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Scotsman—Doctor, what can I do to prevent seasickness? Doctor—Have you a dime? Scotsman—Yes, sir. Doctor—Well, hold it between your teeth.

Jasper—How did George break his leg? Casper—Do you see those steps over there? Jasper—Yes. Casper—Well, George didn't.

MAN'S GOOD EVERYDAY PRAYER

The following is an old English prayer that dates back to the eighteenth century:

"Give me a good digestion, Lord, and also something to digest; Give me a healthy body, Lord, with sense enough to keep it at its best.

Give me a healthy mind, good Lord, to keep the good and pure in sight. Which, seeing sin, is not appalled but finds a way to set it right.

Give me a mind that is not bound; that does not whimper, whine or sigh. Don't let me worry over much about the fussy thing called I.

Give me a sense of humor, Lord; give me the grace to see a joke; To get some happiness out of life and pass it on to other folk."

BUTS

The world is full o' ruts, my boy, Some shaller and some deep; An' every rut is full o' folks as High as they can heap.

Each one that's growlin' in the ditch Is growlin' at his fate. An' wishin' he had got his chance Before it was too late.

They lay it all on someone else, or Say 'twas just their luck— They never once consider that 'twas Caused by lack o' pluck.

But here's the word o' one that's lived Clean through, from soup to nuts; The Lord don't send no derricks round 'T'hoist folk out o' ruts. —The Christian Advocate.

EXAMINERS EARN \$9 DAILY HANDLING 175,000 PAPERS

"Students Get Every Legitimate Break," Says Deputy Minister Cowles—Is Tedious Task

Undergoing the ordeal of a written examination, the Ontario student is given every legitimate "break" that the powers can allow him, says Major J. P. Cowles, assistant to the deputy minister of education. It is his job to see that the examination machinery is set up properly and runs smoothly.

He has a force of about 1000 persons assisting him. There are 930 men and women, for instance, gathered from high schools all over the province, who are the examiners and do the marking. They are given careful instructions as to the marking. A set of values is determined by experts who go over the papers with care.

"There is no 'patronage' in the selection of the examiners. Whether they are born Liberal or Conservative, remained such or switched parties, is of no moment to the Cowles system of selection. There is a list of those who have never served as examiners; a list of those who have not served as examiners since 1934; another list of those since 1935, and a limited number of teachers are named from private schools.

Examiners are paid \$9 a day. The teaching year is about 200 days and at \$9 a day that would mean a salary of \$1800 to a teacher. Major Cowles thinks they earn their money.

"This business of marking papers gets rather monotonous about the tenth day," he said. And it lasts about 20 days.

They have a total of about 175,000 papers to read and mark this year. Last year there were 115,371 in the middle school and 58,844 in the upper school.

Usher (to cold, dignified lady)—Are you a friend of the groom? The lady—No indeed! I am the bride's mother.

McDonald—So you love spinach? MacPherson—Yes, it's my middle name. McDonald—Really? MacPherson—Yes, Thomas Sandy MacPherson.

The fellow who tells his best girl he isn't good enough for her, usually speaks the truth, but she doesn't believe it, but her mother does.

CANADA STARTS YOUTH HOSTEL

Important Movement Well-known in Europe Begins Here—For Hikers and Lovers of Outdoors.

New impetus is being given to hiking in Canada by a movement known as the Youth Hostels Association, already registered in a number of countries. The aim of youth hostels is everywhere the same—to enable young people to enjoy hiking and cycling in the beautiful outdoors of Europe and North America; to enable youth to find wholesome companionship along the road, travelling inexpensively, and acquiring a knowledge of their neighbor's land and customs as well as their own. One of the codes of the hikers is that they pledge themselves to leave the countryside unmarred as a result of their travel in it.

Draws Youth Together

The youth hostels idea began in Europe in 1911, as the practical dream of a German schoolmaster. Since its inception, youth in millions upon the open roads of Europe have advanced youth hostelling from a national to an international influence. In 1930 hostels were opened in England; in 1933 one opened in Canada, and in 1934 the movement spread to the United States. Today there are thousands of hostels in forty different countries with several millions of members. As youth hostels concern themselves not at all with the religious or political beliefs, or social positions of members, the movement more and more is lessening racial distinctions.

Chain in Alberta

So far Canada has but a dozen or more hostels and a scant hundred members. The first youth hostel in Canada was opened in the foothills of Alberta, and a total of twelve now forms a chain from the E.P. Ranch to the town of Banff in Banff National Park. In 1937 Canada was the twentieth country to be admitted to the International Youth Hostels Association, and extensive organizational work is now being carried on to extend the movement from the Maritimes to British Columbia.

GARDENING NOTES

Keeping Cut Flowers Fresh

With garden flowers plentiful at this time, junior gardeners will be interested to know how to keep them fresh after they have been cut. The first and most important step is to cut carefully. Flowers should never be pulled or broken from the stalks, but cut with a clean slanting cut. This can be done with a sharp knife, or a pair of specially constructed scissors which do not pinch the stems as do ordinary shears. Cutting the flowers on the slant prevents the stems from resting flat upon the bottom of the container, thus closing the many tiny cells.

Most flowers should be picked in the early morning before the heat of the sun robs them of their moisture. However, according to an announcement made by Cornell University, gladioli, when cut in early afternoon, last longer. They may be cut when the first flower on the spike begins to open. Most flowers should be gathered just when the bud is unfolding, although dahlias last longer if cut when fully open. This is also true of chrysanthemums (mums).

Don't Crowd Them

Any leaves which have a tendency to decay in water should be removed. Keep the flowers for a few hours immediately after cutting and before arranging in a container of water deep enough to allow the water to come just below the flower parts. This treatment also often revives flowers which appear to have wilted. The water should be changed daily and a piece of the stem cut off. This helps to preserve the flower. An ice cube dropped into the water two or three times a day also is beneficial. Flowers, just as human beings, need air to breathe, so do not crowd them tightly in a narrow container.

Clothes Pins In The Garden

When cutting a new edge for flower bed or lawn, or digging up an old edge, use a string or cord rather than rely upon the accuracy of your eye. In spite of his years of experience a professional gardener will always "run a string" to keep his edges straight. Common clothes pins can be very useful in holding the string or cord in place. Even though the cord may be tightly run from end stake to end stake, one is apt to move the cord back and forth with the edging tool, unless it is pinned in place at frequent intervals, with clothes pins. This same method of using stakes, string and clothes pins can be employed for planting straight rows of seeds in the home vegetable garden.

They Sprout Their Seeds

Interesting customs of the enterprising Dutch gardeners might be followed by gardeners elsewhere who wish to speed germination seeds. According to a plant breeder who came to this country from the Netherlands, the Hollanders place seeds in a cloth bag and hang the bag in a nearby canal overnight. The bag is taken out and hung for 48 hours in the cow barn, where it is warm. By this time the seed has sprouted and it is broadcast by hand in the garden plot.

Gardeners need not, of course hunt up a canal or build a cow barn, but they may hang seeds overnight in any water-filled container, then place the bag in a warmer place for two days and nights. This practice is especially recommended for beets, carrot and spinach seed.

—Of 14,000 Austrians registered with the police of England, 11,586 are women.



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SATISFIED WITH HIS LOT

Things must have gone smoothly around the office of the Fisherton Advance the other day when the editor penned the following:

"What piece of abode can compete with the Canadian farm or small town as a home for rearing children? Parents of large families especially, still find the open country the ideal place for bringing up children. First, what is more health-giving than the pure air of the country... Then consider the lessons learned from watching nature in her various moods, often battling the elements in an effort to gain the right to exist. Then too the nearness to animal life teaches one a new depth of understanding. Farm children learn early the value of work. They learn that certain tasks must be performed before pleasures are indulged in. For boys, there is less tendency to gang up than there is in the city. If these boys who do not live on farms could spend a month every summer helping on some farm, we are sure the result would be most gratifying."

LET'S ALL BE PROTECTED

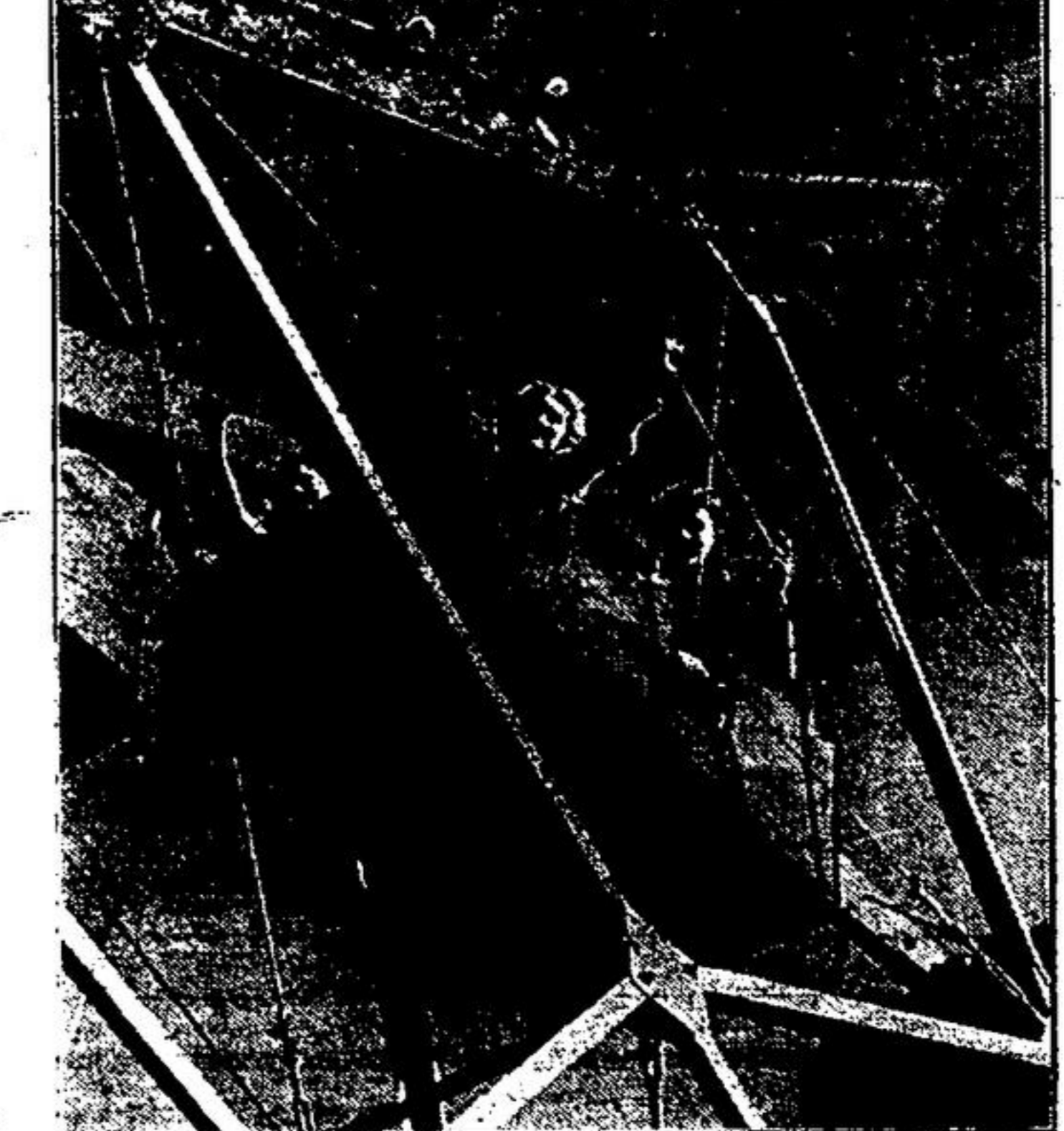
A movement is on foot in two Eastern Ontario counties seeking support from the citizens and councils to have the legislature amend the present pedlar's act so that a license fee may be charged outside bakers. This sounds like a good idea, but why not include outside printers as well?

WAXING SARCASTIC

The farmer was showing his new hand around the farm, explaining all the jobs he would have to do. When the list had been completed the man asked: "How about clearing the snow from around the house?" "What on earth do you mean? There's no snow at this time of year," said the farmer. "No, but by the time I've finished my jobs there will be."

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The SNAPSHOT GUILD CAMERA AT THE CIRCUS



A ferris-wheel angle shot of your crowd is just one picture opportunity among scores you will find at the circus or street carnival. Take the camera along!

WHEN you go to the circus or carnival, by all means go early and take your camera along. There is endless variety of new, interesting snapshots, material—and you'll actually see more, and enjoy yourself more, if there's a camera in your hand.

On the midway, you can picture ice-show barkers, flamboyant tent legs, gapping people who are visiting a circus for the first time, wide-eyed youngsters munching popcorn or quaffing pink lemonade, gaudy displays of prizes at amusement booths, and scores of other amusing details.

Wandering about the lot, you will be able to picture interesting details of circus equipment, and perhaps novel sideights of circus life—family wash strung out between wagons, mending of costumes and equipment, feeding and grooming of work stock. Be friendly, don't annoy the circus folk, and they will treat you courteously.

Pictures of performers and animals should be obtained during the circus parade, as you may not be allowed to take your camera inside the big tent. The light inside is usually too poor for good snapshots except with ultra speed lenses and film. But there is ample opportunity outside to keep the camera busy, and you can come away with enough good shots to fill several pages in an album. Try it just once, and you'll never be without your camera when the circus comes to town. John van Guilder

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