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Snowflakes Have Become Million Dollar Crop

The tables have turned on that fluffy, often frivolous, little child of nature—the snowflake.

Long irresponsible and playful, both a delight and torment to man, the tiny winter visitor is being put to work at last. In the mountains of the West, snow is now recognized as a "billion-dollar" crop, the difference between disaster and prosperity for millions of people.

There melting snows provide water for reservoirs and irrigation ditches in 11 western states. So necessary are they to the economy that even reluctant snowflakes are being enticed to earth by weather-making airplane pilots who shoot moisture-laden clouds with pellets of dry ice and other agents. This wooing may not always work, but the effort is being made.

Across the nation wherever ski enthusiasts gather in winter sports resorts, arrival of the snowflake means a successful season; non-arrival means financial loss.

Is Marquis Lafayette Forgotten By Americans?

Have Americans forgotten Lafayette?

In an obscure private cemetery in Paris, across the city from popular tourist haunts, his grave lies covered with a blanket of Massachusetts soil brought from historic Bunker Hill and marked by an American flag. Yet reports come that no visitor from the United States has called at tiny Cimetiere de Picpus for nearly a year.

It was scarcely more than a century ago when the news of Lafayette's death threw this nation into deep, well-nigh universal mourning. President Andrew Jackson ordered the same military honors accorded him as marked the passing of President George Washington 35 years earlier.

On every army post, navy station and ship 24 guns were fired at daybreak. And throughout the day, every half hour until sunset, a lone gun boomed solemnly. Officers wore bands of black for six months.

Origin of Agony

It is strange that a word which denotes anguish and intolerable pain should have its origin in a festive sport event; yet this is the case with agony. In ancient Greece, agony was an assembly at games and athletic contests. Agonia was the contest or struggle for the prize. From the meaning "a struggle for victory in the games," agonia gradually broadened to mean any physical struggle, an activity fraught with difficulty as well. Our own word agony, borrowed from this source, meant struggle or anguish of mind, then the throes of death, and hence any extreme bodily pain.

Start Plants Early

Early January is a good time to start cabbage, lettuce, and broccoli plants in seed boxes. Boxes should be kept in a warm room until seed sprout. However, when the first plants come through the soil or just before they come through, move boxes to a cooler place where the plants will come up in bright daylight. To produce stocky plants, they should be thinned to about two inches apart as soon as they are up. Three level tablespoons of fertilizer mixed into three inches of top soil for each box two feet square is a good rate.

Hope Diamond

Named for its one-time London owner, the 44 1/2-carat Hope Diamond is presumed to be part of the Tavernier Blue, brought from India in 1638. The Tavernier was cut and made part of the French crown jewels which were stolen in 1792. Reappearing in much reduced size as the Hope Diamond, it is associated by tradition with eleven violent deaths, and tragedy in two royal houses.

Cinderella Metal

Sneered at even today by adjectives such as "tinny" and product nicknames like "tin lizzie," tin has become the Cinderella metal of modern life. The world rides on tin, with automobiles, trains, airplanes and ocean liners using tin in many different ways. Tin plate makes cans and containers for literally thousands of different products. Collapsible tin tubes make many more ready to use at the squeeze of a finger. Tin foil wraps still others.

Dubrovnik

Dubrovnik, town of 18,000 on Yugoslavia's Adriatic Sea coast, was long known by its Italian name, Ragusa. Waxing rich as a maritime power in the Middle Ages, Ragusa launched countless ships in sea trade, notes the National Geographic Society. A Ragusan vessel was called a ragusa—from which nickname came the word argosy.

Regulations

Livestock people often rebel at state regulations governing the movement of animals. This, more often than not, is a result of a misunderstanding as to the importance of such regulations. Individuals should bear in mind that all such regulations have been adopted by the state for protection of livestock against disease.

—Don't forget, Monday, August 10th, is federal election day.

Esqueuing Conservatives Have Euchre and Dance

Thirty-some odd tables of euchre players were on hand at a Conservative rally held in Stewarttown Hall last Friday night. Along with the many who came along to dance this made one of the biggest crowds to ever attend anything in the Esqueuing Township Hall.

On hand to greet the guests was the president of the Esqueuing P-C Association, Nelson Robinson, and Conservative candidate for Halton, Sybil Bennett.

After an enjoyable time playing cards, lunch was served.

Before the dancing began, Mr. Robinson called Miss Bennett to the platform to award the euchre prizes and called on her for a few words.

She thanked those present for such a very wonderful turnout and said she hoped that they had all enjoyed themselves. She felt that while the evening was primarily a social one, yet that she would like to speak for a few minutes to them, about the political situation and the forthcoming election, which she termed as one of the most important since Confederation. Miss Bennett recalled to mind the many flagrant abuses of power by the present regime, and reiterated the Conservative claim that \$500,000,000 could be lopped off the tax bill without affecting any social or other vital services.

She said it was no secret that once again, in desperation to hold on to office, Liberal leaders were saying, here in Halton that the Conservatives would stop family allowances, and other social services. This, in direct contradiction of what their leader Prime Minister St. Laurent had said in the closing days of the last session, quote "that it is now clearly understood that ALL parties in Canada subscribe to the principles of carrying on Canada's social services." Miss Bennett then answered the old claim that any other government but the Liberals would cause a depression, by pointing out that Canada had been only one of the victims in a depression that had been worldwide, and had affected every country in the world.

The very fact that the Liberal government had collected over 100 million dollars per month in taxes more than they needed, in the first two months of the year, proved that it was quite possible to reduce taxes by half a billion.

She also pointed out, in refutation of it, that the Liberal government had held office for the first two years of that depression, a fact that their propagandists managed most conveniently to overlook. She spoke also of the farm situation, where the present regime had managed to lose all of our country's traditional overseas markets. In closing Miss Bennett asked for the support of everyone, regardless of their political affiliations and promised to give her utmost to further the interests of the county as a whole.

The evening concluded with dancing to the music of Doris Hulls and her orchestra.

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