

## 50 years ago

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Marshall McLuhan's readers divide, for the most part, into disciples and enemies. It is difficult to be cool towards him, and in this collection of articles about his work much of the writing is hot, at least in temper. Over and over again, one is reminded of the response to Teilhard de Chardin, or John Robinson, or Levi-Strauss, because, I think, these are all asking us to break our habitual ways of looking, listening and thinking. They are prophets of change and renewal in our total

perception of the environment, and as McLuhan himself remarks in the most interesting chapter of this book, "Any new demand on human perception, any new pressure to restructure the habits of perception, is the occasion for outraged response ... I expect my audience to participate with me in a common act of exploration. I want observations, not agreement. I have no liking for it ... I do not approve of the global village: I say we live in it."

## 100 years ago

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The Tablet article on the Roman Question has been read with keen interest in Rome, not only in English-speaking Catholic circles, but also in high Italian ecclesiastical circles, where the number of those who read English is growing steadily ... It may be said with truth – though your correspondent's opinion may be regarded as not free from bias – that such articles, combining absolute loyalty to the Holy See with a sanity of world outlook, are

exceedingly valuable, as so much that has been written here on the subject lacks complete sanity either on one side or the other. This lack is, of course, far more noticeable in articles written on the lay side. Many of these appear to be written in an impartial spirit, but err in that they give the unwary reader an impression that nothing in particular happened in 1870 or, if anything did, that it has been forgotten long ago by the Holy See as by everyone else.

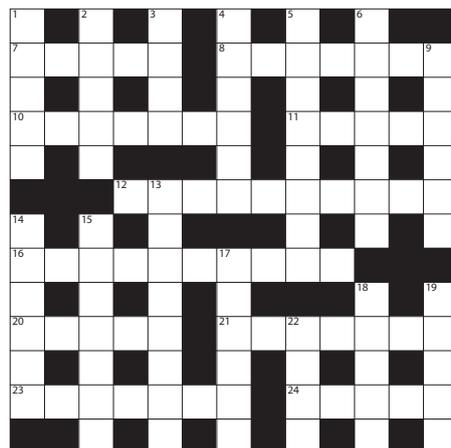
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#### Across

- 7 Remove an insect from an animal? What a romantic thing to do! (5)
- 8 Marine produce brings a dollar with which to acquire an animal (7)
- 10 Showing great joy at the botched raid on the insect from 1 across
- 11 Overweight, one may be faced with double these (5)
- 12 There is banter when reading the page about the misplaced rifles (10)
- 16 It is sad for me, with a dysfunctional clan, pious though they be! (10)
- 20 Gee! The way these films are shown! (5)
- 21 There is something fishy about a little one in Copenhagen (7)
- 23 Paying attention to a chap beside a member of the press pouring gin (7)
- 24 The very young and the very old are not in it (5)



#### Down

- 1 The last injured bear found in Africa (5)
- 2 Headgear for gangsters in the US (5)
- 3 Tell me Sam, about the flat-topped hill (4)
- 4 Free to bring a musical instrument up to the head of the group (6)
- 5 The vote of thanks in Paris was a lot less than fulsome, but we are prepared to forgive (8)
- 6 Calum is providing entertainment (7)

- 9 The food is so clean; we can see that it proves a knockout for the lady! (6)
- 13 With the drug I sent in, he was brilliant! (8)
- 14 I set a trap, claiming to be a former American president (5)
- 15 He's a lazy one; his essays lack erudition (7)
- 17 Show respect for the silver in the place where we live (6)
- 18 You have a wonderful mystic, Avila yet you find fault! (5)
- 19 Here comes 15 down! (5)
- 22 Pore over what may form an attachment (4)

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