Most Photographed Skunk in Toronto is Paddy, seen nipping a bite of butter off lip of his owner Michael Witthaus, who operates the Toronto School of Photography in Mimico. Students in the school, which is the first of its kind in Canada, find Paddy very co-operative for camera practice.

Clouds of tulle! The peal of bells! And you—the serene and lovely bride. To create such a wedding picture, start early to settle questions of budgeting, dress, etiquette.

The type of wedding you have depends on your wedding dress. If it's to be a formal gown with veil, good taste s: s that other details be formal, too. But if you choose a floor-length dress, a short veil or none, the other details can also be less elaborate.

It's up to you to decide which you can afford, for to your famiy falls most of the expense. They pay for invitations, your wedding outfit and trousseau, bouquets and gifts for your attendants, all expenses connected with the church (except clergyman's fee) and reception.

What are the groom's expenses? What are best man's duties? What is the etiquette of the reception? See our Reader Service booklet No. 204. Also data on second marriages, procedure when bride's parents are divorced.

Send THIRTY CENTS (30c) in coins for "How to Plan Your Wedding" to the Reader Service, Room 421, 73 Adelaide St., West, Toronto. Print name, address, booklet title and No. 204.

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Very Clear

Two women were standing in the snow discusssing the fuel shortage.

"Yes, that's it," said one. "If we'd have got the cold winter in the summer when its warmer; instead of in the winter, we'd be able to do without a fire and save coal."

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TEEN-TOWN TOPICS

By BARRY MURKAR

In Northern Ontario, skiing is at its best right now According to the papers, the sport is inexpensive as far as equipment is concerned, and Canadian youth have the making of some very nice skiing material as far as ski-meets here and abroad are concerned. Close to Toronto, there is the Summit, Dagmar and Raglan. Dagmar now has two ski tows and a new lodge, while Raglan boasts its first modern tow. Farther afield, Ottawa is, and has been, a great ski country for 'lo these many years' and the people in the area have a variety of ski spots to choose from. As far as we can learn, the teeners of Western Ontario lose out on this sport with very few really good skiing hills. Seems the guys and gals down there go in more for hockey and skating. When your local ski club has a meet, send along the results and we'll be pleased to publicize the event. In the meantime, don't break your neck.

Winter Wonderland

While on the subject of winter, we would like to mention what we think is the most picturesque winter spot in the Province of Ontario.

Two weeks ago we left home at 7 a.m. on the coldest January morning in many years (around 20 below, remember?) for Morrisburg, Prescott and other points. Well, on the way we shot north to Havelock. From there we went east to Marmora and Madoc—and that few miles to Marmora is something to see in winter. The road is winding and hilly, but what scenery! Here is truly a cameraman's paradise. As you come over a short rise you find a small house nestled at the foot of a hill, a tall spiral of smoke ascending from its chimney. Travelling along between the two high walls of snow you meet a man with horse and sled. His dog jumps and rolls in the snow as it tags along behind or bounds on ahead. Yes sir, here is a very scenic spot of Ontario. Farther east, just out of Morrisburg, you can see the oil freighter that sank in the St. Lawrence last September. Still lying in the middle of the river with her bow sticking out of the water she presents a picture indeed! Steam rising from the river shrouds her in mystery as the ice and water flows over her deck and past.

Well so much for skiing and winter travelling.

Do They Make You Sick, Too?

Have you been listening to the political talk of late, since King has decided to retire from the field and since the war on prices has begun? You should, providing, of course, that you want to be sick. We have been listening to these radio speeches lately and they make us laugh. Talk about kids fighting over marbles; brother, they are left behind a mile. How educated men, men of supposed dignity and distinction, can talk and act so childishly and mean really gets me; and still our parents and elders will vote and elect them to run the country. This goes on while we are being taught to be honest, sincere and real good ladies and gentleman. Do they make you sick, too? If so, write and tell us about it.

The Letters Are Coming

Letters are coming in, following the announcement of our band contest and we will have the winning letter in this space next week. Maybe you didn't bother to write this time. Well, you have a chance next month, but more about that later.

On The Radio Dial

Did you know that the Mayor of your town, my town and all the little places is now on the air each Saturday night at 6.45 p.m.? Yes sir, folks, your friend and mine, Andy Clarke, is telling his famous stories every Saturday night. You'll enjoy him. Everybody does.

A brand new programme that you will enjoy on Sunday evenings at 6.05 p.m. is "Voices of Distinction". Such famous singing stars as Nelson Eddy, John Charles Thomas and Jean Dickinson will be singing the songs made famous by such writers as Victor Herbert, Jerome Kern and many others. Here is a family treat each week. Sunday evenings for an inspiring, dramatic and unusual story listen to "The Greatest Story Ever Told" at 6.30 p.m. This is a weekly dramatization of a well known bible story—supported by a large chorus of mixed voices. Well, that's our space gone for this issue.

U. S. Naval Leader

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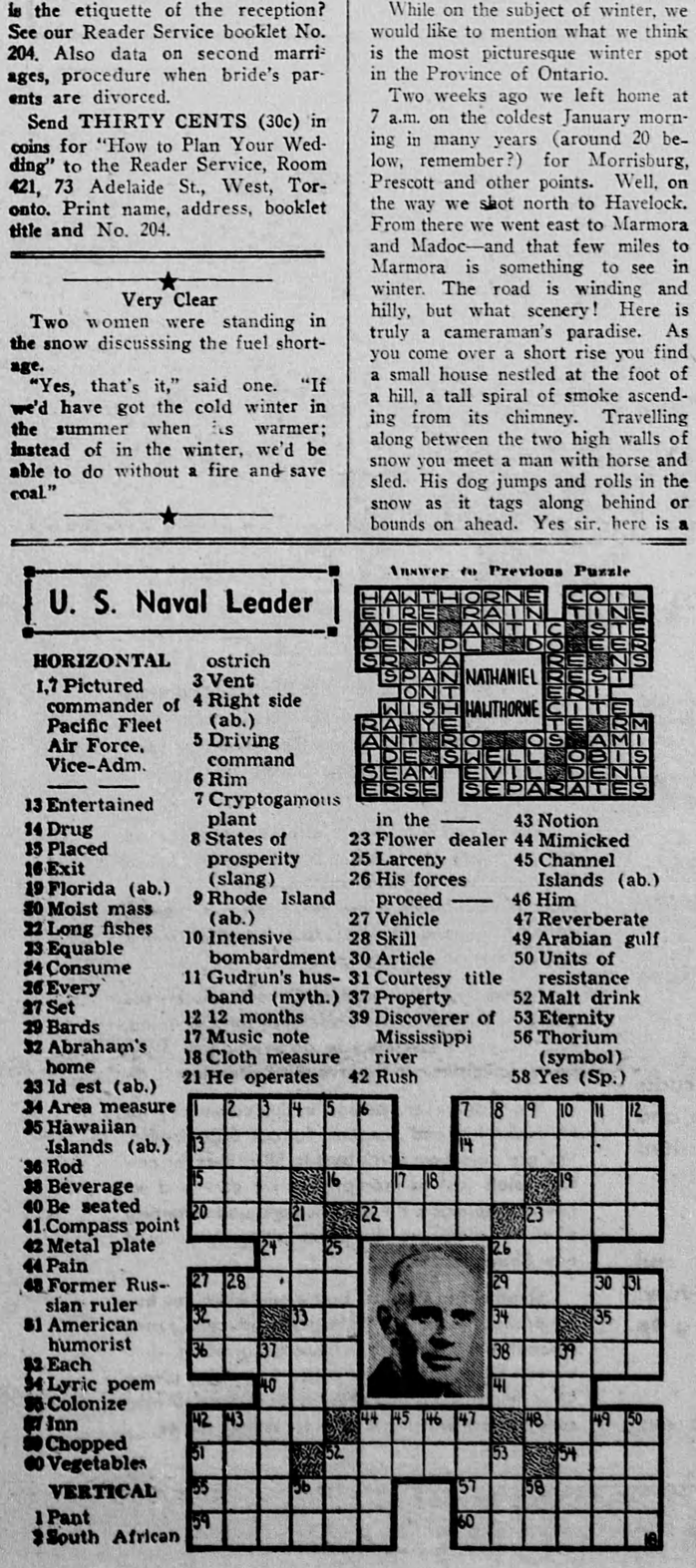
14 Drug
15 Placed
16 Exit
19 Florida (ab.)
20 Moist mass
22 Long fishes
23 Equable
24 Consume
26 Every
27 Set
29 Bards
32 Abraham's home
33 Id est (ab.)
34 Area measure
35 Hawaiian Islands (ab.)
36 Rod
38 Beverage
40 Be seated
41 Compass point
42 Metal plate
44 Pain
48 Former Russian ruler
51 American humorist
53 Each
54 Lyric poem
56 Colonize
57 Inn
59 Chopped
60 Vegetables

VERTICAL

1 Pant
2 South African ostrich
3 Vent
4 Right side (ab.)
5 Driving command
6 Rim
7 Cryptogamous plant
8 States of prosperity (slang)
9 Rhode Island (ab.)
10 Intensive bombardment
11 Gudrun's husband (myth.)
12 12 months
17 Music note
18 Cloth measure
21 He operates in the ——
23 Flower dealer
25 Larceny
26 His forces proceed ——
27 Vehicle
28 Skill
30 Article
31 Courtesy title
37 Property
39 Discoverer of Mississippi river
42 Rush
43 Notion
44 Mimicked
45 Channel Islands (ab.)
46 Him
47 Reverberate
49 Arabian gulf
50 Units of resistance
52 Malt drink
53 Eternity
56 Thorium (symbol)
58 Yes (Sp.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle



STUFF AND THINGS

"Aren't you carrying this outdoor cooking a little too far?"

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

And how did you weather our little sub-zero winter? It was pretty sudden, wasn't it? I suppose if the truth were told this paper could be filled wih anecdotes of pipes that froze; of cars that wouldn't start; and how low the thermometer dropped at this place and that. But I don't think anyone could think up as strange a story as I have to tell.

That night, that bitter twenty-below-zero night, one of our cows had a calf—and the calf performed the almost impossible feat of drowning itself in the water tank at the barn

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Partner had been watching the mother of this calf very carefully, as she was over her time. Every night this week, just before he went to bed, he would put on boots and overalls and pay a final visit to the barn. If the boys were out late they also would take a look at the cow before turning in. But it was always the same story—no calf. It was the same thing Thursday night. But on Friday morning when the boys went the barn there was every evidence that the cow had had her calf—although the calf was nowhere to be seen. Presently Bob came to the house for a flashlight and to tell Partner they had a first-class mystery to solve. That was too much for Partner so then he went to the barn too. The boys having looked in all the possible places for a calf to hide, Partner started looking in impossible places. Presently he noticed the water in the trough was discoloured—and there sure enough was the calf—and it was a big one!

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Perhaps I should explain that the trough is an extra big flat open tank about three feet high, stands in an out-of-the-way corner of the barn and is for the purpose of catching water piped in from an overflowing well at the back of the barn. As you will have surmised, the trough was not covered, nor had it ever seemed necessary. It has been there for about seven years, and calves have been born and raised without any mishaps, insofar as the trough was concerned—but of course there always has to be a first time. Naturally losing a calf that way is quite a loss but what bothers me most is the fact that the poor little thing was drowned. I can hardly bear to think of it especially as it must have been particularly strong and active.

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After breakfast—and after the birth and untimely death of the calf had been discussed a dozen times, young John went to start his car—he uses it every day for transportation in a part-time job. The car, of course, refused to start. But Bob had no trouble at all with his truck so he towed Johnny down the lane. In a little while the motor started—and then it caught fire! The anti-freeze had boiled over on to the hot motor and ignited. Between them the two boys got the fire under control before too much damage had been done, except that anti-freeze to the tune of $3.50 had to be replaced and some rewiring may be necessary. John said the anti-freeze had tested eleven below just recently. Usually that is plenty but I always insisted on a twenty-below test when I had anything to do with a car. Which now, by the way, I haven't!

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"The Greening" still lives here but we don't own it. Early last fall John bought it. I no longer felt the need of a car as Bob has a very nice little ½ ton "pick-up" which is just as easy for me to drive as a car. And since most of my driving is just back and forth to town—and not any more than I have to in winter—the car seemed like something we could do without, and since John was determined to get a car of some kind it worked out very well all round. One person said to me afterwards—"But of course you can still drive the car!"

Well, maybe—John has said so anyway. But the idea doesn't appeal to me. To my way of thinking it would have all the earmarks of a "corny" deal. So far I have used it only once.

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Just Foolish

He tried to cross the railroad tracks
Before the rushing train,
They put the pieces in a sack,
But couldn't find a brain.

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Let's Have A Valentine Party

Gather your favorite Valentines about you this February 14th and treat them to a real "hearts and flowers" Valentine party!

The entertainment, appropriate games and prizes, of course—the refreshment, a simple, dainty supper climaxed with this delectable apple dessert—Apple Butter Stacks, shaped into hearts with a cookie cutter or a cardboard heart pattern.

Apple Butter Stacks

1 recipe All Bran pastry
1 cup apple butter
1 4-ounce package cream cheese
1 teaspoon lemon juice

Prepare pastry. Cut with large cutter into circles or squares. Prick and bake in hot ove (450 degrees F.) about 10 minutes or until light brown. Cool. Put circles together with apple butter between, using a tack of three for each serving. Spread cream cheese mixed with lemon juice on top stack. Serve at once.

Bran Pastry

¼ cup All-Bran
1 ½ cups sifted flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup shortening
4 tablespoons cold water (more or less)

Crush bran into fine crumbs; combine with flour and salt. Cut in shortening. Add water a little at a time, until do gh is moist enough to hold together. Roll out on lightly floured board t about one-eighth inch in thickness.

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Less Fortunate

A couple of gentlemen had spent a very cheery "night out" together, and when they met a few days later, they compared notes. "That was a night and no mistake", said one of them. "Do you know, I finished up in the police station?"

"Luck dog!" said the other, with bitterness in his voice. "I found my way home!"

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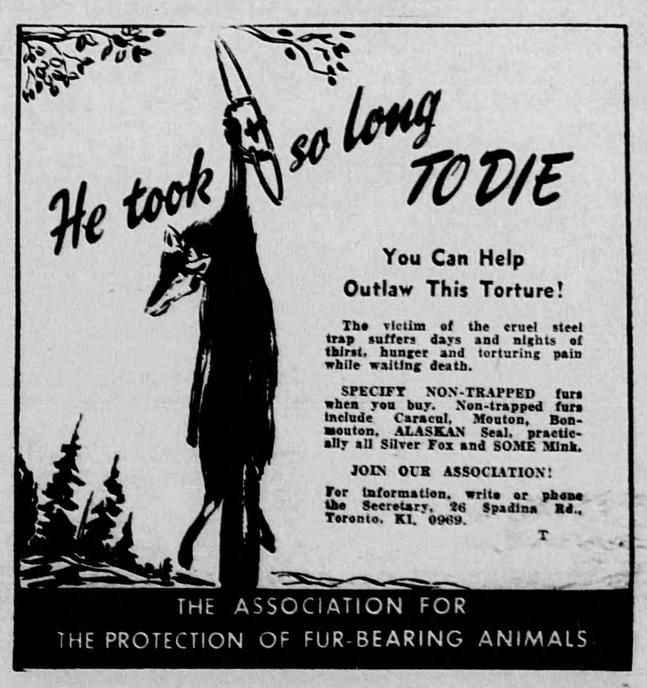

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