JUST IN FUN

Business With Pleasure

Have you heard the one about the Scottish doctor who took up golf and who was told by the club pro that if his name was stamped on his golf balls and he lost them, they would be returned to him if found?

"Good," said the Scottish medico, "put my name on this ball." The pro did so.

"Would you also put M.D. after my name?" the doctor asked. The pro complied with the request.

"One thing more," said the Scot. "Do ye think ye could squeeze 'Hours 10 to 3' on the ball as well?"

A Tiring Experience

The receptionist of the Domestic Agency was taking down particulars of the would-be maid.

"Have you any preference for any special kind of family?" she asked.

"Any kind except the high-brow," answered the domestic. "My last place was with a pair of 'em, and 'im and 'er was always fightin', an' it kept me runnin' back and forward from the key-'ole to the dictionary till I felt proper worn out, so I says never again."

Her Meaning

The teacher was giving the class a lesson on gardening.

"Now who can tell me what a herbaceous border means?" she asked.

There was a pause, then a small voice said: "Please, miss, it's a lodger who doesn't eat meat."

Quick Change

Little girl (at church wedding): "Did the lady change her mind, Mommy?"

Mother: "Why, no. Why do you ask?"

Little girl: "'Cause she went up the aisle with one man and came back with another."

STUFF AND THINGS

"You're sure he's got a sense of humor?"

Naturally

A motorist had been haled into court and when his name was called the judge asked what the charges were against the prisoner.

"Suspicious actions?" queried the answered the arresting officer.

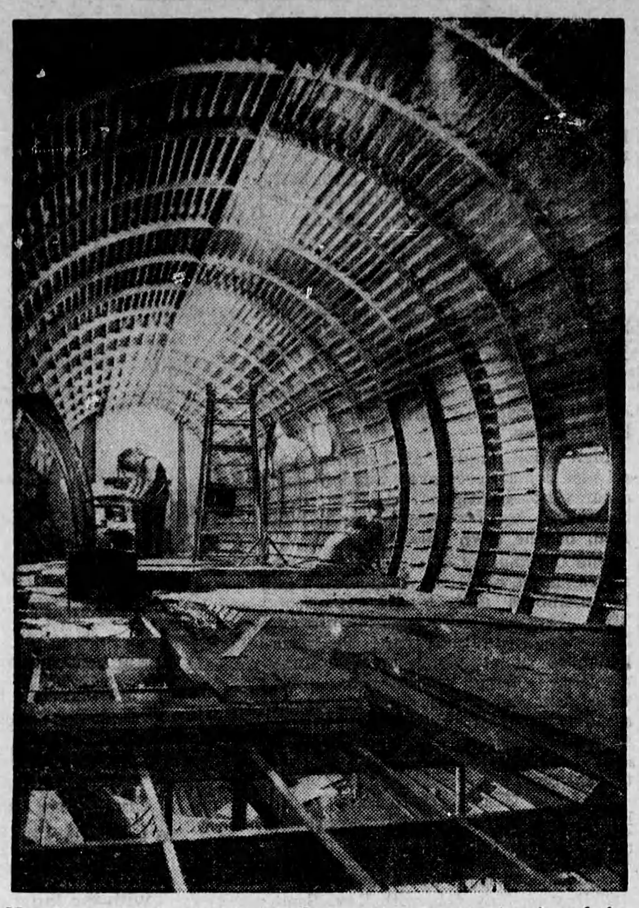
"Suspiciousi actions?" queried the judge. "What was he doing that seemed suspicious?"

"Well," replied the officer, "he was running within the speed limit, sounding his horn properly, keeping on the right side of the street, and not trying to beat any of the stop lights—so, naturally, I arrested him."

And About Time!

Four-year-old Donald was entranced by the icicles sparkling on the eaves. The first warm day when he saw the icicles dripping, he ran to his mother exclaiming: Winter is defrosting!"

"ELIZABETH OF THE AIR"



Not the inside of a tunnel or a Quonset hut, but the interior of the world's largest landplane is what you see above. Britain's building it to go after the trans-Atlantic airlane luxury trade.

Bristol, Eng.—Britain is about to do for the airplanes what she did for the sealanes with the Queen Elizabeth. She is readying for trans-Atlantic air service the world's largest passenger land plane, the 126-ton "Barbazon 1."

Powered by eight giant engines, the Barbazon will wing its way from London to New York with a pay load of 70 to 100 sleeping passengers on the night run or 120 sitting up on daylight trips. It will have a crew of 13, including five stewards.

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The Barbazon is being assembled now at the Bristol Aeroplane plant in suburban Filton. Development and production cost $16,000,000. The builders hope to have the plane ready for test flights by May or June. After that they will go to work on three more Barbazons which British Overseas Airways hopes to have in service by 1950.

Some idea of the new sky giant's size can be gained by comparison with the XB-36, the U.S. Army's giant bomber. Both have a wingspan of 230 feet. The XB-36 has only six engines. The Barbazon I tops all other American land planes. The Army's giant C-74 Globemaster has a wingspan of 173 feet. The Douglas DC-6 passenger plane now in service is only 117½ feet between wingtips.

Neither a race horse nor a slow poke, the Barbazon is designed to cruise at 250 miles an hour at 25,000 feet. The 143-foot cabin will be pressurized, humidified and air-conditioned, and will have, as accessories, a dining saloon, lounge, bar, dressing rooms and a movie screen.

To build what England is calling her "Elizabeth of the Air" took 12,000 drawings, 30,000 feet of sheet metal to cover fuselage and wings, a million and a half rivets, 35 miles of wiring.

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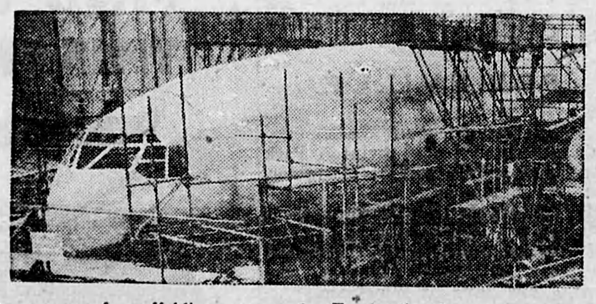
It has outgrown the biggest aviation workshop in England, in which the wingspan is limited to the inboard engnes. Fnal assembly will take place in the world's biggest assembly hangar. This hasn't been built yet, but it will be larger than London's Houses of Parliament and will cost $6,000,000.

To get a runway big enough for the plane, Filton Airfield has been extended to 8250 feet. Engineers had to demolish a village to get that much space for the Barbazon's take-off run.



A cocoon of scaffolding surrounds England's big new passenger plane in its construction shed. To get room for its wings to grow to full size, they're building world's biggest assembly hangar.

Flaxseed Rushed To Great Britain

There is a prospect of new paint for British homes and oil cake for homebred cattle in a cargo of 250,000 pounds of flax seed on board the Queen Elizabeth, which has just docked at Southampton, writes Melita Spraggs from London, England.

Freight trains were waiting dockside to rush the seed on the last lap of its 5,000-mile express journey from Minneapolis, Minn., to the flooded fenlands of Great Britain's East Coast.

500 Tons Allotted

This is part of 500 tons spared from the meagre flax reserves of Canada and the United States in response to Britain's last-minute appeals. Seen was needed for late sowing in reclaimed areas to recoup depleted linseed supplies.

The February floods meant that 60,000 acres could not be planted with important crops at the normal time. Flax can be planted in May and will ripen quickly.

As the Queen Elizabeth rushed the seed across the Atlantic, tractors working day and night exposed the soggy soil of the Fen district to fitful rays of the spring sun to dry it for flax planting.

Priority Cargo

The Queen Elizabeth's cargo, which had priority over one of jewellery, furs, and other luxury goods, added to two consignments from Canada, is expected to yield nearly 500 tons of seed—sufficient to plant from 20,000 to 30,000 acres.

Two varieties of flax are grown as farm crops in Britain. One gives a poor yield of linseed and a good quality flax. The other gives poor flax but a good linseed yield. It is this latter type which the government has bought.

Britain has been and still is short of linseed with which to make paint and other preservatives. This is one reason for the shabbiness of houses and public buildings.

It is hoped to get much-needed foodstuffs for diminished stocks of home-bred cattle from crushed seed.

With the extraction of pure oil, it also is planned to make paint to give Britons brighter houses.

Now, Wait---

Don't be alarmed—it's just a fight scene rehearsal for the film, "Daybreak," being made at Daventry, England. Scantily clad actress Ann Todd watches serenely as Eric Portman makes ready to slug Maxwell Reed.

Heatless Summer

A new government order went into effect in Britain banning the use of gas or electricity for heating residential quarters until Sept. 30 and the use of any kind of fuel to heat non-residential premises until Oct. 31.

The order is designed to save 2,500,000 tons of coal against Britain's needs next winter.

U.K. Fashion Centre

In the men's clothing trade, United Kingdom styles have traditionally set the world's fashion and do so still. United Kingdom design for women's wear has much improved in the last ten years and Sir Stafford Cripps' "Working Party" for the heavy clothing industry recommends a design centre in London which could make Britain the leader in all clothing design and fashion throughout the world.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

Nice For Teacher

A glue strong enough to hold a 100,000-pound locomotive has been invented. We hope no one ever sits down on any.

—Edmonton Journal

Eckner's Gem

The criticism of Hitler by Dr. Hugo Eckner, famous German designer, builder and flier of airships, is a gem of brevity. The elderly scientist remarked.

"When Hitler came to power he was 90 per cent fool and 10 per cent criminal, but when he ended he was 90 per cent criminal and 10 per cent fool."

—Kitchener Record

Lusty "Big Three"

The big Ontario revenue producers: Gasoline taxes, $$44,000,000; Corporation taxes, $68,500,000; liquor taxes $26,400,000. Three lusty youngsters!

—St. Thomas Times-Journal

Hard to Answer

"It takes all kinds of weather to make a season," observes the Stratford Beacon-Herald. All right; and now that we're having them all, what season would you call this? (In printable language, please!)

—Ottawa Citizen

Main Reason

Our chief complaint about the younger generation is that we no longer belong to it.

Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph

Spellbound

Other summer insects had better get chummy with a spelling bee. a newly-developed insecticide will wallop the little imps with HEXACHLOROCYCLOHEXANE.

Customers of a certain restaurant in Lansing, Mich., could easily be spellbound. The proprietor's name is PAPPAVLAHODIMITRAKOPOULOUS.

—Pathfinder

Quite A Record

An Iowa woman has been in the news as "American Mother of '47." That beats the Quebec records, which rarely rise above 18 or 20.

—Peterborough Examiner

Morning Chores

Britain exhibits a "robot valet" that turns on a heater, boils water, brews tea, wakes you up and starts the radio playing in the morning. We refuse to get excited until it also puts the dog out and brings in the morning paper.

—Windsor Star.

A Born Queen And an Empress

During a visit to Paris in 1855, Queen Victoria went to the Opera in company with the Empress Eugenia of France. A French spectator, who happened not to be an admirer of the latter, remarked to an Englishman seated beside him: "Did you notice the difference between your Queen and our Empress when the ladies entered the box?"

"Why, no," was the reply. 'What was it?"

"The Empress, as she sat down, looked around to see if there was a chair ready for her. But your Queen—a born queen—sat down without looking. She knew a chair must be there."

Less Housing For More Money

In the New York City area, as the Building Trades Employers' Association reports, bricklayers get $17.50 and cement masons $14.70 for a seven-hour day; plumbers, as much as $15.75 and steam-fitters $16.10 for a sevn-hour day; plasterers, $15, and electrical workers $13.50, both for a six-hour day. Even ordinary labor demands $12 for an eight-hour day, or $60 for a forty-hour week.

The scarcity of housing has provided an enormous backlog of work for all building labor, but high hourly rates and short days add incentive to the quest for labor-saving materials made for economy.

Golden Doors

Something of a sensation has been caused in Italy by the disclosure that the bronze doors of the world-famous Baptistery at Florence — hidden away during the war for safety — are really made of gold. They have been for centuries one of Italy's great art treasures.

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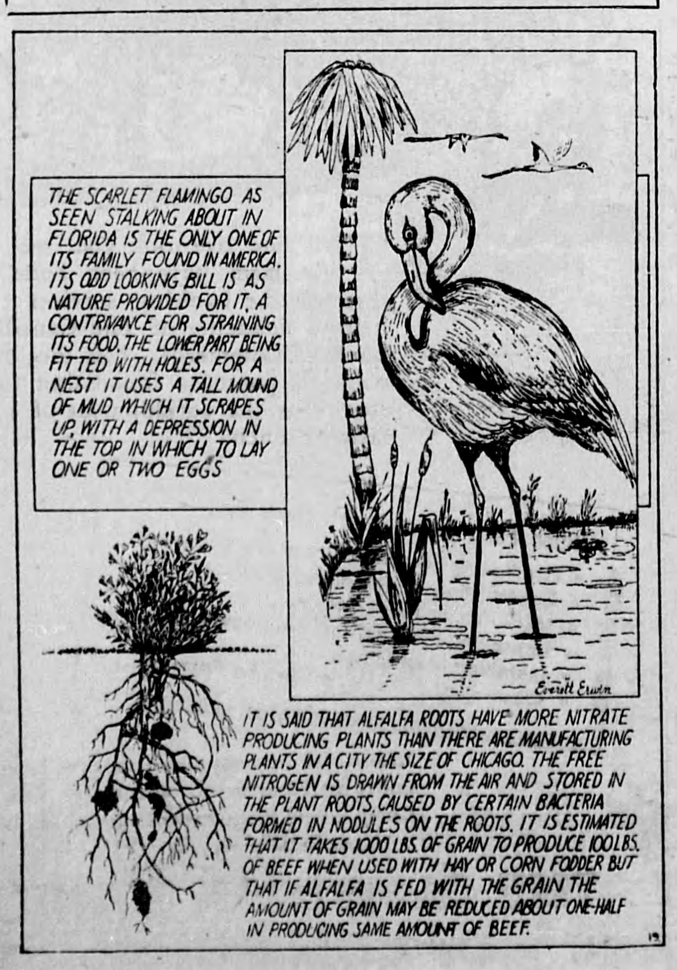
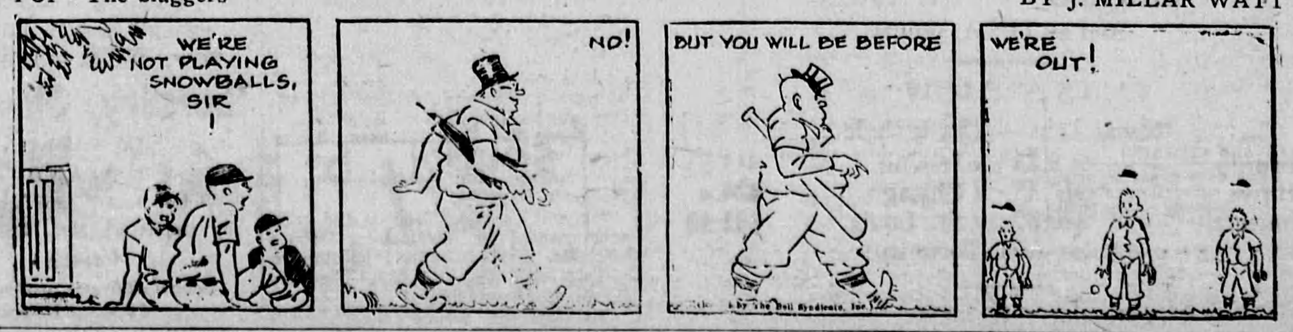


Trumpeter Swan Protected in U.S.

The trumpeter swan, a huge white bird with a wingspan of eight feet and often confused with the snow goose, was thought to be extinct 40 years ago. But in 1907, when a small flock was discovered in the Red Rock Lakes and Yellowstone Park regions, efforts were made to protect the species by the Federal overnment. As a result, their number increased to 73 in 1935. Now there are 361, according to a count made jointly by the United States Fish and Wildlife and the United States National Park Services. The birds were almost exterminated for their breast skins and down in the late nineteenth century.

More than 1,000,000 separate hand-made knots of wool may be found in some 9-by-12 Oriental rugs.

POP—The Sluggers

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