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Stay in school

With the start of Education Week today a great deal of activity planned for the annual observance of school doings gets underway. Open houses will be held in all schools, parents will tour classrooms, see what junior has been up to and confer with teachers about matters they don't understand.

However, the theme of Education Week this year has far more urgent overtones than in previous years and it is dedicated to the senior high school students.

It is "Stay in School" and there are some extremely good and serious reasons why Grade 10 and 11 students should not only endeavor to stay in school but after they get to Grade 12 should plan to continue their education.

The main reason is the fact that every year it is becoming evident in this highly technical space-age world of ours, that Grade 12 is hardly enough education to guarantee a boy or girl a livelihood. More and more students are finding that employers want trained personnel in their plants and offices and the opportunities to be trained on the job are becoming fewer and fewer. The ranks of the unemployed are filled with people who didn't finish school, who depended on their hands or their wits for jobs. Automation is moving into industry more and more and the old saying "well I can always dig ditches" no longer applies. There are machines, with one or two men operating them, that dig ditches quickly and effectively.

It is no longer sufficient for a young man or woman to say they'll make up their minds about a career after they get out of school. They must start working toward their goal long before they get out. They must supplement their courses with reading on the professions they plan to follow. All the professions, law, medicine, engineering, architecture, dentistry, forestry and nursing require at least junior matriculation for entrance into the professional schools or universities. Some even require senior matriculation.

A glance at the advertisements on the financial page of the newspapers tells the story. The good jobs, the good salaries are going to those with the best education, whether it be academic or vocational. It's the specialists who are wanted, those with talent, those who have had enough fortitude to prepare themselves for their careers. Management these days hasn't time to train youngsters who might quit the job when the going gets rough or because the salary only befits a trainee. Employers want trained personnel who can step in and do the job and get paid accordingly. With the total of jobless growing every year there should be very little need for parents, teachers or friends to have to repeat to students the theme of this year's Education Week—"Stay in School." It should be obvious.

CANADA AND U.S.

Turning point in two economies seen at hand

MONTREAL — Turning points in the economies of both Canada and the United States may now be at hand and one of the major factors concerned probably will be increased spending by both federal governments.

So says the Bank of Montreal's Business Review for February, just issued, which covers the current business picture on this continent.

The review says, "Possibly one of the most positive influences in both countries in the months ahead will prove to be the actions already taken or announced by the federal governments in raising their outlays. Even more important may be the stimulus thereby given to a revival of expenditure on other fronts."

Another major influence on the general level of economic activity here and in the U.S. is likely to be found in changing business inventories, the bank says. After the first quarter of 1960, the rate of inventory accumulation rapidly diminished, changing to over-all reduction in Canada by the third quarter and in the U.S. by the fourth, the review points out.

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"A drawing down of stocks-in-trade is tantamount, of course, to new production being less than current demand; such a situation cannot persist indefinitely but it is altogether probable that some further reduction in business inventories may have to occur on both sides of the border before general replenishment is resumed."

Nevertheless, despite concern over mounting unemployment and declines in industrial production, the bank points out that business in both countries has generally "fluctuated at a high level."

Many business indicators in 1960 showed, in fact, "little more than a slowing down in rate of rise that marked 1959," the review adds.

For the future, there are conflicting indications as to what might happen to the over-all continental business climate, the B of M believes.

On the one hand, further improvement of Canadian and U.S. exports may be deterred by slackening business activity outside North America. Yet, on the other hand, surveys of consumer buying intentions in the U.S. "appear to indicate some increase in buying of durables compared with intentions expressed earlier in the year."

Similarly, surveys of capital expenditures plans in the U.S. indicate only a moderate reduction in outlays for new plant and equipment in 1961. "In Canada, the official forecast of capital investment is awaited with more than usual interest and it is hoped that the strong upturn in housing started in the closing months of last year will continue."

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

French irked by U.K.'s common market stand

By DAVE OANCIA
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Like the advances of a timid suitor, Britain's latest overtures to the French-led European economic community appear destined for rejection.

This is the upshot of a sequence of events last week that started with a British proposal, an Anglo-French tete-a-tete and a polite-but-brief public statement in mid-week.

The communique issued at the end of the talks between the French and English said only that the "discussions had been found useful" but communicated few facts about the real positions.

These came later in the form of leaks from French sources and epressions of exasperation from the British.

The events last week started with a new British advance to join virtually as an associate member the European Common Market formed by France, Germany, Italy and the Benelux countries.

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Britain — with a family of 11 Commonwealth countries and a powerfully organized group of British farmers looking over her shoulder — now wants only a tentative liason, a sort of trial marriage before the vows.

France — the logical-minded and somewhat domineering community — feels the British must take the vows before the advances can even be considered.

Powerful arguments can be advanced in favor of Britain's joining the European family. The common market is a dynamic, virile grouping gaining strength month by month.

Within a decade, this group of nations should have eliminated all trade barriers among themselves and erected a common tariff wall around the six countries against goods shipped by outsiders.

If Britain fails to join now, the argument runs, she may find it increasingly difficult in the future.

Britain demonstrates a realization of this, but apparently feels she cannot take the final plunge because of previous commitments. These are with the Commonwealth, the farmers and the country's partners in the European Free Trade Association, — the Scandinavian countries, Austria, Switzerland and Portugal.

Last Monday, Ted Heath, Lord Privy Seal and Britain's untitled minister of European affairs, intimated Britain was ready to give the common market roughly the same preferential treatment in the British market on trade in manufactured goods and raw materials as it gives Commonwealth countries.

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Following the Anglo-French talks in London, Olivier Wormser, chief negotiator from Paris, made clear how little he thought of the British advance.

Britain, he said, is anxious only to share the benefits of the union without wanting to assume any of the obligations.

It now appears that there will be another period of circling and looking before there can even be any holding of hands between Britain and the Continent.

WHARF IS COURTROOM — A fishing wharf becomes a courtroom as Magistrate J. A. White, seated on a wooden step and using a crate for a desk, hears the case of a fisherman charged with laying loster pots out of season at Bonne Bay, Nfld. Magistrate White travels by boat, plane or snowmobile to reach outports along 150 miles of Newfoundland's mountainous west coast. Lack of courtroom facilities makes it necessary to set up court wherever practical.
— CP from National Film Board

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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In a good delivery man or boy, the cardinal virtue is patience. Patience is needed in almost every move the delivery man makes all day, every day. He has to stand at the door, after ringing the bell, not knowing if it will be answered or not.

He has to wait while the lady of the house, upstairs in the bath tub, or running the vacuum cleaner, or clinging to the telephone even when she hears the bell or the rap on the door, impatiently accepts the facts of life and comes sighing heavily down to the door.

He has to stand outside while her ladyship goes to find her purse to get the money; or worse, to find her cheque book, then a pen, and then, groaning with the nuisance of it all, to fill the cheque out.

He has to be patient when nobody answers at all. Since he may have a dozen or a hundred more deliveries to make on this run, he cannot just ring once and then fling away on his round. No. He waits, until he is sure. As he leaves, he knows that when he arrives back at his employers, there will be a message that the goods were **NOT** delivered, though the house was left for no more than ten minutes.

If you take time to look at delivery men, or boys, you will perceive they are of a particular category. They are pleasant, enduring, reconciled characters to whom compassion for the rest of us comes easy.

A White Rose

The red rose whispers of passion,
And the white rose breathes of love;
Oh, the red rose is a falcon,
And the white rose is a dove.

But I send you a cream white rosebud
With a flush on its petal tips;
For the love that is purest and sweetest
Has a kiss of desire on the lips.

—John Boyle O'Reilly

INDIAN CONDUCTER — Bombay-born Zubin Mehta has been appointed musical director and resident conductor of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra. The 24-year-old Indian made his debut with the orchestra last fall. He studied violin and piano under his father, a former conductor of the Bombay Symphony Orchestra, and has made a number of guest appearances in Europe and North America.
—CP Photo

Short sermons

Heard a woman say that she is glad she is a woman because she doesn't have to marry one.

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A man can usually tell what sort of time he's having by the look on his wife's face.

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Our standard of living is high, but the cost of it is higher.

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It is necessary for a man to remember what's going on so that later he knows what to regret.

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Suppose we could all vote for or against a law by pressing a button on the television set.

Suppose that every major action of a government had to be tested in a lightning plebiscite.

The voters would have a glorious time rejecting everything that cost them money—in the same way that thrifty municipal ratepayers reject new schools.

The vote-indicator panel in Ottawa would flash and crackle like the Northern Lights, as the people threw out such money-eating monsters as the army, navy, air force, the CBC and Parliament; abolished taxes and voted themselves pensions.

Then—after the binge was over—the hangover would begin. The people would rush to their machines and vote those costly things back again—or some of them.

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No politicians (and especially, no statesman) would be able to govern if his decisions were subject to change at any moment by popular whim.

But a nation-wide referendum machine would be useful in telling the government how the voters felt.

And if you asked the voters today: "Do we want nuclear bombs and shells for the Canadian armed forces?" the answer would probably be a decisive: "No."

I don't think the people want atomic bombs on our soil.

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Do we need the bomb in Canada to scare the Russians? It might help do that. But the Russians are fairly frightened already. They may be ready to listen to peace talk—tough peace talk.

They might be impressed if the United States said: "We have decided not to give nuclear arms to Canada. And Canada has decided that she doesn't want them. We are working together to prevent the spread of fear. We hope you will do the same."

If the subject popped up on the screen of my electronic opinion recorder, that is the policy I would vote for.

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But if the West and East go on flexing their muscles, piling up nuclear brickbats and making faces across the sea, there is a real danger that one day they will scare each other to death.

Unemployment questions and answers

In this column we publish questions about unemployment insurance and employment, together with answers which may be of interest to you:

Following are some questions with answers received from the Unemployment Insurance Commission. If you are uncertain about any point do not hesitate to send us your question. We will obtain an answer and publish it in this column.

Q. I should like to know whether a girl working in a store is entitled to unemployment insurance stamps if she is the owner's cousin.

A. If the girl is employed under contract of service, i.e., if there is a genuine master and servant relationship, she would be insurable irrespective of the fact that she is a cousin of the employer. More information regarding the terms and conditions of the employment would be needed in order to decide if she is employed under contract of service.

Honesty pays

From the
Memphis Commercial Appeal

While it is well enough to keep assuring all and sundry that crime does not pay, it may also serve a useful purpose to take the more positive approach and point out that honesty does pay on occasion. The week before Christmas a San Francisco college student found a billfold with $25 in it. She returned it to the owner and on Christmas Eve she received a card with a money order for $50 attached. There is no guarantee in such matters and considerations of reward should not be dominant, but it is nice to know the virtue is recompensed now and then at least. — Commercial Appeal (Memphis).

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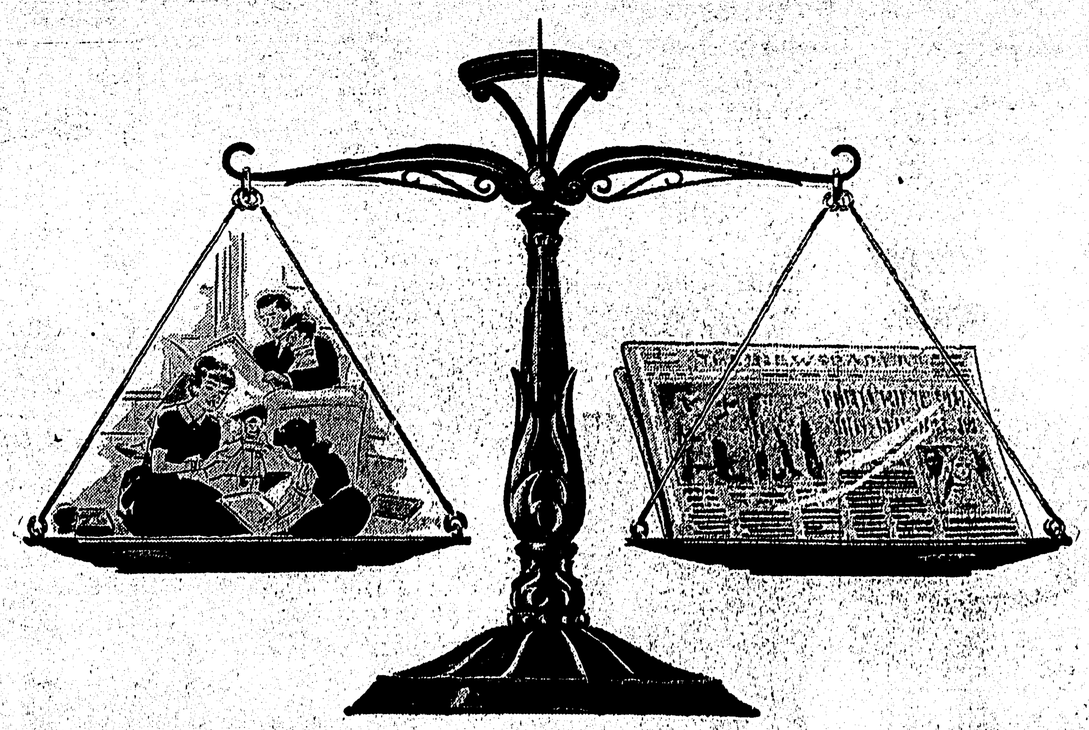

How to Judge the Value of Your Newspaper

Have you ever judged the value of your newspaper? What it actually means to you and your family? Then, let's pause a second and analyze its true value.

Right from the very first page to the last, your newspaper is packed with all the latest news about your community, your state, your nation and the whole world. Also, there's market and financial news and sports coverage. For mother, there are features that appeal to her whether it's fashion . . . social events . . . homemaking or a dozen other feminine interests. Too, both young and old always find the comics entertaining. In all these and many other fields, you'll find this a complete family newspaper . . . a newspaper that becomes a family affair the minute it arrives.

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