JUST IN FUN

Absent "T"

The perfect pun is said to have had its origin in the House of Commons An Irishman made a Statement which called from an English opponent the cry, "Treason!"

The Irishman replied: "I would have the honorable gentleman know that what is treason in England becomes reason in Ireland—because of the absentee"

Took a Stroll

A henpecked husband reached the end of his patience and, after a final row with his wife, took his bowler hat from the peg in the hall and said, "I'm going."

Three years later he returned and his wife demanded, "Where on earth have you been?"

"Out," he replied, and hung his hat on the same peg.

Be Reasonable

Guest: "Look here! How long must I wait for the half portion of duck I ordered?"

Waiter: "Till somebody orders the other half. We can't go out and kill half a duck."

The Best Way

Fitz-ook: "How do you find business, sir?"

Mr. Hustle: "I go out and look for it, sir!"

Exciting

After a successful business career, Robinson retired to lead the life of a country gentleman.

One of their new neighbors, calling on Mrs. Robinson, remarked:

"I hear your husband has taken up hunting. Do you approve of that?"

"I don't know about approving," said the sportsman's wife, "but it makes life more exciting. We never know which to expect home first—my husband or the horse."

No Secrets

A bombastic man met his henpecked friend, whose face suggested a recent accident

"How did this happen?" his friend asked.

"My wife . . ."

"Your wife? Ah, evidently you have not acquired the secret of married bliss. I never have a row with my wife. I have no secrets from her."

"Neither have I!" the other sighed. "That's the trouble. I only thought I had!"

Fifty-Fifty

Dunninger, who likes to be known as "the master mentalist" called on Blackstone, who doesn't mind being known as a plain magician. When Dunninger arrived, he found the magician ransacking the bedroom for a white tie.

"You're the great mind reader," Blackstone finally exploded. "Suppose you tell me where I put that tie."

Dunninger concentrated.

"It's in that box," he said.

Blackstone hurriedly went through the box, found the tie which he held up scornfully. "You are a fine mind reader," he said. "It's black."

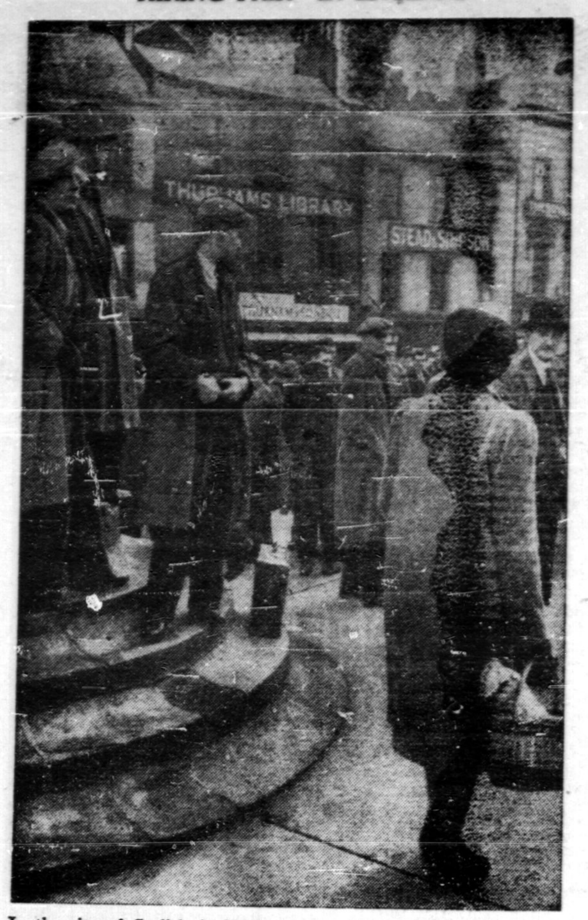
Dunninger shrugged.

"If you're any kind of magician," he answered, "you can change it into a white one."

HE'S A "HUSKY"

He's a Husky, member of the last medieval guild to survive in modern Paris. Huskies carry produce to and from the Central Market, and, in their floppy, wide-brimmed hats (to keep moisture from fish crates etc., from running down their necks) and blue blouses they are tourist attractions. The man above is toting a crate of approximately 1000 eggs. For membership Huskies require literacy, morality, ability to carry 400-pound load 65 yards without a struggle. They are petitioning for civil servant status.

"HIRING FAIR" IN ENGLAND



In the city of Carlisle in England a novel fair is held about twice a year. It is called a hiring fair and as such has been operating for many years. Farm laborers who want to work crowd High Street and wait for an offer from a farmer in need of help. Many generations of farm workers have stood on the stone steps of the statue in the middle of the High Street waiting for an offer.

By BILLY ROSE
Sedgewick, Alta.
Canadian Curling Champion, 1946.

This is one of a series by outstanding Canadian curlers relating what they consider their "most thrilling moment" in competition for the Macdonald's Brier Tankard, representing the Canadian single rink curling title.

While there are many thrilling incidents I recall during the course of the 1946 Brier at Saskatoon, two of the 1946 Brier at Saskatoon, one stands out in my memory very vividly.

The "thriller" occurred in the first game my rink played against Howard Palmer and his Calgary Club rink in the Provincial finals at Edmonton. Howard Palmer is a wonderful curler and a swell fellow to boot. We had met in two previous British Consol finals and Howard had had much the best of it, winning both.

In this year's final Howard was three up going home in the first game of a best of three series. When I went to throw my last rock he was lying in front of my lead rock and it would take a very accurate shot to displace his without losing my back rock or rolling out myself. I was lucky enough to get the right "Broom" and weight, making the shot to lay three and tie the game, forcing an extra end. In the extra end my rink sewed things up so tight that neither Howard or myself could do very much about it when our turns came to shoot.

The making of this shot, was naturally quite a thrill to me and no doubt to the hundreds of spectators, but I believe that the making of that shot also provided added inspiration to the other members of my rink to such an extent that they went into the second and what proved to be the final game with plenty of confidence and this game was not so close. It is also quite possible that this shot coming as it did when the game seemed over, had somewhat of an adverse effect on the playing of the Calgary boys in the second game.

All Consumers

Tucked away behind the big news of the week was a little item from Oshawa a few days ago stating that members of a C.I.O. steelworkers' union there had decided to clip their own hair, now that the price of haircuts had gone up a bit. What is so striking about the news is that it places one set of workers against another set of workers, and proves so clearly that every worker is, above all, a consumer.

—St. Catharines Standard.

"Victory" Wins Another Victory

H.M.S. Victory has proved a durable as well as a famous ship. Built in 1765, she is not only some thirty years older than the Constellation, dean of American warships, but is eleven years senior to the United States itself. She has survived storm and shot, the simple iron projectiles from French and Spanish guns and the bombs that Nazi airmen rained down on Portsmouth, says the New York Herald Tribune. And now it appears that this victorious symbol will be victorious again—over beetles.

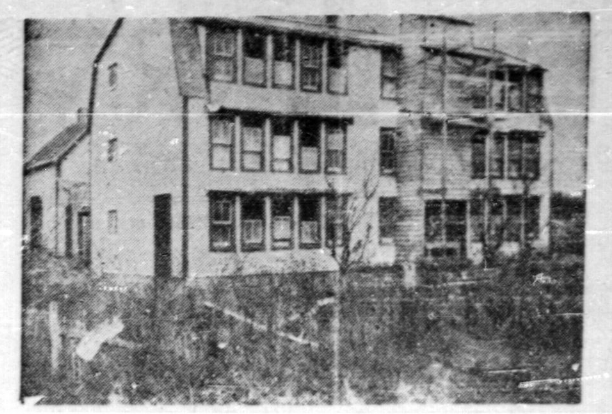
The borer beetles were first reported sapping the Victory's heart of oak in 1930, and the campaign against them began. It was not as spectacular as Trafalgar, when the Victory led a British squadron into action and flew Nelson's famous signal, nor did it have the same significance for history. But if it had been lost it would have been just as fatal to the Victory as if the gunners of Admiral Villeneuve's fleet had been more accurate in their fire at Trafalgar. Fortunately, D.D.T. came to the rescue; the insecticide was blown into holes bored in the timbers, and last year, it is reported, some 60,000 beetles a day succumbed. Now there is reason to believe that "the Victory has at least fifty years of service left in her," which would bring her to the ripe age of 231 years.

Maybe there is a moral here; a victory which sustains the shock of battle must fight its hardest campaign against insidious insects. Unfortunately, there is no scientific formula for insecticide to safeguard a victory of the spirit — indeed, it is rather difficult to get any general agreement as to what is worth saving and how to detect the insects. But the effort is worth making if the victory was worth winning.

Fast Camera

A super-camera which can take a picture, develop it and throw it on a screen in 15 seconds automatically, is reported from the U.S., according to The Financial Post. Designed secretly during the war, it takes photographs at 1/10,000-second speed on special 16 mm. film. A container squirts chemicals, preheated to 140 degrees F., on the film; and a vacuum process handles the rest of the job in nine seconds flat.

BACK-SAVER



Hugh McEachern of Afton, N.S., believes in saving his back. Since adding a third deck to his poultry house he has installed an elevator by which feed goes up and he and the eggs come down.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

Getting Skinned

Some mink coats are said to have dropped 35 per cent in price to only $4,000. Even a that a lot of the lads that buy them are getting just as much skinned as the mink.

—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

Shirtless Laundries

The shirt situation must be hopeless. A hold up of a Chinese laundry in Winnipeg did not reveal one man's shirt.

—Brandon Sun.

Straining at Gnats

We probably shall never get over our inferiority complex in respect to scientific matters. Despite all the elaborate explanations we have read, we still cannot understand why it is necessary to use a twenty-ton machine to break an atom, the smallest particle of matter known.

—Windsor Star.

Portal-To-Portal

Asked why he wanted two bucks for a 15-minute snow-shovelling job, the high school boy said there was a front door and a back door, thus making it portal-to-portal.

—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

With One Exception

Kingston Whig-Standard says "there is probably nothing as cold as a fish." Excepting Mother's eye, when Father, instead of being his age, tries to be "the life of the party."

—Ottawa Citizen.

Can't Be Too Bad

Some wheat-growers and politicians are making a fuss about the British-Canadian wheat contract. But it can't be such a bad thing, for the apple-growers of Nova Scotia are asking Canada to make a similar deal with apples.

—Niagara Falls Review.

Too Much

A whiskey made of aviation gas by Jap bootleggers is pronounced a failure. It is better so. A jet-propelled drunk would be more than the highway traffic could bear.

—Winnipeg Tribune.

It's a Gift

A Hamilton woman celebrating her 100th birthday says she has been too busy to learn to drink. With some people it's a gift, seems to take no learning.

—Ottawa Journal.

Deserves Medal

A 90-year-old Toronto man should get that city's "Man of the Year" accolade. He hasn't missed casting a ballot in any civic, provincial or federal election since he was 21, and that was in 1877.

—St. Catharines Standard.

But They Don't Know

Already an unusually large number of multiple births have been recorded this new year. If babies knew what a tough world this is now, they wouldn't be flocking to it in droves.

—Kitchener Record.

Know Your Hockey Stars

By ED FITKIN

Heads don't come any harder than the one owned by Joe Klukay, rookie left-winger of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Young Mr. Klukay has proved this on at least two occasions in the past; twice in amateur ranks crashing head-on into goal-posts, being rendered hors de combat temporarily and then coming back each time to score the winning goal.

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The rawboned winger, a graduate of Pittsburgh Hornets, was born at Sault Ste. Marie, Nov. 6, 1922, is an inch shy of the 6-foot mark and weighs 180. He gained his hockey schooling in the Soo, playing two seasons with the Junior "B" team of that city and helping them to the Northern O.H.A. championship in 1941-42.

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A standout with Stratford's Junior "A" team in 1942-43, Klukay turned pro with the Leafs before the season ended and managed to squeeze into the Stanley Cup finals against Detroit as a temporary replacement for Sweeney Schriner.

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Klukay joined the RCNVR in April, 1943, and qualified as a Physical Training Instructor with the rank of Able Seaman. Joe played hockey with Toronto Navy in 1943-44 and the following season was a star with the H.M.C.S. Cornwallis team. Maritime service champions.

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Throughout the 1945-46 season, Klukay played a starring role for the Pittsburgh Hornets in the American Hockey League. His rugged play and scoring punch netted him 26 goals and 23 assists for 49 points in 57 league games. In six playoff engagements, Joe bagged 4 goals and one assist.

Small Courtesies

We do not suggest that youngsters should be trained to call their elders Sir and Ma'am, or instructed in any elaborate code of etiquette, says the Ottawa Journal. It is a pity, though, that a boy should grow into a youth, and the youth into a man, without having come to an instinctive knowledge and use of the small courtesies which do so much to smooth the rough edges of our crowded lives. The lad who forces his way first into a tram and sits while women stand is not to be blamed too much—he doesn't know any better. But somebody is to blame for a duty neglected.

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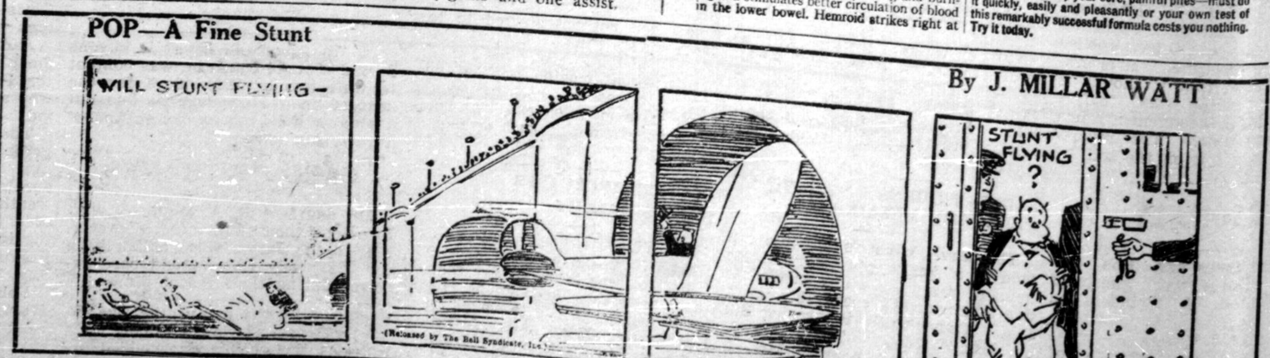

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Fakes Death

The hog-nosed snake shams death by faking a death scene and then rolling over on its back. If it is turned over on its stomach, it quickly turns over on its back again.

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SPOTS OF SPORTS

By FRANK MANN HARRIS
("A Six Bit Critic")

It took him quite a spell to get around to it, but the President of the National Hockey Club has come up with something which should win the approval of hockey fans, with the exception of the wild-eyed bugs and bugettes to whom everything wearing the home team uniform is, ipso facto, a faultless hero, while any player sporting an enemy sweater is, automatically, a dirty villain. We refer to his instructions to the official scorers to tighten up considerably in the matter of awarding goals and — we hope and trust—assists as well.

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For the "cheap assist" is, and always has been, just about the cheapest thing connected with big-league hockey. We could name —and so, no doubt, could you — more than one scoring star of the past, including some Trophy winners, whose principal aid toward fame and glory was less the speed and accuracy of their shooting than the big-heartedness of the home-club scorer. Some of the latter, back in the days when they were not limited to one assist per goal, used to scatter these credits around with all the freedom and liberality of a politician distributing the taxpayers' dough.

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Boxing is the latest sport from which the ancient and fishlike aroma of an attempted "fix" comes wafting over the breeze, occasioning but little of the shocked surprise that was aroused by something similar in football. This is because what are technically known as "tank jobs" have long been considered an integral part of the fight game—and will probably continue to be until we get referees with authority enough, and courage enough, to declare all bets off the instant they have the slightest suspicion that everything is not strictly on the up-and-up in connection with a bout. And you are liable to strain your eyes if you keep looking fixedly for that day to arrive.

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The late Lou Marsh was that sort of a ring official. More than once, in fact several times we saw him declare all betting off, for no reason that was apparent to most of the onlookers, but much to the consternation of the gambling gentry who were all set to make a nice clean-up by reason of the betting favorite taking a dive. But then, Referees of the Marsh type are scarce and hard to find; for he was not only absolute boss of any bout or game he handled, but also absolutely fearles and didn't intimidate worth a dime.

Personally, we have always been mildly interested in these "tankers" of the boxing ring; and some of the most convincing acting we have ever witnessed was not that of Forbes Robertson, Maude Adams, E. H. Sothern or other great ones of the stage, but put on by boxers who would lie there on the canvas, helpless and writhing in such apparent agony as would make your heart ache with sympathy; and then, a couple of minutes after the count of "TEN" had been pronounced, exhibit in the dressing-room an epidermis as free from wounds, bruises, scratches or contusions as that of a carefully-tended infant right after its bath.

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But no doubt our attitude of interest, rather than anger or annoyance, towards these rapscallions—especially the artistic ones—is because the piece of really good advice we ever remember faithfully following is one given to us by an old-timer many years ago. It's advice that is just as sound today as it was then—"Don't ever bet on anything that can talk."

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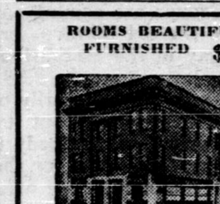
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—Edmonton Journal.

Twenty million men in the northern hemisphere work in the marine industries.

MUTT AND JEFF— AND MAYBE MUTT GOT IT FROM HIS GRANDFATHER By BUD FISHER