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New Giant Atom Smasher

Undergoes Initial Tests
Satisfactory initial tests of the University of Chicago's \$2,500,000 synchrocyclotron, giant atom smasher, have been made after three and one-half years spent on design and construction, Samuel K. Allison, director of the University's Institute for Nuclear Studies, announced.

Deuterons, the nuclei of heavy hydrogen atoms, have been accelerated to an energy of 250 million electron volts, the highest known energy ever achieved artificially with these atomic particles. Herbert L. Anderson, professor of physics in the institute, and John Marshall, assistant professor, who directed design and construction of the big accelerator, conducted the tests.

Next step in getting the Chicago instrument into final working order will be to produce a focused beam of protons, the nuclei of ordinary hydrogen. In the test, the deuterons were not brought outside the magnetic field. The energy attained with deuterons indicates the synchrocyclotron will accelerate protons to energies of the order of 450 million electron volts, making it the most powerful accelerator of positive ions in the western world.

Female of the Species Tends to Outlive Male

The American female contradicts the description "weaker sex" by showing markedly greater tenacity for survival than the male of the species at each year of life.

This is evidenced by the higher death rates that prevail for males as compared with females for every age group.

The advantage enjoyed by females is greatest in the late teens and early 20's, when the mortality among men is almost 90 per cent higher than that of women, and again in the early 50's when the excess in male mortality is about 75 to 80 per cent. The least differences in mortality are in early childhood and at the later ages of life.

"The situation today is in marked contrast with that a half century ago, when the disparity in the death rate between the sexes was considerably less," statisticians report. "Then the greatest excess of male over female mortality occurred in the first year of life, but amounted to only 21 per cent. At many ages the death rates for the sexes were about the same, and at ages 15 and 16 the rate for males fell below that for females."

Use For Lignin

Proof that Lignin, the paper industry's most troublesome waste product, is an excellent reinforcing agent for natural, nitrile, and neoprene rubber, as well as for GRS, the general purpose synthetic, was offered at the closing session of the spring meeting of the American Chemical Society's Division of Rubber Chemistry. Nitrile and neoprene are two of the major types of synthetic rubber. Added to natural rubber in proportions of 50 to 100 pounds per 100 pounds of rubber, lignin was found to give higher tensile strengths than any other pigment at the same volumes, including carbon black.

Get Type For Purpose

There are various types of interior varnishes. Each is made according to the purpose it is to serve. Generally speaking, interior varnishes are harder — but not as resistant to weather — as exterior varnishes. Floor varnishes, for instance, are characterized by a high resistance to abrasion in order to withstand constant traffic. Another type, furniture varnish, must not soften under the heat of the body.

Three-Way Bed Warmer

A versatile electric sleeping pad which at the flick of a switch can be set to warm the feet only, the back only, or the entire bed has been introduced. The pad is spread over the mattress like an ordinary mattress pad and then is covered with sheets.

Alike Under Skin

The differences between races are very superficial. All men belong to the same zoological species, known as Homo sapiens, and their blood is the same. It is not possible to tell by microscopic examination, or by any other known tests, what race of man a given sample of blood came from.

Quick Market

Oysters are one of the many perishable food crops that are marketed by telephone. Cargoes often are sold while they are en route in refrigerator cars. Oysters are grown by oyster farmers in coastal waters. The beds are tended carefully and it takes about five years to mature a crop.

Cleaning Leather

Leather can be cleaned by washing with mild soap and water. Mud is hard on leather, so remove it from shoes as soon as possible; wash it off with warm water and then rub oil or grease into the leather while it is still damp. This prevents the shoes from drying stiff and hard. For heavy shoes, oil, talow, and grease are good lubricants.

The largest drydock in the British Empire is at Saint John, New Brunswick.

United Church Exposition Comes to Guelph This Month

Already Witnessed
by over 500,000
people



The United Church of Canada has prepared an Exposition which will travel across Canada's ten provinces presenting to the public a pictorial exhibit of the church's work in Canada and abroad. It is estimated that it will take two years for the Exposition to tour all Canada. Already the main centres of Central Canada and the Maritimes have been visited. It is estimated that to date over 500,000 people have witnessed this graphic presentation of the church in action.

In each centre visited by the Exposition a large pictorial exhibit is set up, which illustrates the church's

Farm Forums Entertained By Agriculture Federation

Aquing Federation of Agriculture entertained the members of the five Farm Forum groups of Esquewaing at a social evening in Stewarttown last week which was a real success and proved both educational and entertaining. The chairman, Spencer Wilson, introduced Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock, who had arranged for the speaker of the evening and also brought a very timely message to the rural folk on the quality of seed grain being sown in Halton. He closed with this challenge: "Are you one of those sowing inferior seed grain? Fifty percent of the farm operators in Halton are."

C. R. Groves, zone forester for Halton and Wellington brought a very interesting film on "Woodlots, their care and cutting" after which he spoke of his work in the county, planting trees and talks to school children. There are five nurseries in Ontario supplying trees for reforestation with the supply not nearly adequate to meet the demand.

Last year there were 24,000 trees planted on Halton County owned land.

A film on "Accidents around the Farm" left much food for thought as well as many a chuckle at the misfortunes being portrayed in the picture. Are you really aware of the conditions which may lead to accidents around the farm and home? Again, for the men particularly, there was a real discussion and also a film on "Weevil Control". At lunch time Mr. Wilson, called the meeting to order and R. L. Davidson presented Mac Sprowl with a leather briefcase as a memento of his friends in the Esquewaing Federation of Agriculture "back home" while he is enjoying the next six months in the Old Country as the Ontario winner of the Nyfield Scholarship for 1954. Mac thanked all for their thoughtfulness and said he hoped to help even more on his return, in the work of the Federation of Agriculture.

THE MAIL BAG

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Yours very truly,
Little NHL
Gordon Alcott, Pres.

world-wide service by means of scenic displays, electrified models, illuminated maps and three-dimensional features. To supplement this exhibit hundreds of photographs, charts and curios from the many countries where missionary work is being done by United Church men and women, are used to illustrate the significance, variety and efficacy of that work. This display has been described as the finest visual presentation of the church's work ever gathered into one place. A furniture moving van is required to move the material from place to place. Guides will take visitors on a tour of the pictorial display and make necessary and descriptive comments about each graphic scene.

In addition to the exhibit the Exposition includes a dramatic pageant entitled "Triumphs of the Faith" which depicts outstanding events in the life of the church in the past and present, and also confronts the audience with the great challenge of the future. The pageant is in nine scenes and involves a cast of two hundred. Many of these will appear in the colourful costumes of the lands where the United Church carries on its missionary work. The pageant was produced by the church's secretary of the Missionary and Maintenance department, Rev. Denzil G. Hout. Special music was prepared by Canada's noted musician, Sir Ernest MacMillan, and special poetry was written by another outstanding Canadian, E. J. Pratt, the Victoria College Professor of English whose poetic works "Broboscuff" and "Dunkirk" have been so well received in Canada and abroad. The cast for the pageant will be drawn from Guelph and vicinity for local presentation. This highly inspirational pageant "Triumphs of the Faith" has received great approval.

In addition to the pictorial exhibit and the pageant, the Exposition will consist of a series of public meetings which will be planned to present the church's work in applicable terms to the various church groups. There will be an Official's Day, Woman's Day, Children's Day and a Teen-ager's Day. At each of these there will be special speakers and personalities some of whom will be, the Rt. Rev. A. A. Scott, Moderator of the United Church in Canada, Professor K. J. Joblin of Emmanuel College, Dr. W. P. Bunt, superintendent of Home Missions for British Columbia, and Rev. C. C. Kim of Korea. Readers of The Georgetown Herald will have opportunity to visit the United Church Exposition when it appears in Guelph from March 25th to March 31st.

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