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Pioneer Photographer

With the death of Alex MacLean of Haileybury a year ago, the north lost a man who had devoted the greater part of his life to capturing the development of New Ontario on film. Many of his priceless negatives have been lost or destroyed but this series from the collection of John Hunt of Cobalt, indicates his range of subjects.

Mr. MacLean arrived at Haileybury in 1907 and was soon at work photographing history in the making. When Haileybury was leveled by fire in 1922, his collection of photos was lost. He was soon back in business along with the other residents of the plucky district town.

His work took him from North Bay to Moosonee. His cameras, with the exception of the lenses, were entirely a product of his own handcraft. His quest for photos took him from the depths of the gold mines to the heights of precarious vantage points. As a craftsman and artist, he was considered the dean of Northern Ontario's photographers. Many of his photos were the result of hours of composition.

His proudest moment came during the 1919 tour of the Prince of Wales. His photograph of the prince at a Cobalt mine, turned out to be the royal favorite of the entire cross country tour.

Before the advent of colour Photography, Mr. MacLean developed a technique for colouring photos with oils which was widely copied.

In the heyday of the silver boom, the soft-spoken photographer maintained studios at both Cobalt and Haileybury. Earlier he had worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway photographing scenes of western development. He was only a few miles away when the landslide wiped out the village of Frank and took the first photos at the scene of the disaster.

In recent years the "MacLean Photo" on postcards was a familiar item in every drug and novelty shop in the north. Each postcard was pains-takingly turned out by hand in his darkroom and undoubtedly many of the well-composed and razor-sharp scenes will be preserved in family albums and

Butter Production For Temiskaming

With a total of 34,527 pounds, Temiskaming district has produced 4,123 more pounds of creamery butter during the month of January, 1960, than in the same month in 1959, when the total amount was only 30,404 pounds.

The increase in the manufacture of Cheddar cheese was much greater. In 1959 the total number of pounds produced in the District during January was 6,524, in the same month this year the total was 15,278 an increase of 8,754 pounds, well over double the amount.

The only other district in Northern Ontario to produce cheese in January last year was Rainy River with 150 pounds. This year Temiskaming was the only one.

Temiskaming was the largest producer of creamery butter for the month, in Northern Ontario, with Manitoulin second with 27,641 pounds, Rainy River third, 21,837, and Nipissing fourth with 20,242. They are followed by Algoma, 5,084, Cochrane, 4,776 and Sudbury, 1,024.

Thunder Bay and Kenora did not produce any.

scrapbooks for many years to come.

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I See by THE PAPERS

NEW YORK — Remarks that barbers get tired of hearing — or overhearing:

"Well, hair today — gone tomorrow, et Tony?"

"Just a little off the top."

"The place hasn't been the same since you let in women and quit subscribing to the Police Gazette."

"If this stuff is so good, Tony, why are you so bald?"

"Keep it high in the back. I've got a short neck."

"Never mind the stickum — just a little water."

"Don't you guys ever get in any new magazines?"

"I came in to get my ears lowered, Tony."

"Remember when a guy could get a shave and a haircut for two cents? Those were the good old days."

"I asked for a haircut — not a scalping."

"Before we start, let's get one thing clear. I don't want a manicure, a shoeshine, a singe, a shampoo, a facial, a sunlamp treatment or tonic. All I want is a simple old-fashioned haircut."

"Part it down the middle, Tony. My wife says every block ought to have an alley."

"Don't put any of that green goo on. The last time you did eight cats followed me home."

"No clippers on the side. They make me look like a convict."

"See any grey ones up there?"

"There ought to be a special price for us baldies. I only got half the hair I used to — and you charge me four times as much."

"Why should I have to make an appointment? Are you a barber or a brain surgeon?"

"Like I say to the boss — it grew on company time so why shouldn't I get it cut on company time."

"It's been so long since the last one I guess I look like a sheep dog, eh Tony?"

"Ouch! What are you using — clippers or a lawnmower?"

"Junior, if you don't stop hitting the nice man in the face with your lollipop, he won't be able to finish your haircut."

"Easy with that hot towel, Tony. The last time I was here I got third-degree burns."

SHOTTERY, England — The thatched roof of a cottage that once belonged to Shakespeare's wife Ann Hathaway has been covered with a net, to keep birds from making nests in it.

WATERLOO — The altar Bible of St. John's Lutheran Church here was the only thing stolen in a break-in recently. It was returned through the mail, wrapped in brown paper with \$1 worth of stamps covering most of the front of the parcel.

OO, France — No, the place-name is not a misprint. There really is a village in France called simply Oo (pronounced like the double "OO" in toot).

It is a small village in the Pyrenees. And as any local Ooite can tell you being a native of Oo has its advantages and well as disadvantages.

For one thing Ooite has no trouble squeezing the name into the small space usually allotted on official forms for place of residence.

But then suspicious clerks have been known to return the form with instructions to fill in the complete name.

When asked by strangers where he hails from the man from Oo braces himself for a struggle. In French his hometown has almost the same sound as the French word for where (ou), and that lead to all sorts of complications.

Village boosters who like to Oh and Ah over Oo may secretly wish the name had more punch. But they can console themselves with knowledge that the name is seldom misspelled. Even backward it still comes out Oo.

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va. — Shirley Mae Shook was determined not to get snowed out of another wedding date. But she had to use an old fashioned sleigh to reach the church.

The 21-year-old Marshal County girl had to postpone her wedding February 29 because she was snowbound at her rural home six miles west of here.

When the snow blocked her again, a horse-drawn sleigh was pressed into service to take her over two miles of snow-covered road to the nearest main road.

A car then picked her up and took her to Wood Hill Methodist Church where she became Mrs. Louis M. Steimmell.

TORONTO — Magistrate C. O. Bick, Metropolitan Toronto Police Commission Chairman, doesn't agree with Winnipeg's plan of hiring shorter policemen because cars are getting smaller or lower.

"If you have pip-squeaks jumping out of cars the people won't fear them and there will just be an increasing number of assaults on police officers," Magistrate Bick said.

Winnipeg Police Chief Robert Taft said he prefers a policeman to look "like an ordinary, successful business man or tradesman when he gets out of uniform."

WASHINGTON — A new United States Army pamphlet warns young people against a prince charming - sleeping beauty approach to marriage.

"None of us is a prince charming and no one ever marries a sleeping beauty," one chapter of the pamphlet says. The publication is one of a series being issued by the army on the general subjects of duty, honor and country.

In marriage, the army adds, "love is important if it's the right kind of love," not an infatuation or "excited love" that "may leave you breathless to-day but won't last in or out of marriage."

The pamphlet advises young people that sex, finances, religion and background are important factors to be considered in taking the step. But it also is critical of any notion that matrimony is "a ball and chain existence" or a "noose that a smart man avoids."

UPWOOD, England — Mothers at the air force base have found a safe and easy way to get their children to kindergarten through traffic. They use a long piece of rope with loops in 40 places slipped over the arms of their children. The mothers take turns towing the youngsters to kindergarten like a string of pearls.

BAY SHORE, N.Y. — When hospital patient Edward McBride wants to switch television programs, he can either press his remote control gadget — or squeeze a can of air deodorant. Either one does the job.

McBride was perfectly happy with the show on his remote control TV set recently. He just wanted to freshen up his hospital room a bit, so he squirted the air deodorant can. Presto, a new TV channel flicked on.

With each squirt, he found, new channel popped up. He found that the can worked on ten other TV sets in the hospital and failed on five. Other push-button cans did nothing except what they were supposed to do.

A TV specialist explained that through some fluke the deodorant can had created an ultra-high-frequency sound wave that triggered the channel changing mechanism in the sets.

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CANADA AND CHINA...

Canada has been a nation for not quite a hundred years. In that time Canadians have earned a way of life unequalled outside North America and not even approached by countries whose histories go back thousands of years . . . countries such as China.

Part of Canada's success comes from her ability to produce steel. Canada, with a population under 18,000,000, produced 660 pounds of steel per person last year. China, with a population of 600,000,000, turned out 25 pounds per person.

This higher productivity comes from the factories Canadians have built. For example, The Steel Company of Canada, Limited has invested more than \$300,000,000 in its plants and equipment since 1940.

Canadians produce more mainly because Canadian companies are continually improving their plants and equipment.

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