

Dick Haymes, Rita May Become Exiles

NEW YORK, (AP) — The New York Post said Wednesday Dick Haymes and Rita Hayworth may go into "voluntary exile" in Mexico to escape a "jinx that's been dogging them since their marriage."

Find Explosives In London Bus

LONDON, (Reuters)—A stick of high-explosive gelignite with fuse attached was found under a London bus seat Wednesday. Sticks of gelignite have been found several times in the last week on London buses and in letter boxes. In all previous cases the explosive had electric wire attached and would have needed a battery to set the charge off.

Dark Lightning

By Helen Topping Miller CHAPTER XVIII (Continued) "Poor old earth! I wonder if it hurts—like drilling tooth—when that savage-looking thing goes tearing down through it?"

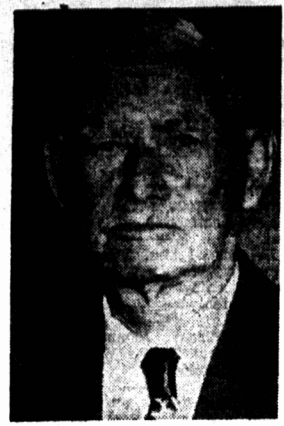
Island Odds And Ends

The Information Branch of the Department of Labor is not pessimistic about Canada's economic health in the year 1954. Reviewing 1953, a pamphlet issued by the board recalls that many people saw a recession in business as that year opened.

W.C.T.U. NOTES

THE STUMBLING BLOCK By The Rev. R. W. Thompson, M.A., B.D. "Take ye up the stumbling block out of the way of the people." Isaiah 57:14.

97th Birthday Today



Mr. Thomas Henderson, (above) will quietly observe his 97th birthday today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. MacPhail, Long Creek.

Australia Seeks Explanation To "Flying Saucer" Reports

By Ray Kerrison MELBOURNE (Reuters)—Australia is giving serious consideration to reports of "flying saucers" and "strange objects" and officials are studying reports with an eye toward separating fact from fancy.

New Device By RCAF Increases Drop Accuracy

OTTAWA, (CP)—A new device which can add to the surprise element in any air-borne attack has been invented by two R.C.A.F. officers, the air force disclosed today. It added that the method has been adopted by the United States air force.

Canada And Italy Plan Exchange Of Cultural Information

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada and Italy have signed an agreement to encourage the exchange of cultural information and aid students studying abroad. The external affairs department today announced that the Italian government will pay \$500,000 to a Canadian fund to be established at Rome.

Canadian Dental Corps Adopts Flag

OTTAWA (CP) — The Royal Canadian Dental Corps has adopted a corps flag for the first time in its history. The army said today the flag, flown for the first time in Korea, was dedicated in the field by Lt.-Col. E. P. Kearney of Ottawa and officers and men of the 25th Canadian Field Dental Unit.

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"How do they know the drill's going straight down? Suppose it wobbled around and went crooked and maybe ended up away over on old man Harper's place. It could, couldn't it?" "Not likely—not that much. But a variation of a quarter-inch here at the surface can widen till it gets pretty big at the bottom of the three-thousand-foot hole. I've soon wells put down that hit the casing on other wells, three hundred feet away."

"I wish we could get over on Harper's place—I wish we'd bore straight through his house—the mean old thing!" "Seen your sister lately?" "They were coming out Sunday—and then Dad was still angry so Mother phoned Grace not to come. She didn't want Dad and Oliver to get into a fight. But Oliver did have a right to sell those leases. Grace said Dad was the stupid one, not to sell leases on this."

"Maybe he was. Maybe she's right. When you sell a lease you sell all the grief and trouble to some other fellow—and you keep the cash for yourself. Not so much money, of course—but not so much grief, if it happens." "It isn't going to happen." She knocked on the fence post with her clenched knuckles. "I'm stiff. Help me down. I think I'm tired of this old well. I think I need a maple fudge sundae. Let's get this mud off and go to town."

Looking at prospects for 1954, there seem to be sound reasons for optimism. Although weaknesses have developed in some industries, there are many elements of basic strength in the national economy. Capital spending, with its ultimate effect towards increased production and more employment, has been rising and for 1953, is expected to be finally about 9 per cent higher than it was the year before.

A large number of defence requirements still exist, however, and although not increasing, will probably continue for some time. This is true of the electronics program. Employment in the aircraft program has been stabilized and is not expected to decline very much in the next few months. In the shipbuilding program the highest point of employment was reached this summer and is expected to continue at about the same level well into next year.

There are, however, indications that the general level of employment during the winter months though somewhat lower than last year month by month, will not be disastrously low. There has been little or no reduction in the high rate of investment that has characterized these past few years, it is pointed out. Consumer income and expenditures have been maintained at high levels and substantial appropriations for defence purposes are expected to continue in 1954.

Alcohol No Help to Work Alcohol is no true food; it is not needed in health and only very rarely under medical advice in sickness. It does not help work, either manual or mental. We thank God for the pioneers, often called fanatics, who have taught the nation the truth. But we still face a great enemy in the path. Two world wars have not helped the nation to improve moral behaviour or raise the standards of conduct. The Brewer's Campaign launched some twenty years ago has succeeded. Its avowed object was to get thousands, nay millions of young men used to the regular consumption of alcoholic liquors. They have further accustomed tens of thousands of young women to the same dangerous drug habit — for alcohol is one of the narcotic drugs known to science. As to the nation's food supply — beverage alcohol takes more than half the barley crop each year.

"I am distressed to find so many fine Christians who are dumb on the matter. They say they hate drunkenness; they long for a sober nation; but if they are not total abstainers, however temperate they are, their occasional taking of strong drink keeps them from an active share in teaching the truth to young people. I would appeal to them, and say: "Knowing the facts concerning alcohol; knowing that it is a dangerous drug which creates a craving for itself; knowing the woeful harm it is doing day after day; knowing that some young people are liable to be hurt by the smallest quantity of beverage alcohol; knowing that it attacks the highest centers of our physical and mental powers first; knowing that young people are always watching our example; knowing the pressure exerted upon many of them to take alcohol — knowing all this, is it not wise and kind to abstain for the sake of others as well as for our own?"

At dusk old Hughey disappeared, after borrowing another quarter. But the next day, early, he was there again and Hickey growled when he saw him. "Mason had ought to run that old bum off," he grumbled. "He's bad luck." But old Hughey only sat quietly under a tree, taking out his plug tobacco now and then to whittle on it. Gary, feeling vaguely sorry for the old man, begged a couple of slices of bread and a chicken leg from Maris for Hughey. Hughey accepted them with lofty grace, with an air that said that he had been wondering why largess was so slow in forthcoming. But Gary did not linger.



been "too scared to mention them for fear of ridicule."

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