

At Thirty, Too Old To Learn

Instructor Pessimistic About Women's Aptitude For Flying

"Once women reach the age of 30, they can never learn to fly," says Captain H. J. C. Gray, chief instructor of the Hand Flying Club at Johannesburg, South Africa.

"If a woman is young, healthy, keen, and indulges in a fair amount of sport — and has some intelligence — there is a fair chance of making a pilot of her," he added. "But once they reach the age of 30 years, it is hopeless."

"There are a few women instructors who do well. But there again, they are usually the ones-in-fifty who make reliable fliers."

They're Just Learning
Miss Dorcas Hooper, South Africa's leading woman flier and instructor, thinks that Tommy was exaggerating. "You must not forget that women are just learning what men have known for years," she says.

"Aviation is like motor car driving. When a woman is good at it, she usually beats the men. But when she is bad, she is very, very bad."

Tobacco Crop Tops Average

Harley Crop In Ontario Is Good

The tobacco crop of Ontario has made marked recovery since the July drought, according to a report on Canadian tobacco crops issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The harley crop is good and is above average. The flue-cured tobacco crop was reported above average also. Harvesting is well under way.

Several tobacco plantations in Northern Quebec were damaged by wind and hail storms. Growers in Joliette and Montcalm districts suffered losses of 20 per cent, and about 100 acres of pipe and cigar tobaccos were flooded, retarding the crop by one week. Tobacco improved 100 per cent during the early part of August, but a late fall is needed to save a good portion of the flue-cured crop.

Prospects in British Columbia are for an average crop, with acreage slightly reduced from 1932.

No Lights May Shine



One phase of London's air raids' precautions is the masking of all street lights and signs to prevent any ray of light giving a clue to "visiting" airmen as to the whereabouts of a target. London municipal workers are shown here putting masks over an illuminated sign post.

Fawn Startles Bathing Beach

The appearance of a spotted fawn caused great excitement in the town of Oakville recently as it pranced down the main street and later ran onto a bathing beach on the outskirts of the town.

It first appeared in the business section of the town, but disappeared when two men and a crowd of children chased it. Later at the Reservoir Park bathing beach it darted out of the woods and broke up a baseball game. It rushed back into the woods and disappeared when nearly a 100 people started after it.

NEWS PARADE ...

UNWELCOME NEUTRALITY: A story has been going the rounds that it would be cheaper for Britain and France to have Italy as an enemy in this war than an ally because the Italians are notoriously poor fighters and would have to be marched to the front, so it is said, and spilled upon at home.

But to have Italy neither an ally nor an enemy! This strategy of the Axis powers is presenting Britain and France with a difficult problem to solve. Had Italy come into the war on the side of Hitler, then France could have attacked vulnerable northern Italy first thing, taken over its industries, and gone at Germany from the south. So far the heavily-fortified western front, has no excuse to attack Italy. Britain also is unable to go after Italian shipping in the Mediterranean.

\$450,000,000 WORTH: Canada's role in the Second Great War may not become important by virtue of our sending an expeditionary force (such may yet be found next to useless) but because we are able to supply in limitless quantities, foodstuffs, raw metal, planes, small arms, tractors . . . Almost half a billion dollars in gold has been deposited with Canada by European financiers which may go to pay for the above-mentioned purchases here or across the border in the United States. We are to be a reservoir for supplies, not men.

AMERICAN OPINION: A survey made by "Fortune" magazine just before the war broke out showed that the majority of Americans oppose intervening in a conflict to save England and France, "even if they are losing," 65 per cent. of persons interviewed in the survey were opposed to the United States entering a war "at all." 24 and a half per cent. said they favored entering the war if the democracies were losing. The sinking of the "Athenia" may change this proportion, but it would require a rare combination of circumstances, we believe, to effect a right-about-face in American public opinion.

MILITARY GUESSES. The expressed opinion of neutral military observers and some retired British and French officers in London last week had it that: Germany's Siegfried Line and France's Maginot Line will dominate each other all along the old Western Front for at least a year, perhaps longer.

Polish resistance will require the attention of at least half the German army for six months or more. (The annihilation of Poland's army is the primary German objective). Sending of British and French aid to Poland will be a tremendous task — due to difficulties of access — supplies might have to go around by the Mediterranean and up through Rumania.

Inventor Refuses To Drive Car

C. S. Palmer, 81, Discovered How To Get Gasoline

Modest Charles Steele Palmer has "just turned 81" still refusing to own one of the automobiles whose development he made possible. Palmer, described as "a mere pittance considering what it was worth to the oil industry."

First Peppermint Being Processed

Commercial Crop Being Turned in Port Franks District

The production of commercial peppermint for the first time in Ontario was started late in August at the new peppermint plant established at Port Franks, Ont., several months ago. According to Mr. Petro, manager of the plant, the peppermint is cut and allowed to dry for at least 24 hours before it can be put through the plant. It is then taken to the still where it is put into a large, underground tank. The tank is closed and steam is forced into it. In about 15 minutes the oil rises with the steam and it goes through a coil that has cold water around it. As the mixture goes through condensation takes place and the oil and some water come out at the end of the coil where it is separated.

All the peppermint used in Canada is imported and it is reported that the new industry is finding a ready market for its product.

Waters off Nova Scotia and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence are divided into three temperature-levels during summer—an upper warm layer, a middle cold layer, and a bottom warm layer. In the winter time the upper layer gradually becomes cold but the other two do not change greatly.

Two Championship Rivals Who Are Pals



Dorothy Hobson and Gordon Devlin, two champions who swam against each other in the Ontario Senior One Mile Race at the C.N.E. for the beautiful trophies presented by Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. Limited, are shown here "taking off" into the water at Gus Ryder's training camp prior to their big effort. These two are rivals—but friends!

Canada Attracts Many Tourists

The attractions that Canada has to offer to the tourist are gradually becoming known in a wider sphere, to judge by the license markers that are seen on the streets of the larger cities in the Dominion. Tourists are to be seen in cars bearing the registrations of every State in the Union, but according to the National Revenue Review, issued by authority of the Minister of Revenue, Ottawa, there are those who have come in cars from far more distant points.

In June 170 cars from 16 foreign countries, exclusive of the United States, came in under a 60-day tourist permit. Six were from the Philippine Islands, 54 from Hawaii, 37 from Mexico, 27 from Panama, 14 from Cuba, 12 from the United Kingdom, seven from Alaska, five from France, one from China, and others from the Strait Settlements, the Dutch West Indies, Venezuela, Newfoundland and Brazil.

Tourist travel showed a big increase in June as compared with June last year. Cars that entered Canada for stays of from a few hours to six months numbered up to 464,327, as compared with 435,166 in June 1932, an increase of 29.161.

Two Princesses Study Woodcraft

Elizabeth and Margaret Rose Continue Guide Pursuits in Grounds of Beautiful Scottish Castle

On the mountains that surround their lovely Balmoral Castle, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret are carrying on their Girl Guide pursuits in the spirit of the Guide code.

They are on their annual Scottish holiday there. A large part of their free time is spent in "woodcraft" practice in tracking and collecting wild flowers.

Collecting Wild Flowers. Princess Margaret is still a "Brownie" being under 10 years of age. Princess Elizabeth is a "second-class" Guide. Both are ordinary unprivileged members of the No. 1 Buckingham Palace company of Girl Guides. Their companions are children of friends of the royal family, members of the royal household, or servants who live in the royal mews.

Princess Margaret is learning to share her sister's keen interest in nature study. Together they have added many new specimens to a growing collection of wild flowers and plants. Elizabeth writes the names in the book, because her writing is by far the better, the friends of the family say.

Books And You

BY ELIZABETH EEDY

"WHITE MAGIC"

by Faith Baldwin

Here is a romance on skis in a setting of snow and mountains and the brilliant frosty nights of Sun Valley, where three groups of people are drawn into close and dangerous personal relationships.

Carla Allen . . . was surrounded it was said by bodyguards.

Larry Martin . . . was always catching Fortune's train . . . and never missed it.

Ellen Mitchell: "She was real solid flesh and blood."

Franz . . . could teach skiing, like Hans . . . or riding . . . or dancing.

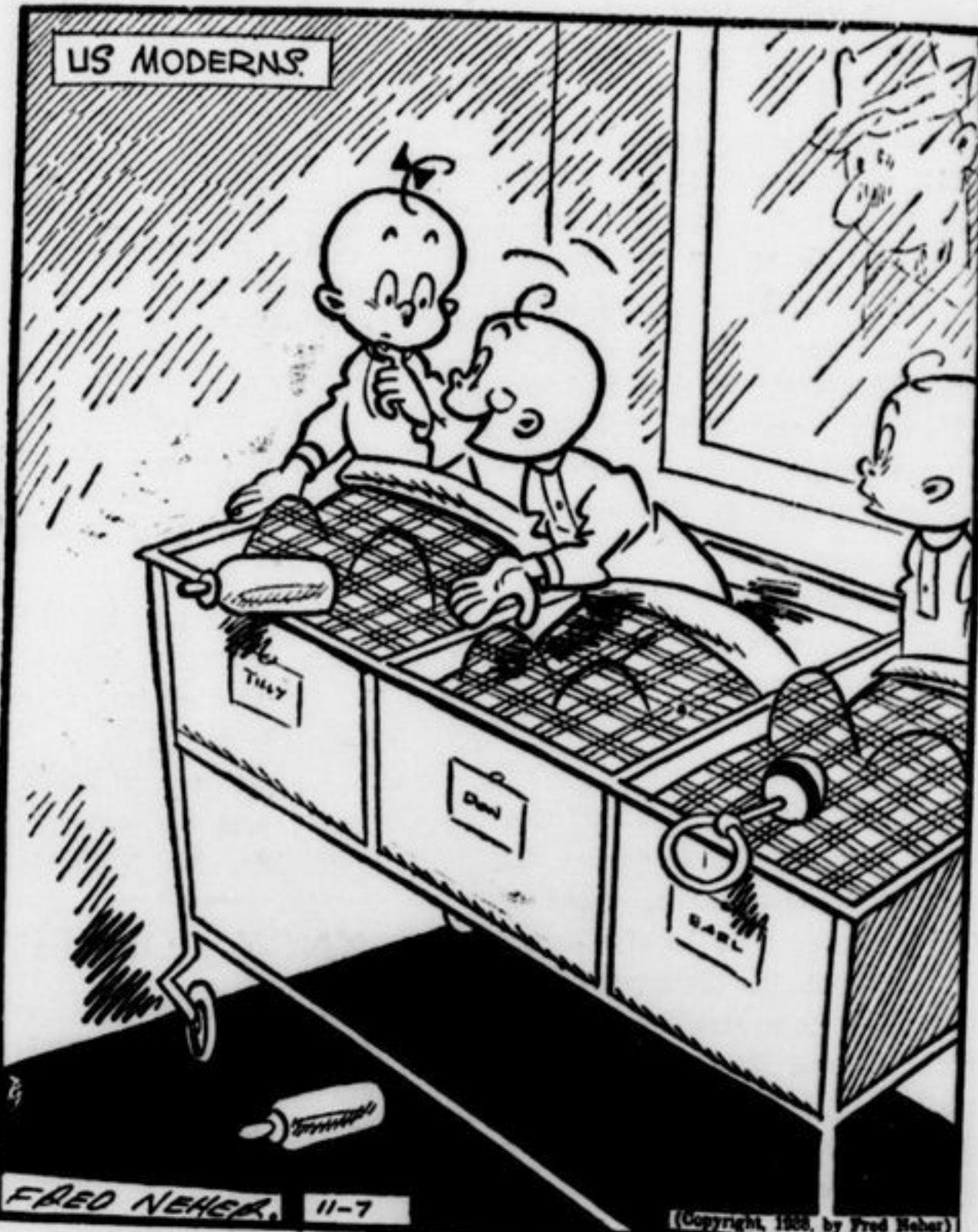
The heiress, the self-made man, the secretary, and the German nobleman come to know each other and out of their acquaintance inevitably comes conflict which reaches its climax in a billiard room from the luxury of Sun Valley.

"White Magic" . . . by Faith Baldwin . . . Toronto: Oxford University Press . . . \$2.25.

Traffic offences in London's metropolitan area last year totalled nearly two and a half million, an increase of 1.7 per cent on the preceding year's figures.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"Let's put it this way, then . . . Make believe we're sitting in the park—up jumps a goblin, an' you're scared!"

REG'LAR FELLERS—This Modern Age



Tribute To Early Trail Blazers

Monument to Mark Site of Kootenae House

In tribute to the dauntless explorers and fur traders who blazed the first trails through the Canadian Rockies, a stone monument has been erected, at the site of Kootenae House near Invermere, B.C., by the Department of Mines and Resources. The unveiling of this monument, which marks the site of the first trading post of the white man on the Columbia River or its tributaries, will take place on September 3 next, with Judge F. W. Howay, of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, and E. N. Russell, Superintendent of Yoho National Park in attendance.

Built by Early Explorer
Kootenae House was built in the year 1807 by David Thompson who has been acclaimed as "Canada's Greatest Geographer." Thompson—trader, astronomer, pathfinder and mapmaker—spent twenty-seven years in trade and exploration in the West.

It's The Wig-Wag Waggle o' the Kilt

Women Make 1,000 Kilts For Highlanders

A band of kilt-making housewives is being gathered together at Clydesbank to help Army chiefs overcome a kilt famine.

Their leader is small, 44-year-old Mrs. Alice McColgan, who, when she heard a few weeks ago that there was a shortage of kilts for Highland regiments, wrote to the War Office and offered her help. With her father she had made Army kilts during the war, and she was able to persuade the War Office to let her tackle the job.

Two and one half tons of tartan and an order for 1,000 kilts arrived at the little shop which she has opened.

But Mrs. McColgan was faced with a problem, for there are no unemployed kilt makers in Scotland and she had to help.

She remembered the women with whom she had worked many years ago in her father's business. Most of them were married, but she traced 15 of them and asked them to help.

Leaving Homes
"Most of them have families, but they are all patriots and were all eager to help," she said. "Arrangements have been made for housekeepers to look after their homes."

"They are coming here and we are starting at once on kilts for the Seaforth Highlanders."

When the housewives have completed the 1,000 kilts it is expected they will receive another contract.

Farmer Can Be A Real Pioneer

As Much as His Grandfather Was Declares Head of O.A.C.

A farmer today can be "as much of a pioneer as his grandfather was," G. I. Christie, principal of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, told 500 farm people at the Junior Agriculturists' dinner in connection with the Central Canada Exhibition.

The early pioneers made farms where there was once only wilderness, and now their descendants could pioneer in their turn by availing themselves of new developments in agricultural science and "reap dollars where their grandfathers reaped cents," said Dr. Christie.

If the purchasing power of the farmer could be raised to a proper level, there would not be a single industry idling in the Dominion, said the speaker. The younger generation of farmers and farmers' wives could do much to raise the purchasing levels by increasing the productivity and by following the advances made in agricultural science.

Supply of Bags For Kitchen Use

Cheesecloth Muslin Is Very Useful

A valuable addition to kitchen equipment is a supply of bags that are made of cheesecloth muslin. These bags, which should be of different sizes, ranging from about four by eight to six by twelve inches, serve various purposes.

When marrow jam is being made, the lemon rinds and pieces of ginger used for flavoring should be placed in a bag and tied to the handle of the pan. A similar bag holds pipe and pulp during the making of orange, grapefruit, or lemon marmalade.

To Make Clean Coffee
The crust of bread that is placed in the pan with a boiling cauliflower, to keep down the smell, should be tied up in a bag. Fat for basting meat may be placed in a bag and hung above the roast in the oven. The melting fat will drip gradually on to the roast and keep it well basted.

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Ask for BEE HIVE



If a percolator is not available, good clear coffee may be made by placing the ground coffee in a bag and suspending it in an aluminum pot full of boiling water.

New Oil Fields Seen For West

Alberta Has Ample Supply but Output Depends on Market Extension

Discovery of major crude oil fields in Alberta and greatly increased oil production for the Turner Valley field are predicted in a report prepared by J. L. Irwin, statistician for the Alberta department of lands and mines.

"The prospects for Turner Valley appear to be as bright as ever for vastly increased production," the report said. "The prospects for securing additional major fields within the province, with the widespread drilling operations now in force, are equally bright."

Mr. Irwin reported Alberta produced 3,264,269 barrels of oil in the first six months of 1933, an increase of 424,899 over the corresponding period of last year.

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