

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew
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O'Leary In The Van

Our congratulations go to Miss Elizabeth Platts of Howland for her excellent qualities of scholarship and application to her studies. Her immediate rewards are the knowledge that she stands higher in her Grade Twelve examination results than all of the other students in our province who wrote the 1966 papers, and the more tangible compensation in the \$600 scholarship put up by the provincial government.

It is noteworthy throughout the list of examination results and their accompanying scholarship winners that O'Leary Regional High School ranks high as a developer of the leaders.

The very foremost, Miss Platts, is a scholastic product of O'Leary Regional High School. Helen Marie Callaghan of O'Leary Regional won a \$300 scholarship, and Eileen Matheson of O'Leary Regional a \$200 award. These three triumphs of O'Leary students can, of course, be shared in vicariously by the principal and teaching staff of that school in the western part of the Island, and also by the parents who encouraged the scholarship winners to persevere in their studies.

No Sex Or Color

The U.S. government is now carrying its civil rights crusade into the classified advertisement columns of that country's daily newspapers. The particular target, naturally, is the "help wanted" column. The current campaign is based on the 1964 law against discrimination that was designed to help the lot of the Negro but made applicable to everyone. It forbids advertising on a discriminatory basis to engage employees, specifically outlawing requirements with regard to religion, sex, or country of origin.

Hence a Roman Catholic magazine published for Roman Catholics may not state in a want ad that it has a vacancy for a Roman Catholic editor or writer. No advertiser can advertise for "men-neat appearance", for this discriminates against the fairer sex. Conversely, it must be supposed, a restaurateur could not put in an ad for "waitresses" since this would discriminate against waiters who might need a job. Nor can it be specified that an elevator operator or a service station attendant be of the white race.

Washington so far, has laid 75 charges alleging violations by advertisers, but the joker in the law is that even if the charges are proven the statute provides no penalties for the guilty to pay. All the supervising commission can do is to conciliate with the offenders and hope they will be led to mend their discriminatory ways.

Population Explosion

This is the month in which the population of Canada is expected to pass a total of twenty millions. The officials of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics cannot tell just when, that is upon what date, this young country will have twenty million persons, but the pattern of increase suggests it will be some day in the middle of August or just before. This weekend could see the twenty millionth click in the counter.

The Ottawa experts who do the counting use various data in making their annual estimates of the population situation between the decennial census takings, last of which was on June 1, 1966. The tallies count up the births and the deaths across Canada in any given period, adding the newborn and subtracting the deces-

ed. Then they adopt the same mathematics to the immigrants and the migrants. Sometimes these running total ingredients can run six months behind the times, but the Bureau staff is now familiar with the norms for any time of the year and can give accurate estimates. On the average, the population of this country increases at a rate of about 33,000 persons a month. Their projection at the Bureau provides an estimate of a total population of 19,985,000 Canadians as of August 1 and about 20,000,000 around August 15.

It is impossible, of course, to foretell whether the 20,000,000th Canadian will actually be a squalling girl or boy baby born to a couple in this country or whether it will be a beaming immigrant just stepping off the gangplank of a boat or the steps of a jetliner.

What worries Ottawa a bit is the decline in the national birth rate, a development which obliges us to rely more upon immigration than upon native born Canadians to multiply our total. Only five years ago, the average of births in this country ran to 261 children born for every ten thousand and persons we had in the total population. In the past year the national birth rate has declined to 214 babies per ten thousand of current population.

Gala For Gallants

This Sunday will see a picnic reunion of members of the Gallant family, and by common agreement it will be at Port LaJoie. That is as it should be, as the entire family descends from Michel Hache Gallant, whose homestead was on the land where Fort Amherst now is part of an historic park.

The original Hache had several sons, and also some daughters, and from them has sprung the huge throng of many names and many homes—and one common ancestor. The family held its first giant reunion last year and Gallants, and all others with Gallant blood in them, came from countless parts of North America. There were approximately 2,000 of them at Fort Amherst that day.

It is unlikely there will be that many this Sunday, but it is probable there will be a large number as organizers of the picnic do not have to go beyond the confines of our own province to have many applicants for a part in it. They have spread widely from their original Rocky Point home all across The Island with a heavy concentration in the Rustico section of the North Shore area.

Flood Of Visitors

It is difficult for our older inhabitants to picture the busy scene existing at Borden today. One facet of it alone would stagger the imagination of a recent generation and that is the statement the C.N.R. has been making as many as 50 crossings of Northumberland Strait a day. It is a far cry from the days of wondering if the one crossing per day would be made on time. Or made at all.

Fantastic, too, was the information that during the month of July the ferries carried 185,348 passengers on those crossings with 100,738 coming over to this province. That is approximately the resident population of Prince Edward Island.

A great many of these people came by cars with the ferries being called on to handle 65,936 vehicles.

But of even greater import is the news that August is likely to see even this record broken. In fact it was August 1965 which set an all-time record which July smashed to pieces by producing an extra 20,000 people and 7,000 more vehicles. On this basis it is more than a possibility the year 1966 will go down in history as the first time a half-million people travelled to this "Holiday Island of ours. It is welcome news to tourist resort operators and even more so to economists probing into The Island's future.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A Spanish fisherman is claiming a \$5,000,000 reward for spotting a falling American atomic bomb. He should be grateful that he is still around.

It has been calculated that in the years since 1,496 B.C. there have been not more than 230 years of peace in the civilized world.

Water wings and similar plastic toys are a great danger to the young swimmer. Using them, the child is tempted beyond his depth with only the protection of a plastic toy which is easily punctured. For water frolics children should wear a government approved life preserver.



OTTAWA REPORT

Hees Writes About Automation

Honourable George Hees, Conservative M.P. for Northumberland and former Minister of Trade and Commerce, writes today's Guest Column. "Whether we like it or not, automation is going to play an increasingly important role in our lives from now on. It produces greater efficiency and greater productivity, and thereby makes possible lower costs and lower selling prices. It should make it possible to increase sales greatly, both here in Canada and in the export market, through lower selling prices. But if these increased sales are not sufficient to provide enough additional jobs to absorb those who lose their employment through automation, mass unemployment could develop as a result. It would then be a dismal failure.

Automation will be a success from the national point of view if we can teach the people who are displaced, the skills they will need to fit them for the more technical jobs which automation will make available to them. The benefits of change will be fully and properly shared only if we consider the needs of the people who are affected by automation, and if we organize our policies, in such a way as to reduce hardship and insecurity to an absolute minimum.

I think we all agree that no humane society can permit workers to be made jobless on a large scale, through no fault of their own. Our future success as an industrial nation is going to depend on the way we are able to plan, both on the national and on the company level, to provide our people with the opportunities of acquiring the skills necessary to enable them to take their place in the technical world in which they are going to live.

SHOULD STUDY NEEDS I believe that the government has a very real responsibility in this regard, and that it must do so from an example to Canadian industry by the way it treats its employees who are affected by automation in their direct employment by the government. In order to do so, I believe that the government would do well to study what is being done in this regard by large United States companies which are giving great leadership in this matter.

I was very much impressed by the description of the responsibility of industry in this regard which was given by Mr. Clarence B. Randall, the recently retired Chairman of the Inland Steel Corporation of the United States. He described this responsibility of industry in the following words: "Our responsibility is to prepare the man who is being displaced, for another task that will require a higher level of skill, and which will exist after the change in the method of production takes place."

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to enter into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

PRICE OF ART Sir, My family and I have recently returned from a most enjoyable stay on your island with its beautiful scenery and charming people.

BUT, being charged twenty-five cents admission to the Centennial Art Galleries struck a fat note. What possible purpose does it serve? If a charge is justified for maintenance or travelling show fees or other, then make it worthwhile or forget about it entirely.

I doubt if charging twenty-five cents per head passes the salary of the man who must be employed to collect it. I am, Sir, etc. ROSS JACKSON, 6 Ascot Ave. Ottawa 6, Ont.

The era of massive Canadian and American food surpluses has disappeared at a time, as Mr. Freeman observed before the OECD assistance committee, when other areas of the world that used to be net exporters of food have become increasingly dependent upon food imports.

The promotion of birth control to slow the rise of the world population is gaining greater acceptance. This, however, can never be deemed a solution for inevitably there will be more and more mouths to feed.

The situation now is such that advanced nations should be taking stock of the agricultural land that is being taken out of production in the name of "progress" and industrialization. And of paramount importance to underdeveloped nations is order that they may support their own

Ultraviolet In Colds

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen The value of ultraviolet light in the prevention of respiratory infections is a controversial topic. There are many reasons why the results are questionable, the chief one being that the organisms responsible for colds, bronchitis, and sore throats can be transmitted not only through the air, but by direct contact. Therefore, sterilizing the air should affect only about half of the offending agents.

Ultraviolet irradiation kills germs suspended in the atmosphere. The organisms in small droplets are more susceptible than those contained in larger particles such as dust or lint. This is understandable because, to be effective, the rays must be able to penetrate and die so rapidly because the organisms are quickly inhaled by others.

However, this is only part of the story; a different concentration of ultraviolet is required to combat various bacteria, fungi, and viruses, which means that epidemics of certain types can be subdued, but others are untouched. The moisture content of the air is another stumbling block because irradiation is ineffective when the relative humidity is more than 50 per cent.

Moreover, certain dangers are associated with irradiation. Ultraviolet rays can burn the skin and the conjunctiva of the eyes. Hence the use of this agent must be restricted to the upper air (ceiling) to ventilating ducts, and entrances to rooms or isolation cubicles.

What has been said of ultraviolet applies also to other measures used to control colds. Little headway will be made until everyone realizes that colds are spread by close contact and does something about it. The offender is the man or woman who socializes during the acute stage of the infection and the parents who send junior to school when he shows signs of coming down with a cold. Neither ultraviolet vaccines, aerosol sprays, the sulfa's, nor vitamins will nullify the influence of such neglect.

DIET AFTER COLOSTOMY Mrs. T. F. writes: Must a person remain on a baby food diet for life after a colostomy?

REPLY Not unless the individual is having difficulty with the opening of the colostomy. These operations are done to bypass the diseased part of the intestine and theoretically it should be possible to eat any food desired. A bland, low residue diet is advised at first; gradually, foods containing residue are added if they are well tolerated. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for leaflet on this diet.

CARPETED ROOM E. S. writes: Am I practicing good health by sleeping in a bedroom that is carpeted three-quarters of the room area? I sleep with my mouth open and must gargle and rinse it daily due to the dryness I feel upon arising.

REPLY Yes, and be thankful you can't hear yourself snore. The size of the carpet has nothing to do with your health.

ALCOHOL AND BLOOD PRESSURE E. M. D. writes: Does drinking whisky or wine cause the blood pressure to rise?

REPLY The effect varies with the individual. In some instances, alcoholic drinks have a tendency to lower tension. In others, the reading goes up. Nothing happens in the majority, however, if an average amount is consumed.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—The water skier should wear a life jacket.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

When screaming, hysterical teenagers are carried from "rock 'n' roll" music shows, many adults wonder what could cause such behavior. But they might become hysterical too if they had to sit through some of those shows. — Ottawa Journal

U. S. experts predict a four-day work week; with 13-week vacations, by the end of year 2000. It's a sort of goal to work towards. — Windsor Star.

The attention of women who boast of their intuitive powers is called to this statement by a zoologist: "The wilder the animal, the keener its intuition." — Guelph Mercury.

Every day some 40,000 people flow into the City of London, England—their day's work over, travel home again at night, leaving the city with a resident population of less than 5,000. This is one of the facts contained in the census of 1961, recently published by the Stationery Office in London. — Moncton Times.

Who's to say that the ball players of the past were better than the new breed, who shave very neatly in the commercials? But remember that the old timers shaven in the pullman wash-room with a straight edge razor. — Calgary Herald.

Reports from Miami Beach say as many of the girls who competed for the Miss Universe title put their foot down on the mini-skirt. That would be a really aerobic trick. — Port Arthur News Chronicle.

The teen-age girl down the street says her father has forbidden her to straighten up her room. "Let's leave it the way it is," he says, "as an historic example of the way we lived in the Twentieth Century." — Calgary Herald.

Goulash From The Kremlin

Saint John Telegraph-Journal

The Russians may have thrown Nikita Khrushchev out of office, but they have kept one of the former premier's main policies—"goulash Communism" in other words more consumer goods for everybody.

The session of the Supreme Soviet just concluded made it clear that the present Russian leaders attach the greatest importance to improving the flow of production, even if it means using capitalist methods such as the profit motive, attractive packaging, and convincing advertising to keep the good moving on and off the store's shelves. The demand for a raising of the average Russian's standard of living over-shadowed even the usual diatribe against the United States and the much-repeated offer of help to North Viet Nam.

This should be welcome in the Western world. The more prosperous the Soviet Union becomes, the less likely it is to risk everything in military adventure abroad. And the Russian stress on domestic affairs should, finally, convince the Red Chinese that their erstwhile brothers have abandoned world revolution in favor of the "effective" desire for more comfortable living. The rift between Moscow and Peking will widen and deepen.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 12, 1941)

Britain sent hundreds of bombers and fighters—including the new twin-engine Superfortresses—to hammer Germany and the French occupied coast in the greatest Royal Air Force daylight raid of the war.

The big event of the year got underway at Charlottetown as a crowd of about 8,000 people attended the opening day of the Old Home Week and Provincial Livestock Exhibition.

TEN YEARS AGO (August 12, 1956) General Abdel Nasser gave an emphatic "No" to the British proposed London conference on the Suez Canal. But he left the door open for negotiations by promising another conference to guarantee freedom of the canal.

The United States army, fitting itself to the atomic age, now is spending about six times as much money for procuring guided missiles than goes for purchase of traditional artillery.

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