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

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Caterpillar Time

Before the meteorologists and their technicians took over the weather and began to direct its vagaries from day to day and from season to season, it used to be thought that caterpillars had a good deal to do with the seasonal signs and wonders.

Following that line of thought, one might suggest that the hurrying to and fro the caterpillars are experiencing these days is simply the result of following a counsel of prudence—something to which man, for all his superior intelligence, has never taken too kindly.

Yes, and after they have found out all they want to know about the atom, angular velocities, galaxy variations, molecules, chloroplasts, and all the other intriguing topics in their school books, perhaps they will get down in earnest to consideration of those things which antedated laboratories and test tubes and even the curiosity of the savants.

Reasonable Expectation
The presence of English, French, American, and Canadian political dignitaries at the bicentennial celebrations at Grand Pre is evidence that, in some areas at least, racial and national rivalries are not the sources of danger they once were.

Former President Truman has not lost the skill in repartee, which was one of his chief assets while in the White House. When a reporter asked him for a few pointers on his forthcoming book, "Year Of Decisions", the first volume of his memoirs, he replied that the best way to find all about it was to buy a copy as soon as it comes out.

With sunshine and rain alternating in almost ideal fashion on this Island, it is difficult for us to understand the joy and satisfaction that must have come to Ontario residents when they saw the first heavy rain for many weeks a few days ago.

Perhaps not one farmer in ten would seriously object to a nip of champagne on the proper occasion; but, being on the whole a sensible lot, they know it can be overdone. This, probably, is why American farmers now touring the Soviet Union have asked officials to go easy on the liquor, which they have been serving in large quantities, and concentrate more on the purpose for which the visitors came in the first place.

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al relations that may fairly be considered foolproof, it is that the English, French, American, and Canadian peoples will continue to get along on at least polite terms. Their several interests—not to mention anything in the altruistic line which occasionally comes to the fore—would seem to make that a reasonable expectation.

A Purpose Fulfilled

A lot of good-natured fun has been poked at Mr. Cyrus Eaton's first year's edition of his "home for thinkers" at his summer abode in Pugwash, N. S. If one may judge by the little jabs that appeared in some of the literary magazines, which are constantly on the lookout for new ways of stimulating serious thought, most of the humour was inspired not by the idea itself, which everybody declares was a good one, but by the assorted non-academic activities in which the great men engaged. Seemingly, they behaved as any group of tourists would have done in like circumstances; serious thinking, if it took place at all, was certainly not a full time occupation for any one of them.

Now that the experiment has ended for this year, apparently to Mr. Eaton's complete satisfaction, certainly to the satisfaction of his guests, it may not be out of place to recall that Pugwash was not intended to take the place of either the laboratory or the secluded study. If we understand Mr. Eaton's purpose at all clearly, it was that the arduous labour which takes place in both of these departments of thought for the greater part of the year might be rendered a little less tedious by the "thought inspiring comradeship"—to quote Mr. Eaton's phrase—that comes from a meeting of kindred spirits and kindred minds.

EDITORIAL NOTES
A professor of biochemistry says that the time is not far distant when cold air will be piped from the Arctic to other areas for use on hot days. In his opinion it would be just as easy as piping oil from one area to another.

Free Press
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There are two possible interpretations. Does Mr. Drew think that the Government changed the Bill because of the power of numbers ranged against it? Or because of the power of argument? As he is reported, it sounds like the first of the two. He emphasizes that almost all newspapers were against the Government on this issue. But it is what he really means. Mr. Drew as a politician should be disturbed rather than glad about it.

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Side Glances

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T. V. And The Politician
(Ottawa Journal)
A survey carried out in Britain reveals that not more than 15 per cent of Britons who owned television sets bothered to listen to the speeches of Prime Minister Eden in Britain's recent election, and that even fewer heard the speeches of the Labor leaders, Attlee and Morrison.

No Place For Cupid
Canadian Press, Geneva Park, Ont.
The effect of radiation from atomic bomb blasts is a cause for concern, the scientist said. The precise nature of such damage is not known. One of the chief difficulties encountered in atomic research is the disposal of radiated wastes, Dr. Steacie said.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundezen, M.D.
HOW WELL CAN YOU SEE?
You may have 20-20 vision and still need glasses!
Many middle-aged persons who believe their sight is perfect are surprised to find that they cannot read small print at normal reading distances. They may have to hold a book 18 inches or so away to read it.

Once again Canada has a bumper wheat crop in the making, and at the same time hardly enough space to put all the grain from the previous good harvests of recent years. The cycle of heavy production was interrupted last year by the scourge of rust, and as a result the wheat surplus has dropped, but even so Canada enters the 1955-56 marketing year with the third largest carry-over in its history. —Ottawa Citizen.

Nova Scotia has immediate need of a thousand teachers if our school systems are to remain even adequate. Nova Scotia now has 100 schools without any teachers. We have every reason to accept the word of Judge Vincent J. Potter for this. Frankly, one of Judge Potter's statements was rather terrifying. In addressing a teachers' summer school banquet the other day in Halifax, he said: "It is not only impossible to find qualified teachers but in some cases it is impossible to find teachers with any qualifications whatsoever." —Sydney Post-Record.

Another historic tradition of the Windsor-Detroit area will fall before the pace of progress when the passenger ferry service of the Canadian National Railways ceases September 25. Passengers, baggage, mail and express then will be transported by bus through the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Transport of passengers across the Detroit River dates back to the first days of settlement in this district, by canoes or other small boats. And, for ages prior to that time, by the Indians. It only became part of railway operations after the Great Western Railway was built into Windsor in 1854, more than a century ago. —Windsor Star.

DETROIT HAS TAKEN STOCK OF ITSELF and learned that a farm land remains within its boundaries. This will not come as a surprise to its own people and others, yet the 100 percent urbanization is fairly new. As recently as 1943 Detroit had 249 acres of farm land. Farm lots are scarcest in municipalities which have not figured in recent annexations of suburban lands. Yet a brief search will turn up crop-bearing fields within the limits of most cities which are considered "built up." Windsor is one of them. A few days ago a combine could be seen working in an oats field on this city's east side. Despatch demand for building space a little of the old rural touch still remains. Windsor Star.

WATCH FOR PLANE
WHEATLEY, Ont. (CP)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police plan on keeping under observation an area south of Wheatley harbor where an oil slick was reported Tuesday. Two district residents reported seeing a plane skipping the waves of Lake Erie off the beach and then disappearing into the water.

THE AGE OLD STORY
And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. . . . And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women. . . . A multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

NO PLACE FOR CUPID
Marriage between workers at Canada's Chalk River atomic energy plant is discouraged. This is a safeguard against the remote possibility that atomic radiation will affect the genes which transmit hereditary characteristics to children, said Dr. E. W. R. Steacie, president of the National Research Council.

RADIANT ENERGY
Radiology is a branch of science which uses radiant energy such as the x-ray in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

MEASURE RADIATION
Workers themselves wear devices which measure the amount of radiation to which he has been exposed. When this figure reaches a certain arbitrary figure the worker is taken off the job for a rest.

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More than a million babies were born in the U.S. in the first four months of this year, yet you probably couldn't lay your hand on a cradle outside a museum. —Brantford Expositor.
A sailor driving an automobile bearing Kentucky license plates had a grim warning sign on the rear of his car, for reckless motorists. It read, "Mr. Motorist, you may be late if you slow down, but it is better than being the late Mr. Motorist." —Boston Post.

Atomic Energy of Canada. Limited, is to be congratulated on the booklet with which it sets forth Canadian development of atomic reactors for delegates to the international conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy at Geneva. The 72-page pamphlet is well written and well illustrated. It can be understood by anyone with a high school student's knowledge of physics, yet it contains the most technical data that would be of interest to a physicist. —Globe and Mail.

Diplomats at Geneva are predicting it will not be long before Communist China wins membership in the United Nations. All it has to do now, it is stated, is to agree to and abide by a cease-fire in the Formosa strait where the two were close to war earlier in the year. Conditions which would encourage United States to agree to agree to the admission of China would be regarded generally as a major improvement in the international situation and a further guarantee of peace. —Evening Tribune.

When the Wright brothers first flew on the sand dunes of Kitty Hawk, the flight was hardly higher than a man's head. Yet from that brief moment, less than a lifetime ago, there came inevitably the jets in the sky. Now men say they are going to put satellites in space. And the curious thing is that the world does not even pause to marvel. Your neighbor thinks it interesting. He may puzzle over the point of it. But he does not find himself surprised. The world is long since bereft of the gift of wonder. The men who promise this thing are themselves uncertain, and even unconcerned about where it leads. They know how to do it and that is reason for doing it. Space, like the mountain is there to be climbed. —Wall Street Journal.

MAGAZINES ENTERING ARGENTINA will be allowed to express opinions on conditions in that country. Juan Peron's press secretary has announced that El Pueblo, a suspended newspaper, will be permitted to resume publication. There is even a prospect that La Prensa, the voice of freedom and democracy in Argentina, suppressed by Peron, may be restored to its former owners. Like all dictators of all sizes and locations before him, this "strong" man of Argentina knew that his personal power depended on elimination of the free press. He first closed down the smaller newspapers and, when he concluded the time was ripe, he moved in on La Prensa. From the partial restoration of the freedom of the press heralds the eventual end of Peron. Despite the activities of the past few weeks, no one can say that freedom has been restored in the trouble-ridden Argentina until full liberty is restored to what was one of the world's greatest newspapers. —Vancouver Herald.

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