

Prairies Need Copious Rains

Over-Winter Moisture Below Normal Average on Western Grain Fields

Warlike deeds loom large in the minds of prairie farmers as they prepare for spring work in the West's great grain fields. From the Great Lakes to the Rockies, spring rains are anxiously awaited as winter precipitation has been below normal in all sections except southern Alberta.

Dominion Meteorological Office statistics covering the seven-month period, Aug. 1-Feb. 29, show Saskatchewan to have suffered the worst through lack of precipitation. In that province the average decrease from normal was set at 26 per cent, the loss in Manitoba stood at 19 per cent, with Alberta down eight per cent.

SASKATCHEWAN WORST
Prairie summer fallow lands on the whole are thought to have sufficient moisture to start the spring crop but stubble lands are dry. Alberta notes a decline in the mountain snowfall, a major factor in irrigation projects.

SOUTH ALBERTA BRIGHTEST
Southern Alberta provided the brightest spot on the statistical record with precipitation 16 per cent above normal for the seven months. This was more than offset by a decline of 29 per cent in the central section of the province. The north, usually well provided with winter moisture, was down seven per cent.

All districts in Saskatchewan and Manitoba were 20 per cent or more "in the red" with southwestern Saskatchewan down 31 per cent. The drought area of south-western Saskatchewan showed a loss of 28 per cent.

NEWS PARADE

The battle for control of the North Sea and of Europe entered its second week with the fate of Scandinavia still hanging in the balance. The important port and railroad of Narvik was in British hands, and Allied forces were landing at a number of coastal points in northern Norway, but Denmark was gone; southern Norway was fast falling under the swastika, with the invading Germans using the same blitzkrieg tactics so devastating to Poland. Berlin insisted that the portion of Norway necessary to assure the success of the German mission was firmly in Nazi hands. Sweden's dilemma meanwhile had achieved the nightmare stage—at the least the country could expect to be encircled; at the worst, it faced becoming a main battleground in the new and fiercer European conflict.

The Navy In Action
The one ray of hope that the tide might be turned against Hitler in Scandinavia was the aggressive new policy of the British War Cabinet. Here was action at last, meeting action. The brilliance of the Royal Navy in the battle of the Skagerrak, when one-third of the German fleet was reported sunk; the capture of Narvik; the laying of British mines in the Baltic which could mean the cutting-off of Germany's supply lines to the army in Norway gave ample reason for belief that Hitler's latest venture might yet end in frustration.

A Spreading Conflict
The extension of the area of combat to Scandinavia did not necessarily mean that the war would henceforth be confined to the north. On the other hand, last week the conflict gave new evidence of spreading east, west, and south, to bring more neutral nations within its scope. . . . The warning speech of a high Italian authority, coupled with Italian naval manoeuvres off the Dodecanese islands in the Mediterranean, presaged that Italy might soon be in the war. . . . Allied flight movements were reported in the vicinity of Salonika, considered a likely spot from which Britain and France might jump off into any Balkan war. . . . The lid appeared to be off in the Balkans, too, with Germany making further economic demands on Rumania, Yugoslavia and Hungary, and seeking to police the Danube region from the Black Sea to the German border. . . . Rumors of a Nazi plot to kidnap Queen Wilhelmina and Crown Princess Juliana of Holland linked up with growing fears that the Low Countries were shortly to be invaded by the German armies. . . . but in Berlin (wired New York Times' correspondent Brooks Peters) the belief persisted that the final decision in this war must come on the Western Front, and that steps designed to force it might come very shortly. . . .

Wolf Bounties Are Condemned
From Biological Standpoint Payment of \$15 For Each dead Wolf is Wrong, Science Professor Declares

Payment of a wolf bounty is wrong from a biological standpoint, according to Prof. A. F. Coventry of the department of biology, University of Toronto, says the Globe and Mail.

Ontario Iron Being Assayed
Members of Physics Department U. of T. Are Up At Steep Rock Lake Investigating Rich Deposits

Where's Daddy?
A U. S. census enumerator reported this one last week: A woman householder answered all questions without hesitation, then said at the end of the interview: "Now, I'll ask you one. Where's my husband? I haven't seen him for 15 years."

Propaganda is not a new idea. In old-time wars, messages were written on paper and tied carefully to arrows for delivery to the enemy by "air-mail."

With Hitler In Denmark, Greenland Presents New Problem for North America



Neutral countries which throw their lot in with Germany will forfeit their overseas possessions. Whether the forfeiture will be permanent or only for the duration of the war will have to be decided at the conclusion of the conflict. The British have already occupied the Faroe Islands, Danish possession north of Scotland and Iceland has announced its secession from Danish rule. Greenland, another Danish possession, will probably be administered under the direction of the Canadian government. Fishing boats are seen here in the harbor of Scoresbysund, Greenland. This immense Arctic province is wealthy with untouched natural resources.

The mines, discovered first last winter at Steep Rock Lake in Northern Ontario, were estimated to contain about 100,000,000 tons of the best ore, containing very little phosphorus and sulphur.

OF THE BEST ORE
Some time ago hematite was found on the south shore of the lake, but the deposit was detached. Then last winter, under the leadership of Dr. A. A. Brant, the scientific party used special instruments which enable the investigator to determine the magnetic properties of rocks, their electrical resistance and their pull of gravity. Operations are carried on during the winter because the ice on the lake makes a steady base for the instruments.

Lakes Expect Busy Season
Cargo Ships on Great Lakes Are Moving Out of Their Respective Docks

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Gardening . . .
Feed The Lawn
No garden is complete without a lawn and the richer, greener and softer that lawn is, the better the whole picture.

The average person forgets that grass is an ordinary garden plant requiring food and care just as much as flowers or vegetables. Seed selection is also just as important. Good lawns are produced from top quality, packaged lawn grass mixtures, which contain proper proportions of the finer permanent grasses. Seed should be sown liberally and the ground fertilized. Rolling in the Spring and watering regularly are also advisable.

Speedy Vegetables Are Tender
Tender vegetables are quickly grown. A check by dry weather or anything else invariably causes woodiness. To eliminate such dangers, experienced market gardeners push their plants along with frequent applications of commercial fertilizer. This must be applied carefully so as to be close to but not actually touching stems or roots.

Cultivation Is Vital
Aside from the planning and planting no early gardening job compares in importance with cultivation. Authorities do not ask

one to keep the hoe going all Summer—far from it. But they do request that the garden be dug once thoroughly first thing in the Spring, then cultivated once or twice afterwards. With proper tools, the work need be no more than healthy exercise. For the purpose there is nothing better than a little three or five fingered cultivator or a Dutch hoe. Either of these implements will make short work of a vegetable or flower garden. Cultivation serves a double purpose, it keeps down weeds and it conserves moisture.

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Movies Teach R.A.F. Skyhawks

They Learn Their Mistakes From Films Shot During Actual Aerial Dog Fights

British fliers are learning fighting tactics from action films taken during dog fights in the air against enemy aircraft.

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VOICE OF THE PRESS

RADIO, PHONE NUISANCES
Why be so particular in choosing peddlars from your door when you let them in on the telephone and radio? — Brandon Sun.

EXPENSIVE ENDORSEMENT
The election cost Canada \$3,000,000. That is a lot of money to pay for getting back what we had before. — Kitchener Record.

ONTARIO HOTELS
A survey shows that only 28 out of 1,185 hotels in Ontario are fireproof. Not a very comforting idea for the travelling public. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

PAMPER YOUR LAWN
This is the time of year when delivery boys and others on bicycles should keep off lawns. A little carelessness causes a great deal of damage to the wet soil and tender grass blades. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

CHEAP BUILDING
Of all the building trades in Canada, character-building seems to be the lowest paid. According to figures presented to the Ontario Secondary Schools convention, 13,000 of the 64,000 teachers in the country's public school systems received less than \$10 a week in 1935, with but slight improvement since. — Ottawa Citizen.

SCOUTING

Boy Scouts of Sudbury, Ont., recently aided in counting traffic on arterial highways leading into the city, in connection with a town planning survey.

The Boy Scout junior firemen of Kenville N. S., had their "baptismal fire" when they helped the senior firemen battle a winter blaze that partially destroyed the Kenville United Church.

The Junagadh Boy Scouts Association of India is carrying on a competition to inspire the Scouts of the state to concentrate upon village uplift activities. The competition includes practical work by the different village troops in education, in demonstrating healthy village activities and attacking in a practical way the problems of village sanitation.

Numerous public service activities of the Boy Scouts of India are similar to those of the Scouts of Canada. At the great annual festival at the Mahanaki Temple the Secunderabad Scouts gave particular attention to first aid and the finding of lost children. Altogether 16 lost children cases were dealt with and many minor injuries were treated by the Scout Ambulance Division.

The seven boys of a Lone Scout Patrol at Steinbach, Manitoba, are operating a free library for the people of that little country community. The library is located in the home of two of the Scouts who are brothers.

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"Do what you can to break down the false social notion that only children who pass examinations and go on to university are the worthwhile citizens; also to encourage a standard which will appraise a school, not by the scholarships attained, but by the worthwhile citizens it produces," she urged.

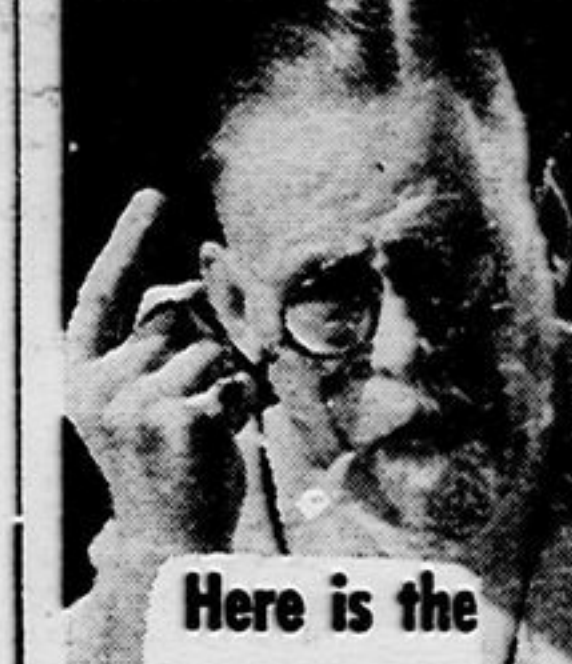
The combined help of good parents and teachers and access to plenty of the right kind of reading material are necessary education factors, stated Mrs. E. E. Reece at a symposium attended by Ontario Home and School Federation delegates.

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Guard Secrets, Farmers Urged

Quit telling everybody all your business secrets, farmers were advised by R. A. Stewart, president of the Barrie Tanning Company. He was speaking at the luncheon of the Ontario Chamber of Agriculture. "If there is overproduction of some farm commodity, everybody has access to the statistics showing that," he said. "The millers and other interests can thus take advantage of the over-production, to the disadvantage of the farmer. Business doesn't tell everybody what it is doing. Farmers shouldn't, either."



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