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

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Prime Minister's Appeal

Prime Minister St. Laurent has urged Canadians to observe Thursday, December 1, as Safe-Driving Day across the nation, the object being to eliminate all automobile accidents for this 24-hour period.

In his announcement of S-D Day Mr. St. Laurent pointed out that last year 2,586 people were killed in traffic accidents in this country. Approximately another 60,000 were injured. The economic loss which resulted from traffic accidents in 1954 reached a staggering total of more than \$100 million.

Unif

The United Nations' International Children's Fund is one of those world agencies which work quietly and without a great deal of publicity, but with much effectiveness, in those parts of the world where the need of outside assistance in promoting social welfare is particularly great.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is reported that all the Arab states but one, Lebanon, have made some sort of arms deal with the Soviet Union. Lebanon, incidentally, is the smallest state of them all. It may turn out to have been the wisest.

An American school official says that the old custom of having an "open school week" should be scrapped in favour of a "year long program" of school visits by parents. The teachers will be overjoyed at the suggestion.

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annual campaign staged by privileged children for the benefit of the unprivileged? Apart from the usefulness of the money collected, the development in a practical way of a sense of international co-operation would surely be of some value.

Steel Industry & Tariffs

A few weeks ago, a Montreal steel supply firm noted that Canadian steel mills are now operating at the highest production rate in their history and that imports from the United States, Britain and Europe have dropped because of steel shortages there.

This being the case, it is difficult to see what grounds Canadian steel manufacturers have in their appeal before the Tariff Board for more protection against American, British and European steel mills.

It may well be, says the Winnipeg Free Press, that the steel tariff does need revision. It has not been overhauled since it was set up in 1907 and since then Canadian industry has undergone great changes. If the tariff structure is antiquated and obsolete, as the steel companies claim, if a revision is needed, then the Tariff Board inquiry is to be welcomed.

Most of us, says the Free Press, "may be a bit bewildered by the other arguments for more protection that the steel industry uses. A spokesman for the companies argued that higher tariffs are needed to help the industry through a period of expansion in the immediate future, and also to protect investors and the jobs of steel workers. The public's bewilderment will not be lessened when this argument is set against the steel industry's past and present record."

It may indeed be that technical changes have made the present tariff structure out-of-date in detail. Without prejudging the more technical part of the inquiry, one can reasonably think it likely that what should emerge is a powerful case for revising the tariff downward.

Loveable Rogue

The raccoon is a rogue, and nothing suits him better than the black mask that surrounds his bright, intelligent eyes. Still, like many rogues, he is such a lovable character that it is easy to forget his shortcomings.

He will eat almost anything from beetles to chickens. That fact, plus his monkey-like curiosity, is what keeps him in trouble. The 'coon is a creature of the night, and his darkness hides his marauding expedition into some helpless squirrel family's nest or into the farmer's chicken house.

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A sect in Vietnam known as the Cao Dai, which claims to be a "universal" religion in that it honours the great religious and moral teachers of the world, has nominated Sir Winston Churchill for sainthood. Sir Winston, however, is reported to be not quite sure that he wants to be a saint. If he does accept the unusual honour he will not be the first man of letters to become an honorary Cao Dai. Victor Hugo is one of the sect's saints.



RIGHT IN OUR LAP

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of current events of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the views expressed.

MR. PARKER'S ADDRESS

Sir—An address that held the absorbed attention of a large audience was given Wednesday evening in the auditorium of Prince of Wales College. The occasion was the semi-annual meeting of the Provincial Home and School. The serious yet sparkling address was given by Mr. Kenneth Parker, Superintendent of Charlottetown's Board of Trustees. The speaker, fluent, sincere and persuasive treated his subject, "Can Prince Edward Island Provide Better Schools?" logically, thoroughly and convincingly.

EYES ON FUTURE

It's true, too, that day-to-day life in the northwestern corner of Saskatchewan, 460 miles northeast of Edmonton, isn't that of a city-dweller outside. But Uranium City, Saskatchewan, is a city in the making. It is a town of the future, and it is being built on a solid basis. They are willing to put up with some inconvenience until they get what they want.

FINF HOSPITAL

The pride of Uranium City is the \$500,000, 25-bed hospital on the hill a half-mile from the centre of town. To be opened in January, it replaces a structure destroyed by fire last spring.

SIX PRODUCING MINES

The field, extending 1,400 square miles north, east and west from the north shore of Lake Athabasca, now has six producers: Eldorado Mining and Smelting Ltd., a crown corporation and the giant of the industry; Canadian Mines Ltd., now operating over its rated 1,250-ton daily capacity; Rix Athabasca; Nesbitt LaBine; National Exploration and Consolidated Nicholson.

PUZZLING CACHE

WELLING, England (CP)—Boys playing by a partly-dried lake in this Kent district found a steel deed box containing £25, a book of receipts and a dagger. Police believe it had been submerged several years.

Canada's Uranium City

By R. J. Anderson, Canadian Press Staff, Saskatchewan

This modern townsite, reasonably orderly and reasonably clean-cut, carved out of the wilderness in little more than three years, is far from the Outsider's conception of a mining camp—a rip-roaring, ramshackle, sprawling boom town. The shacks are there, also, right. But there aren't many of them now and they are giving way, one by one, to substantial houses and one or two ranch-type bungalows with all the conveniences—gleaming hardwood floors and up-to-the-minute kitchens and bathrooms, needing only television to make up the average Canadian home in 1955.

True, the sign in the bathroom of the town hotel says: "Anyone wishing to have a bath may do so by asking for a key from the office." That's because water in Uranium City must be hauled from adjacent Martin lake at \$1 a barrel or pumped from wells and residents are careful about its use.

The first shack was hastily set up on what now is Uranium City a good living and four months ago. The discovery of uranium in the Beaverlodge field started hectic exploration and staking and many a fortune was made on a lucky strike. A town came into being. Now a newcomer won't make a fortune overnight. He'll make a good living with hard work in almost any line of endeavor. But the days when a man could make a quick killing or move in for a "fast buck" are over.

A dentist has 5,000 potential patients in the area awaiting his services. A commercial photographer likely could do a brisk business. One or two other lines also are open but mostly, the town now is well fixed with merchants and services such as a beauty parlor, public stenographers, a dry cleaning establishment, soda fountains and 18 taxi-cabs. And a beer parlor.

The Chamber of Commerce (42 members this year) is frank to admit that Uranium City lives on the mines. But all responsible assessments see the future of uranium as limitless and the mines in the Beaverlodge field producing for many years.

A \$100,000 telephone system is going into operation. Like most things in the north country where it costs roughly a cent a pound to bring freight from the end of steel at Watways, Alta., rates are high. Rental on a business phone is \$17 a month. A \$50,000, 25-room addition is being built to the Uranium City Hotel which, attempting to cope with a steady flow of stakers, prospectors, diamond drilling crews and other visitors, seldom has a vacant room built across the street next year.

Installation of a water and sewage system to replace septic tanks and the ever-present water barrel is hoped for soon.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

DOES YOUR DIET INCLUDE SUFFICIENT PROTEIN?

Mother Nature is a pretty clever old woman. She knows that we humans naturally tend to eat foods that taste good. So she has conveniently arranged to have the foods most important to our health—those with high protein content—tasty as well as nutritious.

Doctors know that you can get more benefit from eating a combination of two proteins than you can from a single protein food. Here again, Mother Nature has taken a hand. She has arranged these vital combinations so that they just naturally go together. Take chicken and rice or milk and cereal, for example. Not only do these combinations taste good, but, eaten together, they do more good than if eaten separately.

COMPLEX SUBSTANCE

Protein is the basic stuff of life. Every cell in your body is protein of one kind or another. But protein is a very complex substance. You won't find any two of them identical. The nutritional value of each protein varies as does the number of amino acids which go to make it up.

When you are ill, or during pregnancy, you need greater amounts of protein than under normal conditions. Infants and children, too, need additional protein "building blocks" to help them grow properly.

The only way you can supply your body with protein is by eating protein foods. And you've got to eat them each day, since your body can't store appreciable amounts of protein for any reserve action.

Therefore, you should eat some of the following every day: vegetables, cereals, grains, legumes, animal proteins—meat, fish, milk and milk products, eggs.

It is not essential that you eat large amounts of the animal protein foods every day. Mother Nature has arranged it so that relatively small amounts of animal protein in a meal actually improve your body's use of protein obtained from other foods.

Generally, you'll find most of the high protein foods are also rich in vitamins and minerals. Mother Nature hasn't overlooked a thing. QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. L.E.H.: What causes an intermittent heart beat and is it dangerous?

Answer: A so-called intermittent heart beat can come from many causes.

It is possible that you are having what is known as extrasystoles, which may be produced by excessive use of tobacco, infections, thyroid deficiencies and similar conditions.

You should have a careful examination including an electrocardiogram, made by your physician, so that the cause for your trouble may be found and proper treatment carried out.

The Poet's Corner

MY LIGHT WITH YOURS

When the sea has devoured the ships, And the spires and the towers Have gone back to the hills, And all the cities Are one with the plains again, And the beauty of bronze Are blown over silent continents, As the desert sand is blown— My dust with yours forever.

When folly and wisdom are no more, And fire is no more; Because man is no more; When the dead world slowly spinning Drifts and falls through the void— My light with yours In the Light of Light forever! —Edgar Lee Masters.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

It is generally held among diplomatic language experts that there are no more than 120 fully qualified (international) conference interpreters in the world—which makes them only scarcely less rare than whooping cranes (26). —New York Times.

Kentucky has now joined Georgia in allowing citizens over 18 years of age to vote. This is the first gain this unsound idea has made since 1943, when Georgia approved it in the midst of World War II emotionalism. Three years ago South Dakota and Oklahoma have rejected like proposals. Last year the United States Senate killed a proposed Constitutional amendment, endorsed by President Eisenhower, which would have authorized 18-year-old voting in national elections. The amendment fell five votes short of a necessary two-thirds. —Milwaukee Journal.

How can you tell when a cow is getting ready to cross the road? Tom Burson, the Camilla editor, raises the question. Tom's theory is that you must keep your eyes on the cow's tail. If the tail is hanging straight down and stiff, that means indecision. The animal is trying to make up her mind if the grass is greener on the other side of the pavement. But, he says, if the tail is swinging merrily in the breeze, then the cow is happy and contented and will go on grazing where she is. Editor Burson brings up the question because his wife, Mary, insists all cows are getting ready to cross the road. She makes him slow down to a walk every time he approaches a cow. I'm sure he would appreciate help in arriving at a fair formula. —Atlanta Constitution.

Sounds crazy, but you may buy eggs in the future without shells. Cornell University has announced an experiment in marketing eggs without the natural jackets provided by the hens. They will be sold in twelve-compartment plastic packets, should be cheaper and will be just as good as the original, says the university. Machines, not hens, will drop the eggs into the compartments after breaking the shells. Carbon dioxide and a strong film will be deposited over the compartments to seal them. No human hands will touch them in processing. The housewife will be able to poach or boil the eggs in the individual compartments. For frying or scrambling, of course, they will have to be turned out of the container. —Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

The government's decision to give married and single women the same status in the civil service is long overdue. The principle of equal pay for equal work is not observed so much as the opportunity to get promotion beyond a certain level. With the ceiling on promotion removed, married women may aspire to positions in the civil service until now barred to them. The disabilities hitherto applied to married women—not only in the federal civil service, but in other fields—are of long standing in Canada, arising out of a job-scarcity psychology. With the economy expanding rapidly and the demand for skilled workers running ahead of the supply, fear of unemployment is no longer a valid reason for discriminating against married women, if it ever was. —Ottawa Citizen.

A book just published under sponsorship of the Audubon Society suggests that a new look should be taken at the old idea that birds of prey are destructive predators which should themselves be destroyed in the interests of other game. Apparently wildlife research has now shown that the key to wildlife abundance is food and cover, and that hawks and owls exert a negligible influence. In some instances they actually help by controlling rodents which prey on the eggs and young of game birds. They are also responsible for developing alertness and speed in game species—increasing their gameness, as it were. This is interesting information. It verifies the balance in nature which man cannot disturb without loss of one kind or another. In that light, man should be slow to declare any species useless. —Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

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