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IT'S A BOY

The Kings of Egypt and Iran have divorced their wives for failing to produce male heirs. Great Britain was transported with joy by the news that a prince (not a princess) was the first born of Elizabeth and Philip. Parents the world over will tell you that it really doesn't matter but we know that deep in their hearts is the ardent hope for a son.

The prejudice against women rulers has no logical basis. On balance, women have been better rulers than men have been kings. The two great ages of Britain were feminine—the Elizabethan and the Victorian. A golden age of the Austro-Hungarian Empire was that of Maria Theresa.

Eleanor of Aquitaine, though never a queen in her own right, was a political personage of remarkable calibre; Blanche of Castile surmounted unconscionable burdens and extended her domain not by war, but by judicious marriages. She had the nerve to oppose the Great Crusade. Catherine The Great of Russia was called by Lord Byron the greatest of all sovereigns. She was one of the two wisest in telligent, educated and industrious of Tsars.

Women as monarchs have always displayed that least common of qualities, common sense. They have shown unromantic dislike for adventurism and a niggardly tendency to inquire precisely what everything will cost. Elizabeth of England postponed the "inevitable" war with Spain for fifteen years by raising an indignant rumpus whenever her lords presented a war budget.

Who could match Wilhelmina of Holland in the diplomatic field? During the First World War, she kept Holland neutral by going to bed incommunicado with a severe indisposition when she heard she was about to receive an ultimatum from the Kaiser with a deadline. The ultimatum expired while she was supposed to be expiring. Meantime she let the Kaiser know that if such a note which she hoped she had dreamed up in her delirium, existed, the answer would be unfortunate. The Kaiser withdrew and the Queen rose and went for a bicycle ride. While the people of France and Belgium are today torn by hatreds and resentments and mistrusts that will not be healed in this generation or the next, Netherlanders have no need of that sort of healing. At the same time that Leopold chose to compromise and Marshal Petain surrendered half the territory and all his armies, Queen Wilhelmina removed herself, her heir and her Government out of the reach of the conqueror and her people had no need to compromise—they knew where their allegiance lay and no government-in-being had a chance.

Today, Elizabeth the Second and Queen Juliana of Holland have already indicated that they will measure up to the example set by their predecessors. Outside the royal circle, Eleanor Roosevelt leads the field as an ambassador of good-will. Even the most rabid anti-Roosevelt is ready to admit that her understanding and sympathy for people the world over have done more for the U.S.A. than all the efforts of the diplomatic corps.

At home, Charlotte Whitton is running the capital city as if she were born for the job and in the House of Commons, Ellen Fairclough commands the respect and attention of all when she voices her opinion. Few have so vigorously carried the torch for Northern Ontario as Teck's Ann Shipley. In every field they do seem to measure up and if we shudder to think of them running everything which we do, still when you hear those three little words: "It's a Girl!" remember it's not a catastrophe, just a near catastrophe!

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Radio singer JEAN CAVELL of Toronto who returned to Canada a few months ago after several successful years in England night-club and movie singer and actor, and on the Continent as a radio, stage, and TV star. He is heard Thursday evenings at 6:45 on the CBC Trans-Canada network in "Jean Cavell Calling", a program in which he accents the romantic in song, which he accents the romantic in song, supported by the Bill Isbister Trio. Above the candid microphone eavesdrops while Jean entertains a girl-friend by telephone. Jean first made a name for himself as a champion swimmer and diver, then got into radio and club work, as a singer, served several years overseas with the RCAF, and stayed over there to get star billing as an actor-singer-comedian.

"NO GREATER SIN"

Along with the press and radio, moving pictures have become a prime educational medium in our social life. In the work of health education in this country, the Health League of Canada has made it a duty to keep the people informed about the great social diseases—their cause, prevention and cure.

Under auspices of the Health League of Canada, the educational picture "No Greater Sin" will be shown in Haileybury, at the Strand Theatre, on May 5th and 6th; and at Cobalt, at the Classic Theatre, May 7th and 8th. The picture has been approved by health authorities in Canada and the United States, and has the support of religious and social organizations in Canada in its objective to educate the public concerning the deadly danger of neglect in the case of either syphilis or gonorrhoea.

The former disease has been responsible for more deaths in the world than any other infection, and its by-products include the most terrible of all forms of insanity, general paralysis of the insane. The latter disease has caused 80 per cent of blindness in newborn infants, and in addition is responsible for many forms of women's ailments.

The picture "No Greater Sin" accomplishes the education in very effective and dramatic manner. It should be highly recommended.

"GARDEN GLEANINGS"

The pruning of apple trees, which most people consider a specialized and rather technical procedure, is more a matter of common sense than is generally realized. The immediate objective of pruning vary somewhat with the age of the tree. Once these are understood the rest is largely a matter of good judgment, which the amateur is quite as likely to possess as the professional. Apple trees are pruned when temperatures are above 45°.

For the young tree the primary objective is merely to establish a simple framework of branches with a minimum of cutting. This aim gives the enterprising amateur a fine start toward the development of his tree. If he makes a mistake, the worst that can happen is a delay

in fruiting as a result of over-enthusiasm.

Even after a tree has started to bear, pruning, particularly of the apple tree may require no more than the removal of a few small branches. Since the sunlight must strike the ripening fruit in order to produce attractive coloration, all interlocking and crossing branches which interfere with the more productive ones are removed. These branches are generally thin for their age.

As a tree becomes older and less vigorous, it is advisable to bring about reinvigoration by removing older wood. This forces younger more productive growth. Here again the choice among branches made by a novice may not always be the best, but no one cut spells success or disaster.

Above all, if your neighbor hangs over the garden wall just as you are about to raise the pruning shears and throws a few gems such as "modified leaders", "open heads" and "clover leaf" in your direction, tell him so gently to go hoe his own row.

Time for God

Text "Be still and know that I am God"—Ps. 26:10. Shall we look for a few moments at this text in the knowledge of our everyday life? As we go about from day to day, how often do we hear the expressions "I am kept so busy", "I'm dead tired—Oh for just a moment's rest".

In these expressions we see the pace of the world today. Or let me take you to the top of a downtown building in our average town or city, what do we see as we look down upon the pedestrians and motorists? We see a mad clamour, lights flashing, horns blowing and the scurrying of people in all directions. Some of these experiences may be a typical day in your life.

Now our text says: "Be still and know that I am God" I wonder if in all the bustle of the day if we neglect these so important words, do we forget to give time to the spiritual as well as the physical. There is so much to command our attention that we fail to get away in secret with God, and there commune with Him.

Day by day communion with God is necessary for our spiritual growth, as we must feed and nourish the physical; likewise we must attend to the spiritual, or starve our souls. There are so many persons who know nothing of the things of God. What is the reason of their ignorance of these matters? They have never endeavored to busy themselves about these things. If we require knowledge today, there are schools and universities for this purpose; the same applies for our knowledge of God; there are our spiritual homes—the churches, the Sunday Schools, and best of all, there is the opportunity of heart-to-heart communion with God through the avenue of prayer, if we will but be still and know Him more fully.

May we endeavor to present unto God a portion of each day, for reading His Word, and praying unto Him and thereby receiving that which is necessary to make each day, one of success and blessing to ourselves and to others. E. Ralph Ingley, Lt.

KING GEORGE VI MEMORIAL POLIO CENTRE

In just over two years, the Polio Patients' Comfort Club has done a fine piece of work in furnishing sitting-rooms for men and women patients, providing radio record-players and four television sets and contributing in other ways to the comfort and happiness of the poliomyelitis sufferers from a large area in Ontario who are treated at the Riverside Isolation Hospital for weeks, some for months and some even for years. They receive excellent care but the club covets for them the opportunities for more extensive treatment, recreation and habilitation that a centre, equipped with gymnasium, swimming pool and other facilities would afford. So now the organization, under the presidency of Mrs. G. C. Brown, is considering as its 1952 objective, the establishment of such a centre as a memorial to King George VI, who showed a sympathetic concern for those suffering afflictions of this type. Funds are raised by donations,

bazaars and the like and by a monthly fee. All funds are used for the benefit of the patients. All service is voluntary. We publish this appeal knowing that the many clubs, women's organizations and groups who set aside amounts of money to be given to some worthy cause will see to it that the Polio Patients' Comfort Club is not neglected.

National Conference Called on Apprenticeship Training for May

Hon. Milton F. Gregg, Minister of Labor, today announced that a National Conference on Apprenticeship in Trades and Industry had been called for May 19 to 21 in Ottawa.

The Minister stated that the conference was being called as a result of recommendations by the National Advisory Council on Manpower and the National Advisory Council on Federal-Provincial Vocational Training, which bodies had seen the need for increasing the skilled labour force in Canada during the next few years.

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MINING NOTES

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ibou and Quesnel, B.C. Crushing plant erected at Wellington Copper Mine, Ontario. Canadian silver coinage issued 1860—John Pulsifer discovered gold in Tangier district, Halifax, N.S. First drilling for oil in Gaspé Quebec. Pete Toy Bar discovered at the Parsnip and Findlay Rivers, B.C. Crushing plant erected at Wellington Copper Mine, Ontario. 1861—Gold discovered in Lawrencetown, Isaac Harbor and Renfrew district, N.S.

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