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

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The Few

Air Force Day is the occasion for remembering the debt which we all owe to those airmen who fought and died in the Battle of Britain and also to those who stand ready today to defend the free world in the limitless skies.

Like the 300 Spartans who stopped the hosts of Xerxes at Thermopylae, the Spitfire and Hurricane fliers stopped the hitherto irresistible German war machine.

Today, more than ever before, the hopes and fears of mankind are directed towards the air. The development of aircraft has annihilated space and physical obstacles.

Until such time as war itself is conquered we must depend upon the Air Force as a first line of defence against attack and as a powerful deterrent to would-be aggressors by reason of its power, along with those of other free nations, to make the aggressor rue a decision to attack.

The Commissioners' Visit

For the first time the General Council of the United Church of Canada has been meeting at a Maritime centre. Sackville, with its Mount Allison University, is the centre of the proceedings of the highest court of the United Church.

It is not often that we have the opportunity of welcoming a group so representative of every geographical division of this country. When they have crossed on the car ferry, travelled on our Island roads, visited storied Green Gables and been welcomed by Provincial and municipal dignitaries, there will be practically no part of Canada that is altogether ignorant of what the Island is like.

Their visit, it is true, is extremely brief, but it is to be hoped that it will be enjoyable and that they will return to their labours refreshed and with a fuller realization of the diversity and also the fellow feeling of Canadians in this great country.

The General Council ordinarily meets in one of the larger centres of population but it is to be hoped that the present experiment will prove so successful that it will be repeated in various regions and that in the not too distant future the Maritimes may welcome them back.

The Schleswig-Holstein Election

Ordinarily, results of State elections in Germany, like those of Provincial elections in Canada, have only limited national significance; often, local issues play a more important part than national ones.

It will take additional State elections to show whether the Schleswig-Holstein expression of opinion is the first fruits of a national trend towards isolationism from Western political and military policy; in any case, it will not help, and it may hinder, the formation of a new and satisfactory solution to the security problems of Western Europe, now that E. D. C. has been abandoned.

and thus help to stop a trend which, conceivably, could undo much of the good work which Western diplomacy has been able to accomplish in the way of promoting unity among the nations of Western Europe.

An Old Poster

While rummaging through family heirlooms stored in the attic, a woman down in Kimball, Nebraska, came across a poster used at the time of the Revolutionary War; she thinks it was handed down by her great-grandfather who served in Washington's army.

The "proper" rewards would not be considered anything to rave about these days, but to the young men of Washington's time they probably looked good enough.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 14th Sunday after Trinity, 15th after Pentecost.

The report by amateur American Arctic explorers that there is oil at the magnetic north pole is not likely to start a rush to stake claims in the area.

William Hazlitt, author, died this date 1830. He gave up painting for literature and quickly attracted favorable attention.

If children eat six times a day then they should brush their teeth six times a day, advises an Ottawa dentist, emphasizing the importance of cleaning not more than ten minutes after eating.

More evidence may be forthcoming in the United States about the operation of Second World War spy rings as a result of a change in the law of evidence.

The 1951-52 survey of farmers' marketing, purchasing, and related co-ops in the United States revealed the number of associations increased from 10,051 in 1950-51, to 10,166 in 1951-52, a gain of 1.1 per cent.

In January of this year, Britain had 334,390 agricultural tractors plus 58,330 horticultural tractors. Tractor plows numbered 167,540; tractor mowers, 152,800; combines, 21,120; 299,000 tractor trailers; and 83,000 farm trucks.

Figures released by the Department of Labor indicate that the number of students graduating from agricultural colleges is lower in 1954 than in any of the past five years.



Re-Discovered

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 IRON LUNG FUND

Sir.—The P. E. I. Polio Chapter would like to report through your paper to the people of P. E. I. on its most successful Iron Lung Fund campaign now closed.

The response was provincially representative, donations poured in from every corner of the Province. There is a record of 795 individual or group donations.

Donations ranged from \$200.00 to .30c. 315 individual or corporate contributions of \$5.00 and over accounted for \$3535.00 of the total of \$6010.00; the remaining amount was made up therefore of 880 well-wishers who gave all they were able to afford.

The Polio Chapter extends its sincere thanks to the management of the two radio stations for their radio time and enthusiastic broadcasting and to the editors and staff writers of the three newspapers for space and ready acceptance of all details of the campaign and the subsequent provision of the three Iron Lungs.

I am, Sir, etc. V. N. HUDSON, Secretary, P.E.I. Polio Chapter.

Old Charlottetown

and P. E. I.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The original Historical Society of Prince Edward Island came to grief through lack of public support. The following details are from the executive committee's report submitted at the closing meeting, held on Sept. 18, 1882:

"On the 12th September, 1881, a public meeting was held in the Legislative Library for the purpose of organizing this Society, at which the undersigned were appointed as managing committee, (Edward Palmer, George Alley, George W. Hodgson, A. A. McDonald, P. R. Bowers, M. McLeod) and a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for membership.

"It was determined at this meeting that the entrance fee should be \$5, and that an annual subscription of \$2 should also be payable by each member. These amounts would yield to the Society an income of \$791 for the first year, and an annual income of \$226 for each succeeding year.

Pioneer's Journal

The following excerpts from the journal of Benjamin Chappell, Charlottetown's first postmaster, are published through the courtesy of his great-grandson, Mr. George Chappell, 19 Escher Street.

March 15. — Billinghamurst and Adams have been drawing of green poles for ye fishermen for four days past. March 15. — Billinghamurst was abus'd and beat shamefully. And went to Justice Stewart at Malpeck.

March 16. — Thos. Anvil cork'd ye great whale boat in order for sea. March 18th. — Myself at making a large snatch block for a capson. And made a rudder and tiller for ye great whale boat.

March 22nd. — Myself at shop making a compass standard for Mr. Allan and a schutt for ye house. Stormy coarse weather. Very little or no work done. March 24th. — Myself made a box for our tobacco and our macehen for binding books.

March 25th. — Myself sick of ye ague through the cold and doing but little work. March 27th. — By order of Mr. Allan, Geddies and myself attempt to make a pair of stocks by way of prison.

March 29th. — Myself very ill through cold, and the people through want of provisions are outrageous. They form a plan and party to superize Charlottetown. About noon they march off. Sunday, April 2nd. — Mr. Melish buried the remains of Jane Dupont who died yesterday for want of common necessities of life, aged 12 years.

April 5th. — Building a boat with Geddes and Jersey, but hindered for a day by the great fire that began at Joseph Rooks and cover'd many hundred acres. May 7th. — Finding no master coming nor no provisions, nor no regular business but sawing, and my mate Geddes leaving in likewise ye Island I concluded to leave too.

May 8th. — Thursday. My wife and self in great consternation about leaving the place. May 9th. — Friday. Concluded not to remove, but trust to God for food. Setting up ye garden pales and making boxes for cabbages.

The Passing Scene

By Observer WORLD COUNCIL REPORT ON COMMUNISM In a previous article I stated that, contrary to the expectations of many people, the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches, which recently completed its meeting in Evanston, Illinois, was able to place on record a resolution condemning Communism, without audible opposition from any of the delegates present.

When the World Council was formed in Amsterdam in 1948 Communism had not yet showed itself in its true colors, as an international disturber of the peace. Moreover, its chief exponent, Soviet Russia, was not as intractable as she has since turned out to be in world affairs.

As a practical programme, the report recognizes certain things about Marxism which have appealed to economically backward people in their search for a better standard of living. It also blames apathy among Christian people concerning social and economic justice for some of the successes which Communism has achieved.

From there on the report is definitely anti-Communist in tone, with no ifs and ands and buts to modify the denunciation. It deplores "the means employed by Communist leaders to seize and hold power in the name of the proletariat and the explicit teaching that any means required to break the power of class enemies are justified."

There is no doubt, true in the days when Communism was merely a social philosophy. It is doubtful, however, that it has much relevance in these days when Communism is a powerful political instrument, bent only on imperialistic expansion.

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The Poet's Corner

PURITAN SONNET

Down to the Puritan marrow of my bones There's something in this richness that I hate. I love the look, austere, immaculate, Of landscapes drawn in pearly monotones. There's something in my very blood that owns Bare hills, cold silver on a sky of slate. A thread of water, churned to milky spate Streaming through slanted pastures fenced with stones. I love those skies, thin blue or snowy gray, Those fields sparse-planted, rendering meager sheaves; That spring, briefer than apple blossom's breath, Summer, so much too beautiful to stay. Swift autumn, like a bonfire of leaves, And sleepy winter, like the sleep of death.

—Elinor Wylie.

The Age Old Story

And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt fill it within and without with pitch.

PIONEERS PICK PIONEER

TORONTO (CP)—Jack Arthur, a veteran of almost 52 years in the theatre, has been named "Pioneer of the Year," annual award of the Canadian Picture Pioneers, it was announced Thursday. Arthur, whose career reaches back to the primrose minstrels and the show boats of the early 1900's, is a violinist, conductor, creator of the Army Show and producer of the Canadian National Exhibition grandstand show.

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