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Most Canadian Whose Hubbies Are in First Division Aren't Joining Their Mates Overseas

It's live alone and like it for the majority of married soldiers in Canada's overseas division.

Women

Few Soldiers'

Wives Abroad

Apparently the men of the First Division think England is a little toe close to the war front for their wives, and external affairs department officials at Ottawa say few passport applications have been received from wives seeking to join their soldier-husbands in England.

There are no restrictions preventing wives taking up residence in England during the war but only a handful have gone overseas. But it is believed that cold weather has discouraged a number from making the trip and they will leave Canada in the spring.

NO BARRIERS IN WAY National defence department of ficials do not encourage such movements in wartime but have not as yet placed any real barriers in the way of family reunions. Passport applications are subject to perusa: by chiefs of staff, though, before they are granted.

The officers and men generally have to pay the cost of such ocean passages and it is about 25 per cent. more expensive now than in peacetime for the eastbound trip.

Heads Information Group



Labor Minister McLarty has been named convener of Public Information by the Dominion Gov-

## People Becoming "Cliff - Dwellers"

Living in Apartment Houses increases in Favour Every Year in U S. and In Canada

Babylon, Rome, Athens and Alxandria-those ancient cities do not lend their names to thoughts of apartments and "flats" but the U.S. National Geographic Society finds that these cities were sites

of the first "abbreviated homes." Despite the early beginnings of the apartment house thousands of years before 1940, a conference heid in Weshington by members of the building construction industry revealed that the trend to group dwellings is still increasing at a rapid rate in the United States.

Although the United States tends to favor apartment houses as dwellings it lags far behind some of the larger European centres. In Copenhagen for instance, 90 per cent of its 666,000 population live in apartments.

TENEMENTS OF BABYLON, ROME

Turning to a discussion of the early beginnings of the tenement, the geographic society points out that Rome had only 1,780 onefamily homes as compared to 44,-000 group dwellings.

"In ancient Athens and Babyion," the report continues, "the apartment houses were tenanted by the poor, and by those who, possessing no civic rights, could not acquire land. Alexandria, cosmopolitan and cultural centre of Egypt, had many of its 500,000 residents living in apartments in

the second century, A.D." "In America, the cliff dwellings of the southwest were the first apartment buildings. The Pueblos belong to a second period of Am-

erican group homes. THE VANISHING HOME In Canada, we are following the procedure of the United States. More and more people are giving up their homes for apartment house life. Granted that one saves a great deal of work by the gain in the convenience of having no furnace-tending, snow-shovelling, outside window-washing, etc., to do, we sometimes wonder if we do not make too many sacrifices of spiritual things in order to gain material comfort.

# NEWS

"This war isn't like a football game" last week declared Sir Oliver Stanley, British War Secretary . . . His warning indirectly hit at the thousands of Canadians who are watching the European conflict with detachment, and a sense of unreality, who are forgetting that this war can't be stopped by a referee's whistle . . tremendously powerful human and sub-human forces have been unleashed, not to be brought under control again perhaps for a decade . . . and then we'll be facing another world. So let's be serious about the war, and study the situation, each of us, intensively.

Rumania was the hot spot of Europe as the sixth month of the war opened. King Carol's kingdom found itself the object of pressure from every direction,-from Germany chiefly; the Allies; Bulgaria, Hungary. Reliable correspondents said that the Nazis, claiming Rumanian industry and agriculture were flagging for want of manpower and were not sending Germany urgently needed supplies, asked that Rumania demobilize 800,000 border troops. At the meeting of the Balkan Entente (Yugoslavia, Rumania, Greece, Turkey), Rumania's representative was reported to have declared that his country would seek the protection of Germany if the other Balkan countries refused to guarantee Rumanian territorial integrity. The four Balkan nations emerged from the three-day conference with the apparent decision to remain neutral in the war, but no absolute guarantees, individual or collective, were forthcoming . .

Strange and Wonderful Weird story of the week: From Zurich, Switzerland, came the pronouncement that Adolf Hitler would celebrate his 51st birthday April 20 by proclaiming himself Emperor of the Reich and Poland and King of Britain-with Field Marshal Hermann Goering as Viceroy; gvoernors to be placed over England, Scotland and Wales, A terrific Nazi offensive against Britain would come first, of

During the week, Russo-German border points were growing busier: nine railway stations were preparing to reload Russian raw materials for the Reich, and German industrial goods for the Soviet Union . . . the Asama Maru incident was settled between Britain and Japan . . . Italy doubled the number of planes and pilots in the army . . . the Polish National Council issued a "white paper" telling of wholesale executions and horrible brutalities in Germanoccupied Poland . . . Adolf Hitler delivered a surprise address on the occasion of his seventh anniversary as Chancellor; he insisted that had the opposing nations shown the slightest understanding of German problems, all questions could have been negotiated . . . the first German plane since the war began, came down on English soil . . . more volunteers flocked into Finland from America, Britain and Scandinavia . . . the big French and Arab army assembled in Syria grew still larger . . . von Ribbentrop, Reich Foreign Minister, announced that neither Germany nor Russia had any intention of

carrying the war into the Balk-Nobody Need Listen

Back home in Canada election preparations sped on . . . a free distribution of national radio network time was made to all four parties represented in the last Parliament. The allotment was as follows: Liberals, 514 hours; Conservatives, 4% hours; C.C.F., 11/2 hours; Social Credit, 11/4 hours. Total 12% hours . . . But we're living in a democracy; nobody has to listen to a minute of it.

## 1940 Valentine

This year's Valentine is likely to be addressed "To My Sweetheart" instead of the "Girl Friend," "Pal" or "Chum" customary for several seasons. Brilliant colors form background for "Cupid's darts and pining hearts." Typical of the new style, is this

Sweetheart, my thankfulness for

Fills all my life and heart .... It's hidden down inside me Where loving greetings start; It's part of everything I say And all the things I do .... 'Cause never can I quite express MY THANKFULNESS FOR

YOU! Entrance to an ancient mine 10,000 feet up in the Andes at Catamarca, Argentina, having been gained through a passage almost filled with water, miners are again finding rhodochrosite, which is used as a decoration for hairbrushes, eigarette cases and other articles.

Victoria, B. C., Boasts Roses In February



This jolly looking girl with her arms full of the fragrant roses she has just picked in a garden in Victoria, B. C., is Ina Haikala, a Canadian Finn, whose kin are fighting so desperately in their snowbound Native land. Her mother came from Vasa and her father from Laapperanta. Roses can be picked in Victoria gardens any Christmas Day but they usually fall to a January frost. This year, however, the weather has been so mild that last Summer's roses are still blooming vigorously. The sprays in the photograph are yellow winter jessamine.

## Supplying Plants With Stimulants

Canadian Gardeners Are Told By Dominion Seed House That Amazing Growth Results Are Achieved by Feeding Vitamin B-1

An interesting new discovery for the gardener, particularly for those who wish to try out for themselves the results of the latest research experiments is now available in Ca-

The new product, known as Vitamin B-1 was discovered in California and has been tested out by the California Institute of Technology and is said to have produced surprising results in stimulating the growth of certain plants. GOOD FOR FLOWERS, SHRUBS

The Dominion Seed House at Georgetown state they have carefully investigated every available source of information, on this new product, had trials of their own, and supplied B-1, for trial and report, to a number of qualified gardeners. As a result, they satisfied themselves that claims made for B-1, were justified and well founded. They have now received information from Ottawa that the Department of Agriculture has approved Vitamin B-1 for sale in Canada provided that no claims are made for it in respect to peas, beans, corn, tomatoes and other vegetable species. (B-1 does not benefit all plants, and experimental work indicates that its greatest service is in respect to flowers, shrubs, trees,

IN POWDER FORM The product is sold in Canada by Dominion Seed House in powder form and the standard size package will prepare 2,000 gallons of sol-

# Puck Chasers

TOPICS OF THE CURRENT HOCKEY SEASON

JUNIOR AND SENIOR "A" The Toronto Amateur Hockey Association, with the co-operation of the O. H. A. and the Maple Leaf Gardens, have named Saturday afternoon, February 17, as their special game to secure funds for purchase of hockey sticks and equipment for Toronto's many youths playing on outdoor rinks.

The O. H. A. has moved the Oshawa at Marlboros game scheduled for February 24th up to February 17th, and it will be played as a single game on that afternoon. The Young Rangers vs Native Sons game will be played later. Games scheduled for February 17th have been moved back to February 24th for the Gardens, including Oshawa at Varsity and Marlboros at Young Rangers.

BEST BEHAVIOUR Senior hockey has made a remarkable comeback in Hamilton.

Under the leadership of Cliff Chisholm, the Hamilton Dofascos are assured of fourth place and a whirl in the play-offs of the Senior O.H. A. "A" series, a fine achievement considering this season marks the return of Senior hockey in Hamilton after an absence of a few winters. Not only is Johnny Conick, clever wing player, leading scorer for the Hamilton Dofascos but the Hamilton star has set up a record for clean play that is a real ex-

### St. Valentine's Day

ample for others to follow.

The merry god is a gallant rover, He circles the land and wide seas

With a knowing smile and twinkling eye May he not a wavering fancy spy? So he whistles low with his pouting

And out of the pack on his back he A fariy arrow with subtle dart

And amis it straight for that wav-

ring heart. Then blushes tender and rosy red O'er a maiden's features are hap'ly

And she wonders why in this world Such joy is surging her heart Ah! Never before was love like

For she had not dreamt of such perfect bliss. Whilst her lover gazes with speech-

less pride At the tender grace of his promised bride The little god laughs as he takes a

And aims it straight for another

### MICKIE SAYS-

EVEN IF YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF BUSINESS, KEEP ON ADVERTISING IT'S GOOD INSURANCE FER TH' RAINY DAY

# VOICE of the **PRESS**

WISH WE COULD, TOO

Postcard from a friend vacationing in Florida: "Having a fine time; wish I could afford it."-Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

**ELECTION-AIR PRECAUTIONS** During a general election, airraid precautions here include the simple one of keeping the radio silent .- Toronto Telegram.

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NO PIN CUSHION

"Ontario is already preparing a

cushion for the let-down that will come after the war." Here's hoping it isn't a pin cushion .- Kitchener Record. WHO'S CRAZY NOW?

There has always been a ques tion in the minds of many people as to the sanity of Arctic explorers, and this question again comes to life with the arrival in Antarctica of Admiral Byrd and his companions. Thanks to the radio, however, the Admiral will be able to listen each evening to the outside world going its sensible way. -Edmonton Journal

CHEESE FOR HOME FOLKS Canadian cheese producers received \$500,000 in 1939 through premiums paid by the Dominion Government for high grade cheese. This, no doubt, was all for the good of the industry. At the same time, one cannot help wondering if cheese-making in this country would not be better served if the \$500,000 were spent on proper publicity designed to make the Canadian public more "cheese conscious." That done, if Canadian cheese manufacturers would make their best cheese-not just some of it-available for the home market, they might "be getting somewhere.'

-Brantford Expositor.

## Port Royal, N.S. Being Rebuilt

Replica of Habitation Where The French Settlers Spont First Winter in New France

Restoration of the Port Royal Habitation at Granville, N.S. where the settlers of New France spent their initial Canadian winter in 1605 is almost complete.

Work on this landmark is being done by the Surveys and Engineering branch of the Mines Department. The new habitation is an exact, full-size replica of the original built by the French under Champlain.

TIME OF CHAMPLAIN Timbers of the building were put together with wooden pins, the practice when the sons of France came first to Canada, Hinges and latches were reproduced in the typical workmanship of the period. Local field stone was used in the construction of the chimneys, bricks in the bake-oven, blacksmith's forge and fireplaces were made on the spot by old-time brickmakers. Much archaeological and historical research was done by representatives of several societies and museums. Scientific soil reading was used to establish the original position of the build-

### Canadian National Railways Revenues

The gross revenues of the aliinclusive Canadian National Railways System for the 10-day period ending January 31, 1940, were .....\$6,427,070 as compared with ...... 4,445,669 for the corresponding period of 1939, an increase of ...... 1,981,401

or 44.6%

## NTARIO **UTDOORS** By VIC BAKER

IN ONTARIO SCHOOLS

One of the most pleasing of the laudable efforts being made by the active Ontario Federation of Anglers is their insistence that biology and conservation be taught in all the schools of the Province of On-

Procreative of thinking along sound conservation lines, these studies must be destined to bring into being a new type of citizen in this progressive province with educational qualifications that may better equip him or her to accept the responsibility of aiding in the preservation of the province's vast stores of wildlife.

SPRING PEEPERS

The other day we were asked to give the correct name and description of the frog known in Outario as the "spring peeper" and we pass the following general information along to you in case you have asked the question at some

Technically speaking, this species of frog is Pickering's hyla, Hyla pickeringii, a member of the family Hylidae, the tree frogs. ! is very small in size, about one inch long, greenish-grey in colour and marked with a suggestion of a cross on its back, and unlike other frogs outside the family, the tips of fingers and toes are en-

dowed with viscous discs. Its shrill piped notes are hearalmost before the ice is out of the marshy places where it breeds and lives until late summer, when i deserts its former habitat seeking high ground and trees to climb. During the heat of summer days the voice of this hyla is stilled, but it sings again when autumn is near with the same insistence as in spring. There is another tree frog of the same genus common to Ontario, the common tree frog, Hyla versicolor, which has the power to gradually change colour to blend with its surroundings. This frog does not "peep" and i musical when Pickering's hyla is silent. Other tree frogs also occur in Ontario, the Cricket frog, Acris gryllus, and the Swamp tree frog. Chorophilus nigritis. These, too, are not "peepers," but sing nore or less like other frogs.

## SCOUTING ... Here and There

Older Boy Scouts of Saiford, Lancashire, England, are giving safety street crossing service during blackouts, under direction of the Salford Chief Constable. Each evening from 6.30 to 8.30, in pairs, armed with red hurricane lamps, they convoy pedestrians across "Belisha Beacon" corners. Approaching motorists recognize the converging or diverging lights.

Scouts throughout Bengal have offered their wartime services to local authorities as cyclist messengers, guides, signallers and ambulance workers. The entire mill area of Calcutta has been divided into divisions, and the Scouts have been given the task of linking up the A. R. P. posts and first aid centres. Plans for a big Bengal Provincial Scout Jamborce were abandoned in order that full attention might be given Scout wartime emergency service.

A contribution of \$65.00 toward the Vancouver War Chest Fund by the 13th, 21st and 27th Vancouver Troops was raised by the collecting, bundling and sale of thirteen tons of wastepaper. The joint effort was launched as a result of finding piles of old newspapers and magazines in the basements of homes when Scouts of the three Tropos were on Fire Prevention Week inspection and instruction duty in co-operation with the Vancouver Fire Depart-

Demonstrating their ready grasp of the public service principles of Boy Scout training, the newly organized troop at Port Saunders, Nfid., at once began looking about for ways to help the settlement. One of the first results was the taking of steps to provide the community with the services of a cobbler's shop.

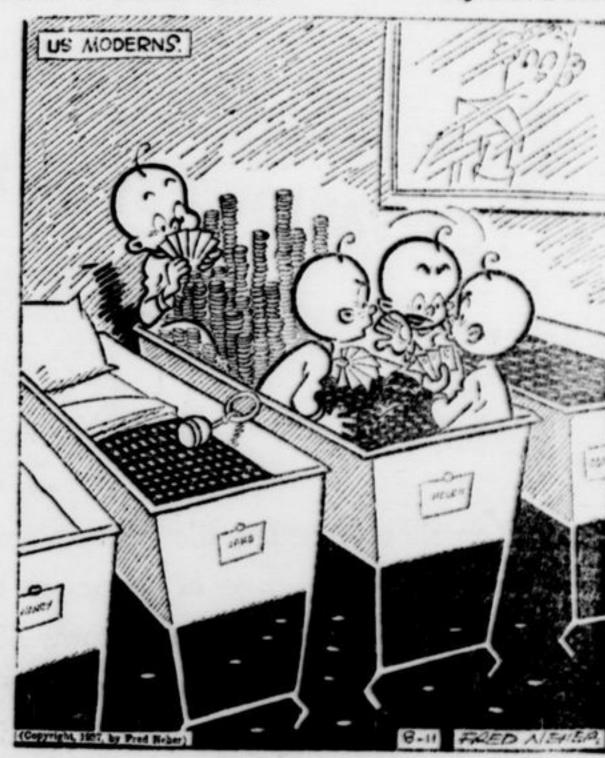
Presented by the Government of Northern Rhodesia, a bronze figure, half life-size, of David Livingstone, African explorer, has been added to the collection of statuettes of Empire builders in the galleries of the Imperial Institute, London.



Bee Hive Syrup

## LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"It's Just Beginner's Luck! !"

# REG'LAR FELLERS-Assistant Mystery Man

By GENE BYRNES







