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### OUT OUR WAY

NO, I AIN'T BOTHERIN' HIM WITH PRACTICIN' COWBOY ROPIN' AN' I'M MAKIN' DOUGHNUTS AN' THEY STRETCH BE-FORE I CAN GET TO 'EM. I'M GONNA GET TO 'EM I'VE GOT TO GET 'EM IN ONE OF 'EM!



### Three Minutes of Fiction

ANN HARRIS  
**A Perfect Alibi**  
"OUT, sergeant," Gilson insisted. "It's midnight. I am not in here. If you want to see me, you'll have to wait until I get home."

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### Deanna Sings In Seven Languages

Although she doesn't speak any foreign language, Deanna Durbin has sung in seven languages while making multi-lingual versions of her pictures during her ten-year screen career. In her recent film, "I'll Be Yours," in which she returns to singing parts, Deanna had to sing in English, Spanish and German. Her method of learning a foreign language song is to have the lyrics spelled out phonetically. Then, with the aid of a teacher, she learns the correct pronunciation very quickly. "But," she says, "if it weren't for the English version, I shouldn't have the faintest idea what I was singing about."

Not a Marked Copy  
The newlyweds were giving their first turkey dinner. Since her husband was a novice at carving, Mrs. Newlywed insisted on his learning to carve from her new cook book. But he displayed his ignorance before the guests.

### LITTLE REGGIE

REGGIE WILL YOU FORGET ABOUT BASEBALL AND GO TO BED!  
AND DON'T FORGET TO YOUR PRAYERS!  
BLESS MY MA... BLESS MY PA... BLESS THE TEAM... RAH RAH RAH!



### Drivers Warned Fall and Winter "Danger" Period

Of the 628 persons killed by traffic accidents in Ontario in 1946, more than one-third had their lives in the last three months of the year, according to a survey made by the Ontario Department of Highways.



Training of homing pigeons starts when they are about four weeks old.

### THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

General Statement, 29th November, 1947

| ASSETS   |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Notes and deposits with Bank of Canada                           | \$ 162,276,927.93  |
| Other cash and bank balances                                     | 169,001,062.93     |
| Notes of and cheques on other banks                              | 70,779,865.93      |
| Government and other public securities                           | 875,847,469.18     |
| Other bonds, debentures and stocks                               | 116,509,798.71     |
| Call and short loans fully secured                               | 42,512,791.49      |
|  | \$1,436,927,926.17 |
| Commercial loans in Canada                                       | 435,872,162.46     |
| Loans to provincial governments                                  | 4,331,251.20       |
| Commercial loans—foreign   | 8,117,482.00       |
| Bank premises  | 118,717,442.19     |
| Liabilities of customers under acceptances and letters of credit | 72,190,306.81      |
| Other assets   | 6,883,645.25       |
| Total Assets   | \$2,093,641,218.61 |
| LIABILITIES  |                    |
| Notes in circulation   | \$ 4,760,709.72    |
| Domestic and provincial government deposits                      | 88,980,316.16      |
| Other deposits   | 1,845,205,532.97   |
| Acceptances and letters of credit outstanding                    | 72,190,306.81      |
| Other liabilities  | 3,095,547.00       |
| Capital  | 35,000,000.00      |
| Reserve fund   | 40,000,000.00      |
| Unpaid dividends   | 934,559.38         |
| Balance of Profit and Loss Account                               | 3,474,246.53       |
| Total Liabilities  | \$2,093,641,218.61 |

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Profits for the year ended 29th November, 1947, before Dominion and Provincial Government taxes, but after contributions to Staff Pension Fund, and also appropriations to Contingency Reserve, out of which Reserve provision for all bond and doubtful debts has been made | \$8,724,819.48 |
| Less provision for Dominion and Provincial Government taxes  | 22,890,000.00  |
| Less provision for depreciation of Bank Premises   | 892,687.01     |
| Dividends: No. 238 at 8% per annum   | 3,742,687.01   |
| No. 239 at 8% per annum  | 700,000.00     |
| No. 240 at 8% per annum  | 700,000.00     |
| No. 241 at 10% per annum   | 875,000.00     |
| Amount carried forward   | 2,975,000.00   |
| Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1946  | 1,467,414.08   |
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SIDNEY G. DOBSON, President  
JAMES MUIR, General Manager

### Sports—And One Thing or Another

Coming away from an alleged hockey game, played with a sense of Christmas or any other sort of spirit during the recent holiday season, a return onlooker at sports who had peacefully witnessed throughout most of the first period—came out with a crack which we think worthy of repetition.

"The difference between a bad hockey game and a punk baseball game is this," he said. "In baseball, no matter how little the hired hands feel like playing, they know that they have to keep on until one side gets at least 27 of the other guys out. But in hockey, if the boys are feeling a little tired, they realize that as soon as the clock ticks off sixty minutes, they're through for the night."

Maybe you've already heard it, but we rather enjoyed this criticism of American and Canadian radio... After being on this side of the Atlantic for some months he wrote, I have so much said and seen about LOPE in your air-circles that I am almost expecting the answer to advise listeners to send in for free samples."

### Farm Homes Beautiful

The West's and Simpson's are two typical farm families of Eastern Canada. During the depression, they ran into low prices for their produce, and hard times. There was no money to spare; the farm fences fell into disrepair; the buildings were not painted; and trees, shrubs and flowers were luxuries they just couldn't afford.

The Whites Lead  
Popular belief that the yellow races comprise the bulk of the earth's population has been debunked. The "white" Caucasoid races live a larger membership than have the Mongoloid and Negroid races together. The present day world's population of 2,500 million is about 52 per cent Caucasoid, 40 per cent Mongoloid and eight per cent Negroid.

### HAUCK FLAME GUN

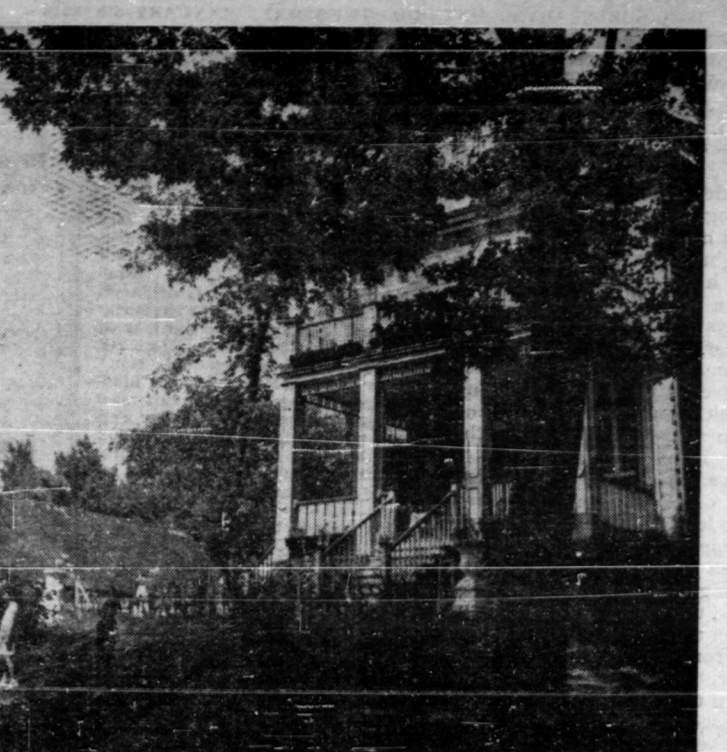
Destroy brush, trees, stumps, weeds, stumps, piles of rubbish, etc. No smoke, no noise, no mess. The only flame gun available in Canada.

### PILES

Impressive piles were formerly thought of as incurable. The new Pilex treatment has proven itself in thousands of the most stubborn cases. It sets results because it was found to be effective in only four out of ten cases.

### JITTER

IF YOU WERE A SMOOTHIE FROTHING ON A TRIANGLE WITH AN ASAD SIVEL...



It Didn't Look Like This Just a Few Years Ago—What a little well-planned remodeling will do to even badly run-down farm properties is vividly portrayed in the National Film Board picture "Farm Homes Beautiful" reviewed in the accompanying article. Above is an "after-talking" shot of one such home.

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### Your Handwriting and You

Many writers unconsciously write their every day habits into their writing. The writer with a quick temper has the habit of making the letter 'v' crosses with the finish of the stroke like the point of a weapon, as a dagger or spear. There are three excellent examples of this type of 'v' shown in the illustration for you to study and recognize in your correspondence.

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### Classified Advertising

#### ATTENTION FARMERS

FOR SALE—Tractor with 1200 lbs. capacity...  
**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**  
AN OFFER to every inventor—List of...  
**BABY CHICKS**  
Year in and Year out, there's been money in poultry and 1948 will be no exception...  
**BUY WAY'S CHICKS**  
Lucky number with every order before...  
**RYING AND CLEANING**  
HAYE YOU anything needs drying or cleaning...  
**FOR SALE**  
HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLES...  
**AIRSEAL WALL BOARD**  
16oz. per sq. ft. being attacked...  
**ROBERT JONES**  
LUMBER COMPANY  
HAMILTON, ONT.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

•Will you take in a boarder for \$3 a day?•  
Writer's Digest desires to publish...  
**WRITER'S DIGEST**  
22 EAST WELCH ST.  
CONROUET 10, ONT.

#### WANTED

WANTED—HOLLAND Turkey Bog Packages...  
The French are believed to have been the first to use the balloon in warfare.

#### QUICKLY BREAKS COUGHING SPELL

Fast Action of Lymoids Leaves Man Grateful!

#### LYMOKIDS

FOR INSTANT THROAT RELIEF

#### "EXPORT"

CANADA'S FINEST CIGARETTE

#### by Arthur Pointer

IF I BET YOU BET THE TEACHER'S LAP.  
I'LL BET YOU WERE A SMOOTHIE FROTHING ON A TRIANGLE WITH AN ASAD SIVEL.  
GIVEN, YOU PROBABLY HAD ROSELINE CLAY IN YOUR HAIR.