacKinnon, the final choice, the year and the man belonged to each other. Perhaps the largest achievement in which he had a key part in 1961 will have to be realized physically, before there will be popular understanding and appreciation of what it represents.

Surely, though, the creation of the Fathers of Confederation Building, as a national shrine in Charlottetown, due to arise out of events and activities of Dr. MacKinnon during 1961, will quickly take its place as the island development of the greatest immediate and historical importance of any within a wide span of years.

But the full reasons for the choice of Dr. MacKinnon, as reached by the judges, are documented in other reports in this paper, and require no further discussion by me. Certainly, though, I did not want a announcement day for the award to pass without putting on record my appreciation of the labors of the judges and my approval of their choice.

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