# NEWS PARADE...

"This war isn't like a football game" last week declared Sir Oliver Stanley, British War Secretary . . . His warning indirectly hit at the thousands of Canadians who are watching the European conflict with detachment, and a sense of unreality, who are forgetting that this war can't be stopped by a referee's whistle . . . tremendously powerful human and sub-human forces have been unleashed, not to be brought under control again perhaps for a decade . . . and then we'll be facing another world. So let's be serious about the war, and study the situation, each of us, intensively.

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Rumania was the hot spot of Europe as the sixth month of the war opened. King Carol's kingdom found itself the object of pressure from every direction,—from Germany chiefly; the Allies; Bulgaria, Hungary. Reliable correspondents said that the Nazis, claiming Rumanian industry and agriculture were flagging for want of manpower and were not sending Germany urgently needed supplies, asked that Rumania demobilize 800,000 border troops. At the meeting of the Balkan Entente (Yugoslavia, Rumania, Greece, Turkey), Rumania's representative was reported to have declared that his country would seek the protection of Germany if the other Balkan countries refused to guarantee Rumanian territorial integrity. The four Balkan nations emerged from the three-day conference with the apparent decision to remain neutral in the war, but no absolute guarantees, individual or collective, were forthcoming . .

**Strange and Wonderful**

Weird story of the week: From Zurich, Switzerland, came the pronouncement that Adolf Hitler would celebrate his 51st birthday April 20 by proclaiming himself Emperor of the Reich and Poland and King of Britain—with Field Marshal Hermann Goering as Viceroy; gvoernors to be placed over England, Scotland and Wales. A terrific Nazi offensive against Britain would come first, of course.

During the week, Russo-German border points were growing busier; nine railway stations were preparing to reload Russian raw materials for the Reich, and German industrial goods for the Soviet Union . . . the Asama Maru incident was settled between Britain and Japan . . . Italy doubled the number of planes and pilots in the army . . . the Polish National Council issued a "white paper" telling of wholesale executions and horrible brutalities in German-occupied Poland . . . Adolf Hitler delivered a surprise address on the occasion of his seventh anniversary as Chancellor; he insisted that had the opposing nations shown the slightest understanding of German problems, all questions could have been negotiated . . . the first German plane since the war began, came down on English soil . . . more volunteers flocked into Finland from America, Britain and Scandinavia . . . the big French and Arab army assembled in Syria grew still larger . . . von Ribbentrop, Reich Foreign Minister, announced that neither Germany nor Russia had any intention of carrying the war into the Balkans . . .

**Nobody Need Listen**

Back home in Canada election preparations sped on . . . a free distribution of national radio network time was made to all four parties represented in the last Parliament. The allotment was as follows: Liberals, 5¼ hours; Conservatives, 4¾ hours; C.C.F., 1½ hours; Social Credit, 1¼ hours. Total 12¾ hours . . . But we're living in a democracy; nobody has to listen to a minute of it.

## 1940 Valentine

This year's Valentine is likely to be addressed "To My Sweetheart" instead of the "Girl Friend," "Pal" or "Chum" customary for several seasons. Brilliant colors form background for "Cupid's darts and pining hearts."

Typical of the new style, is this verse:

Sweetheart, my thankfulness for you
Fills all my life and heart ....
It's hidden down inside me
Where loving greetings start;
It's part of everything I say
And all the things I do ....
'Cause never can I quite express
MY THANKFULNESS FOR YOU!

Entrance to an ancient mine 10,000 feet up in the Andes at Catamarca, Argentina, having been gained through a passage almost filled with water, miners are again finding rhodochrosite, which is used as a decoration for hairbrushes, cigarette cases and other articles.

## Victoria, B. C., Boasts Roses In February

This jolly looking girl with her arms full of the fragrant roses she has just picked in a garden in Victoria, B. C., is Ina Haikala, a Canadian Finn, whose kin are fighting so desperately in their snowbound native land. Her mother came from Vasa and her father from Laapperanta. Roses can be picked in Victoria gardens any Christmas Day but they usually fall to a January frost. This year, however, the weather has been so mild that last Summer's roses are still blooming vigorously. The sprays in the photograph are yellow winter jessamine.

## Supplying Plants With Stimulants

**Canadian Gardeners Are Told By Dominion Seed House That Amazing Growth Results Are Achieved by Feeding Vitamin B-1**

An interesting new discovery for the gardener, particularly for those who wish to try out for themselves the results of the latest research experiments is now available in Canada.

The new product, known as Vitamin B-1 was discovered in California and has been tested out by the California Institute of Technology and is said to have produced surprising results in stimulating the growth of certain plants.

GOOD FOR FLOWERS, SHRUBS

The Dominion Seed House at Georgetown state they have carefully investigated every available source of information, on this new product, had trials of their own, and supplied B-1, for trial and report, to a number of qualified gardeners. As a result, they satisfied themselves that claims made for B-1, were justified and well founded. They have now received information from Ottawa that the Department of Agriculture has approved Vitamin B-1 for sale in Canada provided that no claims are made for it in respect to peas, beans, corn, tomatoes and other vegetable species. (B-1 does not benefit all plants, and experimental work indicates that its greatest service is in respect to flowers, shrubs, trees, etc.).

IN POWDER FORM

The product is sold in Canada by Dominion Seed House in powder form and the standard size package will prepare 2,000 gallons of solution.

## Puck Chasers

**TOPICS OF THE CURRENT HOCKEY SEASON**

**JUNIOR AND SENIOR "A"**

The Toronto Amateur Hockey Association, with the co-operation of the O. H. A. and the Maple Leaf Gardens, have named Saturday afternoon, February 17, as their special game to secure funds for purchase of hockey sticks and equipment for Toronto's many youths playing on outdoor rinks.

The O. H. A. has moved the Oshawa at Marlboros game scheduled for February 24th up to February 17th, and it will be played as a single game on that afternoon. The Young Rangers vs Native Sons game will be played later. Games scheduled for February 17th have been moved back to February 24th for the Gardens, including Oshawa at Varsity and Marlboros at Young Rangers.

**BEST BEHAVIOUR**

Senior hockey has made a remarkable comeback in Hamilton. Under the leadership of Cliff Chisholm, the Hamilton Dofascos are assured of fourth place and a whirl in the play-offs of the Senior O.H.A. "A" series, a fine achievement considering this season marks the return of Senior hockey in Hamilton after an absence of a few winters. Not only is Johnny Conick, clever wing player, leading scorer for the Hamilton Dofascos but the Hamilton star has set up a record for clean play that is a real example for others to follow.

## St. Valentine's Day

The merry god is a gallant rover,
He circles the land and wide seas over.
With a knowing smile and twinkling eye
May he not a wavering fancy spy?
So he whistles low with his pouting lips,
And out of the pack on his back he slips
A fairy arrow with subtle dart
And aims it straight for that wavring heart,
Then blushes tender and rosy red
O'er a maiden's features are hap'ly shed
And she wonders why in this world of sin
Such joy is surging her heart within.
Ah! Never before was love like this
For she had not dreamt of such perfect bliss.
Whilst her lover gazes with speechless pride
At the tender grace of his promised bride
The little god laughs as he takes a dart
And aims it straight for another heart.

## MICKIE SAYS—

# VOICE of the PRESS

**WISH WE COULD, TOO**

Postcard from a friend vacationing in Florida: "Having a fine time; wish I could afford it."—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

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**ELECTION-AIR PRECAUTIONS**

During a general election, air-raid precautions here include the simple one of keeping the radio silent.—Toronto Telegram.

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**NO PIN CUSHION**

"Ontario is already preparing a cushion for the let-down that will come after the war." Here's hoping it isn't a pin cushion.—Kitchener Record.

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**WHO'S CRAZY NOW?**

There has always been a question in the minds of many people as to the sanity of Arctic explorers, and this question again comes to life with the arrival in Antarctica of Admiral Byrd and his companions. Thanks to the radio, however, the Admiral will be able to listen each evening to the outside world going its sensible way.

—Edmonton Journal

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**CHEESE FOR HOME FOLKS**

Canadian cheese producers received $500,000 in 1939 through premiums paid by the Dominion Government for high grade cheese. This, no doubt, was all for the good of the industry. At the same time, one cannot help wondering if cheese-making in this country would not be better served if the $500,000 were spent on proper publicity designed to make the Canadian public more "cheese conscious." That done, if Canadian cheese manufacturers would make their best cheese—not just some of it—available for the home market, they might "be getting somewhere."

—Brantford Expositor.

## Port Royal, N.S. Being Rebuilt

**Replica of Habitation Where The French Settlers Spent First Winter in New France**

Restoration of the Port Royal Habitation at Granville, N.S., where the settlers of New France spent their initial Canadian winter in 1605 is almost complete.

Work on this landmark is being done by the Surveys and Engineering branch of the Mines Department. The new habitation is an exact, full-size replica of the original built by the French under Champlain.

TIME OF CHAMPLAIN

Timbers of the building were put together with wooden pins, the practice when the sons of France came first to Canada. Hinges and latches were reproduced in the typical workmanship of the period. Local field stone was used in the construction of the chimneys, bricks in the bake-oven, blacksmith's forge and fireplaces were made on the spot by old-time brickmakers. Much archaeological and historical research was done by representatives of several societies and museums. Scientific soil reading was used to establish the original position of the buildings.

## Canadian National Railways Revenues

The gross revenues of the all-inclusive Canadian National Railways System for the 10-day period ending January 31, 1940, were .....$6,427,070
as compared with ..... 4,445,669
for the corresponding period of 1939, an increase of ..... 1,981,401
or 44.6%

# ONTARIO OUTDOORS

**By VIC BAKER**

**IN ONTARIO SCHOOLS**

One of the most pleasing of the laudable efforts being made by the active Ontario Federation of Anglers is their insistence that biology and conservation be taught in all the schools of the Province of Ontario.

Procreative of thinking along sound conservation lines, these studies must be destined to bring into being a new type of citizen in this progressive province with educational qualifications that may better equip him or her to accept the responsibility of aiding in the preservation of the province's vast stores of wildlife.

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**SPRING PEEPERS**

The other day we were asked to give the correct name and description of the frog known in Ontario as the "spring peeper" and we pass the following general information along to you in case you have asked the question at some time.

Technically speaking, this species of frog is Pickering's hyla, Hyla pickeringii, a member of the family Hylidae, the tree frogs. It is very small in size, about one inch long, greenish-grey in colour and marked with a suggestion of a cross on its back, and unlike other frogs outside the family, the tips of fingers and toes are endowed with viscous discs.

Its shrill piped notes are heard almost before the ice is out of the marshy places where it breeds and lives until late summer, when it deserts its former habitat seeking high ground and trees to climb. During the heat of summer days the voice of this hyla is stilled, but it sings again when autumn is near with the same insistence as in spring. There is another tree frog of the same genus common to Ontario, the common tree frog, Hyla versicolor, which has the power to gradually change colour to blend with its surroundings. This frog does not "peep" and is musical when Pickering's hyla is silent. Other tree frogs also occur in Ontario, the Cricket frog, Acris gryllus, and the Swamp tree frog, Chorophilus nigritis. These, too, are not "peepers," but sing more or less like other frogs.

## SCOUTING . . . Here and There

Older Boy Scouts of Salford, Lancashire, England, are giving safety street crossing service during blackouts, under direction of the Salford Chief Constable. Each evening from 6.30 to 8.30, in pairs, armed with red hurricane lamps, they convoy pedestrians across "Belisha Beacon" corners. Approaching motorists recognize the converging or diverging lights.

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Scouts throughout Bengal have offered their wartime services to local authorities as cyclist messengers, guides, signallers and ambulance workers. The entire mill area of Calcutta has been divided into divisions, and the Scouts have been given the task of linking up the A. R. P. posts and first aid centres. Plans for a big Bengal Provincial Scout Jamboree were abandoned in order that full attention might be given Scout wartime emergency service.

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A contribution of $65.00 toward the Vancouver War Chest Fund by the 13th, 21st and 27th Vancouver Troops was raised by the collecting, bundling and sale of thirteen tons of wastepaper. The joint effort was launched as a result of finding piles of old newspapers and magazines in the basements of homes when Scouts of the three Tropos were on Fire Prevention Week inspection and instruction duty in co-operation with the Vancouver Fire Department.

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Demonstrating their ready grasp of the public service principles of Boy Scout training, the newly organized troop at Port Saunders, Nfld., at once began looking about for ways to help the settlement. One of the first results was the taking of steps to provide the community with the services of a cobbler's shop.

Presented by the Government of Northern Rhodesia, a bronze figure, half life-size, of David Livingstone, African explorer, has been added to the collection of statuettes of Empire builders in the galleries of the Imperial Institute, London.


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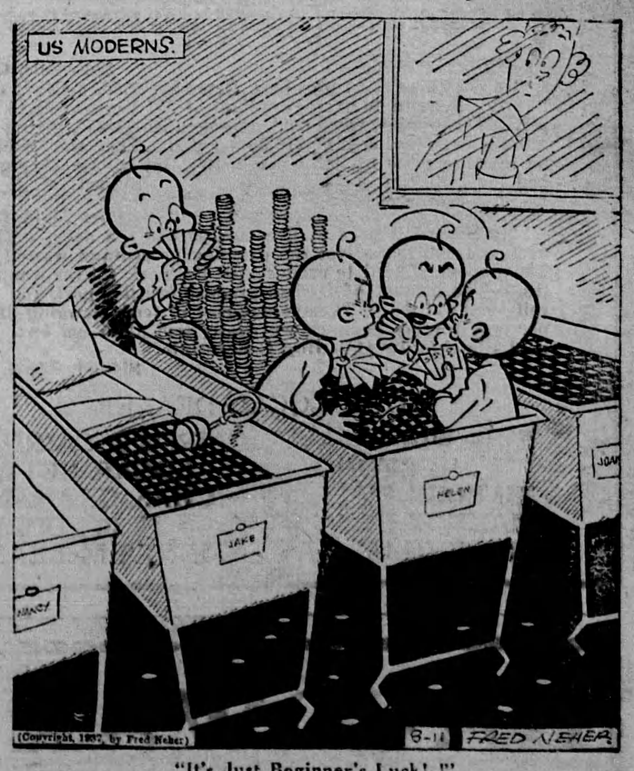
## LIFE'S LIKE THAT

**By Fred Neher**

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## REG'LAR FELLERS—Assistant Mystery Man

**By GENE BYRNES**