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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Next Monday's the Day

Next Monday, Georgetown with other communities across Canada goes to the polls to choose a representative in the next federal parliament.

We were struck by a story in a Toronto newspaper last week, in which a man-in-the-street interview revealed some city residents woefully ignorant of the impending election.

We hope this isn't with our readers, but just to everyone will know, the following information applies.

This is an election to choose a federal parliament which governs Canadian affairs in the broad field of international affairs, world trade, agriculture, defence and other matters of national importance.

Haltom County is one of the "ridings" which sends a member to Ottawa and on Monday four men representing the four major political parties in Canada are contesting the election. While national ridings do not necessarily follow county boundaries, they do in many cases and Haltom is one of them.

Sandy Best, who represented Haltom in the last two parliaments is seeking re-election under the Progressive Conservative banner. The other three candidates are newcomers, Dr. Harry Harley running as a Liberal; Carl Rouleau for the New Democratic Party; and Irving Wilson for Social Credit.

Whichever party elects the most number of candidates is asked to form a gov-

ernment which can stay in office a maximum of five years, or at the discretion of the prime minister, and cabinet who often call an earlier date. Stay in office, that is, if they have a clear majority over all other parties in the government, or can persuade one of the minor parties to vote with them on measures before the House.

While ostensibly a part-time job, for several years parliamentary duties demand the greater share of a member's time and he spends a greater part of the year in Ottawa.

Unlike the Americans, we do not technically vote for our prime minister. Each party has a chosen leader who must contest election in his own riding. If he is defeated, the party can choose a new leader or, more commonly, one of the elected members of his party declines in his favour and he can run in a by-election which is often uncontested by the other parties.

The party securing the second greatest number of votes next Monday becomes the "official opposition" in parliament and their leader, in some respects, becomes the second most important man in government.

Diefenbaker, Pearson, Douglas and Thompson are national leaders of the P.C.s, Liberals, New Democrats and Social Crediters, in that order. And it is one of these men who will be Canada's next prime minister after Monday, June 18th.

Another Industry Coming

Close on the heels of the opening of Marietta's Prestite plant in town came word last week that another industrial firm will be locating here.

Yanders have been called for a \$150,000 plant by a Montreal firm, Longueuil Meat Co. which plans to produce an animal feed from poultry feathers. It will be the first company of its kind in Canada.

District poultry hatcheries will benefit from the new firm, with a handy market for a by-product of their business. The feathermeal, according to a company

spokesman, has been on the market for about a year and has found favour with the large feed companies. It will also be popular as an export product, he feels.

The Georgetown factory will be known as National Tallow & Protein Ltd. Machinery has already been ordered and will be arriving at the Armstrong Ave. site as construction gets underway.

It looks as if that rolling ball so long talked about is finally hitting Georgetown, and we look forward to writing many editorials of this type in the months ahead.

Congratulations Father Morgan

Many local friends joined with his Acton parishioners in congratulating Father Vincent Morgan Sunday when he marked his fortieth anniversary as a Roman Catholic priest.

Father Morgan has close ties with Georgetown, where he served almost half his ecclesiastical career as parish priest for Holy Cross when Georgetown and Acton were a joint pastorate. When church growth led to two separate parishes six years ago, he moved to Acton where he has continued as rector of St. Joseph's.

An open house was held Sunday after-

noon and evening in the Acton parish hall to honour this likeable man whose friendships here transcend religious boundaries and who numbers many people of other faiths among his good acquaintances.

The Herald editor and staff are honoured to be included among these and when Father Morgan drops in for a chat now and then, he is always welcomed. Perhaps he has an affinity for newspapers, as he was an apprentice printer in his home town of Collingwood before choosing the priesthood as his career.

We wish this popular man many more years of Christian service.

Regional Planning Need For Workshop Discussion

"Planning at the Regional Level" will be the topic for the fourth in a series of five planning workshops being held in Georgetown on Thursday, June 14th.

Speakers invited to the session are Dr. Ralph Krueger, Chairman of the Department of Geography of Waterloo University; William E. Thomson, Director of Planning, Kitchener; and Reeve Edward S. Mitchell of Stamford Township.

Chairman for this session is Reeve Cyril Clark of Chinguacousy Township.

The problems of planning on a municipal level and the need for consideration of planning on a regional basis were broached here last year by Workshop Committee Chairman Alex MacLaren.

Since then, a committee has been formed and three workshops held to discuss all aspects of planning and its growth in rural and urban growth. The workshops have been attended by representatives from 15 municipalities subjected to metropolitan pressure.

From many quarters, the need for planning at the regional level is emphasized. Mr. MacLaren maintains:

"To implement any planning program in these terms, may involve new jurisdictions, integration of various local and provincial agencies and, above all, a coordinated effort among the municipalities involved, the

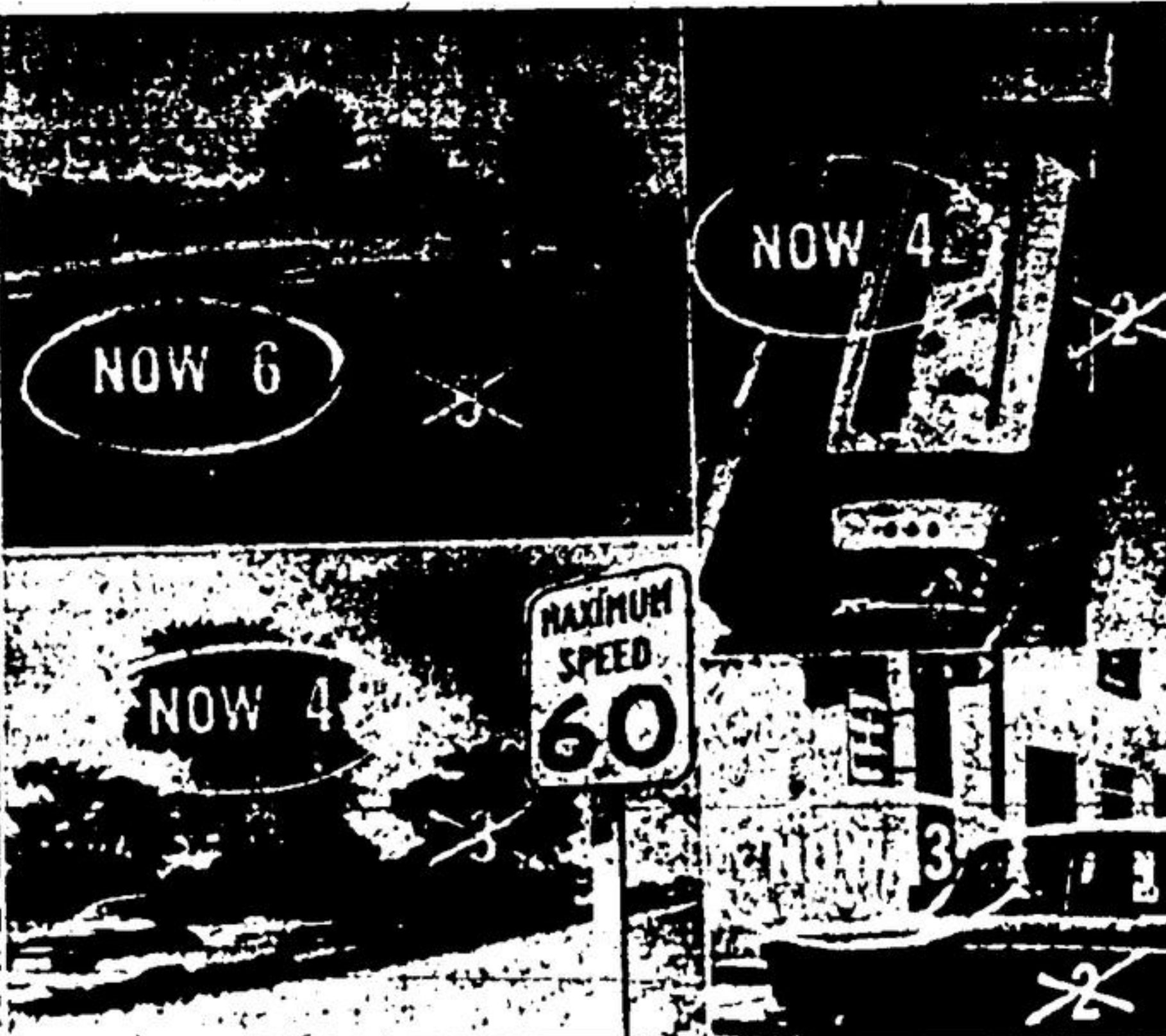
SLOW DOWN AND LIVE

The summer safe-driving campaign of the Canadian Highway Safety Council, called Slow Down and Live, is not designed to produce road crawlers, according to CHSC's executive director, W. Arch Bryce.

"What we want to do," said Mr. Bryce, "is stress the common sense and logic of driving at speeds safe under existing conditions. If the conditions—weather, traffic, vehicle and driver conditions, are safe, let the motorist keep up to the speed limit."

That's no time for him to crawl along the road and delay others who want to move faster. He's a menace. But if there is heavy rain, fog or dense traffic, slower speeds must be maintained. If the car or the driver is in unsafe condition, neither should be on the road.

Slow Down and Live, is an international vacation-time campaign, originating with the Association of State and Provincial Safety Coordinators. CRSC is the Canadian headquarters. Provincial coordinators in each province have extensive plans for this drive to keep the highways safe during the high-traffic summer months, June, July and August.



POINT CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1st

Main changes in the revised Ontario Driver Demerit Point System taking effect July 1 are illustrated in the above example. The revised system is the increased number of driving infractions, (new level and suspension) while the suspension level has been raised from 12 to 15 points. For the top two infractions, in most cases the same total of 10 points for top left number of violations under rating and (top right) loss either system will bring six points closely and so must attention because of the upward trend in interview with Department of Transport examiners.

Under the old system the driver would have only seven points and after incurring the extra points to reach the interview level, might be off the road, with a further violation before an interview could be held. The value of the interviews in correcting driving habits is evident in the fact that only 15 per cent of drivers interviewed go on to lose their driving privileges.

One of a Series... Fluoride In Your Drinking Water

It may be next year or it may be next week, but sometime in the near future, Georgetown will be faced with the fluoridation question. This column is not to sway opinion but to inform readers of the facts about fluoridation based on information from the Health League of Canada.

NINE YEARS OF FLUORIDE IMPROVES TEETH FIFTY PER CENT

"Fluoridation of the water in Deep River, Ontario, for the past nine years shows the teeth of the children here are 50 per cent better than those of children from surrounding areas," says Dr. E. Sinclair, D.D.S.

It costs 43¢ per person per year to add fluoride to the water supply of this Ontario town of 5,130 people, according to the Health League of Canada. Deep River has had fluoridation in effect since December 1952.

FLUORIDATION PROGRESS IN ALASKA

Approximately 35 per cent of Alaska's population is drinking fluoridated water, it was reported in a recent publication of the Alaska Department of Health and Welfare.

IN KANSAS

Two Kansas communities recently initiated fluoridation programs as the result of successful referendums last fall, the State Dental Director reported recently: Phillipsburg, 3,233 and Herington, 3,702. This increase in the total number of fluoridated water and the population receiving it is put in relation served to approximately 400,000.

IN MISSISSIPPI

Lexington, Miss., has initiated a fluoridation program for its 2,830 residents, making a total of 12 towns with a combined population of 113,288 served by fluoridated water supplies in Mississippi.

FLUORIDE BENEFITS DISPLAYED AT EXHIBITION

The beneficial effects on teeth of fluorine in the water supply was graphically illustrated in an exhibit in Medicine Hat at the Canadian National Exhibition this year, according to the Health League of Canada. Plaster casts of the teeth of fifty children, six years old, of Mount Forest, Ontario, were displayed with a like number of casts from six year old Palmerston children. Mount Forest has 12 parts per million of fluoride naturally present in its water while Palmerston has none. The casts of the Mount Forest children's teeth show cavities in only six instances, and there are no teeth missing. Only four of the Palmerston casts showed perfect teeth.

The important thing to remember is not only that fluoridation will greatly reduce tooth decay but that there is about a 100 per cent difference in the effect whether the fluoride is put in relation served to approximately 400,000.

"It must have been a couple of years ago that you wrote about your eldest son taking to vote for, and all the speech-

es wouldn't have budged them on later. But that didn't mean they weren't going to enjoy every minute of the campaign, argue the issue hotly, and try to squeeze a little patronage out of the local party base, even if it amounted to only a couple of drinks of free whisky."

JOURNALISTIC IDOL

This is understandable to me because for years I found it hard to realize a reader, no matter how loyal, would remember such details. "Oh, we don't miss a tick in that column," the little lady said when I remarked on their memory.

Listening to these two nice people chatter on about escapades I have written about (over the past four years) gave me a rather detached feeling. The Vagabond didn't seem like me, but some other person they were discussing.

If my efforts had given them the pleasure they exclaimed about, I was indeed grateful, though a little incredulous. Imagine two people coming all that way to meet me, and on their second honeymoon!

SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

In trying to decide who was going to win this election, I was completely bemuddled by reading the newspapers and the political commentators. Do you know something? Those who don't have a clue about a lot of things, a barage of "ifs" and "buts", they invariably conclude that the Government will be returned "with a reduced majority."

About eight times out of 10 they can't help but be right, because the Government is always in the favour of the challenger. And when they are wrong, it's quickly forgotten in the general hubbub.

These prognosticators are not something new. They have been baying like jackasses ever since Confederation. And they are just as pompous, just as insolent and just as often wrong today as they were then.

I discovered this when I decided to compare today's election campaigns with those of a half-century ago, and dug up some old newspapers for the purpose. I learned something else — that elections, like life in general, have become a lot more complicated and confusing in the past 50 years. And, like life in general, they've just a lot of their fun.

Our fathers knew perfectly well whom they were going to vote for, and all the speeches wouldn't have budged them on later. But that didn't mean they weren't going to enjoy every minute of the campaign, argue the issue hotly, and try to squeeze a little patronage out of the local party base, even if it amounted to only a couple of drinks of free whisky.

Politics in those days combined the unbridled and the excitement of an Indian potlach, an Irish wake, and a French shivaree.

In every small town, there was a Grit newspaper on one side of the street, and down the block, on the other side, a Tory newspaper. They vied in hurling insult, slander and libel at the opposing party and each other. They contained such brightly remarks as "The editor of our esteemed contemporary, the Recorder, has obviously been slavered of the same trough as some of the other hogs who swallow the slop thrown to them by the gang of thieves ensconced at Ottawa. His latest editorial is a masterpiece of misinformation, plain falsehood, and downright depravity."

Around election time, in those days, every male had a cigar, the women were at home looking after the kids, where they belonged, and the bars were lined three-deep with enthusiastic political experts.

Nobody went around asking plaintively, "Well, is there any real difference between the parties" as they do today. Of course, there was a difference. The Tories (or the Grits) were ruining the country and that

was all there was to it. Every body knew what the issues were, you were either for the Real Party or against it and though you weren't too sure what it meant.

Fifty years ago, a speech was a speech. When you'd dig up an 18 miles with a horse and buggy to hear it, anything shorter than an hour and a half was a personal insult. And there was nothing snobby-pamby about the sentiments expressed. The speaker revealed personal knowledge of Government graft, scandals and corruption that would curdle your blood. He didn't say it right out, but he implied that his worthy opponent was a habitual drunk, a known woman-chaser, and had insanity in the family.

And the politicians' promises in those days were a lot more interesting than they are today. They didn't talk vaguely about social welfare, and promise an increase in this, a raise in that. They gave you something concrete, like a new dock, or a post office — something you could see.

Remember what Sir John A. did when he was trying to induce B.C. to join the new confederation? They said they'd join if the Government would guarantee a wagon trail to the west coast. Sir John said, in effect, "Wagon trail, hell! I'll build you a railroad in 10 years!" And he did.

I can't help wondering what the old-time politician would have thought of today's campaign, with its signaling coffee parties, its colorless candidates, its scarcity of clean-cut issues, and its complete lack of those basic elements of any election — cheap whisky, strong cigars, and a decent scandal.

THESE FATALITIES CAN BE PREVENTED

Nearly a thousand people are destined to die by drowning this summer unless every individual decides to learn and practise water safety. Contact your Red Cross and help to cut down needless drowning fatalities. Be water-wise.

ECHOES

From the Pages of The Herald, June 1952 and 1957

10 YEARS AGO

● A radical change in retail business hours in Georgetown will come into effect on August 1st. From that date stores will remain open on Friday evenings until 9, and close Saturdays at 6. A petition signed by 35 merchants was passed by council, bringing the change into effect. There were at least ten merchants who did not sign.

● Three representatives of a Canton, Ohio, firm were in town last week. Accompanied by a man from the Trade and Industry Branch and by town officials, they looked over various acreages which might be suitable for industrial building.

● Seven firms have submitted tenders for the building of a new dial exchange for the Bell Telephone Company in Georgetown. The contractor who takes on the job must first wreck the old Ruston home, one of the oldest buildings in Georgetown, which has been empty since the death of Miss Ruston in 1949.

25 YEARS AGO

● The colours of the 76th Battalion were recently placed for safe keeping on the wall of the United Church, Georgetown, on Sunday. The service was a memorable one. The band of the Lorne Scots accompanied the veterans to the church and rendered the music for the occasion.

● At an induction service in Glen Williams United Church, last Friday evening, Rev. Charles Joffe took charge of the "timshouse", Glen Williams and Churchill churches.

● At the Gregory Theatre — Two's Company, starring Ned Sparks and Gordon Harker; History is Made at Night, starring Charles Boyer and Jean Arthur; Romeo and Juliet, starring Norma Shearer and Leslie Howard.

Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

FANS IN THE FLESH

I opened the front door the other day answering the jingle of sleigh bells that serves to announce a visitor at our house and looked into the bluest eyes I have ever seen outside the head of a china doll.

These were anything but road glasses. When I learned their owner was seeking "the Vagabond" I invited the small middle-aged woman and her husband to "bite a wax." This is country talk for I instinctively knew they were closely akin to the land.

"They had traveled, they said, more than two hundred miles to meet the author of this column. I must say I was a little overcome by this information and tried to contain my curiosity until tea was brewed and we were all comfortably settled before a snapping grate fire.

The wind was still nippy and even though the sun was already direct rays, it was too soon to forget that a fire, like a good wine, at this time of year stimulates the warmth of welcome.

My visitors informed me, as they buttered hot tea biscuits and dipped them in maple syrup, that they have been united since its inception in their hometown paper.

"When our anniversary called for a special celebration (it's our 25th, the quiet gentleman interjected), I told Fred I wanted a train trip just like you'd describe so often. We've never been on a train since we were married and we're not getting any younger I told him." My guest chuckled, "blowing little crumbs of biscuit onto her gay silk blouse and flicking them off with a paper serviette decorated with the Shrine of Ewingine, souvenir of my last trip east."

Her bubbling conversation revealed they farm land close to Kingston, Ont., where over the years, they have raised five children and "good many more cows, chickens and hogs. They have always traveled by car to and from the bigger cities "but Fred's not crazy about these new super-highways anymore," I learned.

THE DATE BOOK

June 3, 1808, (154 years ago), Confederate President Jefferson Davis born; June 3, 1937, (25 years ago), Wally Simpson married the former King of England Edward VIII; June 3, 1942, (20 years ago), U.S. forces smashed Japanese seapower at Battle of Midway; June 3, 1897 (65 years ago), Madam Cheong Kai-shuk born; June 5, 1947, (15 years ago), The Marshall Plan for the economic recovery of Europe announced by U.S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall; June 6, 1944 (18 years ago), D-Day in France when Allied forces launched the invasion of Europe.

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