

No Raining Rain But Frogs, Worms

The rain of tiny frogs which diversified a recent heat wave for the Welsh town of Towy is just one of the many surprises sprung by the weather clerk when he is bored with ordinary rain. He has been doing it for centuries. As a chronicler of 1561 records that in "Bloody red rain which engorged everything it touched." In the island of Rhodes "it rained dust mixed with blood for three days." In our own times, London in 1912 was visited by an "inkfall" and the people of East Wiltshire a year later went to find the rain was full of black water. One of these "black rains" was found to consist of millions of tiny worms with very distinctive vegetable appetites.

Once in a Spanish field, a heavy rain of what seemed to be pearls fell, and thousands of people, their fortunes only to be disappointed, for the "pearls" were tiny eggs of insects and reptiles.

The list of queer rains is in fact almost endless. Only cats and dogs seem to be missing. Frogs fell in Suffolk in 1842, pillars in Glamorgan in 1859, hazel nuts in Dublin in 1863, lay in Monksland in 1875, snails in Redruth in 1896, fish in County Clare in 1898, living gold muscets at Paderborn in 1892, and white butterflies at Bernay, Switzerland, in 1912.

The usual explanation of such weird phenomena is violent vertical winds blowing during unsettled weather—a reason which, except it had occurred to people in the middle ages, would have seemed far too prosaic to be true. To regard them as aerial portraits was more exciting.

Atomic Train

The Atomic Scientists Association (Great Britain), with full cooperation of the Ministry of Supply, is organizing a "Atomic Energy Exhibition" on Atomic Energy, which will start at the beginning of November and tour twenty-six towns in England, Scotland and Wales. The exhibition is to give the public the basic facts of atomic energy and explain its implications for war and peace.

STUFF AND THINGS



Jarvis always serves this way—he used to be a tennis star.

Alberta Oil

For some time, unofficial forecasts have suggested that the development of the oil fields of the Edmonton is a focal point yet in Alberta, and in economic effects might well become one of the Dominion's biggest assets.

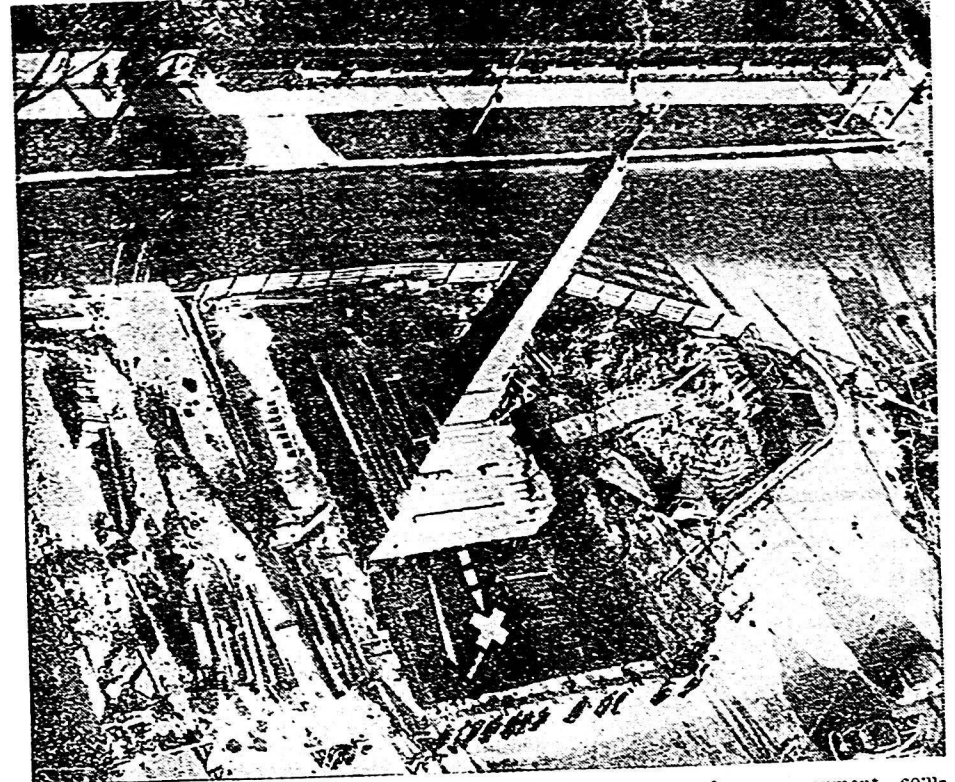
SIDE GLANCES

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Street Widening in Toronto has caused a shift in Miss Victory, a huge monument commemorating South African war battles in which Canadians participated. Inch by inch, the monument is being moved on rollers along the path shown by the dotted line to a new base 21 feet away. The monument was erected in 1905.

Three Minutes of Fiction Fun

SHOOT STORY
The Rainbow Special
By T. M. RIDER

When the woman who had been gazing wistfully at Madame Blue's window display finally entered and said, "I've just thought of a special dress for madam. A pale blue costume pearls and matched earrings."

"Pale blue? Oh, no! My husband loves colors that are bright and gay. He's a real artist, and a brilliant one, too."

"Now, Tom, you shouldn't work too soon after the operation. You know what the doctor said. 'Erma, is that your deep voice at that. But say, my vision's improving every minute. And only this morning you looked so—so colorless. But now, I swear you look just—just like you did before I went blind ten years ago, Erma.'"

Erma's answering smile was as bright as the sun. Mady felt her heart pound furiously. The artist was recovering from an eye operation and probably never see colors normally again!

Speedy Voyage

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Sunday Morning In England—1947

A letter from England to the New York Herald Tribune: You probably get all sorts of reports about Britain, but I wonder how many you receive from one of the "great unknowns" such as myself.

My background is a fairly average one. A country boy, brick-layer, came to the big city (220,000) for a better job, joined the back on the travel again. My pay amounts to £6 (\$24) a week; so now you know my angle on life.

A complete "scenario" is impossible, but here's an impression of today, Sunday, Sept. 28, 1947. Our morning broke fine and warm. The machine calls as usual (7 a.m.) Two pints for four of us. Can you imagine him making that little tap-tap on the tiled plates as he drops his bottles all along the street?

This morning I shall ride around the city on my bike. I've been here fifteen years, but it still fascinates me. From the top of my street I can look across the park and see the gray walls of Portchester Castle that stands on the creek. And to the left are all the ships of Portsmouth and Gosport.

Thousands of Hindus and Moslems in refugee camps dotting the frontiers of India and Pakistan have a new slogan: "Bring back the British!"

In Lahore, where a reign of terror has taken many lives and destroyed much property, flowers have appeared on the statue of Queen Victoria.

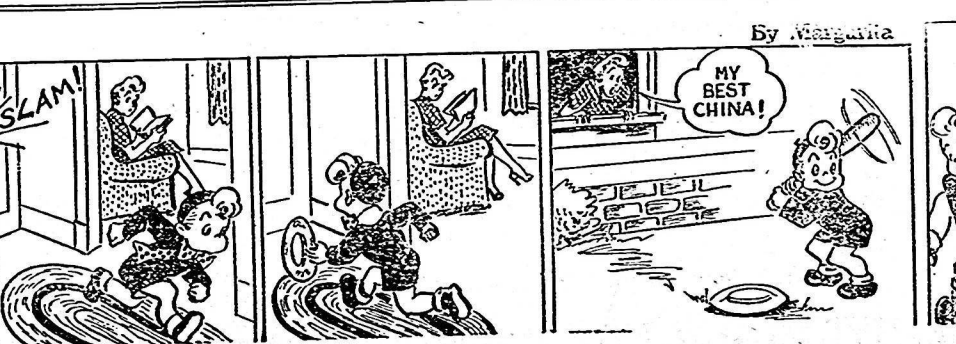
In Amsterdam a young native army officer told an American correspondent that "freedom has brought us nothing but mob rule."

I hear your aunt's very rich. "Yes—glloats over it."

Backache? TAKE KRUSCHEN

Wonderful news! New Fleischmann's Royal Fast Rising Dry Yeast is here—ready for you perfect risings, in a matter of hours.

Little Reggie



Machine Cuts Grass Disposes of Leaves And Shovels Snow

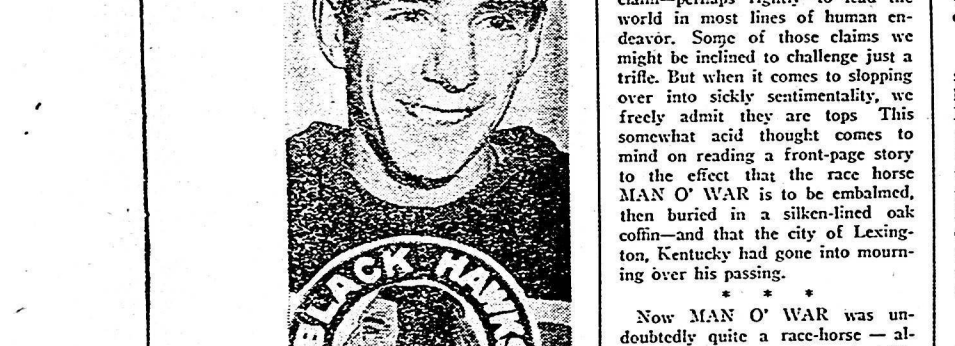
One-time farm boy, now cow a resident of Buffalo, Bernard Larsen has invented, or at least constructed, a contraption which sounds like the solution to many a householder's problems.

Powered by a one and one-half H.P. air-cooled gasoline engine, the new machine has two distinct units. For picking up fallen leaves, there is something that looks like an over-size vacuum cleaner, in which a powerful blower is connected to a series of revolving blades. These pick up the leaves which are shot through a four-inch pipe into a burp-lug.

The same section is used as a snow-plow, with a front section removed so as to let the brushes contact the snow. With the burp-lug removed an adjustable elbow is trained in any desired direction, the blower tossing the snow fifty feet or more.

For mowing lawns, after removing the blower-unit, a cutting attachment is easily slid on. Then two revolving disks, kept always at the same height from the ground, do the cutting.

With his machine Larsen takes care of his own lawn, also six belonging to nearby neighbors. After the grass is mown, he slips on the leaf-picking attachment to sweep up the grass clippings. In wintertime his job is to clear the driveway of driveway-logs forced to battle with snowdrifts elsewhere. Excepting for the motor, the entire affair is said to have cost Larsen something like \$15 for materials—and it is reported there is a possibility of it being developed commercially.



Black Hawk Chicago

Now a Maple Leaf—One of only 3 players in modern hockey history to win the league scoring crown two years in a row, Max Bentley now comes to the Toronto Maple Leafs in a big swap which takes Bob Coldham, Gaye Stewart, Guy Bodnar, Duff Dille and Ernie Dickson to the Chicago Black Hawks. A native of Delisle, Saskatchewan, Bentley, together with Bill Mosienko have formed one of hockey's most effective scoring lines—the only real threat the Chicago team possessed.

More Than 600 Dogs To Be Banned at Royal Winter Fair

Eight outstanding judges from the United States and Canada will be on hand to select the prize winners at the two dog shows on November 20, 21 and 22 at the Royal Winter Fair under the auspices of the National Kennel Club.

This year a championship show for six different breeds will be held on November 20 and the seventeenth annual international all-breed show will be held on the following two days.



No Dust Bowl Here—Most Western Canada farmers have quit plowing. Instead, they turn the land over shallowly with a "one-way disc" and keep the mulch at surface of the soil. The "trash"—straw, stubble and greenery—they put into the soil is good fertilizer, and also keeps it from blowing away.

Sports - And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS ("A Siskit Critic")

The people of the United States claim—perhaps rightly—to lead the world in most lines of human endeavor. Some of those claims we might be inclined to challenge just a little. But when it comes to sloping over into sickly sentimentalism, we freely admit they are tops. This somewhat acid thought comes to mind on reading a front-page story to the effect that the race horse MAN O' WAR is to be embalmed, then buried.

Now MAN O' WAR was undoubtedly quite a race-horse — although by no means the unshakable hero of some of his admirers would have you believe. We saw him run a couple of times; and while we make no claim to be a real judge of horseracing, we had an idea that some of his superiority was due to the fact that he didn't have so very much to beat. To us he calls to mind the ancient saying: "In the country of the blind, the one-eyed man is king."

However, he caught the public fancy; and his owners were smart enough to retire him at the peak of his fame. Wherever some sports-cobbler found himself down Lexington way, and short of something to write about, he would turn out a horse became something of a legend during his lifetime. Still, stuff like "Man O' War" did more for this community than any other creature, human or animal. Silk-lined coffin! Black-ribboned floral wreaths in display windows! Twenty gallons of embalming fluid! Maybe we're a bit too squeamish but, somehow or other, it all gives us a sickish feeling.

There are many who hail the abandonment of price controls as a triumph for the system of free enterprise—and personally we believe that there is just as great danger in too much governmental control as there is in too little. Still, if there were only one solitary occasion when dropping of controls was followed by a drop in price, instead of an immediate increase, it would be rather pleasant change, and a boost for "free competition" as well.

By no means for the first time, Com Synthe has proved himself to be just about the most far-seeing operative in hockey. Everybody else connected with the National Hockey League is sorry about the Chicago Black Hawks—but the Maple Leaf boss was the only one, apparently, who foresaw how the Hawks' weakness might eventually prove bad for the entire league, and did something about it. For in a small group like the N.H.L., one bad team can be as dangerous as one rotten apple in a barrel of good ones.

But with hockey business as good as it is, and folks fairly falling over themselves to get tickets, everybody else just sits still and let the Black Hawks steadily become more painful to watch. But now Synthe has provided them with what looks like the makings of an entirely new team—and before too long this move should prove of real value, not only to Chicago, but to the box offices of all other five teams.

We wouldn't advise you to feel too sorry for Synthe either. While he has done his good deed toward the Hawks, we don't figure he has done too badly for his Maple Leafs either. It's getting Max Bentley he has made the Toronto team just about a cinch to repeat last year's triumph—for if Bentley could be one of the league's outstanding performers in his Chicago surroundings, he should rise to real heights with the sort of support his new teammates can give him.

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Watchman Stops Runaway Horse In Heart of School District WINS DOW AWARD



Alex Rainville of Montreal performs daring feat to prevent accident.

The corner of Lafontaine and Lezoune streets is in the eastern section of Montreal. There are three schools in the vicinity and around 4 o'clock of an afternoon the sidewalk is crowded with children on their way home.

Alex Rainville, a night watchman employed by Canadian Copper Refiners Ltd., immediately thought of the danger to the school children... and rushed into the street to tackle the bolting horse.

After being dragged 150 feet, the watchman finally was able to calm the horse. A serious accident—possibly a tragedy had been averted.

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