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School Page Worthy Effort

IT IS not a habit of ours to boast but we take great delight today in referring our readers to Page 6, where the Booth Memorial High School editorial staff have produced their own student's news page.

The advent of the school page is a happy one for The Daily News and it is the hope of this newspaper and also the high school officials that it will become a semi-monthly feature.

Quality of the articles, stories and columns is already of a remarkably high standard and will improve as the newspaper grows older. The efficient Booth Memorial news staff under the guidance of English teacher Colin Graham, has been busy for two solid weeks and has produced a page of which the boys and girls should be proud.

This newspaper has long felt high school activities needed greater coverage and who are better fitted to keep the public informed but the students themselves. We welcome this opportunity to give the public a greater insight into student activities both academic and extra-curricular.

Besides improving their own standard of writing, learning to be concise and composing newsy, punchy articles with a minimum of verbiage, students are contributing something of value both to The Daily News and the community.

We therefore congratulate the Booth Memorial Junior-Senior High School on its editorial staff and laud them for their initial effort.

Convention Value Queried

IT REQUIRED some courage on the part of Port Arthur's Mayor Robinson to make public mention of the excess of social functions at conventions such as that of the Mayors and Municipalities recently at Windsor, says the Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

It has been something that people are supposed to concede and not talk about. By the same token the mayor's remarks were not at all premature, nor applicable only to the Windsor locality.

The practice to which he undoubtedly refers is among those things which grow and grow until finally they become heavy, toppling over and crush themselves. The mayor's viewpoint will be bound to find expression at some time.

The thing has a bearing on two aspects of the convention practice, the News Chronicle says. In one way it is related to a big social problem that is worrying those who have an interest in public welfare. In another sense it raises the question as to the value of conventions; even including the purpose some individuals may have in attending.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

One good way to test your memory is to try and remember the things that worried you yesterday.

Who was it said that the trouble with a husband who works like a horse is that all he wants to do in the evening is to hit the hay.

WHEN BORN
This is an anniversary year for the lead pencil. While the crude ancestor of today's smoothly rounded model is said to have made its first appearance in 1565, actually its birth came in 1584. The discovery was at Borewood, in England, by a farmer after a severe storm. There is no lead, in the pencil, so called. Graphite is the chief ingredient. This was born the first graphite mine.

FORD GIVES AID
A small item in the Henry Ford archives reveals something

Cold Weather Damages Crops
EDMONTON - Record cold weather across the Prairie provinces for this time of the year dealt further damaging blows Sunday to already hard hit grain crops. The weatherman reports little chance of a change for the better.

A storm centre in the Pacific may move eastwards and bring a one-day moderation, perhaps by Tuesday. But wet snow, particularly in southern regions, may accompany it. Meanwhile, chill Arctic air, bitter winds and snowflurries will remain.

Throughout much of Alberta and Saskatchewan Sunday, the mercury could not crawl up past freezing point. Crops, many already battered by rain and hail and poisoned by rust, were again hard hit.

The temperature in Calgary on Sunday was 28 degrees, four degrees colder than the previous day. The low maximum mark of 10.6 compared with the old record of 33 set in 1900 and equalled only in 1916.

of the industrialist's philosophy. It is a little card he had saved on which were printed the words: "Help The Other Fellow." Underneath, Ford had written in: "To Help Himself."

The kids who are looking forward to Christmas may also be looking forward to vacation time starting six months afterwards.

Reporters in Newfoundland need not waste time and effort in the departmental heads. It might mean incorrect information, or data that does not follow government policy. In other words, civil servants are not to give out any news. The Newfoundland head is Premier Joe Smallwood a former newspaper man. It seems he's got bravely over it.

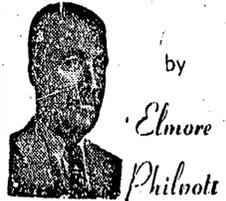
Somebody has reckoned that Marilyn Bell used 68,000 strokes in her famous swim, comments the Peterborough Examiner. Not to be outdone in mathematics, we estimate that in the end she will clean up at the rate of about \$4.23 per stroke.

DIZZY REMEMBERS
Dizzy Dean got his usual kick in, managed and watched in 191. Not once during these games did he take the field or sit on the bench or in the stands, with the feeling that this "is just another game."

Of all the series Dizzy has witnessed or been in, the 1934 edition between the St. Louis Cardinals and Detroit Tigers sticks out in memory. He played with the Cardinals and the job was much more suitable for a fancy head doctor.

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As I See It



Attlee's Great Win

OTTAWA—Mr. Attlee has won a truly historic victory at the British Labor party conference.

Contrary to all advance predictions, from both inside and outside the Labor party itself, he has persuaded the annual conference of the party to endorse German re-armament under certain conditions.

By that victory, he enables both parties in the British Parliament to present a reasonably united front on this vital issue.

The Attlee victory over the Bevan left wing is the product of the most astute political tactics.

By going out to China, via Russia, with the fiery Nye Bevan, the quiet-spoken and unassuming leader of the Labor party cut the ground from under Mr. Bevan's feet. Mr. Attlee made himself the main champion of long range peace with China—which is the wish of the vast majority of the British people, regardless of political attachment.

Moreover, Mr. Attlee's championing of such peace with China was not based on empty phrases, or mere platitudes. He firmly advocates admission of China into the UN, and the unconditional recognition that Formosa still belongs to China. He suggests that Chiang Kai-shek be given safe conduct to some suitable place and that outside powers cease their interference in what he says is a purely internal Chinese affair.

In brief, the man who is almost certain to be the Prime Minister of Britain again after the election of next year has already adopted a "China policy" which is as solid as a rock, and which will stand up over a period of years.

IT IS obvious that, had Mr. Attlee not gone to China, and had he not gone as far as he did in his "China policy" he could never have swung the party majority in favor of German re-armament.

The Attlee win is all the more impressive because the Bevanites have long been far more influential in the Labor party meetings than they have in the Trade Union gatherings. Yet, on this crucial issue, the Attlee victory is by about the same margin as prevailed at the earlier trade union gathering.

APART from the victory over the Bevan left-wingers, Mr. Attlee has scored another triumph at Scarborough.

By and large, Britain, as a nation, has followed much the same foreign policy, regardless of which party was in power.

Mr. Eden has made the supreme effort of his life to come up with a formula which would enable France to accept German rearmament, under safeguards.

As it has turned out, Mr. Eden's hands have been greatly strengthened, for the short range situation. The prospects for success of the Nine Power Conference have been vastly increased.

But by taking such a firm, long range position re China, Mr. Attlee has also done what I think the vast majority of the British people want done—that is to stand up to and take a position clearly different from that of the U.S.A. on matters on which the British people think the U.S.A. is mistaken.

China is such a matter. For the overwhelming majority of the British people accept the Chinese revolution, as a fact.

There is no set ago at which a child should start to walk or talk but if parents feel their youngster is slow in trying to do these things, the family doctor or well-baby clinic should be consulted to see if the child has any physical defect.

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AN 1,800-YEAR-OLD STONE head of the pagan god Mithras is reunited with its neck by William Grimes, Director of the London Museum, and a woman assistant. The head was discovered some time ago by workmen excavating a building site in London. The neck, just found, was dug up nearby in the ruins of an old Roman temple buried beneath the city. Archeologists are making a study of the temple, regarded as one of the most important contributions to the knowledge of ancient Roman London.

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

That ex-New York Times reporter now living retired on the outskirts of this Capital may have had a lot of good, clean fun from his lurid account of a purported encounter at Kingsmere with the ghost of the late Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

But he certainly did nothing in the course of his bizarre performance to enhance his reputation as a journalist.

For there are plenty of things that people in these parts would like to learn from Mr. King about persons and conditions in the hereafter, if the former Prime Minister would return to a Kingsmere park bench for questioning.

But Percy Phillips in his supposed encounter touched on none of them. His interview with the shade of the great Liberal Prime Minister wouldn't have been more banal if he had been talking with one of the log-cabin groundkeepers assigned to the Kingsmere estate. As a matter of fact, most of the groundkeepers would have proven considerably more interesting conversationalists.



DR. A. J. BEALE, a specialist in virus and bacteriology studies, on loan for two years from the medical research council of the public health service in England, will direct new research being carried out at the Hospital for Sick Children at Toronto on a new and quick method of diagnosing polio. The hospital in collaboration with the Connaught Medical Research Laboratories of the University of Toronto, has been conducting research for the last six months that may reveal previously unknown viruses and lead to new treatment methods of polio.

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THE LETTERBOX

TIME FOR CHANGE
The Daily News,
The Editor,

It is remarkable, the amount of confusion and downright bitterness displayed by segments of society, opposed to "nationalism."

Surely we must realize, that a community, with character, courage, initiative and independence, is ostensibly nationalistic. How could it be otherwise? Civic pride is nationalism on a small scale. And a family unit, wholesomely interested in each other, is the basis of nationalism. How can we be so wrong? Let's think this one out again.

A man is a fool to say nationalism is wrong. Overdo it into fascism and it is wrong. Yes. Under do it and immediately the state heads toward socialism and dependence up MOTHER government.

Democracy makes room for first, municipal autonomy, second, provincial autonomy and third federal cohesion of all groups. Failure of the governing party to achieve a peaceful co-existence is the fault of the governing not the governed. It's time for a change.

EDWARD W. GREEN,
Alec. Bay, B.C.

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Fraser Catch Tops Alaska For Sockeye

VANCOUVER - The mighty rejuvenated Fraser river produced more salmon this year than all the rivers of Alaska combined.

It was the rivers in the history that the rivers of B. C. have topped the vast northern territory's production.

Total Fraser river sockeye pack for both Canadian and American fishermen is expected to be more than 900,000 cases this year compared with an estimated 750,000 cases for Alaska.

Combined U.S.-Canadian figures for other varieties are not yet available but the sockeye count tells the story.

Principally responsible for the remarkable Fraser triumph is the huge Adams river sockeye run which yielded 9,500,000 fish.

A long-range conservation program by the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission has vastly increased Fraser sockeye production while Alaska catches have declined steadily for the past decade.

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