

"OBSERVER" COMMENTS ON UNIVERSAL LANGUAGES

Y.M.C.A. Lecturer's Subject Claimed to Be of International Importance

(Note: The Daily Mail while interested in "Observer's" articles, does not necessarily agree with what that writer publishes. Sometimes the views expressed are entirely at variance with our own opinions)

According to press reports a speech was delivered Monday evening before the local Y.M.C.A. Society on the subject of a universal language. If the speaker is correctly quoted he prophesies the eventual adoption of a universal language of some kind, and claims that the signs already point that way. I did not hear the speech, much to my regret, but I think the speaker is wrong in his prophecy, that is if he refers to the eventual adoption of some artificial language.

In the past various languages have been universal languages for a time. Greek, Latin and Arabic have enjoyed that status. French occupied a similar position in diplomacy, social life and literature in the 18th and early 19th centuries. It is still the international language of Europe and the Levant. English, however, has come to share the prestige of French in diplomacy, while in the Orient the normal international language is English, though often in a debased form.

Of some 200 attempts to create a suitable language on scientific principles the vast majority are projects only. They fall into two main classes—(a) Philosophical and arbitrary, based on no existing language, and (b) Based on one or more existing languages. Examples of the first group obviously depend upon the caprice of the inventor, and impose a great strain on the memory. The best known and most successful example of the second group is Esperanto, but it is making very little headway at the present time.

One might suppose that a language such as Esperanto would be widely adopted. It is neutral and international in its elements, logical and regular in construction. The grammar can be grasped in half an hour; every rule is without exception, the spelling is phonetic and the dictionary is small. Here are some words of Esperanto selected at random: patro, father; frato, brother; leono, lion; besto, beast; estas, is; hence: "Leono estas besto."

One may see at a glance that the construction of the language is simple, and that the words are derived fundamentally from a Latin base, although other language groups are not forgotten, as "trinki" to drink (Ger.), "fratino" miss (Ger.).

The failure of Esperanto or any other artificial universal language to attain its object would seem to be due more to psychological causes than to anything else. It is not a case of the inherent difficulty of learning the language, for that does not apply. The writer learned to read Esperanto fluently in a couple of weeks' study at home, and has since accumulated a considerable amount

of literature on the subject. It is regrettable that I can not make the same claim about my speaking ability as I have no one to speak with, and thus can not be sure of my pronunciation, although rules of pronunciation are given in the grammar. But what the inventors of an artificial language do not allow for is the antipathy most people have for learning any other language than their own. Especially is this true of those for whom English is the mother tongue, and English is the most widely spoken language. Everyone thinks that the other fellow should learn his language.

It would seem, that if there is ever to be a universal language, it will not be an artificially constructed one, but rather one that already exists, modified no doubt by the passage of time, and adopted gradually and naturally. It would be logical to suppose that such a language would be the one that is most nearly in universal use. At the present time that is English. Whether, by the time the world is ready for an international language, it will still be English, is another question. But it is significant that many countries are having Basic English taught in their schools.

I would most respectfully differ with the speaker quoted in the press on his major thesis. A universal language may come, but it is extremely unlikely that it will be, as he holds, an artificial one.

—OBSERVER.

MAUGERVILLE

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute took place on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. McCluskey. Six members responded to roll call. Valentines were exchanged among the members and valentine showers were planned for two ladies who are ill. Correspondence was read and discussed. The secretary was instructed to write G. F. Smith and Major W. C. Lawson re the Home for Feeble-minded. It was decided the members should meet for sewing one afternoon next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams are rejoicing at the arrival of a baby girl at their home here.

Mrs. Robert Alexander is the guest of friends in Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. Roath True have as their guest Mr. True's mother, Mrs. Clark True, Lincoln.

Charles Burns, road supervisor, has a number of teams engaged in hauling rock and gravel for the roads.

Miss Lillian Seeley and David Seeley were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bliss, Oromocto.

Oromocto Lady Dies Yesterday Afternoon

Many mourn the death of Mrs. Cecilia Carr of Oromocto who died yesterday at her home there, at the age of 73 years. The late beloved citizen was born at Woodside, N. B., and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foss. She resided at Oromocto for the past seven years, and was well known and highly respected and esteemed by those who knew her.

She is survived by her husband Leslie Carr, three sons, Franklin, of Watt Junction, Claude and Harold of Oromocto; one adopted daughter, Mrs. Charles Knuckles, of California; and seven grandchildren mourn her death.

The funeral service will be held at her home at 1.45 p.m. with services at the United Baptist church, Oromocto, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Mr. Glendenning conducting the service. Interment will be made at Geary.

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SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. B. M. Love is entertaining this week at a series of delightful bridge parties. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Love was hostess at a three-table bridge when the prizes were won by Mrs. Frank VanBuskirk, Mrs. Rattembury and Mrs. Robert Forbes.

Mrs. F. H. Rowe presided over the tea cups and Mrs. G. Leslie Mavor replenished. Assisting were Mrs. T. M. Boyd, Miss Jean Dinwoodie and Miss Betty Hawkins.

In the evening Mrs. Love again entertained when guests played bridge at four tables. Winners of prizes for high score being Mrs. A. E. MacKay, Mrs. Walter Limerick and Mrs. Robert Bailey. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. D. W. Wallace, Mrs. H. H. Ritchie and Mrs. A. E. MacKay. Mrs. Love is again entertaining this evening. The house is bright with spring flowers.

Mrs. A. A. Dysart and Miss Mary Dysart have arrived in Fredericton to attend the opening of the Legislature tomorrow afternoon.

Tea at Residence Mrs. Crockett
Following the opening of the House, Group three of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will hold a tea at Dunrobin the residence of Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Crockett. Tickets 25, 4 to 6.30. Public invited.

Hostess at Thimble Party
Mrs. D. W. Ols is giving a subscription tea and party this evening at her home as one of the series of the sewing parties which are being given by various members of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church.

Mrs. W. S. Anderson of Newcastle is arriving today to join her husband Hon. W. S. Anderson, and to be present at the opening of the Legislature tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Anderson's daughter, Miss Shirley Anderson, is a student at the University of New Brunswick in this city.

Marriage of Miss McMullen to John Gilchrist Tomorrow

Mrs. W. D. MacFarlane and small son, Bruce, of St. Anne de Bellevue, Montreal are expected to arrive in the city tomorrow to be present at the wedding of her sister, Miss Mary McMullen to John Gilchrist of Montreal which takes place at five o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMullen.

Members of the Fredericton Community Concert Association are looking forward with much pleasure to hearing Mildred Dilling, harpist and Marcel Hubert, cellist, who are being presented in a recital on Friday evening at the Normal School auditorium.

Entertaining at Dinner-bridge
Mrs. H. H. Gunter is entertaining at a dinner-bridge at her home this evening. Among the guests will be Mrs. Cecil Mersereau of Perth who is a guest of the hostess.

**Guests Expected for the
Gilchrist-McMullen Wedding**
Among the guests from outside of the city who are expected to be present at the Gilchrist-McMullen wedding which takes place tomorrow are Mrs. Harry Lynan, Mrs. W. S. Stratton, Mrs. W. L. Stewart, Mrs. H. O. Peters and Mrs. Dunbrack of Saint John.

Mrs. Cameron Bridge Hostess
at Her Home

Mrs. J. M. Cameron entertained at her home last evening at a four-table bridge. The prizes were won by Mrs. Kenneth McAdam, Mrs. E. R. Blackmer, Mrs. James Mavor and Mrs. J. M. MacKinnon. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Wm. Warwick, Mrs. Frank Corbin and Mrs. R. K. Nevers.

Mrs. A. F. Belding entertained at a dinner bridge last evening at her home.



MARCEL HUBERT
Eminent French 'cellist, will be heard at Fredericton Community
Concert on Friday evening.

N. B. Exhibits Arrive For Boston Show

Material of the New Brunswick exhibit to appear at the forthcoming National Sportsmen's Show at New York has arrived and is now being assembled on one of the main show floors of Grand Central Palace.

Guides of the province under the supervision of D. W. Griffiths, director of Information and Tourist Travel, are carrying on the work of erecting the log cabin, arranging the course of a miniature brook and the numerous other items incidental to the completion of the exhibit.

Previous to coming to New York, the New Brunswick exhibit made a highly successful appearance at the New England Sportsmen's and Boat Show at Mechanics Hall, Boston. "Gross attendance at that event was one of the largest in the history of the Show and the interest taken in the New Brunswick offering by the public was altogether satisfactory," Mr. Griffiths commented today.

The little bear which is one of the live specimens with the exhibit is taking kindly to the campaign and is becoming recognized as a good trouper generally. His heart is perfect and as this is written he is climbing the side walls of his cage and growling at the large mounted bear immediately outside.

According to officials of Campbell-Fairbanks Exposition, Inc., there is a keen and increasingly large demand on the part of the general public for exhibitions of the type represented by Sportsmen's Shows. Last winter was the first in which this organization

Many Mourn Death Of Devon Man

The death of Alexander M. Bird, aged 56 years, occurred yesterday at South Devon. The deceased was a road master on the C.P.R., and had resided at South Devon for the past three years. He was well known and highly respected, being a member of the Masonic Lodge, and Benjamin Lodge of Andover, New Brunswick. He was very active in Brotherhood circles, and his death will be learned with deep sorrow by a large number of relatives, friends and fellow-railroadmen.

The deceased was a member of the Anglican Church, and was active in the religious and social life of his church. He leaves to mourn two sons, Gordon of Montreal, and George at home; one daughter, Alice, at home; and three sisters, Mrs. Robert Richards of Edmundston, N. B., Mrs. Herman Jamer, of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. Whitman Haines of North Devon. Two brothers survive, William, of St. Leonard and Samuel of Millinocket, Maine.

The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon, with service at St. Mary's Church, Devon, at 3 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. Dysart and interment at the Rural cemetery, Devon.

attempted a Sportsmen's Show in Gotham and the success which attended the venture at this time has prompted an extension of this year's dates from one week to a ten-day stand.



MILDRED DILLING
World's foremost woman harpist presented in recital by Fredericton Community Concert Association Friday evening.

AWAY ON BUSINESS
C. A. MacVey, Chief Bridge Engineer for the Province of New Brunswick, is out of town today on business connected with his department.

COMPANY INCORPORATED
Agnes J. Crowley of Saint John and others have been incorporated to deal in electrical apparatus and supplies including radios. The company will be known as The Capital Stock with \$10,000 capital.

William Losier, M.L.A., of Carleton Place, is among the first arrivals in the city for the opening of the Legislative Assembly tomorrow. Mr. Losier is receiving a hearty welcome from his many Fredericton friends.

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All the companies mentioned are interested in the publication of the Saint John Telegraph Journal and The Times Globe.

This evidently is an indication of reorganization.

Alderman Mundle Writes to Friends

Friends here have received cards from Alderman and Mrs. F. S. Mundle, who are spending several weeks in Florida. Alderman Mundle, who writes from Miami Beach, says there are record crowds and hot weather at the beauty centre of Florida.

C. C. Avar, editor of the Sackville Tribune, is in the city today and will leave this afternoon for New York, where he will attend the Sportsmen's Show.



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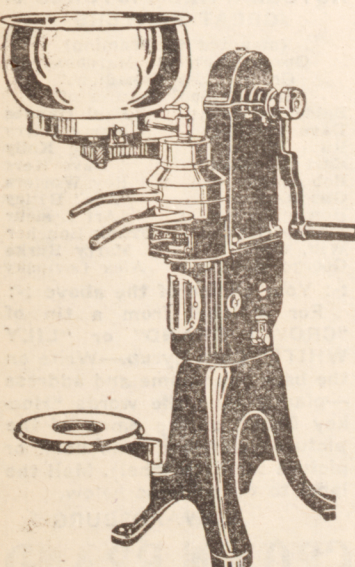
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