VOICE OF THE PRESS

LIVELIEST RAINBIRD

Another grand old lady has made the headlines and this time she really has something. Mrs. H. Rainbird, of Brentwood, Eng., gets up at 7 a.m. and cooks breakfast—and she has just celebrated her 104th birthday. And the rest of the Rainbirds, we suppose, stay in their nest and let her do it.

—Ottawa Citizen

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LONDON'S EXAMPLE

London, Eng., in a week in the fourth year of the war, raised $600,000,000 in a "wings-for-victory" campaign to back the R.A.F. All Canada is being asked to raise $1,100,000,000, half a billion more, in the three weeks in the Fourth Victory Loan. If London blitzed and blighted by German bombs, can do it, there should be no doubt of Canada's answer.

—The Lethbridge Herald

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POST-WAR THOUGHT

A scientist predicts that some day we will be able to live on air. Be that as it may, we are hoping for the day when the war ends, and we will be able to walk on it.

—Chatham News

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THE RADIO EAR

Why is it the average person can distinctly hear a clock tick across the room, yet can't hear the radio from a distance of eight feet if it isn't turned up to hog-calling volume?

—St. Louis Star-Times

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CRUMY

The new "victory sausage" is to contain various and sundry substances besides meat - marking the first appearance, we believe, of hash in tights.

—Grit

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AND THE HARNESS?

The renaissance of man's noblest friend turns out to be very timely; but after eating the horse, what do we do with the buggy?

—Stratford Beacon-Herald

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BATH FOR ROMMEL

General Montgomery is a pretty decent sort of chap—he's promised to confer the Order of the Bath on Rommel—in the Mediterranean.

—Woodstock Sentinel-Review

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ADVICE TO FATTIES

Weight makes fat people puff and, if they're smart, the puffing will make them wait.

—Kitchener Record

Feather Pillows Quickly Cleaned

Pillows As Good As New If Washed Carefully

After much use, feather pillows get soiled. This does not mean that the conscientious housewife cannot wash them just as they are, without bothering to transfer the feathers to a linen bag. The feather pillow will be as good as new if the following suggestions are adopted.

First a slit about four inches long should be cut at one end of the pillow. A square of muslin should then be sewn securely over the slit. This effectively allows the sudsy water in and out.

To give the best results, only one pillow at a time should be placed in the washing machine. So that the feathers will be soft and pliable, extra heavy lukewarm suds should be used. If the water becomes too dirty, or the bubbles go flat, mix fresh suds. Bad spots on the cover may be rubbed with a brush.

After the cover and pillow are clean, rinse three or four times in tepid water, and squeeze out the excess moisture.

The pillow should be hung carefully by two corners, and its position changed during drying to help restore the fluffiness of the feathers.

Either Side of Raft Is Right Side Up

A catamaran, or double-hulled type of life raft, the Buck-win has been designed to be occupied on whatever side comes up after it has been thrown off the deck of a ship. Twenty persons may be accommodated on the raft which is furthermore, a well-deck type, permitting the passengers to sit upright. Thus it helps to relieve fatigue while floating on a highly agitated ocean surface.

The catamaran raft has a hatch available from either side. In this hatch are stored food, blankets, a sail, flares, reading matter, including a hymn book and a Bible, rudder, signal flag, tarpaulin, sea curtain, and first-aid equipment.

The designer's foresight has even provided the weather tarpaulin with fixtures permitting rain water to be collected.

TURNABOUT IN TUNISIA

This formidable-looking, German-made tank destroyer is working for the Allies now. Americans captured it in battle with the 10th Panzer Division in Central Tunisia. Today it bears the star insignia of the U. S. forces, and its 75-mm. gun will bark back at the Axis.

Turn "Parlors" Into War Workshops

The authorities are looking kindly on the experiment of an English housewife who has turned her lounge into a workship where 40 women neighbors, working part-time, make 2,500 aircraft components every week. Other housewives are going to do the same, and it is hoped that the idea will be copied by women in other residential areas.

The notion, as often happens when housewives tackle a thing, is both ingenious and practical. It also has far-reaching possibilities. It is difficult for many busy housewives to travel to a factory miles away, and a scheme of home-work, officially organized and encouraged, may solve many problems.

It may, indeed, be the only alternative to a drastic call-up which would hit thousands of women very hard.

NEW POST

Mamoru Shigemitsu, former Japanese Ambassador to Great Britain, new Foreign Minister in shake-up of Tokio cabinet. Always a leading advocate of Japanese co-operation with U. S. and Britain, his appointment suggests that Japs expect eventual Axis defeat and are preparing for negotiated peace.

Glider Takes Off From The Water

A glider adapted with floats under the wing-tips to enable it to take off from the water was successfully flown off from Lake Windermere, England, recently. The necessary initial speed was gained by its being towed by a fast speedboat at about 40 m.p.h.

The glider was soon airborne and having cast off its tow it rose to a height of 150 feet and later made a perfectly good landing. As all gliders are dependent on finding upward-rising air currents to keep them flying it may be more difficult to find these over the cool water than over the sun-warmed land. The idea of these pioneers is to try it out under various conditions to test its utility.

The enemy fears 2" trench mortar bombs. Your $100 Victory Bond will buy 50 and scare the daylights out of him!

Record Of British Overseas Airways

Planes Flew 10,000,000 Miles During Last Year

During 1942 British Overseas Airways flying boats and land planes flew about 10,000,000 miles in na aggregate flying time of about 67,250 hours, carrying approximately 43,000 passengers, 850 tons of mail and 2,250 tons of freight, the Air Ministry reports.

The total passenger-miles flown amounted to approximately 91,000,000, and the capacity ton-miles provided were roughly 21,600,000, compared with 12,587,294 ton-miles in 1941 and 8,674,972 in 1940.

The aircraft fly unarmed and frequently they have been taken through war areas in order to deliver priority passengers or freight.

British Airways flying boats are maintaining services between Baltimore and the United Kingdom, Baltimore and Lagos, to and from Lagos and the United Kingdom, between Britain and Lisbon, across Africa to the Middle East, and from South Africa to India; and land planes are flying on the return ferry service between Britain and Canada, and maintaining services between the United Kingdom and Eire, between Britain and West Africa and on to the United States, between the Middle East and Persia and Iraq, and between the Middle East and various parts of Africa.

In addition, there is a service between Africa and Madagascar, while three types of land planes are engaged on what is known as the "Desert Servce" between Cairo and the Western Desert.

They Need Homes And Loving Care

Tiny Wards of Children's Aid Society Deserve a Fair Chance In Life

Adopting a baby is a serious step, so serious that many couples shrink even from considering it, says The Windsor Star. Childless people, however, should give thought to this matter. Therein lies the opportunity for them both to gain much happiness, and also to render a great service to humanity.

The appeal made by the Children's Aid Society should stimulate interest in this question. The organization seeks to find homes for its tiny wards, children who are placed in that position by a variety of circumstances, but certainly through no fault of their own. They deserve a fair chance in life, and the nation will have need of them in the years to come, for human lives are our most precious national asset. Only in a home atmosphere can they be developed into the kind of men and women they should be. Adoption undoubtedly involves great responsbility, prehaps considerable self-sacrifice, but it can compensate for all this, in the joy that children bring to a home, and in the satisfaction to be taken from rearing them to be a credit to their foster parents and to their community.

THE WAR · WEEK — Commentary on Current Events

Story Of American Bombing Raid On Tokio One Year Ago

One of the exciting tales of the war—the story of the American bombing raid on Tokio one year ago—was told officially one day last week. Next day the gruesome sequel was disclosed: some of eight captured American flyers were executed by the Japanese, despite the fact that they were uniformd prisoners of war.

It took about three months to prepare for the raid, says the New York Herald Tribune. Jimmy Doolittle did not know at first what the target was to be, but he rounded up 150 volunteers in Texas and took them and twenty-four North American B-25 medium bombers to Florida to drill. Army bombers had never taken off en masse from a Navy aircraft carrier; the flyers practiced on land how to get into the air in only 800 feet, and they rehearsed how they would fly low over the unnamed objectives. The planes were altered; the belly gun which would be useless when flying so low was replaced with a gun atop the fuselage; extra gasoline tanks were installed for a long flight; the Norden bomb sight was replaced with a 20-cent affair, so no secrets could fall into Japanese hands.

By the time the flyers boarded the aircraft carrier Hornet, still not informed of their mission, there were only sixteen B-25's, and eighty men. The bombers had so great a wing spread that they had to be carried on the flight deck lashed together. The sixteen took up so much room that only 500 feet of deck space was left free for the take-off run.

Two days out at sea an announcement from Admiral Halsey, commander of the fleet task force, blared through the loud speakers: the object of this mission is to bomb Tokio. The flyers cheered and heard the detailed plan. The carrier would approach to within 400 miles of Japan. The planes would take off at dusk, bomb Tokio by night, fly on to Chinese airfields and land at daybreak.

Change of Plans

On the morning of the big day, April 18, a grave hitch developed. At dawn a Japanese trawler hove in sight. An American cruiser sank it immediately, but had the trawler already warned Tokio by radio? Admiral Halsey wig-wagged the problem to Jimmy Dootlittle on the carrier: if we continue, we may run into disaster; can your planes make Tokio from here? Doolittle said yes. So at 8.20 that morning the sixteen planes took off, 800 miles from Tokio instead of 400 miles away, to bomb it by daylight instead of by night.

At high noon they skimmed the roofs of Tokio. One by one each objective of each plane was checked off—tank factories, shipyards, airplane plants. They could have bombed the imperial palace, but the Emperor was not a military objective and of relatively minor importance.

The planes then headed back out to sea for fifty miles to fool the enemy, before turning south and west toward China. By the original plan they would have reached airfields in unoccupied China early in the morning, but by the enforced change in schedule they arrived over China's mountains in pitch dark and could find nowhere to land. They went up to 10,000 feet, distributed to each man rations and a map, then jumped in their parachutes into the blackness.

The planes, of course, were wrecked—all but one which flew to Siberia and landed safely. Only one flyer was killed in the jump. Most of the men landed in unoccupied China and eventually made their way to Chungking; some now are fighting in North Africa. A few of the flyers, however, landed in Japanese-occupied China. Two never have been accounted for. Eight were captured by the Japanese.

Japan Kills Prisoners

Before the war Japan solemnly agreed to abide by the international Geneva convention on the treatment of war prisoners. But six weeks ago our government learned from Japan, through the medium of the Swiss Minister at Tokio, that all of the eight captured flyers were sentenced to death; for some the sentence was commuted, and the rest—possibly three, although the number is not known—were executed.

Japan's excuse was that the flyers had deliberately attacked civilians. They did not do so, the State Department said; they had orders to attack only military objectives and "it is known that they did not deviate therefrom." Tokio insinuated that the men whose death sentences were commuted had admitted having attacked non-combatants. The State Department's reply was that there have been "numerous known instances in whcih Japanese official agencies have employed brutal and bestial methods in extorting alleged confessions from persons in their power."

300,000,000 Trees For Reforestation

Three hundred million trees, from one-year-old seedlings to three and four-year transplants, are ready in the great nurseries of the Forestry Commission for creating new woods throughout Britain in the years after the war.

An official of the Forestry Commission said that whereas before the war 75,000,000 young trees were raised each year for afforestation and reforestation purposes it will be necessary in future to raise many more.

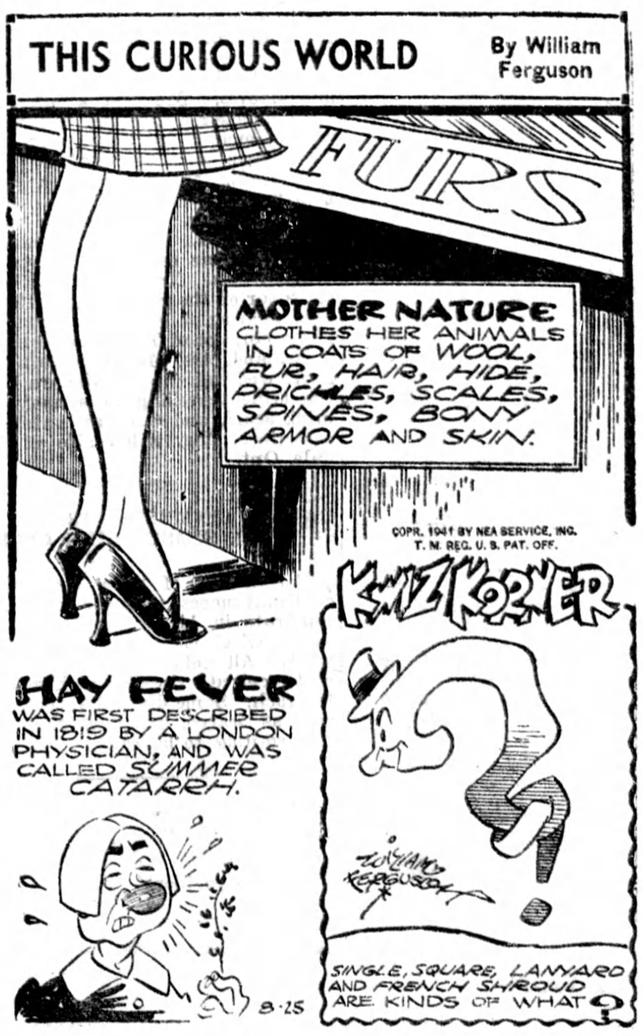
He revealed that plans to give the nation a total area of forests and woods of 5,000,000 acres are being considered. There are in the country 16,000,000 acres of rough and waste land. None of it is useful for agricultural purposes, and can be planted with trees.

Collecting scrap and saving money by saving time and conserving material serves TWICE when the earnings and savings are invested in Victory Bonds.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT — By Fred Neher

"I'm sorry to disturb you, mister . . . . but I can't get all the silverware in my pockets."

THIS CURIOUS WORLD — By William Ferguson



ANSWER: Knots.

NEXT: The high price of water.

REG'LAR FELLERS—Message to Heinbockle — By GENE BYRNES