

**Curiosities
About Birds**

Strange Legends Have Long Existed Regarding Robins, Wrens, Swallows and Others

There are many curious superstitions associated to birds. Many people think it is extremely lucky to kill a swallow, martin or wren; some dreadful misfortune will surely follow.

A swallow nesting on a house is said to bring good luck. A raven flying and croaking over a sick house portends an early death, as does also a bird flapping its wings upon the sickroom window.

Are robins lucky or unlucky? This appears to be a moot question. Anyway, it is supposed to be unlucky to kill or hurt a robin, as many a country cottager still warns her bird-nesting offspring, if a robin tapers on your window, he is trying to warn you of evil to come.

There is a strange legend connected with the blackbird which has its origin in Italy. Once, says the story, the blackbird was white but during one terribly cold winter he took refuge in a chimney and so acquired his coat of soot. Near Brescia, the days from January 20th to February 1st, are now known as "I giorni della merla," or the blackbirds' days, meaning the days during which he was incarcerated in the chimney.

And now, if you see a white blackbird — and there are, of course, occasional albinos to be found here and there — the slight presages evil of the direst.

Crows are birds of ill-omen and harbingers of death, according to a great many. Ravens have a reputation almost as odious. Peacocks are unlucky birds. Owls make most country people and many town-dwellers shiver when they hoot shrilly through the night.

IT'S SWIM TIME



Maureen O'Sullivan, young actress, considers swimming a definite and necessary hobby. This is an enjoyable way to keep in trim and relax in the sun during leisure hours.

**Movie Flowers
Are Artificial**

Blooms Used on Screen Sets Must Be Lasting

The flowers used in motion pictures for the most part are artificial, although they cost more to make than real blooms, even more than fragile orchids.

One of Hollywood's leading florists estimates that the material and time used to manufacture an orchid costs the studio about \$5.00, which would buy a corsage of real orchids.

"But we can't use real flowers during the winter months," he explained, "because they are so perishable and often the ones we want are not blooming at the time."

Another reason why artificial flowers are used is that sometimes scenes have to be retaken, and then it is almost impossible to try and match the flowers previously used if real blooms were employed. But the artificial blooms are stored in the property department and if they have been handled too much to be used again, Murdoch can duplicate them.

The studios have found, he says, that real flowers will wither when they are brought out from refrigeration to the sound stages which are superheated by hundreds of incandescent lamps.

Conscience Fund

A 60-cent payment to the city "conscience fund" eased the mind of a middle-aged former Pittsburgh woman.

She appeared at the health bureau and paid for two bottles of hand lotion taken more than two years ago when employed at the municipal hospital.

"I've gotten so I can't sleep at night because I took those bottles," declared the woman, "and I might as well pay for a pencil I took, too."

**ONTARIO
OUTDOORS**

BY VIC BAKER

Try Crow Pie

We're not trying to play a joke on you but recently we learned that young crows are a delicacy in the Old Country and are becoming popular as a dish here in Canada. We are told that they are so popular in Great Britain that the fish and game stores sell them regularly.

Our Ontario acquaintance reports having enjoyed a crow pie recently after a successful crow shoot. Only the breasts are eaten to which onions and seasoning are added to make the pie filling.

And why shouldn't crow be as good eating as chicken? They eat exactly the same food. Crow eating may be a solution to some of our food problems, with people all over the country starving and crows all around us just waiting to be shot off.

Certainly a new angle on the usefulness of the crow!

**Spring Bad Time
For Thin Person**

Short, Stocky People on the Contrary Must Guard Their Sanity in Summer, Fall

The slender person should beware of mental effects of the weather in the spring, and the short, stocky person in summer and autumn.

This was suggested to the American Medical Association in a report of the influence of the weather on personality. The report was by Doctors William F. Petersen of the University of Illinois, Chicago, and Hans H. Reese, University of Wisconsin.

WEATHER INFLUENCES PERSONALITY
The weather, they said, influences the mental balance of the mentally disturbed and the moods of normal persons. The spring, summer and fall effects on slender and stocky persons were found in studying records of mental hospitals along with weather reports.

Weather, the doctors declared, will bring out latent hereditary tendencies. A vague mental difficulty may be changed, with a weather change, into full-fledged mental illness.

BLOOD CHEMISTRY AFFECTED
They said that the weather profoundly affects human blood chemistry. With these blood changes go the feelings of exhilaration and buoyance or of depression. In the stocky person an increase in blood alkalinity accompanies exhilaration. The thin man feels blue and irritable when his alkalinity drops.

**Gardening . . .
For Very Sunny Spots**

For a place where the sun shines practically all day, there are three outstanding flowering plants; geraniums, French marigolds and petunias. Of the former little need be said excepting that the colors range from white through pink, salmon and red.

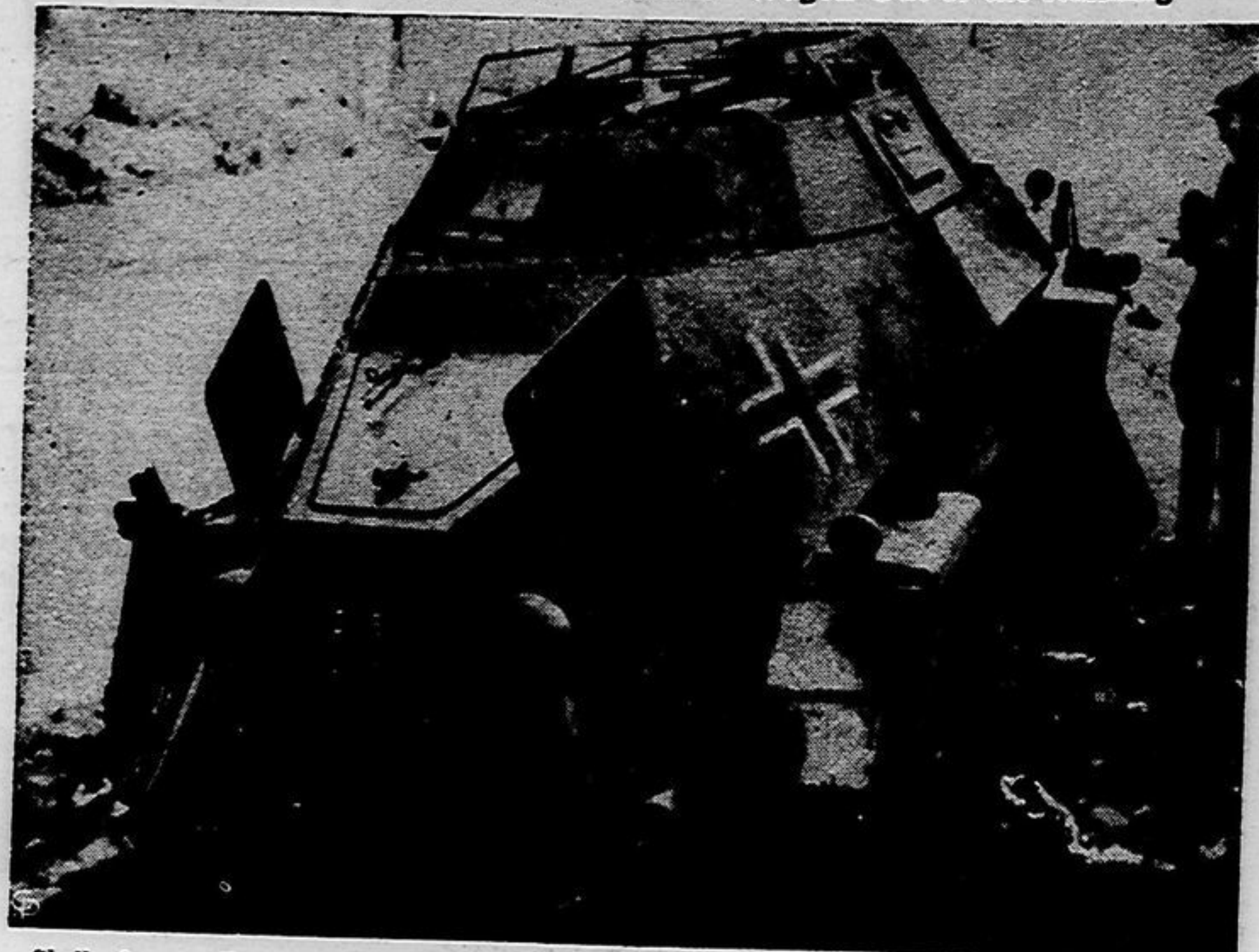
Attractive color combinations are possible—for instance, a planting of salmon geraniums in front of which are cascades of balcony petunias of the same shade intermingled with others in cornflower blue and silvery lilac. Those who prefer high color might choose red geraniums to go with petunias of velvety texture in purple and violet. This scheme would be effective only if the background were quiet and harmonious.

IN WINDOW BOXES
Dwarf French marigolds do extremely well in the window box. They are to be had in single and semi-double forms in red, canary, orange, garnet, brown and combinations of these colors, but the clear shades are most effective from a distance. The leaves, lacy and graceful, are a rich green, and the plants go right on blooming from summer to frost.

Morning-glories grow happily in a sunny window. There they will make pleasant flower patterns wherever they are given a bit of string on which to twine themselves. The variety Heavenly Blue is still unsurpassed, and it comes in an early flowering form, Clark's Heavenly Blue.

In all the tree planting projects that are being carried out it is well to remember that there are weed trees that are to be avoided. Manitoba maple and Carolina poplar make quicker growth than most other trees and will spread to fence corners and fields where they become pests.

The French Put This German "Panzer" Wagon Out of the Running



Shells from a French 75 put this armored machine-gun car of Germany's panzer corps out of early stage.

THE WAR-WEEK—Commentary on Current Events

**Canada Becomes Armed Camp
Under New Conscriptation Plan**

Nine months and ten days after Canada entered the European conflict, the Dominion Government announced plans to mobilize all human and material resources . . . for the defence of Canada . . . conscripting all able-bodied men up to 45 years of age, except those needed for vital industries . . . placing all the lives and property of the people of Canada at the disposal of the Government.

A complete picture of the Canada-to-be in the next couple of months was given by H. R. Armstrong, writing in the Toronto Daily Star: "Every town and hamlet in Canada will resound with the tread of marching feet when the Dominion's home defence forces go into training under the compulsory service plan. . . Units will be trained in their own localities, in armories, rinks, auditoriums or such other buildings. Huts will be built to house them. The men will be unarmoured and will train with rifles and other service weapons. The whole country will be an armed encampment."

100,000 Full-Time Soldiers
Continuing: "There are now 65,000 men of the C. A. S. F. in Canada and 70,000 more are being recruited as rapidly as possible. The government plans to send the second division of 25,000 to 30,000 men to England to aid the mother country. That will leave more than 100,000 full-time soldiers—infantry, machine-gun battalions, artillery and tank corps—in Canada for home defence, in addition to such units of the navy and air force as remain in and near the Dominion."

"Besides that, 40 infantry battalions of the non-permanent militia will be recruited to nearly full strength, to be on call in an emergency. This will give Canada a reserve of 25,000 to 35,000 more for home defence — around 130,000 men, aside from the new home defence army authorized by the legislation for conscription of manpower and wealth.

Manpower And Wealth
"It is planned to complete the C. A. S. F. and militia recruiting campaign before the end of this summer. After that, likely in the fall, the additional home defence forces will be raised by compulsory service. So it is likely the "new army" will begin its training in winter quarters. . . Men will be called from their jobs for the training period, and return to them when it is over, taking their uniforms home with them. . . . Because training will require only a few weeks, exemptions for oc-

cupational reasons will not be as broad as in the last war, when calling to the colors meant full-time service for the duration of the war. Clergymen and conscientious objectors will be exempt, as will those in vital occupations. . . . Employers will be compelled to give trainees leave of absence, with part or full pay, it is expected for the instruction period. . . . Men will be called up by selective draft. All males 18 to 45 will be liable, but categories will be established so that married men are not conscripted until unmarried men and widowers without children in the same age groups have been called up. . . . The armories and other training buildings, once in use, will be utilized continuously as one group succeeds another. The government has begun a dominion-wide canvass for instructors. . . . National registration has to be completed first, before the various classes can be called up. . . ."

At the same time that he announced the institution of conscription, Prime Minister Mackenzie King told the House of Commons of the imminent reorganization of the department of national war service to direct the mobilization of the activities of Canadians in the war effort; increased recruiting for overseas service, with Canada sending expeditionary forces to Newfoundland, Iceland, the West Indies.

Billion This Year
While the country awaited the bringing down of the Budget by Finance Minister Ralston, newly-appointed Minister of Defence, it was reported at Ottawa that more than one billion dollars would be required to finance Canada's ever-expanding war effort for the current fiscal year. This compared with \$166,000,000 the Dominion spent in 1915-16, the comparable period of the Great War. In a radio speech to the country, the Finance Minister warned of the impending taxation imposts—financial experts said present taxes would have to be increased at least by one-third.

Jockeying For Position
In Europe, the situation deteriorated day by day and hour by hour. Hitler's victory over France was assured; a great game was beginning for strategic positions on the continent, which might put the Rome-Berlin Axis in direct opposition to Russia, and find the Soviet Union attacking Germany along the entire eastern front. Out of the welter of confusion and disorganization, little but

the Japanese — a juicy prize which they might seize whenever the United States and Britain were in a position of being unable to stop them.

UNITED STATES: The objection in the United States to sending American troops to fight in Europe was still overwhelming last week, although the desire to do "everything short of war" to help the Allies had been carried to fever pitch by the tragic plight of France, the frantic appeal by Paul Reynaud to President Roosevelt for aid.

"Hands Off!"

The threat to this continent becoming much more substantial, the U. S. Navy asked for another \$4,000,000,000 for a 70 per cent boost in seapower. . . . revision of the fleet expansion program was expected. The Senate unanimously adopted a resolution declaring that the United States would not recognize transfer of possessions in the Western Hemisphere from one European power to another.

As an answer to German economic activity in South America, President Roosevelt launched plans for a gigantic economic union of the two American continents under a \$2,000,000,000 Inter-American Export Corporation. It would result, it was explained, in an almost totalitarian control over exportable surpluses of the two continents.

**Dog Menace
Said Serious**

Canadian Sheep-Breeders Are Upset Over Situation — Ont. Farmer Lost 16 Head of Sheep to Dogs in One Night

Many sheep breeders in Canada are of the opinion that it is practically impossible to raise sheep profitably on account of the large number of dogs which are allowed to roam at large. This they consider is serious in a country that uses more wool per capita than any other country and which in war-time finds itself under the necessity of importing large quantities of wool for war contracts and for general use.

FLOCKS MUCH REDUCED

One farmer in Ontario reports losing 16 head of sheep killed by dogs in one night, another 11 head and others smaller numbers. As a result of the menace from dogs there has been a reduction of 75 per cent. in the number of sheep.

Scratching Before Itch Fast

For quick relief from itching of scabies, pimples, athlete's foot, eczema, rashes, rashes and other extremely itchy skin troubles, use BEE HIVE GOLD CREAM, ointment, liquid, D. D. D. Cream, ointment, powder, sticks, stiches, stiches. Soothes irritation and quickly stops itching. Each trial bottle proves it, or money back. Ask your druggist today for D. D. D. PRESCRIPTION.

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raised in one district, in which the sheep are regarded as the best paying class of livestock. A similar statement might be made by a number of groups of farmers in many sections or districts.

WANT SHEEP LEGISLATION

Unless something is done to lessen the danger from dogs it is certain less sheep will be raised.

Sheep raisers throughout Canada are urging that legislation to deal with the menace be considered as a war-time necessity by the provincial legislatures, so that more sheep and wool may be produced.

**Read Newspapers;
Retain Vitality**

Famous Former Yale Professor Advises It As An Aid to Longevity

Regular reading of newspapers is recommended by Dr. William Lyon Phelps as an aid toward longer life. "The three cents invested in a newspaper is one of the greatest aids to vitality we have," Yale's famous emeritus professor of English declares.

"The paper provides us with interests that will take us out of ourselves. The more we are interested in things beyond ourselves, the better we can combat despondency and trouble and the longer we live."

Ask for BEE HIVE



LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"It's good—but it isn't as funny as your old one!"

By GENE BYRNES

REG'LAR FELLERS—Outside Information



**Walking W
Social Asses**

Integral Part
"Smartness";
Acquired

No girl will ever be a "smart" class who will, writes Donna editor. She must try herself so that she may be the "smart" girl.

We once heard of a class that studied "smartness." "Something you can have," she said, "those who didn't have smartness would be a mistake. Any girl who she will learn how most of the girls she . . ."

DAILY EXERCISE She can have a figure whether she is fat or thin. She can be willing to wear inexpensive clothes, walk like a queen, . . ."

Mother women who thought much about themselves in hand, have enough sense to make them "snap a way." They will be class. Most important to attend to their . . ."

HOLD YOURSELF The girl who will be smartness and distinct to stretch many times . . ."

Still knees mean of The foot on the floor. weight. Practice the straighten the back . . ."

FOR SPORT CASUAL W



Dianna Lewis truly has her cap when she wears off-the-face hat in white of ribbon, with grosgrain navy as the trim, the hat is jaunty air by the thrust through the cre . . ."

**The Oldest Tree
On Our Continent**

Are Believed to Be The Trans-Pecos Texas — Ping Co. 1900 Years

The oldest living tree in American continent are in the world, are the oldest are found in remote Trans-Pecos region of corduroy to H. L. George, geologist and forester. It grows in semi-arid soil most pure gypsum and several thousand years old giant redwoods in California . . ."

"Some time ago I was some of the surviving by Jacob Kuchler, an explorer who located the Pecos River, about north of Kent Texas. "This work was done in marked trees with a cedars have not grown in fifty-nine years these marks. Several of were on our survey line to be cut, and at the noticed that their rings close together that it not be seen without the powerful magnifying . . ."

"By examining several trees closely, we found were approximately seven to the quarter inch. At of growth, one inch was a span of 250 years, some of these trees are inches in diameter, they approximately 10,000 y