

The Papers Say

EDITORIAL COMMENT FROM
HERE, THERE AND
EVERYWHERE.

CANADA

ART OF PLOWING

Plowing is one of the most pleasant, as well as the most important, parts of farming. Provided one has a good team, and the land is free from stone, it is not an arduous task, differing in this respect from some other types of farm work. It is important because good plowing is the basis of good farming. Usually a good plowman is a good farmer, while a bad one is a poor farmer who soon finds his land overrun with weeds. It requires some skill to be adept at the practice. The best plowmen have a natural aptitude for it, and one lacking this can never become perfect. The good farmer knows the proper depth at which to plow his soil, as well as to how to keep a straight furrow.

No matter how good a plowman is, however, he is not going to be much of a success unless he has a well-trained, experienced team. After all, it is the team that does the most of the work, and it is not difficult to keep a straight furrow if possessed of horses that know how to walk straight and pay attention to directions. The horses must also have the proper gait. Anyone who has been kicked on the ribs by a plough handle when the implement is being pulled by a headstrong team knows just what this means.—Windsor Star.

STORY TELLER EARNS PRIZE

Hand the prize to that Algoma pike that first sank its teeth into one oar, dived under the boat, struck the other oar, and used it as a gangplank for boarding the fishermen's craft.—Stratford-Beacon-Herald.

We would hand the prize to the fellow who first told the story.—Chatham News.

ANTI-TANK GUNS

No sooner have experts invented a new and more deadly weapon than another set of experts develop a weapon to combat it. The tank is no longer a safety-first fort on a battlefield. Woolwich arsenal gun experts have perfected an anti-tank gun. They claim infantry armed with the anti-tank rifle will be able to stand up to tanks and beat them. A two-pound shell, fitted with a special armor-piercing nozzle, is fired by the anti-tank gun. This shell can penetrate the armorplates of any tank and explode inside. One direct hit from an anti-tank gun means death to the whole tank crew and the destruction of the entire mechanism.

The gun travels on a small rubber-tired truck and is so light that it can be taken up into the front truck, mounted on a tripod, and brought into action in less than 30 seconds. It fires with terrific rapidity and can blow up a tank a mile away. The anti-tank rifle is made for use against whippet tanks, and fires special armor-piercing bullets which can bring a tank to a standstill at a range of 500 yards.—Brandon Sun.

CANADIAN BLANKETS

The reputation of the Canadian Government in matters of paternalism seems to have spread across the line. Our Morrisburg, Ont., correspondent reports that while strolling down the street he was hailed by a United States tourist who said: "Pardon me. Can you tell me where the Government woollen store is?" The contributor says he didn't want to appear dumb in case the Government had recently gone into the wool business, so he asked a few cautious questions. It turned out that the tourist was looking for Hudson Bay blankets.—MacLean's Magazine.

COW RUNS AMOK

The recent tragedy near Sarnia where a farm woman was attacked and killed by a cow which had run into her yard from the road, causes surprise and apprehension as well as sympathy and sorrow. Is a cow, therefore, unsafe? It is not unusual to hear of people being killed by bulls. Two neighbors of the woman who was killed in Moore Township have met a similar fate in recent years from bulls. But cows are usually regarded, at least by city folks, as placid animals which graze quietly and, in their moments of leisure, chew their cud at peace with the world. Some city girls, out in the country on picnics, are loath to climb over a fence into a field where there are cows. Is their fear justified or are their companions fighting in making fun of them? Farmers tell us that, on the whole, cows of course are much quieter than bulls. If cows are together in a group or a herd without bulls, they are almost entirely harmless. If a

cow is taken away from other cows, however, or if something exceptional occurs to make her nervous, there may be instant danger. A cow that for any reason does run amok is more agile than a bull and, with its added nervousness, is at least as perilous. The moral for city people, because farmers are doubtless aware of the situation themselves, is that while they should not become panicky about cows, they would do well to remember that any animal of that size and strength is a potential menace and that watchfulness at all times is the part of wisdom.—Toronto Star.

SENTENCE SUSPENDED

"The magistrate suspended sentence." Quite often we read something to that effect in accounts of trials; and a good many, reading, dismiss the matter from their minds with the remark: "Well, that's disposed of!" or "That chap got off easy!" They think, evidently, just "suspended sentence" sees the last of the case. Often, too, it seems that those who have been released on a suspended sentence have the same idea.

That is entirely a mistake. A suspended sentence is just what the name implies—a sentence that is suspended, that hangs over the offender. So long as he behaves himself, nothing further is done about it; but if he offends again during the term for which sentence has been suspended the first offence can be cited against him in case of conviction and the penalty be imposed in addition to that for the second offence.

Suspended sentence does not mean that the judge or magistrate has placed the offender in the position of one who has not broken the law. If he does not take his lesson to heart and breaks the law a second time the magistrate may remind him that he has broken faith. "Authority," the magistrate may say, "has given you a chance to go straight. Only one thing can be done with a person who will not behave; it is high time for you to learn that the way of the transgressor is hard. Society will stand for only so much."

Suspended sentence, then, is not a clearance; nor is it a sign of weakness on the part of the authorities. It is a manifestation of the desire of the law to give one who has slipped a chance to get back on the straight road—a favor which too often is not appreciated.—Timmins Daily Press.

AN ITEM FOR WIVES

A Goderich man tripped over the lawn hose when he went to turn the water off and fractured his arm in three places. We imagine many married men will make sure their wives read that particular item.—Peterborough Examiner.

THE EMPIRE

TO CHANGE OUR CLIMATE

Scientists have put forward a new theory. They say that if the ice-caps which cover each Pole, North and South, could once be removed, they would never reform. Once they went the whole climate of the earth would be altered. The hard climate of Britain would change to the soft warmth of the semi-tropics. Scientists say that with modern explosives the feat is not impossible and certainly it would be better for mankind to use explosives in this way than to blow each other to death with them.—Sunday Express.

Toronto Selected As Clearing Depot

Film Library of Overseas League Extending Activities

LONDON.—Toronto has been tentatively selected as the central clearing and distribution depot for the Empire Film Library of the Overseas League, which is extending its activities throughout Canada.

John G. Bridges, development secretary of the League, will arrive in Quebec with a good-will party of nearly 200 members, who will make a brief tour of Quebec and Ontario. He will take charge of reorganization work in the Dominion and has brought with him hundreds of films which will form the nucleus of the League's library.

According to present plans the Toronto clearing depot will be in operation early in September. Sub-depots and libraries will be set up in other centres such as Saint John, Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver.

The films, depicting many phases of life in the Old Country and other parts of the Empire, will be made available free of charge to public schools, universities, service clubs, community organizations and educational bodies. Sets of lantern slides with descriptive lectures are also to be released.

News In Brief

\$813,000 EXPENDITURE

WINNIPEG.—Manitoba's Pine Falls pulp and paper mill will be improved to the extent of \$813,000, increasing capacity of the mill from 49 tons to 300 tons daily, officials announced here this week. The extension program would result in reduction in cost of newsprint by \$1.72 a ton.

The proposed expenditure is part of the Abitibi Power and Paper Company's reorganization plans to be presented to bondholders of the company Oct. 15. Plans have been approved by the Shareholders' Protective Committee. Pine Falls is a subsidiary of Abitibi.

Half of the \$813,000 will be spent on the mill, \$220,000 is to go toward townsite improvements. Appropriation of the remaining \$186,500 was not revealed.

WANTS MORE AT BOTH ENDS OF MODERN BATHING SUITS

LACHINE, Que.—Rev. Aime Boileau, in condemning bathing suits worn by swimmers at this lakeside resort just west of Montreal, said a Catholic women's organization had prepared a suit to be worn by women bathers, but no one wanted to buy the costume because it was "not up-to-date." Father Boileau, parish priest of the Holy Angels here, told his congregation at all Masses that "bathing suits should be completed by adding more to both ends."

NO CANCELLATION IN WAR DEBTS OWED U.S.

WASHINGTON.—Senator J. Hamilton Lewis (Dem., Ill.), said in the Senate there would be no cancellation or 50 per cent. reduction of war debts owed the United States by other nations. Taking cognizance of reports of a new proposal to settle the debts at half their present figures, Lewis said: "America had been yielding too far to maintain the respect of the world."

21 BANANAS TOO MANY

STRAITFORD.—Harold Twist, well known Downie Township cattle buyer, lost a bet—one of the few in his lifetime. Mr. Twist told a group of Stratford men he could eat three dozen bananas within fifteen minutes. They doubted his word and purchased the bananas. Harold managed to eat fifteen bananas before he gave up. The failure cost him the price of the fruit.

He has a good excuse for losing, however. The bananas weren't ripe enough to be eaten wholesale, he said.

GIVES WIVES SOME TIPS

HOLLYWOOD.—From the vantage point of a year's marital happiness,

Myrna Loy advised her sisters in wedlock to keep their chins up and their hair waved.

The green-eyed 32-year-old actress, was married—for the first time—to Arthur Hornblow, Jr., her director in "Arrowsmith," June 2, 1936.

She had prepared for matrimony by playing both vamps and "perfect wives" on the screen. So she was tolerant when her husband disdained her favorite salad, and he, previously divorced, overlooked the feminine furbelows in their new home.

"A wife cannot escape the competition of other women," is Miss Loy's philosophy, "but she shares the same privileges at the beauty parlor."

"Luckily, women are finding out that the battle has just begun when the altar is reached. If they all learned to put as much effort into making marriage a success, as they would into business—then Reno could be given back to the Indians."

CROPS LOOK PROMISING

OTTAWA.—All eastern Canada and British Columbia continued to show prospects, said a crop report issued this week by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The drought-stricken Prairies, however, faced failure over a wide area, with low yields expected from those fields which still promised a crop.

In Ontario, the weather has been favorable for the development of all crops. Cutting of fall wheat is nearly finished, and yields should be above average. Some early spring grains have been cut, and in southern districts harvesting will be general this week, with fairly good yields in prospect. Fruit and truck crops are promising. In northern districts haying is delayed by wet weather, but general prospects are good.

U.S. SENATE PASSES NAVY CONSTRUCTION BILL

WASHINGTON.—The United States Senate sent to the White House this week a bill authorizing construction of six naval auxiliary vessels at a maximum cost of \$50,000,000.

The Senate agreed to House amendments to the bill, which provides for a new seaplane tender, destroyer tender, mine sweeper, submarine tender, fleet tug and oil supply ship.

CATTLE BOOM NEARS

TORONTO.—Canada's cattle business, domestic and foreign, is ready to boom under the impetus of a Government-assisted plan for shipping thin live stock from the dry prairies to Ontario's rich feeding land—then to market.

Live stock men said this week the movement of Western cattle to Ontario has started several weeks earlier than last year, the first in which the Dominion Government paid half-cost of shipment and half-fare of Eastern buyers who select their own cattle for finishing.

Because the market is better, due largely to cattle shortage in the United States, Eastern cattle men are hurrying to take advantage of the Government scheme. Personally or through agents, they are buying Western cattle in July—last year heaves purchases were in August—to get an early start.

The Dominion live stock branch here reported July shipments "unusually large," and added that the heaviest movement was expected in the period from August to November. Three-year-old steers and heifers, oil younger, and cows and calves qualify under the Government plan.

Higher prices and prospects of a ready sale to the United States are incentives to Ontario dealers, who find choice grade steers marked at \$9 to \$9.25, compared with around \$5.75 a year ago.

Cattle moving to Ontario will not be marketable until fall, but live stock men are satisfied there will be no slackening in demand.

GERMANY IS UTILIZING WASTE HUMAN HAIR

BERLIN.—The use of human hair for the making of carpets, tarpaper covering for roofs, and felt, is Germany's latest plan for saving raw materials. Hair-dressers throughout the country will be asked at the coming Barbers' Convention at Breslau to start collecting human hair of every kind and length.

NEWS PARADE

Commentary on the HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKS NEWS ...

By Peter Randal

Those who will be remembered longest are often the least known.

Canada's history studded with names far better known than that of Sir Charles Saunders but it is doubtful if any other man has had a greater influence upon its development. Macdonald created Confederation but it was Saunders' discovery, marquis wheat and its later improvement in garnet wheat that provided the means of existence for a very young nation. Railroads had been built from east to west across limitless expanses of almost waste land. The country was under a heavy burden of debt. The Saunders discovery turned the vast prairie wastes of the west into a treasure house which was to lift Canada from the position of a relatively unimportant appendage of Great Britain into one of the five great trading nations of the world. As wheat poured out, gold poured in and found its way from the farmer's pocket into every form of Canadian economic development.

The West of Today

As the creator of the treasure house passes beyond, it is interesting to examine the future of these same broad lands. The one crop West is passing through a dark period in its history. Thousands of acres are being scoured clean of top soil. Rain has failed and the 1937 wheat crop is a failure in a line of failures. The Western wheat carry over has shrunk from a high of 211 million bushels to under the hun-

dred million mark. Thousands are in dire want.

It Will Come Back

In line with the experiences of the dust bowl states to the south, there are many who believe that this great area stretching across southern Alberta and Saskatchewan should be abandoned. Aided by the Federal Government, many families have already been transplanted from the most affected areas but the possibilities of moving an entire population are too enormous to be seriously contemplated even if those involved were agreed that the move was in their own best interests. That is the strange quality of the Western character. In spite of continued crop failures and hard luck, these people still believe that the West will come back.

Irrigation

A few years ago, a well known eastern financier and engineer came to their support. According to R. O. Sweezy of Montreal, the West needs irrigation on a huge scale. True, the expense would be enormous but so will be the expense involved in any other solution. The great difference is that irrigation will be an investment capable of bringing in a great return. Whether irrigation is the key to the riddle or some other solution is required does not matter. The wealth of Canada, not only for the West and the farmer but for the East and industry depends on saving the Western wheat field.

Sporting Comment

By KEN EDWARDS



How do you fishermen react to this piece of information? In 1936 the State of Wisconsin's two hatcheries produced 7,000,000 Muskies for re-stocking purposes. They're probably big fellows by now, waiting for you guys out there!

One of our American tourists caught a prize trout up north last week, so this should prove we in Canada have a few big ones left.

No one ever talks or hears about the oyster. Well, here is just a fact: he says that an oyster takes from four to six years to ripen for the market!

"Jimmy Wilson, take the stand."—The New York Giants are willing to pay \$50,000 for his services. The Chicago Cubs want him too, whether or not \$50 grand is a little high, we are not sure just now.

I guess they'll still have to stretch it a little to come up to Babe Ruth's top salary of \$80,000 a year.

They say last season at Saratoga and Lexington the sales for 800 yearling were \$1,500,000.00.

Referring back to oysters again, it is said a female oyster spawns 50,000,000 eggs in a year.

Guess we better hoof it along, gang. Thanks a lot for your letters. Our column is dedicated this week to Jack Legge, Toronto's "statistical whirlwind."

—Ken.

Girl Glad To Return To North

Dorothy Berens, Now 21 Takes First Trip Out This Summer

FORT SMITH, N.W.T.—Petite, dark-eyed Dorothy Berens is home from the first trip "outside" in her life of 21 years, and glad to be back. Ever since she was a little girl, Dorothy, youngest of the five children of Johnny Berens, pilot for many years aboard the Hudson's Bay Company's stern-wheeled steambot "Distributor" has stayed at home and helped around the house.

She went to school at the settlement, called the Metropolitan of the North, and had her first holiday away from home last year when she went 1,300 miles further north with her father to Aklavik.

Then came her chance for a real vacation—two months with her sister, Mrs. Alice Connibear, in Edmonton, 600 miles south. Dorothy went out by boat and train, stayed the two months and returned only a little impressed.

"I liked it all right, she told the Governor-General, when she met him aboard the S. S. Athabasca River during the Vice-Regal tour of the North, "but I'm glad to be going home. I like it in the north."

Later she was asked if the city surprised her. "I'll say it did," she declared. "I had never seen tall buildings or trains or street cars or movies before and I didn't have any idea what it would be like."

She said the city "would be all right if my people were there, but I'd rather be home even then."

It took her a long time to decide what she liked best in the city. She said she had been taking dancing, automobile rides, to the exhibition (she admitted that was good fun, but the dancing was no novelty, except for the crowds) and to motion pictures.

Oaks have to be sturdy in order to survive; more than 300 insect pests prey on them.

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Child Prodigy, 3, Over Genius Rate

Roxanne Herrick Paces With Doll But Prefers To Play Card Games

DETROIT, Mich.—Roxanne Herrick, three-year-old who is rated as another child prodigy, will pose with her doll but would much rather play cards.

Her mother, Mrs. Donald F. Herrick of Monroe, Mich., who was here with the lively little girl for a visit, said Roxanne has an intelligent quotient 54 points higher than genius. Roxanne politely pestered for conversation with her favorite doll, which originally belonged to her aunt, but deserted it immediately to engage in a card game with the aunt.

The child knows face cards at a glance and matches the others expertly into books. She adds or subtracts by means of pennies or apples and uses such "grown up" words as extraordinary, enjoyment and atrocious.

Besides naming and locating a dozen large mountains and rivers, she uses several French expressions. Her father is a government engineer.

Miss Myrtle Mosher, Monroe school teacher, who gave Roxanne the Binet Simon test last April, said the girl has the vocabulary of an intelligent eight-year-old child.

The test rates genius at 135. Roxanne received 189 points, four more than Mary Christine Dunn, the small girl wonder of Bonne Terre, Mo., who called on Henry Ford when she was here last June.

Floating Home Has Advantages

Worran Says Lack of Housework Is One of Best Features

PORT STANLEY, Ont.—No vacuum cleaners and little housework is the best part of life on the water, says Mrs. H. A. Secord of London, Ont., who makes a family home on the cabin cruiser Jacquetta.

Mr. and Mrs. Secord are spending their fourth summer on the water, and they like it. They are the only family at the present time who have their complete home afloat during the summer months at this port. The cruiser is anchored in a quiet section of the river, handy to the lake.

Plenty of time is available for recreation with the drudgery of housework removed, says Mrs. Secord. Life goes on in a space of 35 feet by 10 feet, but there is a place for everything and everything in its place.

Girl's Long Journey Seeking Her Father

Winnipeg to Vancouver on Foot Car and Freight Train

VANCOUVER.—A 19-year-old Winnipeg girl sat in a Y.W.C.A. hostel here recently and told of her two-weeks' journey from the prairie city by foot, freight train and automobile.

Olive Peters is looking for her father. She believes he came here from Winnipeg two years ago after the death of his wife. The tall 57-year-old carpenter gave no hint of his destination but he was on the Pacific coast in 1933 and Olive believes he had returned here.

"I made up my mind I was going to find Dad," Olive said today, "and I just started out. At the start I took the wrong road and had to go back five miles. Then I got a lift, and between walking and riding, I reached Regina."

The same method of transportation, with an occasional span covered by freight train, carried her across the prairies, which in some places were "like a desert—all dry and burned up," to the British Columbia mountain town of Golden and on to Vancouver.

Believe in Coincidences?

This one is being retold. A few years ago a few miles out of Boston harbor two schooners came into collision each of the vessels being a six-master. This does not appear at first glance to have been remarkable as schooners frequently bump. Then some one made the discovery that they were the only two six-masted schooners in the world and the incident was considered remarkable.

Here is another: On Dec. 5, 1664, the English ship Menia, crossing the channel, was lost. Only one passenger of the 81 on board was saved and his name was Hugh Williams.

On the same day of the same month in 1785 a pleasure boat was wrecked on the Isle of Man. There were sixty persons on the boat and the only man saved was Hugh Williams.

On August 5, 1820, a picnicking party on the Thames was run down by a coal barge. There were 25 in the picnic party and the only one saved was a lad of five years from Liverpool who was visiting in London. His name was Hugh Williams.—Peterborough Examiner.

THE WONDERLAND OF OZ

By L. Frank Baum



Suddenly they heard a shout of jeering laughter and stopped short. They would have had to stop in a moment anyway for the huge mountain barred their further progress and the path ran up close to a wall of rock and ended. "Who was that laughing," asked Ozma. There was no reply but in the gloom they could see strange forms flit across the face of the rock.

Whatever the creations might be, they seemed very like the rock itself, for they wore the color of rocks and their shapes were as rough and rugged as if they had been broken away from the side of the mountain. They kept close to the steep cliff facing our friends, and glided up and down, this way and that, with a lack of regularity that was quite confusing.

"Do not mind them," said Tiktok, as Dorothy shrank back. "They are only the Gnomes." "And what are Gnomes," asked the girl, half frightened. "They are rock fa-ir-ies, and serve the Gnome King," replied the machine, "but they will do us no harm. You must call for the King, because with-out him you can never find the entrance to the palace." "You call," said Dorothy to Ozma,

Just then the Gnomes laughed again, and the sound was so disheartening that the twenty-six officers commanded the private to "About Face!" and they all started to run. The Tin Woodman at once cried "Halt!" and when they had stopped he asked: "Where are you going?" "I—I find I've forgotten the brush for my whiskers," said a General, trembling with fear. "So-so-so we are g-going back for it!"