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MARRIED

HUNTON-FARMER. At St. John's Church, Ancaster, on Wednesday, May 4, 1932, by Rev. W. E. Kidd, M. A., M. C., Messrs. Sheldon Dey, second daughter of the late Col. George Davoy Farmer, C. B. E., M. D., and Mrs. Rick Hamilton, eldest son of Walter S. Hunton, of Toronto, and the late Mrs. Hunton.

IN MEMORIAM

SYMON. In loving memory of Jack, who passed away on Mother's Day, May 11, 1930. Just when life was brightest, just when your years were best, you were called from this world of sorrow to a home of eternal rest. Sadly missed by THE FAMILY.

This and that

How many fish did you catch on Monday? Great expectations often lead to great disappointments. The man who doesn't advertise hasn't any money to advertise. It is one hundred years since Pius-Ilmich Township was first settled. It is possible to advertise too little, but never possible to advertise too much. Preparation for the festival events is uppermost in the school activities this week. The crocuses and daffodils are appearing in many of the gardens about town. Over 17,000 attended various sports events that were held in Toronto on Tuesday. According to the Assessor's figures the population of Acton is this year given as 1,885. Fort Credit's tax rate this year will be 52 mills—an increase of four mills over last year. The pruning and trimming of the shade trees is being done by the municipal officers now. Beware of the grass fires these days, that they do not get out of control and create serious damage. There has been a slight change in the bus schedule to accommodate the daylight saving hours. The weather was rather too cool for an appropriate opening of the trout fishing season on Monday. The bowling greens and tennis courts of the Acton Athletic Association will soon become a busy spot. Saturday's rain will assist in the spring seeding and garden activities but a little more wouldn't hurt. Let's see, isn't it some time this month that the dogs are supposed to forego their freedom until September? Repairs have been made this week to the bridge flooring over the creek on Brock Avenue, by the municipal officers. The new tax nuisance were effective on Monday. Three cents on cheques now and six cents if for over a hundred dollars. If you have an item of news, send it to The Free Press. The readers at home and abroad will be interested in your activities. A boy can usually find as many reasons for harboring a stray dog as a man can find for keeping up his membership in some useless organization. Work is progressing well at the addition to the plant of the Mason Knitting Company. The basement story and foundation and the flooring for the first floor are completed. The race track at Acton Park is getting to be quite a popular place for training horses. A couple of horses from Guelph, as well as the local horses, are now using the facilities provided here. N. Koella, of Lovellville, has purchased the house formerly occupied by the late Mrs. J. Nicholson, and has commenced re-modelling it. He has also started building a new store, to take the place of the one recently destroyed by fire.

FIRST-RATE MINDS NEEDED

First-rate minds are the great need of business according to one of the leading industrial executives of the country. While such minds are in part a natural endowment, they are also the result of our own efforts. Whatever a mind is to start with, it must be trained, used, kept fit, if it is to be first-rate. Mental laziness—and there are ten people mentally lazy for one who is physically lazy—reduces a naturally good mind to the level of a second-rate one.

THE SIMPLE LIFE

A skyscraper window washer tried to wash a window in his own cottage, fell and was badly hurt. A man who saved himself by swimming in the Titanic disaster recently drowned in a pond six feet deep. A champion parachute jumper was seriously hurt in an automobile accident. The simple life is dangerous.

General Interest News

Motorcyclist Injured at Brampton. Thrown from his motorcycle after it crashed into a car on Main Street north at Brampton on Sunday, Harry Lough, Brampton, sustained facial cuts and bruises. He crashed into a car driven by James Dellow, Cooksville, which was making a left turn, and then skidded 20 yards.

Direct Radio Advertising Desired to Obsolete

Direct radio advertising is destined to obsolete in the opinion of Sir John Aldred, Toronto financier who headed the Royal Commission which investigated radio broadcasting conditions in America and abroad, for the Canadian Government, in 1929. Sir John, giving evidence before the House committee on radio recently, expressed the belief that radio advertising would diminish rather than increase in the future. The newspapers and magazines were the natural medium for advertising, he said.

Back-to-the-Land Movement

The "back-to-the-land" movement, undertaken by the Toronto Men's Hostel a month ago, is already showing encouraging results. The fifty or so unattached men transferred to a farm near King have already accomplished much in the way of painting and cleaning the farm-house, and clearing the grounds, according to J. S. Tiffin, Superintendent of the work. The farm is being equipped with livestock, including poultry and chinchilla rabbits. Planting has begun and preparations for seeding are well advanced. Commenting on the experiment, A. G. Bentley, Chairman of the Budget Committee, Federation for Community Service, stated in his opinion the regular employment of the men, even though at present unproductive of financial return, was well worth the cost of the scheme.

Canada Produces a New Metal

A new metal, known as selenium, is the latest addition to the several refined metals now produced in Canada, according to a statement issued by the Canadian Government Department of Mines. Selenium finds its chief market in the glass industry, where it is used as a colorizer and for neutralizing other colors; it is also used in the pottery industry for the same purpose. In the manufacture of rubber products, the new metal serves as a vulcanizing and accelerating agent and because of reputed properties of increasing resistance to abrasion of rubber up to as much as 80 per cent., it may have a large potential market in the rubber industry. One of the most important potential uses is in the production of selenium cells for television transmission and reception. This metal, now included in Canadian mineral products, is not very abundant in nature though fairly widely distributed. It is found associated with sulphur compounds and often accompanies sulphides of heavy metals in the form of selenides. In the electrolytic refinery of copper, the selenium remains in the slime or residue, from which it is extracted. The normal price of selenium in 1931 was \$1.80 to \$2.00 per pound. The marketable forms are amorphous powder and small rods and buttons. It is expected that research will develop new uses for selenium and broaden the market for this relatively new commercial product.

Gross Mischarge of Justice

"On the question of damage, there has been, in my opinion, a gross mischarge of justice, and had I the power—which I have not—to direct a new trial, I would do so," declares Mr. Justice Fisher, commenting upon the verdict of the jury in the action of Charles and Gertrude Hazelhurst, Trafalgar Township, against Bert Featherston, Trafalgar Township. In the case, before Mr. Justice Fisher at Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Hazelhurst claimed damages from Featherston for injuries suffered by Mrs. Hazelhurst when she was struck down by Featherston's motor car on Main Street, Milton, on June 16, 1931. Evidence given at the trial, says Mr. Justice Fisher in a judgment delivered at Osgoode Hall, was to the effect that Featherston's car had defective brakes. Indeed, says the Judge, the defendant was alleged to have said that the way he stopped the vehicle was by shutting off the flow of gasoline to the engine. Mrs. Hazelhurst, according to the medical testimony, had six ribs and one of her legs broken in the accident. She was confined to her bed from June to November and would not completely recover from her injuries in less than 15 months. The jury at Milton allowed her only \$100 damages and her husband \$91. Mr. Justice Fisher confirms the verdict of the jury, but he says that verdict, insofar as it dealt with the female plaintiff, was "manifestly unfair and inadequate," even if she was guilty, in the opinion of the jury, of contributory negligence.

CANNING BUSINESS GROWS

During the past decade there has been a rapid development of small-canning establishments in rural Quebec. In 1929 there were but four or five canning plants of this type, whereas in 1931 there were fifty-nine. The output was 500,000 cases of canned goods and in addition catsups, mayonnaises, marmalades and jellies were made in considerable volume. The value of these canned goods produced in Quebec in 1930 was over \$4,000,000.

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The movie actor who had been divorced four times, proposed again. "Why, I rather like you, John," said the young woman, "but you see, I've heard so many times about you—" "My dear," interrupted the much-married actor, "you really must not believe these old wives' tales."

THE AWFUL TRUTH

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WISDOM OF THE WILD

There are few more cunning birds than the handsome magpie. He has been preyed upon so much by man that it is owing entirely to his intelligence and artfulness that he survives, writes O. G. Pike, the Naturalist in The Bits. I know districts where for years past the gamekeepers have destroyed a pair each season, but as surely as spring comes round another pair appear in this district. These are often a young pair reared by parents who have thrived in a part of the country where they have not been molested, but it is strange how a new pair will arrive season after season in districts where the birds are always destroyed. The magpie and his mate will often work in a way that suggests a pre-arranged plan. I knew a pair that would visit almost daily a certain garden, in which there was a fine peacock. Each morning, food was placed in a certain spot for the large bird, and the magpies found that by a little strategy they were able to obtain their portion. Their method was for one to play under the long tail of the peacock, pecking at the feathers, then when the bird turned to drive the impudent creature away, the other would snatch up the largest heapful of food he could manage, and both magpies would fly off to enjoy their stolen meal. In the same garden was a large, fat, and lazy tony cat. On several occasions one of the magpies was seen tweaking her tail while she was lying full-length on the lawn. I have often seen signs of humor in birds, and I am certain that the magpies teased the cat simply for the fun of the thing. A tame Jackdaw I once possessed would chase one of my little boys. As he ran around the tennis lawn, the bird would run after him with raised wings, then, when both were tired, the bird would come to us, and with many loud cries seemed to be joining in the laughter. Just outside the garden was a paddock, and in this a number of rabbits. The cat would often wait under the shelter of the hedge, gazing at them in a sleepy manner, no doubt hoping that one would come near enough to be captured without the use of too much energy on her part, but one evening she did succeed in pouncing on a half-grown rabbit, and a moment afterwards lost it in a remarkable manner. The cat crept slowly towards her prey, and in doing this, showed all the cunning of her distant cousin, the wild cat, for with flattened body and lowered ears, there was little of her visible as she went forward. All unknown to her and the interested observer, was another creature watching from a clump of grass, and he saw that if he had patience he might obtain a free meal, for he allowed the cat to stalk right up to the playing rabbits without showing himself. Suddenly the cat sprang. Her aim was good, and she landed on one of the small rabbits, but before she could fix it with her sharp teeth, there was a flash of reddish-brown fur, and a nearly full-grown fox-cub pounced upon her. The cat dropped her rabbit, turned on her opponent, and got her claws well home on the fox's face, which made it boil. Puss, thoroughly bewildered, stood there, saw her rabbit slipping into a burrow, and the fox disappearing beyond the paddock.

THE ANGRY TREE

A curious tree, known as the "angry tree," grows in Central America. This tree, which is a species of acacia, grows to the height of about ten feet. At night the foliage of the tree curls up into strange coils, and if the tree is then touched at all the smaller branches begin to shake. The angry tree was first noticed by some prospectors. In making a camp for the night, these men spread a blanket over a branch of the tree, which had curled its foliage for the night. At once the branch began to shake in a most uncanny way, and at the same time it most pungent odor was emitted. This was so powerful that the men were forced to move their camp.

TWO OBSTACLES TO SUCCESS

Some young people systematically underestimate themselves. They have to be encouraged before they will undertake the tasks which obviously are within their power. Others are as inclined to overestimate themselves. If offered the Presidency of the United States, they would accept without a quibble. It never would occur to them to doubt their ability to fill the job. Both of these errors are serious. Vanity is more unpopular than excessive modesty, but probably it is less of an obstacle in the way of success. However, both are obstacles. No one can do his best who is constantly depreciating himself, and self-confidence is not an advantage unless it is founded on self-knowledge.

MEASURING GRAIN IN BINS

This is the time of the year when it becomes important to the farmer to know fairly accurately the quantities of grain he has available for seed or other use. A rule of thumb for determining the quantity of grain in a bin, which proves very reliable, is supplied by the Division of Field Husbandry of the Dominion Experimental Farms. To estimate the amount of grain in a bin multiply the length by the width, by the height of grain in the bin to determine the capacity in cubic feet and then divide this sum by 14, which will give the contents in bushels. Care must be taken to see that the grain is levelled off to ensure accurate measurement.

HONEYMOON RATES CREATE NEW VOGUE

Each year young people show greater interest in Bermuda and the British West Indies as honeymoon haunts. Formerly the West Indies were regarded as winter resorts purely, but now the Canadian and American public are recognizing the sunny islands as excellent summer playgrounds, said Thomas Cree, Passenger Traffic Manager of the Canadian National Steamships, in a recent discussion. Mr. Cree said he'd give no names, but that numerous young people have been inquiring about the West Indies. He attributed this recent increased interest to the fact that the Canadian National has offered a ten per cent. reduction in fare for honeymoon couples. The honeymoon reduction is independent of the general 10 per cent. reduction, applying this year on the Montreal-Bermuda-West Indies route.

SWEAT OF THE BROW.

"Have you ever done a lick of work?" demanded the angry housewife of the tramp. "Lady," he retorted, "if you think asking dames like you for a bite to eat isn't work, you don't know what work is."

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BRITAIN'S MANY BRIDGES

Although Great Britain has spent \$500,000,000 during the last ten years on her road system, it still has certain weak points which impair the usefulness of many of the great arterial roads. The biggest trouble is the fact that many bridges, built in the days of horse traffic, are still in use. In many cases these bridges are not fitted to take the very heavy road traffic of today. In the year 1930-31 over 530 weak bridges were rebuilt or strengthened. But it is estimated that there are no fewer than 7,000 road bridges in the country which are not strong enough to meet modern road transport needs.

TESTING COLORS

The fading of colors in dyed materials and wall papers is said to be caused by the invisible ultra-violet rays in sunlight. Formerly, observes an expert in such matters, the carpet makers and dye merchants in Europe tested the colors by sending their materials to be exposed in the strong sunlight of the South. They now obtain the same results by using the electric mercury vapor lamp and a quartz tube. By exposing the materials to the ultra-violet rays thus produced, they can test the colors.

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