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Confusion Week Is Over

week between Christmas and New Year's finds les one at loose ends, and could possibly be in go'a lost week. It is little more for local business to ot With stores closed Monday and Tuesday, then portahis Monday, folks are not exactly sure just muchy it is.

cases local press has been quiet as well with little The in town. However we note that the big metro add thave been short on news as well and had to izatid a tear-jerker about the Quints to provide head-

have amercial life should get back to normal this The well as the local political swim. January sales ident act a good many to town and municipal councils ing is wille and surrounding townships will get down ess once more.

Poor Sidewalks Can Prove Costly thorit

captai town of Gananoque learned a lesson it won't toler NION vae changerous for pedestrians. As a indiviarkham probe being in bad shape a 59-year-old tial tussociation extensive injuries in a fall and she shoul convenient \$5,000 damages.

The fille illowing up in the Supreme Court at which the cotto i floring up in the Supreme Court at which

forwa-lime impson presided. The plaintiff testified the # 1 she suffered a fractured elbow, wrist and injuries. When she appeared in court theas wired together and could not be moved. hough the complainant was familiar with the of sidewalk that was responsible for her fallordship held the corporation 60 per cent lia awarded damages totalling \$3,174.

"costly lesson for Gananoque, and should be arefully by other civic authorities who are in of putting off badly needed sidewalk repairs. Sto council should definitely take note as work on tal, walks in 1955 proved a "washout" with

Economic Outlook Good for Canada

end surveys which show that the Canadian this year has chalked up records in almost eveeld are no surprise to most.

every hand, but most clearly in the big metro-Policentres, the evidence that the second half of the tury may indisputably be Canada's is there for evene to see. It has even prompted a leading rit financial journal to suggest the whole world : imes seems in conspiracy to find more and more is our natural resources.

The boom, even now at a peak period for the year, is expected to continue well into 1956 and possibly set othe records. Though the economy has its soft spots _ntably in farm income, well down from 1951's record yea it looks as though the rosy glow of prosperity

willot dim noticeably. material prosperity were the whole picture it wol for thoughtful people, be incomplete. However this to the increasing body of Canadians who are devig themselves to the furtherance of artistic life lost all its phases, we have at least started to catp in the just-as-necessary cultural and spiritual

ere are some cautionary voices from leading the midst of the unprecedented expansion, the en they are only mildly so. Optimism seems to nestral partly because the boom has developed restlying n peacetime forces active in the world.

the most serious problem ahead is the hraing out of a solution for western wheat farmers, or Yinosa prosperity the rest of the country still relies the large extent. If this can be satisfactorily worked Canada, can indeed expect still greater days to

Farmers Build Roads

Oriario had toll roads years ago and we may be bring around full circle. Yet with all the talk about aperhighways there is precious little consideration ivenito the syner of a farm. The farmer is building inainthining tens of thousands of miles of roads not it is as at a small fraction of the money being cent on the comparatively tiny percentage of provin-

Look at Normanby Township in the southwest corner of Grey County. With a total annual budget of Jess than \$60,000 the five Normanby councillors (all farmers) build and maintain 150 miles of roads. This includes grading, ditching, building bridges and culeverts, buying graders and trucks, snowplowing, and

overhead. These township roads and bridges are passable enough to serve buses on the winter school runs. But look what happens when the Township asks the Province to take over a piece of road. Costs are not merely doubled or tripled, they are multiplied ten or

twenty times. This year, for example, a road in Normanby Township was designated the Mount Forest Bypass De-

relopment Road 330. Rebuilding was according to specifications provided athe Ontario Department of Highways. The road spellely two and one-tenth miles and did not have a . Hebridge or culvert, but the project cost \$80,000. immes was half as much money to rebuild about two and if possibly inter maintenance and building of 150 to all members in the maintenance and building of 150

the next meeting it pridges. can be taken as readles are building and maintaining is saved when theical basis, as the above figures asks for the adoption 0% of the cost of these township

cost of these bridges is borne combination finance minister a med the otor vehicles, and penny-pincher but playing to a Christiyen to the job in collecting fees but should had their father should not hesitate to use harsh meas- Christmas dinnerures when necessary - espe- Mrs. Coffin and cially when club constitution man entertained their home says that only paid-up members from Quebec during the holl-



ARTHUR KAVANAGH

IN THE ANNALS OF human history there are men whose courage is staggering and the story of Arthur Kavanagh is one of them. There is a brief account of that remarkable man.

ARTHUR KAVANACH was one of the most extraordinary men who ever lived. His life story is stranger than fiction. He was born in Ireland in 1831, with only the rudiments of arms and legs - mere stumps instead of proper limbs. Fortunately his parents were in fairly comfortable circumstances and secured the best medical and surgical assistance, but nothing came of it. Every effort resulted in causing great pain to the boy and bitter disappointment to his parents.

IN SPITE OF PREDICTIONS that he could not live, Kavanagh thrived. The muscles of what arms and legs he had grew strong with constant use that he learned to ride a horse, holding it with a strong rein and even using a whip. He became a firstclass rider, and although he was strapped into a saddle chair, he learned to ride at a fast pace and to take fences as well as the best riders in the countryside. Furthermore, he became an expert angler, learned to write letters more legibly than most people who have fingers, and even painted pictures.

KAVANAGH'S SKILL in shooting amazed everyone. Seated in the saddle chair on his horse, he would rest his gun on the stump which served as a left arm and pull the trigger with an attachment made to his right arm. So expert did he become that generally he could shoot birds on the wing while his horse trotted along at a good pace.

WHILE STILL IN HIS TEENS he travelled in the East with his tutor and his brother. He visited Egypt and Palestine, riding hundreds of miles strapped in his saddle chair on the back of an' Arab steed. Wherever he went he aroused a good deal of curiosity. The sight of this young man, without arms or legs, who could ride so well and whose intelligence was of such a high order, excited wonder and admiration. On several occasions the party was attacked by robbers and Kavanagh's coolness. and courage was responsible for getting out of more than one tight corner. On one occasion the girth of his saddle gave way and he and his saddle chair were dashed to the ground. He was picked up unconscious, but fortunately he was not seriously injured, and the following day he was riding again.

Considering the terrible physical handicaps Kavanagh had to face, his unfailing cheerfulness was one of the most amazing things about him. He might easily have become sour and disgruntled. But he was never heard to complain. Wherever he went he wrote letters of great interest describing the places he saw and the people he met. These letters always bubbled over with fun and good nature. When he had completed his thirtieth year he wrote a long letter in which he reviewed his life. The letter was remarkable for the constant references to the goodness of God and all his blessings. This letter is considered by many to be one of the most remarkable letters in all literature. IN 1866 KAVANAGH was elected to Parliament, where he rep-

resented his people until 1880. It was an unusual sight to see a man without arms and legs addressing that assembly, but he was always listened to with consideration and great respect. HE DIED IN LONDON in 1889. A leading magazine said: "He .

was one of the most extraordinary men who ever lived." OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by Benjamin Franklin: "God helps those who help themselves."



For Parents Only Belonging To A Group

By Nancy Cleaver

Adolescents, in their eager-

the only circle where they are

Some very famous men, in

In order to live a normal life,

a boy or girl must have oppor-

the community, in the school,

tions are built in part on this

fundamental need in adoles-

cence to be in a "gang." The

Boy Scout movement, with over

six million members in troops

scattered all around the world

in the free nations, demon-

strates the urge of teen-age

boys to belong to their own

Gradually as a child grows

older his pride in belonging ex-

tends to larger groups - his

school and his community.

Many young people are proud

of their affiliation with a church

or Young People's Group, the

Junior WI, the YMCA or YWCA

Throughout the years a per-

son's pride in his own land con-

tinues to grow. Shakespeare

asked in Julius Caesar, "Who

is here so vile that will not

love his country?" and Kipling

wrote, "God gave all men all

earth to love, but since our

hearts are small; Ordained for

each one spot should prove be-

In today's world no thought-

loved over all."

or some other youth group.

regard for rules.

"Mother, I'm going to Jim- If one's own kin and kith mie's back yard to play with | Were more fun to be with." the other kids in his sand pile." Billy informs his mother right ness for companionship, someafter breakfast. The urge to be- times drift into juvenile delinlong to a group is strong even quency. They pick up doubtful before a child starts to school. companions on the streets, and The neighborhood gang of boys drift into a lawless gang. Boys and girls who live in the same especially, are eager to belong block and play together, the to a group and win approval of happy activity in a nursery their friends. Frequently they school, all promote in the child will steal or destroy property this same sense of comradeship rather than be dropped from with others.

"A school age child dislikes to | welcome. be so different in his clothes, or in his standards of conduct, their youth, have joined in a from his playmates that he is thieving expedition with their considered an outsider. He will chums. Saint Augustine admitappreciate his friends being ted that he was one of a group welcome, and occasional treats of boys who stole all the pears of cookies or apples being avail- from a tree one dark night. The able when a chum comes into fruit turned out to be bitter, so after tasting them, the boys his home to play.

A teen age girl does not want threw their loot to the pigs. to be excluded from parties be- Like many another boy, Augcause the hour she must be ustine wanted to belong to a home is so much earlier than group and impress his companthe deadline" for her friends. | ions with his daring and dis-Parents must sometimes weigh the values of health rules with the need of "belonging" and reach some satisfactory compro- tunities to belong to groups in mise about rules.

Perhaps you have smiled at in the church. Youth organizathese lines by Ogden Nash: -"One would be in less danger From the wiles of the stranger

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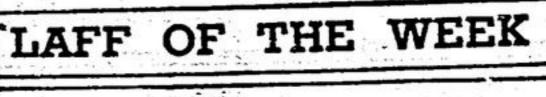
. Air Aim Is Your Success

ful man or woman can limit his sense of belonging to his own country. In the atomic age, we all are part of humanity. The United Nations is struggling to impress on unwilling nations their need to belong to a brotherhood. A child has grown into maturity when he can exclaim like the Greek, Diogenes, centuries ago, who said: "I am a citizen of the world!"

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"There must be something the matter with you! . . . Nothing I ever make for you fits!"

THE OLD WOODBOX

dreamed that one day wood- pieces of solid rock maple, red burning ranges would topple oak, ash, and beech. end of the big, shiny, kitchen and puddings. range was forever becoming There are women using mod-

Father always planned to have range." a good supply well ahead. In the late spring and during the Mother favored small pieces burns natural gas.

of split gray birch. But come In the less hurried, more fla- fall and the big Saturday bakvonful 1910 era a farm lad never | ing, she wanted medium-sized OFFICE: Corner of O'Brien &

over the horizon's rim to hu- These woods when completemanity's growing junk pile of ly seasoned, give a steady, hot outmoded accourrements. The heat that in turn means topbattered old woodbox at the flight bread, cakes, cookies, pies

empty, and determined, watch- ern stoves who remember how ful, articulate sisters were al- they baked in shining kitchen ways happy to remind a bro- ranges and more than one has ther that the box needed im- said in the countryman's hearing, "I've never been able to Mother was particular about get quite the results since we the wood for her baking, and gave up the wood-burning

Lethbridge, an Alberta city summer for quick hot fires, which was built on coal, now

SANDY ANN

There's a little place called Glasgow That in Uxbridge Township stands, Where the land is very hilly And the soil is loamy sand, And the folks right from the children To the very oldest man Will inform you that the nickname Of this place is Sandy Ann.

As you wander at your leisure Down from Goodwood, you will find ... You are on the Third Concession That I now have in my mind. There's the beech tree, rough and scrubby On the hill of Pugh's I scan, And on looking straight before me I can gaze on Sandy Ann.

There's the creek along the roadside, Where the water cresses grow, And you can hear the Dutchman shouting To his horses on the plough. There's a pile of cedar cordwood Lying there, owned by a man. Who is known as old Tom Mantle By the folks of Sandy Ann Onward past the house we travel

Where old lady Alsop died, And along the swamp of cedars Where the road's not very wide, And the old bridge we cross over Where the creek for years has run, That supplies the folks with water When they thresh at Sandy Ann.

There's the Morgasons and Gorleys, There's George Jones across the way. There's Bill Cowie's house and buildings That, have started to decay. Then there's Billy Pearson's homestead Built upon some ancient plan Different from some other neighbours Who reside in Sandy Ann. Now we come to Billy Hardy's, He lives on the Kehoe place.

Age is turning gray his whiskers That adorn his ruddy face, And I hear his voice in fancy As upon my ear it rings. When he sees an automobile — There goes one of them damn things! Now we see the Alsop homestead -As we go below the hill.

Joe is coming to the barnyard With his two pails full of swill. Jack the dog runs out to greet me, Geese make all the noise they can; Pleasant are the scenes before me In this place called Sandy Ann.

Now we come to Glasgow sideroad; There across the field I see Arthur Bacon's home and buildings, That for years was home to me. There's the land I cultivated, There the cows and horses ran When I lived among the neighbours Back in good old Sandy Ann.

Now along the bush of Forsyth's To the west I make my track, Up the hill along the sideroad To the home of Freeman Slack. There stands Freeman at the woodpile, At the barn I see young Stan Bringing in his team for dinner From the fields of Sandy Ann.

On the farm of Mr. Parker I can see Ed Lewis stand. He, like all the other neighbours, Makes his living from the land. Then there's Eddie Eckart working Down there by the old mill dam, Busy grinding oats and barley For the folks of Sandy Ann.

Now we're coming into Glasgow As we go up from the mill. There's the home of old Jack Davis And the school on Glasgow hill.
But perhaps you folks will tell me
That my tale too long has run, And that I had better finish Talking about Sandy Ann.

So, in closing, I would mention -Though for years I've been away-Glasgow scenes are in my memory Just as plain and fresh today.

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