A few weeks ago I told you about the Scholarship Opportunities which are being offered by the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild sponsored by the Fisher Body Corporation division of General Motors.

This week we publish a picture of two Toronto Scouts of the 38th Toronto Troop, who are out to win one of the prizes, of which there is a total value of $75,000. These two boys are seen at work on their model of the State Coach of the Emperor Napoleon of France, in the showroom window of Messrs. Breay-Nash, Ltd., of Bay Street, Toronto.

I hope that some Lone Scouts are entering this competition and taking advantage of the unique opportunities that it affords. If you have not already done so you can enrol in the competition and obtain full particulars by applying to any General Motors dealer in your neighborhood.

Free Fishing For Scouts

Free fishing privileges in Big Whitefish Lake, surrounding Mystery Island, have been granted by the Hon. Hector Laferte, Minister of Fisheries for Quebec. This makes it unnecessary for Scouts or Lone Scouts of other Provinces to purchase Quebec Fishing Licences when visiting Mystery Island

A Flag From the London Cenotaph

One of the signal honours conferred upon the Canadian Scout contingent at the last world Scout gathering in England was the presentation of a large white ensign that had flown from the Cenotaph in Whitehall. The flag now has an honoured place at Dominion Scout Headquarters, Ottawa

Summer Camp, 1932

One Lone Scout has already sent in his application to attend the Summer Camp which we are planning for this year. Wll you be there too? Start that Camp Fund right now!

Scouts Thanked in Parliament

The Boy Scouts of England were thanked in the House of Commons by the Secretary for the Dominions, the Hon. J. H. Thomas, for valuable services rendered in connection with the "Buy British" camp 'gn of the Empire Marketing Board.

The Value of Scout Training

It is recorded that the first place among 250 competitors for 20 apprenticeships in the Royal Air Force was won by a 15-year-old Scout who is a Patrol Leader in a Troop at Coventry, England.

We hope that Lone Scoute are taking full advantage of the opportunity which is in their hands of making full use of their Scout Programme which is of such assistance to them in the development of their faculties, both mental and physical.

And now read the following paragraph:

Where Deaf and Blind Pair Off

Blind boys and deaf boys pair off for the test work in the Scout Troop at the Vancouver School for the Blind and Deaf. The blind boys act as "ears for two" and the deaf Scouts are "eyes." Surprisingly good work is done, Scout games are played, and the boys have greatly benefitted in mental outlook.

Even the physically handicapped boys make good use of the Scout Programme you see, and in Toronto, the Robert Louis Stevenson Troop, attached to the Hospital for Sick Children, is flourishing, with the majority of its members in bed. Some of them, however, have been out in the Hospital grounds in wheel chairs to pass their Second Class Cooking Test.

When we read such things as the above, doesn't it make us feel that we, who enjoy good health and the full use of all our senses, should use them to the fullest degree to benefit ourselves whilst we can do so? If a boy can be a keen Scout under such difficulties, how much greater is your obligation to carry out your Scout Promise to the letter?

"Lone E" will be glad to hear from boys between 12 and 18 years of age who cannot join a regular Troop of Scouts and who wish to be enrolled as Lone Scouts. Write to the Lone Scout Department Boy Scouts Association, 330 Bay Street, Toronto 2, and ask for full particulars, which will be gladly sent to you.—"Lone E."

The Elfin Valley

By this low rock pool, dark and sweet,
Where panting Summer cools, her feet,
No creature stirs, except the leaves
That sometimes glide along the air
Like children down a shallow stair,
Ond nothing strives or grieves.

The long fernsdrip fromevery frond.
Green, round and polished lies he pond,
A mirror for the stooping moon.
Above, the fall is straight and white,
A comet in a sultry night,
Among the leaves of June.

All spellbound in the drowsy gloom,
Gray-leaved white-flowered, the mulleins bloom;
And if a swallow suddenly
Should cut the pool with one sharp wing,
Or if a thrush come here to sing,
It seems a prodigy.

A lone green valley, good for sheep,
Where still the ancient fairies keep
Their right of way and copyhold
All night with mullein torches. Far
Within the stream, a dreaming star
Has laid a spell of gold.

—Mary Webb, in "Poems and the Spring of Joy."

More Machinery Used In British Coalfields

Sheffield, Eng.—Statistics of the Yorkshire coal trade issued in November show that in this district the use of machinery is increasing. The number of coal-cutting machines in use during 1930 rose by 3 per cent., and the amount of mechanically cut coal by nearly 9 per cent. The output of coal per shift per person also slightly increased.

A similar tendency toward more extended employment of machinery in the coal trade can also be noted in Scotland and in the northwestern division of England. In Scotland the percentage of machine-cut coal was 66, while in the northwestern division it increased during 1930 from 30 to 35.

"Did your wife give you particular fits because you came home at 9 o'clock the other morning?"

"No, she didn't say a word. It's too near her birthday."

Popularity of Chocolate Dates Back to Cortez

When stout Cortez led his little army into the Valley of Mexico 400 years ago he discovered a new empire—and a new food, chocolate. His historian reports that the Aztecs used the cacao bean, from which chocolate is made, very generally. They made a delicious beverage from chocolate, and it is reported that the Montezuma would drink no other.

The Spaniards tried to keep their chocolate recipe from the rest of the world, but without success. Soon the wealthy in France, England and other European countries were having chocolate every day. Four hundred years' usage has not decreased the popularity of this food and North America now imports great quantities of cacao beans every year.

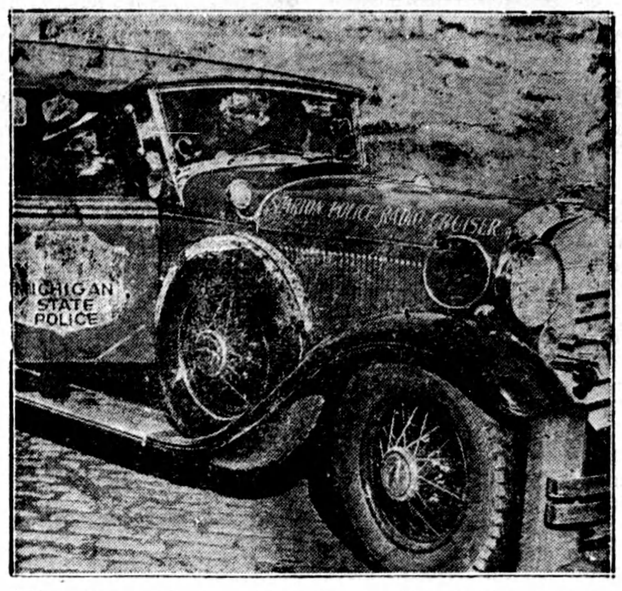
BEAUTY

Among all the devices of creation, there is not one more wonderful than the profuseness which the Mighty Maker has been pleased to shed over the works of His hands an endless and boundless beauty.

SUFFERING

On this whole earth of ours there are but few souls that can withstand the dominion of the soul that has suffered itself to become beautiful.—Maeterlinck.

Latest Addition to Chicago Police Dept.



This police speed car ought to slow up the activities of Chicago gangsters. It has bulletproof radiator screen, shatter-proof glass, revolvers in dash compartments, carries hand grenades, tear gas guns, machine gun, rifles and sawed-off shot guns.

A Little Garden

Beside a runnel build my shed,
Wih stubbles cover'd o'er;
Let broad oaks o'er its chimney spread,
And rass-plots grace the door.

A little garden, not too fine,
Inclose with painted pales;
And woodbines, round the cot to twine,
Pin to the wall with nails.

Let hazels grow, and spindling sedge,
Bend bowering over-head;
Dig old man's beard from woodland hedge,
To twine a summer shade;

Beside the threshold sods provide,
And build a summer seat;
Plant sweet-briar bushes by its side,
And flowers that blossom sweet.

—John Clare, Poems.

Cheap Water Route Opened in Malaya

Penang, Straits Settlements—A new development for cheap transport in Malaya is the establishment of a water-borne traffic, originally between the Selangor River and Port Swettenham, but now spreading much farther south. Malayan Water Transport Company is the name of the new venture.

Already produce from 34 companies is handled by this concern, and the traffic carried is increasing each month. The new enterprise has proved singularly apt at a time when the plantation industry is learning the lesson of economy, and the work started may lead to a large scale revival of commerce upon Malayan waters.

Paris Raises Dog Taxes

Paris.—The Municipal Council of Paris which, like most other cities in the world at present, finds itself under the necessity of raising more taxes next year, has decided to double the cost of licenses for dogs—and no one can possess a dog in Paris without a license.

With true French logic the assessment has been based on the degree to which the dog is either a luxury or a necessity. Thus, mere pets cost 40 francs ($1.50) by way of tax. Licenses for hunting dogs, however, only cost half that, and owners of watch dogs pay no more than 15 francs.

Beginning Jan. 1, dogs were divided into only two classes—pets and hunting dogs, whose owners will be charged 80 francs a year, and watch dogs, on which the tax will be 30 francs. These taxes are expected to net the municipal government about $40,000.

Dogs which are the companions of the blind or war maimed will be exempt from any tax, as they always have been.

GOOD TEMPER

Good temper is fruitful in happy fancies, in fair vistas, in hopes and plans of pleasure. Good temper is to the pleasures of man what imagination is to the fine arts—delights in them, loves, multiplies, creates them.—Joubert.

Croydon-Cape Town Air Service Now In Operation

Croydon, Eng.—On January 20th the 38-passenger airliner Helena took off from the airdrome here on the first stage of the regular weekly 6000-mile air service between England and Cape Town.

It was just a year ago that the first stage was inaugurated as far as Kisumu on Lake Victoria, central Africa. It has required another year's steady preparation to reach the present stage of complete London-Cape Town service.

For the first few flights, only mails and officials will be carried. Liners will leave Croydon every Wednesday and reach Cairo the third day, having changed over to a flying boat at Brindisi for the trip over the Mediterranean.

From Cairo to Khartoum the journey is to be continued by land plane with another change to flying boat up the Nile to Juba which is reached on the sixth day. Then into a land plane again in Nairobi in Kenya, Mbeya in Tanganyika, Salisbury in southern Rhodesia, Johannesburg in the Transvaal, and finally Cape Town on the eleventh day. It is hoped to reduce this figure to nine when more experience has been gained.

The Imperial Airways has ordered a new fleet of fast monoplane airliners for this service. They are to have a maximum speed of 150 miles an hour, a cruising speed of 120 miles, and be driven by four engines totalling 1360 horsepower. The engines are to be supercharged to enable them to operate at full power at high altitudes.

The fare is £130 and letters for the whole distance cost a shilling a half ounce, and parcels eight shillings a pound up to 11 pounds.

Coincidentally with opening the new service it is revealed that a secret military flying boat, the largest in the world, is nearing completion at Rochester.

Fewer Youths Working On Britain's Farms

London—There has been a falling off in recent years of the number of young men workers under 21 years of age in agriculture in Britain. At the same time the number of students attending classes in farming and allied subjects has increased.

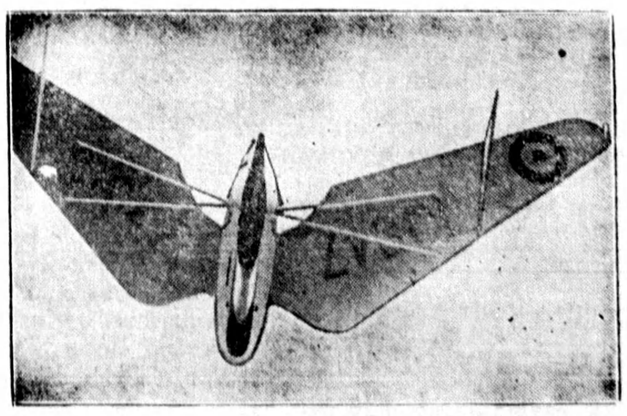
These facts have been discovered by means of a questionnaire circulated among agricultural wages committees and farmers' organizations.

Since 1929 there has been an increased number of day students in agricultural courses from 3208 to 2225, in evening classes from 7204 to 8976, and in manual processes (such as plowing, hedge laying, ditching, thatching, sheep shearing, basket making, and milking, etc.) from 3432 to 3503. Lectures and demonstrations went up from 9364 to 10,185, and whole-time instructors and instructresses increased from 377 to 421.

IMAGINATION .. ....

The man of imagination without learning has wings and no fee.—Joubert.

Under Experimentation



Looks like a huge bat, but they call it "Pterodactyl II." at Farnborough air station. It is one of the tailless aircraft recently purchased by the Royal Air Force for experimental purposes.

Silver Lining

BY HECK.

Here is a little sidelight on the supposed lack of money in Canada: "In one day the Sun Life wrote $8,300,000 of application and in one week $22,000,000 of business." This happened last week and as insurance companies do not accept payment in vegetables Jack Canuck must have produced the CASH.

Saskatchewan butter production in 1931 exceeded by 2,000,000 lbs. the previous high mark, set in 1926. The figures given are 18,960,352 lbs.

Northern Alberta Dairy pool have repaid the government nearly $20,000 and declared a bonus of nearly $14,000.

Toronto.—General Printing Ink of New York have completed negotiations for the establishment of a plant in Toronto to manufacture ink at 179 John St.

Sir John Aird, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, stated at the annual meeting of the bank that: "Canada seems to be moving steadily, though slowly, toward economic improvement and recovery."

Increased production in shoe manufacting in Canada (over half million pairs), according to Louis O. Breithaut, recognized shoe business authority, shows general improvement in business conditions.

Boston.—Ten carloads of Canadian turkeys were sold to the trade in Boston on January 11th, 1932. Exchange situation on the Canadian dollar almost overcomes the American duty on these goods.

Dominion Government statistics claim that cheap, low grade woollens previously imported in great quantities from Great Britain and the Continent are being produced here in Canada now, in satisfactory qualities and prices.

London.—The R. G. Dun Cigar Co., which established a Canadian factory here recently, have secured additional floor space and have increased their staff from 35 to 51 men.

Woodstock, Ont.—Wood Mosaic Co., Inc., of Louisville, Ky., have purchased the Canada Furniture plant here to manufacture mosaic floorings, veneers and gothic oak for interior work.

Gold—Dominion Bureau of Statistics show a total production of 2,679,728 ounces of gold at a value of $55,394,892, placing Canada as second largest gold producing country in the world.

United States Government will support industries, through a Finance Corporation, to the extent of $500,000,000 and another $1,500,000,000 will be raised in debentures.

Canadian debentures. A yield of 5¾ per cent. for investors is offered by the Province of New Brunswick on debentures amounting to $5,062,000.

Windsor.—Building permits which amounted to only $11,945 for all of September, 1931, jumped to $97,700 for November. Total employment comparison tables show that unemployment had decreased by 583 during the month of November.

Chicago.—Thugs surrender $575,000 of loot secured in Lincoln, Nebraska, to detectives, who expect to recover the rest of the plunder.

Peace—British, French and American ambassadors confer on pact to prevent war, or at least to prevent world wide conflagration from the Manchurian situation.

The Toronto Mail and Empire publishes an article which seems to indicate the money situation in Europe. It states: "Impoverished Europe is buying up its depreciated industrial securities in this country."

New Toronto.—The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company's plant at New Toronto went into a 24-hour per day operation on January 7th.

Montagny, Que.—A real and artificial silk industry is to locate here.

Granby, Que.—A ribbon factory, which will turn out silk goods is to operate here shortly.

Kitchener.—Goodrich Tire and Dominion Tire companies, two of the largest industries of this city, are looking forward with confidence to better business. They are getting busy again on Spring business.

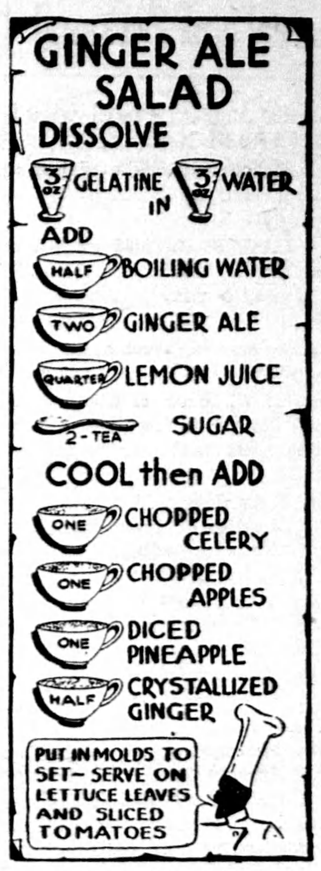
The Robt. Simpson Co., Ltd., of Toronto, sold over 10,000 dresses in one day last week in their Toronto store.

Plenty of Sunlight Urged For Winter House Plants

In winter many house plants grow spindly and weak. They lose their healthy greenness. Usually this condition is due to insufficient sunlight. Green plants must have sunlight in order to utilize this energy to manufacture and store food necessary in their growth. In the absence of sunlight the sores of food previously manufactured are utilized and the plants become weak.

During the short days of winter, when the intensity of the sun's rays is low, place the house plants in the sunniest spot in the house. Foliage plants (ferns, etc.) will, in general, thrive with less light than will flowering plants.

Other factors necessary for growth should be considered. Soak the soil thoroughly when watering plants and do not water again until the soil begins to look dry. A moist air is desirable, so keep water around radiators or stoves.



GINGER ALE SALAD

The Chef has received a great many letters, also many suggestions as to appropriate name for this new idea in cooking, but so far none have been accepted. A twenty-three piece set of dishes will be given to the reader who suggests a snappy title. Some of the names which have been received were: The Sketch Cook, Visible Victuals, Eye-Deal Cook, Look and Cook, Cook's Art Gallery.

Special Offer

Send twenty-five cents and you will receive six illustrated cooking recipes as above. Address

THE CHEF,
73 Adelaide Street West,
Toronto.

A Day Well Spent

January 16th, 1660. In the morning I went up to Mr. Crew's, and at his bedside he gave me direction to go tomorrow with Mr. Edward to Twickenham, and likewise did talk to me concerning things of state; and expressed his mind how just it was that the secluded members should come to sit again. . . .

From thence to my office, where nothing to do; but Mr. Downing he came and found me all alone; and did mention to me his going back into Holland, and did ask me whether I would go or no, but gave me little encouragement, but bid me consider of it; and asked me whether I did not think that Mr. Hawly could perform the work of my office alone or no. I confess I was at a great loss, all the day after, to bethink myself how to carry this business. At noon, Harry Ethall came with me and went along with Mr. Maylard by coach as far as Salsbury Court, and there we set him down, and we went to the Clerks, where we came a little too late, but in a closet we had a very good dinner by Mr. Pinkney's courtesy, and after dinner we had pretty good singing, and one, Hazard, sung alone after the old fashion, which was very much cried up, but I did not like it. Thence we went to the Green Dragon, on Lambeth Hill, both the Mr. Pinkney's, Smith, Harrison, Morrice, that sang the bass, Shepley and I, and there we sang all sorts of thing, and I ventured with good success upon things at first sight; and after that I played on my flagelot, and staid there till nine o'clock, very merry and drawn on with one song after another till it came to be so late.

After that Shepley, Harrison and myself, we went towards Westminster on foot, and at the Golden Lion, near Charing Cross, we went in. . . . And thence home, where I found my wife and maid a-washing. I staid up till the bellman came by with his bell just under my window as I was writing of this very line, and cried, "Past one of the clock, and a cold, frosty, windy morning." I then went to bed, and left my wife and the maid a'washing still.—From "[illegible] Pepys' Diary."

[illegible] it plain."
"No, but [illegible] of some of that powder and [illegible] you might."

LOVE'S WAY

Love is as a wind blowing on the flower of life. Sometimes it is a soft-scented breeze, gently touching the leaves, and the blossom blooms out in its life amid the suns of happiness and dews of sympathy. And again it is a hot blast from passion's wastes, withering the petals and blighting the bud ere it has yet bloomed.