- HAVE - YOU HEARD?

At the zoo a generously proportioned lady was watching the lions being fed. The keeper gave one beast what she considered a very small portion of meat. "I beg your pardon," she said, "isn't this a very inadequate piece of meat for a lion?"

The keeper replied, "It may seem small to you, madam, but it is plenty for the lion."

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"How did you come to write a poem on the back of a government bond?"

"I was tired of hearing folks say that my stuff wasn't worth the paper it was written on!"

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An old Irishwoman wanted to cross the road at a busy London corner but was scared off by the traffic.

A policeman came to the rescue. "It's all right," he assured her. "When you see the red light, that red's for England, so don't go. But when you see the green, that's for Ireland. You can cross then, and not a thing will touch you."

She crossed on the green light, then waited till it was green again and came back to thank the policeman. "It was very kind of you to explain it so nicely," she said. "But glory be, you don't give much time for the Orangemen to get across!"

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"A little bird told me you were going to give me a diamond bracelet."

"It must have been a lyre bird."

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"Those new people across the road seem very devoted," said Mrs. Jones wistfully to the newspaper which hid her husband.

A rustle of the sheet was the only reply she got, but she was used to that.

"Every time he goes out he kisses her, and goes on throwing kisses all down the road. Edward, why don't you do that?"

"Me!" snorted the man behind the news. "I don't know her!"

Mother of 69

By giving birth to 15 children, all of whom are alive, by her thirty-fifth birthday, Mrs. Scholtz, of Harrismith, Orange Free State, claims to have established a world's record. But Mrs. Scholtz is due for a disappointment, for although her effort is remarkable it cannot compare with that of Mrs. Matthew Bauer, who given birth to a child each year for the last 28 years. All are living. Even more prolific was Mrs. Bernard Schienberg, who died at 56, having 69 children. There were four sets of quads, seven of triplets, and sixteen twins, but no singles.

SCOUTING...

Here are some interesting facts from the Annual Report of the Boy Scouts' Association of Ontario for 1939, just issued:

The total membership, at October 31st, 1939, was 42,905, a net increase of 4,559 over the previous year — the largest increase ever recorded in a single year.

The total includes 19,313 Wolf Cubs, 19,135 Boy Scouts, 296 Sea Scouts, 171 Lone Scouts, 1,265 Rover Scouts and 3,228 Scout leaders.

A large number of Scout Groups are sponsored by churches. By denominations these include: 192 Anglican, 28 Baptist, 7 Hebrew, 68 Presbyterian, 99 Roman Catholic, 143 United and 7 of other denominations.

During the summer of 1939 a record total of 374 camps were attended by 9,245 boys and leaders.

Scout census figures by cities and districts showed Toronto in first place, with a total of 12,784, followed by Ottawa, with 3,044, Hamilton in third place with 2,331, Windsor fourth with 1,882 and London fifth with 1,369. In order the next five are North Waterloo 879; St. Catherines 820; Niagara Falls 662; Oshawa 635; South Waterloo 586.

During 1939 Ontario Scouts passed tests for 11,329 proficiency badges. Figures for the distinctly vocational badges show 524 boys to have qualified for the Artist badge, 115 as Basket Workers; 45 as Beekeepers, 13 as Blacksmiths, 10 as Boat Builders, 61 as Bookbinders, 432 as Carpenters, 37 as Clerks, 70 as Dairymen, 155 as Electricians, 141 as Engineers (automobile). Other categories include 75 Farmers, 112 Gardeners, 95 Poultrymen and 25 Stockmen.

For work in metal 171 boys secured a badge and 38 for work in leather, while the creditable number of 118 passed the Plumber's badge test.

Fairey "Battles" Used In British Commonwealth Air Training Scheme

The Fairey "Battle", which has not been used here for training purposes before, is a two-seat medium bomber of British design and manufacture. It is being used in this country by the R.C.A.F. for training purposes and is one of six aircraft selected for use in connection with the British Commonwealth Training Plan. It is to be used also for towing targets at which air gunners can release bursts of fire, and so increase their efficiency. (R.C.A.F. Photograph)

Modern Etiquette

BY ROBERTA LEE

A. If someone telephones when one is busily engaged in something important, is it all right to say that you will call back later?

A. Yes, by all means do so. Only an extremely temperamental or supersensitive person would resent it.

Q. Would it be wise to form a friendship with one who seems to be very suspicious of everyone, mistrusting even those whom he considers his closest friends?

A. No; and probably the best reason for not forming a friendship with one who is so suspicious is in the proverb that says, "A man does not look behind a door unless he has stood there himself."

Q. When a maid is brushing the crumbs from the table, should they be brushed into her hand or into a tray?

A. The crumbs should be brushed into a tray.

4. Isn't it poor taste for a person to keep repeating some phrase, heard over the radio, such as, "I hope, I hope, I hope," or, "Why, shore," etc?

A. Yes. One should leave such imitations to children and parrots, and try to be more original. It becomes very tiresome to everybody but the one who considers it to be clever.

Q. When a young man has asked a girl to go to the theatre, or to dine, is it all right for the girl to suggest that she pay for herself?

A. No. The right kind of young man would resent this. If he asks her to go, it is supposed that he can afford to pay.

Q. Who should pay for the wedding breakfast, given at a hotel?

A. The father of the bride.

How Can I?

BY ANNE ASHLEY

Q. What is the proper way of preparing peanut butter sandwiches?

A. Take a small amount of peanut butter, put it into a small bowl; add to it slowly a few teaspoonfuls of hot milk. Beat until the mixture has the consistency of thick cream. Then spread between thin slices of bread.

Q. How can I whiten yellow and dingy clothes?

A. Wash them in water to which a cup of equal parts of limewater and turpentine, shaken until creamy has been added.

Q. How can I pack away an iron so as to prevent its rusting?

A. Rub the iron with a little fat that does not contain salt, wrap it in brown paper, and it will not rust.

Q. When is the best time to transplant a maple tree?

A. In the early spring before any buds have appeared on the tree. Choose a rainy time when the ground is soft, and preserve as much of the root as possible. This refers to trees not more than six or eight feet high. Then trim down the crown of the tree.

Q. How can I make a substitute for whipped cream?

A. A delicious substitute for whipped cream is sliced banana added to the white of an egg and beaten until stiff. A few drops of vanilla improves the flavor.

War Extends Language Use

New Place Names Offer Plenty of Tongue-Twisters

Foreign wars in recent years years have turned attention to far places and taught many of us some new geography. Unfamiliar names have become commonplace in the daily news. Chapei, Peiping, Chungking, Djibouti, Somaliland, Sudetenland, Memel and others have swum into our ken, says the Halifax Chronicle.

Recently we have been having difficulty with names of towns in Finland—many of the places have both Swedish and Finnish spellings.

NO SET SPELLING RULES

As in pronunciation, there seems to be no set rule for the spelling of foreign names. We anglicize Bruxelles and Roma to Brussels and Rome, but we write Paris and Berlin just as they are spelled in their own countries.

Which brings us back to the argument about Monte-Vid-eo and Montevi-DAY-a.

C. N. R. Deficit Registers Drop

Decrease of $17,245,000 in 10-Month Period is Announced

The Canadian National Railways shrewd $17,245,000 decrease in its deficit during the period April 1, 1939, to Feb. 29, 1940, compared with the same period the previous year, it was shown in a statement issued by the Comptroller of the Treasury. Trans-Canada Airlines and the National Harbors Board also had sharp reductions.

AIRLINES, TOO

During the ten-month period ended last Feb. 29 the C.N.R. deficit was $34,719,000, compared with $51,964,000 the previous year. For last February it was $1,500,000, compared with $5,000,000 for February, 1939.

The deficit for T. C. A. for the ten-month period was $388,000, compared with $726,000, and the National Harbors Board deficit $1,094,000, compared with $4,125,000.

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