

NEWS PARADE ...

Before the year 1939 drew to a close the war with Germany had already begun to be overshadowed in significance by the war in Finland. Events of the first week of 1940 threw it still further in the shade. World attention then was concentrated more and more closely on the Russo-Finnish conflict, seeing in it the beginning of a new Armageddon in which all the Western powers would be fighting against a combined Russia and Germany.

Why not Germany on our side against Russia? Not at all likely. Four months of watching the European conflict have led us to the belief that Russia and Germany cannot be separated by mere wishful thinking on our part; that these two nations are united in a common purpose; and that to defeat both, the Allies may have to defeat both. It appeared last week to be only a question of time before England and France would be involved in wars (all part of the same war) on new and far-flung fronts — in Finland, in the Balkans, in Iraq (300,000 Allied troops were concentrated in nearby Syria), in Afghanistan (intense border conflicts reported on both sides).

In Germany France was seen to be swinging more and more to the left, prophesying in his New Year speech that "the German empire will not survive the 20th century."

So, turning the corner into 1940, the world came face to face with the prospect of a long-drawn conflict, with outcome unpredictable.

But cheer up! In Canada that same week the Donna Quilts were announced that they would shortly be sent to the front. In Ontario: the Legislature promptly to open ... to introduce enabling legislation for the St. Lawrence waterway project ... and to introduce the amendment to ... A plebiscite held in Toronto showed that its citizens were in the will people in a half-dozen other cities (Hamilton, London, Kitchener, Brampton, Chatham, Ingersoll) who voted against amending municipal elections for the duration of the war.

Highlights of the week: safe landing of the second contingent of Canadian troops on British soil ... the unprecedented ... strikes in Turkey ... an ... Swedish trade agreement was signed ... British and France sent more armed aid to Finland ... a new Russian division was reported by the Finns to have been sent to pieces ... King George VI signed a proclamation making £200,000 new liability ... The winter the next few months in Great Britain: army, navy or air force ... Germany threatened new to make disastrous air raids on England.

Scapa Flow Said Large Enough to Hold All Navies

Of World, And Room to Spare — 100 Square-Mile Area of Deep Water Admirable Base — Usually Calm in Autumn

When that gallant ship the Royal Oak went to the bottom of Scapa Flow, and speculation was rife about what had become of the German submarine and its audacious crew, an armchair critic sitting among his smoke-room friends suggested that the harbor should be bombed. He would have been about to learn that there are about one hundred square miles of deep water in that marvelous anchorage.

Fifteen Miles Long — All the navies in the world could be accommodated there, and it would still be possible for a destroyer flotilla to carry out firing or torpedo practice in a corner kept clear for the manuever. There is nothing in these facts which gives any official secrets; any reliable guide-book or encyclopedia will reveal to the inquirer that the Flow is about 15 miles long from north to south and a mean eight miles broad. The German navy must know every inch of it as well as they know their own anchorages, and they can say how many ships in the cove of holiday-makers have made those delightful sea trips in the autumn to Stromness and Kirkwall.

Cyclone Area? — Why autumn particularly? A considerable experience of Orkney weather revealed that that is the best time of all the year to visit those islands. Summer conditions arrive tardily there, and pillocks hail as late as July is quite a common experience. It is cyclonic area — one of the worst in the British Isles.

Canadian Ministers Visit All-Canadian Air Squadron In England



Mr. Vincent Massey, the Canadian high commissioner, and the Hon. T. H. C. Crerar, Canadian minister, visiting London for conferences of dominion ministers, visited the all-Canadian air squadron which has been formed at the suggestion of the Canadian government, from men of the Dominion serving with the Royal Air Force. The squadron is about to take its place in the air defence of the Empire. The Hon. T. H. C. Crerar is shown inspecting ranks of the all-Canadian air squadron.

The Book Shelf

"AMERICAN SKIING"

By Otto Eugen Schniebs. America's foremost authority on skiing, in presenting this new method for skiers on this continent, has written the first comprehensive book of skiing devoted entirely to word and picture, to American techniques and American terrain. A large book, it has some of the most beautiful illustrations we have ever seen, including many action shots and movie strips. It is the best work available for beginners as well as experts.

Note: Schniebs has developed a School of Skiing which is active in Switzerland, Austria, Norway, and of other foreign schools, but rather combines the best features of all.

"American Skiing" ... by Otto Eugen Schniebs ... Toronto: Smithers & Bonelli, 170 Bay St. ... \$3.50.

Puck Chasers

TOPICS OF THE CURRENT HOCKEY SEASON

MEMORIAL CUP DATES

Play-off dates have been set by the C.A.H.A. for the eastern Junior hockey finals before the winning team leaves for the West and the Memorial Cup finals. Series "A" will have Maritimes at Ottawa on March 22 and 23, and the Quebec branch on March 24 and 25. Series "B" will have Maritimes at Ottawa on March 25 and 26, and the Quebec branch on March 27 and 28. The Eastern Junior finals will be played at either Ottawa or Quebec on April 2, with following games at Toronto on April 5 and 6. Should a Maritime team reach the final round, all games will then be played in Toronto.

ALLAN CUP DATES

Arrangements this year for the Allan Cup play-downs in Eastern Canada will follow along the successful lines set last spring. The O.H.A. (including the N.H.A.) must have a winner by March 27th and the Quebec Association has the first of April as their deadline. Ottawa and District and Maritimes start their championship series on the road to Allan Cup final on 18th of March. An effort will be made to start the Allan Cup final series on April 12 or April 13, as Saturday.

Construction of the long-discussed tunnel under the English channel is likely to be one of the first big allied post-war undertakings.

The French public works minister, Anatole de Monzie, disclosed this to the chamber of deputies during debate on his ministry's budget. De Monzie said the French government had obtained a promise of support "in principle" for the scheme from the high British parliament.

Construction of such an underwater artery actually was started more than 60 years ago, but was halted by the protests of Victorian isolationists, who feared a French invasion.

Royal Duxbury, French transport specialist, and former director of the French state railways, appointed minister for armaments last September, emphasized the strategic value of such a tunnel in an article in the Spectator, British Conservative review, in the fall of last year. He listed the following arguments in its favor:

1. The nature of the subsoil would make its construction relatively easy.

2. Its cost estimated at about 5,000,000,000 francs (about \$150,000,000), would be less than the money needed to build three ships of the line.

3. In case of war, 150 trains could go through each way daily, transporting two divisions with full equipment.

Patricia Road Being Mapped

Dominion Government Surveyors Are Working Out a Motor Road Through One of Ontario's Most Isolated Areas

Dominion Government surveyors are poring over aerial photographs of the Rocky Lake country in Northwestern Ontario in an endeavor to lay out a motor road into one of Canada's most northerly and isolated gold mining areas, the Patricia district of Northwestern Ontario.

Under Mining Road Program

It built, the road will be the biggest project so far undertaken under the mining road program inaugurated by the Dominion Government two years ago under which Dominion and Provincial Governments jointly finance the construction of roads into otherwise inaccessible mining areas.

The Patricia district contains several producing gold properties and the proposed road would run from a point in the main line of the Canadian National Railway,

VOICE of the PRESS

HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT
The Ottawa Journal carried an editorial headed, "The great Canadian bog comes into the picture." It wasn't a story about Toronto — Timmins Press.

VIGILANT CITIZENS
Otterville, Ont., is a town which doesn't seem to need a police force. The number in the province which the number in the province of the Royal Bank of Canada was easily taken in hand by a vigilant group of citizens who caught the bandit after a chase down the main street. — Buffalo Courier-Express.

PLACE FOR THE K.C.
There is a place for the distinction of K.C. if it is to have meaning. In the province should be limited. New K.C.s should be limited. New K.C.s also should be created only when death makes a vacancy. And the distinction should be conferred only on recommendation of a representative non-political body. — Winnipeg Tribune.

REALLY NOT PENNIES
A million United States "pennies" were reported shipped to Toronto to make up the Christmas shortage here. The supply relations existing between the two countries find an illustration in this free circulation of small coins which everyone accepted without question. But they cease to be called "pennies" when they enter Canada. To Canadians a penny is still two cents, not one, although our own pennies are nearly all out of circulation now, and have not been coined for many, many years. Toronto Star Weekly.

Study Aerial Photographs
With aerial photographs of that whole area of muskeg, lake, rock and bush on file in the Department of Mines and Resources, it is possible to plot the route of the road through rocky hills, across wooded valleys, around lakes and muskeg bays in the comfort of Government offices.

After a study of the photographs, however, it may be necessary to fly over the proposed route in order to settle the best way of traversing or getting around some of the many obstacles.

Canada's domestic exports in the first ten months of 1939 totalled \$726,741,865 compared with \$682,716,799 in the corresponding period of 1938.

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World Wheat King Keeps At Studies

Lloyd Rigby of Wembley, Alta., Expects to Graduate From University With Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture

Francis Lloyd Rigby, 21-year-old University of Alberta agricultural student twice crowned world wheat champion, said recently he will not embark on a series of laboratory tests to determine the milling qualities of Peace River wheat until after he has graduated.

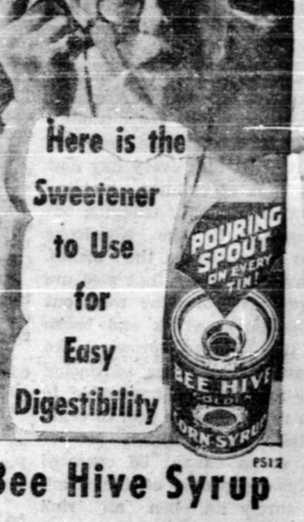
The Wembley, Alta., youth, who decided to test the quality of grain grown in his own district after he won his second championship at the Chicago Hay and Grain Show recently, must study two more years before graduating with a B.Sc. degree in agriculture. He thinks that his knowledge of theoretical agriculture at that time will equip him better for his job than at present.

The Value of a Word

A word's very little thing. But it may have a friendly ring. Or it may bear a poisoned sting. Be thoughtful ere you give it wing.

A word's a very precious thing. And, oh, what joy a word may bring. When, from the heart, you let it wing. Be thoughtful ere you give it wing.

Here is the Sweetener to Use for Easy Digestibility Bee Hive Syrup



By Fred Neher

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"My Dentist Told Me to Stop Biting Quarters."

By GENE BYRNES

They went for a walk out beyond the Lower Falls, because it was such a beautiful, warm spring day, and they had to be indoors all week, but by the time they got to the spot where Bart hoped to find training arbutus, Iris discovered her feet hurt.

"It's walking so far, darling," she said plaintively. "I guess I'm just a sissy after all. Do you suppose there's a bus back to town?"

There was. And in the campus Chocolate Shop they had toasted cheese sandwiches and hot coffee and cake, and Iris decided they must see in the new feature at the downtown Mat.

Eating Out All Week
"It's Carole Lombard, Bart, and you know how you always like her. So gay and peppy, and such daffy stories she plays in," said Iris.

Still, it was the first day of their married life. It was their very first day of being Mr. and Mrs. Bart Whittaker. You couldn't be too sure about the future, but he was a double entry bookkeeping system around with you on that day.

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*They're So Convenient TEA BAGS

BRIDE ON A BUDGET

BY JANET DORAN

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CAST OF CHARACTERS
IRIS IVES—a radiant bride who thought love came first and money came last.

BART WHITTAKER—a rich, successful businessman who looked at the bankbook first and his wife afterward.

CHAPTER III
It was, declared the new Mrs. Bart Whittaker, just like her to be that rattled over her wedding, and the supper at the Tivoli, afterward, to completely forget about Sunday, and shops being closed. It was just their luck to face the very first day of their married life with not a thing in the pantry to cook.

"No Sunday dinner—not a thing," she wailed. "We can throw something together from odds and ends—I'm not fussy about any big dinner Sunday," said the bridegroom cheerfully. But his bride was not to be consoled.

"There are no odds and ends, oh Lord and master," she stated hollowly, "looks like the young Whittakers gave a holiday at a lunch-wagon. Oh well, it could be worse. Bart, I might have forgotten your breakfast, bacon, and your favourite striped eggs."

"Can you make an omelet?" he asked suddenly, inspiration lending wings to his imagination. Iris made a grimace.

"Can," she agreed, "but won't. This is the first day of our marriage, Master Whittaker, and we start out right."

Worth It For Atmosphere
They had roast chicken and fresh strawberry sherbet at the very swank little Pickwick Grill, a popular dive and dance adjunct to the old Hostess Inn, overlooking Linwood Common in the business district. They had remained salad and black coffee in eggshell tiny cups, and a single yellow Jonquil nodding in a slender vase in the center of their tiny table.

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exchanged for a scratchy throat, and Iris found she felt too puny to care about eating much of anything. They could go around the corner to the Campus Chocolate shop and have a hot vegetable soup and rolls, and she'd go straight home to bed after.

Only the hot soup was so good. Her throat felt much better after she'd had the invigorating broth, and a lamb chop, and the regular menu followed, with Spanish Cream extra. Bart thought of the triangle of left-over steak he had planned to dine on, supplemented with a chop for Iris, and his budget book had a severe crimp in its spine without consulting the figures.

To Tired To Cook
That first week was but a fore-runner of weeks to come that were to fall into the same pattern. Iris was tired after her day at the office, too tired to cook supper for them, but not too tired to dance at the Cove Inn, or the Royal Palace Arcadia, or the Bling Moon.

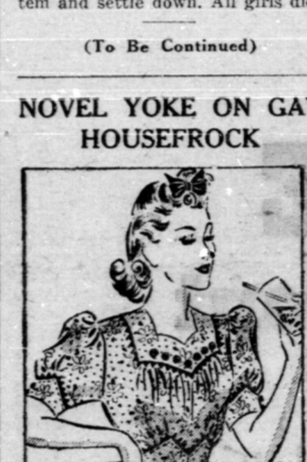
And after a while, Bart stopped arguing, stopped protesting. After a while, he grew to dread the menacing threat of her swift tears, and stormy sobbing if he tried to remonstrate with her, or deviate from the course she wanted their matrimonial ball to cruise on.

"Why, Bart? Money isn't everything, and we're only young once," she cried petulantly. Then, whirling her warm round arms tight about his neck, "Don't you love me, darling? Don't you want your little wife to have any fun? It isn't as if you weren't the handsomest man on the dance floor, and by far the best dancer. It isn't as if I weren't half dizzy with pride over my big hubby?"

So they went. And the holes in the budget grew bigger and bigger. Until the budget became practically lace. Badly torn lace. Held together with the fragile, delicate thread of Bart's love for her, his belief that everything would come out all right. It was giddy now, but she'd get it out of her system and settle down. All girls did.

(To Be Continued)

NOVEL YOKE ON GAY HOUSEFROCK



4324

PATTERN 4324

By ANNE ADAMS

There's a light-hearted peasant-girl look about this little housefrock, Pattern 4324. Don't you love the shape of the neck, that's encased in the yoke? A delightful effect that you may play up either by using rick-rack at the yoke, pointed sleeves, hands and high, double-peaked waistline, or by making the yoke and sleeve bands in vivid contrast. The slim waist and hips are emphasized by unadorned, straight, close-fitting, and full skirt lines. Make comfortable, ably flared sleeves if you prefer, and choose a gayly flowered print fabric for this young charmer.

Pattern 4324 is available in misses' and women's sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40. Size 16 takes 3 1/2 yards 35 inch fabric and 2 yards rick-rack.

Send TWENTY CENTS (20c) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this Anne Adams pattern. Write plainly SIZE, NAME, ADDRESS and STYLE NUMBER.

Send your order to Anne Adams, Room 125, 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto.

Hunter Borrow's Wife's Corsets

The new re-examined corsets are facing canvas figures now.

A Fulton, Mo., spritman tried adhesive tape to protect stitches in the side of his wounded hunting dog but when that failed to stick he borrowed a corset from his wife.

Laced in, little could be seen of dog except his head and tail. Results of the hunt, 10 birds.

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TALKS

By SADIE E. CHAMBERS

BREAD AND CUSTARD DESSERTS

Of special importance just following the holiday season are the simple, nourishing desserts, for two reasons. Firstly, they are inexpensive, secondly, they are excellent food value incorporating milk and eggs as they do. Thirdly, this type of dish is a much needed change from the rich foods of tradition of the Yuletide season.

CHOCOLATE BREAD PUDDING

1 cup dry bread crumbs
1 square of chocolate (unsweetened) shaved
2 cups of milk scalded
1 tablespoon butter
1 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 egg well beaten
Mix crumbs with chocolate and add to scalded milk in saucepan. Stir over low heat until chocolate melts. Add sugar and cook slightly. Add the remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Pour into buttered casserole and bake one hour in oven 375°. Test with silver knife to see if it comes out clean (which is the case now). Serve hot with sweetened whipped cream, sprinkled with chocolate shavings.

BUTTERSCOTCH PUDDING

Combine two tablespoons of butter and three-fourths cup of brown sugar in the top of a double boiler and cook over direct heat, until well blended, about one minute. Add two cups milk and place over hot water to scald. Add slowly two well-beaten eggs and season with a pinch of salt and 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla. Arrange one and one-half of buttered bread cubes in a greased baking dish and add the custard mixture. Bake over 350 degrees for about 15 minutes. In the centre, cover with a meringue made of two egg whites, one-fourth cup of brown sugar and vanilla to flavor. Return to oven to brown.

CREAM PIE

This simple basic pie is one which should be cultivated in every family. It lends itself to many interesting variations. Mix one third cup flour and two-thirds cup sugar and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Add two cups scalded milk, stirring constantly. Cook over hot water, stirring until thick about 15 minutes. Add two tablespoons butter. Pour mixture over three beaten egg yolks, stirring constantly. Cook two minutes longer. Cool and add 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla extract.

VARIATIONS FOR CREAM PIE

Fill a baked shell with alternate layers of cream filling and sliced bananas and top with whipped cream. Or this mixture the sugar to one cup, and add two squares of bitter chocolate to the scalded milk to melt; stir the dessert with a spoon and chocolate shavings.

If a butterscotch flavor is desired, substitute one cup of brown sugar for the sugar in the basic recipe. Or still another surprise: Serve a date dessert by adding 1/2 cup chopped fruit and one teaspoon grated lemon rind to the milk mixture before thickening. And still again, add one cup shredded coconut to the filling and sprinkle with additional half cup over the meringue before broiling for another dessert.

READERS, WRITE IN!

Miss Chambers welcomes personal letters from interested readers. She is pleased to receive suggestions on topics for her column, and is even ready to listen to your "pet" or special concern in a word. Address your letters to "Miss Sadie E. Chambers, 73 West Adelaide Street, Toronto."

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Achievements of Canadian Women During Year 1939

Review of Events During Past Year Contains Interesting Data in Feminine Accomplishments

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