

More than 10,000 people were injured by automobiles in eleven months. The killed were nearly 500. The accident rate was thus about a day.

Canadian casualty lists during the war were scarcely more than a list of names.

Tips On Manners

Your knowledge of correct usage by answering the following questions, then checking the authoritative answers.

As a hostess due to greet guests when they are men? making an introduction, is presented to an older person?

What might a hostess say to a guest who thanks her for the time?

Should a hostess smile through a bad or stupid smile for her guests?

Wind

The world, and wind welling on the chimney, and beyond at dusk.

Ploughed and seeding operations generally may start in two weeks and spring will bring with it the full glory of the shopping on Saturday nights.

Smiles of Spring

To the gardener, amateur or otherwise, March snows are just something which stand between him and good brown earth bursting into life in buds and borders.

Won't Slide for a While

There's a boy in Pontiac, Michigan who probably has been cured of the habit of sliding down the school banister.

Looking Backward

As the fourth decade of the twentieth century draws nearer its close, we look back over many regrettable incidents, especially the conquest of Abyssinia, but we can console ourselves with the reflection that matters

VOICE of the PRESS CANADA THE EMPIRE

THE WORLD AT LARGE

What native bloom should Ontario adopt? There is a difference of opinion on the subject, although the Ontario Horticultural Society sponsors the three-petaled lily, the trillium.

No Charce A Hollywood expert says that no man should suppose who has not seen the girl's lips without make-up, as "the shape of a woman's mouth gives the whole story of her nature."

Not Ready to Rust The total number of railway passengers carried in England during November was over one hundred million.

Ban Them All A despatch from St. Thomas states that since the imposition of the \$100 licence fee, there is not one slot machine left in that city.

Population That population problems are intimately tied up with economies normally intelligent people have long recognized.

For Higher Wages What is the average wage in industry? Not many pulp, club or cafe political arguments end without a clash on that question.

211 Crossing Deaths OTTAWA—Number of persons killed in railway crossing accidents in Canada during 1936, was 211, according to Transport Minister Howe.

Taxi Not Fast Enough CHATHAM—Garnett Shelworth lost no time hurrying a colored woman to the hospital in his taxi in a race with the stork, but lost. The

The Right People Should Go Hungry TORONTO.—All the problems in the world could be solved "if you would make the right people go hungry," Mrs. Nellie McClung, noted writer, told an audience recently.

Manager Pie Traynor, Al Todd and Coach Gooch (left to right), of the Pittsburgh Pirates, "horse" around with the horsehide as they start limbering up for the season at the Pirates' camp at San Bernardino, Cal.

News in Review

Pensions at 40 OTTAWA—This week saw the bill to amend the Old Age Pensions Act, so blind persons at the age of 40 will receive pensions, was rushed through second and third readings at one sitting.

Piane Ambulance EDMONTON—"Scotty" McLennan, Arctic trapper, rested in hospital here after flying 1,500 miles with Pilot Rudy Heuss in one of the North Country's longest ambulance flights.

Ideal Astronomer NEW YORK—The weary salesgirl neatly folded another Easter handkerchief and looked up with a tired smile.

304 Have \$50,000 Income OTTAWA—National revenue figures disclose that there were 304 Canadians with incomes of more than \$50,000 per year who contributed \$11,055,666 in income tax in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1936.

Does Shooting TORONTO -- Shooting of does would be permitted in Ontario under an amendment to the Game and Fisheries Act introduced by the Government in the Legislature this week.

MAY CANCEL PERMITS Under the amendment to the Dairy Products Act, it is provided that a building shall not be constructed or reconstructed for use as a cheese factory, creamery, milk or cream shipping or receiving station unless the Minister has granted permission in writing.

Jolly Pirates Play Manager Pie Traynor, Al Todd and Coach Gooch (left to right), of the Pittsburgh Pirates, "horse" around with the horsehide as they start limbering up for the season at the Pirates' camp at San Bernardino, Cal.

500 Children Killed In Texas Oil Explosion

Victims Caught By Falling Walls Parents Frantic—Martial Law In Force—Bricks Hurdled Half a Mile Away By Force of Blast.

Overton, Tex.—More than 500 children and several score teachers were reported dead Thursday night as a result of a terrific gas explosion which shattered the New London school building near here.

Mangled bodies were being held in a dozen communities in this teeming East Texas oil field. Hysterical parents and a growing army of relief workers choked the roads until martial law had to be declared.

The explosion occurred at 3:55 p.m. (E.S.T.) Thursday and by 9 p.m. two churches in Overton and five in Henderson, as well as undertaking parlors and school buildings were filled with bodies and injured children.

A scattering of casualties also were reported in Kilgore and smaller communities.

Erupting suddenly with such a force that bricks were hurled a half-mile away, the building was torn apart and hours after the blast there were confused estimates of the dead.

Governor James V. Allred of Texas declared martial law at the vicinity of the New London disaster after ordering troops to proceed there.

The Governor acted on information the State highway patrol and other officers were unable to control the throngs that blocked highways, and were reported impeding relief work.

Seven hundred pupils and forty teachers were in the building—most of them in the auditorium.

Witnesses said there was an ear-shattering explosion after the rumbling roar that preceded the blast. The roof then, they said, moved up, the walls crumpled outward, and the roof fell into the wreckage, crushing those within.

Superintendent W. C. Shaw theorized that accumulated gas in a space between the floor of the building and the ground undoubtedly caused the explosion. The building was heated by gas-steam radiators, and there was no main boiler.

Raymond Bonner, clerk of the Tidewater Association Oil Company, who was standing on a porch near the school, said the building went up like a dynamite stump.

Ontario Grading Of Farm Products

Wide Powers Granted to Government Inspectors

Toronto—Repeat of the present Marketing and Fair Industry Acts and the Government grading of a wide range of farm products is provided in a bill introduced in the Legislature by Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture.

Extensive powers of enforcement are taken by the Government in the bill, inspectors will be able to enter any premises to inspect any farm product or they may stop any truck, boat or other conveyance at any time to make an inspection.

Samples of goods for inspection are to be provided at the owner's expense. The inspector may also require production of any books, bills or records relating to products.

MANY PRODUCTS LISTED The bill authorizes the Provincial Cabinet to set grades for animals, meats, eggs, poultry, wool, dairy products, fruit, fruit products, maple products, honey, tobacco and such other natural products of agriculture as the Cabinet may order.

The Cabinet is also authorized to empower the Agriculture Minister to establish grades for "such articles of food or drink manufactured or derived in whole or in part from any products as the Cabinet may designate."

The Crown may confiscate any farm product of which the owner is convicted of an offense under the act. Penalties range from \$10 to \$50 for first offenses and \$50 to \$100 thereafter. False information, obstruction of inspection and misrepresentation are punishable offenses.

An amendment to the Dairy Products Act and the Plant Diseases Act, 1937, which takes the place of the Fruit Pests Act, the Corn-Derect Act and the Barberry Shrub Act were also introduced by Mr. Marshall.

MAY CANCEL PERMITS Under the amendment to the Dairy Products Act, it is provided that a building shall not be constructed or reconstructed for use as a cheese factory, creamery, milk or cream shipping or receiving station unless the Minister has granted permission in writing.

The Milk Control Board must certify that such a building is required. The Minister may grant licenses for such establishments and may cancel or suspend the permits. Violation of the licensing provision shall incur a \$10 fine every day of violation.

Under the Plant Diseases Act, permits must be obtained to operate a nursery. No person shall bring any plant or fruit infested with any disease into the Province, nor buy, sell or exchange such a plant. The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may upon recommendations of the Minister provide for inspection of nurseries, farms, orchards and market gardens, and may provide for seizure, removal, destruction and confinement of any plant, fruit or container infested with a plant disease.

Horschel, Germany, requires newly-married couples to plant two fruit trees for the municipality to celebrate their wedding.

Parents Split On Education

Some Object to "New Fangled" Ways of Teaching

ROSLYN, N.Y.—The "progressive education" system of having nut-bread baking classes to teach boys arithmetic—as opposed to the old-fashioned "three R's" method—had parents of this Long Island community split in stormy controversy last week.

A protest meeting of 400 persons before the board of education touched off the long-smouldering dispute, with grim-faced fundamentalists airing their views about "new-fangled" and "highfalutin'" innovations in no uncertain terms.

Eugene McLean, champion of the anti-progressives, said nearly five hours had been spent one day to teach a group of boys in the Roslyn Heights School how to bake nut bread. And in a voice tinged with bitter irony, he asked to be informed what possible education he stressed the word "nut" connection nut-bread baking had with in a manner to suggest he felt it summed up the whole situation.

"Why," he said darkly, "I questioned several high school students and they couldn't even tell me where Albany was."

A ripple of applause swept the auditorium when Superintendent of Schools Frederick Wagner explained about nut-bread baking and arithmetic.

Nut-bread baking, said Wagner, was a good way of teaching arithmetic because "it gives the pupils practice in adding and multiplying ingredients."

The explanation failed to satisfy the fundamentalists. "You multiply four eggs by three cups of flour, and what have you got—even adding nuts" demanded one fundamentalist sourly, in an aside to a neighbor.

The progressive method, adopted eight years ago in the Roslyn Union Free School district and gradually expanded, drew further fire from Mrs. Mary Broadhurst, who said she was considering the withdrawal of her grandchild from the second grade.

The grandchild, she said, was not being taught to read or write and "could not even divide."

Other opponents of the system complained that the pupils were woefully lacking in history, spelling, reading, writing and—yes—even arithmetic, despite the nut-bread baking classes.

Ralph Tubby, president of the board of education, assured the protesting taxpayers that the board would give the matter careful consideration.

Meanwhile the town's bakeries diplomatically removed nut bread from their window displays. It was a sore topic.

Will, Long Sought Proves Worthless

Lady Houston Passed Away On December 29 Last Year

LONDON.—The long search for the last will and testament of Lady Houston, eccentric imperialist and philanthropist who died last December 29, ended here when it was announced the missing document had been found—and immediately ruled worthless.

The will was in a strong box in the Hampstead residence where Lady Houston died.

Principal legatee of the will—Miss Juliana Hoare, aunt of the First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Samuel Hoare, and a close friend of Lady Houston—predeceased her in death by about a year. Consequently the estate will be divided among numerous nephews and nieces who have been adjudged Lady Houston's nearest kin.

Miss Hoare is believed to have disposed of large sums for the eccentric widow through donations to British charities. The estate which previously had been estimated at \$55,000,000 was understood to have shrunk to about half that sum.

Lady Houston was the widow of the shipbuilder, Sir Robert Houston. She published the Saturday Review for many years and was a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Ewe Has Quintuplets Twice Within a Year

Battle Creek, Mich.—A ewe on the farm of Dr. F. L. Hoffman near here has given birth to the second set of quintuplets lambs within the year.

The lambs are quite healthy and all are being nursed by the mother ewe, according to R. A. Clifford, tenant on the farm.

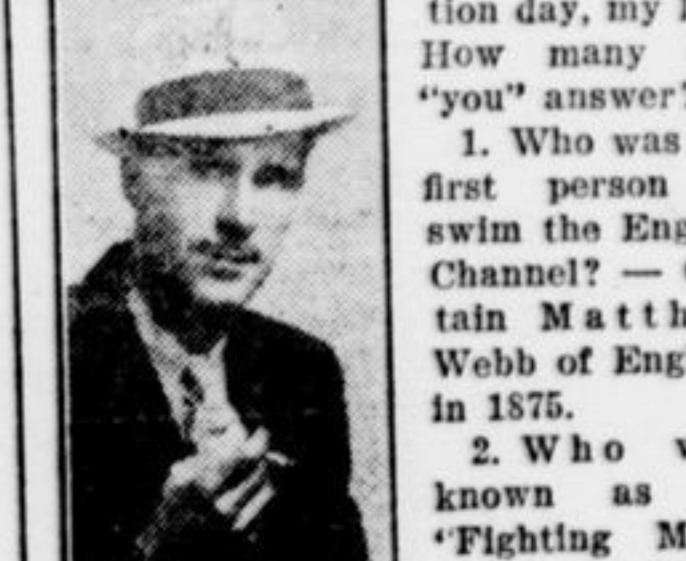
Some sort of a record for multiple lamb births has been set on the Hoffman farm since the purchase two years ago of a purebred ram from the Michigan State College.

Ewes sired by the pure bred ram last year gave birth to three sets of twins one set of triplets and the quintuplets. This year there have been a number of sets of twins born again.

Some aquatic whirligig beetles have one pair of eyes, so divided that half of the eye turns upwards to keep a lookout for danger, while the other half scans the water in

Sporting Comment

By KEN EDWARDS



Sport examination day, my lads. How many can "you" answer?

1. Who was the first person to swim the English Channel? — Captain M at the Wob of England in 1875.

2. Who was known as the "Fighting Marine"? — Gene Tunney.

3. Who is known in the tennis world as "Poker Face"? — Helen Wills Moody.

4. What is a camel's record for the mile? — 3 min. and 49 seconds.

5. What is a birdie? — Making a hole in under par.

6. What is the technical definition of the word "green"? — Twenty feet in any direction of the cup.

7. Do you know the name of the boxing champion who was a deacon of a church and who recited to himself the 144th Psalm before each contest? — He was Theodore "Tizer" Flowers, who took the middleweight crown from the late Harry Grebb.

Now for a few interesting facts that are worth placing in the old dog-eared scrap books of yours.

Some years ago there was a feather-weight champion named Eugene Czipli, who fought his way to a boxing title despite the fact that part of his jaw had been shot away in the Great War and he had a sheep nose bone grafted into the remaining part.

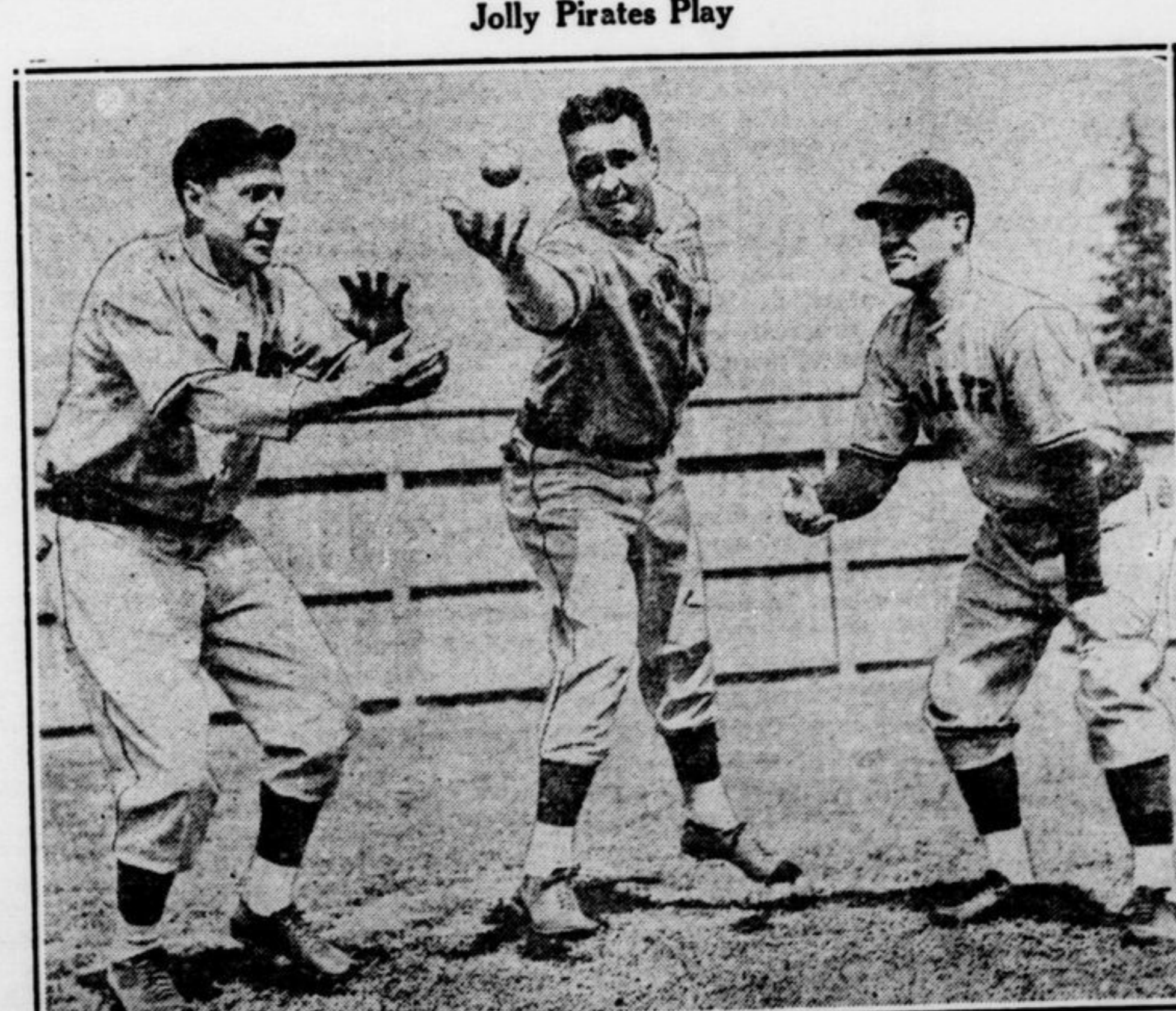
That old time batter, John L. Sullivan, toured the country playing "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

It's a fact, too, that Hank Gowdy of the Boston Nationals was the first major league baseball player to enlist in the army after America entered the Great War.

Bear me out mascot — yes, the Brown University football team actually have a bear for their mascot.

And now friends in closing, here is a "Believe It or Not" that Ripley would bite his nails to get. Yes, and speaking of nails — did you know that the size of the finger-nails on the Statue of Liberty are 13 in. by 19 in.

Well be knockin' on your door — so long.



Manager Pie Traynor, Al Todd and Coach Gooch (left to right), of the Pittsburgh Pirates, "horse" around with the horsehide as they start limbering up for the season at the Pirates' camp at San Bernardino, Cal.