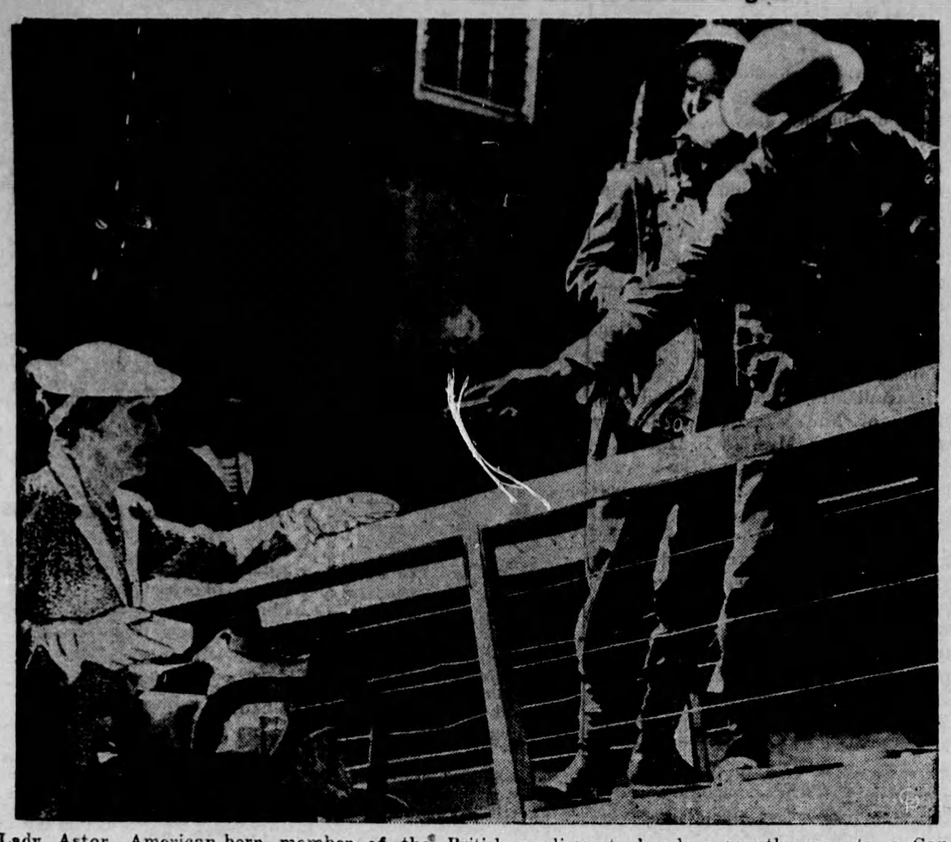
Canuck Soldier Off To France Gets A Mouth-Organ



Lady Astor, American-born member of the British parliament, hands a mouth-organ to a Canadian soldier as he sails for France—one of the first contingent from the new world to join the B.E.F.—he didn't stay in France long. These Canadians had barely reached France when news of the armistice forced evacuation of the B.E.F.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

NOT MUCH FUN

Hints for motorists: Watch the red lights, the intersecting streets, the level crossings, the car in front and the car behind. After that they can enjoy the scenery.

—Ottawa Journal.

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MAY STILL SNORE

At Pontiac, Mich., a court has granted a petition of a minister forbidding members of his congregation from rattling papers, whispering or making faces at the preacher. Apparently it will still be in order to sleep, snore or cough.

—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

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THE HARDY PIONEERS

Pioneer life in Western Ontario 120 years ago was a continual blitzkrieg against wolves, bears, famine, sickness, or cold. When we have become as hardy as they were, we shall fear no invader.

—London Free Press.

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WORKING FOR EVERYBODY

Next time the income tax folks ask us who we are working for we shall tell them for the instalment men, coal dealer, two banks, an insurance company, an automobile dealer and the rest of the time for the groceryman.

—Brandon Sun.

Says It's Permissible To Split Infinitives

School Committeeman Joseph Lee of Boston, Mass., thinks school children and teachers in Boston should be permitted to split infinitives "any damn way they wish."

He proposed in a motion at a committee meeting last week that School Superintendent Arthur L. Gould be instructed to issue an order advising the teachers and pupils that split infinitives are all right.

"Too often," he charged, "language is taught by a set of rules, rather than as a means of conveying thought."

The committee, however, declined to immediately act on his motion.

Seek Travel Permits

A scene outside the passport office in Westminster, London, as Britishers awaited permits for children and relatives seeking to travel to Canada. The government is arranging to evacuate hundreds of children to the dominions.

Quebec Speed Laws Changed

Motorists Must Now Use Own Discretion on Open Roads

Quebec motorists are allowed to use their discretion in the matter of speed when travelling on hard-surfaced highways where there are no dwellings or buildings, as the result of an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act passed by the Legislative Assembly but "an unreasonable speed," is forbidden.

IN BUILT UP AREAS

The bill which is now operative, also forbids a speed in excess of 50 miles an hour on hard-surfaced roads to which dwellings or buildings have access.

Motorists may travel at 40 miles per hour on mountain roads or on gravel roads affording good visibility in a straight line, but must also slow down to 20 miles per hour on winding mountain roads, on curves, in commercial districts, in front of schools, at intersections and at the level railway crossings. It is forbidden to pass on a curve or when climbing a steep hill.

SIGNALLING REQUIRED

Specific rulings will also be enforced in connection with signals. The bill states:

"Every driver of a vehicle desiring to stop, slow down or turn on the road must make the following signals:

Left turn: place the arm horizontally; right turn: place the forearm upwards; stop or lessening of speed place the arm downwards.

Every driver must stop at every place where there is a stop sign.

No More Coffee For Italian People

Coffee is no longer available to Italian civilians, it was reported in a broadcast picked up in New York.

Only the armed forces and hospitals continue to receive supplies of coffee, which are imported. Next to wine, coffee is the basic beverage of the Italian people.

SCOUTING...

One hundred Scouts and leaders representing six different troops of the Parkdale Area of Toronto paid their annual week-end visit to the 16th Troop of Buffalo, N.Y. Part of the programme was a sight-seeing tour, after which the Canadian boys joined the American Scouts in decorating he graves of Buffalo's war heroes.

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A field day programme for Scouts of the 1st Brant (School for the Blind) Troop of Brantford) was surprisingly like that of Scouts with all their faculties. Each patron ran a mile, using "Scout's pace" (alternately walking and running so many paces). They erected a flagpole using five Scout staves and only four ropes, deciphered a message in Morse and treated a patient whose injuries were detailed in the message, and finally built a fire and boiled a pint of water. The afternoon's activiteis ended with a campfire and singsong.

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In formally thanking Ottawa Boy Scouts for services rendered during the recent big Tri-District Conference of International Rotary held in the Capital, Conference Secretary Norman G. Foster declared, "we would feel incapable of handling such a large crowd without the assistance of the Boy Scouts."

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A composite troop of Kingston, Ont., Scouts joined some 200 American Scouts of the Jefferson Lewis district for a week-end "Camporee" at Grass Point State Park, N.Y. The Camporee was one of a series of international Scout get-togethers of the adjacent border districts which began last year on the occasion of the visit of Their Majesties.

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Timmins, Ont., Rover Scouts, under the direction of the police, proved so efficient in handling traffic during the recent Northern Ontario Scholastic Track and Field Meet at Timmins that Chief of Police Gagnon is formulating plans for regular use of the older Scouts in handling the town's traffic problem. This probably will include directing traffic at the city's main intersections on Saturday evenings.

World Population Increases Yearly

According to the figures of the League of Nations, the average annual increase in population in the world is 30,000,000. Other estimates are 20,000,000 a year.

Refugee Children Need Adjustment

Montreal Mental Hygiene Institute Official Warns of The Heavy Strain Child Evacuees Are Under

Change of environment under emotional stress subjects refugee children to an unusually heavy strain, in the opinion of Mrs. W. T. B. Mitchell, director of the educational program of the Montreal Hygiene Institute and a member of the executive of the newly-formed Quebec Provincial Council of Home and School.

"The satisfactory adjustment of refugee children to their new environment in Canada demands a careful correlation of home and school with the various institutions in the community which are interested actively in child welfare," she declared.

"However well intentioned the parents are, good intentions alone cannot take the place of intelligent knowledge and understanding. This is particularly the case with strange children who enter homes under emotional stress such as will be occasioned by their removal from Great Britain to this Dominion.

PROVIDE SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT

"It should be the duty of parents and particularly foster parents, to take advantage of all organizations in the community whose programs are directed towards providing suitable environmental conditions and proper child guidance. With intelligent guidance, a developing child not only can but will learn to consider the rights and privileges of others as of equal importance with his own; he will learn to be socially co-operative and contributive; he will develop self-expressive, creative interests and activities; he will learn to tackle the daily problems and difficulties he meets with intelligent planfulness, efficient skill and perseverance.

"Nut" Drivers Found Menace

Ousting Urged; 15,000 Lives A Year Could Be Saved In The United States, Is Claim

Lives of the 15,000 persons killed in traffic accidents in the United States each year might be saved if "nut drivers" were eliminated with mental tests, the American Medical Association was told at its convention.

Agreeing with popular opinion, Dr. Lowell S. Selling, of Detroit, Mich., reported that mental examinations of traffic offenders in the recorder's court of that city showed that many of them had just about enough sense to turn a steering wheel and step on the accelerator.

The tests made on persons haled into court include a physical examination and tests of reaction time, judgment of speed and distance, and color blindness. In addition, the offenders are submitted to mental tests, he said, and required to give their entire history in order to obtain their intelligence rating.

"When intelligence is rated below normal a driver is obviously not competent to drive, no matter how well he may react mechanically," Dr. Selling declared, because his judgment in an emergency is sure to be faulty. As a result many licenses of drivers are cancelled.

Solace Found In Gadening

Working With Nature to Create Something of Beauty

These are times that try men's souls — and faiths. Ideas and ideals which for centuries have seemed solid as stone dissolve and disappear almost overnight. The mind is left groping for any realities that will endure; for any fundamentals that remain unshaken, says the New York Times.

In such an emergency contact with the earth, with the cycles of growing things which follow patterns that remain unshaken even when capitals are stormed and civilizations are over-turned, assumes a new importance, offers an anchor to sanity.

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CONTACT WITH THE EARTH

It is small wonder then that in such times of stress men and women have always found a healing and stabilizing solace in gardening — a sense of security that may be unreasoned but is none the less effective. Such a solace is not "escape," it is the fundamental reassurance that comes from intimate contact with fundamental things. It goes back farther and roots deeper than the upheavals wrought by all of history's men on horseback. These have come, but they have gone; and the grass roots that a surging tank crushes beneath its tracks remain, and will be growing green again when the steel plates rust and the driver has long lain forgotten.

Those who have gardens, who have had personal experience of this soul and nerve mending contact with earth and growing plants, need not be told these things. And others, seeking something to turn to for a measure of relief and of reorientation in these dark days, will discover them, in ever-increasing numbers, as time goes by. And working, with nature, to create something of beauty, something of usefulness, is the oldest and still the surest anodyne in an atmosphere of well-nigh universal destruction.

Car Industry Will Change

Chrysler President Says New Tax Will Alter Type of Output in Canada

John D. Mansfield, president of the Chrysler Corporation of Canada, Limited, said in Windsor last week he believed the automobile industry would be able to adjust itself to conditions arising out of the new taxes on motor cars and maintain the volume of business required.

His statement follows:

"It is too soon to say with assurance what the full effect of the new budget will be on the operations of the automobile industry. I have every confidence, however, that the industry will be able to adjust itself to the new conditions and to maintain the volume of business necessary to efficient operation.

"Industrial and commercial motor transportation have been woven so thoroughly into our national economy that it is not reasonable to believe that they will or can be reduced below the level of their necessary contribution to national efficiency under any conditions.

"I would even hazard the belief that the war economy will increase rather than reduce the necessity for motor vehicles, although the kinds of motor vehicles required may be changed.

A Tug-of-War To Bring Rain

Burmese girls held a tug-of-war at Mandalay for 6 days—to bring about a storm. They believe that ill-luck befalls any year when no rain falls immediately before the Thingyan, Burmese water-throwing festival.

Lock Your Car

A joy ride in a stolen Montreal automobile ended in death for one of the occupants. This is an unpleasant reminder, says the Canadian Police Bulletin, that the joy-riding season is at hand and that there are quite a few youths who are not above seizing any parked auto for the purpose. One remedy is for motorists to lock their cars when they leave them on the streets. The precaution may prevent theft and perhaps save life.

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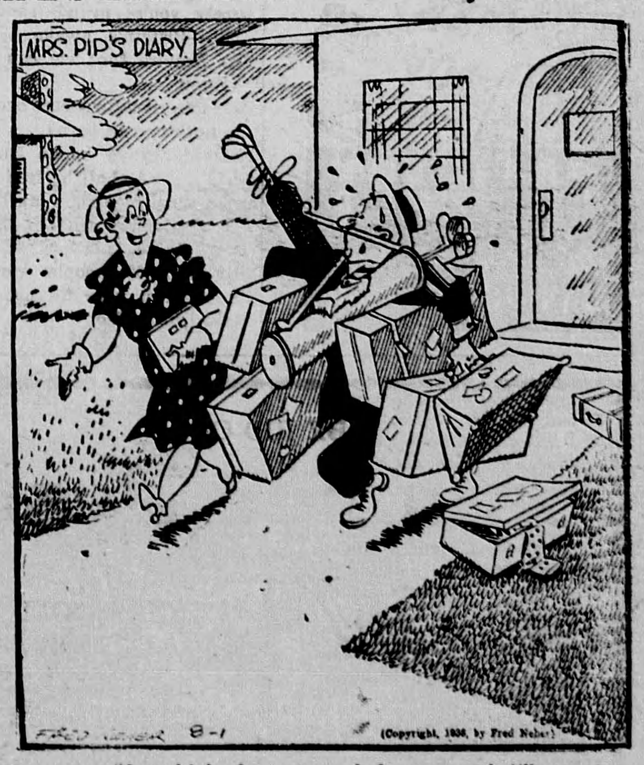

"Just think, dear, no work for two weeks!!"

REG'LAR FELLERS—The Art Critic — By GENE BYRNES