

WHAT CAUGHT MY EYE

- By Ray Shank

Women's libbers will like this. A court recently ordered an insurance company to pay \$620. damages to a housewife who was incapacitated for three months after a car crash. So, if you husbands are wondering what your wife is worth to keep house for you every day, that \$620. sum amounts to close to \$7 a day. Think about it !!!

And here's a wee quiz for you ... What's the language spoken by most people in the world? If you answered French, English or Russian, you're wrong. The answer is Mandarin, which is used by an estimated 475 million Chinese

Say, have you seen that TV commercial where actress Patricia Neal says all those good things about Maxim instant coffee? I think she sounds more like Howard Cosell during the commercial than Howard Cosell does. Agree???

Finance Minister, John Turner, released his budget last Monday, and, I guess it wasn't a bad one. The very next day, Canada's spending estimates for 1973-74 were handed down and there were some interesting things in what they call the 'Blue Book' of budget estimates that you, Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer will have to pay for between April 1 of this year and April 1 of 1974.

For instance: Residents of St. Malo, France will receive a \$280,000 organ for their cathedral, a gift from you and I, as taxpayers. Another thing disclosed in the Blue Book is that a \$400 annual pension which has been paid annually since 1936 to Mrs. Doris Ryckman whoever she is and another of over \$600. to a resident of Jamaica, paid since 1958, will continue to be paid. Both pensions apparently required a special law of Parliament when they were passed. But the reason why they are paid is lost in history.

Another item on the estimates lists \$900,000 to be spent on the construction of a chancery and recreational facilities for the Canadian staff in Moscow.

The total budgetary spending for 1973-74 has been estimated at \$18.4 billion, an increase of \$1.9 billion.

Another big winner under the new estimates listing will be Canada's defence department. It will spend \$2.13 billion, breaking through a spending freeze, which has lasted for three years, by \$200 million.

Oh, just a bit more information about that new organ for the Cathedral in St. Malo.

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TODAY'S CHILD

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Elizabeth is five and extremely pretty with blue eyes, brown hair and fair skin. Her background is Scottish.

This child is in good general health but was born with cerebral palsy (lack of muscle control) which handicaps her only mildly. Her balance is poor, she walks awkwardly and has limited use of her right hand. She wears orthopedic boots because of flat feet and to help her walking.

Despite these difficulties Elizabeth is very active and plays all the games other children do. She has a tricycle and manages it well. Her hand is more help to her than she realizes because she can use it when reminded and when on a swing she holds the ropes with both hands. She goes to the Crippled Children's Centre about every three months for assessment and has one exercise to do at home.

Elizabeth goes to senior kindergarten in the afternoons. She is considered to be a slow learner but her foster mother says she is keeping up with her classmates.

Elizabeth has a good memory. She comes home full of eager stories about school and likes to sing school songs and commercials heard on television and radio.

An affectionate child, Elizabeth is accustomed to much attention from her foster parents and their three older children. She needs a loving home where her limitations will be accepted and where the parents will be happy to work closely with a medical team in the interests of helping their adopted daughter.

To inquire about adopting Elizabeth, please write to Today's Child, Box 888, Station K, Toronto M4P 2H2. For general adoption information, please contact your local Children's Aid Society.



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