Getting Ahead in the Crow World—Blackie h... been leading a life of ease ever since he became a favorite household pet three months ago. The other pets in the home—two dogs and three cats—got the "bird" and resent taking a back seat to the crow in their mistress' affections. No open conflict is in sight, however, as evidence of here by Blackie sharing a snack with Tootsie.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

It is Monday and Niece Joy has just left to catch the early morning bus on the first lap of her journey to New Brunswick where she will presently be working with the V.O.N. And almost everyone says to her "Why in the name of wonder are you going to New Brunswick?" Sounds like the end of the world, doesn't it?

It is two weeks now since our niece arrived and in all that time—and for a week before—we have not had so much as one cool day. But even at that we have been fortunate as the severe storms that have struck other districts have not hit us at all. True, one storm last week was a little noisy but I haven't heard that it did any damage. No, the worst we have had to contend with has been heat and humidity — and that's plenty! In this welter of heat there was one night however when we were really cool and comfortable. That was the night we went to Niagara. Daughter and her two cousins were staying there for a couple of days and for the sake of the drive Partner, Bob and I went down to bring two of them home. Of course we stayed to see the illuminations which none of us had seen before—and which, incidentally, I don't mind if I never see again. When several lights in different colours were played on the Falls at the same time it was so artificial all it did was remind me of velvet draped over stands on a dry goods counter. But I did think it was lovely when ordinary beams of white lights were thrown over the entire Falls, it showed them up to perfection, not unnatural at all but more as if the falling water was caught in silver moonbeams.

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Well, it looks as if it is Exhibition time again and from the crowds that are attending it one would think that half the people in the province were waiting at the gates to get in. Bob and niece Joy were there on the opening day and John was there Saturday night but Partner and I have not yet made up our minds whether we want to go or not. Certainly the weather will have to change before we can make the grade—anyway I guess the "Ex" will carry on all right without us. That being so there is no need to make hard work out of pleasure. Moreover from what Bob tells us a day at the "Ex" is a pretty expensive outing this year. Other years, when tired of wandering, it was always a joy and a relief to sit down quietly and listen to the band. Now the chairs are roped off and one must pay a quarter for the privilege of sitting. In fact any added attraction, other than advertising, must be paid for, and it costs two dollars to drive in with your car.

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But then these extra charges are not surprising if one stops to think of all the construction work and remodelling that has been going on since the war. Remember what it costs at home to even build a new chicken-coop, then look at all the lumber that has been used for seating accommodation along the water front, to say nothing of what will be needed for the grandstand, and we can understand pretty well why the prices have jumped. Somebody has to pay and since it is the public who wants the exhibition it is naturally the public that foots the bill—but to what extent depends on the individual.

Glory be—the weather-man has just predicted cooler weather for tomorrow! I feel better already.

Missus! Missus!

The old farmer was making his will: "I leave all my brass, house and stocks to my wife," he said.

"Your wife's name?" queried the lawyer.

The farmer thought hard, but had to admit he couldn't remember.

"Well, shout upstairs as if you were calling her," suggested the lawyer.

The farmer hobbled to the door, opened it, and roared: "Missus! Missus!"

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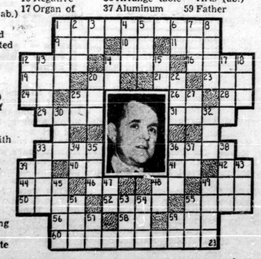

That Little Beetle Can Haul Big Load

A French scientist who once set out to measure the strength of insects determined that a beetle can draw 40 times its own weight. That means, according to Coronet, that if a beetle were the size of a cart horse and its strength proportionately as great, it could haul something like 100,000 pounds.

The pyramids are only about 450 feet high, and the highest building in the world is 1,250, a little more than 200 times the height of a six-foot man, but—the termite nests of Africa are a thousand times the height of the little insects that build them. The maggot of a little black fly has been seen to jump out of a box four inches deep. If a man could jump like that, he would be able to leap to the roof of an eight-storey building without a running start. The flea does better. It can jump 200 times its own length, which for a man would be more than a thousand feet.

Surest Method

"Did you order your silverware by mail?" asked the first recent bride.

"Well," replied the other, "I sent out sixty-five wedding invitations to out-of-town relatives, if that's what you mean."

Some Good Drivers Don't Observe Rules Of Safe Driving

Who causes the majority of accidents — wild, reckless, drunken drivers? Not according to Arthur Rowan, in charge of the accident recording division of the Ontario Department of Highways, who explained that "motorists who consider themselves good drivers because they have never had an accident and assume they never will have one, contribute greatly to the volume of highway traffic accidents."

Referring to interviews he had had with hundreds of motorists involved in accidents, Mr. Rowan said that practically all considered themselves good drivers. They told him their accidents happened when they were driving in the same manner as they had time and time again without mishap. But investigation proved they were not observing the rules of safe driving.

Rather than "carelessness" which he said was a catch-all term, Mr. Rowan attributed the basic cause of most car accidents to inattention, poor judgment, and lack of understanding of the requirements of safe driving and safe walking.

He thought that one of the most important rules for safe driving was to anticipate danger in time to be prepared for it. For instance, it was a safe practice, he explained, to slow down before reaching an intersection, by taking the foot off the gas and placing it in position on the brake pedal. This reduced the "re-action time" in event of an emergency. He also advised adopting the habit of slowing down when passing parked cars, as many accidents were caused by pedestrians stepping without warning into the path of a moving vehicle. Finally, all drivers should know thoroughly and should observe at all times the traffic rules and regulations.

Record "Fall"

The Central Air Club of Soviet Russia announced that a new Soviet parachute jump record of 11,200 meters (about 36,960 feet) was established by Lieut. Col. V. G. Romanyuk.

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LIFE'S LIKE THAT — By Fred Neher

"Her father's a contractor and we're offering sealed bids for her hand."

Resort Tragedy Averted As 9-Year-Old Boy Rescues Friend

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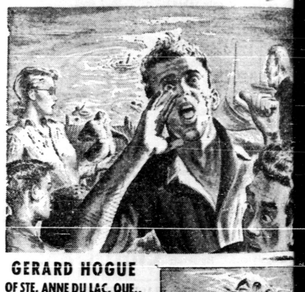

GERARD HOGUE OF STE. ANNE DU LAC, QUE., saves older boy from drowning

Ste. Anne du Lac, a summer resort about 250 miles from Montreal, was the scene of a near-tragedy one day a few weeks ago. Several youngsters were enjoying a swim in Ste. Anne Lake when suddenly someone on the nearby pier shouted, pointing to one of the swimmers who was thrashing about in the water — obviously in trouble.

SWIMMER SUFFERS CRAMPS

Floundering helplessly was 16-year-old Jean-Marc Daoust, unable to swim because of severe cramps. Then, as spectators gasped, he disappeared under the surface, with one arm only staying above the water.

Young Gerard Hogue, another swimmer, sped to the drowning youth's assistance with strong, fast strokes. The victim, however, was panic-stricken . . . and it wasn't until Hogue had spent nearly all his own strength that he was able to subdue the older boy and bring him safely to shore. After 15 minutes of artificial respiration, Daoust regained consciousness.

HEROISM RECOGNIZED

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The gallant young rescuer swims through the water as he saw the drowning boy disappearing beneath the surface.

Almost exhausted, Hogue brought the limp form of his friend to the edge of the pier. Both were helped by a spectator.

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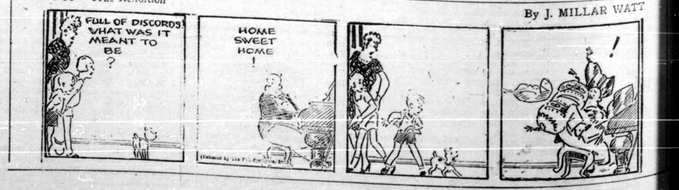

Home, Sweet Home Was Never Like This—The "Train of Tomorrow" has among other innovations an observation lounge car shown here, with four different levels. It is drawn by a 2,000 horsepower Diesel engine and is air-conditioned. It was on display at the C.N.E.

Sports — And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

("A Sixbit Critic")

Coupling with a public demand it would have taken a microscope to see the highest power to even see, let alone ever-thoughtful sports impresarios have now served us mid-August football, with the thermometer topping the 90 degree mark. The clubs were best described by Winston Churchill in his immortal phrase about "blood, sweat and tears." The athletes provided sweat and blood in varying quantities with barked beeves and the like; the tears were clearly observable in the eyes of promoters vainly looking for dividend-paying crowds that refused to show up.

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In my personal reaction, after a very brief look, was similar to the old joke about the character whose wife sent him to church one morning as the minister's subject was "The Prophets of the Bible." After two hours and a half it looked as though he had barked beeves and the like; the tears were clearly observable in the eyes of promoters vainly looking for dividend-paying crowds that refused to show up.

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In my personal reaction, after a very brief look, was similar to the old joke about the character whose wife sent him to church one morning as the minister's subject was "The Prophets of the Bible." After two hours and a half it looked as though he had been at it himself. First, with the Major Prophets; but now, brethren, I was that place must we ascribe to Zerubbabel or Zechariah?"

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At this, the character stood up in his pew and said, "If it's all the same to the rest of the folks, the Minor Prophet Zecariah can have MY place—I'm going home." That, briefly, is my position as regards 90-in-the-shade football—only for "go-home" you can read "staying".

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The automotive industry has long been a pride in its up-to-the-minute showmanship, and, if imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, may feel flattered by an incident recently reported to us. There was brisk at the little booth on the overhead sign read "HOT HAMBURGERS ONLY." But when the hungry customer had assured one of the delicacies he was surprised when the price proved was just four times as high. "The hot price is five cents," he told in answer to his protest, "but a nickel extra for each of the accessories—onions, relish and mustard."

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Now we must confess to a really big shock. Two or three weeks back Dick Irvin, of the Canadiens, came out with the breath-taking news that a goal-tender is 50% of a hockey team; which brought a very rational from Conn Smyth, whose studied opinion a good centre forward is an even more valuable asset to a club.

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We naturally we fully expected he would at a matter flare up—but instead fanning—into a raging controversy occupying column after column of space, with reporters and fishing here and there to get the opinions, pro and con, of people more or less faintly connected with it, from Hans Brinker to the Vice President of the Hot Air Refrigerator Company.

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In the clubhouse, nobody seemed to care a hoot either way, and the thing was just allowed to blow over as it felt that our sports fans no longer realize the supreme importance of hockey as a national builder of character, and safeguard against the inroads of Communism. Don't they know this is no time for the pearls which drip from the lips of the master-minds? Let the press agents—like the promoters already referred to—make a mistake in their field.

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A friend of ours recently attended a horse meet in Toronto—a track which the attendance, incidentally, would have been considered one in several Ontario villages, we know. Asked his opinion of the show to which he was a stranger, his answer was rather involved. "It's a good fun," he said, "but it's too darned honest—the horses come down in front almost every time."

There, in a nutshell, he came close to hitting the real reason why so few people like both the Standard Bred and Thoroughbred brands of racing. Your running-horse addict, nine times out of ten, goes to the track with visions of sudden wealth, and considers any price of less than two or three to one as extremely stingy. Trotting-horse fans, on the other hand, attend primarily for the fun of the sport, and if they bet at all, are satisfied with smaller profits and more certain returns. Personally, we like both types about equally—and can go broke at either with about equal celerity.

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...Reading the speeches made at the various peace parleys, one can hardly help being struck by the fact that, though the world is admittedly in a terrible condition, the spokesman invariably lays the blame on any country other than his own. They put us in mind of the old lady up in Bruce County who remarked to a neighbor, "What do you think Father Finnigan said to me at confession today? He told me that I confess the sins of every person in the parish but myself!"

TEEN-TOWN TOPICS

By BARRY MURKAR

Well, it's just about over for another year. We are referring of course to the Canadian National Exhibition that re-opened after five long years. It has been a wonderful two weeks and thousands of you out there are probably bathing your poor, aching little tootsies while you are reading this.

We won't go into detail on the "Ex" as it is all history now; but in passing we would like to suggest that many of you drop a thanks to Kate Aitken, Women's Director of the "Ex," for the swell job she did on Teen-Town, that held capacity crowds every day. The fashion shows, the radio broadcasts, the record bar and the dozen and one things they had at Teen-Town for our enjoyment all adds up to—it was the best exhibition yet.

Let's Face It

Back to school again for an other year. To many it will mean another year before university; to others it will mean no more nights on the girl friend's veranda; while to others it will be the usual big, fat headache. However school time is here, no matter how it affects you. Longer dresses are again the current style and pop will be feeling the pinch as daughter insists that she must be up-to-date. Junior, however, can still slop along in last year's togs and feel right at home. As far as we know, boy's and men's clothing has changed very little. We like to think about the first day of the new school term. Maybe because the scene depicted in our home is the same as in countless others. Mom gets down the lunch-pail and dusts it off while the kids hunt out the year's text books and hand them down to someone else. Usually there is a mad scramble at the last minute and mom is near physical exhaustion by the time she finds the last pair of braces under the bed or the hair decorations tucked away in a drawer—that were purchased in July for this gala occasion. Of course there is always one consolation in the first day of school—and that is getting out early. Tuck a pear in your pocket, an apple in your hand and away you go.

Thrills

They tell us that newspaper people get tired of hearing "you meet such interesting people." Honestly though, it's the truth. We agree the people newspaper writers meet are not always interesting but occasionally they provide a thrill. For instance, last week we had the chance to try our hand at reporting police court news for the local weekly. There were two young fellows up for armed bank robbery and only recently they had made the headlines of the dailies. We hitch-hiked a ride to court with two police officers. On the way they pulled up at the county jail. They went in for a few minutes and presently came out with the robbers who were naturally handcuffed. Never-the-less it was somewhat of a thrill to ride to court with the two men who we were going to write about. Then, too, we had the pleasure a few weeks ago of hearing the famous war-correspondent, Ross Munroe speak on Russia. He doesn't believe there will be a war in our time. Following his speech, which of course was broadcast over the local airwaves, we had the pleasure of meeting him. As we shook hands, the man introducing us said to Mr. Munroe: "This young man is quite a student on foreign affairs," to which Munroe replied, "that's fine, I sure wish I had more time to study the situation." Oh brother—and all the time we were wondering where Moscow is. But that's life. Only yesterday we had a phone call from the talking-reporter, Jim Hunter. Frankly we think we'll take to this newspaper work seriously. We are beginning to find out—that you meet such interesting people.

Another Teen-Town Topics

It was interesting to learn a few days ago that there was another Teen-Town Topics column. This one we refer to, appears in one of the large dailies of Chicago and is written by a teen-age girl. She made a big hit recently, when she was the only reporter to get an interview with President Harry Truman. Why the heck couldn't we get an exclusive like that? This other Teen-Town Topics is devoted wholly to interviews with celebrities. We mentioned doing something of a similar nature in the fall.

Foreign Correspondents

You, you or you may soon receive the appointment of being official correspondent of your town for this column. You will be asked to send in news of your teen club, its members and any teen-age news of interest that hits your town. We want to fill this column with news of the various clubs, and we are appealing to you for help. When you get the appointment, will you take your pen in hand and send along the news regularly? Thanks a million.

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