### ree Planting A Public Eenefit

hn M. Hoskins, Chicago, writes. alling my early life in Canada as ioneer surrounded by the most stiful wooded district in America. wonderful trees in every direcuntil the advent of the settlers. the destruction of the trees was principal industry of the new set-

The timber was sold at a low or turned and the ashes made potash which was about the export commodity that the early ers had in those days.

hat timber were in existence toon would have an asset that t easily wipe out your national and leave you a substantial sur-

my yearly visits to my native I do miss the beautiful wooded ets that I formerly loved to vis. w ; find the towns and cities wooded than the farm dis-

time has arrived when the subof tree planting and tree produchould be of first importance to loyal citizen of Canada,

ry farmer should devote at the one-fourth of his land to the ction of trees, in the form of a d district, with numerous shade in other sections.

ammer the rooded section a comfortable shade for the tock and a beautiful home for nd other wild life. And in the they form a much needed reak and protection from the They also protect the snow sudden thaws, thus preventing ese of many disastrous floods. lling leaves every year provide able fertilizers which is much at this time.

planting bureaus should he thed in every province in Car-And trees should be supplied f cost to every individual corme or municipality who will hem and agree to give them ion for a stated time for pro-

e establishment of tree plantmans, mature judgment should d in the selection of the kind se planted. It is just as easy to nd raise valuable timber trees s to raise trees of no timber one is a liability and the other

is a wonderful opening in for the production of trees, we millions of acres of waste every province, especially in rib west provinces, Every colid schol in Canada should have explanting department. Give log Scouts a chance to plant worthy object for any proe erganization,

t better monument can any ci-4 eave than a beautiful tree or still a grove of beautiful trees, le we all realize that only God oduce a tree, still we His peowe a wonderful opportunity to in their production and thes leave not only a life record for es but our action will be of a ful benefit to all future gener-

#### nosen 1937 merican Mother

arl Gray, of Omaha, Neb., lected by Golden Rule Foundation

YORK - Mrs. Carl Gray, 67 in Neb., who helped her husse from a \$60-a-month job as telegrapher to president of Pacific Enilroad, was nam-Mother of three, ther of five and great grandof one, she was selected by a ee of the Golden Rule foundaeceive a silver medal in New Mosher's Day, May 9th,

oundation is composed of a professional, religious, chairat Mrs. Gray at 67 best re-I the typical mother, one of factors in making the as that Mrs. Gray places & success and social position y to character and service. taught Sunday school classes years and was the first weher to mee the radio for the

Gray, Jr., 46, of St. Paul. the is vice-president and gollager of the Chicago St. Paul. olis and Omaha Railrodd; Jores Gray, 36, of Bronxville. occurs the Gray Boat Shep Blugent of the Western M. ie specialist in cancer the a staff member of the Me. Rochester, Minn.

ray will represent the 'arthers on Mother's Day, May claborate program which wall MEL Lion New York.

and paul grows to a height. get in its native state. It is green tree, which bears long leathery leaves and beautie or rose tinted flowers, foly woody capsules containing und seeds each

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#### CANADA

Cure for Floods

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

Best Friend

A recent nation-wide pole conduct ed by the Institute of Public Opinfa, marking the twentieth anniver-· - ary of the United States entrance into the World War, indicates that Great Britin is the most liked Euro pean 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 was five times greater than accorded France and almost seven times greater than for Germany. The vote by percentages was as follows:

Britain 55, France 11, Germany 8, Finland 4, Ireland 4, Italy 3, Switzerland 3, Belgium 2, Norway 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, 70 miles from Sudbury bled to death from an accidental rifle wound. That incident points forcibly to its own moral. - 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 secluded, uneventful, dull. But there Drake and Raleigh. is another side to the picture.

The old lady of Tilbury has known I 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 free and flowing robes which the Greeks were, and sitting in some omium-plated hades 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 verlict of posterity will be upon some f our magazine covers, with those lop-sided, 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 presen, 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 | that if she gave her age she would collecting echoes of the past, with mental blinkers on. - Hamilton Spec- whereas, at present, the Lord of the tator.

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 north-west, whose pelts were at one or himself. Miss Hamer said she time common currency in the terri- still refused to give her age.

tories ruled by the Hudson's Bay Company, but which has been decimated by greedy trappers attracted by the value of its fur. - Fort Wil-

Means Business

Anyone who doubts that Britain is in dead earnest about rearming has only to look at the tax load the Britishers are willing to carry these

Before Neville Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer brought in his new budget, with its higher rates, the British taxpayer was shelling 221/2 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 appraised 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-armament, it must be admitted that such a nation is decidedly in earnest about its preparedness program. - Kitchener Re-

The King's Birthday

June 9th, 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

We out here and many papers in the East had hoped with The Ottawa Journal the Government would se May 24 for official observance of the Sovereign's birthday, For, May 24th has the appropriateness of royal as sociations, 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.

#### THE EMPIRE

Handbook for Teachers Being issued by the Board of Education is a six hundred page hand-

book for teachers. Points of the Board's new system are that good music is an essential of a child's education, that a girl should begin by learning household duties. such as ironing, cleaning silver and

Under the new regime, both boys and girls are to learn gardening. embarrassing questions about the child's personal reactions to the sentiments of a poem are to be cut out. are labelled as hypocrisy and sentimentality breeders.

Left out of future history lessons will be details of Henry VIII's matrimonial quibble, intricate policies of modern times. Children are to hear er most worth while. It may appear | more of swashbuckling heroes like

Relief to the non-mathematical is that dreaded, long and complex fractions are to disappear. - London

### Englishwoman Goes To Court Rather Than Tell Her Age

Bases Refusal on Contention That Plaintiff Would Have to Prove Her Liability

Miss Leslie Hamer, of the May Fair Hotel, London, W., was summoned at Oxford Police Court recently for neglecting to attend a summons under the seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. She pleaded "not guilty" and conducted her own de-

It was stated that Miss Hamer had owned land in Surrey which was subject to a quit rent. The Lord of the Manor had applied to the Minister of Agriculture to have the quit rent abolished and compensation paid, for which, as it was based on the expectancy of life, it was essential that Miss Hamer should give her age. She had refused to do so, and had also refused to attend an inquiry at Oxford when she would have been asked to

give her age. Miss Hamer, giving evidence, said her contention was that she was not liable for quit rent on the land and have to prove she was not liable, Manor had to prove she was liable. She said she did not attend the inquiry at Oxford because the day before she went to the Ministry of Health, and saw an official, and as a result of the conversation she understood that she would try and settle for the development of the Canadian | the matter with the Lord of the Man-

> The summons was dismissed. The case, it was stated, was the first of its kind in England.

## Quints Thriving

Gained in Height and Weight During Past Month

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

Three of the quints 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 quints, produced a tooth, a quarter inch of height and four ounces of weight. She and Emile lead the teeth parade with 17 each now. The others have 16.

The gain brought Marie's height to much. 34 inches, the same as Emilie's. Cecile gained half an inch to reach 34% inches. Annette put on an eighth of an inch to hit 34 5-8, and Yvonne remained at 341/4.

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

Yvonne, 30 lbs, 8 ozs, loss 8 ounces, Anette, 31 pounds, 8 ounces gain of 12 ounce: Cecile, 31 pounds, gain of 16 ounces; Emilie, 30 pounds, gain of 16 ounces; Marie, 27 pounds, gain of

#### News Parade By Peter Randal

LABOR MARCHES

There was a touch of summer i the air. Perky little suits and hats bobbed along Yonge Street as their owners attended to the usual Saturday morning shopping. The las 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 al formed part of Toronto's annua May Day Parade. There were speeches in Queen's Park and the evening newspapers reported al quiet on the labor front.

But was all quiet? There are those who sense a subtle difference in this year's labor parade. They say it was better organized, larger, while many of the banners carried the letters C I.O. Mr. Hepburn is one of those said to have sensed the difference. A conference was held with the leader of the Conservative opposition and the subject of discussion hinged on the possible formation of a coalition government to face this new force in the land. The Honourable Earl Rowe is said to have had hurried conferences with Mr. Bennett, who was about to sail for the Coronation, and other members of the Conservative campaign division and the

answer, if there was any, was no. It may well be that the powers had reason to think seriously. Federal authorities estimate a C.I.O. membership in Canada before the end of the present year. Organizers are even now at work in five industries including the automobile industry, the rubber industry, the mining industry, the textile industry and the steel industry. Danger signals have begun to fly all over the industrial map of Eastern Canada. Settlement of the General Motors strike at Oshawa, though not a C.I.O. victory, was far from a definite defeat and the readiness with which the auxiliary divisions of the industry have signed agreements based on the terms of the Oshawa peace pact is ample evidence of the new found power of this or-

ganization. Will labor be satisfied with the meeting of its industrial demands? The actions of government leaders and the opinions of many leading Canadians seem to foreshadow the entry of a new and stronger labor party into politics.

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In England they are really kicking about the income tax and with a far bigger reason than the average Canadian. Under the new budget announced by Neville Chamberlain the prosperous Englishman must pay the government one dollar out of every four he makes. There were kicks from without the Conservative fold but also from within. These were the most important as having a possible bearing on Mr. Chamberlain's elevation to the Prime Ministershir on the retirement of Mr. Baldwin. But Mr. Chamberlain shrugs his lean shoulders and explains that his "soak the rich" policy is only one means of attempting to raise the price of Britain's rearmament program. \$7,500,000,000 is a lot of money but in these precarious times. John Bull thinks it none too

FLOODS AT HOME

worry about than mere economic un-

But Western Ontario had more to

rest in the past week. The forces of nature rebelled and the strongest government can do little against rivers which rise twenty-eight feet above their normal levels in the course of a single night. A train was wrecked, houses were dashes to pieces, dams and bridges were swept away. Five people lost their lives, ten thousand were driven from their homes and the repair bill is variously estimated at from \$3,500,000 to \$5,-000,000. Chairman E. V. Buchanan of the London Public Utilities Commission says it will be a year before the damage to the city water system has been repaired. So high has been the loss that a plebiscite on a proposed adultion to Victoria Hospital, long a cherished project, has been dropped. According to insurance companies, few people carried flood insurance. For years they have thought of Ontario as a haven of security out of which they might peep at the devastation of flood, famine and dust storms so characteristic of the United States of the Middle West. Now it is a different story. Many are suddenly realizing that these visitations are not acts of God but the results of civilized greed. If Canada has been spared until now. it is only because our capacity has not allowed us to keep up with our American contemporaries. Too many forests have been cut down. Too many swamps have been drained. Some system of water storage must be devised to take the place of these natural distributors. Already engineers are studying the possibilities of controlling the rivers of Western Ontario and it is to be hoped that the results will bear fruit in something more concrete than academic discus-**BLOCKADE RUNNER** 

Things are happening so swiftly in Great Britain that it seems almost too much for one government to handle. Many think it is too much and that the present government leaves a good deal to be desired. For instance there is a very indefinite British foreign policy in regard to Spain. For weeks British freighters were forced to lay with rotting cargoes in French ports while thousands of civilians starved in beleagued Bilbao. It wasn't the British navy that took the situation into its own hands. in an attempt to break the blockade of the insurgent Spanish fleet, but Captain David (Potato) Jones of the Seven Seas Spray. With typical bulldog determination, Potato Jones defied the blockade, helped a little it must be admitted, by the presence of a great British battlecruiser which rolled, as if by accident, into the Spanish line of fire. Other food ships have followed the example of the Seven Seas Spray and the blockade is ended. General Franco is said to be plenty angry about it and back in London, Potato Jones is the hero of the hour.

#### TAX HEADACHES: HERE

There were a great many headaches last week and it wasn't only the stock market. Income tax returns had to be filed. To most of us, a few dollars would look like prosperity but one London, Cntario, man fact, the by-law is uncalled for."

# Untario \$2,000,000 Over Estimate

Jumps to \$9,313,000 - Actual Surplus Makes More Certain Reduction in Motor License Fees, Announces Premier Hepburn

had so much of it that it cost him \$4,-000,000 in government tribute. An Irishman would say that it almost pays to be poor.

HUMANITY TAKES A HAND

The storm signals are up at Bilbao and the pilots of several Eureopean ships of state are wondering just what will happen next. Last week, the insurgents massacred 800 civilians at the ancient Basque capital of Guernica. The operation was carried out, it is charged by Loyalists, by German planes and directed by Cerman officers. Great Britain and France have determined that such a death shall not come to the 300,000 civilians, mostly women and chi'dren, now in Bilbao. Ignoring the protests of General Franco, arrangements have been completed for their evacuation to places of safety on French and British soil. On the heels of this action comes word that Hitler and Mussolini intend to ignore demands that they withdraw their troops from Spain.

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE The war in Spain must take a bac seat to the great Coronation pageant to take place in London next week From far off India, fabulous princes are even now on their way to the centre of the Empire. But the common people of India will not be there. They are protesting against the new constitution imposed upon them by British diplomacy or lack of it. From every Empire country, in fact from the whole world people continue the movement toward London. Great plans have been made for their reception. Hotels are booked to capacity. Seats along the coronation route are selling as high as \$200. The parks will be thrown upen the night before the big event for those who want to sleep on the ground. All in all, Great Britain expects to make approximately \$30,000,000 out of the big show. But behind the scenes things are not moving smoothly as they might. 25,000 busmen have seized upon the opportunity to strike for a seven and a half hour day knowing that their demands must be met before the Coronation if traffic is not to become hopelessly jammed. The strike is now on and no settlement in sight.

A KING-RETIRED In a sleepy little courtroom at Ipswich, a job lot of divorces were made final this week. Workmen were hammering on Coronation decorations outside as the famous divorce case of Simpson was finally closed. It was distinguished from many others of its kind only by a different cypher. A young man in St. Wolfgang, Austria hastily packed his bags and began a dash across Europe. It was soon ended at the Chateau de Cande in France. They say Edward smiled for the first time in months. Wedding plans are in the air and the Empire awaiting the crowning of his brother can but wish him the happines which he gave so much to ob-•••••••

#### News In Review

North Bay Plans Licenses

For All Tourist Homes NORTH BAY, - Steps to license homes catering to summer tourists were taken by the North Bay City Council last week. Second reading was given to a by-law providing for zoning the city for this purpose, with fees ranging from \$10 to \$20. Alderman C. Tremblay was out-

spoken in his objection. "The rates." he declared, "were unreasonable in

TORONTO .- This week, Premier Hepburn forecast an actual surplus of \$9,313,000 in Ontario Government revenues, instead of \$7,343,000 as estimated in his March budget ed.

He attributed the increase from succession duties and stated further that the Lands and forests Department would make "a little more certain" the reduction of license fees

for passenger motor vehicles. In his Budget speech the Premier hinted strongly that the reduction granted commercial vehicle users might be extended to include owners of passenger cars if finances warranted such action. No other cuts in taxation are planned for the im mediate future. The savings passed on to the taxpayers already total \$9,600,000, it was revealed.

Soaring revenues in various Government departments had been responsible for the two-million dollar addition to the surplus, the Premier declared, revealing also that his Government had been able to keep within his forecast of a reduction of \$33,-000,000 in gross provincial debt.

Rumors of an impending election were groundless, Mr. Hepburn stated. He did not believe, he said, that there was any public demand for an

North Gets Planes

SAULT STE MARIE, ONT., The Ontario Air Service will have twenty-four airplanes for forest fire suppression and detection work this summer, Director George Ponsford has announced. Two new planes are being manufactured at the hangar

One of the new planes ordered will be placed at Port Arthur and other at Sioux Lookout, Both are of the semi-transport type, making them available for both suppression and detection flying. They are equipped with two-way-voice radio.

Two aircraft were built in the hangars here last year. The engine is now in a third, while the fourth will not be ready until June.

Canada - Haiti Pact

OTTAWA, - A commercial agreement between Canada and Haiti giving most-favoured nation treatment in tariff matter has been signed Hon. W. E. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce announced this week. The pact was signed on April 23rd on behalf of Canada by the British Miniseter of Port-au-Prince, Haita,

The agreement provides for the extension of most-favoured-nation treatment in tariff matters by each country to the products of the other for a period of one year, but will remain in force thereafter until denounced on six months' notice before being given by either party.

The new commercial agreement assures that Canadian goods imported into Haiti will be granted the benefit of the minimum tariff of that country, in place of the maximum tariff, which is double the minimum

tariff. The chief products exported from ! Haiti-Canada to Haiti are flour, salted and smoked fish and rubber tires, while imports consist chiefly of sisal, istle and tampico fibre.

B. C. Newspaper Classed

Among 11 Best Weeklies VERNON, B.C., - The Vernon News, published by W. S. Harris, in this twon 200 miles west of Vancouver, has been included in the "all-star 11" of American weekly newspapers, chosen by Professor John Casey, the head of the School of Journalism, the University of Oklahoma.

#### 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 con-

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

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 policemen was called.

Magistrate Ford said he thought it was "disorderly conduct when a diner refused to remove his hat in a restaurant or any other place where ladies are present." The brothers Phillips received sus-

pended 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 as 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 51 lessons are illustrated by simple drawings

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

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,

#### Deforestrations 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 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 to an extreme," said the forester,

He foresaw 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 20,-000 acres, with some 10,000,009 trees distributed. Mr. Zavitz did not consider this sufficient.

"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.

Five Per Cent. Forest

"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

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

SALT LAKE CITY, - The United States' 'flyingest female" (she averages 10,009 air miles a month) says there's a new field for women in avlation - in the executive department. Brown-eyed Cark-haired He'ca Stanbury, director of the United / in Lines Women's Traffic Division, said airlines are going to have to ome or more women in order to serve too ly the increasing numbers of forces ine passengers. She explained

Eight years ago only two particle of the airline pasencers von Now one-third of those who re-

War Game Bombers



A squadron of huge army bombing planes make a picture of deadly beauty as they line up at Murdoc Dry Lake, . . before take.

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