When Lightning Strikes the Barn

Cover Horses' Heads With A Blanket—Then Animals Can Be Led To Safety

From Western Ontario came the story of a barn struck by lightning. Apparently the fire following did not burn as rapidly as usual, and there was rain soon after which may have helped matters. There was time for several neighbors to gather and help take a few things from the building, but the story says chief difficulty was in getting the horses out. The old rule is to throw something over the head of a horse in a state of fear and the animal can then be led to safety.

Four horses were taken out of that burning barn, but two of them returned and were lost, and in doing so they were acting just the same as a good many other horses have done on similar occasions. And that brings up the old question of why a horse returns to its stall even when the barn is on fire! That they will do it is not open to question because it has been done so frequently, but why it is done is not so clear.

The most satisfactory explanation we have encountered is that the horse regards the stall as a home, and when there is a great deal of confusion as in the time of a fire the horse wants to go home. The feeling is claimed to be much the same as that possessed by a child when it comes on night or when there is danger—it wants to go home.

We recall having seen a blind horse on a farm. It was seven years old and had been blind for four years. It went from pasture near the bushland along a path across a bridge and then along the lane toward the barn. Entering the barn yard the blind horse passed between two buildings and then went to the far side of the main barn, passed five other stalls and entered the sixth from the door, and that was where it belonged. The strange thing is the other horses were not coming up from pasture at the time, but the blind horse quite often came in by itself and went without error to its stall. That animal felt it was at home in its own stall.

The average farm horse spends a good many hours each and every week in its stall, particularly when the summer season is over. It is part of the daily routine going in there when work is done and having the harness removed. It is fed and cleaned there, and as far as an animal can have feeling, we believe the "home" feeling would be centered in its stall. And that is why it wants to get back there even if the barn is on fire.—Peterborough Examiner.

All Play And No Work Makes For Vacation Trouble

See That Children Are Occupied With Useful Tasks a Few Hours a Day

Experience has taught mothers that for the first week or two of vacation there is no trouble. The children are so thrilled over their freedom that they entertain themselves. No plan is needed now, because loafing is interest enough.

But reaction sets in inevitably, and after that the quarrels begin. You vision slamming doors, arguments and tears. You see disorder, too, because heat and disorganization upset training.

That little imp Mischief finds work for idle hands. But why keep hands idle, and let minds become lazy and bored?

Work is the answer.

Children need some effort and responsibility of one kind or another to keep the mmentally content. Play soon palls, and ceases to be a joy.

Let them help with housework and gardening, at stated hours in the mornings, or, if you prefer, afternoons.

If Sam is conditioned in certain studies, don't have him wait for the end of August to begin. The hour of study each day should be started soon. Music lessons might be kept up, or an outside subject in which the child is interested.

Furthermore, all children need ideas for play, because, left entirely to their own devices, they lack ingenuity, and there is nothing to work toward.

Chatham Man Grows Pecans

CHATHAM.—Now it's pecan nuts they're growing in southwestern Ontario. Robert J. Guy, Chatham resident, has three pecan trees growing in his backyard.

ITCH
...STOPPED IN A MINUTE...
Are you tormented with the itching misery of eczema, rasher athlete's foot, ringworm, or other skin afflictions? For quick and happy relief, use cooling, antiseptic, liquid D. D. D. Prescription. Its gentle oils soothe the irritated skin. Clear, greaseless and stainless—dries fast. Stops the most intense itching instantly. A 35c trial bottle, at drug stores, proves it—or money back. 30

Fascist March Through London

Police struggled to restrain large crowds and made many arrests when 4,000 Fascists, led by Sir Oswald Mosley (indicated by arrow), held a meeting at Kentish Town, and marched through north-east London to Trafalgar Square, where a second meeting was addressed by Sir Oswald. This picture shows the procession leaving Islip street, Kentish Town, where the first meeting was held.

Alleged WIT

Pat wanted to borrow some money from Michael, who happened to have a small boy with him at the moment.

Pat — "'Tis a fine boy you have there with you, Mike. A magnificent head and noble features. Could you loan me ten?"

Mike — "I could not. 'Tis me wife's child by her first husband."

Read it or not — "Angels do not have wings."

Hairy Customer — "Hair cut, singe, shampoo, manicure clipped and the beard trimmed, and — er — where can I put this cigar?"

Barber — "Would you mind keeping it in your mouth, sir. "It'll be sort of a handmade."

Visitor — "I can't tell you how delighted I am, Mrs. Giles. My son Reggie has won a scholarship."

Farmer's Wife — "I can understand your feelings, ma'am. I felt just the same when our pig won a blue ribbon at the County Fair.

We don't believe times are as good as they say. There doesn't seem to be enough insurance agents bothering us.

Clothier — "Were you pleased with the overcoat I sold you?"

Customer — "Oh, yes. All my boys have worn it."

Clothier — "Well! Well!"

Customer — "Yes, each time it has been worn in the rain the next smallest one has to take it."

Go-getters are not always keepers.

Some unhappy marriages might be prevented if the method suggested by the following from the Pathfinder were adopted.

Young Man — "Sir, your charming daughter has invited me to dinner."

Her Father — "I'll do better than that. I'll invite you to breakfast. And then you can see how she looks in the morning without her makeup."

To tell a funny story, tell the point and omit the story.

Mrs. Smith rushed into her living room.

Mrs. Smith — "Oh, John, I dropped my diamond ring off my finger and I can't find it anywhere."

John (calmly) — "It's all right dear. I came across it in my trousers pocket."

THE OPTIMIST

I sing a song to the Optimist,
To the man that is brave and strong,
Who keeps his head when things go right,
And smiles when things go wrong.

I am proud of the genial Optimist,
His radiant voice an dspeech;
He helps smooth the rugged path
Of all within his reach.

I like the way of the Optimist
Who looks for the bright an dthe best
He scatters sunshine as he goes
And leaves his fellows blest.

I am glad to meet the Optimist,
With his message of good cheer;
He carries hope and confidence
To those assailed by fear.

So here's a song to the Optimist
Who joyously works and sings
And daily shows this weary world
The way to better things. —
—Grenville Kleiser

Clipped — "Where there is a will there is a way, and where there is no will there are a lot of fighting relatives."

He was very fat and stood behind an irritable old woman in a line that was waiting to get in a show:

She — Stop pushing, can't you?"

He — "Excuse me, madame. I did not push. I only sighed."

Good definition of Salesmanship : "The art of selling products that will not come back to customers who will"

The Kitten That Was Brought Back

J. D. Featherstonhaugh, in Our Dumb Animals, writes: — "Patricia" has learned that even a burly truck driver may have a kind heart.

Patricia, a stray cat who was adopted by the writer, recently gave birth to three kittens in the back compartment of a moving van that had been hilled up for repairs in the back yard. The following day she decided that March weather in Schenectady was a bit too cold for her youngsters and one by one she started moving them to an empty carton she had found in the cellar of the house. The first two were moved without difficulty, but when the cat returned for the third the truck was gone, the driver having completed his repairs and driven away.

Patricia was puzzled. She searched every nook and cranny of the yard for her lost kitten and then with plaintive meows extended her search over the entire neighborhood. Only when night fell did she return home; without her kitten.

The next day Hank Bartlett, the driver, returned to the house.

"Is there a cat in here that has just had kittens?" he asked.

"Why yes," I replied. "Our cat has just had two of them."

"I think she must have had three," he added.

"How is that?" I asked, puzzled.

Then he explained that the preceding day after he had driven the truck home he had heard whimpering cries. Looking into the back of the truck he had found the little animal, shivering and hungry.

"I took it into my house," he said, "and fed it a little warm milk with a medicine dropper. We couldn't figure out where it came from, but then I remembered seeing a cat jump in the truck while it was over at your place. So after putting it in a warm place for the night I brought it back."

He then produced the kitten from a little basket he carried in his hand. Together we took it to the little box in the cellar where a worried mother guarded her remaining two. Patricia heard our footsteps, looked out of the box to see her lost kitten. Rejoicing at its return, she gave her most welcoming meow and when the kitten was placed in the box started licking it affectionately.

Kansas Wheat Is $140,000,000 Crop

This Is the Most Profitable Harvest Since 1928

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—With cutters at work in the northernmost tier of counties, Kansas farmers are nearing completion of their most profitable wheat harvest since 1928.

Latest estimates place the 1937 yield at 141,000,000 bushels. July 3, the price of cash wheat at Kansas City was $1.22 for No. 2 quality. At Wichita, in the heart of the greatest wheat producing section, $1.10 was being paid and the return was above $1 at country shipping points throughout the State. A dollar a bushel to the producer is an actuality for the first time since 1929.

A rapid upward movement in the Chicago market indicates even higher prices in Kansas. A factor in that rise has been considerable last-minute rust damage to the Kansas crop, not calculated in the latest official estimates. That damage may cut the yield below 140,000,000 bushels, but the upturn in prices leaves a $140,000,000 return still in prospect for the farmers. That exceeds the entire value of all Kansas crops in 1932 or 1933. Last year the wheat income was $131,000,000. The State's largest crop, 239,907,708 bushels in 1931, brought only $81,416,717 to the producers.

Get a Belated Start

The harvest, after a belated start, has swept across the State in three weeks of ideal cutting weather. Up to the middle of June, heavy rains fell through the main wheat districts in the central part of the State. Producers who usually cut their crop with the efficient harvester-thresher, combine finally moved into the soggy fields with the lighter binders.

Then the weather turned dry. In a few days the wheat lands were ready for the heaviest machinery. From as early in the morning as the dew was off, until late at night, combines moved across the golden acres. Rust damage, begun in the wet weather, was checked, especially through the uplands of the central part of the State.

The south central section again has proved itself the State's most reliable "bread basket". In 12 counties, approximately 30 per cent. of the total Kansas crop has been cut. Reno county, whose seat is Hutchinson, has an estimated 8,000,000 bushels to lead them all.

Reports indicate most of the crop is of good quality. Weight is ranging from 60 to 65 pounds to the bushel, and protein content is good.

The 1937 harvest, profitable though it is, serves to illustrate the difficulties in the way of production control. Far from the largest crop in the State's history, it nevertheless comes from the biggest acreage ever planted in Kansas, 16,522,000 acres seeded in the fall of 1936 From 13, 663,000 acres, Kansas in 1931 cut a crop more than 50 per cent larger.

Diversification Is Urged

In the western third of the state this year, millions of acres were abandoned when spring rains failed to come. Farmers hastened to plow up unpromising fields, to qualify for soil conservation payments. Herbert Clutter, Finney County agent at Garden City, urged western Kansas growers to stop their wheat gambling and to plant for dry years, instead of wet ones.

Man's Ego Blamed For Keeping Women In The Home

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—That woman's-place-is-in-the-home idea is just a gag men have been putting over all this time.

Dr. Roland Hoppock, assistant director of the National Occupational Conference, told the National Federation of Business and Professional Women that hubbies probably won't get away with it much longer.

Now, he said, a definite shortage of competent women has begun to show up in the work-a-day world, and soon the girls will be flying the coop.

"Marriage no longer means permanent removal from the employment market," he said. "There is no sound psychological reason why women should cook meals, wash dishes, launder clothes and clean houses."

Long-established tradition and the deep seated desire of men to perpetuate the r own special privileges is about the only thing that keeps woman in the home, said Dr. Hoppock.

Housework belong more logically to men, he said, since it frequently involves physical strain which men are better able to endure.

Mrs. George Loucks Elliott, a writer on psychological subjects, likewise tut-tutted the idea that married women shouldn't find jobs outside the home.

"The theory that a man's ego can not stand the effect of his wife working outside the home is at once suspicious," said she. "Has he never been aware of her working in the home, or is he unwilling to have his control of her activity thus diminished? The apparent magnanimity of men in insisting on supporting their wives or families has too frequently been overshadowed by accompanying subjection and domination!

"The object on to women's working outside the home, made in the interests of children, likewise needs examination. If there are on an average two and a half children to a family, the question must be faced for how long and at what hours are those children at home."

Rural Auctions And Quick Cash

The auction is a distinctly rural institution. The city has adopted it for the disposal of bankrupt stocks and values art works, but the true auct on is still only to be found on the farm and in the village, observes the Kingston Whig-Standard.

"Flittings are often the occasion for auctions, for the disposal of the surplus household goods and farm stocks and implements. It is one sure way country folks have of raising quick cash.

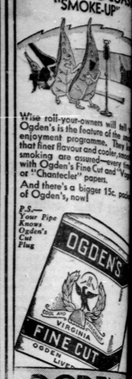
Then there is the auction that is a second funeral; they bury all that is left of one branch of the family and then auction the possessions of another branch of the family. Perhaps it is a lifetime, or what is left of it, after the nearest of kin have got what they want.

If the day is bright and tioneer merry the sale is a event. With the restraint of ship removed everybody through the house prying into and cupboards, peering into jars for forgotten linens and ing over the ornaments to And when the hammer falls kitchen table, which is the auction block, the auctioneer ing with humor and everybody nybone is unusually sensitive

Unless the household has some "genuine antiques," which be gobbled up at fancy prices dealers or city collectors, the Aunt Sophia's parlor suite will her first and last, and feather and crocks and curios will enough money to start a modal couple to housekeeping bedroom and bath. Big have been back on the farm friends have severed old ties and the possessions of one of families have been distributed

Don't Want Wa...

It is all very well to talk from this continent that doesn't want war. But actions louder than words. Most



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Shipped From West For Feeding

CLYDE.—Loads pasturage here filled with marked increases in prices generally has been responsible for large importations into this district. The first consignment of beef cattle from the Western Canada, according to farmers about this district. The first shipment of Western cattle brought here this year was readily disposed of.

Sparks Big Attraction

THOMAS—Passing a big automobile owned by Ned Sparks, the movie comedian, on the long, hill leading into the Waterford Park, a youth drove his old car into the fence along the road smashed into a pole carrying power to the city's pumping station. The accident snapped the power off the power to the station nearly two hours until Public Utilities Commission linesmen could make an emergency service. The driver believed to have been looking at the car and his auto so intently failed to see where he was going. The car was shelved off the side of the road. Damage will total about $100.

Travel Causes Injuries to Thirteen

MOOSE JAWS, Sask—Thirteen children between six and 18 years of age were suffering from injuries received in a motor accident five miles south of Caron, 125 miles northwest of here. All were occupants of an automobile that struck loose gravel on the road, skidded, broke its steering gear and rolled over. Most seriously injured were Peter Wilson, 13, Travis Thorvaldson, 9, Walter Thorvaldson, 6, with leg artery.

Luxury" Spending Shows Times Are Better

TORONTO — Agriculture demonstrates declare a sharp increase in sales of "luxury items" in part of this year, indicated United States public had more money to spend. They reported sales of mechanical refrigerators, lipstick preparations, cameras and theatre admissions in the months of 1937 ranged from 10 per cent. ahead of the same period in 1936.

Wives' Worries Haunt Them In Paris

PARIS.—Marital difficulties and simultaneous visits to Paris by Louise Coats, identical twin brothers they married in Marian, Ark., filed annulment. The plaintiffs, Mrs. and Herbert M. Sharp, said their brides had not obtained final divorce decrees from their husbands, Roy and Ray Coats, twins.

Takes a Clean Breast of His Innocence

CHARLESTON.—Asked if he could make a forced confession, the culprit, witness Greenberg, replied "I definitely unless he opens the neck. The man who pleaded he had lots of hair on his chest. Greenberg opened his shirt, and it was as smooth as a baby's. He was dismissed." said the court.

Candidate For New York Mayoralty

NEW YORK.—The name of James A. Farley was mentioned in some quarters as a possible candidate for New York's mayoralty campaign next year. The dapper, former mayor of Boston has declared himself from the race on the jury now." Walsh, leaving a white house conference with President Roosevelt in Washington, said: "I only listen to arguments, I don't intend to take part in them."

Buddy, Leave Honolulu On The Clipper

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Pan-American Airways' Clipper, that many Pickford and Gable fans, returning from a Honolulu honeymoon, were among seven persons aboard when the Philippine-bound Hawaii for San Francisco.

Gunman's Watchdog

PENSACOLA, Fla.—H. E. Mowrey, grocer, objects to the shooting of the snake as the station, and says his tenant-protector was the hero of the story. Mower said he was about to open a rear window of his store when entered the building. Mower, in a hurry without loot and with his crowbar they used to enter the window, Mower says he's not afraid of the serpent's gleams of the serpent's flashlight beam—with perhaps a rock thrown in—caused the

Turns to Help Harvest

CALGARY.—Things have changed in two years ago Waterloo Co. boys went to go West on the "harvest excursions." Now it was that two Saskatchewan

Baden Started Chicks and Cockerels

All from Government Approved Breeders, sired by Big Type Males.

Two week old Cockerels, $8.45; pullets Barred Rocks, $17.95. Three weeks old Barred Rocks, $12.45; Leghorns, $23.40; Barred Rocks, $26.95. Assorted pullets and cockerels, $25.40. Shipped C.O.D. Write for prices on older pullets & week old.

BADEN ELECTRIC CHICK HATCHERY, BADEN, Ont.

Week-End Accidents Take Toll of 13 Lives

Sudbury Magistrate's Wife Among Victims of Road Fatalities—Two Killed In Crash Near Windsor—Two Torontonians Drown

TORONTO—Thirteen persons were killed and more than twenty injured in highway and water tragedies in Ontario over the week-end. Four women, including the wife of Magistrate J. S. McKessock, of Sudbury, were among the victims who met death on the open road. There were two drownings, both caused by heart seizures.

The dead are:

Mrs. J. S. McKessock, 60, Sudbury.
Mrs. Frank Searles, 69, Wisconsin.
Mrs. Cypriss Gauthier, 55, Outremont, Que.
Mrs. Margaret Campbell, 54, Columbia, South Carolina.
Stanton W. Berkey, 22, Highland Park, Mich.
Paul Stefuia, 33, near Smithville.
Margaret Sterling, 3, Sarnia.
Clifford West, 26, Carleton Place.
Thomas Harris, 57, of 39 Maitland Street, Toronto.
Thomas Carey, 52, of 2053 Davenport Rd., Toronto.
Arthur Taylor, 25, of 295½ Victoria Park Ave., Toronto.
Wesley Clow, 71, near Blenheim.
Harold Faber, 21, Tavistock.

Magistrate's Wife Killed

Mrs. J. S. McKessock, 60-year-old wife of Magistrate McKessock of Sudbury, died in Sudbury Hospital ten minutes after she was admitted with critical injuries suffered in a highway accident one mile south of Trout Creek, a short time before. She was in the back seat of the car driven by her daughter, Jean, and was hurled with terrific force against the front seat when the car skidded on loose gravel and crashed into a pile of rocks at the base of a telephone pole.

Wisconsin Woman Dies

A collision between two cars near Ingersoll brought death to Mrs. Frank Searles, 69, of Broadhead, Wisconsin. Her husband, 71, is said to be in a critical condition. They were accompanied in the car by their son, Charles, and Mrs. Searles, of Clandford, N.J., and were proceeding west at the time of the accident.

Mrs. Cypriss Gauthier, 55, of 107 St. Catherine Street, Outremont, Que. was killed and her son-in-law and daughter seriously injured when their car became involved in a highway accident 16 miles east of Mattawa on Saturday. Cypriss Gauthier and Carmen Gauthier, husband and daughter of the dead woman, were only slightly hurt.

Two Killed Near Windsor

Two were killed and eight injured when two Michigan cars collided at a road intersection eight miles south of Windsor, Saturday afternoon. Stanton W. Berkey, 22, of Highland Park, Mich., driver of one of the cars, was instantly killed. He died of a broken back. Mrs. Margaret Campbell, 54, of Columbia, South Carolina, died from injuries shortly after being admitted to hospital. Her 17-year-old daughter, Mary, suffered a fractured pelvis.

Toronto Fisherman Dies

A heart attack, suffered while fishing in Georgian Bay, off Waubaushene, proved fatal for Thomas Harris, 57, of 39 Maitland Street, Toronto, Sunday. Harris was fishing with a friend, George Collins of Toronto, when he was seen to collapse and fall in the water. The body was recovered an hour and a half later. The victim was a widower and has relatives living in Toronto, it was learned. An attempt to get in touch with them was made by Toronto authorities.

A drowning under similar circumstances was that of Thomas Carey, 52, of 2053 Davenport Road, Toronto, who was drowned in the Severn River. He dived into the water and failed to come to the surface. It is believed he suffered a heart attack on hitting the water as he was believed to have had heart trouble before.

Arthur Taylor, 25, of 295½ Victoria Park Avenue, Toronto, was fatally injured late Sunday afternoon on the Niagara Parkwa above Chippawa, when his motorcycle skidded during a heavy rainstorm. He was picked up by a passing motorist and taken to the Niagara Falls General Hospital, where he died at 9.30 Sunday night without regaining consciousness.

Death is believed due to a fracture of the skull. Motorists near by at the time said his motorcycle skidded to the left and threw him on the pavement. He was alone on his motorcycle going towards Niagara Falls.

The body was removed to the Morse Funeral Home where Coroner E. T. Kellam will open an inquest.

THE MARKETS

POULTRY

Prices paid to country shippers:

	Dressed Sel. A.	Dressed Sel. B.	Milk Fed A.
Spring chickens—			
1 to 2 lbs.	16	14	18
2 to 3 lbs.	18	16	20
3 to 4 lbs.	19	17	21
4 lbs. and over	20	18	22
	Dressed.		
	Sel. A.	Sel. B.	
Fatted Hens—			
Over 5 lbs.	15		13
4 to 5 lbs.	14		12
3½ to 4 lbs.	12		11
3 to 3½ lbs.	11		10
Old Roosters —			
Over 5 lbs.	12		10

(Red and black feathered birds 2c per lb. less than above prices).

Other Fowl—

Guinea fowl, per pair 75 00

Note: C grade poultry 3c below B grade.

DAIRY PRODUCE

Butter—

Quotations to wholesale trade.

Creamery solids, No. 1 26½ to 00
do 38 score .....25½ to 00
do 37 score .....24½ to 00
do 36 score .....24 to 00

Cheese—

New large (paraffined) .14½ to 14¾
do twins .....14¾ to .15
do triplets .....15 to 15¼
(Average price paid to shippers, f.o.b. country points.)
New, lge. (paraffined) .14 to .00
do triplets .....14½ to .00

Attacking Rabbit Pests

CANBERRA.—Australia's Council for Scientific and Industrial Research has laid plans for a new attack on the Commonwealth's rabbit hordes with a new virus disease developed in England by Sir Henry Markin. The attack will be launched on Clarke Island off the Tasmanian coast and, if successful there will be extended to the mainland. First tests will determine whether the disease myxomatosis, is fatal only to rabbits as Sir Henry claims. If such is the case, infected rabbits will be turned loose on the island to spread the disease among their entire species.

New Trick

NORTH YORK. — A new trick of hitch-hikers to obtain rides into the city was revealed this week to a motorist on Dufferin Street.

P.C. Weller (412) of Toronto, and Mrs. Weller, were driving on Dufferin Street when they spied a lad of about 18 lying on his back with both arms outstretched and his legs about three feet on the pavement, in the path of their car.

As the prostrate boy was motionless, they presumed he had been the victim of a hit-and-run driver, and was either unconscious or dead. Stopping their car quickly, they hurried to him, only to have him jump to his feet and ask for a ride into the city.

"Apparently he had been unsuccessful in 'thumbing' a ride and tried this new way of getting some motorist to stop," commented P.C. Weller, who added that the incident had rather frightened and upset Mrs. Weller.

Second Plane To Cross Sea

MONTREAL — Sister ship of the huge flying boat Caledonia, Imperial Airways' Cambria will take of from Foynes, Ireland, during the first week of August on a North Atlantic crossing, Trans-Canada Air Line Officials announced here this week.

Cable advices received here by the company aid the Cambria would follow the same trail-blazing course of the Caledonia, which completed its westward crossing in four legs. From Southampton the Cambria would go to Foynes, then to Botwood, Nfld., on to Montreal, and from there to Port Washington, N.Y.

The Pan American Clipper III, which completed a two-way flight of the North Atlantic at the same time as the Caledonia, but in reversed order, also will make the crossing some time in August.

The Cambria, after completing the fourth leg of its journey, may visit Windsor, Toronto and Hamilton. If the Cambria is unable to do so, the Caledonia will visit the three Ontario cities when it makes its third Atlantic flight.

Round-World Flight Hinted

EDMONTON. — Aviation officials here speculated on the possibility of a secret round-the-world airplane flight being made in the near future with a refueling stop at Edmonton, where a consignment of more than 600 gallons of high-test gasoline arrived from New York and San Francisco and forty-five gallons of special oil from Germany. Identity of the flier who is believed planning a world-circling flight, with a scheduled take-off about the first of next week, was not learned. Persistent rumors in flying circles here have indicated such a flight is pending.

Forced Landing Without Mishap

BELLEVILLE. — Robert Newman and Chick Dixon, of Akron, O., made a forced landing in the village of Shannonville, five miles east of here, when their plane ran out of gasoline. After filling their tanks from the pumps of a local garage, the two fliers continued on their way eastward. The fliers were unhurt and their plane was undamaged.

New Giant Eggs

A giant egg, eight inches in circumference one way and six the other, three and a half inches long and two and a quarter in depth, was produced by a hen in the flock of Joe Cirotti, Blakeburn, B.C.

Poison ivy is not always three-leaved. Occasionally it has four leaves.

It has been estimated that the number of families on American farms during 1936 totalled 7,464,000.

NEWS PARADE

Commentary on the HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKS NEWS —

By Peter Randal

The world this week saw the Spanish war sweeping to a climax while in the far East the first rumbles of a new conflict were heard.

Lashing out from Madrid, General Jose Miaje's re-organized Loyalist army executed its first great offensive in the year-old civil war and struck fifteen miles into the insurgent ring which almost surrounded Madrid and threatened General Francisco Franco's line of communication with the sea. Franco struck back with a violent counter-offensive in an attempt to regain lost territory before the Loyalists could strengthen their newly won positions.

Hundreds of planes, tons of high explosives, and a quarter of a million men were hurled by both armies at the point of the loyalists' newly-won salient in the mountains at Brunete, 12 miles west of Madrid. This may be the deciding battle of the civil war.

If the Rebels are driven back from the position they have held for nearly a year at the gates of Madrid it is likely that new agreements will be formed by the great European powers with Germany and Italy withdrawing much of the support which has so far bolstered the Rebel attack.

One million men, women and children have lost their lives, it is estimated since the war began on July 19, 1937.

Japan's militant imperialist government which has held the nation in readiness for war for several years, made its first move in North China this week when Nipponese troops entered Mopei province which adjoins Japanese territory in newly-conquered Manchukuo.

Japanese soldiers were repulsed however by unexpected and determined opposition by Chinese Communist and Bandit troops, united against the Japanese threat, under the Nankin government. Peace overtures have been made by Tokio and an armistice is expected to relieve the troubled situation in the Far East.

With Soviet Russia disturbed by espionage trials and the execution of army leaders it is not unlikely that Japan will push forward in her march toward the rich stores of war materials in the heart of China.

Hope died this week in two widely distant parts of the world. In the Pacific ocean's wide southern expanse where the United States navy completed its two weeks, $4,000,000 search for Amelia Earhart and Geo. Noonan, and on the wide stretches of Western Canada's wheat country where farmers faced the greatest crop failure in the history of the west.

The United States navy after combing 200,000 square miles of trackless ocean for the lost fliers, gave up hope and pronounced them dead. The only gain from their attempted trans-Pacific flight being the U. S. government's warning "Such flights will not be permitted in future."

Federal Minister of Agriculture James G. Gardiner predicted this week in Ottawa that this year's wheat crop would be not over 150 million bushels, the smallest since the west first became a great wheat-producing area.

Saskatchewan bore the brunt of the drought and 114 degree heat and Gardiner estimated that 600,000 or 66 per cent. of the population would need government aid of some kind before the winter was over.

Following his announcement the Federal government led by recently returned Premier King promised immediate and planned remedial action and better still, heavy rains fell for several days in most parts of the southern 5 ratchewan, but not as well as in the northern parts of the province.

Tall Hardy westerners immediately washed off their sense of humor and produced drought jokes of which the following is a sample. The rains were so heavy around Shaunavon, dust bowl centre, that a large drop struck a farmer on the forehead and knocked him to the ground unconscious, and the hired man had to throw three buckets of dust over him to revive him.

Tall girls all over the land rejoiced when they read that Miss Toronto 1937, chosen after a week's elimination was statuesque 17-year-old Billie Hallam, five feet ten and a half inches in height and weighing approximately 150 pounds (she wasn't quite sure). This fine Canadian lassie is an accomplished softball pitcher and says she owes her success to her Irish mother and English father, also she eats anything she likes and hopes to get into the movies. The 20,000 spectators who attended the police games at which Miss Hallam was chosen as Toronto's loveliest all agreed that the judges picked a typical and admirable Canadian girl and one well qualified to represent the city in Hollywood.

Three day sensations in Canadian newspapers were many this week, featured by the discovery and conviction on bigamy charges of George Roediger, a modern Bluebeard if there ever was one. This dark and handsome 55-year-old German had married, robbed and deserted at least ten women in all parts of Canada in the last ten years. He pleaded guilty and received nine years in Stony Mountain penitentiary but after provincial police Sergeant McKay, of Toronto, thinks that the case is not yet closed, for Roediger is alleged to have caused the disappearance of Mrs. Christina MacKenzie whom he married in Barrie, Ont., in 1935. Mrs MacKenzie has not been seen since she left a house on Vanhan Rd., Toronto, a few days after her marriage. Outside of a postcard, allegedly from her, but thought to be a forgery, that her relatives received in December, 1935, there is no trace of the missing wife.

Two of Roediger's former wives died violent deaths, one by poisoning, the other by drowning in a well. In the latter case Roediger was charged with murder and acquitted although he served two years in a New York prison for bigamy in the same case. The finding of sharp butcher knives and quantities of arsenic in his lugg-ge by police after his recent arrest increases suspicion that this sinister and handsome fortune hunter left many mysteries unsolved in his obscure past. Roediger's son is being sought by police in California for questioning on his father's activities and the fly-by-night German Romeo may yet face changes more serious than bigamy.

SPORT REPORTER

By KEN EDWARDS

Speaking of fish, we have our own Canadian waters, and journey to Bermuda from whence comes news that a new record has been established.

Harry J. Tucker of Flatts, Bermuda, has just established a new Atlantic Ocean record for "wahoo." It weighed 91 pounds and was six feet, two inches long. Tucker fought it for 20 minutes before landing it. He used a 12-ounce tip and a 24-thread line. An 86-pounder, caught by W. E. Carlin in 1911, was the previous "wahoo" record for those waters.

What player on a baseball team touches the ball more than any other? . . . the pitcher.

Did you know that 'way back in 1857 or thereabouts, the nigger pitcher, Geo. Storey of Newark, won 35 games, the most ever recorded.

Lefty Grove had 330 strikeouts for Baltimore in 1923.

Tighten Control Over Adoption

LONDON.—Recommendations aimed at tightening control over the adoption of children in Great Britain were made by the majority of a home office committee appointed to investigate the methods of adoption societies and agencies.

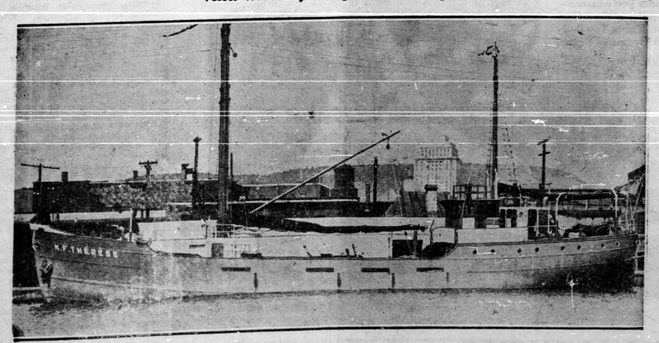
After reviewing several cases of indiscriminate trafficking of children, the committee suggested:

Adoption organizations should be licensed by local boroughs or county councils:

They should be forbidden to arrange adoptions abroad by any foreigner or to let a British subject take a child abroad until a magistrate has granted, in open court, a license permitting it;

They should insist that all adopters apply to court for confirmation of the adoption after a probationary period.

Vessel Will Carry Evangel to Arctic Regions



The picture shows the Diesel-engined M. F. Therese which will carry Bishop Turquetil and other missionaries to stations in the Far North.