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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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The Farmers Know

Farmers are better economists than any other group in the country. For they know from bitter experience that crop production depends directly upon hard work.

It is heartening to find that even in Ottawa there are some who recognize that the living standards and security of the Canadian people depend in large measure upon the willingness of the farmers to face any amount of hard work.

A spell on the farm would undoubtedly be the best lesson in economics that could be given to those who advocate higher wages and a shorter work week in time of national emergency.

Would Affect Farm Products

Some concern is felt at Ottawa over the approval given recently by the U. S. Senate Finance Committee to an amended Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act which could have far-reaching repercussions in the hands of an unfriendly executive authority.

Heretofore, Canada has been safeguarded against price stabilization legislation with a clause in the U. S. Farm Act which states that "No proclamation under this section shall be enforced in contravention of any treaty or other international agreement to which the U. S. is or hereafter becomes a party."

The amendment, even if carried in the Senate and approved by President Truman, will not likely have any immediate effect. It might prove a troublesome tariff weapon, however, under pressure from isolationist groups.

"Soothing Syrup"

Under the above heading the Globe and Mail refers to a so-called White Paper on defense, tabled recently in the House of Commons. "Our Common peril," it says, "demands a common defense effort."

No suggestion is made as to how these remote objectives are to be reached, or how the money supplied by the taxpayers for defense purposes is being spent.

nation's income. But it fails to show that the nation's manpower will be diverted correspondingly, either for the needs of the armed services, or for the needs of defense industry.

"The implication," says the Globe and Mail, "is that defense is largely a matter of dollars and cents. The fact of the matter is precisely the opposite. Defense is largely a matter of human effort, on the farms, in the factories and in the armed forces."

EDITORIAL NOTES

An advertisement in this issue disclaims responsibility for the circulation of a slander on one of the political candidates at the election. It is a reminder that a public man cannot live or succeed without causing the enmity of wrong-doers or the self-righteous.

Edmund Kean, English actor, died this date 1833. He played Prince Arthur in "King John" at the age of twelve with Kemble and Mrs. Siddons. He made a name by playing Shylock in 1812 and was unrivalled in tragic roles. Drunkenness blighted his final years.

Although the bulk of the legislation scheduled for this session is already before Parliament, and some has been passed, few M.P.'s are hopeful that the session will end before June 15. Some, recalling the Government's eagerness to broaden the old age pensions set-up without delay, are talking in terms of a July closing.

Automobile manufacturers, who seem to think of almost everything a driver could wish for, have neglected the family with several children who must be left on their own in the back seat. A device for locking the rear car doors against being opened by a child would bring relief to many a harassed parent.

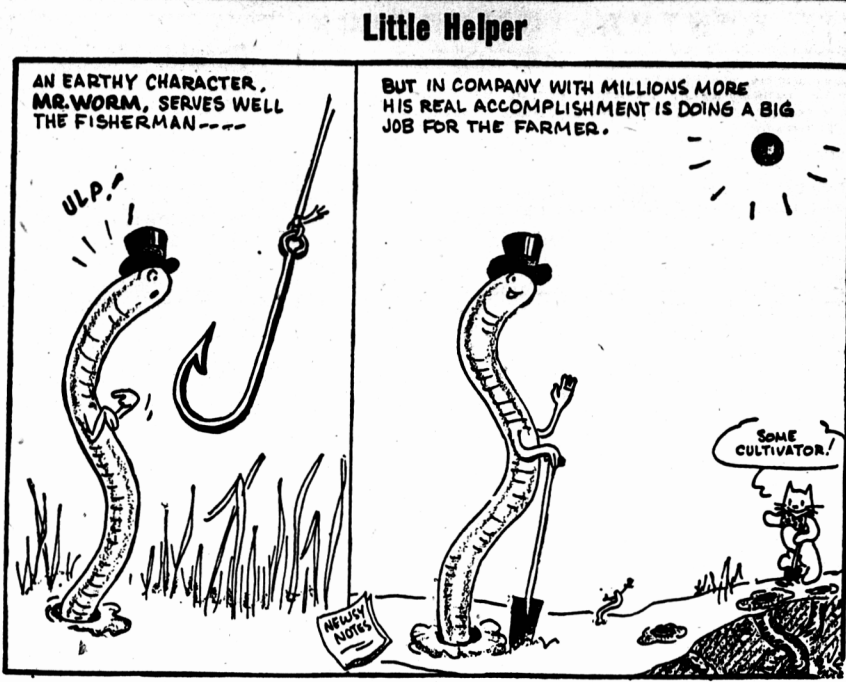
Do cattle look in mirrors or other reflecting glass? In Wales they apparently do. A farmer, in Pontypool, Wales, sued a nearby cottager for enlarging a window facing the farm. "My cows see their reflection and charge the window," he explained. The window will be cut down from three feet square to 18 inches square.

It will have been noticed that not a few graduates of P. W. C. intimate they intend pursuing a medical course next year. There seems to be plenty of openings for doctors. Dr. A. D. Kelly, Toronto, assistant secretary of the Medical Association, draws attention to the need of doctors in the expanding Canadian armed forces.

Sir Andrew Jones, head of the British Food Commission now in Canada, announces that prospects for obtaining Canadian cheese for Britain "are not as good as had been hoped." He said production has declined and Canadian consumption has increased to the point where there is little left for export.

From Regina comes word that less than one-fifth of one per cent of Saskatchewan approved flocks reacted to the pullorum test during the 1950-51 season. Mr. F. E. Payne, provincial poultry commissioner, said recently testing is done under the approved flock policy of the poultry branch, designed to raise the quality of baby chicks sold through hatcheries to flock owners.

There are more ways than one of killing a cat, just as there are in providing evasion for Income Tax. Heavy pressure is still being brought on the Federal Government to exempt members of the armed forces serving in Korea from income tax. Indications are that the campaign will fall though an excellent chance will come through another kind of concession. Combat pay may be provided. This bonus, available to servicemen only when in a theatre of war, would likely involve a pretty tidy sum. As "danger pay", it would be large enough to make soldiers, sailors and airmen forget they were still paying income tax. And anyway, the tax authorities are working out another scheme under which service income tax payments will become more painless than ever before. Servicemen will pay all of their taxes through deductions, and won't even have to fill out a form.



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.

DAIRY PRICES

Sir,—That was a keen message in your advertising columns in which the dairy farmers of Canada present a chart showing the trend in the cost of living index against the base period average price level of 1935-39. I'm not so sure of the wisdom of playing "Dairy Products" off against "Other Foods in Index"—but it certainly is revealing to see that dairy products, as of March 1, 1951 stood at 200.1, as against a level of 226.8 for "Hourly Rates of Pay," as for Dec. 1, 1950.

U.K. Defence Measures

(U. K. Information Office) Britain today has 600,000 men under arms and another 100,000 are to be added to this total by 1952. They are in active combat or standing guard at 19 key points throughout the free world. The following manpower measures have been or are being taken:— More than a million young men have received compulsory military training since 1945. Men between the ages of 18 and 26 are under the universal military training programme, and do compulsory full-time service for two years in the "regular" armed forces, followed by 3 1-2 years in the "reserve" (part-time) forces. Universal military service for all fit men has now been in force in Britain without a break for 12 years.

The Poet's Corner

MOUNTAIN TOP High on the cliff, we watched the green world turn Cobalt and lilac into deep blue night. Far below the scattered villages Wrinkled like tattered fields of fireflies. Light Grew in the east until a copper moon Slowly sharpened a blue-black hemlock ridge. And we on our beds of balsam gulped great breaths Of stars and space. On elbows, on an edge Of the tilting earth, we watched the cool dark swing Over our drumming hearts. The moon went down. And we stood up in mountain air to greet With stretching joy the warm incredible sun. —Frances Frost.

MONTREAL, May 14—(CP)—An appeal against the judgment ordering Premier Duplessis to pay damages of \$8,123 to Frank Roncarelli of Montreal was filed in Superior Court office today. Roncarelli, restaurant owner, received the damage award after he claimed the Premier discriminated against him by cancelling his liquor license. Premier Duplessis, in his capacity as Attorney General, said that Roncarelli was creating a nuisance to the Province by acting as a bondsman for Jehovah Witnesses.

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The Age-Old Story

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) GALBRAITH'S BAND A great source of entertainment to Charlottetown citizens in years gone by was Galbraith's Volunteer Band, which in its early days included the following citizens: William Galbraith, leader; N. P. Strambers, C. Pope Fletcher, Charles Cripps, William Worth, G. Carrier, J. Stenford and Henry Worth. Editorial tribute to Mr. Galbraith's services as bandmaster appeared in The Islander of Sept. 24, 1869, the occasion being the presentation by the bandmen to their leader of a new cornet. "That the sum necessary to purchase it," says the accompanying address, "was subscribed in a few hours after our intentions were made known (principally by the officers of the Volunteer Militia) may be regarded as another proof that your labour has not been in vain nor your patient trials forgotten." "The patient trials" referred to were due to official negligence. "That Mr. Galbraith has been shabbily treated," says The Islander, "is a fact, we are sorry to say, but too well known in this community. Mr. Galbraith's connection with the Volunteer Band dates as far back as March 1862. From that period to the present, he has regularly devoted three evenings each week to their service. Mr. Galbraith was assured when he undertook the task, that the sum of \$52 per annum would be provided. Instead, however, of this promise having been fulfilled, the sum actually realized by Mr. Galbraith for upwards of seven years' faithful service only amounts to \$113.2d."

Mr. Galbraith, in acknowledging the presentation to him of the cornet, took occasion to remark that "the powers that be, though at times desirous to secure the charms of music to give 'ecstasy' to the little state ceremonials in which they delight to take part, do not seem to remember, when immersed in the business of supply, that proficiency in this as well as in any other art cannot be attained, without an expenditure of time and means."

total between 140,000-152,000 men. At present, some 44.5 per cent of all Navy personnel are afloat. In addition to the 'active' Fleet, there is a large reserve fleet. Naval reserves total some 50,000 men (Royal Fleet Reserve, Royal Naval Reserve and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve). The Women's branch of the Navy, known as the Women's Royal Naval Service, (WRNS).

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Notes By The Way

Worst of it is that with easy money we always seem to have difficult times. — Hamilton Spectator. The swindler with a conscience has one consolation. If he didn't take the sucker's money, somebody else would. — Hamilton Spectator.

As a cure for insomnia, Toronto Star suggests "thinking over the day's happenings backwards." That might work in Toronto, but not in Ottawa where so many wonderful things happen that you couldn't remember even the half of them frontwards.—Ottawa Citizen. TV is supposed to be for morons, but is it doing its job to their satisfaction? Definitely, it is not. For example, though most forms of crime and violence are being televised, so far as we know it has yet to show a man beating his wife with a club or cutting his own throat. But let addicts be reasonable; television is doing its best to be adequate, and will doubtless provide such higher forms of entertainment in due course.—Ottawa Citizen.

Reading of the death of a St. Thomas man with the surname of Salathiel we looked to the dictionary first for the origin, and the dictionary directed us to the Bible, Matthew 1-12. The verse reads: "And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel and Salathiel begat Zorababel." Unusual names all of them and the first time we ever read of one of them being used in modern times. No question the parents of this St. Thomas man knew their Bible.—Lethbridge Herald. There is a tendency, and there always has been such a tendency, to look upon a person simply as an organizer, a promoter of schemes, a money-getter and the executive of a church congregation; he is judged less by his sermons and his influence than by his resemblance to a man of business. Now although a good person must know how to get through a good deal of work efficiently, that is not his principal job. That job is to instruct and persuade his flock, and to be available to those who need personal help. Readers of Sinclair Lewis' Babbitt will not have forgotten the person who, when Babbitt

BRIDGEWATER, N. S. May 10—(CP)—A sudden shift of wind today turned a threatening forest fire away from six homes at Dayspring, three miles from this south shore town. One home was scorched before the blaze was turned away. Bridgewater Fire Department and Forestry Department Rangers called from another outbreak controlled the fire.

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