

### Playground Activities

MOLLIE MILLAR

During the past two weeks many notable activities have occurred at our playground. In these very hot days the waterfront is strong competition for the park but kiddies have been very faithful and have worked hard towards our projects.

Wild West Week came to a grand finale on Thursday evening, the 21st of July, with a hike to the rocks for the Cowboys and Indians, Ogemqua, our Indian squaw opened the ceremony with a poem, dedicated to all the tribes and ranch hands, then lit the fire. At this moment our first catastrophe occurred - no flame! On further investigation we found that a roll of wet paper had been put in by mistake so we proceeded to clear and rebuild, surrounded by disgusted braves who remarked "girls can't build fires." Soon things were running smoothly again and we toasted marshmallows had a sing song and started on a weary but happy trail home.

The following week we began making plaster of paris molds which were very popular, but the supply ran out too quickly. However we hope to get more plaster and molds soon.

The week of the Rotary Carnival meant hard work for all of us. Things had to be made for display which took time and care and most important was to organize the set for square dancing. The set practiced hard every morning and afternoon for four days and promenade onto the stage Thursday night with butterflies in their tunics. However they did very well and we were very proud of their achievement. The names of the children who made up the set are as follows: Frances Caron, Evelyn Seymore, Diane Lazaries, Lorrain Morrissette, Bobby Grazelle, Bobby Gough, Craig Cuddy and "Skip" Cuddy.

Suzanne and I would like to thank all those who helped to make the square dancing a success and would especially mention Mr. Timmins, who so generously gave us the use of the loud speaker system at the hotel, Mr. Gough, and the parents who helped to encourage the children to participate.

We hope now to continue with the square dancing and also with the rhythm band. Mr. Vachon has very generously provided us with a record player. We are very grateful to him for the use of it.

### Railroads Broke?

"Canadian railroads are displaying all the ominous symptoms of a business going broke," says Fred Bodsworth in the current issue of Maclean's magazine.

"Last year," he reports, "about fifteen out of Canada's thirty-one railway companies lost money. In the past quarter century, twenty-one Canadian railroads have gone broke. Our biggest railway, the government-owned Canadian National system, ran up a deficit of twenty-nine million dollars in 1954; only twice in the past fifteen years has its deficit been bigger."

Bodsworth quotes J. L. McDougall, Queen's University professor of commerce and authority on transportation as remarking; "We are trying to maintain a government-regulated system of paying for railway services that have become obsolete. It is a system that was designed for the monopoly era of railroading when railways had no competition in the land-transport business. But now the railways have competition, and the freight rate structure that worked fine during monopoly days has been knocked completely haywire..."

### LAFF OF THE WEEK



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"Railway economists," says Bodsworth, "claim that half of all freight is carried at below cost, a quarter at cost, and a quarter at a profit. Thus the top twenty-five percent, most manufactured goods, must subsidize everything else and also provide the railways with any profit they derive."

The only serious freight-hauling competition facing railways as yet is from trucks. Bodsworth finds. Even so, the trouble the trucks are causing the railways is far out of proportion to the amount of business they take away. The Maclean's article continues: "Actually trucks are carrying less than ten percent of combined road-rail freight traffic," says W. G. Scott, economist for the Railway Association of Canada. "But it's the best-paying freight, and for that ten percent of the work they are pocketing twenty-five percent of the nation's land freight revenues."

The truckers insist the railways are doing better than they will admit. "The railways aren't going broke," argues John Magee, secretary of the Canadian Trucking Associations. "The CNR makes a profit every year on its actual railway operations. But they usually report a deficit because the profit isn't sufficient to pay the interest charges on their debt."

Magee insists the debt shouldn't be there. "It is composed mostly of debts that failing railways brought with them into the CNR when CNR was formed in 1923. In any normal business those debts would have been

written down through bankruptcy proceedings..."

In the fight to help offset growing competition, says Bodsworth, the railways are fighting back strongly with improved services and operating economies wherever they can implement. Two years ago, he reports, Canadian railroads were about one quarter dieselized; today dieselization of locomotives is more than half completed, and in another few years the steam engine will be a museum piece.

"All told, the two railways have forked out close to one hundred million dollars to put their streamliners into service," the Maclean's writer continues, "and it looks like the gamble is going to pay off, for within a few weeks of the maiden runs the new passenger trains were booked up heavily with reservations into late summer, in the biggest upsurge in transcontinental passenger business since the war."

But in spite of this Bodsworth adds, "railway officials have no delusions about the streamliners being a cure-all for their economic ills. They expect to keep right on losing money on passenger service."



MAKE your tuna salad crisp and crunchy with chopped celery and toasted almonds. Add enough mayonnaise to moisten, then serve with lettuce and halves of cling peaches to a really dressy garnish. Plump, cooked prunes, pitted and stuffed with bacon-cheese are wonderful go-togethers with any fruit or meat salad main dish.

While you watch hungrily over what is cooking over charcoal, you and your guests will enjoy nibbling on potato chips which have been dipped in tangy mashed avocado blended together with minced

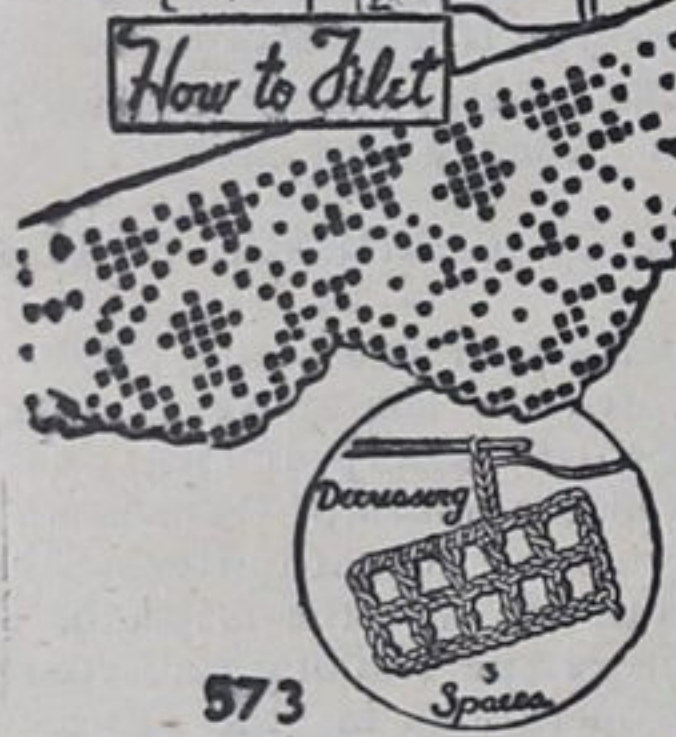
**RECIPE OF THE WEEK**  
Spiced Green Beans (Serves 4)  
3 slices bacon  
3 tablespoons bacon drippings  
1 tablespoon chopped onion  
3 tablespoons vinegar  
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon salt  
Dash of pepper  
2 1/2 cups cooked or canned green beans, drained  
Sauté bacon in skillet; remove and break into small pieces. Sauté onion in drippings until tender. Add vinegar and seasonings; blend. Add bacon and beans; mix together lightly and heat.

ripe olives and a bit of lemon juice. Try a hot lima bean salad with franks on one of the warm days for an appetizing supper. To make it, toss the large, cooked limas with a hot bacon-vinegar dressing, top with chunks of frankfurters and bake in a moderate oven to heat the frankfurters a bit.

A delicious dressing for chunks of lettuce uses soured cream mixed with some anchovy paste. Thin this a bit with vinegar and add salt and freshly ground pepper to taste. Cottage cheese mounded in the center of a plate, surrounded with small slices or chunks of watermelon and clusters of dark cherries makes a lovely salad platter.

Keep a well-seasoned salad tray on hand when you serve in your fish salads to add interest to your menu.

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### LEGION NOTES

A farewell party was held at the Eplett cottage on Lake Temiskaming on Saturday night July 30th. for Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Hennessy who are leaving town to take up residence in Dryden. Mr. Hennessy leaves the first of next week and Mrs. Hennessy will follow later. A gift was presented to them from the group.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Win. Inch Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Samson, Sudbury, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Roscoe, Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McLennan, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thib, Marg. Richards and Hugh Knox of New Likseard, Mr. and Mrs. Neil McAulay, Haileybury. The following were unable to be present, Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. R. Fleming, Secretary-Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frae, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Morissette and Mr. and Mrs. C. Brearley.

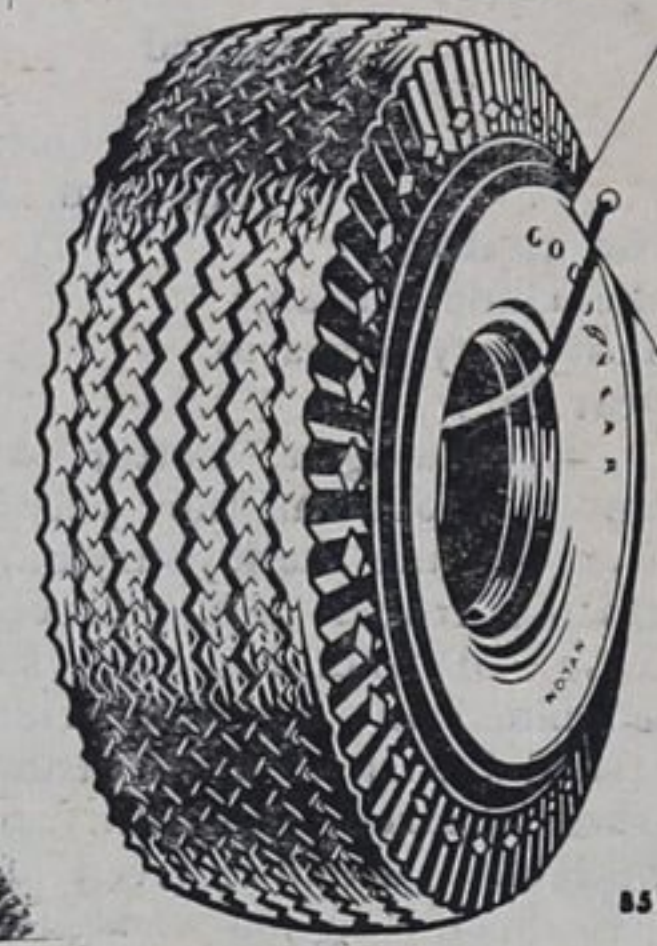
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and I might add a more prosperous one than we have at present. To attain this we want more of our members present at meetings to arrange the activity of the branch. Another appreciable addition is more members. We have the applications so let us know about yourselves and we'll bring one around for you to fill out. We would like as many applications as possible this month and the beginning of next month. Don't let the date and time of the next meeting slip your minds. It is at Eight P. M. on the SECOND MONDAY OF SEPTEMBER.

Any veterans or eligible school children who want to contact me following can drop a line to: present, Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. R. Fleming, Secretary-Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frae, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Morissette and Mr. and Mrs. C. Brearley, Haileybury, Ontario. or Phone 642.



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