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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Man of the Century

Sir Winston Churchill is dead. The 90-year-old British statesman died Sunday morning, a week after suffering a stroke.

Since then our daily newspapers, radio and television stations have been full of special reports of his life. He is rightly being credited as saving the free world during World War II with the power of his oratory which rallied the western allies against the forces of fascism.

He is truly the man of this century and he has earned a prominent place in world history.

We can add little to the millions of words being spoken about him, save to say

Out of Perspective

Politics can be a rough game, as two of our national leaders are finding out these days.

Prime Minister Pearson is living under a cloud of suspicion and his government is shaky as the country rocks from a series of scandals involving prominent members of his government in such diverse matters as race track franchises, no-down-payment furniture and extradition of suspected criminals.

Opposition leader John Diefenbaker is being termed as anti-Quebec, and a group within his party are bent on ousting him from his leadership post.

We never waste too much sleep worrying about politicians, for much of this they bring on themselves. It's a free-swinging world of charges and counter-charges, haymaker punches and insinuation. Perhaps our politicians have only

Entertainment Too Frank?

Perhaps we are showing our age when we worry about the frankness which pervades today's mass entertainment media of movies and television.

We don't for a minute object to adult entertainment when it is tastefully presented and, when necessary, restricted to the age groups for which it is supposed to be intended.

However, we don't think any useful purpose is served by the rash of beach boy movies aimed at our teenagers, and we are even more concerned when youngsters fill the theatres to see "Tom Jones" which to us was a plodding sex bore, but to a teenager could be something else again.

It concerns us that Peyton Place, a novel which adults brought out from a hid-

den every person who reads this paper owes a debt to him and shares in the sadness of his death.

His life was not all happiness. At times personal tragedy befell him in his family relationships. His wartime successes were not always matched in the post-war years and he tasted political defeat not long after war's end.

His energy and intellect was tremendous. At an age when most men are content to sit in the sun, he wrote as he sat, providing a number of best-sellers gleaned from his lifetime experiences. And, defeated politically or not, he became almost a legend in life, as he will certainly be in death.

themselves to blame when the general public begins to take them seriously, and it seems that's what happening now.

We like the comment of Charles Lynch on a national television show Sunday. He commented candidly on both men, saying that not even his bitterest political enemies could accuse the prime minister of being corrupt, nor could anything on record point to any hint of Diefenbaker being opposed to Quebec.

Perhaps the time has come for politicians to temper their actions with some caution and acknowledge that all is not bad with the opposition.

We do not like to see things reach the stage which we are rapidly approaching where it becomes common to hear people decry all politicians as corrupt, crooks and cheats. Behind the political hurly-burly, we must have a basis of confidence and trust.

ing place to read after the children were safely tucked in bed, has now become a 'must' for young television viewers. And most of the doctor and nurse shows, good drama for adults, are deliberately programmed to catch the teen viewers.

We think progress has been made these past two decades in a franker approach to morals and an awareness that problems exist. But we must guard against a philosophy of 'nothing sacred' and the rank commercialism which can take over unless some boundaries are set.

The movies for many years had a self-imposed code of ethics to which producers adhered. Present-day moviegoers and TV producers might do well to get together on another code, before the situation gets completely out of hand.

Tribute to Sir Winston Churchill

When all was dark our chances
were slight,
We prayed to God with all our
might,
The Lord delivered us then,
This great leader of our men.
And there he stood clear in the
night,
Out of the storm our guiding
light,
The hopes of all were in his
hands,
This great leader of our lands,
We knew not how many would
be lost,
Nor what this terrible war
would cost,
By blood and sweat he led us
through,
Clouds of darkness to skies of
blue.
So like a fire blazing strong,
Though dies out there lingers
on,
The glow to shine in years to
come,
I'll inspire though life is
done.
—Alice Gliddins,
24 Stevens Cr.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

H. B. Dean
"And the Spirit and the
bride say, Come. And let him
that heareth say, Come. And
let him that is athirst come.
And whosoever will, let him
take the water of life freely."
Revelation 22:17.
God has a standing invitation
to sinners from all walks of
life. Jesus said, "Come unto me
all ye that labor and are heavy
laden and I will give you rest."



THE LATEST MODEL

Raise Fees, Match Grants Suggested for Universities

Yon Ferguson
On January 22nd the Students' Administrative Council of the University of Toronto made a startling submission to the Blegen Commission on the Financing of Higher Education in Canada.

The main points in the submission were a raise in student fees of approximately 150%; a system of matching grants equivalent to approximately \$1500 per student and geared to a cost of education index, matching \$1.50 for every \$1.00 earned by the student, scholarships to be included as earnings, and conditional acceptance to a recognized institution of higher learning; a guaranteed work program instituted co-operatively at Government and industry; equalized fees in all courses; elimination of municipal educational taxes on student-owned co-operative residences.

Violating the usual student approach of the reduction or elimination of fees, the program proposed in the brief allows for maximized student aid while maintaining the autonomy of the educational institution. Unlike the Canada Student Loan Plan it does not require the student to mortgage his future for an education thereby stressing the economic value of university education in an overemphasized which has already grown out of proportion with the real cultural and social benefits to be derived from higher education.

Under the system proposed by the brief student fees would account for 40% of the

university's operating costs in contrast to the present average of 23%. Gifts at 15%, provincial aid at 25% and federal aid at 20% would complete the remaining revenue assuming these remain at the present level.

The value of the proposal is that, unlike scholarships and bursaries, it does not discriminate against the average student. The aid would be in direct proportion to the student's earnings with a maximum grant of \$1500 to be paid in the same manner as family allowances or Pensions. The government thereby exercises no control over the academic policies nor the choice of course by the student. There would be no other criteria for aid than the acceptance at a recognized institution thus eliminating such schemes as means tests which are wrong in principle and unworkable and unequitable in practice, whereas earnings can be ascertained directly and easily."

AMBULANCE CALLS

The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service had five calls in the weeks of January 10 to January 23.

Sunday, January 10 - 12:30 a.m. A highway accident, emergency run from Georgetown to Georgetown Hospital taken by G. Wilcox and J. Elliott.

Monday, January 18 - 11:00 a.m. A normal transportation from Georgetown Hospital to Toronto General Hospital taken by J. Ottaway and E. Hall.

Tuesday, January 19 - 9:30 a.m. A normal transportation from Norval to Georgetown Hospital taken by C. Stephens and H. Ovenden.

Tuesday, January 19 - 9:00 a.m. A normal transportation from Georgetown to Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto and Georgetown Hospital taken by T. Massena and D. Livingstone.

Wednesday, January 20 - 7:00 p.m. An emergency run from Georgetown to Georgetown Hospital taken by D. Scarborough and G. Glassford.

"If you were to succeed" in landing on the moon, where would you want to go next? asks a space scientist. Home.

NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1954 and 1944

- 10 YEARS AGO
 - Sorry, Wrong Number, will be staged by a cast of high school students at Georgetown High School's commencement exercises next week. Principal J. L. Lambert is directing the cast which includes Myrna Wilson, Leanne Darou, Sandra and Claire Bradley, Betty Greig, Dianne Harrison, Dave Hart, Don Anderson, Brian Hyatt, Carole Seddon and Tom Dobbie.
 - Georgetown will revert to a local policing system this year with a 3-man force operating possibly by the end of May. A letter from the OPP read at council meeting Monday, said that all contracts in towns with populations of 2,000 or over will be terminated in December. Council decided not to wait until the end of the year to establish a local force. Georgetown has been policed by Provincials since 1947.
 - Harold Marshall has been appointed Georgetown's new postmaster succeeding Lt. Col. Gordon Cousins who retires on pension at the end of this week.
- 20 YEARS AGO
 - Last week marked the birth of a new publication 'Feather Fanter' printed at the Georgetown Herald and edited by a Georgetown well-known chicken fancier Corey E. Herrington.
 - At Smith and Stone Limited a contest was run last month to find the most suitable name for the new plant newspaper. From the 73 entries received the suggestion of Fred Spres was voted the best and he received a Ten Dollar War Savings certificate. The name he submitted was THE STAMP... the word STAMP is formed by the first letters of all manufacturing departments in the plant - Shipping - Toolroom - Assembly - Moulding and Pottery.

SUGAR AND SWEETS

THOSE WERE HARDSHIPS I

Is there anything sillier than an old soldier? Well a minute, ask. I don't mean honest veterans like YOU and ME, who fought our war, then forgave and forgot. No, I mean the professionals, and especially the generals.

My feelings towards the top brass were rekindled recently when General Omar Bradley took a swing from out in left field at General Montgomery, claiming: Monty had been too slow and too scared to close the Falaise Gap when he should have. Twenty years after the event, the old boys are still bickering.

I didn't blame Bradley much. Montgomery had been blaming every other general, ever since the war ended, for everything that went wrong. Apparently he was the only big shot who was always right.

And that reminds me of the silliest thing Montgomery ever said. It was a few years ago, during an interview. It was the effect that he liked to see soldiers soaking wet, hungry, filthy and exhausted. Then he knows they have been soldiering. That sort of poppycock is fairly typical of the intelligence of a general.

This may have been true during the Kaiser's war. Old sweat-drops of that one knew all about dirt, wet, lice, all rations and exhaustion. But their troubles were all physical ones: being blown up, or sniped, or caught on the barbed wire, or gassed, or eaten alive by rats. They didn't face the psychological horror of my war.

It was sheer hell, at times, for us pilots, especially if we were officers. Even today, after two decades trying to heal the scars, memory of those ordeals sends a cold shudder through me.

Sometimes, for example, the batman would forget to put sugar in the morning tea he brought when he wakened you. But you never complained. You drank it down steally, without a whimper.

Another experience that left its mark on many of us was the time they took the batmen off altogether and substituted WAAFs for them. Some of the

chaps were totally unweaned to be wakened in the morning by a shabby little air-woman, cooking "tea" your tea, lov. Dajak it up while it's hot."

Some of the other hardships you endured can scarcely be recounted in a family journal. One aeroplane of which I had the incredible bad luck to be stationed in England was elderly, miles from the nearest pub, and the only way to get there was by bicycle. Match, that for inhuman conditions.

But that's the sort of thing we went through, and those of us who survived were presumably aged by the prison circumstances under which we strove to ensure there'd always be an England. Seared in my brain forever is one horrible day we were drafted by a brutal group captain to play rugger the morning after a fare well party in the sergeants' mess. Rugger is a peculiar British game in which you never stomp a man in the face until he is down, and only if you can't stomp him in the stomach.

Another painful memory is that of fat tender officers standing with their backs to the fireplace, while we junior officers, shut off from the only heat in the place, shivered miserably around the bar.

Old sweats talk about marching 300 miles in ten days. They don't realize what we went through on those trains in England. Sometimes we officers, even though we had first-class tickets, had to ride in the third-class coaches with all those rude, nasty soldiers and sailors and things.

Looking back, I can't help but marvel at the way we faced up to the hardships of those grim days, without a murmur. But it was war, and we were trouble. Except in the mornings, when we were a little grouchy around the gills. That's when they'd give you a kipper for breakfast. Hardships? I could write a book.

The superstitious are no doubt glad to note that 1965 has only one Friday 13 — in August.

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NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

- STEW POT POURRI**
 - If you're puzzled by an unidentified snowy blur making crazy-quilt trails in a local field we assure you there is no need for alarm since it might well be His Worship in secret practice. All Ontario "bawlers" have been challenged by Mayor C. H. Meier of Stratford to a snowmobile race Sunday, Feb. 7 as a feature of Stratford's winter carnival.
 - Here's one for the clever sign collector: A city pet store has this on a billboard in its window, "Chock Full O'Mutta."
 - Is there anyone in the world as mixed up as the sports fan? Every time Yankee great Mickey Mantle limps to the plate he's showered with raspberries. Eddie Shack puts blade to ice in Maple Leaf Gardens Saturday night and the home town rooters "blow" cart-wheels. It has a parallel in the music business where some of the music artists worry about meeting the "rent bill" while guitar carrying members of the Beatles' carbon-copy league look for more places to stow the greenbacks.
 - The first in a series of winter hikes was held by the White Oaks Wanderers Club recently. A group of 49 outdoors enthusiasts gathered near the Kelso Conservation area and struck out on the Limehouse area, a rugged members' trail. The trail leads just north of the conservation area. — No. 7
- W. C. on the Silvercreek hill and passes through what is known as the Glen mountain area north of Argo Block on the 9th Line. It winds right through Terra Cotta. The group is planning more such hikes with added features such as pot luck suppers.
- Minor hockey which is being applauded this week is no minor business, though it might seem so on the surface. It is conservatively estimated that the minor hockey players, their teams, and governing bodies pour more than two million dollars annually into the hills of sporting goods stores, gas-line stations, restaurants, bus companies, arenas and other suppliers of commodities necessary to keep the young hockey hordes on ice.
- Speaking of hockey — the only product of John Street shiney matches and the local hockey set-up to make it all the way, Bob Gibbani, returns to the scene of some of his greatest years this week when he takes part in the second annual Detroit Red Wing Old Timers game at the Detroit Olympia. He shared the ice with former mates, Leo Reiss, Harry Lumley, Ted Lindsay, Syd Abel, and Gord Howe as well as many others who gave Detroit seven league titles in a row. Bob will be in-town tonight with a former Maple Leaf teammate Harry Watson to officiate at one of the Minor Hockey week exhibitions here.