Summary of the News

Practical Arithmetic

TORONTO.—More practical questions in the new public school arithmetic were demanded by the Ontario Ratepayers and Trustees association at the annual meeting in Toronto this week. Trustees from school section 10, Vestra township in Simcoe county pointed out that the questions used in the present book had no relation to the actual problems in arithmetic the children had to solve in every day life.

Three Die in Crossing Smash

Galt's worst recent tragedy early Friday claimed the lives of a young couple and a friend when a Canadian Pacific Railway passenger train smashed their automobile to wreckage at the Dundas Street crossing.

The dead. John Macey, 27, milk truck driver; his wife, Jessie Leeds Macey, 23, whom he married a year ago last November; and Miss Olive Moore, 51, all of Galt.

Coroner Ward Woolner, Ayr, opened an inquiry which was adjourned for hearing of evidence at a later date. Police said a string of freight cars, extending to the east, cut off Macey's view of the approaching train 60 feet back from the crossing which was unprotected, the watchman having gone off duty.

Easter Lily Demand

BRAMPTON.—With the shipping of Easter lilies from local conservatories almost completed, growers here are reporting a larger demand for their flowers than was the case last year. Every day, special coaches have been pocked up here by passenger trains on both railway systems to haul the Easter flowers to retailers in points as far west as Edmonton and as far east as St. John's Newfoundland. According to growers, the volume of Easter lilies this year is much above that of the average year, with a tremendous quantity of stock available.

$50 Newsprint Price

MONTREAL.—General Manager P. M. Box has announced Lake St. John Power and Paper Company will adopt a $50 newsprint contract price for the first half of 1938.

Wheat Boost

CHICAGO.—With European importations the heaviest since the Great War, actual re-entry of the United States into world export trade stimulated farmers' hopes for prosperity Saturday.

The highest domestic wheat prices in eight years gave the United States wheat crop to be harvested this summer its greatest value since 1929. An 800,000,000-bushel crop would be worth more than $1,000,000,000 at prevailing prices.

Wheat has advanced steadily—5 cents a bushel in the last week, 10 cents in a month—in the face of improving crop conditions. This week the arid Northwest, where last year's drought cut production drastically, received what was described as a "$1,000,000,000 snow."

Traders said that even a bumper crop might bring high prices because of the unusual demand from European nations, chiefly Great Britain, Germany and Italy, hich have been scouring bread-stuff-production countries for importations at the rate of almost 2,000,000 bushels a day for weeks.

Strike Ended

PETERBOROUGH. — Final settlement of the strike at the plant of the Peterborough Brinton Carpet Company, where 240 employees were out, was effected Friday. The workers agreed to accept a general 10 per cent. pay cut restoration which goes into effect immediately, and all hands will return to work.

The strike resulted from failure of the company to restore pay-cuts amounting to 25 per cent. made during the depression years, and reached a head when fifty-six weavers, members of the Brussels Carpet Weavers Union asked aid from the National Board of the Union.

Duke Accepts Plaque

OTTAWA.—Lionel Fosbery, Ottawa sculptor received a letter from the Duke of Windsor accepting a plaque of himself which Fosbery executed.

The plaque of the former King Edward VIII, a portrait in relief in bronze, is about five by six inches in size.

Pigeons Disrupt Time

BRANTFORD.—The march of time was halted for seventy minutes when pigeons which roost in the Postoffice tower here, after being locked out of their home in City Hall tower, perched on the hands of the clock and prevented them from making the usual turn.

A dozen pigeons were too much for the power of the clock. The occurrence was the second of the kind here, and stories of pigeon pie are being heard around the Post office, where the birds are proving a nuisance.

Coast Actors Praised

VANCOUVER.—For the second successive night Vancouver's Strolling Players won high praise from Adjudicator George de Warfaz, at the British Columbia regional drama festival on Thursday.

An excerpt from Rudolph Besier's "The Barretts of Wimpole Street,, was described by Mr. de Warfaz as "an absolutely perfect production."

Coupled with credit to the amateur dramatic group which Wednesday won praise with Vincent Godefre's tragedy "The Widow of Ephesus," was the adjudicator's comment that either Gay Scriven, leading lady in both Strolling Player presentations, or Colin Laurence, director of both plays and portrayer of Edward Moulton-Barrett in last night's effort, could "go to New York or London and win fame with any professional company."

Engineer Dies at Throttle

SUDBURY.—With his hand on the throttle, Engineer Edward Williams, 57, died of a heart attack en route from Sudbury to Markstay Friday afternoon. Fireman W. Antler was on the engine with him and rendered aid, but he soon learned that Williams had died almost instantly.

Williams had had twenty-five years of service with the C.P.R. The heart attack seized him nineteen miles east of Sudbury.

Seeding a Month Early

WINNIPEG.—About a month ahead of last year, wheat seeding has started in Southern Alberta, it was announced this week by the agricultural department of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Jack Barton, a farmer in the Taber irrigated district about 25 miles east of Lethbridge, has seeded 40 acres of wheat, the announcement said.

Elementary Economics

TORONTO.—Elementary economics and sociology were suggested as subjects for study in the high schools and collegiates of the province in a resolution from the Perth County association presented at the Ratepayers association meeting in Toronto at the O.E.A. this week.

War Fuel Supply

LONDON.—The recent discovery of new and plentiful oil deposits on the Island of Trinidad may make the West Indian colony Great Britain's main source of fuel supply in the event of war, the Sunday Chronicle reports.

British experts, the newspaper said, have discovered new oil deposits on the island.

Conscience-Stricken

SASKATOON. — Discussions over money matters by the Bedford Road Collegiate here brought forth a tiny piece of cheerful news.

The person who carried away tools and books some time ago sent a money order to clear his debt.

"I felt 'the call' and wished to clear the sin away," he wrote.

Temperance Education

More Temperance education in the schools of the province was recommended in a resolution passed by the Ontario Ratepayers Association.

Car Owner Pleads For Its "Borrower"

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT. — Bruce Biggar, manager of the Niagara Falls Co-operative Dairy, scoured the country roads to get his automobile and capture the thief, but in Magistrate's Court he made a strong plea for leniency on behalf of Nolan Eddy, 20, charged with the theft of the car.

As a result of Biggar's plea, the charge was reduced to "joy-riding," and Eddy was allowed to go on suspended sentence.

Agricultural Training Urged For Students

Ontario's primary and secondary schools, particularly rural schools, should emphasize training in agriculture, and devote more time to the study of current affairs and economics, W. G. Nixon, M.L.A., for Temiskaming told a group of friends here.

Youth will be served "plenty of disappointment" if they are taught early the problems of business, Mr. Nixon contended. He commended the programme of the Department of Education under Dr. J. L. Simpson. "People are beginning to realize that the curriculum was made for the pupil—not the other way round," Mr. Nixon said.

Discussing land settlement schemes of the past fifteen years, Mr. Nixon said that while conditions have changed, the pioneer farmer must be willing to work and he must have a love of the soil in his heart.

It is hoped to include cheese and butter in the pasteurization plan, but at a more opportune time.

Mayor Mitchell, while favoring pasteurization, voted with Councillor Lacoste against the resolution.

Death Rate Soars

OTTAWA. — Births registered in sixty-seven cities and towns having a population of 10,000 or more, during February, numbered 5,896, a decrease of 4 per cent., compared with 6,872 in February, 1,936, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported Saturday.

Marriages showed a decrease of 6 per cent., with 2,025 against 2,234, while an increase of 21 per cent. was shown in deaths, with 5,179, compared with 4,422 in February last year.

Speed Limit Up

TORONTO.—Ontario's new motoring speed limits—fifty miles per hour on the open highway and thirty miles per hour in all incorporated municipalities or "built up areas"—does not come into effect until May 24, Attorney-General Roebuck announced over the week-end.

The bill was given Royal assent in the Legislature on Thursday, March 25. Ordinarily, it would have been operative forthwith, but under legislation introduced earlier in the session by the Government its operation is indirectly held up for sixty days.

Municipalities will just have to put up with the thirty-mile limit prescribed for them, J. P. Bickell, registrar of motor vehicles, stated Saturday. They have no power themselves to reduce it, he added.

Ever since the legislation was passed in the House there has been considerable confusion regarding its date of effectiveness. Highways Department officials were certain its operation commenced at once. Not until the Attorney-General had his say was the air clear.

Modern Children Love Their Teacher Claims O.E.S. Pres.

Lord Tweedsmuir Opens Sessions of Educationalists in Toronto

With nearly six thousand delegates present representing all branches of educational activity in the province of Ontario Educational Association session for 1937 were opened at the University of Toronto on Monday evening by Lord Tweedsmuir.

Dwelling on the new attitudes towards education as compared with the old fashioned ideals in the school H. A. Griffin, president of the O. E. A. in his opening address, claimed that children no longer disliked school. The modern child, he declared, had no dislike of the teacher or the schoolhouse and the old fashioned truant officer was almost unnecessary for the modern school.

Said Mr. Griffin:

"The President's address, as indicated in the programme has resolved itself into some comments on education which might be entitled then and now. I was prompted in my selection of material by a word-picture given, over the radio by our own Denton Massey in his discourse —"The Young Man Goes to School" —The scene, we are told, took place near Boston. The facts were, that on the week end in question, the school burned down, and the 300 children stood in the street cheering as the flames demolished the building. "Alas", thought I "is this true of our schools?" If so — why? In the past, perhaps, but in this year of grace 1937 — decidedly not. Although realities have changed—the legend persists."

"The facts of the case to-day are —that instead of being armed with a book and a rod the teacher in your school has been carefully trained and visualizes what the children of the particular age and background need most. No longer does a uniform course of study and system of compulsory examinations keep our students either preparing for or passing these nerve-wrecking monsters. What was once a protracted hurdle race is now an all-absorbing process where the child participates to the full in expressing his opinions, taking part in discussion — and through instructon and suggestion builds up for himself a fund of facts hitherto crammed down his throat and disgorged on the examinations page."

"You say, "Is this so in our school?" "Is this the attitude of our teachers?" Yes, I am convinced that this 60-mile-an-hour system teaching and learning is absolete. So if you wish to be considered up-to-date in the tasks that confront us as educators, I hope you have come to this three-day Convention in a receptive frame of mind, prepared to listen, prepared to do your own thinking and finally return home and support modern trends in present-day education. Our complex system of living demands a change, our boys and girls deserve a "break" —and your teacher should be, and is, anxious to make the adjustments necessary. It is no longer true that half the world does not know how the other half lives. Radio, the film, fast-moving conveyances, along with the Press and reading material have made this an ever-shrinking world until we are neighbours, one to another. Since standing before you on this platform, it has been my privilege to attend two all-Canadian Education Association conferences —one, the National Home and School Club meeting — the other the Canadian Education Association meeting at Regina. In each, the topics ranged from the all-provoking theme of statistical costs on education to the curriculum and to the dynamo of the system — the teacher. Three things were of common interest:

(1) That the public finally got what it demanded.

(2) That the Course of Study must be enriched by meeting the demands of the times within the specified field covered.

(3) That the public were willing to pay to the uttermost that the youth of 1937 should receive better, broader and more useful instruction than had been the heritage of their parents.

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The Quints Are Beginning to Talk

Each of the Famous Five Can Say About 15 Words in French

Callender, Ont.—Each of the Dionne quintuplets can now say about 15 words in French, Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe said this week.

"The babies can ask for a drink of water if they want one, and can also make their wishes in other regards known," Dr. Dafoe said. "If they want to go outside to play they can get the idea across to their nurses without trouble, but their vocabularies actually only include about 15 words at present, although we expect to have them talking better when they are three years old."

The Quins will celebrate their third birthday May 28.

They speak French only, Dr. Dafoe said, but when they can use their tongues fluently they will be taught English.

The babies are well aware of their individual identity, and if Annette, for instance, is addressed as Cecille by a confused nurse or visitor she will shake her head hard, almost shout, "non, non" and point to Cecille. They are all familiar with their own names and those of their sisters, Dr. Dafoe said.

He said they did not know how to ask for something to eat, or how to say they were tired "because they are fed at regular times and put to bed at regular hours, so they never get hungry or sleepy except at the proper times."

"As far as their talking goes," Dr. Dafoe said, "you must remember that children of multiple birth never talk at an earlier age.

"All along we have been expecting the Quins to be able to say quite a few words by their third birthday, and they will be able to do that. Already they know the usual 'good morning,' 'how do you do' and so on, and I think by their third birthday they may surprise everyone."

WHEN HE DOESN'T FORGET

The employer, according to Wilfrid Heighington, is in danger of becoming the forgotten man. Workers generally seem to be satisfied if he turns up once a week to do his stuff on pay day. — Toronto Globe and Mail.

New Regulations Demand Separate Beverage Rooms

From April 1st Hotels Must Have Two Rooms—One for Men—One For Women—Municipalities Given Right to Set Closing Hours By By-Law

TORONTO.—New and far-reaching Liquor Control Board regulations which require all Ontario hotels with authorities to operate two separate and distinct beverage rooms —one for men only, and the other solely for women, except where attended by bona fide escorts—were announced Sunday night by Liquor Commissioner Edmond G. Odette as effective from April 1.

These regulations, which have been designed to eliminate as far as possible "mixed drinking" with its attendant abuses, of which there has been considerable complaint of late, have been mooted for some time. Actually, notification of their preparation has been for some weeks in the hands of hotel proprietors.

"They all have had ample warning of what we intend to do," said Mr. Odette, "and if on April 1 they have not altered their premises to conform with our requirements there will be no renewal of their authorities for the forthcoming year."

May Set Closing Hour

A second set of regulations, which also come into operation on April 1, vests in the municipalities the right to declare by by-law whether the beverage rooms in their midst shall close before 12 o'clock midnight, the hour prescribed by Provincial regulations.

"There will be no closing of beverage rooms before 10 o'clock at night," said Mr. Odette, "but if any municipality feels that they should be shut by 10.30, or 11, or 11.30, say, all they have to do is to pass a by-law and submit it to the Liquor Control Board, and we will do the rest. A municipality, for instance, might desire an earlier than 12 o'clock closing on some particular night. That's all right with us. From the first of the month they will have the authority to go about getting it."

Inspection Tightening Up

In view of the fact that there were no amendments to the Liquor Control Act itself at the recent Legislature session, Mr. Odette is taking regulatory action to tighten up on inspection and other angles of the board's administration.

"Things are working very smoothly now," he said last night, "and our inspectors are keeping a very close check on conditions. At the present time they are looking over the hotels, listing any which have made no move to meet our April 1 demands."

Want Province To Share Half Of School Costs

Ratepayers Adopt Platform At O. E. A. Sessions in Toronto This Week

"Develop the school and save democracy" was the keynote of the new platform adopted by the Ont. School Trustees and Ratepayers' Association meeting at the O.E.A. in Toronto this week. Planks in the platform reflected the emphatic desire of the association to shape the provincial school system to meet modern needs and conditions.

High lights in the platform were the proposals that the government should carry fifty per cent of all school costs to equalize the burden between different municipalities, standard diplomas for entrance to business and technical schools instead of matriculation standards, and that a minimum salary of $700 a year be guaranteed to rural school teachers.

The platform adopted by the association was:

We believe:—

1. That equal educational opportunities should be given to every child in Ontario.
2. That 50% of school expenditure should be borne by the State.
3. That greater co-operation between school boards should be fostered in the interest of boys and girls.
4. That a Province-wide medical examination should be given at least once each year during the elementary and secondary school life of the child.
5. That a permanent record should be kept of every school child throughout his elementary and secondary school life.
6. That a more practical course should be provided for all primary and secondary schools leading to a standard diploma which would be recognized by business firms, agricultural colleges and the other practical professions.
7. That our teaching profession be assured of a greater tenure of service and at least a minimum salary of $700,000 and greater freedom of citizenship.
8. War being the greatest menace to civilization and democracy, every effort should be made by teachers to encourage international peace and to teach the truth about war.
9. That every effort be made to encourage a better class of moving pictures and that all educational films should be stamped.
10. That assistance be given by the Federal Government to the Provincial Governments for the vocational training and employment of youth.
11. That all real property be based on a Provincial equalized assessment.
12. That we make a thorough study of the unit of administration for the purpose of securing the greatest economy and efficiency in our educational system.
13. That every effort be made to increase interest in education in order that our citizens may be well prepared for life.
14. That there be the greatest possible co-operation between our Association and the Department of Education.

Urges Women's Work for Women

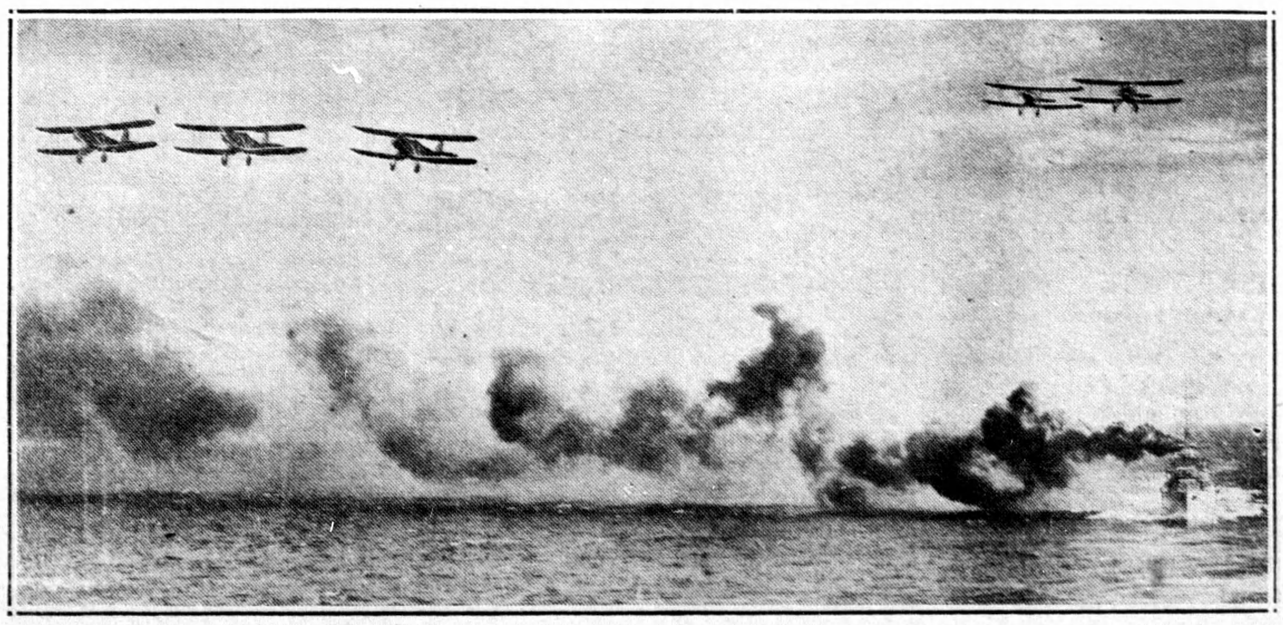
MONTREAL.—Canadian women are urged by Mrs. M. M. Cutherland, Ottawa, of the National Employment Commission, to reorganize their activities and prepare to undertake "women's work." Advocating "women's work for women," Mrs. Sutherland told members of Montreal Women's Club: "Unless we can get it, we shall find ourselves out of occupations."

Women's responsibilities was to recognize the fields that are theirs. In the past, making of textiles, nursingand teaching activities. When those activities went outside the home, women followed along, the speaker said.

It is up to us to reorganize our own work and get our women prepared to undertake women's work. The trouble with house work is that no one have been trained for it — neither the girl who tries to do it nor the mistress who tries to direct the girl.

"The wonder to me is that more homes are not broken up in the first year or two by inexperienced young wives. We need more training for the girls and for the women."

Smoke Covers Nest



Planes of Britain's Naval Air Arm flying low over smoke screen being laid by H.M.S. Crusader, attendant destroyer, to cover their nest on carrier Courageous' deck.