

**HORRORS!**

Gruesomely realistic are the figures in the Chamber of Horrors of the famous Tusand Wax Works in London. In the Reader's Digest Sylvia Martin says a rumor has long persisted that Tusand's will pay a reward to anyone who spends the night alone in the Chamber of Horrors. One evening a BBC stunt man announced he would do it and in addition would broadcast his experience to British radio listeners. It was only 11 o'clock, however, when his voice quavered over the air "Get me out of here!" It was not an act.



WITHIN FIVE MILES of Acton these speckled trout met their doom last week-end. They were caught by Mel Whitney of Milton in the Sixteen Mile Creek. The largest fish was a 17-inch dandy weighing two pounds, two and a half ounces. A 16-inch trout in the same string came a close second. Last Thursday and Friday he and a friend caught 27 fish altogether in the same location.

**Reforestation Gets Almost Magical Forest 12 Per Cent. Is Nylon Fabric**

Ontario is spending nearly five times as much money on reforestation as it did ten years ago, with twelve per cent. of the total revenue of the Lands and Forests Department now going to this purpose as against nine per cent. in 1943.

Figures show that in 1943, \$257,315 was spent on reforestation with the amount increasing steadily until 1952, when an estimated \$1,300,045 will be spent.

In 1944, the Department expenditures for reforestation was \$350,242, 1945, \$430,025; 1946, \$468,341; 1947, \$777,524; 1948, \$817,245; 1949, \$971,444; 1950, \$1,085,430; and in 1951, \$1,205,123.

During the ten-year period, three existing nurseries were greatly expanded and two new ones acquired to provide trees for reforestation. The production of such trees is now touching the twenty-million mark and may be expanded soon to the point where thirty million will be produced each year.

**WOMAN DIGS IN JERICHO**

A season's digging on the site of Jericho is to be undertaken by a woman archaeologist, Miss K. M. Kenyon, Director of the British School of Archaeology, working with a staff of British and American students. Jericho is of special interest not only for its biblical associations but because it contains remains dating back to the earliest human life in the Middle East.

**POUNDRING THE SPORTS BEAT**  
with A. Vengeance

About five or six years ago when Acton athletes were practicing down at the local ball yard, a kid from Rockwood shuffled up and asked if he could try out with the team.

What could he do? Well, he didn't know, but he sure would like to try pitching.

Doc Sirra and a few of the other fellows who coached the team, looked askance at the boy, wondering whatever gave him the idea he could pitch. It was true, practically every boy who tried out with the team seemed to pitch or at least to throw a ball. In one particular case was a good example of what not to look for in a potential pitcher. Of all the assembled boys, he looked the worst qualified.

It was at that stage of development that the boys, in which every movement is an effort toward adolescence was in full flower.

However, they gave him a glove and told him to go on out and throw a few. Doc Sirra liked to give all the kids a chance.

It was not long until the ungainly kid had all eyes on him. Through the ball? he flung them in, and he had a big, wide sweeping curve that broke like a whiplash. Needless to say, he made the team — as a pitcher.

Ball backward, especially on the mound, he developed into a real strike-out artist in juvenile and alternating with a southpaw on the pitching assignments. Along with two other Acton players he attended a big league baseball camp for promising young players. Scouts of the club sponsoring the school wouldn't even consider him as a pitcher. They advised him to try the outfield or some other position for in addition to having a good arm, the kid was some shakes as a hitter.

The next year, determined to succeed as a hitter, the boy went to Guelph and tried out for Junior A baseball. Guelph officials didn't even bother with a second look. Unpolished, crude, they said. The kid gritted his teeth and left for Galt.

The Galt club was more receptive. They signed him to play with Galt in the Intercounty Junior A circuit. In his first appearance in Galt livery, the kid pitched 17 innings and won a 3-2 decision over the Kithen club, which was considered the class of the league. Over in Guelph, faces went a deep red. From that point, the Guelph paper referred to him as a "Guelph boy". The breaks began to come his way.

He became top man on the Terrapin top pole, pitching regularly with the Juniors and in exhibitions for the Senior A Terrapins. Most everyone prophesied a bright future for the kid, who was rapidly shedding his awkwardness and assuming real form.

The next year, however, little was realized in the way of a future. He threw for the Juniors in Galt again but he didn't have the success of the previous year. When the Galt club was eliminated he packed up and came to Acton to assist the local Intermediates in the Int. A group play-offs. In spite of a tremendous hurling performance from him, the Actons were ousted by a strong Oakville club.

Come 1951 he meandered to Belleville where he set the Lakeshore senior league on fire with his assortment. He received an offer to attend the Pittsburgh Pirates camp the following spring, and went south to match his pitching ability with the best Pittsburgh could glean from all over the American continent.

Last week Johnny Mowat, no longer the awkward kid, made his debut in professional baseball at Hamilton when he pitched for Batavia Pirates, farm of the parent Pittsburgh club, against the Hamilton Cardinals in the Pony League opener.

A far cry from the youngster who sauntered into Acton to play minor ball, Johnny now has his sights set on a spot in the National League. He stands on the threshold of a career that can be attributed only to his perseverance and unswerving ambition to be a pitcher, and a good one.

**BEAT BITS** — The lacrosse B-Hives are holding regular practices at the arena for the opening game which can't be far off. Three or four Acton boys are trying out with the team and stand a fair chance of making the grade. Among them are Freddie Kenner and Harold Townsend, both of whom are hockeyists. The similarity between hockey and lacrosse should be of help to them. Last week the club had a visit from one of the Ferris brothers from Huttonville. The man wanted to know how much his services would be worth to the club. The executive shrugged their shoulders and told him this team was a bonafide amateur club and here was one place where he wouldn't get a bid.

The girls' softball club will have a schedule for next week for the season which began on May 15th. They're having trouble making the time to play on Monday fit to play on. They hope it's ready by opening day for the other teams in the league have plus lay-outs and they don't want Acton to have the worst park in the circuit.

They are in the Hamilton County Intermediate baseball group this year are Milton, Georgetown, Oakville, Waterdown, Campbellville and Port Credit. The latter two taking the vacant franchises left by Acton and Clarkson.

**Ten Point Plan For Food Saving**

At a time when many Canadian families—and families here are no exceptions—are spending half their earnings on food and with the cost of living still going up, economist Sidney Margolius outlines a ten-point plan to save on food.

The Margolius budget plan, published in Maclean's Magazine, is calculated by its author to cut an average food budget by one fifth at the same time entailing no loss in the nutritive value of the food bought.

And buying habits account for a sizable portion of the money spent on food, he writes. The first thing to avoid is becoming emotional over food: "One frequent reason why families spend more than they need on food is the insistence of various members of the household that they must eat this or that." In some cases grade B foods, cheaper than grade A, are more nutritive.

Other rules to follow include: unload your food prejudices—canned meat is as nutritious as fresh. Beware of food fads: variety in the diet will make the buying of "health" foods unnecessary. Eat your meat and have it: the best three buys considering the price per pound are tongue, frankfurter and hamburger — sirloin steak is one of the worst.

Mix your proteins: Your daily "meat" doesn't have to be meat itself, for a much lower cost one egg will supply nourishment equivalent to five ounces of meat. Time your selections: some families buy only canned vegetables, for instance, others only fresh, others still, only frozen. There is a definite time of year when each of these is a "best buy", says Maclean's.

These and other rules to eat as well on less money, writes Margolius, should enable "the average Canadian family to cut its food bill by one-fifth and get back to at least the twenty or so dollars a week for food it spent in 1950 without sacrificing nourishment or palatability."

**Workers Net Zero In Many Strikes**

Labor union leaders should study the strike record of 1951, advises the Financial Post. In the first 10 months of that year the federal Department of Labor reports 200 strikes.

Of that number 160 were illegal — British Columbia had the best record; Ontario the worst.

In 60 of the strikes, the workers netted nothing. All their strikes did was lose them millions of dollars in wages, damage the source of their employment, their community and nation.

In another 80 cases, strikes were "half-lost" in the sense that the final taking price was so much less than the asking price. And in hardly any case did the strike bring what it was supposed to.

All of which adds up to a very grim and unhappy saga of strife, emotional and physical turmoil, thin family larders and worse — and a great deal of irresponsible union leadership.

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