

## Shetland Isles Vital Outpost

These Northern Posts Are Important to Britain as Naval Bases, Treeless, Barren Interior Thinly Populated

German air raiders have brought the Shetland (or Zetland) islands into the war news. Public notice is a rare experience in this remote part of Britain.

**North of Scotland**  
The Shetland group lies north of Scotland, makes up a Scottish county, and is the most northerly British possession in Europe. And there are more than 100 islands and islets, but only about one-quarter are inhabited, and in some of them the population consists only of a few lighthouse keepers and shepherds. Altogether the islands have an area of 352,319 acres, and in 1931 had a population of 21,419 having shown a slow but steady decline since 1871. The largest island, Mainland, had 18,263 of the people.

The coast scenery is magnificent with great cliffs and deep indentations, but the interior is treeless and barren.

**Fishing, Wool-Making**  
Fishing is the main occupation of the Shetlands, and their mainstay. Women do most of the farm work, and spend their spare time in the islands' distinctive knitted-goods industry. The Shetland ponies are well known. The native cattle are also distinctive in size, and the native sheep, we read, "possess many of the characteristics of goats." Fish are abundant, they catch whales in the bays, and there is an immense variety of sea birds.

We need not imagine the German raiders are interested in the islands' scenery — the attraction comes from other directions. There are naval bases not far away, and those deep, narrow bays perhaps are being put to uses which deeply interest the enemy.

## Present War Blinds More

Doctors Report Peril in Modern Fortresses from Chipped Concrete — Advise Heavy Goggles

Medical reports from both sides of the Western Front indicate that the percentage of eye injuries in modern fortress warfare is above the proportion of the World War.

Doctors from field and rearward hospitals in French Alsace and German Baden agree that the proportion of casualties blinded in one or both eyes is far greater than in past wars.

Both the German and Allied commands have so far spared their man-power, and the number of injured in proportion to the number of troops engaged is low, but Maginot Line-Westwall warfare has changed previous figures, as to where soldiers are wounded.

**More Head Wounds Too**  
Machine-guns and infantrymen fighting from pillboxes and larger forts on both sides of the front suffer the greatest number of eye and head wounds.

Eye injuries usually are caused by bits of mortar and cement sent flying through the firing slits when a shell strikes a pillbox or explodes near it. Heavy goggles are being developed as protection.

**28½ Lb. Coin**  
A Swedish coin, worth about \$1.00, and weighing 28½ lb., has been exhibited at Buffalo, Minn. in 1660, it is of copper and so shaped that portions can be cut off for change.

## HOBBIES OF MOVIE STARS



Composing popular songs is one of Mickey Rooney's favorite hobbies. Most famous of the several dozen he has had published was "Mister Heart Break." He recently composed a swing ditty, "An Afternoon Cold Shower."

## VOICE of the PRESS

**"MACON" FOR BREAKFAST**  
The British are experimenting with smoked mutton as a substitute for bacon. It will now be lamb and eggs for breakfast.—Guelph Mercury.

**BOMBSHELL LONG OVERDUE**  
Maybe that Munich beer cellar bomb was not meant for Hitler but for after-dinner speakers as a class.—Brandon Sun.

**SUSPEND CHRISTMAS?**  
There is believed to be no immediate danger of the Ontario Government eliminating Christmas for the duration of the war.—Port Arthur News-Chronic.

**EMBARRASSING PUBLICITY**  
Surely those Toronto press photographers could think of something more original—and less embarrassing to the victims afterwards—than the eternal close-up pictures of soldiers kissing their wives and sweethearts good-bye.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

**WANTS BETTER RADIO MUSIC**  
There is indeed something wrong with radio. We wish it would do more to entertain rather than carry dull speeches for the supposed enlightenment of listeners. Good music is the form of entertainment in which it has least competition. But instead of making itself supreme in the providing of high-class music, radio appears to skip that department of its usefulness. As a matter of fact, some of the best music heard over the radio is from records. Many people feel dissatisfied, especially those who think that in the sphere of high-class adult entertainment the radio is falling short of its opportunities.—Toronto Star.

**Miniature Army**  
A military museum in Paris has a collection of 19,000 dolls. Each is about two and a half inches tall, and clad in period uniform. The uniforms and weapons are perfect replicas of those used in the Napoleonic wars. The whole army of 19,000 was made by one man—an Alsatian soldier, who fought under Napoleon, and spent the rest of his life making miniature soldiers.

## RADIO NOTES AND NEWS

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS  
His Majesty the King, President Roosevelt and President De Valera of Ireland will be the principal speakers over the networks during the Christmas week-end. His Majesty will broadcast his annual message to the Empire at 10 a.m., EST., on Christmas Day and his address will be carried by all networks on this continent. The President speaks at the traditional Christmas Tree lighting on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m., EST. Mr. De Valera will be heard over CBS on Christmas Day at 3:35 p.m., EST.

Other events for the Yule season include a broadcast of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" with Lionel Barrymore as Scrooge. This will be heard over CBS and probably CBC on Christmas Eve at 8 p.m., EST.

**Christmas Eve**  
Marjorie Lawrence, the Australian soprano, will sing the traditional "Silent Night" over NBC at midnight on Christmas Eve. Kirsten Flagstad succeeded the late Ernestine Schumann-Heink and sang the famous carol during the previous two seasons.

There will be patios in the broadcast over NBC on December 24 at 1:15 p.m., EST. It will take the form of a transatlantic interview with children evacuated from the principal cities of Europe owing to the air threat in the present war. They will sing Christmas carols and tell the people of this continent how they are spending Christmas.

**TO BE HEARD** Saturday, Dec. 23, 1:55 p.m., NBC, CBC, Metropolitan Opera matinee "La Traviata" 10 p.m., NBC, CBC, Desire Defauw conducts NBC Symphony orchestra Sunday, December 24, 1 p.m., NBC, CBS, CBC, Vatican City Choir from Rome 1:15 to 1:30 NBC Blue Children in War countries send their greetings 3 p.m., CBS, CFRB, N. Y. Philharmonic Orchestra in Christmas Music 6 p.m., NBC, CBS, MBS, Presi-

dent Roosevelt Christmas Tree 8 p.m., Radio Theatre presents Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" 9 p.m., CBS, Marian Anderson guest soloist on Ford Sunday Evening Hour 11:57 p.m., NBC blue, Marjorie Lawrence sings "Silent Night" 1 a.m., NBC blue, Handel's "Messiah" heard from the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City 3:55 p.m., CBS, Eamon de Valera 8 p.m., CBC, Christmas with the Troops 9 p.m., CBS, CFRB, Radio Theatre presents Walt Disney's "Pinocchio"

**PERSONALITIES**  
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Jimmie McKelvie made a good start in his first senior year as a member of the Port Colborne Seilers. The classy centre-ice player performed for Toronto Native Sons in the Junior "A" O. H. A. series under the direction of Harold Cotton, one-time Maple Leaf star, last season.

Reversing the usual procedure,

## Home Canning Poultry Meat

It Can Easily Be Done On the Farm — Five General Rules

Poultry meat can be canned as easily as any other product. Five general rules should be observed in connection with it.

1. Use fresh but properly cooled meat.
2. Remove bone, gristle, and excess fat. Pack in jars or cans.
3. Sterilize one hour at 15 lbs. pressure, or three hours in water bath.
4. Seal as soon as removed from sterilizer, and
5. Jars containing meat should not be allowed to cool while inverted because the fat will harden at the bottom rather than at the top of the jar.

There are two methods of canning poultry. The first is: kill birds, then thoroughly cool and draw. Wash carefully. Disjoint legs and wings. Cut breast carefully from bone. Dip pieces in boiling water, then into cold. Drain and pack in glass jars. Make a broth by cooking back, breast bone, neck and other parts in salted water one hour. Drain and pour over meat in jars. Adjust rubber rings and tops of jars or sealers. Partially seal. Sterilize.

The second method is as follows: Kill birds and draw at once. Wash carefully and thoroughly cool. Cut into joints. Cover with water and cook until meat can be removed from bones. Pack meat in jars. Strain broth and allow one-half teaspoon salt to each cup. Pour over meat in jars. Adjust rubber rings and tops of jars or sealers. Partially seal. Sterilize.

## ONTARIO OUTDOORS

By VIC BAKER

### ONTARIO ANGLERS' HANDBOOK

The Handbook of the Ontario Federation of Anglers has just come to our attention and we trust you have read it and are familiar with its contents. The purpose of the Federation is to co-ordinate the conservation efforts of the angling clubs, thus establishing a unity of action in conserving and improving the fishing conditions of this Province. Careful reading of the Handbook reveals the immense amount of work accomplished since 1925; work that would have been impossible without such

## Puck Chasers

Topics of the Ontario Hockey Season

**SEVEN WINS IN A ROW**  
After winning seven straight O. H. A. games, Toronto Goodyears were defeated at Maple Leaf Gardens by St. Catharines 4-3 after 10 minutes of overtime. Bill Mocha scoring the winning goal after five minutes of extra play. It was one of the best games this season. As a result of their victory, the Saints moved into a first place tie with the Tiroens.

During the first month of activity in the Senior O. H. A. "A" series there was not one tie game, nor was there one shut-out registered.

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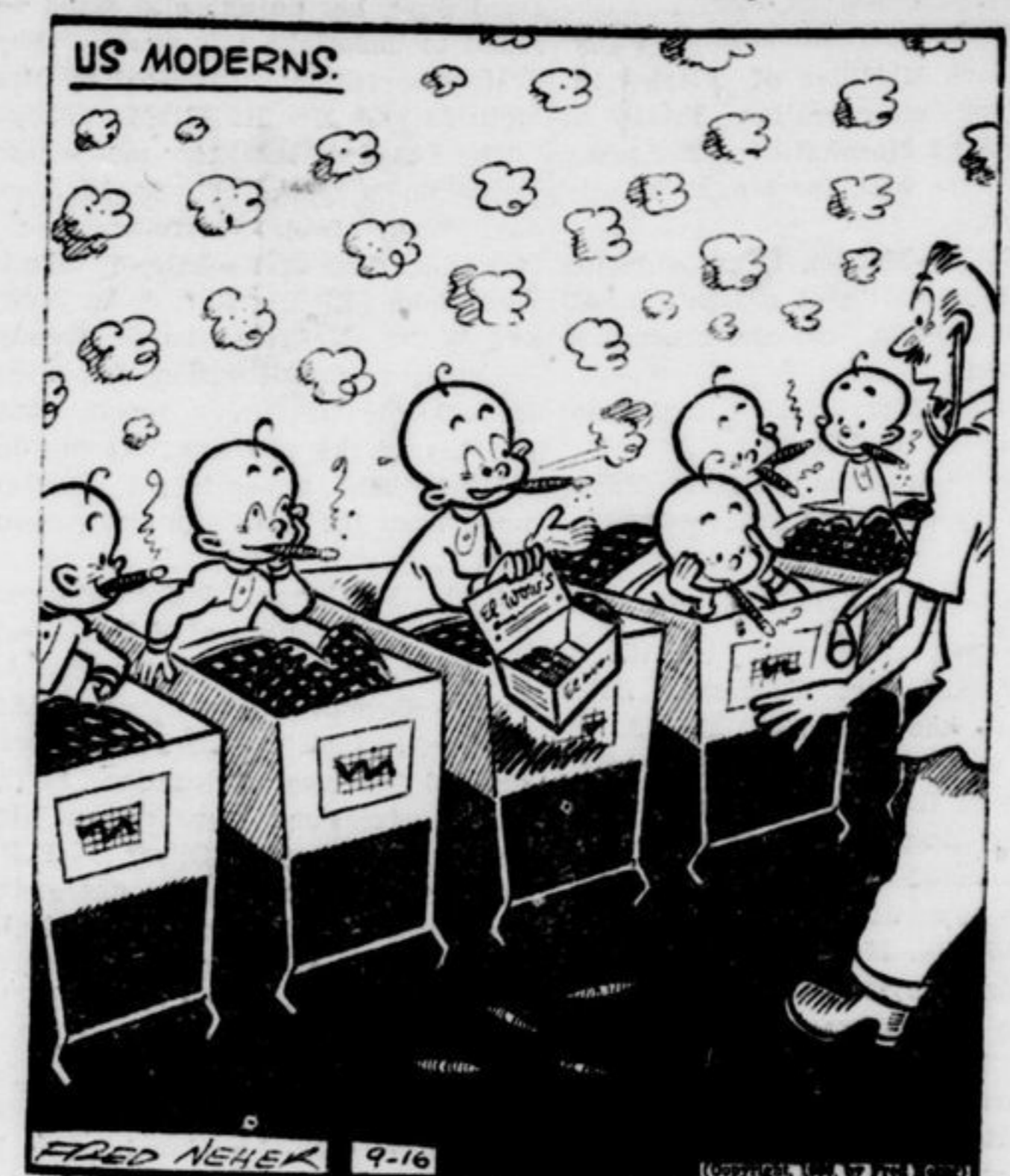
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## REG'LAR FELLERS—A Wise Guy



## LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"These cigars aren't bad, doc. . . . maybe you should vote for that guy after all."

a central organization, composed as it is of representatives from widely separated sections of the Province. The Association's executive realizes, however, that if the ever-increasing conservation problems facing this Province are to be adequately dealt with, the membership should include a broader representation of the angling associations of Ontario.

**Problems of Conservation**  
The Handbook has been compiled to show the value of the Federation to all angling clubs and the Province has been tentatively zoned into eleven districts. Member clubs are being approached to cooperate in contacting the non-member clubs in their zones, and to interest their executives in the activities of the Federation. These executives are men of experience and influence in conservation matters and are needed on the Federation Executive, thus increasing its unity of effort throughout the Province, and its service to citizens generally. Thoughtful consideration of this important matter by all anglers is urged.

## Mennonites Are Very Industrious

Hoe Own Rows; Do Not Ask State for Help; Good Farmers

The Mennonites in all of their branches trouble the state. For a hundred and more years they have refused to yield their consciences to politicians.

To this they have added sobriety, industry, thrift, right living; the public treasury cannot expect Mennonite money in the receipts from saloons or pari mutuels. They toil and save and pay no attention to changes in fashion.

**Submarine P.O.**  
At Nassau (Bahamas) the first undersea post office has been opened in a "photosphere" that has been used for making films and observations of marine life for twenty-five years. Visitors can enter the chamber, write their impressions of undersea life, and post them on the spot. At the opening ceremony, the first letters to be posted were addressed to King George VI and President Roosevelt.

**MICKIE SAYS**  
YES, SIR, I KNOW WERE IN TH DOGHOUSE NOW. RECUT YER AD READ STRAWBERRIES, Y' PER BOX -- JUST A LITTLE MISTAKE -- BUT NOW Y' KNOW FOLKS READ YOUR AD!



## NEWS PARADE...

Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler of Germany might well have been called "the forgotten man" during the fourteenth week of the war. On the diplomatic front, Stalin and Mussolini stole the show from him; on the sea, the Allies appeared to be gaining the upper hand; on the German front, it reports current abroad were true, Hitler was being outshone in political significance by Hermann Goering and the Rightist faction.

Even the rumors, that flew so thick and fast during the week, had him consigned to oblivion. One very persistent story claimed that Mussolini would shortly come forward with a peace proposal, acceptable to the Allies, by which Hitler would retire in favor of the Goering clique after giving up all the territory he had recently taken (Sudeteland and Polish Corridor excepted); in return for his services as ambassador of peace, the report ran, Mussolini was to be given a special sphere of influence in the Balkans. Then — the story came to its logical conclusion — everybody would go to war against Russia.

### COMING ARMAGEDDON?

With the crossing of Finland's frontiers by the Red Army, the form and scope of Europe's war changed. The focus of world attention shifted from west to east, and more countries became directly implicated — Italy, United States, Scandinavia. The possibility of a conflict in which the whole of civilization would be involved seemed much nearer than before. Would the showdown, however, come up there in frozen Finland, or would it be staged in Rumania? Would the League action against Russia precipitate the struggle? Did the German officers in Finland mean a coming split in the Nazi-Soviet front? What of Japan, China — would they be on the side of the Soviet Union in the Armageddon?



## NO PEACE ON EARTH

Of especial military or diplomatic importance during the week were these: the Russian campaign in Finland . . . the sinking of five Nazi subs . . . British troops taking over sections of the front lines in France . . . Italian and American protests to Russia . . . the League of Nations ultimatum to Russia . . . withdrawal from the League of more South American nations . . . the new rapprochement between Italy and Hungary.

## CABINET OFFICIAL

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|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1, 6 Newly appointed U. S. secretary of commerce. | 13 Small stool.          | 19 Sick.                       |
| 15 To profane.                                    | 17 To vex.               | 21 Spike.                      |
| 18 Orchid tubers.                                 | 20 Kibbles of beets.     | 22 Backless chair.             |
| 21 Before.                                        | 22 Motors.               | 23 He dispersed sums of money. |
| 24 Ship's record.                                 | 25 Form of village.      | 24 Label.                      |
| 26 Blood money.                                   | 27 Noun termination.     | 25 Betrothal.                  |
| 29 Note in scale.                                 | 30 Silkworm.             | 26 Weight.                     |
| 31 Scepter, executive.                            | 32 Most modern.          | 27 Controversial.              |
| 33 To dine.                                       | 34 Voiced.               | 28 Useful office.              |
| 35 To distinguish theory.                         | 36 Alleged force.        | 29 Rich part of milk.          |
| 37 Alleged force.                                 | 38 Russian.              | 30 Female sheep.               |
| 39 Russian.                                       | 41 Court.                | 31 Not bright.                 |
| 42 Compass point.                                 | 43 Pitcher.              | 32 To drive.                   |
| 44 He is a executive.                             | 45 He is a executive.    | 33 Sun god.                    |
| 46 Barley spikelet.                               | 47 To fly.               | 34 Fast.                       |
| 48 Sour plum.                                     | 49 To flutter.           | 35 Back of neck.               |
| 50 Decms.                                         | 51 He was administrator. | 36 Nuisance.                   |
| 52 Decms.                                         | 53 He was administrator. | 37 Form of "be."               |
| 54 Decms.                                         | 55 White lie.            | 38 On the sides.               |
| 55 Each.                                          | 56 Half an em.           | 39 Brink.                      |
| 56 Each.                                          | 57 Each.                 | 40 New England.                |
| 57 Each.                                          | 58 Each.                 | 41 Half an em.                 |
| 58 Each.                                          | 59 Found.                | 42 Smoking device.             |
| 59 Found.                                         |                          | 43 Chinese measure.            |



## By GENE BYRNES

