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Brains Needed In Democracy

Queen's Principal Declares Children Must Learn How to Think

Children must be taught to think for themselves if democracy is to survive, Dr. R. W. C. Wallace, principal of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., told the American Wo-

men's Club, at Montreal last week. Children today must be taught to think independently and express their convictions, rather than accept as their views what they read or hear, said Dr. Wallace.

INDEPENDENT THOUGHT Democracy can be successful only through independent thinking, he suggested. It becomes a dictatorship when the people let others do their thinking for them.

"Democracy depends on you and me," he added. "By that I do not mean that you and I need complete knowledge of the intricate problems with which governments have to contend, but we should know thoroughly those who represent us. We should have been intelligent enough to have an opinion and courageous enough to express it even though it may be an opinion contrary to the majority.

Diary-Keeping Regains Favor

Letter-Writing Also in Fashion Again in Britain

Two Victorian habits have been revived in Britain by the war: the keeping of diaries and lengthy correspondence. Stationers interviewed by The Daily Telegraph in London report a twenty-five per cent rise in the demand for diaries for 1940 over 1939, and nearly a fifty per cent rise in the demand for double-sheet note paper, whereas a single sheet or a card was sufficient for holographic communi-

cations a year ago. The latter vogue, the paper says, will be received with joy by those persons who have "prattled about the lost art of letter writing," but it dilates more extensively on the revival of the diary:

DIARIES WITH LOCKS "One interesting feature this season is the request for diaries with locks. More books of this private nature have been sold than ever before, owing to the number of people now engaged on work

of a confidential nature. "While the pocket diary will always be popular and required for the short note of appointments, it is the larger sizes that are being bought in bigger numbers.

"An important entry for the housewife already appears in most diaries on Jan. 8: 'Official rationing of butter, bacon and ham, due to begin." "

Specify Ideal Ocean Airliner

Dream Ship of Airways Company Will Do 5.000 Miles Non-stop, With 50 Passengers, 5,000 Pay-

Pan-American Airways, seeking an ideal plane for over-ocean operations the year 'round across the North Atlantic, announces

these specifications: General: 5,000 miles non-stop with 50 passengers and 5,000 pay-

pounds. Speed 300 miles an hour at the "practical" cruising altitude of 15,000 feet, 337 miles an hour at the "necessary storm ceiling" of 25,200 feet-all against headwinds up to 50 miles an hour.

Range: Measured on the 3,600mile great circle distance between America and Europe, and allowing for detour and reserve fuel, it must be 5,000 miles.

A LAND PLANE? Altitude: With three-quarters of the ocean's nasty weather below 15,000 feet, the ideal ship must range above that and up to 25,000 feet. Cabins would be supercharged for 9,000 feet, the maximum altitude determined by the Harvard Fatigue Laboratory for humans wishing to avoid ill

effects from lack of oxygen. Judging by the industry's apparent requirement of a round fuselage to seal a cabin for supercharging, and also by what seems today to be a high speed requiremnt for commercial operation this dream ship will be a land plane.

Bounced 200 Feet

Bounce, a small, black spaniel dog, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., has lived up to his name, shaking off, without apparent injury, a 200foot fall to the ice-packed gorge of the American falls near the Cave of the Winds. The dog, missing from the home of its owner, Earl L. Whitford, for eight days, was rescued when sightseers saw him frisking on the ice.

PARADE

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. last week saw the conflict in Europe assuming a definite shape. As the war came to the end of its sixth month, he was able to predict the developments likely to manifest themselves during the next few weeks: "The Allies will not attack on the Siegfried line, which is almost impregnable, so long as the present policy lasts. Neither will they violate the neutrality of Luxembourg, Belgium or Switzerland to turn the German defences on the west. Therefore Hitler will be able to maintain his position in the west with reduced forces, and turn his attention to taking over Hungary and Yugoslavia." Russia's next sphere of influence, he opined, would include eastern Rumania, Bulgaria and Turkey. Should Italy decide to enter this combination as a third party, she would have to be satisfied with Dalmatia and some form of protectorate over Greece. To stop the German advance through the Balkans, the Allies would have to transport, and maintain in high efficiency, their troops and materials throughout Albania, Macedonia,

Rumania and Asia Minor. To Spread Or Not To Spread According to the Ciano family newspaper, Italian higher-ups believe that Allied military inaction on the Western Front is all to the advantage of Germany -spread of the conflict would help the Allies. Therefore, this newspaper theorizes, the Allies are seeking a struggle with German forces in Scandinavia or the Near East.

Possibility of a general European conflict spreading to include Scandinavian nevertheless became more remote last week when Norway and Sweden definitely ruled out expeditionary aid to the Finns in their death struggle with the Russians . . . they chose to remain neutral at all costs . . . the eternal oil triangle between Rumania, the Allies and Germany remained unsolved last week . . . Rumania ordered military preparedness boosted to the utmost . . . Russia reported the Turkish army fully mobilized . . . the week's shipping losses at sea were the heaviest to date of the war; the Germans claimed 496 Allied and neutral vessels sunk in the past five months . . . German warplanes raided Britain's east coast . . . the crews of the Exeter and Ajax (who crippled the Graf Spee) were feted and decorated in London . . . Allied warships off the coast near Murmansk, Russia, sank two German vessels . . . Speeches by Chamberlain and Hitler presented the two nations' con-

tain advanced a loan to Iran . . . Mystery Mission An important development during the week was the visit of Sumner Welles, U. S. Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to Mussolini, Hitler, Chamberlain, Daladier. His journeys were fraught with mystery. Was he in Europe on a peace mission? Whom would he meet and talk with in Switzerland? What was in

the personal messages from Presi-

dent Roosevelt that could have a

bearing on the immediate future

trasting war aims . . . Great Bri-

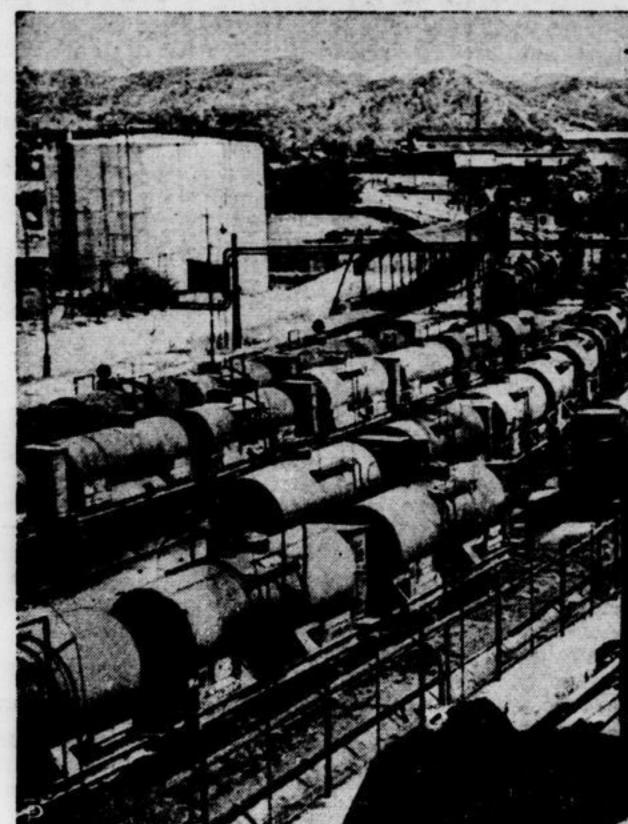
of Europe? Economic War Declaring that modern war is no longer a fight merely between armies, but in reality a struggle between manufacturers and shopkeepers on both sides, in which exports were "the new British expeditionary force," R. S. Hudson, British Secretary for Overseas

ROSES ARE RED,

MICKIE SAYS-



"Flowing Gold" Vital to Germany's War Machine



A view of a railway yard beside one of the many oil refineries in Rumania is seen above. The oil is piped down to the large tanks from the wells in the hills (background) and refined and pumped into the tank cars on the sidings. Rumania has ordered her already large military preparations speeded up, following authoritative reports that Germany was challenging the government's ban on export of aviation gasoline to the Reich.

trowel or rake are all the tools

necessary. Other equipment con-

sists of a few packets of seeds,

perhaps a shrub or two. As our

interest develops we can add more

plants and flowers. Rules are

simple to master, the ordinary

Canadian seed catalogue supply-

ing all the essential data. As we

become more experienced we can

add to our garden library any of

the many excellent government

garden bulletins that are available

DOOR GARDENS

In the garden at the kitchen

door it is advisable of course to

keep a plentiful supply of salad

materials like head and leaf let-

tuce, onions and possibly celery.

The latter is set out in the gard-

en as well started usually after

Hands Backward

Is Not Harmful To Your Timepiece

Unless It Has Complicated

Attachments

flatly that any watch may be set

back as readily and harmlessly as

it may be set forward. While this

is quite true of a great many

watches, there are exceptions to

plicated attachment (such

striking, chiming, alarm, or chron-

ograph attachments) should not

be set back. Such watches, of

course, are quite rare, and the av-

erage man-on-the-street would

need no cautioning about turning

the hands of his watch backward

if a certain number of everyday

watches were not included in the

For instance, watches with com-

the rule.

Some books and articles state

all danger of frost is over.

Turning Watch

in any province of Canada.

Trade, last week prepared the British public for further sacrifices in the new drive for world markets . . . "Frankly," he said, "there will have to be further restrictions. In many cases they are bound to be drastic . . ."

Puck Chasers

TOPICS OF THE CURRENT HOCKEY SEASON

OFFICIAL FINAL STANDING St. Catherines finished the Ontario Senior "A" schedule, this year with two wins over Port Colborne, defeating the Sailors 4-2 in Port Colborne on Monday, February 19. and repeating their success with a 2-1 decision over the Sailors in St. Catherines on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Toronto Goodyears defeated Varsity 4-0 in their all-Toronto challenge game for the Dr. R. G. Jackson Trophy. The game was played in aid of the Finnish Fund, and it drew 11,115 fans, the largest crowd to witness an amateur game in the Maple Leaf Gardens this season.

Official final standing follows: P W L Pts. 29 25 4 50 Goodyears St. Catherines 29 21 8 42 Port Colborne 29 19 10 38 Hamilton 30 14 16 28 Niagara Falls 27 6 21 12 26 0 26 Galt

ARRANGE FOR PLAY-OFFS As soon as the semi-final series is concluded in both brackets, the final round between the two winning teams will get under way. The team with the best rating in the final standing has the choice of dates and of course the advantage of the extra home game,

Gardening

SIMPLE HOT BEDS

A hot bed for starting garden seeds early is usually prepared in early March. It consists of a bed of fresh manure, which supplies the heat, about 18 inches deep. On this, two or three inches of fine soil is placed and after the bed has heated up and then cooled down again (a matter of three or four days) the seed is sown in rows a few inches apart. The bed is protected by rough boarding along the side and on top, and sloping towards the South about 10 to 18 inches above the bed is placed a window sash well glassed. Gardening is a universal hobby

or recreation open to both sexes,

to the old or young. A spade or

WATCH SECOND-HAND An easy way to tell if your watch is on the "should not" list is to look at the second hand when you set the watch back. If the second hand hesitates, stops, or (in extreme cases) moves back, yours

"Sitzkrieg" War

er-clockwise direction.

is a watch the hands of which

should not be turned in a count-

The Royal Air Force last week was poking fun at Germany's failure to wage a Blitzkrieg-lightning war-against Britain.

In a memorandum pointing out that the Allies had obtained time to carry out their air development program, the R. A. F., referred to the war as a "Sitzkrieg", which is translated as "sit-down war." | uary and Provincial Park.

OICE OF THE PRESS

HOPE IT'S COMMON And next year Canada comes to its census. - Brandon Sun.

FELLOW FEELING Any Canadian family living over a bowling alley would be able to sympathize with some of the smaller neutral countries in Europe living beside a battlefield that may expand at any moment. - Edmonton Journal.

ONTARIO POTATOES

There is one thing Ontario cannot boast about, and that is the yield of potatoes. This Province has the smallest out-turn per acre of any Province in Canada. Surely, it can't be the soil. - Farmer's Advocate.

IN BETWEEN ELECTIONS Most of us show a certain mild interest in public affairs about election time and at other times we remain indifferent, even though we know our indifference is costing us money. There are so many things to think about besides taxes, and most of the other things are more pleasant. - Vancouver Province.

KEYS IN CARS The purpose of requiring drivers to remove their keys from the ignition is not to protect the property of the motorist, but to protect the public from the use of stolen cars in other forms of crime and to remove temptation from youngsters who may graduate from the stealing of cars to more serious offenses. - Toronto Telegram.

ONTARIO

BY VIC BAKER

LUTHER SWAMP

The rivers of Southern Ontario are reported to be drying up partially because the Luther Swamp area - the natural reservoir of a number of rivers in Southwestern Ontario -- has been drained. The Ontario Federation of Anglers is vitally interested in this project and a committee under the leadership of a well known conservation authority, Dr. Norman K. Douglas, recently inspected the marsh and the drainage ditches to see the possible effect on the wildlife of that part of Ontario. The following is culled

from their report. About a generation ago this swamp was drained into the Grand River for farm lands but the land, being a peat bog, has proven unsatisfactory for agriculture. Here Nature's laws and schemes for flood control were interfered with because the swamp in its natural state was almost a complete barrier against floods. It actually held water for deep seepage rather than let it go as flood water on a wild rampage down the Grand River in the spring of the year, with its consequent devastation to agriculture, industry and game and fish life. The deep seepage water emerged more slowly and more un'ormly into the springs to make cool, even flowing streams the year round and to maintain a higher underground

watertable.

WANT AREA REFORESTED The Grand River Conservation Commission, composed largely of representatives from the municipalities throughout the Grand River Valley, has recently been organized to develop some scheme to prevent the damaging floods of spring, with its consequent water shortage in the summer and fall. Their recommendation was to have two dams built, one below Fergus and another at the main outlet of the swamp to restore the marsh to its natural state. The Fergus dam is already under construction while the provincial government has promised to build the upper dam next sommer. The Ontario Federation of Anglers have also recommended that the Provincial Government have this area represted where feasible, and set apart as a wild life" sanct-

Finland Uses Two Tongues

Little Swedish Is Spoken But Bilingual Signs Are Common

Despite the fact that less than 10 per cent, of Finland's 3,800,000 people speak Swedish, the traveler in Suomi - internationally known as Finland-finds his way pointed out to him by bilingual signs. If he has mail from the capital waiting for him in Turku it will bear a postmark with "Helsinki" at the top and the Swedish "Helsingfors" at the bottom. And his outgoing 1stters will bear both the Finnish "Turku" and the Swedish "Abo."

BOTH NAMES ON STAMPS Even in Lapland, bilingual signs persist on post offices and stores. Swedish and Danish are spoken in the Diet - parliament - at Helsin-

Stamps of the country bear the legend "Suomi" at the top and Finland at the bottom. Maps show cities designated as both Viipuri and Viborg, Pori and Bjorneborg, Hameenlinna and Tavastehus, the latter alternatives being Swedish, But in the north place names are marked in Finnish only - Utsjoki, Nautsi, Virtaniemi.

Hydro's 13,000 **New Customers**

Were Added During Past Year Through Development of Northern Mining Industry

Development of the northern mining industry was responsible for an increase of 16 per cent, in the primary load of the Northern Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, Premier Hepburn reported in his budget speech in the Legislat-

During the fiscal year to end March 31st, more than 13,000 customers were added to existing districts, necessitating construction of 2,300 miles of primary lines. Special attention was also given to the serving of new rural territory in Northern Ontario.

113,000 ALTOGETHER The Premier said the commission's 18,000 miles of rural lines serve about 113,000 customers, more than half of which represent ser-

vice to individual farms. For the coming year it was estimated 1,900 miles of primary line will be constructed at an expenditure of about \$4,500,000. Of this amount the province will contribute \$2,250,000. In addition to the grantin-aid, the province has advanced to the Hydro Commission \$320,000 to enable it to make loans to farmers for wiring promises and obtaining electrical equipment.

----One way for home gardeners to make sure that enough vegetables are grown to meet the family's needs is to write or sketch plans for the garden in advance of planting.

New Wealth In **Our Peat Moss**

B. C. Diggers Look For Big Year as German Supply Cut Off

There's a million dollars waiting to be dug up from the rich soil of the Fraser River delta - but don't grab your shovel and start off on a prospecting expedition, warns Stuart Underhill, Canadian Press

staff writer. Only established companies are expected to enjoy the current demand for North American peat proucts brought about by the fact that the United States' main sources of supply in Europe have been cut off by the war.

U.S. IMPORTS MUCH

American peat imports in 1938 exceeded \$1,000,000 in value, about 50 per cent, of which came from Germany. Now British Columbia peat companies are expanding production in hopes of cornering this rich

market. Peat moss is greatly in demand in United States agriculture as a soil conditioner, poultry litter and as a packing for plants and vege-

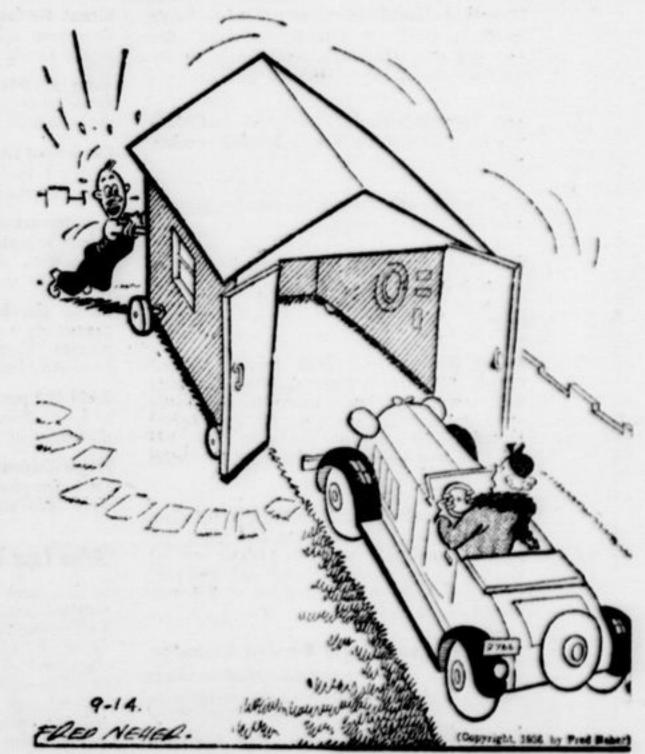
BIG DEPOSITS IL. CANADA Before it is processed, peat is sodden and the extraction of this moisture provides the biggest problem for producers. Digging takes place in late winter and a wet spring and summer is just one of

the hazards of the business. British Columbia probably has gone farther than any other province toward development of its peat moss industry. There are large deposits on the prairies and in the Maritime Provinces, but as yet little headway has been made in their development.



LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"Stay where you are, dear. . . . I'll push the garage over you! !"

By GENE BYRNES

REG'LAR FELLERS-Stand-Up Strike







