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likely continue another two years at least.

Commenting on the hog picture, he was inclined to go along with the Department of Agriculture forecast that marketings are to be around 21 to 25 per cent higher from January to June this year.

The Last Laugh

That little things can sometimes influence the course of political events is shown in a report from Saigon, South Vietnam.

In 1953 when there was a great shortage of rice because of the war in Indochina, 200 tilapia fish were brought into S. Vietnam from Thailand under a United States' aid project.

At this point, a counter-propaganda campaign was launched. It gained momentum when poor people, who had continued to eat the fish, failed to become sick as the Communists had claimed they would.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A Liberal proposal for a distinctive national flag for Canada has been "talked out" in the House of Commons—debated without coming to a vote during the one-hour period allocated for legislation proposed by private members.

Church World Service, an auxiliary of the National Council of Churches in the United States, has contributed \$140,000 to the cost of resettling 9,000 White Russians now living in Communist China.

From authoritative sources in London some details of the Cyprus agreement have gained circulation, but the text of the compact will be released for publication on Monday.



WHO GETS THE FRUIT

OTTAWA REPORT

The Arctic Oil Rush

Fifty million acres can't be wrong. That variation on the well-known saying about fifty million Frenchmen is the slogan being heard around Ottawa jubilantly endorsing Canadians' faith in the Diefenbaker "vision" of Northern development.

On St. Valentine's Day, Hon. Alvin Hamilton, our Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, spread the good news that prospectors had already staked their claims to oil and gas rights in our Arctic over an area of fifty million acres.

This seasonal oil rush began late in January. After totaling 51,442,000 acres up to St. Valentine's Day, it is now peaking on the next working day when further claims added another twenty-five million acres to the area blocked off.

There can be of course no pacing off of claims on our snow-covered Arctic lands, no cutting of trees to make corner markings in our treeless barrens. Today's stakers are mail-order prospectors, each prepared to back his decision with substantial sums to be spent on surveys, tests and development within the next few years.

There is a dramatic story behind this new oil rush, a story to fill Canadians with confidence in our country's future, although alas that promise for tomorrow does not fill the empty dinner plate of today's unfortunate jobs.

The story is this: the world's greatest and most accessible known source of oil, in the Aral lands, lies in the No Man's Lands between Communist Boss Khrushchev and Egyptian Dictator Nasser, two uneasily calm volcanoes.

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.

RESTROOMS AVAILABLE

Sir,—I cannot help but reply to "Farmer's Wife's" letter appearing in Friday's Guardian, if only to point out that many stores in Charlottetown, including our own, do maintain restrooms for the use of our country customers who are welcome to use these facilities every time they visit the city.

I for one merchant in the city, feel that it is very unfortunate that the impression has been created in the minds of some of our country neighbors that we do not appreciate, even if we want and need, the financial support given us by our farmers.

Many Unaware Of Condition

By Herman N. Bundezen, M. D. THERE ARE about 2,000,000 diabetics in America. Approximately half of these persons know they have diabetes and are under the care of doctors.

DON'T KNOW IT

The remaining 1,000,000 persons don't know they have diabetes. Who are these people? Could you be one of them?

Well, the majority of these "unknown" diabetics are women, since diabetes is the only known major cause of death in which the female mortality rate exceeds male mortality.

Chances at birth that a woman will die of diabetes before reaching the age of 65 are 5.2 per 1,000. For a man the chances are only 3.8 per 1,000.

AFFECTS ELDERLY

The "unknown" diabetic probably is about 40 or older. Diabetes, you see, is a major disease among elderly persons.

The unsuspecting diabetic more often is married. Statistics show that the death rate is higher for single women prior to the age of 45, but it is much greater for married women after this.

Chances are that this person with this so-called "hidden" disease is overweight and might even have a history of diabetes in the family. Some 80 per cent of the diabetics who seek medical treatment are overweight—many of them considerably overweight.

CHANCES OF INHERITING

As for heredity, you are more likely to be diabetic if both parents had the disease than if only one had it.

This unsuspecting diabetic really should be aware of his trouble, since he probably has many symptoms which plainly point to diabetes, or at least to some kind of physical trouble.

Chances are he feels tired and generally weak most of the time, and maybe he has a sore, abrasion or slow-healing wound.

OTHER SYMPTOMS?

Loss of weight and itching are other symptoms. And, of course, excessive thirst often becomes one of the most obvious signs of all.

Now, what is the outlook for these diabetics who don't know they have the disease? It is very favorable, if they can be alerted to contact a doctor quickly.

Although the life expectancy of a diabetic generally is a bit less than that of a non-diabetic, the use of insulin and a better understanding of the mechanism of the disease have improved the outlook greatly.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. A. M.: Are concrete or cement floors bad for the legs and health?

Answer: Not if dry and at a suitable temperature, and if proper footwear is worn.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Feb. 23, 1934)

The members of the City Council and of the Charlottetown Public Library met in consultation with Miss Nora Bateson, director of the Carnegie Library Demonstration in P. E. I.

An illustrated lecture on the Maritime Provinces with about 150 colored lantern slides, was given yesterday morning in the Strand Theatre by Mr. J. M. Humphrey of Vancouver.

TEN YEARS AGO (Feb. 23, 1949)

The work of appraising property valuations in the area on the site of the proposed new Dominion Building in Charlottetown has commenced.

A very enjoyable evening was spent last night at the Charlottetown Hotel as the Kiwanis Club observed Ladies Night.

The Poets Corner

GARDEN UNDER GLASS My winter walk went wide of winter. Into a tropic zone of green; Drift and draft would never enter. Where fountain palm leaves fringe and lean.

On banks of fern and fragrance fretted From flowers, oblivious to the season. Here in winter, summer was netted.

Under a web of glass. For no other reason Did I cross white deserts to hold This oasis an hour, and then return to cold.

William Vincent Stieller, in the Christian Science Monitor

NOTES BY THE WAY

When the men talk shop, the women talk shopping.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

Sometimes appearances fool you. Who would have thought Monaco was big enough for a full-scale governmental crisis?—Winnipeg Tribune

Cocktail parties cause bedlam? They certainly do, but blame the alcohol, that muffles people's hearing minutes after they down a hooker. The average drinker is his voice in pitch and volume as he continues drinking—that causes the usual hubbub.—Toronto Telegram

Kissing always was popular? The romantic kiss became the fashion in Europe only around 1400 AD. Jacob kissed Rachel, the Bible says, but hardly anywhere in the Orient is a kiss considered decent. The Eskimos still rub noses instead.—Toronto Telegram

Big ranches are a part of the Alberta story. Yet, in recent years, the cattle market has been served more and more by cattle from the smaller producers who each contribute a few head to the large total. No doubt this has been accelerated by recent high prices for cattle, a situation brought about to a great extent by the high U. S. demand.—Calgary Herald

One may excuse the contestant who, on the Johnny Carson quiz show identified Nova Scotia as being "the largest seaport on the West Coast of Canada." Americans have always been hazy about Canadian geography, and vice versa. In any case, what's 2,500 miles between friends? But statesmen are something different. On the same New York show, contestants were asked: In what year was John Diefenbaker elected Prime Minister of Canada? One declared it was in 1802; another, in 1900. We should hope to think Canadians would do a shade better if asked to say when Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected President of the United States.—Globe and Mail

When the bills come in Dad is duly elected the head of the house.—London Free Press

Inflation in 1958 reached new highs in various parts of the world. The price of a wife in the Kuku tribe of Africa, for example, rose from one to three cows.—Hitchener-Waterloo Record

A Toronto hotel refused accommodation to a woman who insisted that her pool be admitted with her. It isn't clear which they were keeping out.—Ottawa Journal

The nurse gave the man a tongue-lashing when she found him sitting fully dressed in the hallway of a hospital at Lexington, Kentucky, the other day. Indignantly, she told him he was supposed to stay in bed. The man waited patiently until she was through, then quietly explained that his twin brother, still was in the hospital bed upstairs.—Cape Breton Post

Six pairs of Canada geese have been sent to the zoo at Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, through the good offices of the Northern Affairs Department. This, we would like to think, should help international relations but we wish someone had been able to give the geese a little brain washing before they left.—Ottawa Journal

A shop assistant became tired of his work and gave it up to join the police, as a speed cop. Asked some weeks later why he thought of his new occupation the man replied that the pay was good and the hours were satisfactory, but what he liked best was that the customer was always wrong.—Hamilton Spectator

The Age Old Story

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Macmillan's Moscow Visit

By Ed Simon, Canadian Press Staff Writer. Prime Minister Macmillan's efforts to play down the significance of his trip to Russia have been thwarted by events beyond his control.

Even at the outset, the presence of a British prime minister in Moscow carried an impact that his own disclaimers could not obscure. The West, increasingly weary of the cold war, was ready to pin its hopes for peace on its high-ranking envoy.

The illness of State Secretary Dulles has greatly increased the candlepower of the unwelcome limelight in which the prime minister finds himself. In the absence of a qualified replacement from Washington, Macmillan emerges inevitably as the leading policy-maker of the Western world.

AN EYE TO WASHINGTON Vainly the prime minister protested before his departure that his purpose is "not to negotiate but rather to try to break the ice and get some feeling or the general situation before the next stages." His exploratory mission has suddenly taken on a startling resemblance to the long-sought summit conference.

Macmillan's burden is increased further by the certain knowledge that his pre-eminence is temporary. Either Dulles will return to his duties or, in time, another secretary of state will fill the vacuum.

In the long run, the West must return to the United States for its leadership, regardless of the personal qualifications of the men involved. Macmillan may use his diplomatic skill and persuasive gifts to convince his Allies of the wisdom of a policy. But the final decisions must be made in Washington.

Macmillan's mandate to make binding agreements for the West is also qualified by the knowledge that his position at home depends on the general election that must be fought within the next 14 months. There are broad areas of agreement in foreign policy between the Conservative and Labor parties but there are also vital differences.

DULLES' SCOPE LIMITED Similar considerations limit the authority of Dulles, particularly if his convalescence proves to be prolonged. With a presidential election due in November, 1960, his time, too, is running out. Even if another Republican succeeds President Eisenhower, he is unlikely to retain the ailing old warrior as his secretary of state.

All these factors underline the logic of Macmillan's modest approach to his Moscow mission. But it is not logic that directs the world's gaze on the closed door of the Kremlin Conference chamber.

Hugh Gaitskell, Britain's Opposition leader, echoed Western hopes in his parting message to the prime minister. It was "God-speed."

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