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Ontario Government To Construct Office Building In Morrisburg

The Government of the Province of Ontario will commence construction immediately of an office building in Morrisburg to house Government offices which will be located here in connection with St. Lawrence development. This information is contained in a letter from Premier Leslie M. Frost to Reeve George E. Beavers of Morrisburg.

The new building, which will be of the rapid construction type will be located on the old high school property, which has been made available by the municipality, on the provision that the government prepare a site suitable for a ball diamond and playground for the community children, for which this site has been used for a number of years.

It is expected the new building will be ready for occupancy within a very short time. In addition to housing various government offices, it will provide a meeting place for the committee which is looking after the interests of the citizens of Seaway Valley.

In his letter to Reeve Beavers, Mr. Frost expressed appreciation of the letter sent by the Morrisburg Council on December 17th, pleding co-operation in every phase of the development,

MELVIN A. BARKLEY DIED AT ADVANCED AGE

Melvin A. Barkley, one of Morrisburg's oldest and most respected residents, died at his home on William Street, Sunday, January 2nd, after an illness of about a year. Most of his 92 years had been spent in Williamsburg Township, and almost to the end he could recall many things of interest he had seen here, as well as things heard from his parents and grandparents, U. E. Loyalists on both sides. A member of the Lutheran faith, he was one of the founders and builders of St. Luke's church at Dunbar, getting timber and building material from his farm to aid in the construction. He served in that church and at St. Peter's at Williamsburg, as Sunday School superintendent, choir leader and member of the Church Council. He was also a delegate to the Synod several times. After coming to Morrisburg, he was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran choir.

He was born at Elma in 1863, a son of the late Cornelius Barkley and his wife, Abigail Becker, and was the last survivor of a family of five. He attended township schools and then farmed at Elma until 1906, when he went to the States. He returned in 1910 and started a general store at Bouck's Hill, which he operated until 1920, when he moved to Morrisburg, remaining here until his death. In 1882, he married Wealthy Ann Brodley, at Williamsburg, who predeceased him in 1941. He later married Mary Ann Wereley, who survives.

Other survivors are two sons, C. Blake Barkley of Williamsburg township and Genzmer F. Barkley of Morrisburg. Another son died in infancy, and Dr. Keith Barkley in 1941. There are three step children—Lloyd Wereley, Morrisburg; Miss Blanche Wereley, New York City; Miss Leola Wereley, Syracuse, N.Y.; also two grandchildren, Lloyd Barkley, Dundas, Ont., and Mrs. Walden Beckstead, Gananoque, Ont.

The funeral service was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Morrisburg on Tuesday, January 4th, at 2 p.m., being attended by many sorrowing relatives andf riends. The pastor, the Rev. F. L.Ho wald, officiated.

Relatives and friends from Ottawa Ogdensburg, New York City, Gananoque, Dunbar, Chesterville and Williamsburg attended the service.

Following the service interment was made in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Bearers were M. O. Barkley, J. Burton, Linden Barkley, L. Carr, C. Froats and S. Heagle.

INSPECTOR ROYAL BAKER DIES FOLLOWING SURGERY

Inspector Royal Baker, nationally known wildlife authority, of Kemptville, died Thursday last at Ottawa Civic Hospital, following an emergency operattion for appendicitis.

Inspector Baker was chief of the Wildlife Division of the Department of Lands and Forests. Rideau District, and made his headquarters at Kemptville. He was nationally and internationally known for his interest in and knowledeg of wildlife and took part in many national and international conferences on this subject.

Inspector Baker was a veteran of World War I, and in recent months had suffered from a lung infection, caused by injuries sustained in that war. He had however, apparently recovered from his illness, when he was stricken bf appendicitis a week ago Friday. He was rushed to hospital and underwent an emergency operation, apparently rallying well, only to fall into a coma from which he failed to recover.

Inspector Baker is surfived by his widow and two daughters.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Monday from the MacArthur and MacNeil Funeral Home, Cornwall to Trinity Anglican Church, Cornwall, with interment following.

THANK YOU -

The Editor wishes to express his sincere gratitude for gifts of cigars at Christmas to the Morrisburg Women's Institute, and to Reeve George E. Beavers of Morrisburg and Reeve Bernice Froats of Williamsburg.

It is always a pleasure to work with such groups and individuals who have foremost in their minds the common good of the common people of the community.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD HOLD REGULAR MEETING

The Canadian Woodmen of the World, Local Lodge No. 337, Morrisburg, hedl their first business meeting of the New Year January 4th in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Williamsburg at 8 o'clocb. The highlight of the evening was thei nstallation of officers for the year 1955, which are as follows:

Past Consul Commander, James Vaughn; Consul Commander, Lyle Schwerdfeger; Advisory Lieutenant, Edward Hanson; Recording Secretary, Violet Baker; Escort, Carl Schwerdfeger; Banker, Frances Disotell; Manager, Frances Barkley; Clerk, Elsie Vaughn; Sentry, Dorothy Whittaker; Watchman, Paul Whittaker; First Delegate, Ruth Beckstead; Second Delegate, Mae McIntyre; Captain, Alton Riddell; Pianist, Mae Froats; Reporter, Elisha McIntyre.

Six members were initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Order, also four applicants were voted upon and accepted.

An excellent turnout of members made the evening very successful.

General business was discussed, including getting in touch with those members who are ill. Plans were arranged for a social evening at a later date. Them eeting closed in the usual manner, after which refreshments were served.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN

The Canadian Woodmen of the World, Local Lodge No. 337 held a Christmas party for the children on the evening of December 23rd in the Legion Hall. The evening was spent in songs and recitations by the children, also a number of members from Winchester Lodge presented very interestinv plays which were enjoyed by all.

Santa Claus made an appearance at an appropriate time and distributed gifts to the children. After the programme was completed, refreshments were served.

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LLOYD L. FROATS FOUND DEAD BY C.N.R. TRACKS

Lloyd Levi Froats, 63, a resident of Morrisburg for the past thre years was found dead beside the C. N. R. track about 3 p.m. Thursday. He had left his home a short time before to buy feed for his hens, and walked to the feed station along the C. N. R. right of way. A passing train crew noticed him lying in the snow and carried him to the office of the Morrisburg Feed and Produce Company. Dr. C. A. Louden, coroner, was called and pronounced the man dead from a heart attacn. He had suffered from a heart condition and asthma for several years. No inquest will be held.

Mr. Froats was born at Chesterville in 1892, a son of the late Jacob Froats and his wife, Itheria Hummell. He attended school at Chesterville and he later took up farming at Beckstead, continuing to farm until three years ago when he moved to Morrisburg. In 1920 he married Anna Jane Servage at Elma, who survives with one son, Berton Ray Froats of Hamilton; also two brothers, Russell of Chesterville, Arnold of Morrisburg; five sisters, Mrs. John Loucks (Annabel) Chesterville, Mrs. Ross Beckstead (Mary Ellen) Aultsville, Mrs. Earl O'Shaughnessy (Muriel) Morrisburg, Mrs. Stanley Barkley (Blanche) and Mrs. Lloyd Barkley (Ruby) both of Elma.

The remains are resting at his residence on Church Street until Sunday, January 9th, when funeral service will be held at United Church of Canada, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Maxwell Allan in charge. Interment will follow at Maple Ridge.

FINAL TRIBUTE PAID TO MRS. CLARE McHAFFIE

of Lanark, two half sister Mrs. Grant Becksted, Morrisburg, and Mrs. K. Barrington, Brockville, and three half brothers, Dalton and Fred of Morrisburg, and George of Montreal; also her grandmother, Mrs. Annie Zeron of Morrisburg.

Members of the family, other relatives and friends placed beautiful floral tributes on the casket. The long cortege and the attendance at the church showed evidence of the high regard in which Mrs. McHaffie was held and the regret felt at her death.

The pall bearers were Jack Shaver Meyer Baelde, Don Robertson, Jack McLaren, Harry Zeron and Allen Farlinger. Interment was made in Fairview cemetery.

Those attending the funeral from a distance were: Dr. and Mrs. W. Richards, Marilyn Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richards, Charlene Richards, Mrs. Norman Delahunty, all of Ottawa; Miss Olive Zeron of Windsor; Mrs. Bea Jenneret, Sandford Zeron and Charlie McHaffie, all of Toronto; Mrs. Lena Mandigo of Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wereley of Cornwall, and others from other points.

Her father met his death twelve years ago in a similar accident.

Final tribute was paid to Mrs. Clare McHaffie, at her home, River Road West, and at theU nited church in Morrisburg at 2 p.m. December 18th. The service at the church and graveside was conducted by Rev. J. Maxwell Allan. A solo "The City Four Square", was rendered by Mr. Gordon Thom.

Mrs. McHaffie met her death in a tragic car accident on December 15. She was the former Marion Larmour youngest daughter of the late George Larmour and his wife, Mrs. Pearl Larmour, and was born at Morrisburg on August 8, 1922. For a number of years she was employed by Household Finance in Toronto and Cornwall. Just previous to her marriage she was employed by the Minister of External Affairs.

Her sunny and loveable disposition won for her a host of friends who deeply mourn her passing at such an early age.

On March 7th, 1953, she married Clare McHaffie, who with on infant son, David, is left to mourn a loving wife and devoted mother. Also left to mourn, are her mother, Mrs. Pearl Larmour, one sister, Mrs. Dr. Holmes

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FRED H. DILLEN, MORRISBURG NATIVE, DIES IN HOSPITAL AT OGDENSBURG, N.Y.

Frederick H. Dillen, a former well known and respected resident of Morrisburg, died at an Ogrensburg hospital on Sunday, January 2nd, after an illness of about one month. He had been absent from Morrisburg for many years, living in the United States, where he had been in business prior to his illness.

Born at Morrisburg in 1879, he was a son of the late George Dillen and his wife, Ellen Beckstead. He attended Morrisburg schools and later was associated with his father, who had a meat business here. for many years In 1912 he married Anna May Bowman, at Morrisburg, who predeceased him in 1923. He went to the States some time after.

Survivors are three sons and three daughters — Fred Dillen, Spanish, Ont.; Cecil Dillen, Tillsonburg, Ont.; George Dillen, Montreal; Mrs. Geo. Larmour (Marguerite), Montreal; Mrs. Jack Bannister (Nellie), Lucknow, Ont.; Mrs. Wm. Froats, (Ruth), Syracuse, N.Y.; also three brothers, George Dillen, Potsdam, N.Y.; Herbert Dillen, Brockville; Ernest Dillen, Watertown, N.Y.; and one sister, Mrs Lyra Lee, Montreal There are also 26 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Jarvis Funeral Home, Morrisburg Tuesday, January 4th at 2 pm. ... attended by a large number of ... tives and friends. Rev. J. Maxw... Allan, of the United Chsrch officated

Among relatives from out of town who attended the service were Mr. and Mrs. George Larmour, Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Froats, Syracuse; Cecil Dillen, Tillsonburg; George Dillen, Montreal; Herbert Dillen, Brockville; Ernest Dillen, Watertown and several of the grandchildren.

Following the service interment was made in Fairview cemetery.

Bearers were A. Prunner, ... E. Robinson and J. Rice.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE SATURDAY CLOSINGS

Pursuant to a resolution of the Council, the municipal office will be closed all day on Saturday effective the week after pubication of this notice, except that when the last day for payment of taxes or water rates falls on a Saturday the office will be open until noon.

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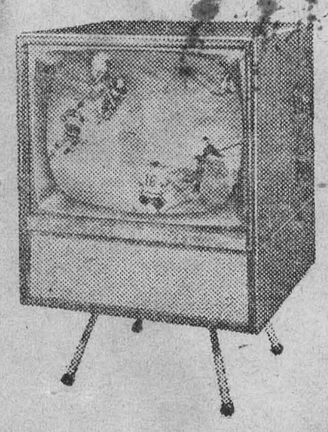

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...r Anne Hirst: What can I ...th a mother-in-law who ...o run the whole family? ...loves her grandchildren, but ...ust have her own way despite their ordered routine. She deliberately wakes my baby up when it is obvious she wants to sleep. She tells me what to feed her (thought she is under our doctor's guidance) and dictates what she must wear.

"She complained lately to my husband that I was stingy with our baby. I let her have the baby for an afternoon — with the result that she had an accident.

"She insists we spend every holiday with the whole family, regardless of what we have planned. If I want to enjoy the day quietly at home, she accuses me of trying to take her son away! Yet when I am sick she comes over and helps out, even takes me to the doctor.

"The situation is especially involved because my husband owns a business with his father and brothers. Their home is nearby, and he lunches there every day. . . . I don't know what to do about all this. Do you?

MRS. T. R.

Your mother-in-law is the true matriarch, loving, kind, possessive, domineering. She considers herself the rightful head of the family, entirely competent (and chosen) to run their private affairs. Having raised a family herself, she laughts at modern practices of diet and training, and imposes her old-fashioned ideas upon her grandchildren in such a high-handed manner that it is almost impossible for their parents to interfere. She considers this her duty, born of love for them all. Her deliberate planning of your personal life is annoying enough. But when she interferes with the raising of your baby, you must protest. Whose baby is it, after all? If a mother has any rights, the first one is to bring up her child in the way she thinks he should go.

If you are ever to escape from your mother-in-law's domination, you will have to have your husband's cooperation. Explain to him that you and he are responsible for the welfare of the baby. You have enlisted the best medical advice, and it is your duty to follow it. Tell him that from now on you intend to, and you depend upon him to back you up.

Also, remind him that you and he must have greater privacy. Husband and wife cannot enjoy a full life together and grow closer with the years if they share all their leisure hours with either family. You will join the reunions occasionally, but you and he need times alone with your baby; this is your right and his. Once he realizes how essential it is, he will discover how much happier he, and you, can be. To convince him may require all your courage, determination and tact; he is accustomed to his mother's management and has accepted it without question. But he must be fair to you and his child. I hope he will realize that.

When you two talk this over with his mother, be calm and kind. Emphasize your appreciation of her helpful kindnesses, but remind her that it is you and your husband who must decide what is best for your baby, and for yourselves.

Good luck!

Your mother-in-law should have your respect and, if possible, your affection. But when she interferes with your children's training, you have to take a stand. Anne Hirst can advise you how to handle the situation tactfully. Write her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

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Talking Color

"If you like the name of a color, you're half sold on the color itself! claims Wilfred H. Sinclair, color conditioning supervisor of the paint and varnish division of Canadian Industries (1954) Limited. He is one man who doesn't believe that "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

Mr. Sinclair should know. For many years he has been dreaming up tantalizing color names like "taffy tan" and "pink mist" and waching the response of people who buy the paint.

"Whether she realizes it or not, a woman choosing a color for a room picks a name which suggests the atmosphere she wants to create," Mr. Sinclair said. If she wants a lively room for a bustling family, names like "sprite green" "colleen" or "gaiety red" attract her. On the other hand, if she is decorating a room for more formal use, she will lean toward such designations as "dignity blue," "castle grey", "cameo ivory" or "court chartreuse".

Names with happy associations always have appeal, according to this color consultant. In the dead of winter, a wall paint with a name like "holiday tan" seems to bring the warmth of a sunny beach into a frostbound living room. Or a color called "wine glow" might revive warm memories of festive occasions. "Seashell" or "Cabot smoke" or "ocean green" stimulate the imagination with visions of far-away places; "honey gold" and "bud green' arouse nostalgic thoughts of life on the farm.

"The meaning of a name is important, but the sound must be satisfactory, too," Mr. Sinclair maintains. "People like words they can roll their tongues around — names like 'parasol' and 'afterglow'."

But all the tempting words in the English language will not sell colors unless they are the hues which people want. Color fashions in homes change from year to year just as colors do in clothing. Today, for instance, the browns and orangy shades are high-style and pink is very popular, but blue is a color to watch for the future, he predicts.

Every shift in decorating fashion means new colors must be designed. And every new color is a fresh challenge to the poet-psychologist who puts the names on the paint cans.

Gun-Totin' Lady

Any week-end during hunting season is likely to find an automobile piloted by a woman streaking north from St. Catharines, Ontario, toward the woodlands where game abounds. There is nothing strange in this — Many Canadian women hunt and shoot for recreation. But this particular hunter is unusual. At sportsmen's shows all across the country she is introduced as "the woman who knows all about guns."

She is June Pinder, proprietress of Pinder's Sportman's Centre in St. Catharines.

Miss Pinder literally does know everything about guns and ammunition. She can discuss the ballistics of a shot-gun shell or rifle cartridge with authority. The people of the Niagara peninsula have come to know that if they have a gun problem, the thing to do is take it to June.

Time was, though, when this was not the case. The store was established by June's grandfather and carried on by her father. When he died a number of years ago, June decided to stay in the business. She knew, of course, that she might have an up-hill battle because a man doesn't usually want to talk guns, rifles or fishing tackle with a woman. A woman, it was reasonable to suppose, could not possibly know as much about such matters as a man.

For a while business wasn't too brisk. But it didn't take the sportsmen of the district long to find that she was a woman who could talk their language and a



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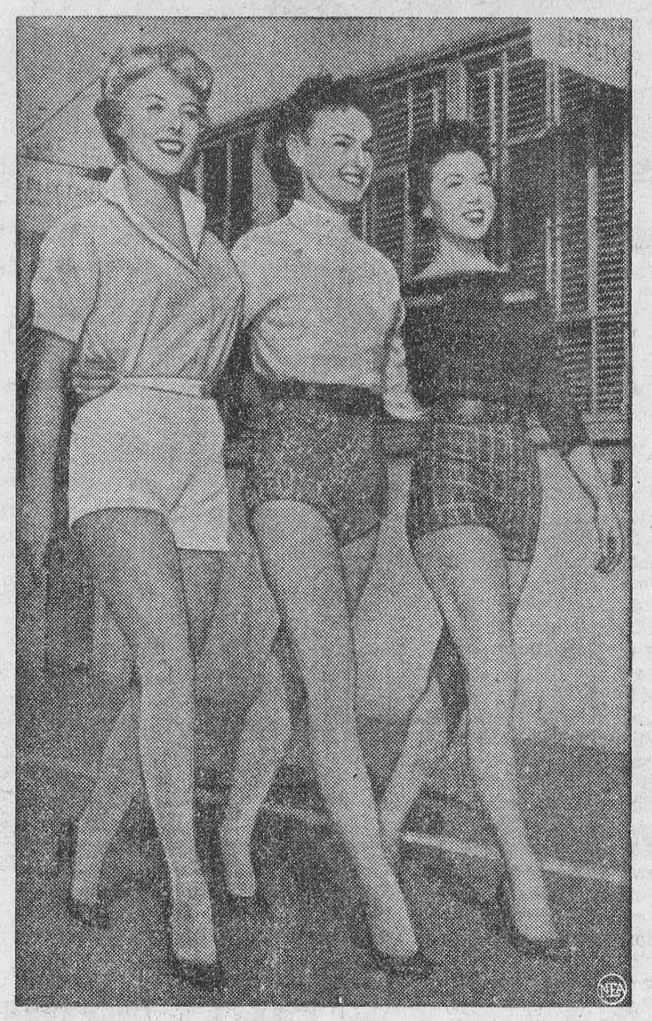

Stop Right Here—As far as Adelle August, Lucy Marlow and Jand Mason are concerned, they have the solution to producer Jonie Tops' search for the world's most beautiful legs. The trio demonstrate they are ready to match legs with any contenders as they walk down a Hollywood movie set.

One Song Caused Twenty Suicides

From the songs of Francois Villon, King of the Vagabonds, to the "Ballad of Reading Gaol," song and ballad have continually appeared in connection with law breakers.

Italy has a whole collection of traditional criminal songs in praise of prison, and there is one British ballad on the same subject which describes all H.M. prisons with feeling and precision. It ends:

"Portland is worst of the lot
to joke in.
For fetching a lagging there's
no place like Woking!"

But what eerie effect is it which is exerted by certain types of music? A Hungarian government official wrote a piece of music and then shot himself. By some morbid attraction the composition became popular and the police attributed twenty suicides to its influence.

The tune was banned in Hungary. But some little time later a man was found hanged in America with the name of the tune mentioned on a note in his pocket. In 1937 a woman was found dead in London, apparantly her own hand. In the room was a gramaphone which had run down and appeared to have been playing as she died. On the turntable was record of the ill-omened Hungarian tune.

Several murderers have been fond of music. Eugene de Vere, who killed a girl in 1926, was a competent performer on the accordion. Thurtell, who murdered Weare at Elstree in 1823, came home from the deed and insisted on a sing-song.

"Brides in the Bath" Smith insured a woman he had "married" and on the day that she made her will in his favour he decreed that she must take a bath. That evening there was heard a splashing in the bathroom followed by a long sigh. A few minutes later there was the sound of the harmonium downstairs. Smith was playing a hymn.

He was not the only one who liked hymns. Peace used to play them on a one-stringed fiddle and Robert Butler, whose crimes shocked Australia and New Zealand, played hymns on the prison organ on the day before he was executed.

Two other men who took their love of music to the gallows were John Stewart, who murdered an Edinburgh merchant and sang on the scaffold, and that engaging rogue who asked as a last request that at his passing would play "The Wearing of the Green."

WE WERE FIRST

The first railway post office car was introduced in North America on the Grand Trunk ...ailway, now part of the Cana...ian National Railways, in 1854. The experimental car ran ... ...ween Niagara Falls and ... ...Ont., seven years ... ...imilar unit was in... ...he United States, a... ...gned to speed mai... ...ervice.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

by Gwendoline D Clarke

Can you believe it . . . the time has really come to wish you, one and all, a happy 1955.

It just seems no sooner do we get used to one set of figures for a date-line than we have to change it again. Maybe I have a special affinity for some figures as I enjoyed writing 1954. It was a nice, even, adaptable date, easily divisible by two. But you take 1955 — nothing will divide into it until you get to five. What difference does that make? Actually, none at all — except that I like even numbers better than odd. They look tidier, if you know what I mean. However, odd or even, I suppose most of us will welcome the New Year. It gives you a sort of lift, doesn't it? Here is a new year; twelve whole months, fifty-two weeks, three hundred and sixty-five days — and each day, week and month a new beginning. Just think what we can do with all that time! But then maybe we remember — we had that same thought last year. And now the old year has past we can look back and assess the value of what we did and how we spent our time. Are you satisfied with your findings? I am not — far from it. For that reason I am glad of another new year . . a new start; another opportunity to get done the things I didn't accomplish in '54. Whether that is possible remains to be seen.

However, I would like to start the New Year by thanking all those who sent cards, letters and good wishes at Christmas time. I appreciate all your kind remarks. And believe me your interest and understanding helps me to keep this column going week after week. As you know, I write about anything that has interested me during the preceding week, even though I relaize that what interests one person may not interest another. You remember one week I wrote about my Christmas cactus. That brought forth quite a few letters as other folk were also having trouble with plants blooming too soon; buds dropping off and so on. There is only one thing that will hold back the bloom of a Christmas cactus and prevent the buds from dropping off, and that is to keep the plant in a cool place. The best luck I ever had with a Christmas cactus was during the years when we didn't have a furnace. It was easy enough then to find a cool room! In fact the cactus eventually got frozen so badly it never recovered. We got frozen too — more or less — but we managed to go on living. The plant I have now was given me by a friend who moved away and had no room for the plant in her new home.

Each year, after the cactus has bloomed it is a good idea to encourage a little new growth. Don't worry if roots come through the bottom of the pot. The cactus is one plant that likes to be pot-bound. It is also a good idea at this time to pot a few slips for giving away to friends.

Another subject often mentioned in this column which I find is a sure-fire hit with my reader-friends is any little item in connection with the Women's Institute. I think about seventy-five percent of my readers must be W.I. members. And you know how it is — every W.I. member likes to know what other branches are doing; what sort of programmes they have; how they raise money, and what to do when no one wants to take office. And then there is that little problem of when, and to whom, should life-memberships be given. At our last meeting, being still in the mood for giving, we presented two of our senior members with a life-membership pin. They were both taken completely by surprise. We were all very happy to see how pleased they were with our token of appreciation for the years of faithful service they had given our branch.

Really, I am constantly amazed at the amount of good work that is done all over Ontario by W.I. members. But maybe you wonder sometimes why I don't mention Farm Forums, Agricultural Societies, Federation of Agriculture and other farm groups, all of whom do good work. That I realize but I limit my social activities to the W.I. I find that is all I have time for and it happens to interest me the most. I often wonder how people who belong to so many organizations keep up the pace. Life must be one continual round of meetings . . . and lunches! And lunches and slimming never yet went together.

Well, friends, there is another thought in my mind. While the year is in its infancy how about Income Tax returns? You know it really isn't much of a job when you get down to business. And with declining farm prices plenty of farmers will have very little to pay. The point is you have to prove it. And the only way you can prove it to the satisfaction of the Finance Department is by filing your returns. The receipt you get is your protection against future inquiries. So . . . a word to the wise — get it done and off your mind.

And again — Best Wishes for A Happy New Year.



"Twister" Of Fate—Prudent owners of this house in West London, England, have kept their portable air-raid water pump (circled) ready for use all these years, but they never dreamed a freak windstorm would slice off the side of their dwelling. No one was injured by the strange "twister" of fate.



...unt And Peck—Miss P. C. Wang, deputy commissioner of educa...on in Formosa, watches a student learning the use of a Chinese ...pewriter during a commercial class at Chungtung Pilot Com...unity School in Taiwan. The Foreign Operations Administration ... provided five Chinese and six English typewrit... for the ...ol.

THE Calvert SPORTS COLUMN



by Elmer Ferguson

● And so passes the most amazing year in all the history of sport. Amazing, because of the shattered records that dot its trail. Amazing, because the British Empire, long an international doormat in sport, arose in its might to contribute to the saga of 1954 the most astonishing of all sports feats.

That was, of course, the double Miracle Mile. In fact, you might term it the Double Double Miracle. First England's Roger Bannister crashed through the mental sound barrier with a 3.59.4 mile. But the ink had scarcely dried on the records page when along came slim John Landy, from the Empire outpost of Australia, to reduce the mark to 3.58. And then, the Miracle of Miracles, both these great athletes broke the 4-minute mark in their unforgettable battle in the British Empire Games in Vancouver.

These were the feats not merely of the year, but of the century. In a year when records fell like clay pigeons, these two stand out like beacon lights.

The 5,000 metres mark fell so fast and so often you could scarcely keep track. First Zatopek the Czech, then the Russian Valdimir Kuc, then England's great red-haired Chris Chataway, then Kuc again. And there was England's Fred Green, shattering the 3-mile mark.

And 1954 was a big year for Canada in sport. Marilyn Bell amazed the world as she fought icy waters to swim the 40 miles across Lake Ontario, an almost unbelievable feat. And Tom Parker, a chunky Canadian distance swimmer from Hamilton, Ont., thrashed across the treacherous Catalina Channel in the record-breaking time of 13 hours, 25 minutes, 41 seconds.

It was Canada's year on our golf courses, too. Both Canadian Open events were won by Canadians. Pat Fletcher of Saskatoon became the first native-born Canadian to win the Men's Open in nearly 50 years, capturing the Seagram Gold Cup and its rich cash awards. On the distaff side, little Miss Marlene Stewart captured the Canadian Women's Open.

For Canada, for the British Commonwealth as a whole, 1954 was a fine sports year, indeed.

Your comments and suggestions for this column will be welcomed by Elmer Ferguson, c/o Calvert House, 431 Yonge St., Toronto.

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Horse Of The Year—Determine, with Jockey Ray York up, nuzzles the hand of Trainer Billy Molter just after winning the $25,000 Added Golden Gate Handicap at Albany, Calif. His $15,300 purse brought the gray colt's winnings to $328,880.

Overtime Was For Referee's Benefit

Soccer fans at Naples, who have made it necessary for referees to escape from the Stadio Vomero ground disguised as firemen, and have threatened to lynch offending radio commentators, grow no milder. Earlier this year they provoked an extraordinary incident which eventually resulted in their club being heavily fined and having to forfeit two of its points.

The occasion was a home match with Genoa, in which Naples were not doing well. Viney, the team's Hungarian left back, badly fouled an opponent, and was ordered off the field by the referee. The crowd immediately became extremely menacing; and Viney, although he had sworn at the referee, was allowed to play on. The crowd's temper was such that the referee realized that he would be lucky to escape with his life.

He therefore adopted the stratagem of refraining from blowing his whistle when it came to full time, and allowed the game to go on. On and on it went, for some ten minutes, until at last Naples attacked and a Genoa defender controlled the ball quite lawfully in his own penalty area. There was no semblance of a foul—but it was the chance the referee had been waiting for. Without hesitation he awarded a penalty, from which Naples scored, thus "winning" the match. As soon as the ball was in the net the referee blew for full time!

When Dickens Visited America

No reception was ever given to any foreigner in the United States quite like that accorded to Boz. The visit of Lafayette a few years before (1826) had been an occasion of greater national honour. The later visits of such people as the patriot Kossuth called forth larger crowds and more public tribute. But the young Dickens was hailed with a warmth of personal affection never manifested before or since. They welcomed in him all the geniality of Mr. Pickwick, all the appeal of little Oliver and Little Nell, all the charm of old English Christfas for the people of a newer England. And Dickens at the first met it with a boyish and buoyant delight that matched his welcome. He was full of life and power and of speech that never flagged: "Here we are," he said in his clear and merry voice as he entered the old Tremont House. Later on, after dinner, he was out in the snowbound streets, merry, boisterous, exuberant, delighted with everything, Boz was just what Boz ought to be. No wonder, they smothered him with adulation.

The country simply went wild over him. The time of his coming was fortunate. There was at the moment no particular national excitement. The tumult over "nullification" had died down, and secession had not yet come up. It was midway between two presidential elections. There was no cable to bring news of foreign wars, and no foreign war to bring news of. Under these circumstances the arrival of young Boz became a first-class national event.

The proceedings opened with a rush of reporters to meet the ship, a sort of procession to the Tremont House, where Dickens was to stay, and a crowd of eager faces lined up on the sidewalk to get a look at him. Then followed calls and invitations in a flood. Dickens' table at the hotel was soon piled high with unopened letters. He had to engage a young man, a Mr. Putnam who wrote an account of it all. He gives us a picture of Dickens and his wife breakfasting in their sitting room at the hotel, Boz tearing open letters, dictating, eating, and talking all at the same time, and a local sculptor of note (a Mr. Alexander) making a bust of him at the side of the room and occasionally walking around to get a "close-up" look at him. There were dinners and receptions in all directions. Boz was introduced to the leading literary people of Boston and of Harvard. He was taken out to Springfield to see the Massachusetts Legislature, where, we are told by the press, "his appearance in the Senate chamber created quite a stir among the members."—From "Charles Dickens His Life and Work," by Stephen Leacock.

She Nearly Caught A Falling Star

When John Donne wrote "Go and catch a falling star" he thought he was creating an image of impossibility. But a Mrs. Hulett Hodges of Sylacauga, Ala., who perhaps doesn't read John Donne (few people do, these days), very nearly caught a falling star. Rather, it very nearly caught her. She was struck on the hip and hand by a meteorite that ripped through the roof of her home while she was taking a nap. It was only a nine-pound meteorite, an astral fragment which the skies will never miss. But to Mrs. Hodges, it is her meteorite, her personal evidence that stars once really fell on Alabama.

Now they want to take it away from her. "They" means the Air Force and the State Museum of Natural History. The Air Force has taken possession of the meteorite and says it will be sent to Washington for scientific research. The museum, located in Tuscaloosa, says it wants the meteorite for display purposes. Mrs. Hodges says she wants the meteorite as a souvenir to talk about when folks drop in.

Science, of course, must be served, and perhaps some kind of a compromise can be worked out whereby the Air Force can conduct its experiments and return the meteorite forthwith to Mrs. Hodges. In her turn, she might be willing to lend it to the museum occasionally, say on alternate Sundays. But it might well be made the law of the land: any meteorite falling on any person shall belong to said person. Let others go and catch their own falling stars.—New York Herald Tribune.

"Upside-Down" Tree That Never Dies

Africa's toughest tree, the baobab, survives fire, storm, girdling (stripping off all the bark) and all kinds of ill-treatment. It is sometimes called the "cream of tartar" tree because the acid in the fruit pulp is tartaric acid.

Its roots go deep but its branches are short and stubby and for most of the year are bare of leaves. It rarely grows higher than sixty feet—which is low compared with the girth of its trunk. When the tree is found in dry inland regions the branches look so much like roots that local native legend says "an angry devil planted the baobab upside down."

Though the baobab takes many centuries to achieve its full size (a trunk with a diameter of thirty feet is quite normal), its timber, unlike most trees that mature slowly, is soft and pulpy and quite useless. Its leaves are not unlike those of the horse-chestnut.

Africans have found that its fibrous bark makes excellent ropes and even tough fabrics. The fruit, known as monkey bread or sour gourd, has a variety of uses. The seeds and the acid-tasting pulp make a gruel which natives quite enjoy. The pulp juices are invaluable as medicine to combat various swamp fevers, while witch-doctors use them as cure-alls. The natives have found, also, that when cooked the leaves have a spinach-like flavour. They feed them to their cattle when other crops are in short supply.

The baobab is a tree which refuses to die. Natives, seeking its bark to make ropes, frequently girdle the tree, stripping the bark off completely as high as they can reach. This would kill any normal tree, but the baobab is unperturbed. It simply grows another bark round its 100 feet of girth—and meanwhile goes on growing.

Frequently natives carve gigantic caverns inside the trunk, leaving only a foot-thick outer "skin," and then use this cave as a dwelling, or to store things. Sometimes they fill the cave with water and use it as a reservoir in dry periods.

Even forest fires, which have swept other trees of apparently sterner stuff into dusty ash, fail to destroy the baobab. Stunted, blackened, it soon puts forth new branches which in time are again covered (in season) with leaves.

It can, of course, be cut down. But it is a tough task. Famous David Livingstone saw this for himself, when he ordered one to be chopped down. At last it fell. But not to die. Months later he noted with amazement that the "dead tree" had grown another inch since it had been felled to the ground!

TOPPED HIM

Two boys were arguing about the strength and all-round ability of their respective fathers.

"You know the Pacific Ocean?" said one. "Well, my father dug the hole for it."

His pal paused for a moment, then said: "Have you ever heard of the Dead Sea? Well, my dad killed it."

Royal Bank Assets Top $3 Billion Mark

The Royal Bank of Canada closed its fiscal year ending November 30th with assets of $3,626,895,844, the first Canadian chartered bank to pass the $3 billion mark. The Annual Balance Sheet, just released, shows assets have increased by over $131,000,000 as compared with a year ago. Loans and Deposits are at the highest levels ever attained by any Candian bank.

A notable feature of this year's Statement is a major change in the capital structure of the bank. As a result of the issue last July 1st of 700,000 additional shares of Capital Stock, the paid up capital of the bank has increased from $35,000,000 to $41,809,863. From the sale of this additional stock the bank also realized a premium of $13,619,726 which, together with $16,000,000 transferred from inner reserves has been added to the Rest Fund. In addition the bank has, for the fifth year in a row, transferred to the Rest Fund a portion of the current year's net earnings, the figure this year being $4,000,000. As a result of these transactions the Rest Fund now stands at $103,619,726. Capital Funds thus total $146,933,664, a figure which sets a record high level for all Canadian banks. When the instalment subscriptions for the new issue are fully paid, the Capital and Reserve Funds will stand at $42,000,000 and $104,000,000 respectively, which, with undivided profits, will make the total Capital Funds of the bank $147,504,075.

Deposits have attained the impressive total of $2,797,548,149, of which over $1,126,000,000 are personal savings deposits payable in Canada. Deposits by the public have increased by nearly $90,000,000.

Loans, exclusive of mortgage loans under N.H.A., total $1,188,022,047, an increase of $43,875,823 over the 1953 figure. Call loans at $156,395,203, show a moderate increase, while other loans, including commercial loans in Canada, have increased by $36,761,094 to $1,031,626,844. The degree to which the Royal Bank participated in mortgage lending under the provisions of the N.H.A., is reflected in the figures shown under the new heading "Mortgages and Hypothecs insured under the N.H.A. (1954)", namely $22,672,390.

The liquid position of the bank is strong. Liquid assets amounting to $1,881,900,848, are equal to 65.34% of the bank's liability to the public. Included in these liquid assets are Dominion and Provincial Government securities totalling $969,888,546.

Profit for the year amounted to $20,913,511. From this amount $2,079,466 has been set aside for depreciation of bank premises and $9,276,000 for income taxes. After the above deductions net profit was $9,558,045 as compared with $8,635,136 in 1953. Out of net profit, $5,569,345 was paid in dividends to shareholders, leaving $3,988,700, which added to the previous balance of $1,515,375 totals $5,504,075. Of this amount $4,000,000 was transferred to the Rest Fund leaving a balance of $1,504,075.

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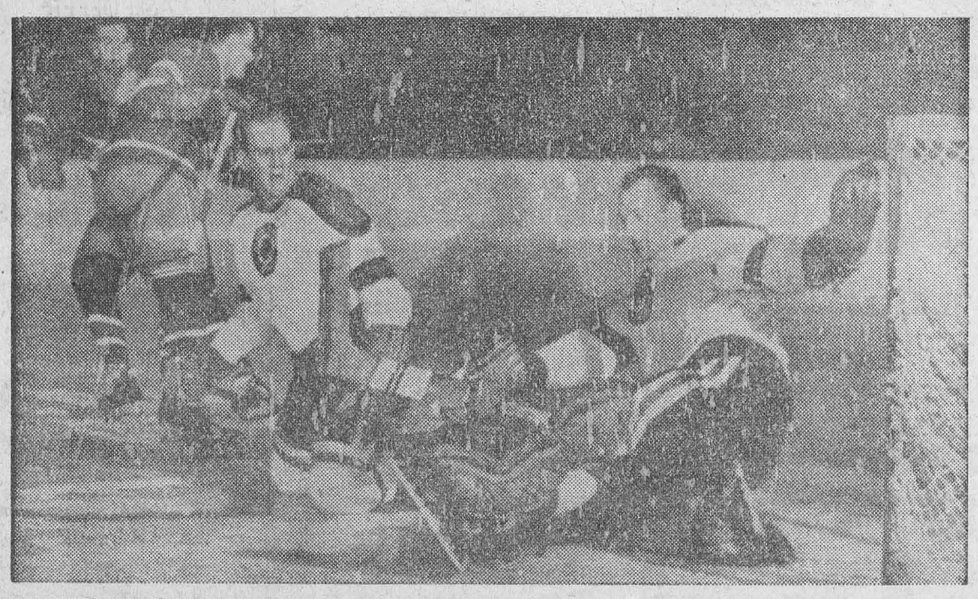
The doctor was puzzled. "You ought to be better by now," he said. "Have you carried out my instructions?"

"Well, doctor," said the patient, "I've done most of them, but I can't take the two-mile walk every morning you ordered. I get too dizzy."

"What do you mean—dizzy?"

"Well," said the patient, "perhaps I forgot to tell you, but I'm a lighthouse-keeper."



No. 400 Is In The Net—Maurice Richard (second from left) glides away after scoring against the Black Hawks in Chicago. Canadiens' Kenny Mosdell, who started the play for the Rocket's historic goal, is at left. The Hawks are Frank Martin and goalie Al Rollins.

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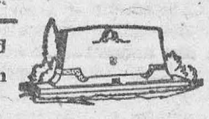

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Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Cunningham and Jeffrey of Brampton, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Eibbitt of Toronto, and Mr. Wm. Eibitt of town spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cunnigham.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rowe and family of Newton Robinson spent last week with Mrs. M. W. Locke.

Mr. and Mrs. James Marlatt and family of Ottawa were New Year's guests with Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn J. Johnston.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Saddlemire and Beatrice, were Mr. Stanley McIntosh, Mrs. Hilda Johnston and Mr. and Mrs Billie Hayes and family.

The many friends of Mrs. Alex Mc Gruer are sorry to hear that she is a patient in the Kingston General Hospital. We all hope for a quick recovery.

New Year's day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Barclay and family were, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson and family of Dixon's Corners Mrs. G. L. Barclay and Eric of Williamsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Keyes of Winchester Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogle Casselman of Sudbury visited Mr. and Mrs. Grant D. Casselman last week end.

Mrs. Nellie Marcellus spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Cougler of Winchester Springs.

The many friends of Mr. James Deeks are sorry to hear that he is a patient in Wiichester Memorial Hospital, due to a heart condition. All will wish him a spedey recovery.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Forward for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Johnston and Velma of Ticonderoga, N.Y.

Mr. Clifford Baker, Donald, Elaine d Jan were tea guests at the home Mr. and Mrs. Gei. K. Casselman Chrsitmas eve.

New Year's guests at the hime of Mr. and Mrs. Grant D. Casselman were Mr.an d Mrs. Mac Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Mac K. Casselman and famil yof Pembroke.

Miss Elizabeth Barkley and Miss Deanna Honeger of Ottawa, spent las week as guests of Mis sCarole Wingard.

Miss Maude Casselman has returned home after spending some time at Sault Ste Marie with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clements of Ogdensburg, N.Y., spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thompson and Donald

Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Barkley were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wingard.

Mrs. Alberta Barkley spent last Saturday with her sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Huttchinson of Morewood.

New Year's day visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Strader and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Strader and family were Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Hog apoam, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Casselman and family.

Miss Maude Johnson of Cornwall is visiting Mrs. G. L. Barclay this week.

Mr. Sheldon McIntosh of Stirling, and Mr. and Mrs. George R. McIntosh of St. Anne's were Wednesday guests of Mr .and Mrs. Ross Wingard and Mrs. L. C. Barkley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Merkley and Mrs. Lydia Hanson spent New Years day with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Casselman.

Mrs. Roy Weber of Edmonton spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Claude Casselman recently.

Mrs. Guy Strader and Mrs. Don Strader were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wingard

Mrs. Mae Hollister spent the week end with her daughters, Misses Jean and Helen Hollister of Cornwall.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Allison of Winchester Springs were New Year's day guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Empey.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stirton Phifer on their 25t hwedding anniversary, which they celebrated with a turkey dinner on January 1st. Members of their immediate families were present.

ROAD

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Styles spent the New Year week end with Mr. and Mrs. George Styles and family at Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. Linden Swerdfeger and children of Cornwall spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schwerdfeger

Mrs. Lloyd Walker spent the holiday week end with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Link in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schwerdfeger were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. F. Schwerdfeger Monday evening.

Mr. Ray S. Schwerdfeger of Renfrew spent the week end at his home here.

Miss Elsie Bowman returned to Ottawa after spending the holiday wiht her parents.

A number from here attended the funeral for the late Mr. Fred Dillon on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. anl Mrs. Cecil Dillon of Tillsonburg were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Crowder on Tuesday evening.

CEDAR GROVE

Mrs. Roy Beaupre of Summerstown who spent last week with Mrs. Annie Beaupre, returned to her home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dafoe were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Marcellus, Iroquois on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dafoe visited Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rutley, Cornwall on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Swerdfeger and Edward were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Dunbar on Sunday. Miss Marf Ann Anderson who spent the week end in the Grove accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Dennison, Mr. Douylas Plumadore, visited John Plumadore, who is a patient in the Cornwall General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dafoe and Brent of Aultsville, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dafoe and Mrs. Lillie Dafoe were New Years day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dafoe.

Mr. and Mrs S. Bowman of Cornwall were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dillabough.

Frank Dafoe is attending the convention of the Cheese Producers' Association in Toronto.

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AULTSVILLE

These items were unavoidably omitted in last week's news.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dafoe and Brent spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dafoe at Cedar Grove.

Mr. George A. Beckstead and Mr. Orval Beckstead had their Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Foxton at Brockville.

Miss Barbara Allen of Montreal spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jarvis, Jr. and family.

Rev. James Winters of Ottawa spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winters.

BORN — On Tuedsay, December 28th at Winchester Memorial Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Salmon, a son—heartiest congratulations.

Mrs. John Hickey who spent the past two months at Toronto is spending some time with friends and relatives here.

GALLINGERTOWN

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

Mrs. Kenneth Gallinger has returned home after spending a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson at Elma. Mrs. Robinson is confined ot her bed due to a heart condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gallinger and family of Whirlpool, Niagara Falls, Ont., spent the holiday week end with Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Gallinger and family, also with Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Gow and family at Colquhoun.

Mrs. Dafid Alguire received a basket of fruit and candy from the Women's Institute of Colquhoun.

Guests on Christmas Day with Mrs. Hester Gallinger and family were Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Moore of Brockville, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Alguire of Cornwall and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Gallinger, Gary and Brian.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gallinger and Steven of Whirlpool, Ont., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gallinger and Harvey Gallinger visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Campbell and family on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Ault of Colquhoun spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. David Alguire.

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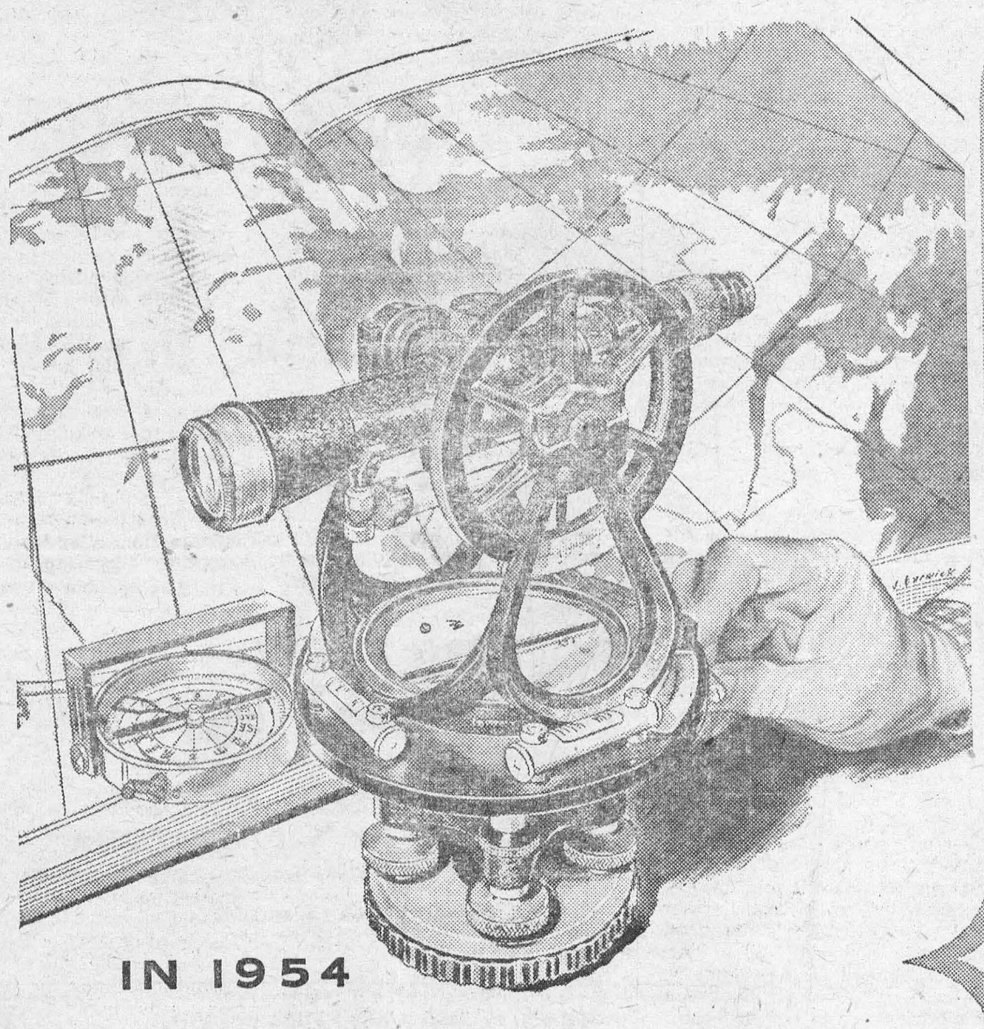

IN 1954

Where there was Progress

Throughout the land, Canadians made progress in 1954.

They prospected, staked, drilled and mined; they cleared, ploughed and planted; they fished and they hunted; they planned and constructed; they manufactured, and they bought and sold. And working with Canadians in their ventures from coast to coast — helping with counsel, service and money — was the Bank of Montreal.

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Canada is on the march today. And moving ahead with the nation are 625 B of M branches from coast to coast, at the service of the men and women who are forging the Canada of tomorrow.

Yes, where there was progress in 1954 . . .

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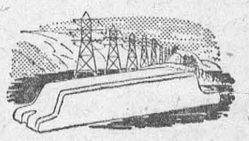
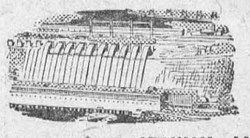
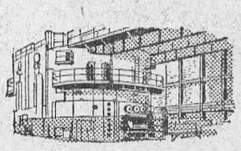
IRON ORE FROM UNGAVA . . . brought by rail from these fabulous ore fields to Seven Islands, seaboard terminal of Quebec's great mining project. The B of M was the first to open a full-time banking office at Seven Islands . . . six years before the first shipment of ore last July.



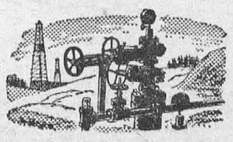
ALUMINUM FROM KITIMAT . . . giant B.C. development, one of the world's biggest industrial undertakings. Constructors of Kitimat shared B of M support. The Bank of Montreal founded the first banking office at Kitimat — in January 1952, when there were but two hundred workmen carving out the settlement with their bull-dozers.



ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AND POWER PROJECT . . . long discussed and now under way, destined to open the Great Lakes to world shipping, and cement friendship between two great nations. The B of M opened the first banking office at Mille Roches, near Cornwall, Ont., last October for the convenience of seaway workers.



ATOMIC ENERGY AT CHALK RIVER . . . Canadian enterprise in this vital field has made Chalk River a famous name. Nearby, at Deep River, townsite of Defence Industries Limited, the Bank of Montreal opened the first banking office — in May, 1945, to serve scientists and workers at the Atomic Energy plant.



OIL — AND GAS — FROM THE RICH WEST . . . The Interprovincial Pipeline speeds the flow of oil from source to market and cuts transportation costs. The B of M assisted in the financing of this great undertaking. And it is equally ready to assist in the plan to pipe gas from western wells to eastern markets.



NEW HOMES FOR CANADIANS . . . When the Government of Canada asked the Chartered Banks to add the making of mortgage loans to their services in order to increase the building of new homes for Canadians, the B of M responded promptly from coast to coast. It made the first mortgage loans on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts alike; it made the first in the Prairie Provinces — the first in Ontario — the first in Quebec. Here was the beginning of a large share of the financing of thousands of new housing units started in Canada under the National Housing Act in 1954.

TABLE TALKS

by Jane Andrews.

Every year a big United States flour company conducts a nation-wide cookery contest, the size of which you can imagine when I tell you that $23,000 was the grand prize won by a Mrs. Koteen of Washington, D. C.

Before giving you the prize winning recipe I might as well admit that I never saw or tasted sesame seeds — and never heard of them except in the Arabian Nights (remember "Open Sesame?")

However, some of you may have a greater knowledge of them, and anyway here is the $23,000 recipe.

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Bake at 450° F. for 12 minutes. Makes 9-inch pie.

PIE SHELL

2 to 4 tablespoons sesame seeds
1 cup sifted flour
½ teaspoon salt
⅓ cup shortening
3 to 4 tablespoons cold water

Toast sesame seeds in 9-inch pie pan at 325° F. for 8 to 10 minutes until light golden brown. Remove seeds, then turn oven to 450° F.

Sift together flour and salt into mixing bowl. Add the toasted sesame seeds.

Cut in shortening until particles are the size of small peas.

Sprinkle water over mixture, a little at a time, while tossing and stirring lightly with fork. Add water to driest particles, pushing lumps to side, until dough is just moist enough to hold together.

Form into a ball. Flatten to about ½ inch thickness. Smooth dough at edges. Roll out on floured pastry cloth, or board, to a circle 1½ inches larger than inverted 9-inch pie pan.

Fit loosely into pie pan. Gently pat out air pockets. Fold edge to form a standing rim; flute. Then pick generously with fork.

Bake at 450° F. for 10 to 12 minutes until golden brown. Cool.

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DATE CHIFFON FILLING

1 tablespoon gelatin
¼ cup cold water
1¼ cups milk
2 egg yolks
¼ cup sugar
⅛ teaspoon salt
1 cup pitted dates, chopped fine
¾ cup whipping cream, beaten very thick
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 egg whites
2 tablespoons sugar
Nutmeg

Soften gelatin in cold water.

Beat together milk, egg yolks, the ¼ cup sugar and salt in top of double boiler until well blended. Cook over hot water (or directly over low heat, stirring constantly) until mixture will coat a metal spoon.

Add the softened gelatin; stir until dissolved. Chill until almost set, stirring occasionally. Fold in the whipped cream, vanilla, and dates.

Beat egg whites until slight mounds form when beater is raised. Add 2 tablespoons sugar gradually, beating well after each addition. Continue beating to make a meringue which stands in stiff glossy peaks when beater is raised. Fold into the date mixture.

Spoon into cooled baked pie shell, heaping into fluffy mounds. Chill until firm. If desired, sprinkle lightly with nutmeg before serving.

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Now for a few good candy recipes, which are a handy thing to have around in weather too strenuous to allow the young folks to be out-of-doors very much.

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When making candy, you are more certain of success if you use a thermometer, although good candy can be made without one. A deep saucepan, measuring cup and spoons, a large wooden spoon for beating, and pans for cooling are other necessary items of equipment. Then select recipes that lend variety as well as attractiveness, and your candy reputation will be made.

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These uncooked fruit snowballs will add a decorative note to any box or plate of candy.

FRUIT NUT SNOWBALLS

½ cup shredded coconut
1 cup raisins
1 cup dried apricots
½ cup roasted, unblanched almonds
1 tablespoon honey
Confectioners' sugar

Toast coconut to a delicate brown in moderate oven. Rinse raisins and apricots and steam 5 minutes. Drain. Put fruits and almonds through food chopper, using medium knife. Add honey and coconut and blend thoroughly. Shape into small balls; roll in confectioners' sugar. Makes about 24 balls.

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An old favorite is peanut brittle. This recipe is chock full of peanut meats. Be sure to pour it out in a thin sheet, making it easy to break and easy to eat.

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PEANUT BRITTLE

1½ cups sugar
1 cup white syrup
½ cup water
½ teaspoon soda
¼ teaspoon salt
1 pint shelled peanuts

Cook sugar, syrup, and water together until the mixture threads from a spoon. Add peanuts and cook until mixture becomes brittle in cold water (300° F.). Remove from heat. Add soda and salt. Beat thoroughly. Spread thin in shallow, buttered pan. When cold, break in pieces. Store in covered can.

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Children may enjoy making this simple cereal candy.

PUFFED CORN SURPRISE

1 8-ounce bar semisweet chocolate, chopped
6 marshmallows
1 cup pre-sweetened puffed corn cereal

Line bottom and sides of loaf pan with waxed paper. Melt chocolate over hot water. Cut marshmallows into eighths. Pour half of chocolate into pan; cover with marshmallows and cereal. Spread remaining chocolate over top. Allow to harden and cut into squares. Makes 12 squares made in 8x4-inch pan.

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Everyone has his own favorite fudge recipe, but here is one that does not require cooking.

UNCOOKED FUDGE

4 squares unsweetened chocolate
3 tablespoons butter
3 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
⅓ cup hot milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

Melt chocolate and butter over boiling water; remove from heat. Combine remaining ingredients and mix well. Add chocolate mixture and stir until blended. Spread in greased 8 x 8 x 2-inch pan. Chill in refrigerator, or let stand at room temperature for several hours or until firm. If desired, ½ to ⅔ cup chopped nut meats may be added before turning into pan.

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Fondant is the basis for so many decorative candies that you may want a "refresher" recipe for it. Stuff dates or prunes with it. Color it and top it with nuts. Make balls of it and roll them in chopped nuts. Put halves of pecans or walnuts together sandwich style with it — these are only a few of its possibilities.

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CREAM FONDANT

2 cups sugar
⅛ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon light corn syrup
1 cup evaporated milk

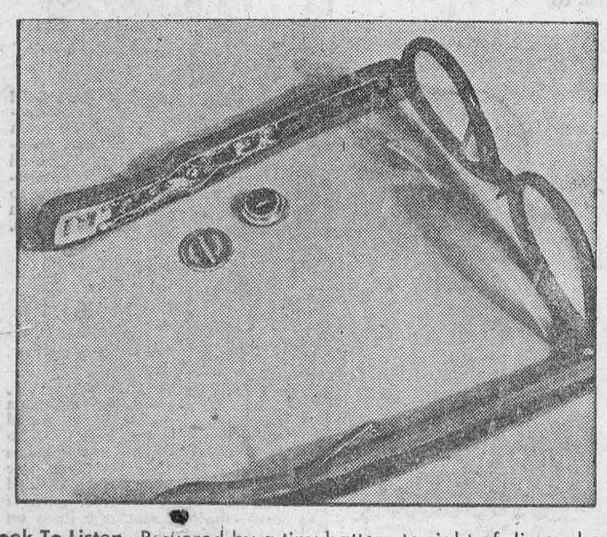
Mix ingredients thoroughly. Bring slowly to boil, stirring constantly. Then cook over medium heat to soft ball stage (238° F.), stirring all the while. Cool. Beat until creamy. Knead until smooth and plastic. Flavor as below. Set in refrigerator in covered dish overnight to ripen. Makes 1 pound.

Vanilla Fondant: After fondant is kneaded, add ½ teaspoon vanilla and knead just to distribute flavoring. Let ripen.

Maple Fondant: Add ½ teaspoon maple extract in same manner.



All Dressed Up—And someplace to go, if they ever put a body on the jaloppy. Actress Ann Miller, one of the reigning queens of the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses, waits for her float to be finished.



Look To Listen—Powered by a tiny battery to right of dime, shown for comparison, a new-type hearing aid which masquerades as an eyeglass frame is now in production. Clear plastic tube, shown on lower ear frame, conducts amplified sound to the wearer's ear. The battery, which screws into ear frame, has a life-in-use of about 180 hours. Frames may be fitted with clear glass for those with good eyesight who yet want to dispense with paraphernalia of more conventional hearing devices, according to the manufacturer.



When In Rome . . . Mrs. Wanda Jennings, "Mrs. America of 1955," tries her hand at preparing a dish of Italian spaghetti, under the watchful eye of a chef at a Rome hotel. She won her title because of her proficiency in cooking, meal planning and housekeeping.

Lost Shopping Bag Found Opportunity

Six weeks ago Mrs. Phyllis Angel was a Montreal housewife who knew no more about manufacturing than the average consumer. Today, as one of Canada's thousands of small back on enough hard work and initial sucess to provide the opening chapters for a Mrs. Horatio Alger story.

Mrs. Angel entered the light manufacturing business because she couldn't find exactly what she wanted in the shops. After losing a favorite shopping bag which an aunt had crocheted for her, she was determined to replace it with one which folded up and slipped into her handbag. Trudging from store to store convinced her that she would have to produce it for herself as her preference in a shoping bag existed only in her mind. A few weeks later she found her own design so satisfactory she decided to produce it for others, too.

After going through the formalities and legalities of choosing a name for her business, having it duly registered and obtaining a permit, she approached her first buyer with her first handmade sample.

"I had to make every stitch of it by hand as I didn't even own a sewing machine and I'm a terrible sewer," she recalls.

However, she found buyers didn't exactly leap at the opportunity of looking at a shopping bag. Nor did their eyes pop when they saw hers.

"I knew there was nothing really ingenious about my design," she says, "so I simply drew their attention to its main features. Since so many women loathe carrying shopping bags, I tried to make mine attractive selected a heavy nylon taffeta with a rich sheen, which folds up easily to about handkerchief size. The fabric retains its crispness and a snap fastener keeps the bag neatly collapsed when not in use."

One of the first buyers she called on immediately threw up his hands at the mention of "shopping bag." "Why, I've so many shopping bags, I would like to sell you some," he said. After finally agreeing to "just look at" her sample, he admitted that it filled a need and was unlike any he had in stock. A few minutes later Mrs. Angel left his office with an order for five dozen. Another store which was already carrying a fold-up type, ordered three dozen because it considered hers more attractive.

Since then she has sold to two other department stores and a number of smaller retail outlets in Montreal, rented a sewing machine in a factory and engaged an operator. To date Mrs. Angel herself has been doing all the cutting and packaging in cellophane. She has obtained two small machines for heat-sealing and attaching the dome fasteners and plastic tabs.

"I find I'm actually enjoying all my business problems and believe me I have most of the problems if none of the organization of a big manufacturer. I must go to a chain store and pay fifteen cents each for my cartons and then carry them away."

She has found that getting help is the easiest part of her operation, selling the hardest, because "stores are very sales resistant these days," and packaging the most important. She cautions would-be manufacturers against going into business to make money quickly. "If you need money desperately," she says, "go to work, but not for yourself."

A new Canadian, she came to Montreal eight years ago with her engineer husband and grown-up son. Auburn-haired and energetic, she says this is her first fling at business. Prior to her marriage she was with an English newspaper feature service, but since then has always been too busy taking care of her family and home to give manufacturing a thought until the day she lost her shopping bag.

"HAVE-A-LOOK" SURGERY

Samaria, an African native, has been renamed "Have-a-Look" by hospital authorities in Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia. Samaria had a pain in the stomach, so he got a knife and opened up his stomach to have a look. Now he is recovering in hospital — and his stomach is as painful as ever.

100,000 At Funeral Of "Powder Puff Shiek"

What was he really like — the screen's fabulous lover, Rudolph Valentino, the "Sheik" of the 1920s whom young men aped and women went crazy about?

"As strange a man as I ever met," says Hollywood director Adolph Zukor, who cast the young Italian for the part after he had worked as landscape gardener, dishwasher, gigolo, and "bit " actor in the studios. He hardly moved his lips when he sang. His acting was mostly confined to protruding his large, occult eyes, drawing back the lips of his wide, sensuous mouth, baring his gleaming teeth, and flaring his nostrils.

Always in Debt

Improvident, with expensive tastes, he lived from day to day, and all his life was in debt. Zukor's corporation raised his salary far above the contract terms. This only whetted his appetite, which became downright unreasonable after. "Blood and Sand," with America's lads imitating him, women organizing fan clubs and mobbing the theatres.

He rarely smiled, on the screen or off; Zukor cannot recall ever having seen him laugh, yet he could be charming when he wished. But he could be violently tempermental, too.

One day Zukor saw him arguing with an assistant director. His face paled with fury, his eyes stared wildly, his whole body quivered, he was near hysteria. The situation grew worse, and finally he walked out with no intention of returning.

Arrested for Bigamy

He was married, but the relationship did not last long. Later he fell in love with the beautiful Winifred O'Shaughnessy, who preferred to be known as Natacha Rambova. She was art director for Alla Nazimova, one of Zukor's stars, and like Valentino, believed herself to be guided by a supernautral power. They were married before his divorce decree was final. Arrested in Los Angeles for bigamy, he got out of it on the plea that the marriage had never been consummated.

Natacha appeared cold, mysterious, and affected Oriental garb and manners, but it was felt that she would be a good influence on him, and she brought him back. But now, Zukor says in his engrossing memoirs of fifty years of film life — "The Public is Never Wrong"—they had two Powers to deal with. She began to insert herself into the smallest details, and he backed her in everything. His new pictures, "Monsieur Beaucaire" and "The Sainted Devil," were less successful.

$80,000 Trip

But the Valentino cult continued. Newspapers poked fun at the sleek hair and powdered faces of the "sheiks." Things were not helped when he wore a slave bracelet given him by Natacha, but he raged at any suggestions that he discard it.

Zukor's firm did not renew his contract, partly because Natacha wanted even more control over his pictures, so with a new company founded for the purpose he began work on a film dealing with the Moors in early Spain. Author: Natacha. The pair spent $80,000 travelling in Europe for background material and exotic props, then the story was shelved and "Cobra" substituted, with Natacha in full charge. It did poorly, and the venture folded up, so did the marriage. Shortly after Joseph Schenck of United Artists took a chance with "The Son of the Sheik," Valentino's last picture.

ourable, the [illegible] "sheik" increased, and he grew more irritable.

He was in Chicago when the 'Tribune' had an editorial headed "The Pink Powder Puffs" about a face-powder coin device in the men's cloakroom at a dance hall.

Many of the young men carried their own powder-puffs, and by inserting a coin could get a sprinkle of powder. The editorial viewed this with alarm, placing most of the blame on "Rudy, the beautiful gardener's boy" and expressing sorrow that he hadn't been drowned long ago. An earlier editorial had poked fun at the slave bracelet.

According to his business manager, Valentino's "face paled, his eyes blazed, and his muscles stiffened." He dashed off an open letter " to the Man (?) Who Wrote the Editorial Headed 'The Pink Powder Puffs'," and gave it to a rival newspaper. "I call you a contemptible coward," he wrote, challenging him to a boxing or wrestling contest, expressing the hope that "I will have an opportunity to demonstrate to you that the wrist under the slave bracelet may snap a real fist into your sagging jaw," and closing with "Utter Contempt."

SUICIDE AND RIOTS

When Valentino, stricken with appendicitis, died in 1925, Zukor was stunned by the hysteria which followed. In London a woman dancer committed suicide, in New York another shot herself on a heap of his photographs. His body was laid in state at Campbell's Funeral Home, New York, and immediately a crowd of 30,000, mostly women, gathered. Rioting began as police tried to form queues. Windows were smashed. Mounted police charged and women rubbed soap on the pavement to make the horses slip.

Acrowd of 100,000, mostly women, lined the street for the funeral, at which Zukor was one of the pall-bearers.

Zukor is similarly frank about other famous stars in this well-illustrated cavalcade of film history, written from the personal angle. T. A.

Made Big Profit Selling Spiders

Cobwebs hanging low over the bar used to be a special attraction in an old-world inn in Herefordshire. But recently health officials ordered the licensee to take them down. Said the licensee: "We spent years cultivating those cobwebs. The old place won't seem the same without them."

A few years ago a young unemployed Frenchman raised thousands and thousands of tiny spiders and built up a business selling them to wine merchants.

The insects were turned loose among consignments of new wine so that they could leave cobwebs all over the bottles, making them appear like rich vintage wine.

More fantastic still was the use made of cobwebs by the doting and wealthy father of two pretty daughters when they were married in Louisiana, in 1855. He arranged for enormous quantities of a special species of Chinese spider to be shipped to his mansion.

He also bought in California gold and silver dust weighing 500 lb.

The spiders were turned loose in the mile-long avenue of great pine trees and soon the pines were linked in a fairyland of cobwebs.

For a whole day Negro slaves blew the gold and silver dust on to the webs with bellows. Next day the two brides walked slowly under this glittering canopy to the altar.



Don't Worry, There's A Window Between 'Em—This squirrel and cat have a noon confab each day at the home of Mrs. Byron Filkins. The conference, according to Mrs. Filkins, appears to be friendly and satisfactory to both animals. Blackie, the cat, is 17 years old.