

Want Conventions In Smaller Cities

DUNDAS, Ont., (CP)—The ter- rors of motoring and difficulties of finding parking space in Toronto and Montreal are prov- ing too much for farmer members of Ontario Ayrshire Club.

Probe Salmon Disappearance

QUEBEC, (CP) — Fisheries Minister Pouliot said Thursday Quebec is working with the Fed- eral Government and the Mari- time Provinces to find why sal- mon are disappearing from the Gulf of the St. Lawrence.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

During the early part of the 19th century in Philadelphia, the clergy sought and were granted permis- sion to chain off the city's main streets on Sunday.

On Jan. 4, 1885, Dr. William Grant, of Davenport, Iowa, per- formed the first appendicitis oper- ation ever recorded.

At St. Michael's cemetery in Pittsburg, Pa., the tombstone over the grave of Giovanna Cecere, who died several years ago, shines at night.

Police examined the stone but found no traces of paint or pow- der. What causes it to glow at night? Well, your guess is as good as the next fellow's.

The death on May 26, 1947, of Bartley Blankenship, 51, in an automobile accident in Kitsop County, Washington was given considerable space in many news- papers because he was the 5th member of the well-known family to lose his life in a highway crash.

Here's the amazing record: In 1923 Herbert Blankenship, brother of Bartley, was struck and killed by an auto near Tacoma, Wash. On Nov. 8, 1935, a second brother Sheriff D. L. Blankenship, was killed in a highway accident just three days after he'd been re- leased.

In 1940 Herbert's brother was killed near his home, and Rush was killed one year later when struck by a speeding automobile.

A man about to go to the electric chair at Richmond, Va., got a reprieve from the skies. Two days before the sentence could be car- ried out, lightning struck the electric chair and put it out of commission for several days, leav- ing the prisoner to await another date with death.

One of the rare instances when lightning saved a life instead of taking it occurred at York Pt. Prince Edward Island, 30 years ago. One of the herd of 13 cattle owned by David White was knock- ed down by a bolt. The twelve un- harmed animals started to stamp- ede when another bolt struck and killed all twelve animals.

George Vickerson, an electric line supervisor for the state of New York and Massachusetts and a former resident of North River, Prince Edward Island, was parti- cularly electrocuted when he served as a lineman several years ago. It melted the buckle of his safety strap. Then he dropped to the sidewalk where he lay unconscious.

He suffered two severe shoulder burns as well as deep burns on his feet and legs. Rushed to hospital.

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he was given up as a hopeless case. George is still living in New York State.

At a mine in South Africa, lightning struck a live wire on the surface and the current was transmitted in a split second to the bottom of the shaft, 4,000 feet below. Charges of dynamite that were set up for blasting exploded, killing eight men.

Mrs. James Peck of Denver Colo., has seven children, the first was born on Sunday, the second on Monday, and so on through every day of the week.

Fred Seimund turned up in Le Crosse, Wis., just in time to stop his own funeral. Relatives had positively identified the body of a man killed at a railway crossing as his!

Dayton police returned from an unsuccessful search for Bob Rieck, wanted at Hamilton, Ont., on a charge of auto theft. Bob was at police headquarters being inter- viewed for a job on the force. He'd received the highest grade among the applicants.

In the summer of 1952 a couple of boys swimming in Lake St. Clair discovered the fluke of a huge anchor protruding from the lake bed 300 yards from shore in nine feet of water. (The anchor is now in a Detroit museum) and poses a number of mysteries, namely, it is much bigger than any anchor used on the Great Lakes 100 years ago.

The wooden stock was 11 feet long, made of oak timbers riveted around the metal shank. It weighed 1,400 pounds and its giant fluke measure 62 inches from point to point. It had the figure 127 chiseled in it.

This type of anchor was used by Columbus and other early mariners.

No anchor of this type was made after 1880. Where did it come from? And who can ex- plain the Great Lake anchor mys- tery? Ever here of the "Boom Boom"

Scotsman Says Kilts Outmoded

EDINBURGH, (AP) — A Scots- man named David McIntosh thought out loud before a gathering of the clans and loosed some wall- ing.

"The kilt is an outmoded relic fish? Well, there is such a fish and it inhabits the rivers of South America. It gets its name from its air bladders which throb with such force that the vibrations sound like the beating of a drum.

Hudson's Bay is so large that it could easily accommodate the whole of the British Isles with enough space between the land and the water to sail all the navies of the world. Hudson's Bay, or the Mediterranean of Canada, is 1,600 miles long and over six hun- dred miles broad at its widest part.

What caused deliveryman Rich- ard Rix of Montreal, to ring the wrong doorbell at exactly the right time? His mistake on that morning of Dec. 1892, saved six persons from probable asphyxiation by gas.

Rix, delivering a new garbage can, picked the house of John Burrows instead of the one be- longing to the family next door. Jones was roused from sleep by the ringing of his door bell and smelled gas. A new furnace had been installed several days before and apparently there was a leak to the main gas connections.

Jones found his wife and four daughters unconscious. He was able to rouse only his wife and eldest daughter, both of whom said they felt drugged. Police ad- ministered oxygen to the more serious stricken members of the family — but because of Rix's timely mistake none required fur- ther medical attention.

fit only for the museum," said Mac- Intosh, speaking to the Clan Chat- tan Society two nights ago. Pres- ent were members of the As- sociated McIntoshes, the McMorans, the Farquharsons, the Davidsons, the MacGillivray and some others.

"Absolute nonsense," said Hugh MacPherson.

"Worse than nonsense," said W. G. Kinloch Anderson.

Both make kilts.

Down Edinburgh's Princes street where on a busy Saturday mid- day some 25,000 persons can be seen walking, you can spot at least two or three persons wearing kilts. Tourists may not give them an extra glance, but Scotsmen do.

Traditional Garb

The kilt is Scotland's traditional garb for ceremonial and social occasions. You can hire one from any well-stocked shop. The kilt also is proper uniform—off duty—for Scottish Highland regiments.

McIntosh, 30-year-old accountant and father of three boys who some- times wear kilts, had this to say: "The kilt may be alright in the heather, but it is out of place in the town. Most Scotsmen haven't the physique to carry it off. They're too fat, thin, too tall or small to go swaggering around in tartan skirts."

"The kilt," insisted McIntosh, "is no longer a symbol of national pride." That did it. Statistics began pouring in on how so many more kilts are sold now than before.

The Duke of Edinburgh wears kilts while here. And Harold Skel-

ton, chief guide on the famous Royal Mile here, never wears any- thing else but the kilt. The 70- year-old gentleman says Amer- icans prefer it on him. Skelton said "Nonsense," too, to McIntosh.

ATTENTION PARENTS

During the week of February 15 the annual immunization clinic conducted by the Health Branch of the Department of Health and Welfare will be held in the four public schools and Notre Dame Academy. A reinforcing inoculation for school children is necessary every three years to strengthen immunity against diphtheria. The inoculations will be given pupils in grades 1-4-7 and 10.

Parents are urged to have their children take advantage of this reinforcing dose. Any child under 12 years who has never been inoculated may receive the first three inoculations in the series of four which are required. The fourth inoculation may be received at the Health Centre in the Fall.

Infants and pre-school children will not be inocu- lated at the school clinics this year. They are advised to be taken to their family doctor or attend the regu- lar Saturday morning clinics at the Health Centre, 188 Prince Street.

BABY CHICKS

Wanted heavy fat fowl and chicken Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday weekly at top market price. Cash in your surplus poultry on present or future chick orders. Make the old ones pay for the young ones. Only record of performance sired chicks obtain- able in all breeds or cross breeds.

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE Major Hoople

Comic strip titled 'JAKE'S ALWAYS TRYING' showing a man talking to a woman. Dialogue includes: 'I HEARD THE BANKER SIDE-STEPPED YOU WHEN YOU SWUNG FER A LOAN TO FINANCE YOUR COAT-CHAIR! NOW YOU'VE LEARN'T YOUR LESSON, MEBBE YOU'LL LET OLY JAKE WHOOP UP A DEAL WITH SOME O MY RICH FRIENDS!' and 'EGAD, JAKE! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN KEEP- ING YOUR "RICH FRIENDS?" THE ONLY PEOPLE I EVER SEE YOU HOB- NOBBING WITH LOOK LIKE WALK- ING RELIEF BUNDLES!'

What's news at Inco\*?

This mine is air- conditioned

To provide fresh, clean air and good working conditions for the miners, Inco engineers devised an unusual air conditioning system for the "Caving" project of the Creighton mine. They drove a special ventilating shaft from down in the mine up to the surface. At the top of this shaft is a 20-ton fan standing 42 feet high. This fan sucks out the stale dust-laden air and causes clean, fresh air to flow down into the mine at the rate of 300,000 cubic feet per minute. The fan's twelve nickel bearing stainless steel blades can be adjusted in pitch to increase the flow of air as the mining operation is expanded in the future.

\*"The Romance of Nickel", a 72-page book, fully illustrated, will be sent free on request to anyone interested.



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