



SHORT STORY

Birthday Gift

By MAUDE NORMAN

The sound of a ragan's horn came in the open window of the room where, with housewifely zeal, Nancy Winters was busy with spring house-cleaning.

Her Whole Life Seems Spoiled

A Canadian film that has won high acclaim both in Europe and the United States is "The Feeling of Rejection". In a striking manner it shows how a sense of being "unwanted" in childhood can affect the entire life of an individual, and what modern psychiatry can do to relieve this condition.

The Girl Who Felt "Unwanted"

In "psychological" movies the plot generally leads back to some horrible incident in childhood which is stated to be the root cause of the mental illness.

She gave her husband a particularly warm kiss when he came home that evening. "I'm almost dead," she cooed, "but when I remember 'At first I thought I would open a can of soup or something easy to prepare, but then I remembered how nice you were, so I made you this meat pie and upside-down cake.'"

"That reminds me," she interrupted hastily. "A ragan's horn once told me that she had done."

"You mean you gave those pants away?" Ted shouted. "Those pants had fifty dollars in the pocket."

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"Give away your birthday gift, that's all I've been saying all year."

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OUR FALL FAIRS ATTRACT GREAT ATTENTION

During the Autumn months last year a feature of these pages was a series of striking action pictures taken at various Fall Fairs held throughout the Province. At the Annual Convention of the Agricultural Societies of Ontario, held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on February 11th, 12th and 13th, a display of the original photographs from which those pictures were made caused a great deal of favorable comment. It was even said that so many of those attending recognized themselves or friends in the photographs that the display frames were almost stripped before the Convention ended.

World's Biggest Uncut Diamonds To Go On Exhibition in England

A "fountain of diamonds" cascading over two tiers of gold and platinum may sound like a magic treasure pile of Aladdin. But it is no fairy tale. The display will sparkle under the eyes of thousands of visitors from all parts of the world this spring at the 1948 British Industries Fair, which will run simultaneously in London and Birmingham from May 3 to May 14.

Central attraction in the diamond section of the fair will be the 720-carat Woyie River Diamond—the largest uncut diamond in the world today—which was found in Sierra Leone. It will be on public view for the first time.

"This amazing stone, discovered in 1945, is the third largest diamond ever found. Forty-four carats heavier than the Josty, it has surpassed in size only by the 3,106-carat Cullinan found in 1905 and the Excelsior, of 995.7 carats, found in 1893.

"Stranger than any circus side-show will be the exhibit of freak diamonds—the only collection of its kind in the world. The most remarkable item in this group is a gold nugget with two diamonds, one white and one green, actually imbedded in it.

By some quirk of nature the two gems were already "set" in this museum-piece rarity when it was found. Other freak diamonds include stones in odd "artificial" shapes and a fantastic range of colors.

A selection of Princess Elizabeth's own personal gems will also be on show. Highlight of the Princess's collection, to be loaned for the Fair, is a diamond necklace made up from choice stones presented to her by the Government of South Africa during the Royal Tour last year. The necklace is considered by experts to be probably the most perfectly matched collection in large brilliant-cut diamonds ever put together. The 21 gems (to celebrate the Princess's 21st birthday) are graduated from a centre stone of 9.5 carats to a pair weighing 1.59 and 1.60 respectively.

Diamonds are today big dollars.

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By Arthur Pointer

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They Talk About The Slow British

When the great Atlantic liner Queen Mary finishes a trip at either Southampton or New York, she generally spends two days in port before resuming her travels. But just recently, after having been delayed two days by storms on a west-bound crossing, she left New York just 24 hours and 5 minutes after docking at a new record.

Making such a quick turnaround is a complicated business, involving the docking of 1500 passengers and their belongings, taking on 1500 more, filling up with fuel oil and water and a thousand other details. It is practically overhauling a whole city overnight—for the Queen Mary is a small city in herself, with enough electricity to serve a place with a population of 150,000—three acres of deck space for recreation alone—to say nothing of shops, libraries, restaurants, a squash court and a swimming pool.

To renovate this floating city in less than twenty-four hours requires the concentrated labors of the 1,280 crew members and 350 shore personnel recruited for the occasion. Between the time that the old passengers leave and the new ones arrive (less than twelve hours last week), stewards and deck crew clean, charge the linen, wash the decks and straighten everything up.

About \$5,000 pieces of linen are used on each trip, including sheets, pillow cases, towels, napkins and table cloths. The Queen Mary has three sets of linen; one in use on the ship, one being laundered in England, and one being laundered here.

Food is the biggest single item, and 95 per cent of the food for the entire round trip is taken on in New York. This amounts into tremendous quantities for there are 1,800 persons, including passengers and crew, on the ship every time it crosses the ocean.

Food for Round Trip. Except in rough weather, when passenger appetites are sometimes dulled, these travelers can be counted on to eat three meals a day—a total of 85,000 meals in the ten days the Queen is at sea (five days each way) and another 7,500 meals for the crew during the two days they are in port. The Queen Mary always takes more than enough food, in case it is delayed at sea, which I've used to be a good policy last week.

The Junior Scouts, known as Wolf Cubs, showed the biggest increase in Canada last year, numbering 52,044 as against 47,800 the year before. Boy Scouts increased in numbers from 38,632 to 39,077.

Adult Scout Leaders increased from 8,491 to 8,954. Of Canada's 2,319 active Scout groups, 1,403 are sponsored directly by churches.

Affiliation of Canadian Boy Scout groups is as follows: Anglican, 418; Baptist, 80; Canadian Legion, 41; Community, 609; Hindu, 15; Methodist, 15; Latter Day Saints, 30; Lutheran, 13; Presbyterian, 112; Roman Catholic, 198; Salvation Army, 68; Service Clubs, 145; United Church, 398; Others, 133.

Registered Camps for Scout groups increased from 580 to 647, and unregistered camps from 21 to 46.

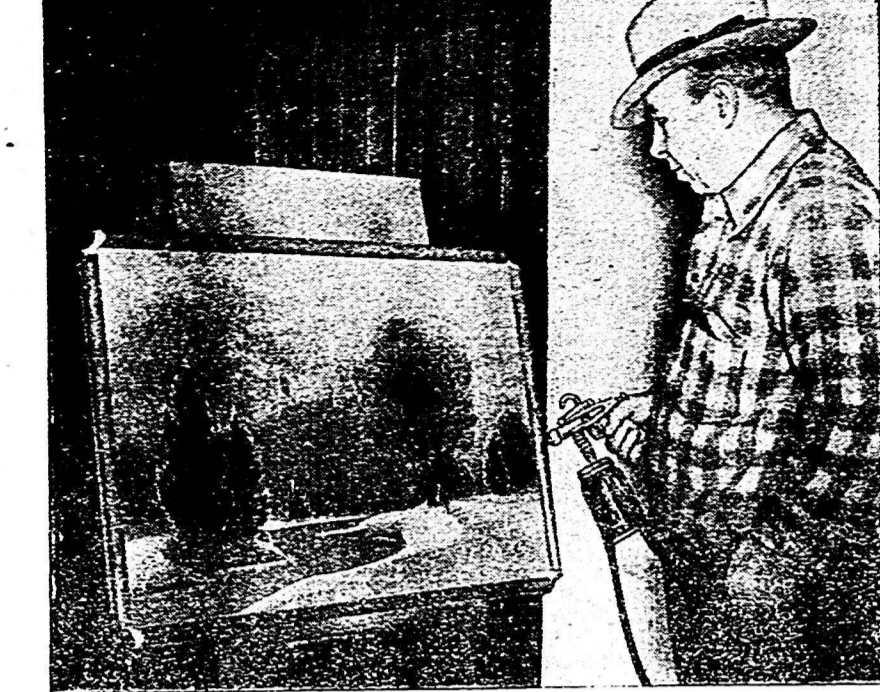
The number of boys attending Scout camps in 1947 increased by nearly 30 per cent from 14,753 to 21,039, which means that more than one in every five boys in Scouting in Canada last year went to camp.

Shooting camps for Scouts and campers, and not included in our last year's statistics, numbered 263 with 2,937 boys in attendance.

Quick Paint Job. Striking example of industrial progress may be found in modern methods of painting automobiles as contrasted with procedure years ago. Once upon a time—and not so many years ago at that—automobiles required as many as 13 coats of paint, and the job took from 12 days to six weeks to complete. Today's cars get three coats of hard lacquer or enamel in less than an hour.

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Paints Scenes With Spray Gun — Fred Lawrence of Barrie is pictured with one of his works of art, done entirely with the power spray gun he is holding. He has done scores of murals for business places in Ontario. The type of paint Lawrence uses dries almost instantly.

Sports - And One Thing or Another

Just who was the original inventor of the "mass interference" play in hockey is a matter of controversy. But whoever it was, he might come a time when he bitterly regrets having done so. For with more and more of our pro teams adopting this play in tight spot, the referees are being forced to call a "Cuban" or a "Mexican" or even an "Indian," as had been the quaint baseball custom in the past.

What actually matters is the fact that Robinson finally got his chance to manage to keep his temper in spite of great provocation—and made good. From now on, in baseball at least, it's going to be impossible to draw any "color line"—although there might come a day, as has happened in the boxing game, when white athletes will regret that it was ever wiped out. With colored boys doing so well in so many lines of sport, the wonder grows for hockey to scale the heights!

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