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Big Week Ahead

One of the most successful Prince County Exhibitions ever held at Alberton closed on Thursday evening. And now the spotlight is shifting to next week's biggest fair of all, the Provincial Exhibition and Old Home Week in Charlottetown for which preparations have long been under way, and which promises to eclipse anything of its kind ever held in the Maritimes.

The centre of interest, of course, will be the Exhibition grounds, with fast harness racing and with midway, vaudeville and other entertainment features galore. Just as a reminder that the fair is basically an agricultural show, there will be new livestock classes this year with greatly increased prize money.

These events will make up a big week in themselves. But the Confederation Centre Theatre will also be a magnet for both our citizens and visitors, with sparkling performances of "Anne of Green Gables" alternating with Wayne and Shuster in their latest and most entertaining revue to bring our Charlottetown Festival 1965 to a grand conclusion.

The same goes for the big Gold Cup and Saucer Parade in downtown Charlottetown which is scheduled for Friday morning.

Something over and above all these attractions, however, goes into the success of our annual Old Home Week; something which makes it so enjoyable at the time and so rich in pleasant memories when it is over. The spirit of the people, no doubt, and the companionable mood they are in. Our Island hospitality, many are kind enough to say. A whole lot of things combined, perhaps. Whatever it is, it brings us all more closely together; gives us, as the poet says, "a sense of oneness with our kind." And isn't that, when we come to think of it, the world's most needed requirement in these troubled times?

The Waiting Game

Nobel Peace Prize winners have added the prestige of their names to a plea for a cease-fire in Viet Nam and a settlement of the struggle. Unfortunately, the success of this move depends on convincing the Communists that they cannot take over the country by playing the waiting game in which they have become such adepts. The Communists now realize, if Washington doesn't, that this war is a matter of years, not months, that a decisive showdown is not needed—no "victory" in the old sense is expected or even sought.

In this strange war, as pointed out by a Washington commentator, the Communists have one chief factor on their side which makes them indifferent to peace pleas. It is time, or rather the oriental sense of timelessness. Five, ten, twenty years of holding operations—it does not matter to them. If the conduct of the war impedes the advance of the North Vietnamese people, it does not matter. Their society is insular and primitive and they are told nothing factual about the outside world. They have never had anything, and foreign

Imperialism can be blamed if their ills continue.

The American popular mentality is not geared to this kind of warfare. The mind of the American soldier, after military training, is even less equipped to deal with it. He does not face the enemy he has been taught to fight. The Viet Cong is invisible and furtive, ducking open battle when victory is unlikely. American soldiers, frustrated in futile efforts to catch Viet Cong, find themselves wiping out peaceful villages. On Aug. 3, for example, marines razed a village from which they had received sniper fire for two weeks. 150 houses were erased. What were the casualties? One dead baby and three wounded women. The previous day a marine grenade killed two children and a woman died from a piece of artillery shell in another village.

The villagers were warned by loudspeaker to leave before the attack. But a Vietnamese villager may be even more frightened to leave his ancestral village than to stay in it. And even villagers wishing to leave may be intimidated by the ruthless Viet Cong. In either case, Americans killed Vietnamese civilians, providing more grist for the Communist propaganda mill.

The Communists believe that they can play this waiting game longer than the Americans can, and have no desire for a settlement that would deprive them of this advantage. President Johnson has himself warned that the U.S. posture must be defensive. But the Communists, as aggressors, can dictate the terms on which the U.S. must conduct its defense. Unless the United States decides to cut its losses and pull out, regardless of commitments, the foreseeable future is bleak so far as peace talks with the Reds on this issue is concerned.

Still A Long Road

By next election day, it is estimated that some 1,000,000 American Negroes who have never voted before will be eligible to vote in Southern states. Their exercise of the franchise may mark a great turning point in American politics and government. And therein lies a danger which is noted by Edwin D. Canham in the Christian Science Monitor—a writer who has been a strong champion of Negro rights legislation.

Many of the new expected voters, he says, are ill-equipped to make right decisions. Many are scantily educated, scarcely advanced at all along the road of social progress. They could be ready prey for demagoguery, as other newly arrived voting groups have been before them. The old carpetbagger days after the Civil War showed a travesty of responsible voting. It would indeed be tragic if the same sort of thing happened over again.

Undoubtedly Negro voters in the South will begin to elect their share of officials; members of the legislatures, town and county officers, members of city governments, and so on. In the relatively few counties and more numerous towns where they constitute majorities, it is possible they will take over local government. But it is also possible that their voting effect will be far less than estimated in advance. They may not vote as monolithically as assumed. They may not vote as extensively as expected. And after a few years, at least, they may respond to political factors much as other voters do, and as their kinfolk already do in the North.

Nevertheless, the Negro vote will henceforth be a political element to be reckoned with in more than a dozen states. Politicians will have to seek its favor in some areas. Elsewhere, a sharper white-black cleavage may be drawn on many issues.

There is, however, another danger, as Mr. Canham points out. The tendency of white citizens is to believe that, with the franchise, Negro demands for rights and justices have been met. What, it is asked, are they still demonstrating about? The answer, of course, is that alienation goes deeper than legal steps, or even jobs and houses. The healing of prejudices and hatreds must still come.

EDITORIAL NOTES

To attempt to advise conceited people is like whistling against the wind.

Under a new law that went into effect in Illinois this month, all persons under the age of 21, unless they are married, must have the written consent of a parent or guardian before being issued or reissued an auto driver's license. Up until now this was required only of persons under 18.



HAVEN'T BEEN DOING TOO WELL

LIKE MOVIE STARS

"A Sort Of Government By TV"

Ottawa Journal

It is said that Prime Minister Pearson is showing signs of fatigue.

Small wonder. The hours Mr. Pearson spent with radio, TV and press conferences last week would break any man.

Last week, indeed, it was all but impossible to turn on radio or TV without seeing or hearing Mr. Pearson or one of his ministers telling what was being done or left undone—mostly the latter—about the postal strike.

There seemed to be press conferences morning, noon and night; press conferences to tell how or why Mr. Pearson and Mr. Martin read a letter from President Lyndon Johnson differently; press conferences to explain or clarify what was said at press conferences the day before; press conferences about nothing in particular.

And always, of course, with the radio microphones, the TV lights, the tape recorder.

This, apparently, is what government has come to: a sort of government by TV, with Mr. Pearson and Mr. Diefenbaker the eager and featured stars. What these gentlemen do with their few remaining waking hours, we can only guess.

WRONG CONCEPTION

They have become convinced, apparently, that the nation sits by its TV and radio sets to see or hear them, that in this way they are doing something to illuminate public opinion, the while creating for themselves what Madison Avenue calls the "right image."

Well, we wonder. For as we hear and see them, it would be more in the interests of Christian charity than of truth to put them down as TV or radio stars; TV gimmicks and teleprompters can only do so much. And we wonder, too, whether the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition are not confusing public emotion with public opinion.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 14, 1940)

The greatest air battle in history being fought in the skies of Britain—apparently the first stage of the German blitzkrieg against England—entered its fourth successive day with undiminished intensity as Nazi raiders swept the length and breadth of the Island fortress of England and subjected the industrial Midlands to the severest bombing of the war.

Great Britain, seeking additional weapons to combat the Nazis, was reported to be offering to lease certain naval base sites in the Western Hemisphere to the United States in return for 50 or more old destroyers.

TEN YEARS AGO (August 14, 1955)

Ron Atkinson and Glydon won top honors on August 13th at the P.E.I. Provincial trap and skeet shoot. Atkinson won the skeet shoot, knocking 89 of 100 skeets out of the air while Willis was taking the trap title for the first time.

The Junior Abbies got off to a good start in their first game of the present season by shading the Intermediates 4-3 in an exhibition baseball game at Memorial Field. Fireballing Vern Andrahan pitched brilliant ball for the Juniors, setting down the first 15 batters to face him without allowing a man to get to first and didn't allow a hit until Flynn slapped a single through centre with one out in the seventh.

As for press conferences—held at the right time for the right reasons and in the right way they can be a proper function of government. But now we have a kind of continuous showing of them, and some should be marked "not for adults." The Prime Minister or one of his ministers or the Opposition Leader shot off the cuff, sometimes erroneously, to questions which in turn are sometimes inconsequential or irrelevant.

NO SOUND BASIS No one can argue, surely, that this sort of thing provides any practical basis upon which to form opinion. And this especially when it is followed night after night by TV "commentators" some of them informed and competent, but too many of them politically illiterate, and some of them but plausible apologists for Government action—or inaction.

We are told repeatedly that "the people have a right to know." We suspect the people are soon going to shout for the right to be protected from yacking-yacking by politicians and journalists and radio and TV commentators and that a new breed of yacker—the university professor who seems to be working his way out of college.

Those Cats Of Prescott

Kingston Whig-Standard

Cats eating flowers? Cats dragging off a two-foot alligator? Cats holding a community meeting in a basement? Cats building nests in hedges? Hold your breath! It all sounds a bit fishy to us, but all of these things are said to have happened in Prescott since the town council passed a bylaw prohibiting dogs from running at large.

One man complained that he caught a large, white, one-eared, battle-scarred tom munching contentedly on his prize delphiniums. Another protested that 15 cats, after tearing the screen off a window, held a howling, shrieking meeting in his basement in the dead of night.

In another case a cat had torn a hole in the foliage of a carefully tended hedge, built a nest and had her litter of all four kittens in privacy. As for the alligator episode—said to have had such a reputation for fierceness that it could only be handled by persons wearing heavy gloves—the reptile was allegedly plucked out of its enclosure by several cats.

We should imagine that the complaints are coming from those dogowners who are miffed at the new by-law restricting the movements and activities of their pets. They infer, of course, that all dogs are now off the streets and cats running wild without fear of pursuit.

There is much about this little summer-time tale that we find hard to swallow. But most of all we question the claim that the "dogs are gone" from the streets of Prescott. For if that were true, the town of Prescott would surely be the only community ever to enjoy complete success with its dogs-at-large bylaw.

It all sounds to us like the campaigning of cat-haters.

The Parole System

Windsor Star

The public tends to get an unfair view of the Canadian parole system because of a curious anomaly in parole work. This is one of the few fields of human endeavor where success must be kept strictly secret and failures cannot be covered up.

In a successful case, an ex-prisoner is returned to normal life in the community. But parole officials must hide the fact of success, because to identify the individual would defeat the whole purpose of the system.

Similarly, the failures of the parole system attract public attention. A prisoner who is released on parole and gets into trouble again must appear before the courts, and the failure of the system is there for all to see. In a few cases the repeater's crime has sensational aspects which focus attention on the system's failure.

Thus those concerned with the parole system are fighting an uneven battle. Their successes can be made public only in the form of statistics, which make dull reading. Their failures attract attention. That there are many times more successes than failures is a fact that few Canadians realize.

PREFER TV TO BATH LONDON (Reuters) — Britain's plumbers claimed Tuesday that Britons would rather have a television set than a bath in their home. A statement announcing a plumbing exhibition in London in October said that 14,640,000 households in Britain only 11,412,000 had baths but 13,358,000 had television sets. In London alone more than 405,000 homes did not even have hot water taps, it said.

Positive Health

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen "According to the American Medical Association's committee on aging, the key to positive health "lies in struggle rather than retreat, in enjoyment rather than avoidance of the stress of living. The wounds of combat are preferable to the decay of idleness."

Life is a gamble and some take unreasonable risks. Examples include the heavy smokers, steady toppers, and coffee hounds who remain healthy and live to be 90. These are the exceptions, as not many survive abuses of this nature. Moderation in all things is preferable as it allows us to use our allotted time intelligently and happily.

Put the emphasis on living rather than existing. We envy the man or woman with the will-power to smoke and drink in moderation. The same can be said of those with control of their emotions. But there is more to the rules of health than keeping our minor vices in check. Maintain a balance between rest, work, and play. Watch your diet, and avoid glutinous eating. A sound nutritional program encourages vigor and helps maintain normal weight.

Tranquility also enters the health picture. Learn how to unwind and never pass up the opportunity to take a catnap. Cultivate mental alertness by broadening your range of interest. This is especially important for the retired man whose job has been his life. He is lost without diversion.

It is difficult to enjoy positive health when bothered with poor hearing or failing sight. Invest in good lighting and better acoustics. If glasses or a hearing aid is needed—get them. After 50, have a medical checkup. If an ailment is found, it may be correctable. The minor conditions in mid-life become the cripples after 65.

Regular exercise is the foundation to physical fitness. The more we move our muscles and joints, the better they perform. Fitness is the ability to respond to life's demands. It allows us to take vigorous activity in stride. Regular exercise is one of the greatest single factors in preventing heart attacks.

STIFF KNEES

Mrs. L. writes: Several weeks ago I did some gardening and was not surprised at the muscle stiffness that followed. But my knees remain stiff and have now become painful. What could be the cause? I'm 63.

REPLY You may have osteoarthritis, a form of the disorder that stems from wear and tear. Symptoms often make their debut after unusual exertion. Now and then the cartilage of the knee is injured by the stress of bending or kneeling.

(NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

NOTES BY THE WAY

A successful marriage is one in which the husband is as patient with his wife as he is with his golf game. — County Chronicle Mauston.

A tobacco company says a cigar oughtn't to be lit more than once. So me of them oughtn't to be lit once. — Guelph Mercury.

Junk is anything that lies around in your way for 10 years and you throw it away two weeks before you need it. — Community Press

A farmer had applied for a policy, and an insurance agent, was quizzing him. "Have you ever met with any accidents?" "No," said the farmer, but added, in an effort to be helpful, "a horse kicked two of my ribs in last summer, and a couple of years ago a bull gave me a bad butt." "And don't you call those accidents?" asked Ed. "Now," replied the farmer. "They did it on purpose." — Chilton Times - Journal.

"Poor Lola! She got cruelly deceived when she married old Goldrox." "Why, didn't he have any money?" "Oh, yes, plenty of money, but he was 10 years younger than he said he was." — Windsor Star.

Remains A Strategic Spot

By Ken Kelly Canadian Press Staff Writer

Singapore's departure from the Malaysian Federation spells new problems, big and small, for fellow members of the Commonwealth.

Although none seriously affects Canada, the situation is being closely watched in Ottawa. This is partly because many Canadians are on technical assistance missions in the area and partly because Indonesia's aim of shattering the Malaysian Federation is a potential international danger.

From a Commonwealth standpoint, the greatest question mark raised by the split is in the military field. Britain, Australia and New Zealand all have military forces in and around Singapore, which remains a strategic spot.

DEFENCE PROBLEM Britain has been beefing up its air forces at Singapore in recent months because of the pressure of Indonesia on Sarawak and Sabah, the two parts of Malaysian Federation on Borneo.

The hastily framed agreement separating Singapore and Malaysia was drawn up in about 24 hours—appears to provide that these defence arrangements—continue. Officials detect what seems to be a note of uncertainty on this score from the statements of political leaders of Malaysia and Singapore.

The separation itself is seen in Ottawa as exclusion of Singapore rather than its secession from the federation.

This is said to be partly the result of a political invasion of the Malaysian mainland by

Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman's ruling alliance—the United Malay National Organization and the Malaya-Chinese Association.

Lee's Singapore party was to have confined itself to the island-port and the Tunku's alliance was to have operated on the mainland and in Sarawak and Sabah. But Lee put up candidates on the mainland in the spring elections, even getting one elected, and the split with the Tunku became irreversible.

FURTHER SPLIT POSSIBLE A big question arising from the separation is whether the rest of the federation will remain in being. Sarawak and Sabah are in the firing line in the dispute with Indonesia. They are sadly-lacking in public welfare and social services which the big tax-revenues from Singapore might have helped to finance.

With Singapore gone, and Indonesia maintaining pressure on them, Sarawak and Sabah may throw up their hands and try to leave the federation. Officials say there already are rumblings to this effect from them.

These are problems of much wider significance than those which immediately concern Canada.

At the moment, Canada's concern appears to be in deciding whether to send a high commissioner and, if one is sent, who is Singapore's head of state. It's now apparently a republic but without a republican constitution or head of state.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

DROUGHT SITUATION SUGGESTIONS:

In order to keep the ill effects of the drought to a minimum, Consideration of the following by farmers and others is suggested.

- 1. All available hay should be saved.
2. Land owners with hay they do not require are asked to offer it for sale.
3. In extreme cases oats could be cured as hay or used green to supplement pastures.
4. The immediate use of fertilizer (either Ammonium Nitrate or mixed) or manure on pasture or good sod should provide grazing later in the season.
5. The breaking of land and sowing of fall rye or preferably oats could also provide pasture this fall and in the case rye, next spring.
6. The forcing of cattle on the market, particularly if unfinished, should be discouraged.
7. The feeding of grain or other milk feeds to beef cattle is recommended.
8. The feeding of a balanced ration to dairy cows (especially ones in the earlier stages of lactation) will prevent serious loss of production until conditions improve.
9. The use of by-product, such as pea vines from processing plants is recommended.
10. For further information contact your agri. rep. or the Department of Agriculture.

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