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Health Insurance

The interest of the pharmaceutical profession in Health Insurance is a natural one for it intimately touches the manner of operation, the finances and the control of their business.

In Britain we have seen a form of state Health Insurance take form, while in our own country the medical profession has backed voluntary insurance plans and the insurance companies have been ready with appropriate coverage plans of their own.

Notable Anniversary

Notre Dame Academy, which has reached its 100th year of life and service to this community, will receive congratulations and good wishes from all our citizens irrespective of their religious attachments.

While "finishing schools" were regarded as helpful and almost necessary to the general educational process, a century ago, more so perhaps than they are now, those with specific religious and ecclesiastical bias had to face difficulties to which peculiarly secular institutions were relatively immune.

The need for Notre Dame is as great as ever. Indeed, it may be greater than at some times in the past, in view of the increasing influence of secular viewpoints on educational systems.

Lend Lease

The latest volume of a history of World War Two written by R. S. Sayers, a London University professor, devotes considerable space to American lend-lease aid to Britain in the period between March 1941 and September 1945.

four year period it cost the United States Government \$30 billion which had to be collected in taxes or by the issue of bonds pledging future taxpayers.

This is a fine acknowledgement of what was undoubtedly a great source of strength to Britain and her Commonwealth allies, who for more than a year from the downfall of France to the formal entry of the United States into the war held the German war machine at bay at tremendous cost in lives and treasure.

Be that as it may, the record shows plainly that the big undertaking was primarily in the interests of the United States. That does not detract from its value to the allied war effort; but it does make the great generosity less a matter of altruism and more a matter of practical diplomacy in the face of imminent peril.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Henry Krajewski, the Presidential candidate for the Poor Man's Party, says he doesn't expect to be elected this year. No doubt, his frank and unusual statement has taken a heavy load from the minds of President Eisenhower and Mr. Adlai Stevenson.

Sir Roger Makins, who for the past several years has been British Ambassador to the United States, is returning to Britain to take over an important financial post in the government. It will take a very able man to fill his place in Washington, for by all accounts he was an extremely capable representative and well liked in the United States.

A dispatch from New Delhi says that some Indian beggars make as much as 19 cents a day, not counting their free meals, and a little more if they happen to be of a religious turn of mind. That doesn't sound like inflationary pay by any means, but it is only a little less than that earned by the average factory employee, who of course works a lot harder.

The Chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission has taken Senator Estes Kefauver to task for asserting in a campaign speech that the United States has lost the leadership in the matter of developing atomic energy for peaceful uses.

Skeletons dug up in New Jersey are said to be from 1,000 to 4,000 years old. That may be an interesting discovery from the scientific point of view; but as an achievement to crow about it is pretty small compared with that of a young rural teacher in Germany who a few weeks ago unearthed the skull of a Neanderthal woman who lived 120,000 years ago.



THE WISE BIRD

Eisenhower And The Constitution

Democratic with long memories must have found President Eisenhower's recent comments on the constitution a bit surprising and perhaps somewhat ironic as well. In discussing the office of the presidency Mr. Eisenhower expressed the opinion that it might not be in the national interests to forbid any person from holding the office of president for more than two terms.

The Twenty Second Amendment was passed in March, 1947 by the 80th Congress which was then under Republican control. It did not receive the required approval of three-quarters of the states until 1951. Although Franklin D. Roosevelt had passed from the scene before the amendment was given its initial endorsement by Congress there was little doubt that it was prompted by Republican resentment of his long tenure on the White House.

Older Than Human History

The web of history, were it ever to be spun from real fiber, would surely be made of cotton. By far the single most important factor today in Egypt's economy, still the leading export as well as cash crop of the United States, cotton is grown in more than 60 countries, says the National Geographic Society.

The Poet's Corner

LOOKING FOR FIREWOOD A little while some fires are high and clear. Come, hunt for wood—bay, laurel, palm, vine oak.

Northern Lights

The mystery of the northern lights, the display of colored glows in the sky around the North and South Poles, may be answered in high-altitude rocket tests here later this month.

OUR YESTERDAYS

FROM THE GUARDIAN FILES TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Oct. 16, 1931) The work on the breastwork at Victoria Park and on the approaches to Hillcrest Bridge, is progressing very favorably.

THE AGE OLD STORY

He shall give his angels charge concerning thee; and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

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NOTES BY THE WAY A Detroit restaurant is serving lion T-bones, and for all we know is calling them the king of feasts. -Vancouver Herald

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