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

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A Fine Example

It was a fine gesture on the part of our local Knights of Columbus to offer to share their home with the brethren of the Masonic Order whose building was destroyed by fire last month. We live in a grand Province but modestly too often prevents us from adding that we have a grand class of people. The K. of C. and the Masons are both organizations of strong religious principles. They do not see eye to eye and they pride themselves on their differences. But they did not have to wait for the term "peaceful co-existence" to be coined to practice neighborliness, tolerance, and respect for each other's convictions. They have been doing so for many years, not only in Charlottetown but throughout the Province. Many examples could be cited of Protestant communities helping out Catholic parishes in times of emergency, and of Catholic communities doing the same when fire or some other calamity has visited their Protestant neighbors. It is going on right now in many parts of Prince County, where the sleet storm has wreaked its havoc. It is almost standard practice in Prince Edward Island, and perhaps we take it too much for granted.

It may be because we are a small, compact Province that we get along so well together, sharing the same pioneer traditions, the same moral standards and ways of life, the same Christian ideals of good citizenship and democracy. Whatever it is it is a very strong bond, based on mutual esteem and understanding; and it gets stronger every time its strength is tested.

If nations could get along in the same amicable way, there would be no need to worry about the hydrogen bomb. Perhaps we are too infinitesimal a section of the world to sway it one way or the other; but history teaches that great movements stem from little groups and communities, and grow like oaks from acorns. This idea of course is inherent in our Christian faith, and we should think of it more often. Gestures of the kind reported in our yesterday's issue, with the accompanying picture of Roman Catholic Knights and Protestant Masons grouped fraternally together, may yet rank among the significant events of the year. Some future historian may spot it among our yellowing newspaper files, and, oblivious to all our more widely heralded achievements, exclaim with Shakespeare: "How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

British Complaints

The criticism directed against Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden in the British press appears to have passed its peak and the Prime Minister is reportedly developing his plans for a government attack on high living costs which his followers believe to be the main challenge to their party's prestige. But they may be over-optimistic in this respect. As long as it was confined to newspapers supporting the Labour Party the criticism could be regarded as a customary political irritant of limited significance; but with such Conservative papers as the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mail joining their Labour contemporaries, as they did last week, it looks as though the trouble is deep-rooted. The full import of the unusual occurrence will not be known until Parliament reconvenes on January 24, when the Opposition is almost certain to make an all-out attack on the Government. If, as has been hinted by one or two of the complaining papers, this should bring out any appreciable defection in the Conservative rank and file, Sir Anthony might very well find himself in an extremely difficult position; for it must be remembered that his majority in the Commons, though strong enough to

meet ordinary contingencies, is not by any means adequate protection against a combination of external assault and internal revolt.

The disclosure that British made weapons have been finding their way to Egypt via Belgium has, undoubtedly, contributed to the prevailing complaints; but it was by no means the sole cause of the complaints. For some time now—indeed, ever since the retirement of Sir Winston Churchill, British foreign policy has been under criticism for what the Daily Mail called in a recent editorial "delay and indecisiveness." There has been a widespread feeling that the bold assertiveness of Sir Winston Churchill was replaced by a cautious attitude that amounts almost to timidity. Cautious diplomacy has been, of course, Sir Anthony's forte all during his career; and more than once it has been put to good use in the interest of peace and to the easing of international tension. Whether in recent months he has carried this tactable talent beyond the limits imposed by political wisdom and sound statecraft is a question that must await further developments.

Fiscal Proposals

Prime Minister St. Laurent's new tax-sharing formula, submitted privately to the Provincial Premiers and now tabled in the House of Commons, makes provision for a slightly higher slice of the corporation tax fields to the Provinces as part of the new five-year plan to replace the current tax rental agreements. Otherwise his proposals are reported as basically unchanged from the original suggestion he put before the Dominion-Provincial conference last October.

The tax formula is linked with equalization payments to increase revenue of the less wealthy Provinces to the average per capita levels of the more wealthy ones. It includes guarantees that no Province would in the 1958-59 fiscal year get less than 90 per cent of what it obtained in 1957-58. In subsequent years the guarantee would be for 90 per cent of average receipts in the previous two years.

Just how the new formula will work out for this Province is not immediately clear. We need not only the revenue we are receiving at present from Ottawa, but a larger share if our public services are to be maintained on any basis of adequacy. Premier Matheson was optimistic in this regard on his return from the conference in October, and it is to be hoped that future negotiations will fully justify his confidence. It is emphasized that the Prime Minister's present proposal is not a "take it or leave it" one, and we may hope that the special claims this Province has for fiscal consideration on a basis of fairness and equity will not go unrecognized.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is to be hoped that prompt attention will be given to the report of the Grand Jury on conditions at the Infirmary, where they found very inadequate facilities and the need for a permanent maintenance man.

That Mr. J. Angus MacLean, M.P., stands high among his party colleagues at Ottawa is indicated by the announcement in yesterday's issue of his appointment as Deputy Whip for the official Opposition. There is no question but that he will discharge his new duties with vigor and efficiency.

Things are certainly changing in Uruguay. It is not long since duels could be fought, with judicial sanction, over the most trivial incidents. Now, according to a report from Montevideo, courts of honour must rule on their validity. The next thing we shall hear is that they have been prohibited altogether. What will Chilean civilization do then?

Every little helps, of course. However, nobody expects the recently announced Federal aid to be of any great help in reducing the big potato surplus. Its only purpose seems to be to keep market prices from falling any lower than they are already—about 30 cents less than the cost of production. It may achieve that purpose; but certainly there is no guarantee of it.



OVER THE HORIZON

Founder Of Toch-H

London Observer

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.

THE DAVIES BUILDING?
Sir,—It is with interest that I read the Editorial with regard to a personal name for Charlottetown's Federal Building rapidly approaching completion.
The following name, the Sir Louis Henry Davies Building, would perpetuate down the years one of this Province's greatest sons, who in his lifetime became Chief Justice of all Canada.
I am, Sir, etc.,
—KENNETH BRUCE STEWART
Bedouke.

The Poet's Corner

NATURE
As a fond mother, when the day is o'er,
Leads by the hand her little child to bed,
Half willing, half reluctant to be led,
And leave his broken playthings on the floor,
Still gazing at them through the open door,
Nor wholly reassured and comforted
By promises of others in their stead,
Which, though more splendid, may not please him more;
So Nature deals with us, and takes
Our playthings one by one, and by the hand
Leads us to rest so gently, that we go
Scarcely knowing if we wish to go
or stay,
Being too full of sleep to understand
How far the unknown transcends
the what we know.
—H. W. Longfellow

A Grand Title

(Sydney Post-Record)
Sir Winston Churchill wears lightly the awards and honours heaped upon him in the sunset of his career. He will find no burden despite its length, his new designation of Grand Seigneur of the Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay, in short, of the Hudson's Bay Company, the award of "grand seigneur," seems to have been invented by the company for the purpose of honouring Britain's grand old man.
It is an appropriate honour. Sir Winston's family links with the Hudson's Bay Company—thus with Canada—date from his ancestor, John Churchill, the first Duke of Marlborough, who became the third governor of the company in 1685. The port of Churchill on the Manitoba coast of Hudson Bay, and a railway terminus for the late Summer and early Fall shipment of grain by the far northern route, was named after Sir Winston's famous ancestor.
The Hudson's Bay Company, originally named the Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay, was incorporated by royal charter of King Charles II. It is the oldest chartered trading company in existence, has traded continuously in Canada ever since, today operates large department stores in cities west of the Great Lakes, as well as carries on its original fur trade activities.

NICER LEGS

OLDHAM, England (CP)—American women have nicer legs than any others, the Marchioness of Reading told a women's meeting. "But they haven't the eyes of a British woman. There is depth in the eyes of our women because they have been suffering," said the Marchioness, who has just returned from a visit to the U. S.
Clayton was born in the Queens-

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"As dim as a Toc H lamp," they used to say in the R. A. F. It is forty years ago since such a lamp was first lighted in an old mansion in Poperinghe, then the lairhead for the mud saucer and slaughter-ground of the Ypres salient. Philip Thomas Byard Clayton, C.H., M.C. has celebrated his seventieth birthday at the London church—All Hallows, Barking-by-the-Tower—where he has been Vicar since 1922.

To those who were not there, the circumstances in which Toc H began seem infinitely remote. Kit-chener's Army in the making, the second battle of Ypres lately over with a casualty list of 100,000 men. At that time Toc H was simply signposts for Talbot House, the name which Clayton, then brigade chaplain to 6th Division, gave to his rest centre in memory of Gilbert Talbot, the younger son of the Bishop of Winchester, who had been killed earlier in the year in the first German liquid fire attack.

Toc H then, meant apple trees, books, a chapel in an attic, and a parson who did not ignore donkeys. With the festive Talbot House was abandoned. A year later Clayton, who had been keeping in touch with those who had taken communion under the beams in the Poperinghe chapel, held a meeting of friends and soon re-created Toc H in London at a rented house in Queens Gate-gardens.

EMBODIED A MOOD
A once, the fellowship boomed. Just as Group Captain Cheshire, V.C. captured and set to work a mood hanging about after World War I—the feeling that the fellowship of the trenches was the sole survivor of the disenchantment and the slaughter and the betrayals.

Neither then, nor later, was the message of Toc H very precisely defined. Certainly, its inspiration was Christian; but not in the inter-denominational Christianity without dogma-weekday Christianity. The service which precedes Toc H meetings consists simply of the lighting of a Roman lamp, the recitation of Laurence Binyon's "They shall grow up to be warriors," that are left grow old, the adjuration of Christ—"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven"—and the snuffing out of the light. Clayton has said that Toc H's purpose was "a movement to teach the younger generation class reconciliation and unselfish service."

Apart from that, Toc H, unlike the YMCA the Boy Scouts or the Salvation Army, has no easily definable object. It was not founded to perform good works; the distinguished social service which Toc H has achieved was, rather, a means of holding Toc H together. But in the technique of social service Toc H did invent a new principle.

OPERATE ANONYMOUSLY
All Toc H branches—called "Marks"—have what is known as a Jobmaster who directs the work of Toc H members, all of whom operate anonymously and unpaid. The Jobmaster sends the members out on their rounds, to hospital work, to youth clubs. In general, Toc H prefers to work through existing organizations, but sometimes it has taken the initiative; in the twenties, it started the blood transfusion service for hospitals; in the thirties it was active with its own relief schemes in the depressed areas; in the last war it ran 300 Servicemen's clubs.

In 1932, after Clayton had been locked, on a visit to Nigeria, by for treatment of leprosy there, Toc H provided men and money to work in leprosy villages. "Tubby" Clayton himself is a surprise to those who know only his nickname. He is bowed with a scholar's stoop; he is short-sighted and broad-shouldered. His complexion is pure pink under white hair. He is not a muscular Christian; he is, rather, monkish, with a deep knowledge of pre-Norman England and a book on mediaeval encastile tiles to his credit.
Clayton was born in the Queens-

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land back - blocks in 1885, where his father and two uncles had been sent in response to Queen Victoria's wish to have her colony populated. His father made money, and Philip was sent to the redstone prep, school, Colet Court, which stands opposite St. Paul's School in Hammersmith.

Later he went to Exeter College, Oxford, before taking Holy Orders.

SERVED AS CHAPLAIN
Clayton's introduction to World War I was as a chaplain at the General Hospital at Le Treport, whence men needing months of recuperation were, as Clayton wrote later, "being forced back into the maelstrom from which they had emerged as a child might push a half-drowned fly back into the bowl". Then he went to the Ypres salient. When he left, four years later, there was scarcely a man in the Army who had not heard his name.

In 1922, when Toc H was well under way, Clayton became Vicar of All Hallows on Tower Hill strategically placed between the City and the East End. He has been there ever since, in one of the ugliest parishes in London.

Between the wars, Clayton devoted himself equally to his parish and to the spreading of the Toc H movement. He travelled enormously, raising money and opening Toc H branches. There are today 20,000 Toc H members in Britain (including 8,000 in the women's branches) and 5,000 overseas. All these people looked, and look directly to Clayton for inspiration (his letter-writing capacity remains, Gladstonian). By the thirties, Toc H had 78 members in the House of Commons as well as the Prince of Wales as Patron.

When World War II broke out, Clayton was in his middle-fifties. He left London to take a mission to merchant seamen engaged in the Battle of the Atlantic, who soon came to realize, like their predecessors in Ypres, that Clayton was a man who understood what war did to men's minds.
Merchant seamen learned from Clayton; he learned from them. On the Atlantic Coast he lost an old antipathy to Americans and as a

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result originated, in 1948, the Win-ter Volunteers, a group of young men who come here every year to work in the missions of East and South London.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

THE MODERN BASEMENT'S A HAZARDOUS PLACE

With the installation of more and more electrical equipment and appliances in the basement of the average home, the chances of accidents there are increasing. Not only might the equipment itself present certain hazards, but the part that you use the basement more often also creates new problems.
Basement stairs can be very dangerous, especially if the light is a couple of precautions are in order:
Paint the bottom step or the concrete floor at the base of the fact that you use the basement stairway a shiny white. This will prevent you from thinking the last step is floor level. And when you paint the stairs themselves, mix some sand in with the paint. This will form a gritty surface and help prevent slipping.

SHOCK HAZARDS
All power tools and appliances should be grounded to avoid shock hazards. With certain tools, this sometimes is a difficult procedure. But as far as the family washing machine is concerned, it's an easy process.
Simply connect the frame of the washer to a water pipe with a wire. You can use a battery clamp to attach the wire to the washing machine. With such an arrangement any break in the insulation will blow a fuse and not send the electricity coursing through your body.
A floor board alongside the washer might be a good idea. It will keep you off the wet floor while laundering.

For dad's workshop, background colors of soft gray, green, blue and blue-green are easy on the eyes. They also reflect light well without being too bright. Bare light fixtures might cause glare and temporary blindness, so it is better to have an effective shading device. You can highlight the cutting edges of gray machinery with a bright orange paint. Whenever possible, round all machinery.
Do not hang extension cords over nails or other sharp edges or permit them to become kinked. Protect the cords from oil or hot surfaces.

Dripping pipes may make the floor slippery. Eliminate condensation by covering cold water pipes with felt or any insulating material.

As for the furnace, paint any low hanging ducts a bright color. And remember, the trick in banking a coal fire for the night is to leave some red coals exposed to ignite the gases. Open the flue damper slightly, too, to prevent gas accumulation.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

A. J. L.: I have frequent recurrences of boils on my hands. How can I stop them?
Answer: It would be advisable for you to have a thorough examination by your physician in order to determine if there is any disease, such as tuberculosis or diabetes, weakening your resistance.

The Age Old Story

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Notes By The Way

A woman in rural Iowa wrote in the Lonely Hearts Editor: "My sister and I aren't really lonesome. We have each other to talk to. But what we really need is another woman to talk about."
—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Although many a husband and father has a den he does most of his growling in other parts of the house.
—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

A pair of nylon stockings requires about three miles of filament yarn and 2,000,000 stitches on a high speed hosiery knitting machine, which turns out on the average a pair every three minutes. If you could hand-knit the fine nylon yarn it would take you almost three months of constant knitting at a rate of one stitch per second for an hour a day to produce the same pair of stockings.
—American Magazine.

A bill submitted to the State Legislature of New Jersey which, if approved, will enable magistrates to punish traffic law violators by ordering them to serve sentences as hospital orderlies or become donors to blood banks instead of paying fines or going to jail. A few months ago New Jersey magistrates did impose such penalties but discontinued them because they did not stand up under appeal. However, New Jersey authorities think so well of the idea that they are going to try to alter the legal code so as to be able to go back to this scheme.
—Brantford Expositor.

The present tax rental agreements have been criticized in some places, notably in Quebec, as a gross interference with provincial autonomy. They are nothing of the sort, because each province is free to spend its money exactly as it pleases. There are no conditions as to what proportion of the rentals should go for roads, what for education and so on. It may be that the payments have not proved large enough to justify the effort to discharge their obligations in a rapidly expanding economy. It should be the aim of the new formula to see that no province is thus hampered so long as the economy as a whole remains strong.
—Ottawa Citizen.

The Washington census bureau figures that the population of the United States is now very close to 166,000,000, an increase of 2,823,000 since August 1st, 1954. Commenting on this, the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin has this to say: "The gain cannot altogether be credited to a bumper crop of babies. Their elders are lasting much longer than they used to. Latest studies find that the average life expectancy of wage earners and members of their families is now 69.8, a trifle under the Biblical span of desirable and enjoyable living. "The days of our years are three score years, and 10; and if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is their strength, labor and sorrow." Modern custom sets the end of a man's useful life even lower. At 65 he may switch from wages to social security, from earnings to pensions, from activity to idleness. "Yet the man who is 65 today is by no means done for. He can look forward, according to vital statistics, to an average expectancy of 14.1 more years, which is close enough to 80. They should be rewarding years, and need not be wasted. An urgent problem of an aging world is to make them worth while, both for the senior citizen and the society to which

Albert Grigg, re-elected mayor of Bruce Mines for a 38th term, 35 consecutive, already had set record for long civic service believed unsurpassed in Canada. Township reeve in 1902, he became Bruce Mines' first mayor when the town was incorporated. At the age of 34 he was elected to the Legislature as Conservative member for Algoma, was twice re-elected and is one of only three survivors, of the Assembly of 1914. He was for a time deputy minister of lands and forests. In the municipal campaign just closed, Mayor Grigg was opposed by E. A. White, a youngster of 70. The town population 368, sent 192 voters to the polls.
—Toronto Telegram.

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