

FAMOUS "CADDY" SEA LION HERD?

NANAIMO, B. C. (CP)—The famed sea serpent known as "Caddy" whose appearance has been reported in Pacific coast waters from time to time in the last several years may be nothing more than a sea-lion herd, in the opinion of J. F. Tait, supervisor of fisheries.

Mr. Tait said that sea-lions travel in herds for safety. "When the lead of a herd is in danger he ducks and the others follow in rapid succession. This sight from a distance looks like a huge sea serpent riding the waves."

During a recent three-day hunt, Tait's party killed 227 sea-lions with rifles. A hunt is staged each year to prevent the sea-lions from preying on fish travelling to spawning grounds.

"It's a genuine thrill to see the big bulls bob up 200 yards away to blow," said Police Inspector J. Russell. "You shoot them on the run like jumping salmon."

Sea lions have heads and fangs like a dog and bone-like whiskers measuring 8 to 13 inches. They weigh anywhere from 400 pounds to a ton. They used their flippers on land like a seal and are frequently reported basking on a rocky shore.

MANNERHEIM'S RETREAT

HELSINKI (CP)—Field Marshal Carl Gustaf Emil Mannerheim, 78, is studying agriculture to take charge of a large estate he has purchased as a retreat following his resignation as president of Finland.



Hello Homemakers! It is gardening time. Time and money spent in gardening is good insurance. This year you will do well to see that you get healthful recreation and an ample supply of fresh produce from your own plot. It's true every muscle will ache after the first day's gardening, but if the whole family take their exercise it will be a mutual benefit. Then, when the radishes, green onions and lettuce are ready, the pleasure of eating will be appreciated by everyone.

A plan sketched on paper will be necessary if there is to be more than one person handling the rake and hoe.

In many parts of Ontario, this is seeding time. Gardens are now dug up, fertilized and ready to be planted, but there is lots to do yet. We suggest you pick up another copy of Gardening from the Department of Agriculture and read it over again also a bulletin on Garden Insect Protection.

Here are a few tips worth considering too:

- 1. To extend the season of such crops as beans, peas and corn...

Two or three sowings may be made at intervals of 10 days to insure successive crops. This also applies to lettuce, radishes, spinach and beets. Remember when you are planting that a crop of radishes begins to go to seed in 8 or 10 days. Say to yourself can we eat all the radishes from these seeds in one week?

Good seed can be obtained from the local seedmen but beware of thick sowing! It wastes seed and increases the labor of thinning. Small seeds can be sown by tearing off a corner of the envelope, holding the packet horizontally and gently tapping it as you move along the drill.

To make a straight trench or seedbed, stretch a line of cord tautly as a marker.

To mark rows of slow germinating seeds such as carrots and beets, plant an occasional radish seed in the row. This will come up quickly and act as a marker. Follow instructions as to the depth seeds should be covered and press earth firmly over them.

CANNING RHUBARB Wash and cut stalks of rhubarb in 1/2 inch pieces. Pack into sterile jars and pour cold water into fruit until jars are full. Seal with sterile tops. Wrap jars in newspaper and store in a cool, dark room.

RHUBARB SAUCE Wash and cut rhubarb in small pieces. Add 1 cup sugar for each quart of rhubarb. Heat slowly and cook a few minutes to "sauce" consistency. Pour into sterile jars and seal.

THE QUESTION BOX Miss G. R. asks: What are the proportions of soda and water used for cleaning silver?

Answer: For each quart of water use 1 tsp salt and 1 tsp baking soda in an aluminum pan (not tarnished). There should be enough water to cover silver. Heat until tarnish disappears, about 10 minutes. Then wash in soapy water and dry.

Mr. T. J. asks: How to clean a wooden table with oil spilled on it.

Answer: Pour cold water on hake table to harden oil, sprinkle with flour to absorb excess, then scrape and scrub with the grain using hot water and soap. Rinse well and dry thoroughly.

Mrs. G. M. asks: Earth packed in a tin bake pan for 2 weeks removes rust. (Yes, sealing wears off tin).

Mrs. M. J. asks: I've discovered that a box of matches stored in one end of silver drawer tarnishes the silver. (Yes, that is true, matches and rubber bands should be kept away from silver).

KATE SMITH STILL TOPS ON THE AIR

NEW YORK (CP)—Because she sounds like the girl next door, Kate Smith, radio singer and commentator, has stayed at the top in radio for 15 years.

That's the best explanation the experts have been able to arrive at for the unprecedented and sustained popularity of this hearty, wholesome star who is heard each week by 42,000,000 persons. Her contralto voice is rich and pleasant, but not Metropolitan Opera calibre. Neither her face nor her figure would take any beauty prizes. But she puts on no frills, and she regards all those listening millions as "just folks and friends."

Kate Smith (christened Kathryn Elizabeth) was born May 1, 1909, the daughter of a newsdealer in Washington, D. C. She began singing in a church choir, sang for soldiers around Washington during the First Great War and then began turning up regularly for amateur nights at local movie houses. After training briefly to be a nurse, Kate came to New York, got a singing part in a show "Honeymoon Lane" and at 17 was singing the comedy lead in "Flying High."

But Kate was a fat girl and wasn't allowed to forget it. Critics poked fun at her. Audiences giggled. Then one Ted Collins, sales manager for a phonograph recording company, heard Kate one night and asked her to make some records. From then on things happened. In 1931, Kate made her debut in radio, over CBS, with Ted Collins as her manager. The combine has lasted through the years. The two are partners in the corporation "Kated"—sharing all profits with mutual harmony and enthusiasm. Says Kate:

"I am proud of these 15 years. I am proud and happy—not because of my laurels or success that may have come my way, but because of the many friends who have been so kind and the many associations since my first broadcast in 1931. A long time ago Ted Collins, my mentor, told me that the people listening in were just folks and friends. I'll keep right on singing for those friends, as long as they want me to."

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

Written Regularly for The Acton Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

We were sitting at supper Saturday night. Presently Bob glanced up at the calendar and said reminiscently "This time a year ago, just exactly where was I?" Yes, I remember it was a little place just across the Rhine. I wrote you a letter from there, Mum, did you happen to keep it?

Yes, I kept the letter, it is even more interesting than when it was written. Here it is, in part: "Saturday, May 5th, 1943 (Canadian Army Overseas)

"I intended to write yesterday, but there was no opportunity nor any official news. Now I am wondering will this be the day to remember through the years to come? At 4:30 this afternoon we were given the official news of Germany's surrender by army dispatch. What was it like back home? I am sure no one in Canada could quite realize what it was like out here but I am going to try and tell you.

"On May 4th the men began to take a new interest in the news, not wildly, but casually asking first one person and then another. We had a very long drive that day and occasionally bits of rumor would be picked up along the way and spread around among the boys. There was really no excitement. Life went on just the same as before. Life and death, outwardly no one expressed any particular emotion. Friday evening we were billeted well forward in Germany. Someone started a rumor that peace was to be signed on May 5. It did not create much of a stir, it was accepted casually as just another rumor. Saturday morning we were idle, waiting orders. There were all kinds of rumors that we were moving back to Holland; that we were to stay put; that we were moving still further up. No one knew anything; no one cared very much. It was just another day with another detail to be filled. Everyone knew that peace was inevitable near, but no one let up on his job nor did he want to. In the billet here one group of men were playing cards, another group singing to the accompaniment of a guitar and harmonica. Some were sleeping some talking and joking, others working on their trucks, one fellow was doing a paint job. There was no great feeling of optimism or of pessimism for that matter yet everyone was happy happy with a sense of expectancy. We moved again up into Holland.

There was no more news. But this morning we were informed we might have the day off our very first. That, believe me, really brought forth the cheers. But yet it didn't make beds, some fellows went out to hunt new girl friends. At 4:30 we were summoned to the Orderly Room and given the news. It was officially announced that Germany had surrendered. There was still a great excitement no cheering just the ordinary murmur heard after any lecture. The men went back to their beds, some read, some talked, some shaved, but there was no great show of feeling. Tomorrow our platoon will be out on detail again. There is plenty of laughter going on right now, but no one is so optimistic as to feel our job is done."

Bob looked over the letter quietly: "Yes," he said, "tomorrow our platoon will be out on detail again." I remember that all right. It was V-E Day but we were working as usual. One of our trucks hit a mine. The truck was blown up. Three of our boys were killed. That was what V-E Day meant for them."

Now it is 1946 and we are "enjoying" the fruits of "peace". It is not war in Germany now that is making the headlines it is strikes and more strikes and we wonder where it is going to end.

I wonder if anyone realizes what a depressing effect all this industrial unrest has on the farmers. We are urged to grow more, raise more, produce more, but I ask you, what encouragement are we given to do it? Half the time we can't get what we need to work with or if we can the price is just about sky-high. A farmer working alone doesn't know where his help is coming from to take off the crop. And yet we carry on, it may be better next year! In the meantime, we have had a million-dollar rain and are we ever thankful!

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IN ORDER to strengthen the arm of the Church and enable it to meet the challenge of postwar needs with intensified effort at home and abroad, members of the Church of England in Canada are asked to provide the sum of \$4,300,000.

This money is urgently needed to carry on the Church's educational and social work in Canada.

To meet Diocesan and general synod needs as well as the expenses of organization and administration.

To carry on missionary work at home and abroad, to assist the Mother Church in England and the Churches of Europe in their work of rehabilitation.

To strengthen the pension fund for missionary clergy.

The money will be allotted in the following way:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Pension Fund: \$1,300,000; Missionary Work: 1,400,000; Educational Work: 100,000; Social Work: 55,000; Church in Britain: 100,000; Churches in Europe: 90,000; General Synod Administration: 205,000; Extension of Church House: 50,000; Diocesan Needs: 800,000; Organization and Administration: 200,000.

Spiritual re-dedication must bear fruit in self-sacrificing practical endeavour if the Church is to meet its Christian obligations.

Be prepared to lend YOUR support to the limit of your ability when the Visitor calls during the week of May 12th to 19th, or mail your offering to your Diocesan Headquarters.

Local Campaign Chairman — MR. THOS. JONES

Local Objective — \$1,256.00



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