

Tree Planting A Public Benefit

John M. Hoskins, Chicago, writes, calling my early life in Canada as a pioneer surrounded by the most beautiful wooded district in America. I remember trees in every direction until the advent of the settlers. The destruction of the trees was the principal industry of the new settlement. The timber was sold at a low price and the ashes made potash which was about the export commodity that the early years had in those days.

That timber were in existence to you would have an asset that is easy to lose out your national and leave you a substantial surplus.

My yearly visits to my native land I do miss the beautiful woods that I formerly loved to visit. I find the towns and cities crowded than the farm districts.

As arrived when the substitute planting and tree production should be of first importance to the people of Canada.

Every farmer should devote at least one-tenth of his land to the planting of trees, in the form of a windbreak, with numerous shade trees in other sections.

Summer the wooded section is a comfortable shade for the stock and a beautiful home for other wild life. And in the winter they form a much needed break and protection from the wind. They also protect the snow banks from melting, thus preventing the loss of many disastrous floods.

Planting trees every year provides a permanent source of income which is much more certain than any other.

Planting trees should be made a compulsory part of the education of every individual citizen of a municipality who will then and agree to give them a place for a stated time for protection.

The establishment of tree plantations, mature judgment should be used in the selection of the kind of trees to be planted. It is just as easy to plant a tree that will not grow as it is to raise a child that will not be a liability and the other way around.

In a wonderful opening in the production of trees, the millions of acres of waste land in every province, especially in the west, should have a tree-planting department. Give every youth a chance to plant a tree worthy object for any propagation.

After that moment can any child be more than a beautiful tree or a grove of beautiful trees.

We all realize that only God can give a tree, still we His people a wonderful opportunity to be in their production and thus have not only a life record for us but our action will be of a great benefit to all future generations.

Chosen 1937
American Mother

Carl Gray, of Omaha, Neb., selected by Golden Rule Foundation

YORK. — Mrs. Carl Gray, 67, Neb., who helped her husband from a \$50-a-month job as a telegrapher to president of the Pacific Railroad, was named "Mother of the Year" by the American Golden Rule Foundation.

She is five and a great-grandmother, and was selected by a committee of the Golden Rule Foundation to receive a silver medal in New York City, May 29.

Foundation is composed of a professional, religious, educational and social leaders. Its committee selected Mrs. Gray at 67 best representative of the typical mother.

Her fame in making the home that Mrs. Gray places a emphasis on social position, character and service, through her Sunday school classes and was the first woman to use the radio for the home.

She has three sons and Carl Gray, Jr., 48, of St. Paul, is vice-president and manager of the Chicago St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha R.R.; Lewis Gray, 36, of Bronville, owns the Gray Boat Shop at St. Paul, and is commercial agent of the Western Railroad, and Dr. Howard Gray, a specialist in cancer of the Rochester, Minn.

She will represent the "Mothers of Mother's Day" May labor program which will be held in New York.

As a plant grows to a height of 10 feet in its native state. It is a green tree, which bears long feathery leaves and beautiful rose tinted flowers, following woody capsules containing seeds each.

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THE WORLD AT LARGE

CANADA

Cure for Floods

As has been pointed out many times by expert engineers these floods can be prevented only by carrying out extensive schemes of reforestation, together with the construction of works that will hold back flood waters and fill swamps and low places with water. Schemes of reforestation, while these will be valuable in years to come, provide no immediate remedy. This can be done only by the construction of dams and retaining basins at strategic points. The need extends over the entire province, consequently there must be co-operation between provincial and municipal government if these works are to be carried out economically and effectively. There must be some well planned comprehensive scheme. The recent warning, with its widespread damage, destruction of bridges and other property, together with much human suffering, should not pass unheeded. Without any doubt these floods will become more destructive from year to year.—Brantford Expositor.

Best Friend

A recent nation-wide poll conducted by the Institute of Public Opinion, marking the twentieth anniversary of the United States entrance into the World War, indicates that Great Britain is the most liked European nation among the American people by a wide margin. Great Britain heads the poll with a fifty-five percent vote, with France second and Germany third. The vote in favour of Great Britain is five times greater than accorded France and almost seven times greater than for Germany. The vote by percentage was as follows: Britain 55, France 11, Germany 8, Finland 4, Ireland 4, Italy 2, Sweden 2, Denmark 1, Greece 1, Holland 1, U. S. S. R. (Russia) 1, all others 2.—Calgary Herald.

No First Aid

"Because no one knew how to apply a tourniquet," a boy in Sherwin township, 79 miles from Sudbury died to death from an accidental rifle wound. That incident points forcibly to the need of first aid instruction for every citizen.—Kirkland Lake Northern News.

96 Years on One Farm

The oldest resident of Tilbury East Township recently celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday at the farm where she has spent practically all of her life. In a day when a restless urge impels families and individuals to move at frequent intervals, a life spent in the same spot may seem singularly lacking in what the majority consider most worth while. It may appear secluded, uneventful, dull. But there is another side to the picture. The old lady of Tilbury has known no other life than that of the farm. She has become part and parcel of her environment. Its interests are hers. The neighbours are her friends. The church, the school, the rural activities, have for nearly a century claimed her thoughts and her time. She has made countless friends and has played an interesting part in the development of the community.—Kitchener Record.

Our Funny Clothes

What will some citizen of the future—draped perhaps in the long and flowing robes which the Greeks wore, and sitting in some of cushion-plated hoes of a room—what will he think of us and our clothes? The women with their funny bits of pancake perched precariously on their marcelled heads! The men with their stupid dull suits and their intricate collars! We tremble to think what the verdict of posterity will be upon some of our magazine covers, with those lopsided, simpering girls, with their hips out of joint and their heads larger than their bodies. That these people of the future will imagine, was our idea of beauty? No, the knife cuts both ways. The only thing to do is to live in the present, get what pleasure we can out of looking at our women, with their funny hats, abjure clever younger writers and struggle through the task of collecting echoes of the past, with mental blinkers on.—Hamilton Spectator.

The Return of the Beaver

Of all countries in the world Canada should be interested in the preservation of the beaver, the little animal which was largely responsible for the development of the Canadian northwest, whose pelts were at one time common currency in the territories ruled by the Hudson's Bay Company, but which has been decimated by greedy trappers attracted by the value of its fur.—Fort William Times Journal.

Means Business

Anyone who doubts that Britain is in deep earnest about rearming has only to look at the tax load the British taxpayer is shelling 2 1/2 per cent of his income to the government in a direct tax. Beyond that he was carrying a load of "nuisance taxes" whose weight can be appreciated by the size of those affecting motorists. British motorists have been paying taxes of 16 cents on each gallon of gasoline. They also pay a horsepower tax on their autos, so set up that a man who owns a 25-horsepower car must pay \$125 a year for his license. When a nation that is paying taxes at such rates submits to still heavier taxes for the sake of re-arming, it is decidedly in earnest about its preparedness program.—Kitchener Record.

The King's Birthday

June 29th, instead of his natal day, December 14, is to be observed in Canada as well as in the United Kingdom as the birthday of King George VI.

We out here and many papers in the East had hoped with The Ottawa Journal the Government would set May 24 for official observance of the Sovereign's birthday. For May 21st has the appropriateness of royal associations, marking the advent of Summer, coming for Canadians as the first outdoor holiday of the year and at a season when our countryside is fresh and lovely.—Victoria Times.

LABOR MARCHES

There was a touch of summer in the air. Perky little suits and hats bobbed along Yonge Street as their owners attended to the usual Saturday morning shopping. The last strokes of twelve rolled heavily from the City Hall tower and men in new uniforms swarmed down University Avenue. Quiet little knots of people linked into a procession, each recognizing his neighbor by the little red ribbon of organized labor. Workmen, factory hands, shopgirls all formed part of Toronto's annual May Day Parade. There were speeches in Queen's Park and the evening newspapers reported all quiet on the labor front.

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Quints Thriving

Gained in Height and Weight During Past Month

CALLANDER, Ont. — Just a month from their third birthday the Dionne quintuplets stepped on the scales and laughed up at Dr. Allan Roy Dafeo as he marked up their weights and measured their height.

Three of the quintts have gained in height during the past month and four of them put on weight. Yvonne had a slight cold for a few days and dropped half a pound, but she could well afford it.

Marie, smallest of the quintts, produced a tooth, a quarter inch of height and four ounces of weight. She and Emilie led the tooth parade with 17 each now. The others have 16.

The gain brought Marie's height to 34 inches, the same as Emilie's. Cecile gained half an inch to reach 34 1/2 inches. Annette put on an eighth of an inch to hit 34 5/8, and Yvonne remained at 34 1/2.

Here are their weights in pounds and ounces with the gain from March 25th:

Yvonne, 30 lbs. 8 ozs. less 8 ounces. Anette, 31 pounds, 8 ounces gain of 12 ounces; Cecile, 31 pounds, gain of 16 ounces; Emilie, 30 pounds, gain of 16 ounces; Marie, 27 pounds, gain of 4 ounces.

News Parade

By Peter Randal

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Take Off That Hat In New York or You May Be Arrested

NEW YORK. — Magistrate Michael A. Ford ruled last week that a citizen who declines to remove his hat in a bar or restaurant when a lady is present is guilty of disorderly conduct.

John J. Price manager of a Second Avenue establishment complained against the brothers Phillips — Thomas and James. It seems there were women present and Thomas took off his hat while James remained covered.

When Price asked James to remove his hat, he said James declined. Thomas then invited Price out in the street. A disturbance resulted and a policeman was called.

Magistrate Ford said he thought it was "disorderly conduct when a lady is present" to remove his hat in a restaurant or any other place where ladies are present.

The brothers Phillips received a suspended sentence.

Primer Prepared for Adult Illiterates

Book Illustrated With Simple Drawings as if For Children

NEW YORK. An introduction to the mysteries of the English language for adult illiterates in New York City project staff.

The primer, entitled "My First Book" is based on a pioneer work compiled in 1932 by Miss Caroline A. Whipple, adult education supervisor of the New York State Board of Education and Clarissa H. MacAvoy, an authority on teaching illiterates. Nearly all the 61 lessons are illustrated by simple drawings.

Instead of pictures of domestic animals, toys and other familiar objects of childhood portrayed in juvenile textbooks, the primer deals pictorially with "stop" and "go" traffic signals, "this way out," and "keep off the grass."

To illustrate the verbs "push" and "pull" the primer presents a little group of Alpine mountaineers struggling with the laws of gravity on the edge of a cliff.

Deforestations Is Cause of Floods

Provincial Forester Says Percentage Dangerously Low — Tree Planting Program Needed.

TORONTO. — E. J. Zavitz, provincial forester, states consideration is being given to construction of storage reservoirs at the heads of the Grand and Thames rivers and other watersheds to prevent repetition of this spring's Western Ontario floods.

Needless clearing of forest lands and draining of swamps contributed to the seriousness of the flood, he said. Mr. Zavitz expressed the belief it might be necessary to restore certain swamp areas. When swamps existed at the heads of the Grand and Thames they held back water during rainstorms and in the spring.

"There is no doubt about it, if the forests and swamps had been left there to hold up the water, the severity of our recent floods would have been lessened. The draining of swamps had been carried in an extreme," said the forester.

He forecast an extensive reforestation program as trees with root penetration which allows water to seep into the ground lessen the flood danger. The government's proposed reforestation program includes 29,000 acres, with some 10,000,000 trees distributed. Mr. Zavitz did not consider this sufficient.

Five Per Cent. Forest. "We have 26 counties with less than nine per cent. of forest. We have 135 townships in Ontario with less than five per cent. of forest which is dangerously low. Most of that area is in Old Ontario, the southwestern area, the scene of your big floods.

"Why, with even greater agricultural requirements that we, France and other countries in Central Europe have between 15 and 18 per cent. of forest. There is no doubt that without conflicting with agricultural interests, we could and should maintain at least between 15 and 20 per cent. forest."

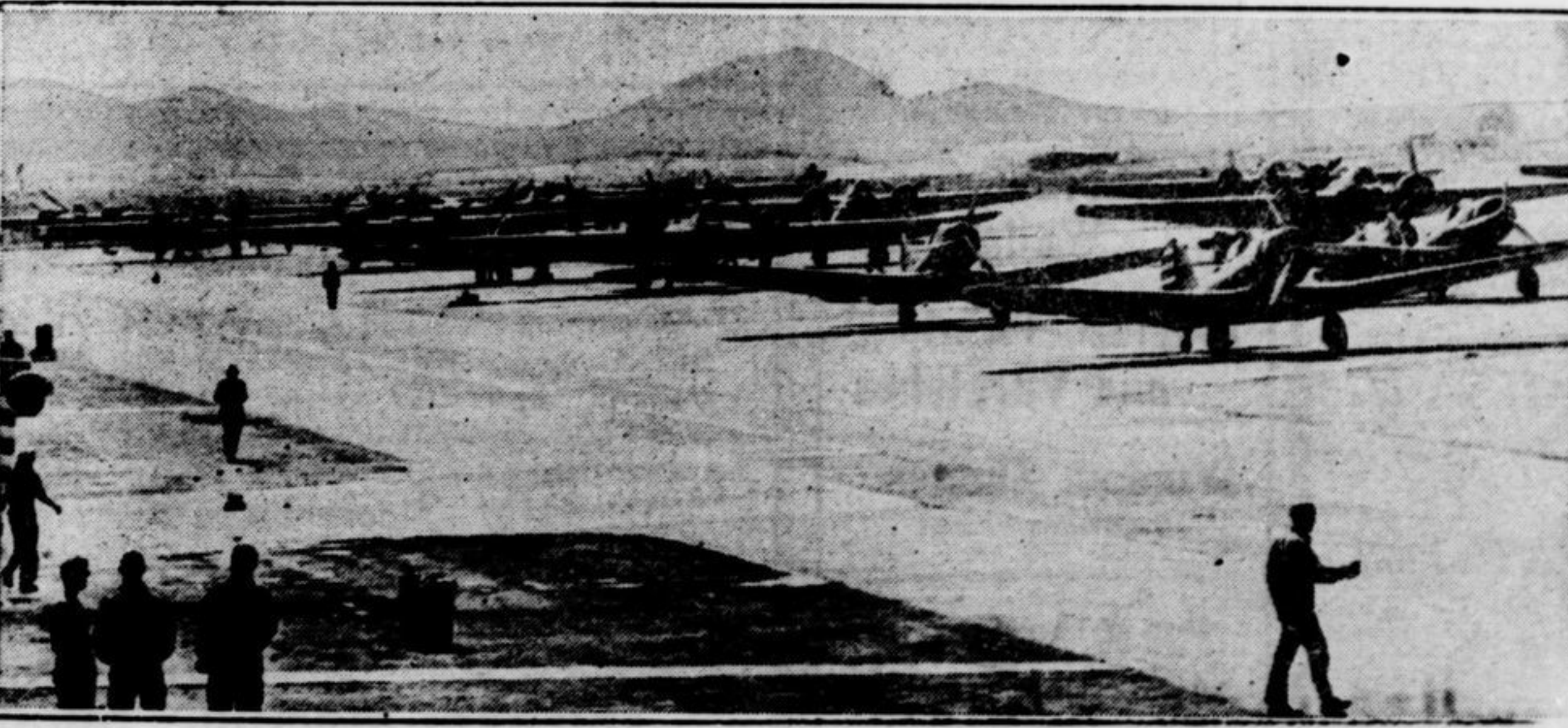
Will Be Necessary To Employ Women

"Flyinest Female" Averages 10,000 Air Miles a Month

SALT LAKE CITY. — The United States' "Flyinest female" (she averages 10,000 air miles a month) says there's a new field for women in aviation — in the executive department.

Brown-eyed, dark-haired Helen Stanbury, director of the United States Lines Women's Traffic Division, said airlines are going to have to employ more women in order to serve properly the increasing numbers of female passengers she predicted.

Eight years ago only two per cent of the airline passengers were women. Now one-third of them were women.



A squadron of huge army bombing planes make a picture of deadly beauty as they line up at Murdoch Dry Lake, before taking to the air for war games.