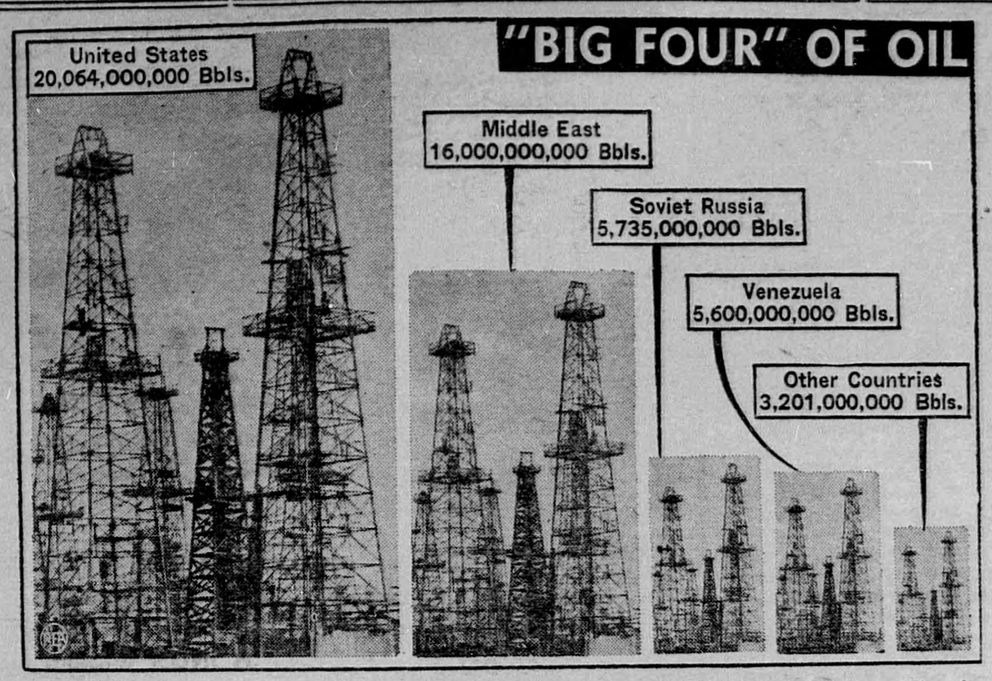

Ninety-two per cent of the world's proven petroleum reserves of 51,200,000,000 barrels are in four areas, as shown on the picto-chart above. American interests control 95 per cent of reserves in continental U. S., with Royal Dutch Shell holding other 5 per cent. Americans have interest in or control 32.7 of known Middle East reserves; British, 60.4 per cent; and French, 6.09 per cent. Soviet Russia controls all its reserves except small portion under concession to Japan; America controls 74 per cent of Venezuelan reserves; British, 10 per cent; and Dutch interests, 15 per cent.

CHRONICLES of GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

Spring tarries, and of course, we tarry with it. Not because we want to but because we have no choice. Make up your mind to do some little job outside and what happens? You get absolutely mired in mud. You try walking where the going looks good only to find the mud squelching under your feet. If you wear rubbers you stand a good chance of losing them; if you don rubber boots then the weight of them impedes your progress. Comes a night with a sharp frost and, by way of contrast, instead of slithering around in the mud you go sliding around on the ice, while a cold wind congeals your blood and destroys any energetic ambitions that had begun to make themselves felt. That is what happens when you go by the calendar. You look at the date and you think "The first week in April—high time for me to think of getting things shaped around for spring work." And then you worry if you can't get things done. But if we were guided by instinct instead of our co-called intelligence we wouldn't worry about how or when spring might be ushered in.

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Have you heard the frogs singing yet? I haven't. Have you seen the first tender green shoots of the daffodils? There are none showing in our garden. Are the pussy-willows out or shrubs showing any inclination to burst their protective winter shroud? No, because none of these go by the calendar. They don't know that April is here. But they do know that Nature cannot be hurried; that eventually the mud will dry; that cold winds will cease to blow, and warm, life-giving sun will call to man and nature alike—"The year's at the spring....all's right with the world."

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Dear knows there is plenty to do without working around in the mud. If only it were not for that Calendar....

Yes, there is plenty to do—even if one had no more to do than fill out forms. If the war goes on much longer some of us may need a secretary. There are forms for this and forms for that until one finds oneself swearing about something or other nearly every day. Of course I mean "swearing" in a legal sense! Last week I spent the most of one afternoon filling out forms of one kind and another. Then I had to chase around town to find someone to swear to what I had sworn. It must have been an official holiday or something for none of those I wanted to see were around town. Now I think we are through with forms for a little while. We have signed for new tires; filled out cards for food ration books; gas ration category; special gas ration category; furnace guarantee; car licence; driver's permit and radio licence. If Ottawa hasn't got us earmarked and docketted by now it certainly should have. The only thing lacking is finger-prints—and, who knows, the day may come when they may be required of us too. We have no secrets from the government, but has it secrets from us! ! However, if forms and suchlike help win the war we'll go on filling them. What say you, neighbours?

We can't think of Italy and the Invasion yet to be and grumble about our own little inconveniences, can we? And, if, as we flounder through the mud, we think, "Oh, to be in England now that April's here" we may also remember that along with the primroses and violets that adorn the English country lanes there are also other things less beautiful but necessary. Where the primroses are thickest there may also be barbed wire entanglements or machine-gun or "Ack-ack" emplacements. Sentries may bar the way to anyone whose only mission may be to pick the flowers that grow in the spring.

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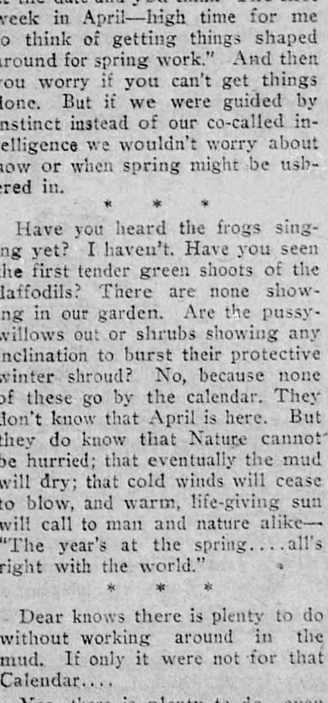
Wait.... let me stop a minute and listen. Yes, as I live, I hear a robin singing! I cannot see him but he must be over in the wild apple tree. Joy, oh joy—"can spring be far behind?"

It's an ill wind . . this cold spring has given us plenty of opportunity to try out our new furnace—and we like it very much, thank you. We have also found that it couldn't have been arranged to suit us better. The check and draft chains are located in our bedroom—and also the smoke pipe. I jump out of bed, let down the check, get back to bed and after a while feel with my foot to see if the smoke pipe is warm enough. Handy, isn't it?

IT'S SPRING, TOO



The calendar says it's spring, but the crew of this Royal Canadian navy corvette says "Oh, yeah?" This ship is pictured, armored in ice, as it returned to base from tour of North Atlantic convoy duty.

Cover Sneeze, Cough With Your Hankie

The genteel hand over the mouth, when one coughs or sneezes, is quite ineffective in checking the spread of the common respiratory diseases, the Health League of Canada says, urging the observance of simple rules of hygiene. Covering the sneeze or cough with a handkerchief is good hygiene as well as good manners, it was stated.

Garden Notes

Concentrate

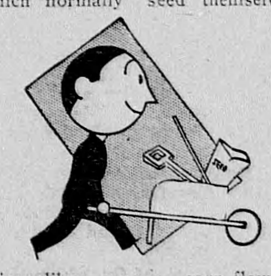
If the plot of vegetables is very tiny, then authorities advise concentrating on those vegetables which give the biggest yield. This means small, compact things like onions, carrots, beets, lettuce, radish spinach, beans, and possibly a few staked tomatoes. With the first five items, even 10 feet of row if given a little attention in the way of thinning, cultivation and perhaps watering and fertilizer, should produce three or four good meals for the fair-sized family. And as the rows can be spaced a mere foot apart, a plot a dozen feet each way will grow a lot. Spinach and beans take a little more space, but 20 feet of row will furnish several meals.

Tomatoes will take up still more room, but if staked can go in about 18 inches apart. One plant will grow a big basket of tomatoes, and if all side shoots are nipped off and the plant tied loosely to a six-foot stake it will ripen the fruit surprisingly early.

First Planting

There are some things which must get first growth while the weather is cool and moist. In this line, of course, are shrubs, vines and trees and other nursery stock. One can hardly plant these too early.

There are also those flowers which normally seed themselves,



things like cosmos, corn flowers, marigolds and alyssum. Grass is also in this category.

In vegetables among the earliest ones there are several that must get their growth in cool weather. These include peas, spinach, onions, curly endive, radish and lettuce. One can start to plant all these just as soon as the driest part of the garden is ready.

Three Sowings

With most vegetables, the experts advise making at least three sowings, about ten days to a fortnight apart. In this way the gardener is protected against damage which might wipe out one sowing, and the season of garden fresh vegetables will be greatly extended.

There are various little ways the experienced gardener uses to hasten things along. With tiny seeds like those of lettuce, onions, etc., sowing will be more economical and need less arduous thinning if the fine seed is mixed with a little sand and the mixture spread thinly along the rows. Allow potatoes to sprout in a sunniy, warm room for a week or two and see that sprouts are not broken off in planting. Soak the seeds of beans, peas, beets, corn, etc., before planting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 23

PAUL BECOMES A MISSIONARY

Acts 13: 1—14: 28.

PRINTED TEXT—Acts 13: 1—4; 14: 8—20.

GOLDEN TEXT — The Holy Spirit said, Separate me Baranabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. Acts 13: 2.

Memory Verse: I will pray unto Jehovah. Jeremiah 42: 4.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—The first missionary journey of the Apostle Paul probably began in A.D. 47 and, if it extended over a period of probably four years, may have terminated in A. D. 50.

Place—The city of Antioch, as we saw in our preceding lesson, was located at the northern extremity of Syria, on the Orontes River. The island of Cyprus was directly west of Syria in the Mediterranean. The cities which Paul visited on this journey were, for the most part, in Galatia, which would be the southern part of the country now known as Asia Minor.

'One In Christ Jesus'

"Now there was at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers. Barnabas, and Symeon that was called Niger. Manaen, the foster-brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul." This verse reveals how the Holy Spirit was working among nations and races of all colors and creeds. All were becoming 'One In Christ Jesus.'

And as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Notice here the distinct personality and Godhead of the Holy Ghost. Both men had been called long before, but were now to be solemnly set apart for the special work to which in the divine purpose they had been destined.

Messengers Of The Church

"Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." This was a solemn dedication of them to a work in which they were to enter as the accredited messengers of the church.

"So they, being sent forth by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus." Barnabas and Saul, sent forth by the Spirit, are the vanguard of Christ's army going forth to deliver men from Satan's domination.

The Cripple's Faith

"And at Lystra there sat a certain man, impotent in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked. The same heard Paul speaking: who, fastening his eyes upon him, and seeing that he had faith to be made whole, said with a loud voice, stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped up and walked." The apostle, through the discernment given by the Spirit, saw that this cripple had faith and was a fit object to be made, by his cure, a sign unto the men of Lystra. His faith saved his soul and qualified him for a miraculous bodily cure.

Jupiter And Mercury

"And when the multitude saw what Paul had done . . . and would have done sacrifice with the multitudes." Jupiter was the greatest of the classical deities, 'the father of of gods and men'. Mercury was the god of eloquence and regarded as the 'messenger of the gods.' The city believed itself to be under the protection of Jupiter, and his temple stood, as was usual in front of the chief gates of the city.

Paul's Devotion To Christ

"But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it . . . And with these sayings scarce restrained they the multitudes from doing sacrifice unto them." These words reveal again the strength of Paul's character, his absolute devotion to Christ, and his horror of such adulation. It would have been so easy to accept this worship and abandon the pathway of persecution and of the stones. If men would help the prophet they should pray that he may never accept the garland or the worship of men.

The Power Of God

"But there came Jews thither from Antioch and Iconium and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and entered into the city: and on the morrow he went forth with Baranabas to Derbe." One moment the heathen mob wanted to worship Barnabas and Paul, the next they tried to stone Paul to death. So it has been to this day because man is so frail, changeable, short-sighted. The fact that disciples stood round about Paul shows his mission had not been in vain. They courageously identified themselves with him. That Paul should rise as one from the dead was a striking evidence of the power of God, it was nothing les than a miracle.

The Book Shelf

Alaska And The Canadian Northwest

By Harold Griffin

This is the story of the opening up of North America's last frontier, of what is being achieved today under the impact of war and what can be achieved tomorrow. It is the story of a frontier which is both American and Canadian, since it cannot be geographically and economically separated, embracing an area extending from the Mackenzie River to the Bering Strait, and taking in parts of the Northwest Territories, northern Alberta and British Columbia, the Yukon and Alaska.

Throughout the book the emphasis is placed upon postwar possibilities and opportunities, not in such a way as to ignore the war but so as to estimate today's accomplishments in terms of tomorrow's possible achievements. The tremendous Alaska Highway, transforming the wilderness, the role of aviation, the oil developments at Abasands and Norman Wells, the settlements in the Matanuska Valley and elsewhere are all discussed in this light.

The design of the book is to show the new Northwest now coming into being, pushing its frontiers into the Arctic, toward Asia and westward to Europe; to demonstrate its increasing importance, particularly for postwar reconstruction, and to stimulate the desire of Americans to see the country and to share in its development.

Alaska and The Canadian Northwest . . . By Harold Griffin . . . George J. McLeod, Limited . . . Price $3.50.

WAR WIDOW

Believed to be the first American war widow to visit a husband's grave on foreign soil, Mrs. Jack Feinstein of New York is pictured kneeling beside the grave of Sergt. Jack Feinstein, in American cemetery at Kzarmetzour, Tunisia. She is in North Africa as member of USO-Camp Shows unit.

GOES ALL THE WAY

Every person wishes his money to go as far as possible. Money donated to the Red Cross goes right to the battlelines where our soldiers are fighting for their lives and our liberty.

—Chatham News

MOVIE STAR

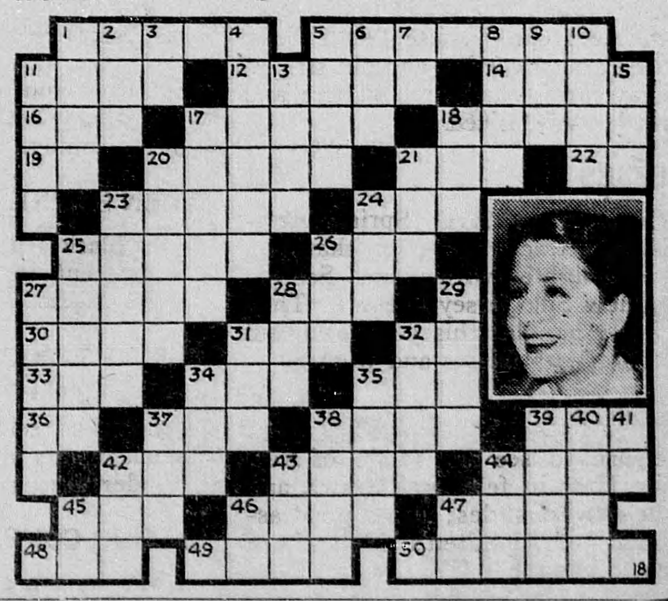
HORIZONTAL

1, 5 Popular actress pictured here.
11 Lowest point.
12 Musteline mammal.
14 God of war.
16 Open (poet.).
17 Tossing pole.
18 Goddess of peace.
19 Bone.
20 Seraglio.
21 Poem.
22 Symbol for tellurium.
23 Sea skeleton.
24 Compass point.
25 Anthem.
26 Make lace,
27 Erect.
28 Folding bed.
30 Partner.
31 Spigot.
32 Paid publicity
33 Thing (law).
34 Evil.
35 Prefix.
36 Nova Scotia (abbr.).
37 Eccentric wheel.
38 Silkworm.
39 Coy.
42 Rowing implement.
43 Continent.
44 She is a popular ——.
45 Grab.
46 To carol.
47 Twirl.
48 Fondle.
49 She has played many ——s.
50 She has won an Academy —— (pl.).

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL

1 Fiber knots.
2 Mineral rock.
3 Universal language.
4 Biblical mountain.
5 Stalk.
6 Pronoun.
7 Cloth measure
8 Not common.
9 Before.
10 Lease.
11 Animal parks.
13 Cain's brother.
15 Perceive.
17 Grieved.
18 Fish.
20 Ardently.
21 Hops kiln.
23 Winds.
24 Perched.
25 Hybrid beasts
26 Spinning toy.
27 Farm buildings.
28 Vulgar fellow.
29 Notion.
31 Beret.
32 Melody.
34 Tribunal.
35 Conceited precision.
37 Hansom.
38 Domestic slave.
39 Incite.
40 Part of body.
41 Year (abbr.).
42 Cereal grain.
43 Be ill.
44 Mineral spring.
45 Northeast (abbr.).
46 Thus.
47 Southwest (abbr.).



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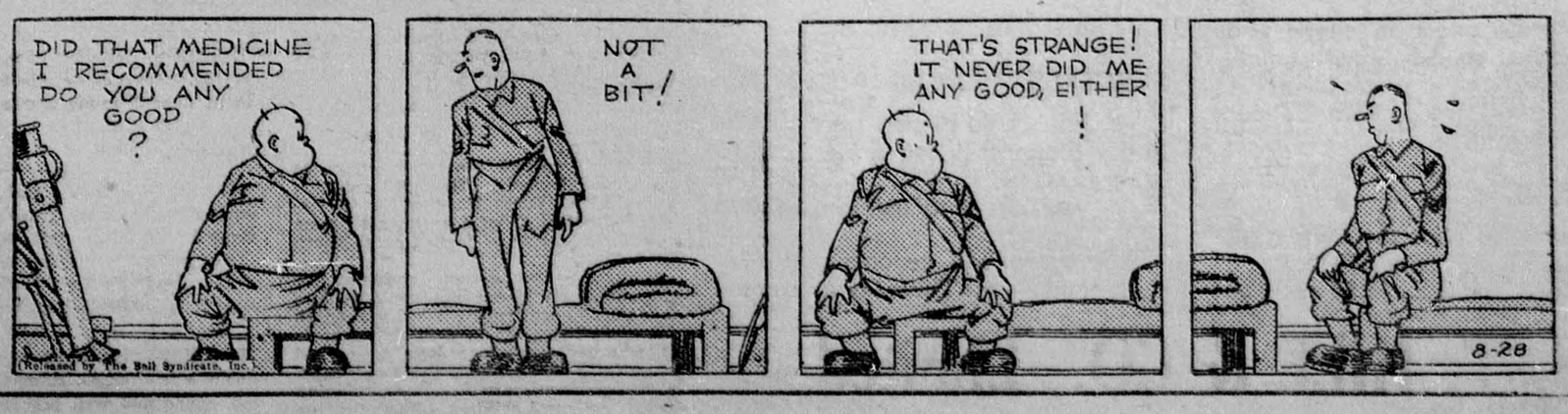
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