

## Make Hot-Bed In Basement Window

Practical Type Can Be Built In Cellar Window With Southern Exposure

If you have a basement window with southern exposure, it is possible to build a practical hot-bed which is more easily watched, aired and watered than the standard type.

In front of the window make a shallow excavation, about a foot deep. The size must be figured carefully, so that a frame set in this excavation can be covered by window or hot-bed sash. As in the case of the hot-beds, a glass substitute may be used on the sash, if desired.

Easily Watched, Aired, Heated  
Build a frame to fit in the excavation. The sides must slant sharply from a point above the window, almost to the ground. Fit the sash on this frame, using hinges at the top so the sash may easily be raised for ventilation. Earth may be banked around the frame to keep out the cold; and the sides should be as tight as possible to keep out the wind.

The frame may have to be caulked where it joins the foundation to prevent drafts, otherwise it is built like the garden type, using a standard or odd sized sash as you choose.

Heat is supplied to this bed by opening the basement window and allowing the heated basement air to enter the bed.

## HAND MADE CURLS



Ann Morris, promising young Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer actress, who recently appeared in "Spring Madness", uses an old-fashioned curling iron to freshen up her lovely coiffure.

## Muskrat Crop Being Ensured

475 Square Miles In Saskatchewan Is Being Set Aside For Conservation Scheme — Indians To Benefit From Plan

A conservative scheme to restore muskrat in the Cumberland House district of Northern Saskatchewan 40 miles west of The Pas, has been started by the Hudson's Bay Company in co-operation with the Department of Indian Affairs.

Give Them A Livelihood  
Nearly 500 Indians, deprived of a large part of their income through the decline of the muskrat catch in recent years, will benefit from the conservation plan.

Embracing 475 square miles south of the Saskatchewan river and immediately west of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan boundary, the district a few years ago annually produced a crop of more than 100,000 muskrat pelts. In the last trapping year, 1935, only 7,000 pelts were taken. Since then no trapping has been permitted.

Enough In Four Years  
It will require four years for the scheme to reach maturity. During the development period Indian game guardians will be hired to protect muskrats from poachers.

## Inexperienced Pigeon Falters

A carrier pigeon that dropped in for a visit at old Quebec City Seminary told the tale of a unique aerial grocery service.

Picked up in the seminary yard by Abbe Rosario Benoit, the bird was identified through a leg-band and shipped by the priest to its owners, Dufort Brothers of Malone, N.Y., who conduct a wholesale grocery business.

Then came the explanation. Leo Dufort informed Abbe Benoit the pigeon was used with others by the firm to carry orders from the company's customers and had "fallen down" on the job because of inexperience.

Strand, South Africa, is trying to exterminate its rats because they get into an electric transformer and shut off the city's lights every little while.

## News Parade

By Elizabeth Eedy

THEY THAT HAVE NOT: The 850,000 more citizens of our fair Dominion who, for lack of gainful employment, have been forced to go on relief, are having a hard time hanging on to the freedom that is still theirs.

Individual liberty is threatened from more quarters than one. Out in Saskatchewan the Association of Rural Municipalities is asking that a curb be put on reliefees wishing to marry at Brantford, Ontario, a move in effect to disfranchise reliefees at municipal elections; no wite suggestion comes from Guelph that persons on relief stand ready to give blood donations "to taxpayers who are supporting you."

The latter recommendation smacked so much of asking reliefees "to pay with their blood" that Minister of Welfare Hon. Eric Cross immediately stepped on it, denouncing the proposal as "unthinkable."

WAY BACK WHEN: You may believe that Mussolini's scheme to get Tunisia and Savoy away from France is of comparatively recent origin—that it was cooked up, perhaps, with his pal Hitler after the latter got the jackpot at Munich.

Not at all. Il Duce has been scheming just such a scheme for twenty years! He set up the cry for Tunis and Savoy way back in 1919 when he was an obscure journalist writing for "Popolo d'Italia."

HITLER IN THE BALTIC: Last week saw one of the first steps taken toward domination of the Baltic region by Germany when Hitler purchased the island of Kotka from Finland. Germany isn't content with expansion southward but must go northward and eastward, too, until the entire continent is eventually brought within the Nazi Empire.

According to the Rosenberg plan, that is. Which Hitler is following. The plan aims to bring all of Europe under the swastika—Central Europe, Western Europe, Eastern Europe. It would incorporate Scandinavia into the Nazi system; claims the Baltic and its bordering states—Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania—for the Hitler Empire.

YEAR AGO THIS WEEK: Capt. Anthony Eden resigned as Foreign Minister of Great Britain in protest to the Government's policy of continuing to appease the dictators. Capt. Eden insisted that before Britain bargain any further with the dictators the latter should give concrete pledges of their good faith (such as withdrawal of "volunteers" from Spain). A year has passed. Now, even Prime Minister Chamberlain admits that he is still waiting for a "sign" from Hitler and Mussolini that they are acting in good faith.

THE WEEK'S QUESTION: A general election in the Dominion seems slated for the latter part of 1939. What is to be one of the main issues? Answer: Canada's participation in wars on other than Canadian soil. Right at the moment, nobody is just exactly sure whether it is possible or impossible for Canada to remain neutral in the event of a war in which Great Britain is involved. Due to the Quebec isolationist attitude, this question is likely to be a hot one.

## More Immigrants Entered Canada

Sizeable Increase During 1938 — Totals Rose to 17,244 Persons

Immigration into Canada in 1938 increased to 17,244 persons from 15,101 in 1937, according to a report for the calendar year issued by the immigration branch at Ottawa. The percentage of increase was 14.2.

There were 3,389 immigrants from the British Isles, an increase of 18.5 per cent; 5,893 from the United States, up 5 per cent; 1,312 from the Northern European races, a 14.7 increase and 6,710 from other races, an increase of 21.1 per cent.

More Ruthenians, Slovaks  
The greatest increase in the "other races" classification were made by Ruthenians, of whom 1,880 were admitted in 1938 compared to 1,206 in 1937, and Slovaks of whom 1,505 entered last year compared to 1,162 in 1937. There were 57 Japanese to 146 in 1937.

Of the total admitted, 6,800 were adult females, 4,142 adult males and 6,302 children. The farming class led with a total of 4,761 and the trading class was next with 1,329. Ontario took the greatest number—7,107 — and Quebec 3,301.

## This Mother Got Her Needle Back



Mrs. Mary Tozzo is holding the needle which was removed from the back of her baby, Dolores. But the story that goes with the needle is more than usually interesting. Before Dolores was born, the needle entered Mrs. Tozzo's leg. No more was heard about the needle until it turned up mysteriously at the base of the baby's spine. Doctor's are puzzled over the strange occurrence, but admit that it is quite possible that the needle

## The BOOK SHELF

By ELIZABETH EEDY

### AFTER THE DEATH OF DON JUAN

By Sylvia Townsend Warner  
Don Juan, Lady-killer No. 1 of the 18th century (remember reading about him in Byron's poem?) was kidnapped by the Devil, so the legend goes, and spent the rest of his eternal life in Hell. Miss Warner, one of the first-rank writers of 1939, refuses to believe this story, suggests that Don Juan instead of remaining in Hades, came back to his native Spain to plague the dusty nobles of his castle, the lusty peasants of the village. . . . The unexpected return of Don Juan after his reported death throws them all into a dither. . . .

Readers of "After the Death" will see in the tale a parallel to contemporary Spain. Miss Warner is a story-teller with a tongue in her cheek. witty, fascinating. . . .  
"After the Death of Don Juan" . . . By Sylvia Townsend Warner. Toronto: Macmillan Company of Canada. . . . \$2.75.

At a Hamburg, Germany, auction \$27,000 was paid for an American one-cent stamp of the year 1851, claimed to be the only one of its kind in existence.

## Were You Ever Alone In A Strange City?

• If you were you know the true value of this newspaper  
Alone in a strange city. It is pretty dull. Even the newspapers don't seem to print many of the things that interest you. Headline stories are all right, but there is something lacking. That something is local news.

For—all good newspapers are edited especially for their local readers. News of your friends and neighbors is needed along with that of far off places. That is why a newspaper in a strange city is so uninteresting. And that is why this newspaper is so important to you.

NOW is a good time to get to know your newspaper

## WONDERLAND OF OZ



As the First and Foremost raised his arms his hairy skin fell from him and he appeared before the astonished General Guph as a beautiful woman clothed in a flowing gown of rich purple. She had dark hair and her face was noble and calm. At the same instant the electric band of Phantoms was transformed into a pack of howling dogs running here and there as they snapped and snarled and showed their ugly yellow fangs.



The woman now raised her arms even as the bear-man had done and in a twinkling the wolves became crawling lizards, while she herself changed into a huge butterfly. Guph cried out in fear and took a step backward to avoid the lizards. Then another transformation occurred. All returned instantly to the forms they had originally worn. Then the First and Foremost, who had resumed his hairy body and bear head, turned to the gnome.



"Do you still demand our assistance?" he asked. "More than ever," answered the General, firmly. "Then tell me, what can you offer the Phantoms that they do not already have?" Guph hesitated. The magic belt seemed a poor thing compared with the magical powers of these people. He felt that he was dealing with powers greatly beyond him. There was but one argument which might interest the Phantoms, who were creatures of evil, and this he resolved to try.



"Permit me to call your attention to the exquisite joy of making the happy unhappy," he said. "Consider the pleasure of destroying innocent and harmless people." "Ah, you have answered me," cried the bear-man. "We will aid you. Go home and tell your handsomely-legged king that as soon as his tunnel is ready, the Phantoms will lead his legions to the conquest of Oz. The deadly desert has kept us from destroying it long ago. Go home and prepare for our coming."

## VOICE OF THE PRESS

READY FOR SPRING, 1939

It is reported that the ground hog came out this year wearing a gas mask and a steel helmet.—Kitchener Record.

FLOUGHSHARES INTO SWORDS

The only way we can think of to put the west right side up, is for someone to figure out a way of turning wheat into ammunition.—Calgary Herald.

FORTY DAYS AND NIGHTS.

Perhaps the life of our early settlers was not so difficult. The only way a crisis could get across the ocean was by ship.—Hamilton Spectator.

A HEALTHY SIGN

We disagree with the people who believe that the lack of unity in this country is anything but a healthy sign. When Canadians all begin to act and feel alike it will be because some one man's foot is standing on their collective necks.—Toronto Saturday Night.

LEADING STORES ADVERTISE

If you go into almost any community, you find this thing to be true: The leading stores are good advertisers. If you see a large store, it probably uses a lot of newspaper space. If you see a small store with a few people in it, it is not properly advertised.—Sarnia Canadian-Observer.

LESS HOME-BAKED BREAD

Time was, not so long ago, when home-made bread was one of the treats for the city visitor at a meal on a farm. Today—but take the evidence of an "inquiring reporter" on Stratford Beacon-Herald. Of nine ladies questioned, one still makes her own bread. One bakes "occasionally"; the other seven buy from the baker. Times change!—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

County councils, like other legislative bodies, have their limitations. But on the whole they are representative of rural Ontario and bring to their tasks the common sense and frugality which distinguish the inhabitants of their communities. They are valuable training schools in the working of the democratic system and on the whole less expensive institutions than more centralized forms of government.—London Free Press.

The romantic note is further underlined by voluminous skirts of muslin, organdie or white pique with wide hems and festooned with lace. Vionnet revives the full, tiered skirts of the 1830's accompanied by lace pantelettes.

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## 1,000 Canadians Will Train As R. A. F. Pilots

Within Next Fourteen Months 2,000 More Young Men Will Be Prepared As Groundmen And Mechanics; Training Centres In Ontario.

Canada will transform 1,000 university or Royal Military College graduates into highly trained air force pilots within the next fourteen months.

The great majority, probably 90 per cent, of them, will find jobs in Britain with the Royal Air Force when their training here is completed—unless war intervenes and they are needed for service with the Canadian Air Force.

Practically the entire \$6,000,000 to be voted for 1938-40 training of pilots is to be spent to develop the training of pilots for Britain in Canada, under the control of the Canadian Department of National Defence.

Concentrate On Fliers  
Training of pilots will be carried out distinct from the regular activities of the R.C.M.P. That the major operations in training are designed to turn out qualified war fliers for the United Kingdom is evidenced by the fact that while \$6,000,000 is to be spent on training in the year, the estimates provide for an addition of only 14 officers to the strength of the Canadian air force during 1939-40.

The plan is to go into operation this spring. While 1,000 pilots in training before the end of the year is one objective, approximately twice that number of groundmen or airfarmers will be trained as mechanics.

South Africa is seeking new uses for industrial diamonds.

## London To Cape In 39½ Hours

Alex. Henshaw, British flier, landed in Cape Town last week to shatter the London-Cape Town flying record.

Henshaw, flying in the Percival Mew Gull in which he won the King's Cup last year, made the flight in 39 hours, 30 minutes, breaking the previous record of 45 hours, five minutes, which was established in November, 1937, by Flying Officer A. E. Clouston and Mrs. Betty Kirby-Green.

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## LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher  
Illustration of a woman and a child.  
"There's gold in them thar hills!"

## By L. Frank Baum