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

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Civic Affairs

Indicative of the efforts of our civic administrators to keep controllable expenditures at a minimum is the surplus of some \$3,498 on current account, reported by Finance Chairman, Coun. Johnstone, at last night's annual meeting of the City Council.

Mayor Stewart in his report notes that the new business tax has proven a good source of revenue. The educational tax to be imposed this year will cover maintenance as well as construction costs of the new high school, and other educational items as well.

His Worship notes the representations made last year to both the Provincial and Federal Governments for increased municipal revenue. The need is quite apparent, and it is felt very generally by municipalities throughout the country.

The reports presented last night covered every phase of civic administration, and all concerned in their preparation are to be commended upon the obvious effort made to give the fullest available information.

In referring to this year's centennial programme, His Worship urges all our citizens to participate in the events, and to aid in making Charlottetown known in all parts of Canada, the United States and elsewhere, and in extending hospitality to the visitors who will be with us this year in record-breaking numbers.

White Cane Week

"Put the accent on Ability, not disability," is the slogan for White Cane Week, which commences on Monday next and continues until the following Saturday.

The president, who is blind herself, says it is highly important to the morale of blind persons to consider them as normal people and to encourage them in helping themselves in every way.

A Good Soldier

Although General Douglas MacArthur's name is not in the news much these days, he has by no means been forgotten. A week or so ago, on the occasion of his 75th birthday anniversary, he had the privilege of witnessing the ceremonial dedication of a monument erected in his honour by Los Angeles citizens.

military history and his earned credit in diplomacy will not be assessed for some time to come. Two or three generations—but not, one hopes, another world war—may have to come and go before the right or wrong of his disagreements with civilian authorities will be assured of balanced judgment.

There was no question of his military ability nor yet of his wisdom in dealing with Japan during the difficult years of the occupation. It was simply a question of whether the Korean war should be prosecuted with a view to total victory for the United Nations—as the General advocated—or whether the United Nations should be satisfied with a truce based on a political compromise and the achievement of minimum military objectives.

However that may be, no one will deny that the first Supreme Commander of United Nations forces carried out his responsibilities, as he saw them, with honour and integrity, in the finest military tradition.

The Proof Of It

Now that Candelmas Day—fair and fine, rough and gum, what does it matter?—has come and gone, the groundhog is going to be commended or condemned, depending on whether he did or did not see his shadow in any given place on that day.

Well, every man is entitled to his opinion; but there's a man in Vermont who can afford to laugh at the unbelievers and put their fancied sophistication down to unmitigated, unadulterated ignorance. Early in the Spring of 1952 he captured one of the animals and kept him in comfortable captivity which he made as much like his (the groundhog's, that is) natural habitat as any man could make it.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Adlai Stevenson born this date, 1900. Sunday marks the third anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the Throne.

It is doubtful that the information will be of much practical value to farmers, but agricultural scientists, who have spent years in studying the habits of the wireworm, have just reported that they have discovered its travel speed—3 inches per hour.

Although a merger of the Atlantic Provinces into a political unit has been talked about for a long time, the idea has never passed beyond the speculative stage; probably because the administrative problems of such a union are more obvious than any advantage it might bring.

The U. S. Weather Bureau has come up with something reassuring about atom bombs. By any test that scientists have been able to make, these bombs have no effect on the weather.

The possible relationships between atomic bomb-tests and weather include the possibility that atom-bomb fragments might be cloud-seeding nuclei and that bombs might affect atmospheric electricity, solar radiation, or the climate and energy level of the atmosphere.

Financial transactions up to \$122,000,000, were completed in Charlottetown one month last year. (It has since been explained that the business was between associated companies with head offices listed as Charlottetown.) - NEWS ITEM. Includes cartoon of a man on a phone saying 'I'm sorry! You have the wrong number!' and 'WOW! WHAT DO Y'KNOW ABOUT ALL THIS BIG MONEY OVER THERE??'.

France's Problem In Algiers

The problems arising from a divided and almost immitable French National Assembly are complicated by a conflicting two-way policy for North Africa. At the same time that France is trying to graft Algeria onto herself, she is agreeing to early home rule for Tunisia and, later on, for Morocco.

Canada & The German Treaties

The Canadian parliamentary debates on the Paris treaties on West German sovereignty and rearmament show an overwhelming support for ratification. Only a handful of CCF members adopted a stand in opposition while the other parties showed their unanimous approval of the restoration of German autonomy.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The time has surely come when ordinary people, in all their many millions, must demand from their government much honesty in regard to the effects of hydrogen explosions. More and more evidence is accumulating to confirm what we, even with limited scientific knowledge, have long believed...

Business forecasts in Canada's Atlantic provinces indicate employment should be slightly improved in 1955. Most observers expect an improvement in sales on the home market, with prices and costs about the same as in 1954. There are, however, indications that expansion will be as great as anywhere in Canada.

The Safety Factor

Now that automobiles appear to have achieved the ultimate in streamlining, horsepower and comfort, it is to be hoped that the industry will place more emphasis on the safety factor. Certainly, the increasing number of motor vehicles using Canadian roads and the mounting toll of death and injury in highway accidents make the problem of safety a compelling one.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

E. L.: What is infectious mononucleosis? Answer: Infectious mononucleosis causes enlargement of the lymph glands and an increase in the number of white cells in the blood, particularly those known as mononuclear cells, together with fever, and sometimes a skin rash.

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