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EDITORIAL

The Only Salvage

The hazards that beset the farmer and his products are many indeed and as the fire proved on Saturday on a neighboring farm, the crop is not always safe even when in the barn. Weather conditions are a factor from the time the seed goes in the ground. As the first shoots come through, it would seem that there is a bug or insect for everything raised, except the weeds. From seed time until harvest the farmer must be ever on the alert if a return is to be secured.

It is therefore more pitiable when after all the struggle and the conquest of putting the crop in the barn, fire destroys not only the crop but the building that houses them. It seems to matter little of what type the structure or of what care and provision may be for safety, the fire may attack at any time. It would seem that above all else, every farmer should carry adequate insurance to replace a large part of his fire loss. Lack of fire fighting facilities render it almost impossible to save a farm structure once the fire has taken hold. Insurance is the only salvage that comes out once a fire starts.

Scout Enthusiasm is Contagious

Since the grounds is not open to the public, not many have any idea of the development that has taken place in one year at the Blue Springs Scout Reserve, just west of Acton. Passing from the road no conception of the project can be secured. The property has now four substantial buildings. Then, too, there is the Council campfire and chapel in the woods, trails and all the alluring things that make Scouting attractive to boys of all ages.

The pride of ownership of the property that was expressed at the opening last year has been forthcoming. In conversation with a number of officials on the property, there was great appreciation of the property and the prospects for its further development. One year has made marked changes, but one year has only marked the beginning.

It was our privilege to attend a campfire meeting on Saturday evening. Like lots of other folks, we had failed to be impressed with the possibilities of the place. But Saturday night was a revelation not only in the place, but in that attraction that Scouting has for boys. The two just seemed to fit into each other so perfectly at the Blue Springs Reserve.

During our conversations with officials we learned of other projects that are planned on the property. The joy of ownership is quite manifest and what a work is being done in building citizens of Canada of the right type in the doing of this work.

Before or After

The giving of world news first has never been the chief aim of weekly newspapers, such as THE FREE PRESS, but occasionally the break is in their favor. The aim is to give local news items first place. Last week, however, while daily papers told in screaming headlines on the Acton news stands that Premier Hepburn and the aeroplane party was still missing, THE FREE PRESS, selling alongside, gave a picture of the party and told of their location and that all were safe. It so happened that in this instance the break came in favor of the local newspaper on world news as well as local coverage. It was the following morning before other newspapers sold in Acton carried the news.

In order to be first we see daily papers now resorting to the plan of publishing events before they transpire. For instance, weddings are quite often written up, telling the particulars of the events that will be held. And, of course, taking a chance that

everything will go through as scheduled. Just recently the 106th birthday of an elderly lady of this vicinity has been embellished with pioneer stories, and extensively written, but the birthday will not be observed until September. It would be small wonder if this individual, in the confusion, didn't get to be 100 at least this year.

Returning again to the incident of last week. The evening papers carried splendid life stories of Premier Hepburn and all the members of the aeroplane party. In fact, they were really obituaries, with only the flowers missing. In this instance the articles were a bit premature. But the Premier ought to save copies of the afternoon papers of last Thursday. They will at least make interesting comparative reading for an election year. After all, news is news only when it has happened. Guesses are very hazardous.

Making Friends for the Town

The old saying has it, "If you want to make friends, show yourself friendly." The reticent and self-absorbed person makes friends with difficulty. It is the same with cities and towns. If they show themselves cold and aloof toward newcomers, if they have a little friendly disposition toward strangers and visitors, their home town is not going to win many friends.

When the people of a town greet the newcomer with a smile and a cordial grasp of the hand, when they ask him to attend their churches and societies, that warm-hearted spirit creates friendship for a town. People feel at home there within a short time.—Grimsby Independent.

The Weak Member of the Team

No doubt many have watched games of sport where a single player was the weakness of the team. And that player usually comes in for the unsolicited opinions of the fans in no uncertain terms. Community play is just like team play. If some group or individual fails to hold up their end of the community life, the team is bound to lose. If you expect benefits from your home town, you must be willing to co-operate in return.

As the Grimsby Independent puts it: "No orator will convince the people by standing silent on a platform. Similarly, it is hard for a business to convince the people of the merits of its goods, when it remains silent in the advertising pages."

Slot Machines Illegal

Information regarding the amendment to the Criminal Code in connection with slot machines has been requested by several. The amendment makes all slot machines illegal, except those for vending merchandise, and "if any house, room or place is found fitted or provided with any such machine, there shall be an irrebuttable presumption that such house, room or place is a common gaming house," and the keeper of the place is liable to imprisonment.

He is equally liable if there is, on his premises, any merchandise-vending machine, if it is one in which "the result of one or any of operations is, as regards the operator, a matter of chance or uncertainty, or if, as consequence of any given number of successive operations it yields different results to the operator, or if, on any operation, it emits any slug or token, other than merchandise." Unless otherwise interpreted by the courts, these provisions would seem to spell trouble for anyone who allows automatic gambling machines on his premises. The ruling will certainly do away with a lot of confusion. Licenses were granted in Acton for their operation, but the matter is now out of the hands of municipal authorities.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Civic Holiday seems to be the popular day for reunions, whether it be veterans or old boys and girls. Many were held on the week-end.

With the opening up of the position for leadership of Ontario Conservatives, Col. Drew again takes up his position of chief condemner of everything in general.

Holidays are no doubt safer spent at home. Twenty-two motor fatalities and twenty-one drownings for the Civic Holiday week-end is quite an unenviable record.

Folks who went on a vacation and hoped to see Mill Street re-surfaced when they returned, have been disappointed. So have the folks who stayed at home and attempted parking along those unfinished curbs.

Many a friendship was renewed when veterans who had not been re-united in twenty years, gathered again in Toronto. It was a time for jollification. But each re-union is saddened in having fewer in attendance as some fall out of the march.

Canadian Government fish hatcheries re-stocked lakes and streams throughout the Dominion with nearly 61,832,000 fish eggs, fry and older fish during 1937. In addition, large numbers of lakes and rivers coming under the jurisdiction of provincial governments were re-stocked from provincial hatcheries.

The Cancer Crusade

By J. W. S. McCullough, M.D., D.P.H., Secretary, Cancer Committee

Fighting the Great Scourge with Knowledge — A Campaign to Wipe Out Ignorance, Fear and Neglect

MORE ABOUT CANCER RESEARCH — Are we closer to the explanation of the basic cause of cancer to-day than we have been in the past? The majority of students of cancer say we are. Research into the cause of cancer is more than justified by the history of progress in relation to other diseases. Seventy years ago the cause of sepsia, the so-called blood poisoning, was as obscure as the cause of cancer is to-day yet, the cause of sepsia is now thoroughly understood. The discovery of insulin is a recent event. It is only a few years ago since the sufferers from pernicious anemia were doomed. Now both diabetes and pernicious anemia are well understood.

About 160 years ago Sir Percival Pott discovered that cancer of the scrotum was common among chimney sweeps. Years later it was found that the workers in cotton-spinning in Lancashire developed cancer of the skin where they were splattered with mineral oil from the revolving spindles. Soon afterwards it was noted that workers with tar and pitch developed warty growths on the hands which subsequently turned into cancer. About 20 years ago a couple of Japanese experimenters painted the ears of rabbits with tar and produced cancer of the skin. Thus it was observed that there was something in tar and pitch which had the property of producing cancer. What was this agent?

A group of chemists, chiefly in London, England, have been working on this problem for the last three years. They have not only isolated the highly potent cancer-producing agent from tar but have actually succeeded in producing these agents by building them up in the laboratory. Another line of research has uncovered cancer-producing hormones, that is substances from the ovary, which if injected into the animals experimentally will cause cancer. These two lines of research—the identification of cancer-producing chemicals and cancer-producing hormones—are now merging, since experiments seem to indicate that the underlying chemical factor responsible for the stimulus to abnormal growth may be the same.

What is the action of these substances? What is it that causes the cells of the body to depart from their righteous ways and become lawless members of society? Morley Roberts answers this question by asking why a cartridge explodes? He goes on to point out what everyone knows, namely that a cartridge explodes when something strikes it. That is the exciting cause. The chemical agent is the exciting cause of cancer. It will now be in order for the laboratory workers to tell us how the cancer-producing agent explodes. When this question is satisfactorily answered, as it inevitably will be answered, we shall be on the high road to the processes involved in the causation of at least some of the forms of cancer.

SNAPDRAGON RUST

Rust has reduced the seed yield and lowered the ornamental value of snapdragons on the coastal area of British Columbia for many years. Complete failures have been reported by some of investigations at the Saanichton Plant Pathology Laboratory in 1936 and 1937. It has been found that copper-containing sprays proved more satisfactory than sulphur treatments as preventives of snapdragon rust on Vancouver Island. This supports a recent investigation in England, but is contrary to the common belief that sulphur compounds are superior to copper as rust preventives and to the recommendations by several plant pathologists for the control of rust in snapdragons.

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Dear Mr. Editor:

Thank you for the copy of the letter sent to various Canadians in connection with a possible policy for the weekly newspapers to follow.

My own answer to the question would be that the most important thing to work for is a national spirit. To-day provincialism is growing at such a rate that the Dominion is almost a collection of nine independent states. We can never be a nation until we learn to think like a nation, and we can never think like a nation so long as we think only of one section of a country.

We need a reduction of government machinery and a reduction of taxation.

We need to eliminate party patronage.

We need to improve our educational system.

And, in my opinion, we need to cultivate and emphasize our British connection.

These are the things for which Maclellan's stands and is working for, year in and year out. With the weekly press standing unitedly for all or part of such a program, I think their influence would produce results.

Very sincerely yours,
H. NAPLES MOORE,
Editor, Maclellan's Magazine,
Toronto

SOLUTION OF A PROBLEM

From Le Sorciols, of Sore, P.Q., comes the solution of a rather common problem in ethics and finance. While the solution is ingenious, it may be as well to state that neither Le Sorciols in publishing it, nor The Printed Word, in making a free translation, endorses the morality involved.

The problem is stated thus: "Someone gives you a counterfeit fifty-cent piece. What do you do with it? Do you attempt to pass it on to another dupe? Don't deny it, on this point we are all alike. But the catch is that, nine times out of ten, you don't succeed. So, discouraged, you put the piece away in a drawer and decide to stay honest in spite of yourself."

Here is how the correspondent of Le Sorciols meets the situation. He says: "A customer buys from me an article worth 25 cents, giving me a dollar bill in payment. I might give him 75 cents in change. I put together my bad fifty-cent piece plus 35 cents in good money, making 65 cents in all, in place of 75. The customer, seeing that I have given him ten cents too much, hurriedly puts it all into his pocket, for fear that I shall see my error. My piece is gone, with a loss of ten cents, if you like, but at least I am rid of it. I do not have to reproach myself for cheating my customer, since he himself has been dishonest enough to cheat me. Thus I live in peace with my interests and my conscience."

MOTOR MANNERS

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote: "Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy." There is more need for this sage philosophy now than when he wrote it, before the motor car was invented. The automobile has made many of us into selfish bores. If drivers behaved as considerably when behind the wheel as they do in the drawing room, the death rate on the highways would soon be sliced to a fraction of its present proportion.

Let's have more courtesy, better manners, more sportsmanship on the road!

A LAZY FELLOW

First Neighbor—It was nice of Jones to buy his wife that expensive new washing machine.
Second Neighbor—You bet it was! The old one made so much noise he couldn't sleep.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R J SCOTT

ON ACCOUNT OF ALMOST UNIVERSAL THEFT IN CHINA, IT IS NECESSARY TO GUARD GROWING CROPS

TO BE DRESSED-UP

A PAPUAN DANDY MUST HAVE HIS NOSE STICK IN PLACE AND HIS HEAD SHELL—THESE MEN PAINT THEIR FACES WITH A KIND OF RUBBER-TREE JUICE, WHICH CONTRACTS THEIR FACES INTO WRINKLES, WHEN IT DRIES

ALL CATERpillars EAT PLANTS, BUT ONLY A FEW PLANTS EAT CATERpillars—ONE OF THESE IS THE CONDORPIL (MILITARY)

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King and Queen Receive Royal Reception at Paris



His Majesty King George VI is shown with President Albert Lebrun, of France, entering their car outside the Bois de Boulogne station in Paris, when the King and Queen Elizabeth arrived in the French capital for their first state visit to France



Queen Elizabeth is shown being greeted by Mme Desrun, wife of the French President, upon her arrival in Paris with King George for their first state visit to France

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Daily, except Sunday	9 54 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	6 20 p.m.
Sunday only	8 18 p.m.
Flyer for east, flag stop in Georgetown at 9 49 p.m.	
Going West	
Daily, except Sunday	8 48 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	3 49 p.m.
Daily, except Sunday	7 07 p.m.
Sunday only (flag)	11 32 p.m.

STANDARD TIME

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON	
Standard Time	
EASTBOUND	
(To Toronto)	
6 53 a.m.	3 52 p.m.
8 41 a.m.	5 57 p.m.
11 26 a.m.	8 52 p.m.
2 01 p.m.	
—except Sundays	
WESTBOUND	
(To Kitchener)	
9 53 a.m.	6 18 p.m.
12 23 p.m.	8 06 p.m.
2 08 p.m.	6 10 p.m.
4 23 p.m.	6 13 p.m.
x—Through to London	
a—daily, except Sat. and Hol.; b—through to Stratford; c—daily, except Sat., Sun. and Hol.; d—daily, except Sat., Sun. and Hol.; e—Sat., Sun. and Hol.	