NEWS PARADE...

REPERCUSSION: One of the first things the new German-Russian non-agression pact did was to give Japan the jitters, turning the Rising Sun nation against its former triangle-partner, Germany. Immediately Japan began to look with favor again upon Britain. Within three days of the signing of the new pact, Japanese army men left off stripping British subjects in China, began to make the German nationals suffer the various indignities instead.

'TIS AN ILL WIND: Wars and rumors of wars and successive crises in Europe don't help business much. They bring trade between countries to a standstill play havoc with the stock market, chase customers away from every mercantile door, throw the youth of the land into a frame of mind where they think a hand-to-mouth existence is the only possible one.

But . . . . it's an ill wind that blows nobody good. Europe hanging on the brink of catastrophe has accomplished one wonder. It has succeeded in bringing Ontario's Mr. Hepburn to Ottawa, to confer with federal officials . . .

ALL ELSE FORGOTTEN: Have not heard much talk of an election this Fall, eh, since the Danzig crisis started? Ears straining to catch the dropping of a pin in the Polish Corridor, have been missing bangs and crashes on our own political floor.

POLAND'S HISTORY: In 965 under the reign of Mieszko, whose great-great-grandfather had wrested its beginnings — a province extending from the Carpathian mountains to the Bug River— from the falling Moravian Empire, the history of Poland as a kingdom began.

She gradually grew, at one time extending over part of what is now Western Russia and the Russian Ukraine, as far south as what formerly was Czecho-Slovakia, and as far north as what is now Latvia on the Baltic, and with a western frontier approximately the same as her present border.

Poland has been partitioned four times. She appeared as an independent state under treaties concluded in 1795, partitioned her between Russia, Prussia and Austria. Not until 1919 did she again appear as a nation, carved into the world maps by the Treaty of Versailles.

THE WEEK'S QUESTION: How does the new Nazi-Communist pact aid China? Answer: Japan's sum of energy is already half-spent after two years of expensive undeclared war in China. But Japan has all along been counting heavily on Germany remaining an enemy of Russia. Now Russia is in a position to concentrate new strength on the Siberian-Manchoukuo border, focal point of Russian-Japanese hostilities, and give all her attention to defeating the Japanese.

Hockey Star Drowns

Albert "Babe" Siebert, star of the Montreal Canadiens' hockey team for many years, and recently appointed coach of the Flying Frenchmen, was drowned in Lake Huron while attempting to retrieve an inflated automobile tube which had got away from his little daughter.

Meatless Months

The Snake Park at Port Elizabeth, Natal, has a python 21 ft. long, which did not touch food for 19 months. It remained perfectly healthy.

Niagara Moving

During the last 100 years Niagara Falls have moved back nearly 400 ft., and are still moving. The water pouring over the edge wears away the rock—about 3 ft. each year.

Canadian Troops Are On Guard Against Sabotage In Dominion

In face of European events, the Dominion government has taken steps to prevent sabotage of important public buildings, transport and communication lines. At the RIGHT, a sergeant of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment is shown standing guard on a bridge over the Welland canal, while a Lewis gun crew is seen, LOWER LEFT, keeping a watchful eye on the canal itself. In camp at Thorold, Ont., these soldiers, UPPER LEFT, gather around as one of their comrades receives a shave from the company barber, prior to taking up sentry duty.

VOICE of the PRESS

EXCAVATION

Out in Alberta they dig up dinosaurs, but in Ontario, merely old estates. — Toronto Star.

FORGOTTEN MEN

Rural mail carriers are to have special markers to put on their cars. But they have not had their pay raised. — Oshawa Times.

LAND OF ABUNDANCE

Andrew Murray, of Wilton Grove, Ont., planted one bushel of Erban oats and harvested 93 bushels. There are many things wrong in the world but there appears to be nothing wrong with an earth which can yield such an abundance. — Peterborough Examiner.

NOT TO BE COUNTED ON

An English industrialist visiting Toronto predicted a boom for Canadian industry in the event of war, this country being looked upon as a first line reserve for the Old Land. That may be true enough, but all war booms leave a headache and a demoralized economy The truth is, the world has not yet recovered from the Great War. — St. Catharines Standard.

ABOLISH ROADSIDE WEEDS

One argument used by the advocates of reforestation is that a beautiful landscape will attract the tourists, yet we cannot recall hearing it said that sow thistle, wild carrot, oxeye daisy, orange hawkweed, teazel and blue devil along the roadside and in the fields will give any special delight to those who travel the King's Highway. A large percentage of the people of Ontario apparently see beauty rather than decreased production and loss in this fauna of weeds for many roadsides are dirty and fields are over-run.

The provincial highways should be models of cleanliness regardless of the standards of farm practice in the communities through which they pass. — The Farmer's Advocate.

Twice Champ Beard Grower

The arena at Vernon, B. C., was packed to its brim again this year for the grand finale carnival, 1939. when Bert Lamarche, for the second year in a row, was awarded the palm for having grown the bushiest beard.

Old Fallacy Is Exploded

Salt Does Not Cause Hardening of the Arteries

Here is proof that should disprove conclusively the popular misconception that salt is harmful to the human system, that it causes hardening of the arteries, dilutes the natural lubricants in the body joints, and results in deposits of salt in the system, paving the way to rheumatic diseases.

Ward Off Fatigue

An article in the current issue of the Oval, magazine of Canadian Industries, Limited, reports that scientific studies by physiologists in leading laboratories have proved conclusively that salt lost through perspiration must be replaced to restore the necessary balance, and the medical profession is in agreement that the use of sodium chloride, or common salt —either in loose form or as small compressed tablets, is a safe and successful method of counteracting or warding off the effects of excessive heat fatigue.

Endorsement

Prompted by the general belief that salt was harmful to the human system, Safety Engineering, an authoritative American magazine, recently conducted a survey all among the leading American medical authorities, and the following sentence sums up their combined opinions: "Inasmuch, however, as the good that is done by salt tablets outweighs the conjectural harm that might occur to a very small number of people, the use of salt in hot industries, or hot weather should be encouraged."

Pasture For The Fall

Here is a suggestion from the Forage Division, Dominion Experimental Farms, about providing good pasture in the fall. Fall rye, sown at the rate of two bushels to the acre from August 10 to September 10, depending on district and season, will usually supply good feeding for cattle until well on towards winter. Early plowing helps in preparing the seed bed, and once rye has made a firm start, cattle may be turned into the fields, but not sheep because they nibble too closely. If not pastured too closely, the rye will winter well and there will be early pasture next spring lasting till the end of June. Then it may be ploughed under and the plants make excellent green manure.

Established in 1299, Town Bowling Club, Southampton, England, has greens which are six centuries old.

Books And You

BY ELIZABETH EEDY

"UNCLE LAWRENCE"
By Oliver Warner

This small book is the fine story of a young Englishman's short Summer visit to an uncle known only through letters who lived on the island of Pelee in Lake Erie, the southern-most point of Canada.

Uncle Lawrence was the only one of a large Victorian family who did not turn out to be a representative son of a Lincolnshire clergyman. His letters and the chance comments of the family caught the interest of a young nephew (the author). When Uncle Lawrence invited Oliver to come out to Pelee during the summer, the young man accepted with eager and affectionate curiosity. He found his uncle living alone in a strange sort of crabbed contentment.

The charm of the book lies in the revelation of Lawrence's character and in the young nephew's delicate understanding of him.

It has special interest for Southern Ontario folk who know the island and Leamington and Kingsville. The names of the people in the story are real-life ones.

"Uncle Lawrence" by Oliver Warner, Toronto: The MacMillan Co., of Canada, $1.65.

Popularity Of Wool Increases

New Textures and Color Range Are Partly Responsible

It may seem early to talk about wool, but now that wool is so definitely a year-round fabric, we can discuss it reasonably.

New textures and fascinating color ranges have a lot to do with wool's popularity. Also, wools are now sheer and even tweeds are lighter in weight Wonderful imported knitted fabrics are combined with hand knits. Circular or slim skirts in the better houses are not too short and the sheer wool fabrics, some of them combined with pure silk, are very thin and flattering.

New "old" fabrics like melton, duvetyn, broadcloth, flannel, serge, wool bengaline and ottoman,, vie with really new weaves in sheer woolens. Some of these have animal hairs woven in, and in the dyeing, the difference in color values gives added surface life.

Angoras are also very popular in sweaters and a new hand knitted angora evening wrap is not only news but good news.

ONTARIO OUTDOORS

By VIC BAKER

ONTARIO SKEET TEAM WINS DOMINION TITLE

Posting the highest individual score among the finalists in the national skeet championships, which were held simultaneously with the trap competition, Fred Lister led Toronto's York Skeet Club to the successful defence of its Dominion title.

The five-man team representing Canada's second oldest skeet club broke 468 x 500 targets to outshoot the four other entries in the final match by a wide margin. Second place was taken by the Montreal Skeet Club's No. 2 Team whose score of 440 left them 28 points behind the victorious Toronto squad. The other entries and scores were: Saint John, N.B., Skeet Club 432, Trail, B.C., Trap and Skeet Club 424, and the Medicine Hat, Alta., Gun Club 424.

With a brilliant display of marksmanship, Lister missed only three clay-pigeon targets out of the hundred thrown as his score of 97 led the Toronto marksmen to victory in the nation-wide tournament.

In the first round of the national shooting tournament, sponsored each year by the Dominion Marksmen organization, the crack Toronto team successively defended its Central Zone title by outshooting the six teams entered in the zone from London, Copper Cliff, Hamilton and Levack. In this semi-final shoot champion Dr. G. D. Beierl was in top form as he set the pace for his team-mates with a perfect score of 50.

The Dominion titlists had stiff opposition to overcome in this year's final shoot as the other four zone championship teams fought hard to take possession of the perpetual trophy, emblematic of skeet supremacy in Canada.

When Twilight Comes

When twilight comes and nature stills
The hum that haunts the dales and hills,
Dim shadows deepen and combine
And Heaven with its crystal wine
The cups of thirsty roses fills.
Blithe birds with music-burdened bills
Hush for a space their tender trills
And seek their homes in sheltering pine
When twilight comes.
Soft melody the silence thrills
Played by the nymphs along the rills;
And where the dew-kissed grasses twine,
The frogs and crickets tattoo fine
Drums to the fife of the whip-poor-wills.
—Frank Dempster Sherman.

Acre Of Wheat Brings In $8.35

How the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Figures

Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Elevators, Ltd., has its own way of watching the possible outcome of the wheat crop at maturity. Reports from Regina indicate that present prospects are 93 points, and it is explained that a full 100 points indicates an average of 16½ bushels per seeded acre On that basis the present outlook is for an average of 15 1-3 bushels.

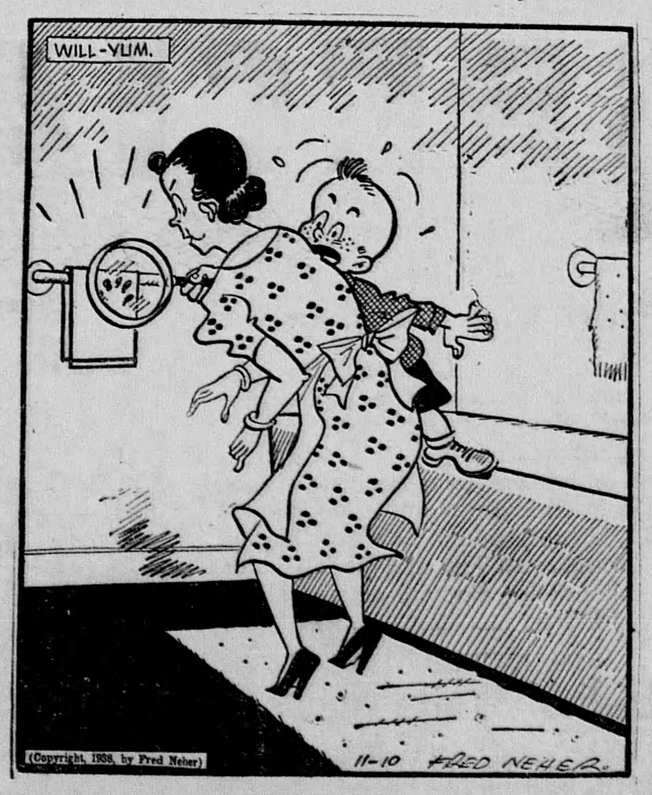
For that grain the fixed price of 70 cents per bushel will apply but the 70 cent figure is based on delivery at Fort William. Freight rates from Regina to Fort William are 20 cents per 100 pounds, or 12 cents per bushel. There are other charges for elevator storage, insurance, inspection and weighing, and these average 3.5 cents per bushel, making the average cost of putting a bushel of grain in Ft. William 15.5 cents.

Farmer To Get But $8.35 Per Acre

If a farmer delivers No. 1 hard he will actually have 54.5 cents of the 70-cent price. Taking 15 1-3 bushels as the average yield it means that one acre will give a return of $8.35 And if his wheat grades lower than No. 1 his financial return will be less than that. Out of that the farmer will have to pay for his threshing no matter if he does it by separator or combine. A cash return of $8.35 per acre is small indeed, and particularly so for a farmer who is depending chiefly on grain for his income.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"There—now I hope you're convinced that those fingerprints on the guest towel are not mine!!"

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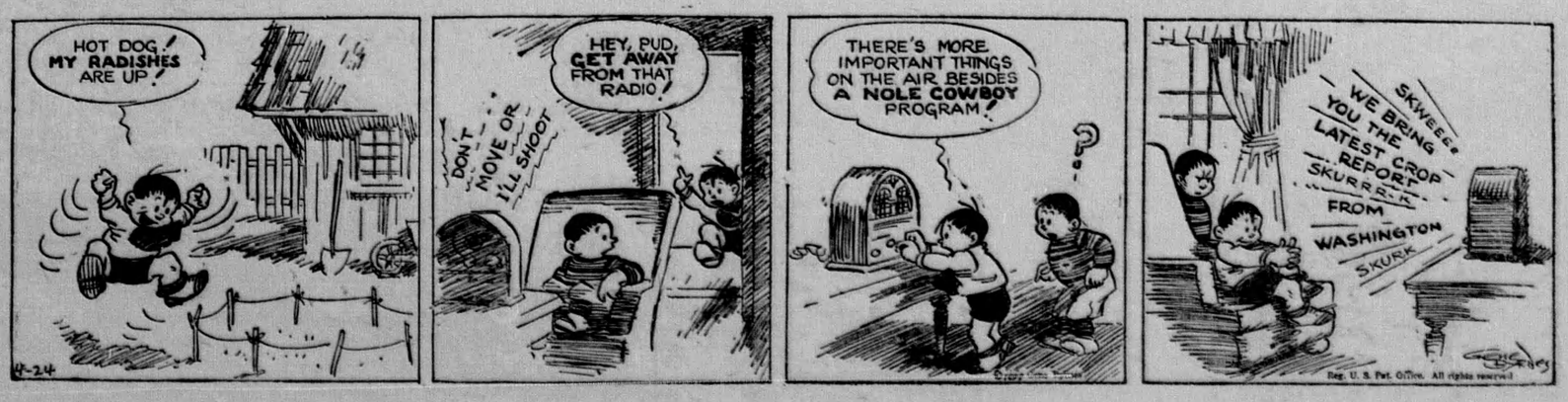
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