

Real Tom Sawyer Died Last Month

At Age of 82—Cincinnati Author and Inventor Is Said to Have Inspired Mark Twain

Thomas Sawyer Spivey, reputedly the inspiration for Mark Twain's tale of boys' life on the Mississippi River banks, died last month. He was 82 years old.

Spivey, noted in his own right as an author and as the inventor of the modern fireproof safe, died in hospital at Cincinnati, Ohio, after a year's illness.

As a boy of 12 in the post-Civil War days in Shawneetown, Ill., Twain piloted a Mississippi River boat and stopped often to invite youngsters aboard, hear their stories of adventure and tell them the tales of river life.

"Tom considered Sam Clemens his best friend and often sipped cocktails and exchanged yarns with him in the red room of the Waldorf in New York," his widow said.

Spivey's writings, included in Who's Who in America, covered fiction, political theory and religion.

By-Election Victor



Karl Homuth scored a victory for the Conservatives when he overcame his Liberal and C. F. opponents in the Federal by-election for the Ontario riding of Waterloo south.

Horse Has Been Aid to Mankind

History of Steeds Shows That We Have Been Helped by Them in Work, in War

Two thousand years ago the breed still known as Arabian was in existence as a contributor to man's welfare. Spanish and French breeds gradually followed in development.

Perhaps a major factor in the success of William the Conqueror's British invasion was the superiority of the steeds he brought with him. From that time on the breeding problem changed as far as horses were concerned, for with the flowering of knightly armor, stronger animals were needed to bear the warrior and his heavy armor.

Place in Agriculture
As armor continued to increase in weight, importations of Flemish horses were made by King John, of Magna Carta times. Henry VIII compelled English farmers to keep mares of certain weight for breeding with selected stallions.

Again the picture changed with the advent of gunpowder, which Oliver Cromwell first used with success in warfare, and a still different type of horse was sought by breeders. From that time on the horse began to take its place in agriculture and late in the 18th century drove the ox from the plow to its feed lot.

Comics Forbidden Fascist Children

Popeye the Sailor and Mickey Mouse Must Not Be Read by Young Italians

Popeye the Sailor and Mickey Mouse are unsuitable for Italian children's minds, which must be steered through the medium of juvenile papers to the imperial spirit of the Fascist revolution, the National Conference on Juvenile Literature decided in Bologna last week.

Plans have already been made for a fundamental transformation of children's papers and magazines. Editors have received orders to eliminate from their publications anything which goes counter to Italianism or to the formation of racial pride and consciousness.

Children's papers have a circulation of about 1,500,000 copies weekly. Hitherto Popeye and Mickey Mouse—the latter under the name of Topolino—have been popular features.

Ancient Oyster Adage Reliable

Strangely enough, the old adage that oysters are not good eating in the months that have no "R" in them is pretty reliable, according to R. E. S. Homans of the Prince Edward Island Fisheries Bureau.

The reason is that during the summer months in oyster beds of the United States, where the saying originated, the water temperatures usually reach 70 degrees. At this temperature the shell-fish spawn and their meat is then thin and rubbery.

In the Maritime Provinces, however, where the water does not reach 70 degrees until mid-summer oysters are still their succulent selves in the months of May and June.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

WHEN CRISIS COME SINGLY
Now if the quints had only had their tonsils out during the war crisis! — Hamilton Spectator.

A PAN TO BE PANNED

We don't like Hitler's map of Europe. Neither do we care for the map of Hitler himself. — Brandon Sun.

WE NEED REALISTS

The world needs idealists, but what Canada needs most at the moment is some honest, courageous realists at the head of affairs. — Farmer's Advocate.

THERE WERE OTHER THINGS TOO

A Russian farmer claims to be 145 years old, and says he can remember Napoleon's retreat from Moscow in 1812. Then he can also remember probably when men gave up their seats in street cars to ladies, when people went to a dance to dance, and when fishermen went to fishing grounds to fish. — Chatham News.

LUCKY CRUSOE!

Wonder if Robinson Crusoe really appreciated how lucky he was, castaway out there on his island with no taxes to pay, no unemployment problem, apparently a pleasant climate and always a meal to be had for the catching; which is a hanged sight surer and easier than the way some of us have to get our daily bread, here in what passes for civilization. — Calgary Albertan.

WHEN YOU LEND YOUR CAR

The hit-and-run driver menace is continuing, bringing a Hamilton magistrate to call for punishment for owners of loaned cars involved in such incidents. It seems strange that a person who suffers injury is without recourse against the car owner who lends his car to another, who promptly evades any financial responsibility. But then law and justice are not always the same. — Brantford Expositor.

WAR SCARES AND PRICES

Your grocer has to take an interest in international affairs whether he wishes to or not. News from Spain is that General Franco and a 1937 frost have combined to advance prices of Seville bitter oranges for marmalade. Manchurian walnuts on the way are to be cheaper than present stocks. The trade journal, Canadian Grocer, reports that beans are cheaper "since the war scare dissolved."

The BOOK SHELF

By ELIZABETH EEDY

"THE LONG VALLEY"

By John Steinbeck

Known as one of the most richly promising of younger American writers, John Steinbeck has humor, deep understanding of human nature, a true grasp of life. Here in his first volume of short stories, "The Long Valley," you have tales which demonstrate intimate, delicious communion with the Salinas Valley land of California that nourishes Steinbeck's art, as well as stories theatrically set in mystic gardens and castles which seem to have no rooted strength. Here are exquisite studies of childhood, poetic and fresh, as well as brutal accounts of mortal struggles with Nature and mercilessly true descriptions of violence. Here are portraits of workers and peasants and farm wives with genuine vitality and truth about them. You get the smell and feel and sound of the stables, the farmyard, the pigsty, the corral, the kitchen, the mountains, the California skies and dew and nights. It is a bewildering variety of material.

Handsomely bound this volume makes an ideal gift book for the discriminating.

"The Long Valley," by John Steinbeck; 303 pp; Toronto: Geo. J. McLeod Publishers. \$2.50.

Modern Etiquette

BY ROBERTA LEE

1. What expenses should the bridegroom assume?
2. When dining in a friend's home should a guest take a helping of each dish offered?
3. What is America's favorite diversion, indoor and out?
4. Should a woman, when writing a social note to a man, use the salutation, "Dear Sir"?
5. At what hours are informal calls made between intimate friends?
6. Must one always leave a portion of food on the plate after finishing a meal?

Answers:

1. The bride's wedding ring, marriage license, gloves, ties, and boutonnières for his attendants, the minister's fee, transportation for his family and his attendants to the church, the honeymoon trip; and from that time on—everything. But don't be discouraged. The right kind of wife is worth it. 2. Yes; it is the courteous thing to do, even if one is not fond of some certain dish. And for a guest to refuse two or three dishes is really rude and unpardonable. 3. Dancing. 4. No. "Dear Sir" is for business purposes only. The informal salutation is "Dear Mr. Gibson," the more formal salutation, "My dear Mr. Gibson." 5. At any hour during the afternoon or evening. A considerate friend will not "drop in" when she knows her neighbor devotes the morning to her housework. 6. No, it is not necessary.

NAMES in the NEWS



Nels Linden, 69, of Wetaskiwin, Alta., was named wheat king of the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, in November, his sample of Reward variety winning over more than 130 exhibits.

The new Canadian wheat king, who succeeds James Sebastian, of Wembley, Alta., 1937 winner, farms 1,000 acres near Wetaskiwin, producing prize grain for many years. Sebastian also won with Reward, the hard red spring variety adjudged best at many shows.

Linden was crowned barley king of the Chicago International Grain Show in 1933. Two years before he won the Alberta oats championship and in the same year was awarded the Robertson prize by the Canadian Seed Association for the best efforts in pure seed production.

Toothpick Custom Said Beneficial

Bring back the good old days of the toothpick, pleaded Dr. Inodor Hirschfeld of Columbia University before a convention of dentists. He urges that men revive the old fashion of going about with gold toothpicks dangling from their vests—a "great aid in the prevention of pyorrhea."

Judge Character From Typwriting

A New Kind of Graphology Is Based on Different Styles of "Pounding the Keys"—You Read the Rules and Rate Up Yourself

Like handwriting, say the French—different styles of typing denote in their way different characteristics. Whether it is a wide margin or a narrow one, pounding on the keys or hitting some letters in typing marks some particular trait which can be interpreted if the different signs are understood.

A person who uses an overly wide margin and especially a wide margin for the beginning of a paragraph is highly sensitive.

Not All Struck Alike

A very small margin or no margin at all at the beginning of a paragraph means the person is lacking in good taste, is inclined to be miserly and overly frugal concerning small things.

A letter which has been typed at a continuous speed and the letters are all struck with virtually the same force indicates that the writer is generally good in several fields, but not necessarily specialized in any.

The "pounder" who makes deep imprints in the paper is easily distracted and is generally not a good concentrated.

Those who type words where the letters are not all struck with an equal force are sensitive and are usually possessed of a great deal of personality.

Fattening Poultry Value Is Shown

Quality of Cockerels Improves Through Crate Feeding It Is Believed

A demonstration of improvement in quality through crate fattening of cockerels is being carried out by officers of the Dominion Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Brockville Co-operative Egg and Poultry Pool and with the Secretary of the Canadian Produce Association. In view of the fact that a great deal of poor quality dressed poultry is still coming on to the market, it was felt that an actual demonstration carried out upon the farms of representative producers would bring home the fact of improved grades through fattening in a way which would appeal to the producer of market birds.

The actual plan upon which the demonstration is based consists in selecting forty-eight healthy cockerels from the flock of each of several poultrymen, banding them and leaving one-half on range and placing the other half in fattening crates. After approximately three weeks of fattening both fattened and unfattened groups will be killed, dressed and carefully graded so as to indicate the improvement brought about through crate feeding.

Shorn wool production in Canada for 1938 is estimated at 13,384,000 pounds compared with an estimate of 13,772,000 pounds in 1937.

Every person in Belfast, Northern Ireland, is to be fitted for a gas mask once a year.

Leave It to Him



Frank Scaccio, ABOVE, was willing to take any kind of job he could get and was happy to be hired as housemaid by Mrs. Meyer Goldin, of Chicago. Shown here cleaning the house, he also cooks, washes dishes and takes care of the baby.

News Parade

By Elizabeth Eedy

CHRISTMAS TREE TRADE: A growing industry in Canada during recent years is the export of Christmas trees to brighten homes across the U. S. border. Did you know that approximately 700,000 Ontario spruce, pine and balsam trees will be exported to the United States this Yuletide season? That half a million more are marked for Canadian homes? That more than a thousand acres of land in Ontario will be denuded as a result?

Even then we are not taking into account the unauthorized cutting of Christmas trees done by individuals everywhere. In one Ontario small town, two years ago, we remember, somebody chopped down the little trees in the local cemetery and sold them at a handsome price.

WHY TORTURE THE JEWS: "Time," in its incisive foreign comment section last week advanced the suggestion that the pogroms against Jews in Germany are part of a gangster-blackmail scheme cooked up by Nazis a while back.

How it is supposed to work: By holding the Jewish community of Germany in a state of general inability to earn a living wage, Nazis hope to force the international Jewish community to remit to Germany huge enough sums in "good money" to keep their Jewish relatives in the Reich from going too hungry or cold. The dollars, pounds, francs to be secured by thus "shaking down the whole Jewish race" are wanted to pay for such vital imports as Ger-

many cannot get by barter deals. Then, too, if Germany can induce Great Britain and the United States to pay money to get persecuted Jews out of the country, that's all to the good so far as the Reich is concerned.

ITALIAN ACCORD: Britain's approval of the Anglo-Italian accord (engineered by Prime Minister Chamberlain himself) is a diplomatic victory for both Mussolini and Franco. Franco will get belligerent rights, enabling him to blockade Spanish loyalist territory and cut off the supply of materials from outside.

For Mussolini it means recognition of his Ethiopian conquest (although Italian troops are still fighting the natives). The King of Italy is now acknowledged "Emperor of Ethiopia" by all the world's major powers, with the exception of the United States and Soviet Russia.

Duce is considered to have done his part by withdrawing 10,000 "volunteers" from the Spanish conflict. The number of men and planes he has remaining in Spain is politely ignored.

DRAWING CLOSER: Through the signing of the tri-lateral trade agreement by Canada, Great Britain and the United States, the three English-speaking countries are drawn closer together than ever before in their history. It is more than a commercial agreement—the pact lays the ground for new understandings, future co-operation for defense purposes, by the three signatory nations.

A significant point to note is that Canada is becoming more and more involved in the American orbit, both in foreign policy and in domestic matters, as the two continents of North and South America prepare to defend themselves against the aggressions of Germany, Italy, Japan. President Roosevelt's declared determination to have the United States defend this entire hemisphere has linked us still more closely to Washington, may mark a turning-point in our policy. Henceforth the Dominion is likely to stress co-operation with the United States and the twenty Latin-American republics in a long-range mutual defense plan.

THE WEEK'S QUESTION: Will the man-in-the-street here be noticeably affected by the new Canada - United States trade agreement? Answer: The Canadian duty on American cigarettes will be cut from \$4.10 to \$3 a pound. There will be reductions in the duties on canned foods, electric washers and refrigerators, furniture, leather, boots and shoes. Canadian women will appreciate the lowered tariff on cosmetics, perfumes, jewelry.

He Knew Nothing About the Crisis

Man Went So Far Into the Wilds of B.C., He Did Not Hear About the International War Scare Till It Was All Over

Colonel Leonard Ropner, Conservative British M. P. went so far into the British Columbia wilds this autumn that he knew nothing of the international crisis until it was all over, he told the press in London, England, last week, on returning from Canada.

Colonel Ropner made an extensive tour of the Dominion, where he inspected forestry operations on Vancouver and Queen Charlotte Islands. He is a forestry commissioner of the United Kingdom.

He started on horseback August 14 and left civilization so far behind that neither he nor his party knew anything of the war danger until returning October 6 to a small Indian settlement where one of the inhabitants had a radio.

"There is still a mediating force in the world—public opinion—which can be utilized in solving our present problems," — Joseph P. Tumulty.

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WONDERLAND OF OZ



The farm houses became fewer as they went on, and the path was at times so faint that the Saw-Horse had hard work to keep in the road. The wagon began to lounce, too, so they were obliged to go slowly. After a wearisome journey they came in sight of a high wall, painted blue with pink ornaments. This wall was circular, and seemed to enclose a large space. It was so high that only the tree tops could be seen up above it.



The wall, which was closed and also latched. Upon the door was a sign in gold letters: "That's strange," said Omby Amby, reading it aloud. "Who are the Cuttenclips anyhow?" "Why they're paper dolls," answered the Wizard. "Didn't you know that?" "Paper dolls! Then let's go somewhere else," said Uncle Henry. "We are all too old to play with dolls," Dorothy. "But these are different," declared the Wizard. "They're all alive."



"Alive!" gasped Aunt Em, in amazement. "Yes, let's go in," said Dorothy. So they got out, as the door was not big enough for them to drive the Saw-Horse and wagon through it. "You stay here, Toto," commanded Dorothy. "You might make a breeze if I let you inside." Toto wagged his tail as if disappointed at being left behind, but he made no effort to follow them. The wizard unlatched the door, which opened outward, and they all looked eagerly inside.



Just before the entrance was a line of tiny soldiers with uniforms brightly painted and paper guns on their shoulders. They were exactly alike, from one end of the line to the other, all cut out of paper and joined together in the centers of their bodies. As the visitors entered, the Wizard let the door swing back into space, and at once the line of soldiers tumbled over, fell flat on their backs, and lay fluttering upon the ground.