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Pigeon Gets Army Honors

Bird That Saved Flier In South Africa Respected in Death

A pigeon that saved the life of Major J. J. C. Venter, general staff officer, of the Voortrekkerhoogte and Transvaal command, has been buried at Johannesburg. South Africa, with military hon-

When he was a young lieutenant in the South African Air Force, Venter flew over the bushveld in the Northern Transvaal. He was to release three carrier pigeons so as to test their homing ability. Lost In the Wilderness

After releasing two of them. Venter realized that he was lost. His compass was out of commis, sion, and for sa far as he could see the country was covered with small dry bushes without any definite landmark by which he might be able to fix his whereabouts.

"Being young an inexperienced at the time, I became panicky," he said, "Then I remembered that I had one pigeon left.

"Would he know his way home? it was my only chance. I let him go, and he began to fly in what I thought was the wrong direction. But after hesitating for a few secands I decided to follow him. We Hew on and on, and just when I had begun to lose all faith in my guide, I saw the Pieraar's River. From there on I knew my way.

1940 Holidays Mostly Monday

Six Fall on That Day in Course of Year, List Shows

This is Leap Year, with 29 days n February, and six of the statuary holidays fall on Monday. New Year's Day, Monday, Jan-

Good Friday, March 22. Victoria Day, Friday, May 24. King's birthday, Thursday, June

Dominion Day, Monday, July 1. Civic Holiday, Monday, August

Labor Day, Monday, September xThanksgiving Day, Monday

October S. Remembrance Day, Monday, November 11. Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25. x-Probable date.

MICKIE SAYS

WHEN YOU GIT THROUGH READIN' THIS GREAT FIRESIDE COMPANION, MAIL IT TO A FRIEND THEN MEBBE WE GIT A NEW SUBSCRIBER, YES ?



Improvements In Television

Number of Images Per Second Cut in Half - Larger Pictures Produced in Receiving

A method for cutting down the number of television pictures that must be shown each second to produce a steady image was demonstrated last week in the DuMont television laboratories in Passaic, N.J. The standard rate is thirty a second. This has been cut down to fifteen a second, a reduction made possible by the use of a fluorescent salt which retains its brilliance for a long time after being excited

by the electron stream. A Steady Image Standard televsion sets reproduce pictures four by five inches and eight by ten inches. Allen B. DuMont, the inventor, demonstrated a receiver using a very large scanning tube with a screen twelve by sixteen inches. The small pictures have been a handicap to televisi. 1 popularity. When the picture is enlarged the scanning lines become obvious, but when the number of lines is increased this

objection is overcome.

NEWS PARADE ...

"Shrewdness and cunning can be utilized to mislead the enemy, Just as the enemy may be led to make false moves because of seeming operations of one's defense forces, demonstrations or diversions, so he can be prevented from making correct decisions by false reports of a military, political or economic nature. Naturally, the misleading reports must not lack the semblance of probability, and they must be disseminated in the enemy country in an inconspicuous manner, and at the right moment" - from a treatise on psychological warfare by Major General Franke, modern German defense expert.

Germany's tactics in the present

war appeared last week to be following the line laid down by Herr Franke in the above . . . Was Europe entering upon a new phase of "psychological warfare" where "seeming operations of German forces", "misleading reports bearing every semblance of probability' took the place of actual military operations? If such were the case, the rumors current in the war's nineteenth week regarding the imminout invasion of Holland Belgium should have frightened no one . . . Yet since this type of psychological warfare might at any moment turn into "the real thing", vigilance nowhere could be relaxed. The Allied military machine had to be kept geared for action, the armies of the Low Countries remained mobilized ... reserve armies had to be maintained, hospitals held ready, airraid protection functioning 24 hours a day, all at enormous expense. And so the "war of nerves"

NEW THEATRE OF WAR?

The war in the north between Russia and Finland threatened in the same week to draw Scandinavin into the conflict, too . . . especially Sweden across whose territory would have to go any armed ald Finland would receive from the Allies, Italy or the U.S. to the face of German threats to attack Sweden should she allow such passage of arms and men. King Gustav spoke out in favor of Finland . . . without, however, promising any military aid.

"DEVIL TAKE THE HINDMOST"

In the Balkans, more diplomatic ackeying . . . Foreign correspondonts in the know reported that Italy (backed, perhaps, by the Allies) had engaged Hungary to help stop Russian expansion into southeastern Europe, Hungary agreed to come in on the plan, so they said, If Rumania would be willing to give Transylvania back to her after the war . . . Rumania, they continued, would be willing to give up Transylvania to Hungary, if Hungary and Italy would aid her in keeping Russia from taking Bessurabla (oh! look at the map) . . . Jugoslavia, it was believed, was being asked to approve the passage of Italian troops over her terrifory if and when a Balkan war de-

In Canada the first war loan scribed . . . and people heard that Canadian troops were in the front line trenches . . .

veloped.

Aids Canadian Composers



is a business in which Canada imports more than she exports. To stimulate home production in this important field, the Canadian Performing Right Society sponsors an annual contest in musical composition. H. T. Jamieson, president of the society, points out that during the last two years 75 young Canadian composers have submitted meritorious compositions. Ten of these, representing every province in the Dominion, have received scholarships or cash awards.

1940 Forecast As Year of Quakes

Vancouver Prophet Says Temblors To Be Worst in Century

Edgar C. Thrupp, of-Vancouver, a member of the Engineering Institute of Canada, forecast at the beginning of the year that 1940 will "bring the most destructive eatrthquakes of the 20th century," but said that Canada will

The Situation In The Far East Is Ripe With Possibilities

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One wouldn't think that the "unofficial" war in China could have much to do with the very official war on the western front, but it has, as a glance at this map will show you. There have been whispers of a "deal" between Soviet Russia and Japan, which, should it go through, would permit the Soviet to divert vital supplies, now poured into China, in the direction of Germany. It would also permit the Soviet to give its full attention to the conquest of Finland and it would force Great Britain to take more extensive measures for the defence of her Indian empire, which could be reached through China, either by the Japanese or he Russians-provided that Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek could be won over by the Soviet-Japanese bloc. But Chiang has a pro-British leaning and much of his war material comes by way of the new "road from Mandalay." Some prophets predict that eventually the Soviet will endeavor to sweep the Japanese out of all that conquered part of China north of the Great Wall. This, of course, after the Soviet had aided Chiang in driving them out from below that historic barrier.

Pointing to the death-dealing earthquake in Turkey as an example of his successful predictions in the past, Thrupp said that July 20 to August 5 next year will be the "first period of risk of the worst disasters."

July - August Worst Period "This occasion will compare with the disasters in Asia Minor on August 13 and September 5. 1822, when 20,000 people were killed," he said in an interview. He forecast that October 20 to November 10 will be the second

not be seriously affected.

period of greatest risk. Canada Not Seriously Affected The elderly Vancouver civil engineer, who retired from active practice in 1932, said that the 'new law of gravitation" he has developed which forms the basis for his predictions, "does not provide any means of forecasting the location of earthquakes."

The 1940 temblors might occur in uninhabited areas and cause no loss of life, he said. Canada's subterranean structure is solid en-

belief that there is no danger of | only good for fourth place as both a serious earthquake in the Do-

NTARIO UTDOORS By VIC BAKER

NEW RIFLE CHAMPIONS From the home of the Calgary Stampede come this year's Canadian, 22 Sporting Rifle Champions who have just finished celebrating their victory over the best rifle teams in the Dominion in the largest rifle tournament ever held in this country. So keen was the competition and so close the fight among the leading teams, that even though the Ontario provincial titleholders placed fourth, they were only one point behind the

The Ontario champions, the Clinton Rifle Club, of Clinton, posted a near-perfect score of 1499 out of ough, he added, to warrant the | a possible 1500 points which was

winning rifle squad.

Jozo Weider Reaches for a High Note at Lac Beauport, Que.



When he's reaching for a high note, it's not all push or pull that counts with Jozo Weider, "The Flying Czech," ski instructor at the Chatteau Frontenac Hotel, Quebec, for when Jozo finds his "sending" on the accordeon is weakening a little, he jumps aboard his steel-edged hick-ories, zooms down one of Lac Beauport's speedy hills and takes off into the higher altitudes in search of the shrill treble. In more serious vein, though, Weider actually does manipulate his come-to-me-go-from-me while skiing, as this photo shows. And his odd assortment of accomplishments doesn't stop there. For he is a linguist of some note, with five different languages at his command and a photographer of no mean skill. He is pictured here dressed in his authentic Czechoslovakian ski costume, combining ski and musical prowess at Lac Beauport. (Canadian Pacific Photo)

of the

the first and second place teams

The personnel of the Ontario

titleholders from Clinton was as

follows: Ellwood Epps, E. R. Dou-

cett, William Farrish, F. VanEg-

mond, H. Kingswell, James Farrish

and R. Smith. Seven shooters were

permitted to compete for each team

but only the five highest scores

were counted for the team's total

The incurable radio - listener

would be in his element in wartime

England - if he was in the "listen-

ing post" division set up by the

British Broadcasting Corporation

The centre was organized at the

request of the ministry of infor-

mation on the outbreak of the war

to keep the government posted day

and night with what the world is

saying and hearing. Twice a day, a

convoy of messengers leaves the

listening posts established in sec-

ret locations, with 25 bulky pasages for delivery to 25 government

offices Each package contains a

carefully documented summary,

running to 15,000 words, of the mass of news and propaganda that is broadcast from all parts of the

In Every Language This is compiled by a staff of 40 expert linguists, called monitors. They are engaged ceaselessly 24 hours a day and seven days a week in picking up programs sent out from every transmitting station of importance. No word in a foreign broadcast escapes them. Messages are jotted down, translated and dictated to stenogaphers. The extracts then are passed to a staff of men chosen for the knowledge of foreign affairs and political judgment, who sift them and make up sum-

And Recorded By Dictaphone

Frequently an important foreign speech is taken verbatim. When

the German foreign minister, Joa-

chim von Ribbentrop, made his re-

cent declaration at Danzig, his

words were mechanically recorded.

When the listener catches a pas-

sage of unusual importance in a

newscast, he can switch on a dicta-

phone to record the item.

to tune in to the whole world.

score.

On It Daily

posted perfect scores of 1500.

NOBODY'S THE WISER Well, there's one thing about

VOICE

these Finn names that appear in the war despatches. A proofreader may make a mistake in spelling and nobody is any the

- Guelph Mercury

SHOULD KEEP IT DARK

A movie news picture shows French girls kissing British Tommies in France. The censors may have to get busy on this if they hope to retain feminine support of the war effort at home. -Port Arthur News-Chronicle

THE OLD SHELL GAME

Rumors persist that Hitler will step down, becoming President of the Reich while Goering assumes the mantle of Chancellor, "in order to persuade the Allies to make peace." However, the Allies can probably spot a shell game when they see one. - Windsor Star

SEARCH OUT EVERY CASE When it is estimated that it has cost Canada from 120 to 150 million dollars to extend care to those veterans of the Great War who contracted tuberculosis, it may be understood why an X-ray examination has become an essential part of the preparation of the present Expeditionary Force for active service. As a matter of record, tuberculosis during the Great War caused 23 per cent of all deaths from disease and the invaliding home of nearly 6,000 Canadian soldiers. Pension lists show that young men were the ones affected. The average age of soldiers pensioned because they had tuberculosis was two years less than the average age for the entire pension

-Brockville Recorder & Times

Secret Radio Listeners Canadian Peas Inform Britain **Getting Better**

Growers Also Coming Into BBC "Listening Post" Hears Own With Soy Beans, Ot-What Stations All Over the tawa Finds World Are Saying-Reports

Canadian growers of soy beans and field peas finally are coming into their own, to the gratification of the agricultural experts at the Dominion Government experimental farm, Ottawa.

The agriculturists considered particularly encouraging that Canbert Gohn of Emo, Ont., in the | making time.

Business Man of Note



Nationally-known figure in many business enterprises, J. J. Seitz, president of Underwood Elliott Fisher Manufacturing Company, Limited, died at his Toronto home. He would have been 78 next month. Mr. Seitz is a native of Formosa, Ont.

Kenora-Ramy River district won a prize at the recent Chicago International Livestock Exhibition and International Grain and Hay Show. Canada imported most of its table pea seed from Poland previous to the war and that source new is cut off.

Now Suited To Climate Gohn displayed a sample of Chancellor, a small yellow pen developed at the Otlawa farm and suitable both for forage and table

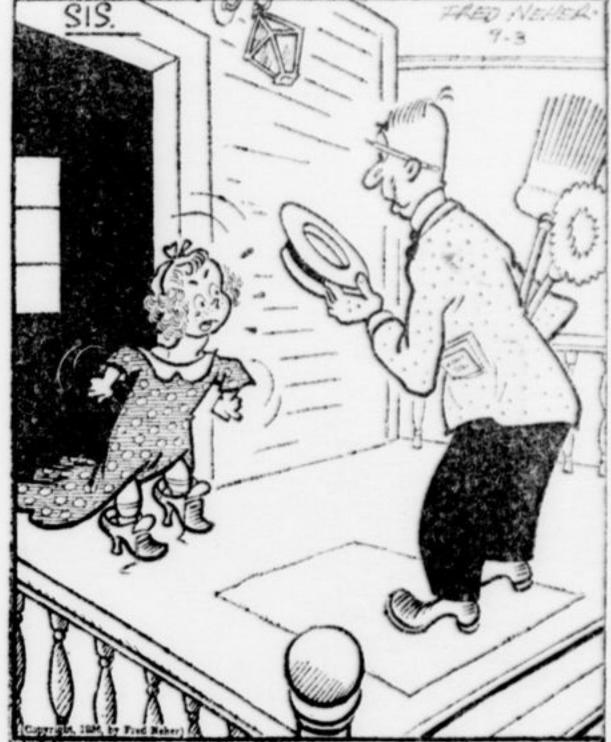
Hugh Jeffrey of Whitby, Ont., won a first place with his exhibit of sey beans of the Mandaria variety over a large number of eatries from some of the best sey bean areas in the United States His sample was a cross breeding on seed imperied from Manchuria, The original seed ripened too late for Canadian climatic conditions and was developed into an earlyripening product

Makes Own Plane Pay For Itself

Owning your own airplane is made easy under a scheme initiated by pretty Mary Spearing, one of two Toronto girls owning ships (Marion Gillies, daughter of Fred Gillies, another of Toronto's commercial instructors, is the other). Mary has a little Taylorcraft, She can't be flying all the time so she has rented it to a Toronto commercial flying school. The company pays Mary a fee based on the number of hours it is used, and also pays its hangar costs and keeps it in flying trim, Soon Mary will have paid for it by turning adian-grown peas exhibited by A!- | the plane's spare time into money-

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"What makes you think I'm not the lady of the house?"

By GENE BYRNES

REG'LAR FELLERS—The Meek







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