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

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New In Nonsense

It appears that the United States' policy of trying to keep on good terms with President Nasser of Egypt at almost any cost is having an effect on circumstances far removed from contemporary politics.

As everyone knows, the preamble to the Decalogue reads like this: "I am the Lord thy God which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage".

If the State Department doesn't present some sort of accolade to the aforesaid school board, it will be derelict in a simple duty. It must have taken a lot of courage—or tomfoolery, according to the point of view— to defy history as well as simple truth out of respect for the arrogance of a dictator who probably won't appreciate it anyway.

The Municipal Federation

The Constitution of the newly organized Federation of Prince Edward Municipalities is an impressive one. "The objects of the Federation", it states, "shall be: (a) The guidance and improvement of legislation, both Dominion and Provincial, upon municipal questions and the betterment of municipal interests generally."

There is here a recognition of the well tested axiom that in unity there is strength. But there is something more. There is an awareness of the fact that the municipality is the basic unit in any democratic system and, as such, needs and deserves informed and enlightened leadership which can hold its own with that on the so-called "higher levels" of Government.

There is much that a municipal federation can do by way of bringing a common view to bear on Dominion and Provincial legislation and stressing before other governments the rights of the individual municipality, each according to its particular needs and opportunities.

Instance where "the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again, the head to the feet, I have no need of you". Even the fellowship and mutual support which, as members of an association, the officers of the various towns and villages will enjoy, will be of inestimable benefit; for municipal administration is often a wearying and thankless task.

Mayor Bruce Yeo, the first President of the organization, brings to his post a wealth of experience and a reputation for getting things done. He has been Mayor of Montague for almost as long as the present generation can remember; and, although he would never admit as much, almost any Montague resident would say that the town's fiscal strength—which is quite impressive for a town of its size—is largely the result of his indefatigable labours in its behalf.

Safe Places For War

How is it that South American countries can fight and scrap among themselves without bringing even a word of reprimand from the great powers of the United Nations, while if two European or Asian countries as much as talk angrily over their fences the U. N. General Assembly is called into session in great haste and all sorts of dire punishments are threatened?

The latest countries to get into a fracas are Nicaragua and Honduras. Yet, apart from a formal and mild gesture of protest from the Association of American States, they have been left pretty much alone to settle their differences, peaceably if possible, by war if they think it necessary.

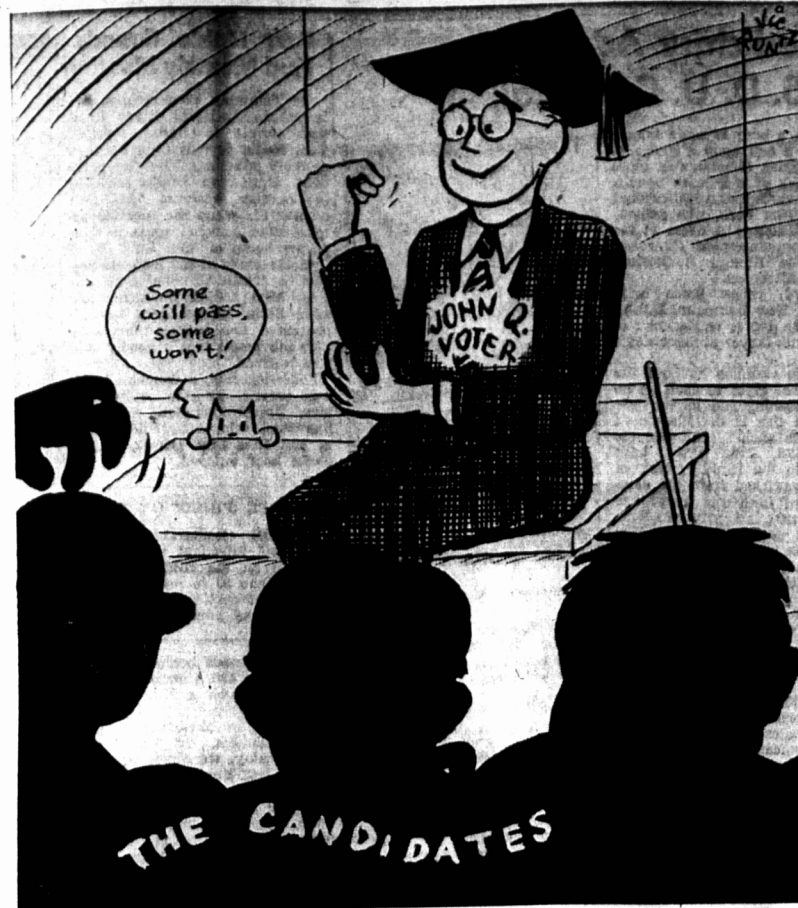
Whence comes this virtual indifference to South American frictions? Is it that these countries are so addicted to little skirmishes and revolutions that the outside world hasn't the heart to interfere with their cherished pastime? Or, is it that there is some mysterious formula by which disputes in that part of the world are prevented from developing into world conflict and that, therefore, they are considered of little or no importance to the overall political pattern of the world?

EDITORIAL NOTES

Egypt maintains that she is still at war with Israel and refuses to discuss a peace treaty. Yet, she is continually complaining that Israel is planning to attack her once again. Israel has every right to say: "Sign a peace treaty or stop your growling".

In Tennessee not only is Daylight Saving Time banned by law but penalties are provided for anyone tampering with a clock. One such case is pending now. The head of an insurance company put his clock ahead and reported his action to the police. He wants the constitutionality of the law to be tested in the courts.

Whatever else the Billy Graham evangelistic crusade now under way in New York City may be, it is certainly an expensive one. Altogether, it is expected to cost \$1 million. \$360,000 will go in rent for Madison Square Gardens. Already, \$300,000 have been contributed by business organizations, individuals and church groups.



The Skirl o' The Pipes

From Coming Events In Britain

To the true Scotsman there is no sound quite so wonderful as the skirl of the bagpipes. This enthusiasm is shared by many visitors to Britain, even though others might be found to agree with the seventeenth century diarist Samuel Pepys, who once described the sound of the pipes as being "at its best, mighty barbarous music".

Bagpipes are among the oldest of musical instruments — so old that their true age and origin are unknown. The Emperor Nero played them and they were known in ancient Babylon, France, Italy, Spain, Greece, Persia and Russia — as well as either parts of Britain besides Scotland — all have some form of bagpipes, but it is with Scotland that they are especially associated and it is there that they have been most highly developed.

In their modern form the Scottish Highland bagpipes comprise an air bag, usually made of sheepskin, into which are bound five pipes: a bass drone, two tenor drones, the mouthpiece, and one chanter on which the tune is played.

Before the eighteenth century the piper learned his tunes by means of symbols, but all bagpipe music is now written down in staff notation — on the treble staff and using the ordinary musical symbols. At the bagpipe school in Edinburgh Castle the modern piper is taught the pibroch, the true classical music of the pipes of which over a thousand examples have been collected by the Pibroch Society, an institution which encourages the preservation and

Whooping Crane Controversy

Associated Press, New Orleans

Two brown, blotched eggs at the Audubon Park zoo here have been plopped into the middle of a great whooping crane controversy even before they are hatched. The question that has split conservationists in the United States and Canada is whether to let nature take her course or whether to intervene with a bit more planned parenthood with at least one more captive bird.

Meantime, the struggle for existence by this man-size waterfowl and perhaps the rarest of American birds, continues to focus public interest such as never was concentrated before on a species near extinction. In America today there are only 25 other whooping cranes—one captive in the San Antonio (Texas) zoo, 23 that should now be at their summer home in the Great Slave Lake region of Western Canada, and one that has lagged behind in the flock's winter quarter, the Aransas refuge on the coast of Texas.

Intensive efforts to preserve the cranes have been made since 1938. It was not until last fall, however, that John Lynch of the U.S. fish and wildlife service proposed that a mate be found for the San Antonio zoo bird, captured in Texas a few months previously. Although the problem is complicated by the fact that no body knows for sure whether the captive is male or female, Lynch has received considerable support.

On the other hand, some members of the Whooper Council, an advisory group of scientists, have cautioned against capture, and a spokesman for the National Audubon Society in New York asserts: "We feel strongly there should

be no capturing of wild birds. The 66 per cent loss to gunners in years past has been cut considerably, so if we can protect the birds while migrating the wild flock has a good chance of gradually increasing." A divergent view is taken in Washington by the fish and wildlife service's Dr. Frederick C. Lincoln, a leading ornithologist. Saying that Canadians are generally behind such a project, he adds: "Its advisability depends to some extent on the success of Jo and Crip, but I think it is worth taking a chance on anyway."

A decision will have to be made eventually by Dr. H. Janzen, director of sports fishing and wild life. All three present captives are triplets.

The whoopers have always had more attention than warranted by numbers, because of their bugle like calls that could be heard for miles across the plains, and because of their spectacular appearance. Standing nearly five feet tall, they have red tops, snow white bodies and jet wing tips.

Even at their best in historic times, they probably never numbered more than 1,400, but their margin of safety now is so thin that there is no telling what will happen. They have diminished not only because of their prodigious appearance, but because the wet grasslands that they love have disappeared.

By 1920 there were about 50 birds left, wintering in Louisiana and Texas. Later the Louisiana flock was wiped out. By 1941 only 21 of the birds were known to exist. Since then there has been a peak of 34, as the numbers have fluctuated from year to year.

Every fall the Texas flock flies to the Aransas refuge from its hidden haunts in the Northwest Territories. These breeding grounds actually were unknown until 1952 when an aerial search finally located the birds in the Great Slave region.

Jo moved into the propagation picture in 1949. A captive in Louisiana for eight years, she was loaned to the Aransas refuge as a mate to Pete, captured 15 years before in Nebraska.

In a fenced, 150-acre hideaway, under nearly natural conditions,

they went right to work and laid two eggs. But the union was too late. The eggs proved infertile and the old birds smashed them. Pete died that same year, presumably of old age.

Then Crip was captured and introduced to Jo. The very next year they hatched a youngster dubbed Rusty. It disappeared in four days, probably the prey of some animal.

The following spring Jo tried again but a high tide flooded the nest. Thereupon the people at the Audubon Park zoo demanded the return of Jo. They persuaded the fish and game authorities to order her back to New Orleans, along with her new mate, for breeding attempts in a smaller enclosure. Amid moans from Texas naturalists, the transfer was made.

In 1953 the bird went into their high building, wing flapping until dance but nothing happened. Three years later Jo laid an egg but got excited by a man outside the enclosure and stepped on it. Last year two eggs were hatched. One chick, seized by an owl or rat, disappeared two days later. The second died of a fungus disease after 45 days. The longest lived whooping crane hatched in captivity.

During Easter week this year, Jo and Crip brought forth two more eggs, described by zoo director George Douglass as the most precious Easter eggs in the world. After May 17, she picked up the egg, signalling a struggle for life by two more whoopers. The fish and wild life

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

SOME SYMPTOMS CALLING FOR A QUICK CHECK-UP While cancer is primarily a disease of the middle-aged and the elderly, no age group is immune to the ravages of this disease. Cancer of the kidney, for instance, generally attacks two different age groups—middle-aged men and women, and children under 10. Still, men in their 30's, and even about 70, occasionally become victims.

WILM'S TUMOR Most common form of cancer of the kidney among children and babies is called Wilms' tumor. This rapidly growing malignancy may quickly replace the entire kidney.

The first sign of such a tumor usually is a swelling of the kidney. For this abdomen should be called to the attention of your physician immediately.

Hypernephroma is the most usual form of kidney cancer in adults and generally occurs between the ages of 50 and 60. Earliest and most common symptom is painless bleeding which shows up in the urine. The symptom ceases and then returns intermittently.

OTHER SYMPTOMS Other symptoms may include colicky pain from blood clots in the ureter, an unexplained low grade fever or a dragging sensation or feeling of fullness in the flank.

Blood in the urine also is an early symptom of cancer of the bladder. Now this blood does not always show up as a bright red. If the urine contains only small quantities of blood, it may appear as a pink or "smoky" color. In this type of cancer, too, this symptom may occur intermittently.

DANGER SIGN Even a single appearance of blood in the urine means a quick visit to your doctor, although, of course, this is not always an indication of cancer.

Symptoms of cancer of the prostate usually are extremely vague in the early stages. Yet there are some slight symptoms which should be acted upon quickly.

See your doctor at once if there is any change in the evacuation of urine such as an "obstruction to free urination, a burning sensation during urination, blood in the urine or more frequent or urgent urination."

QUESTION AND ANSWER A.C.P.: Will a stay in bed or about two months after an operation cause fluid in the knees and swelling?

Answer: It is not likely that the period of convalescence in bed is responsible for the fluid in the knees and the swelling. It may be that you have some form of arthritis.

An X-ray of the knee joints would be helpful in making a diagnosis.

The Age Old Story

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 15, 1932)

Yields of many of the crops in the province would be increased greatly if they were sown this year as early as possible, states Dr. J. A. Clark, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm. Dr. Clark emphasized that although the land was cold and heavy it would dry out quickly, and advised farmers not to delay their planting schedule.

TEN YEARS AGO

(May 15, 1947) The Board of Transport Commissioners will hold a sitting in Charlottetown on May 30 to hear evidence relative to the application of Canadian railroads for a 30 per cent freight rate increase. The commissioners are expected to sit in Halifax before coming to this province and then go to St. John.

MAXIMS

I never consider a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend.

TO VISIT CAIRO

LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister Bandaranaike of Ceylon will visit Egypt this summer, Cairo radio reported Monday.

WARNS ABOUT JAPAN

SEOUL, South Korea (Reuters) — Foreign Minister Cho Chung Hwan warned the Western world Monday not to raise Japan to a predominant power among the non-Communist countries of Asia. He told a press conference "any undue close relationship with Japan is digging our own graves."

service is sending an agriculture expert, George Scott of the Brooklyn Zoological Society, to New Orleans to help out.

NOTES BY THE WAY

When he got up this morning, doctor, he took an aspirin, vitamins, iron pills, pills for his ulcer, cough medicine and drugs for a cold. When he lit a cigarette there was some kind of explosion. —Irish Digest, Dublin

The belief of the age is that anyone who doesn't make himself inconspicuous by doing and thinking, acting and dressing in a sort of living—precisely like everybody else is not only a nuisance but dangerous. He is, in short, likely to be called anything from "deviant" to "odd-ball" to "intellectual." And if you don't believe it, try it some time in your own neighborhood. —Kingston Whig-Standard

Uniformity of traffic control systems as urged by the Canadian Highway Safety Conference will get the hearty endorsement of every motorist. The same signals extend across the continent. It would be even better if Canada and United States traffic signals were co-ordinated. If the magic of traffic laws (with exceptions for local requirements), in all the provinces a very great step forward would be taken. Some day perhaps this may come about. —Montreal Star

The day when bank checks can be automatically sorted, proved and posted is almost here. A committee of the American Bankers Association has ruled that magnetic ink characters, which will make the automation possible, will be placed in a quarter inch band a quarter inch in from the bottom of the check. Location is important; the characters should not interfere with holes in punched card checks, which now make up about 14 per cent of the total. The magnetic ink characters will give the bank's transit number, the customer's account number and the amount of the check. The ABA did not say specifically, but apparently you will still have to sign the check and have money in the bank to cover it. —Milwaukee Journal

How often it happens that the chap who spends a lot of time sticking up for his rights forgets about his duties. —Oshawa Times

Scientists have produced a new species of shrimp with the flavor of lobster. What if one prefers the flavor of shrimp? —Edmonton Journal

There's a report from the United States that the old-time family doctor is making a come-back. Now if some one would only revive the old-time family—Hamilton Spectator

Moscow's Pravda defines juvenile delinquency. We would like to hear its explanation of the adult delinquency prevalent in the Kremlin. —Woodstock Sentinel-Review

The saying, "Seeing is believing," is true as a rule, but there is an increasing number of exceptions, due to improved techniques in camouflage. —Stratford Beacon-Herald

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