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Pattern 7024: embroidery transfer, tissue pattern. Sizes: Small (10, 12); Medium (14, 16); Large (18, 20). State size.

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A selfish, inconsiderate husband will never satisfy you.

DEAR MISS DIX: I know I'm young (19) and have much to learn about human nature, but one thing puzzles me greatly. Why are boys so hateful when girls break up with them? I don't want to go steady, and when I tell a boy that, he immediately gets very mean and nasty. I want to keep them all as friends.

ANSWER: Wounded vanity is the answer to your question, Jane. Young men like to think of themselves as irresistible and it's a great blow to their pride to find out that all girls aren't ready to swoon at their attentions. Don't get upset over these antics; they're part of the growing-up process. You have a very sensible attitude toward the dating problem; keep to it, at least for a while.

Shrewd Shopping Levels Price Of Ration-Free Meat

By ALVIN STEINROFF
LONDON. (AP)—British housewives did a lot of shrewd window shopping, and at the end of the first week of ration-free meat they had emerged victorious in an unorganized buyers' strike.

Women admired the beautiful steaks which dealers, freed on July 3 of government control for the first time in more than 14 years, displayed in their shops.

But with prices generally double what they were in rationing days, women were buying little meat. Hundreds of tons piled up in the shops, and by the week-end, prices had tumbled to levels in some cases lower than those prevailing in the years of government regulation. Some merchants who had counted on a rush for meat have lost money.

"LADIES HAVE WON"
"I made a tasty window display of lovely meat with price tags attached," said a butcher in London's Paddington district. He was able to make a display of fresh meat because London July temperatures have been like the inside of a refrigerator.

"Well, I watched the first 14 women who took an interest," the butcher said. "Thirteen turned up their noses and walked away. One came in and bought a kidney. That's no way to run a butcher shop, and I guess the ladies have won."

As a result, cuts of beef were settling down to a general price level somewhat higher than in rationing days.

Most dealers expected prices would stabilize at just a little above the range of rationing days.

LIVER BACK ON DISPLAY
For extra cost the customer gets some selection of meat. Kidneys, which the Britons regard a breakfast delicacy, and liver have been rare for a decade. Now they are on display in some shops.

"The law of supply and demand operates," observed The Daily Mail. "It has been out of action at the butcher's for 14 years. Both buyer and seller have been the slaves of control—and the buyer has had the scrag end of the deal."

"The situation is now reversed. The housewife is the ultimate dictator of the market and the butcher is the one who takes the orders. Let neither of them forget it."

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The Stars Say

sure of the day and maintain an optimistic attitude in all things.

For The Birthday
If tomorrow is your birthday, your horoscope indicates that, within the next six months, advan-

House Sparrows Go Modern With Fire Proof Nests

By DAVE McINTOSH
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA. (CP)—Some house sparrows in Canada may be the only birds in the world with fire-proof nests.

Nests, moreover, paid for by the federal government. To wit: The RCAF, to fireproof some hangars on the Prairies, selected from manufacturers an insulation material of asbestos and cement, made soft by water, which can be sprayed on walls.

The insulation sticks out from hangar walls in little tufts, like matted hair. The same material was used to fireproof the boiler plant of the Collins bay federal penitentiary near Kingston, Ont.

Passer domesticus—the English house sparrow—apparently knows a good thing when he sees it. He nipped into the hangars and the boiler plants and right off

lagoous progress is possible but you may have to proceed at a slow and exacting pace. Avoid participation in any activity that might adversely affect either your personal reputation or your business prestige.

Domestic and family matters will be under excellent aspects during the balance of the year and social and sentimental relationships should be unusually harmonious throughout the summer months. Postpone travel plans until August or September when the auguries will be more propitious than they are right now. Look for increased popularity in both social and business circles early in 1955.

A child born on this day will be ambitious, energetic and extremely dependable and resourceful by nature.

NORTHERN ISLAND
Baffin Island, largest of the Canadian Arctic islands, covers 197,000 square miles.

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made for the insulation's loose fibres.

RCAF PERTURBED

First thing the air force knew, the sparrows were roosting in fire-proof nests high in hangar walls or were making off with the insulation to build elsewhere.

The whole situation has the RCAF nearby beside itself.

Group Capt. C. V. Trites, director of construction engineering administration at RCAF headquarters, says:

"I know the whole thing sounds silly, but it's a bad situation. We've got to do something about it."

The sparrows not only make a shambles of the fireproofing but their pecking crumbles chunks of insulation to the floor, where it can get into machinery, such as aircraft engines. Every time the hangar doors swing wide, the sparrows whirl in by the squadron.

PAINT NO DETERRENT

At Saskatoon, the air force painted the hangar walls a nauseating and supposedly evil-tasting grey. Didn't help at all.

D. A. Munro, chief ornithologist (bird man) in the Canadian wildlife service, says the insulation manufacturer asked for help. The service went to the National Research Council and to ornithologists in Britain, who said they'd never heard of such a thing.

NRC suggested that some fibre glass be incorporated in the insulation as an irritant or that the sparrows be scared away from the buildings by tape recordings of their own alarm cry—a form of warfare being used against starlings elsewhere.

A third suggestion was that fire-crackers be attached to slow-burning rope so that they go off at intervals—a little difficult in a hangar chockful of aircraft.

Anyway, the solution hasn't been found yet.

Meanwhile, the air force isn't buying any more of the type of insulation which provides sparrows with fireproof nests.



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