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

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Strange Contrasts

Let us hold fast to the belief that some day Youth will reshape this old world nearer to the heart's desire. It is a sad commentary on conditions today that while boys from continental France, Morocco, Algeria and French Africa are fraternizing freely at the Scout Jamboree, and even staging historic pageants together, their seniors at home should be fighting each other so bitterly.

Bones Of The Griffon

The reported discovery of the Griffon's bones in Georgian Bay, Ontario, recalls the story of Rene Robert Cavelier, Sieur de la Salle, one of the most daring and gifted explorers in American history. The Toronto Telegram gives the following review of his career:

The loss of the Griffon was one of the many misfortunes which marked his career but could not quell his courage or check his enterprise. The finding of what are thought to be its sunken timbers after three centuries may clear up a mystery in the life of a dauntless explorer whose name has an honored place in the history of Canada and North America.

Family Allowance

It will be recalled that this Province was the "guinea pig" in working out an efficient Family Allowance plan at Ottawa, and that the success of the experiment here resulted in the introduction, with a few minor alterations, of the scheme on a Canada wide basis in July, 1945.

In late 1945, some 3,168,000 children from 1,334,000 families benefited, compared with 5,205,290 children from 3,168,000 families in May of this year. The cost of the program in the 1946-47 fiscal year, the first full year of operation, totalled \$245,150,531, compared with \$350,113,902 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1954.

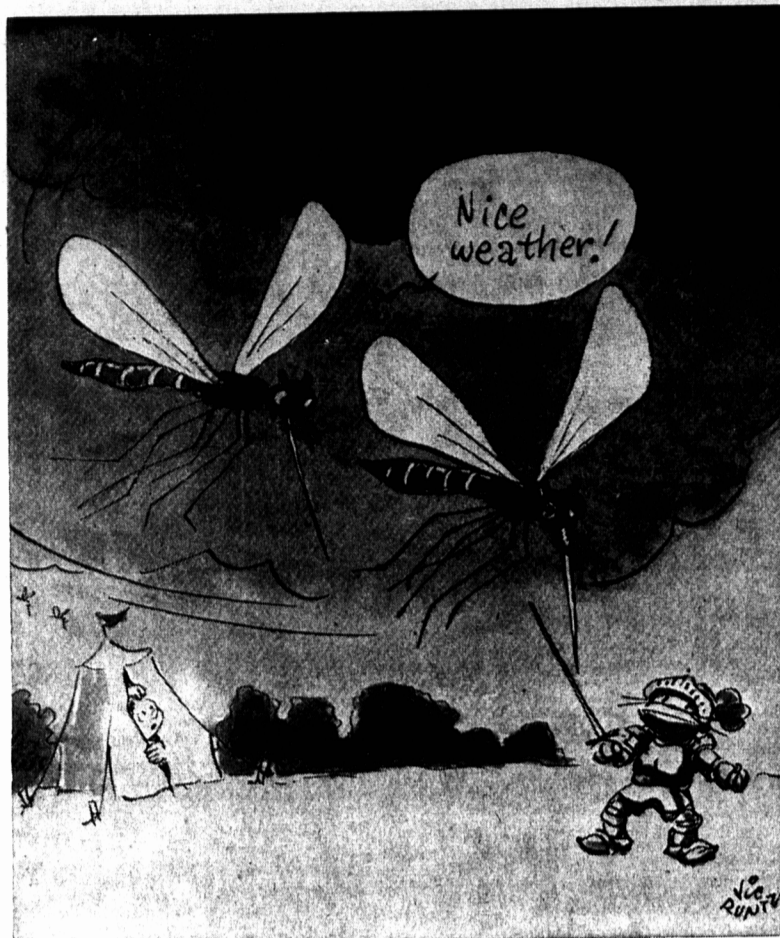
EDITORIAL NOTES

Not only Westerners but Russians, too, are bewildered by the new look in Muscovite diplomacy. The latest novelty to attract their attention was a front-page picture in Pravda showing American and British diplomatic officials walking and chatting with Foreign Minister Molotov.

Meteorologists are saying that one reason why hurricanes seem more inclined to attack the North-eastern states is that for the past five or six years a high pressure area has been building up off Newfoundland, thus acting as a roadblock to the storm and diverting it from its usual course.

On a very hot day in Philadelphia members of the City Council passed a resolution authorizing themselves to go in shirt-sleeves during the business session. One man, however, refused to take advantage of the waiver. Said he: "I'm comfortable enough."

We are so fortunately situated here as to find it difficult to realize the implications of a disaster such as has swept the northwest United States in recent days, creating a state of grave national emergency. The Canadian Government will take the lead, it is hoped, in indicating what the people of this country can do by way of assistance.



Point Of View

Adacan: A New Utopia

Hugh Thornburn in the Winnipeg Free Press

Adacan is a country of vast areas and great wealth. However its government is very novel indeed. It has a central government that is always run by the same party, the Grunts (so called because this is the function of their MPs), presently led by that popular figure affectionately known as Uncle Lollypop.

Education Of A Mule

(Atlanta Constitution)

A trader sold a mule to a farmer. "This is a fine animal," said the dealer. "He will work good if you just treat him gentle."

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Buesden, M. D.

HELP FOR MOSQUITO BITES

Mosquitoes, the bane of summer outings, are just as apt to attack you as your neighbor. Yet, their bites may not bother your neighbor, while you suffer intense itching.

Causes Itching

The female mosquito—the one who does the biting—injects fluid from her salivary glands under your skin to help her draw out the blood. This liberates histamine in your tissues and causes swelling, redness and itching sensation that is out of proportion to the local congestion and inflammation.

If the bite is really troublesome, you can apply an antihistamine ointment like Theophorin. I think you will find such ointments more effective in relieving itching and reducing swelling than local anesthetic ointments.

The ointment should be rubbed on the bite at frequent intervals. There are other soothing preparations in your drug store, which should keep you comfortable.

An old standby is calamine lotion. Milk of magnesia is usually soothing; so, too, is camphor ice. Or you might find a few drops of baking powder, a weak ammonia solution, tincture of iodine or Reckitt's blue more helpful.

Be especially watchful for mosquitoes at sundown and during the night hours. That is when they are most apt to attack.

Question and Answer

J. B.: Will you please tell me the cause of multiple sclerosis and the treatment for an arm paralyzed from this disease? Would massage be of help?

Answer: The exact cause of multiple sclerosis is not known. It is a disease of the brain and spinal cord in which portions of the nerve tissue are replaced by scar tissue.

This condition is best treated under the direction of your physician. There are various drugs which may bring temporary relief from the symptoms.

AID FOR VICTIMS

LONDON (Reuters)—Six hundred London school children Tuesday prepared 112 pounds of clothing, toys and books for air shipment to the United States to American children who were victims of hurricane Diane.

EMBEZZLED \$65,700

NEW YORK (AP)—A young bank teller pleaded guilty Tuesday to embezzling more than \$65,700 to bet on horses. The teller, John Calvin Siemer, 23, was arrested July 18 in South Amherst, Ohio, 10 months after he fled his Staten Island home.

The Hurricane Watchers

Ottawa Citizen

"When a hurricane" (wrote Richard Hughes in his great story "In Hazard" about a ship in the grip of a particularly nasty one) "blows the roof off a house, it does not as a rule get inside the house and burst it from within. The flow of the wind over the roof makes a vacuum on the lee side of the roof, and so sucks it off."

In the case of a ship the wind may deal in similar fashion with drawing a cork from a bottle. So it is no safer to be at sea than on land when one of these tropical terrors is on the loose.

Hurricanes are as much a feature of the late summer and early fall as they ever were, but fortunately the chances of escape from any are greater nowdays, because they are more readily detected. Once the monster is spotted, ships and landsmen alike can be warned of its probable course and velocity; changes in direction and speed of approach are observed and the information quickly passed along.

Thus, while property loss on land last year reached the record figure of \$600 million, fewer people perished than in some earlier disasters. Deaths were counted in the hundreds instead of the nearly 2,000 in Florida in 1928 and the 6,000 around Galveston, Texas, in 1900.

Yet in 1954 three separate hurricanes struck the Atlantic coast—more than average—and the combined area over which they swept was extraordinarily large. They travelled far north before expanding themselves, and one—Hazel—left the coastal regions altogether and headed inland.

Men now employ electronic eyes as well as their own in hunting down the potential killers out at sea. As cowpunchers ride herd on cattle out in the West, specially trained airmen ride herd on hurricanes. They can't stop or divert them, but they can send out an alarm. Days before Connie showed its teeth on the Carolina coast last week, its behavior was being closely watched. Now it is the turn of Hazel.

SOUTHERN CONTINENT Australia is the one continent lying wholly in the Southern hemisphere.

LOCAL TV ACTORS TIMMINS, Ont. (CP)—Timmins and the surrounding district will be the locale for the first in a new television series sponsored by the National Film Board.

BEER FLOOD ST. THOMAS, Ont. (CP)—Beer ran in streams down Highway 3 Tuesday when a tractor-trailer left the road at nearby New Sarum. Only 100 cases were left intact out of a load of 840. Police said driver Harvey Ramm, 27, of Toronto told them he lost control of his tractor-trailer as it rounded a curve at the top of a hill. The vehicle smashed into a tree but Ramm managed to get it back on the road and steer it safely to the bottom of the hill.

HALL TO COST \$ MILLION MONTREAL (CP)—Cost of Montreal's new concert hall, to be shared by the provincial and civic governments and public subscription, Wednesday was unofficially estimated at \$8,000,000. Announcement was made in Quebec Tuesday following a conference between Premier Duplessis and Mayor Jean Drapeau.

WILL MARK LICENCES TORONTO (CP)—Ontario motorists who lose their licences for drunk driving are going to have their renewed licences branded for the next two years. Highway Minister Allen said Tuesday night licences renewed after a cancellation will be printed on red paper and will be stamped "re-instated."

Britain's Roman Theatre

(Coming Events in Britain)

It was in 1847 that a St. Alban's farmer came across an ancient and long-buried ruin in a field he was plowing. The site was close to the forum of the Roman city of Verulamium, and it was soon confirmed that the remains were of archaeological value.

Not until 1933, however, were any serious excavations undertaken. In that year the Earl of Verulam, owner of the field, provided funds for archaeologists to commence work on laying bare the foundations of what was known to be a Roman theatre.

Circular in shape it consisted when built in the second century A.D. of an orchestra, a stage, and a sloping bank of earth which supported rows of wooden seats. The whole was surrounded by massive walls strengthened by stone buttresses. By piecing together the evidence provided by the stonework, as well as by pottery and coins discovered on the site, it was possible to date and to trace the history of the theatre, which at the time that the excavations were made, was the only Roman theatre known to exist in this country.

conjectured, were at this period covered by a tile roof.

The Roman occupation ended, and when the Saxons came the theatre, together with the rest of Verulamium, was used as a quarry for building materials. The ramp of earth which had supported tiers of seats in the caves crumbled away and the whole edifice was slowly eroded. At last it disappeared from view and lay buried in the fields by the side of Watling street, the Roman highway which ran north from Dover to Chester— forgotten until the day of its accidental rediscovery in the nineteenth century.

Other Roman theatres have recently been identified at Canterbury and Colchester, but it is probable that the carefully-preserved foundations of Verulamium may still claim the distinction of being all that the ravages of time have spared, all that remains of Britain's oldest theatre.

'The Poets Corner ON THE SHORE Seagulls and sand and sea and a sounding shore. All these were old realities before we were. I speak their names—there is nothing more.

To say The surf seethes in, the waves wash wide With the coming and going of this eternal tide. While we who seek ourselves succumb inside.

What can one say of our mortal mystery Where long ago began what will always be? Seagulls and sand and shore of an infinite sea.

Carleton Herald in the New York Herald-Tribune

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Architects predict that the home of the future will be mounted on a pivot and rotated by the simple pressure of a button to make the 1st of sun and shade, and already you can hear the exasperated father yelling: "I'm telling you kids for the last time: Quit turning the house around." — Hamilton Spectator

Like many another city, Rochester has long dreamed of building a civic centre. The dream has now progressed to the point of a tentative master plan showing at least six new local, state and federal buildings and underground parking space for some 1700 cars. The Rochester Times-Union says the spacious centre would transform 26 acres of downtown Rochester on both sides of the Genesee River. It adds that although the plan still needs final okay, the first new building is scheduled to go under construction some time

The public has been misled with respect to the potentiality of atomic power. At least that is the conclusion to be drawn after reading the report of an address by Dr. E. W. R. Steacie, president of the National Research Council, before the annual Couching conference on public affairs. Says Dr. Steacie, there is no such thing as the atomic stage; nuclear energy is but one stage in continuing technological development; its principal peacetime use is as a source of power, and there only to prevent a shortage of raw materials. Now we feel somewhat disappointed. We had been led to believe that atomic power was to create wonders: that living in the not too distant future would be easier and less costly because of the new source of power. We shall wait and see. —Quebec Chronicle—Telegraph

King Arthur would have enjoyed that party and picnic at the country home of Premier Nikolai Bulganin during which the Soviet leader entertained 200 guests. There was an almost perfect show of phery when U. S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen engaged first deputy premier Anastas I. Mikoyan in a rowboat race with the American capturing the pennant. That competition recalled the Middle Ages when whole armies stood on the sidelines watching as two chosen leaders grappled on the sword. In those days the generals definitely did not die in bed. Perhaps it is dipping too deeply into fantasy, but if this catches on we may be entertained with the spectacle of a scull race with gold-braided admirals at the oars and a naval minister handling the megaphone of the command.

Insurance companies are rapidly encroaching on the preserves of religion and philosophy; one has just announced that people with clear consciences live longer than those oppressed by guilt. Does this also work if the possessor of the clear conscience is fat? —Peterborough Examiner

All too often we fear, school trustees hear more complaints than compliments from the parents whose children they serve so well. But we're sure they are far more appreciated by parents than they realize. Most of us tend to overlook a job well done, though we're quick to complain about what we consider flaws. —Vancouver Sun

The eternal struggle in a democratic state is to guard individual freedom and at the same time maintain social order. That double white line on the highway may restrict liberty but it saves lives. —Farmer's Advocate

Mineral exploration is yielding tangible results in various parts of this Atlantic region. We are discussing exploration outcome to bolster expectation of production in the northern part of Cape Breton Island. In the moment's news is a report from Tilt Cove, Nfld., that an ore ship this weekend is loading the first copper ore to be shipped from Newfoundland in 36 years. An old mine on Notre Dame Bay, near Tilt Cove, is included in the concession of the Bathurst Mining Company there. A new pier is being built and a new concentration plant is going up near the mine. At present the mine employs 65 men. This is the sort of news we like to hear, and the closer it comes to home of course the better. — Sydney Post-Record

In Britain the antique business is policed by a body called the Antique Dealer's Association, which decides what is and what is not truly antique, and puts a stamp on all antiques which are exported. One of their rules is that nothing is an antique until it is at least a century old. Younger articles must not be advertised as antiques; they are usually called by the pleasant name of "bygone". If the century rule were to be applied to our Canadian way-side antique places, about two-thirds of them would go out of business altogether, and the remainder would find their stock sharply reduced. For what they offer is not a collection of "bygone", but a collection of junk—choice junk, perhaps, but still junk. — Peterborough Examiner

Mrs. Ellen Fairclough, the lady Progressive Conservative member for Hamilton West, told a reporter she sympathized with the men in hot weather. Attired in what she described as a "cool, net frock", Mrs. Fairclough said she was sorry for the males, but she wasn't surprised they hadn't been able to think themselves out of the difficulty. Then she added (who can deny she hasn't a point here? "I don't see how anyone can expect men to solve the problems of the world when they haven't been able to solve the simple problems of dress? Perhaps we males should turn over the whole business-of dress, that is—to the ladies and admit they've made more progress in the field of summer dress than would we accept their advice? Probably not. Creatures of customs and slaves of fashion, we'd probably go right on suffering.— Windsor Star

Back in the nineties a patent was issued for an irrigating device consisting of a balloon, perforated water pipes... and an active farmer to haul the whole contraption along by its gey ropes. Today, of course, irrigation is a lot easier proposition. Aluminum irrigation tubing, for instance, can be laid, lifted, moved about with the greatest ease. With it one man can water more land than an army of balloon operators. Shows how lightweight, low-cost aluminum (Canada is the world's most efficient producer of the metal) makes a simple job out of a tough one. ALUMINUM COMPANY OF CANADA, LTD. (ALCAN)

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