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Treat your car to a check-up

Every motorist should treat his car to a spring check-up in preparation for the months of warm weather driving ahead, advises the B.C. Automobile Association.

"While modern cars are engineered to require less attention than some years ago, a twice-a-year check-up still is good insurance for safe and dependable operation," the BCAA says.

Following is a step-by-step check list for your use:

- Drain and flush radiator. Refill with clean water and a good rust inhibitor.
- Switch wheels to different positions; and bring spare tire into use. This will even the wear on all tires and prolong their life.
- Check the front wheels for proper alignment and balance.
- Check aiming of headlights. See that tail, brake and direction-indicator lights are in working order.
- Check cell condition and fluid level in battery.
- Drain engine oil and renew filter element. Refill with recommended summer grade.
- Completely lubricate chassis. Oil or grease door locks, latches and other points normally not covered in regular grease job.
- Inspect windshield wiper blades for wear.
- Check for proper tension on fan and generator belts.
- Clean air filter and "breather pipes" on engine.
- Check ignition system and voltage regulator output.
- Check carburetor operation, especially to see that automatic choke mechanism works freely.
- Check operation of thermostat.

—B.C. Automobile Association Headlight.

"THE GREAT HAM ROBBERY"

Housewives to be quizzed on curing process

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (CP) — A wave of consumer protest has led Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman to reopen the case of what Consumer Reports magazine calls "The Great Ham Robbery".

The controversy involves a charge that the agriculture department's meat inspection division is co-operating with packers in the distribution of highly watered hams.

Dr. C. H. Pals, division chief, says he is informed the practice is allowed in Canada. Why should it be any different for the United States?

Adding water to ham for curing purposes is no innovation. Back in the old days some hams were cured by setting them in pans of pickling brine for about two months or by adding spices and other preservatives to the meat surface.

But then packers discovered curing could be pumping a pickling solution — mostly water — into the meat. The amount of solution allowed under federal inspection usually was sufficient to bring the cured ham back to the weight of the uncured product.

Last December 30, before the U.S. government changed hands, the agriculture department issued an order allowing federally-inspected packers to market smoked hams with up to 10 per cent additional water, over the original uncured weight.

"The last bastion of protection has fallen," moaned Consumer Reports, a magazine published by a products-testing organization. "The cards now are heavily stacked against the ham buyer."

Some retail outlets also complained, arguing that customers were paying hard-earned dollars for water. The National Provisioner, a meat-trade journal, suggested there already may be too much water in the trade. Popularity of the smoked ham might be threatened.

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Pals said he took steps before agreeing to the increase in water to seek consumer comment on the proposal and received no adverse reports. Meanwhile packers had conducted surveys and reported that housewives favored a mild, juicy ham — just what the increase in water would provide.

"Besides, I've been told," said Pals, "there is no law limiting the amount of moisture used by Canadian packers. Why should packers here be restricted?"

"We shall seek the counsel of the housewife as avidly as we seek the opinion of the food processing industry," said Freeman, announcing the whole question will be reopened.

Brass knuckles and all

—From the Toronto Globe and Mail

Mr. James Hoffa proposes to wipe out the wage differential between Canadian truckers and their counterparts in the United States. The president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters said in Toronto on Saturday that while it would take time to bridge the gap — from $1.92 an hour in Canada to $3.02 an hour in the United States — he would mobilize all his forces to do so. He added that the Canadian trucking industry would have to face him personally this year, when Teamster contracts come up for renewal.

With this statement, Mr. Hoffa has declared war not simply on the Canadian trucking industry but on the whole Canadian economy—which is different from the U.S. economy, which is not nearly so rich or so productive as the U.S. economy, and which cannot now or in the foreseeable future pay the same wages as the U.S. economy. To put the matter bluntly, Mr. Hoffa is out to do Canada serious harm; and from what we know of him, he will also do serious harm to law and order in Canada. It is to be noted that in his Toronto address, he put strong and repeated emphasis on the use of power — "The only thing the employers understand."

If it sometimes appears to Americans that they and their country are not popular in Canada, this might be a very good reason — an American labor boss who comes over, brass knuckles and all, to tell Canadians what he intends to do to them and to their country. Here is a form of domination which Canadians dislike more all the time. Why Canadian politicians put up with it, we do not know. We do know that the day is approaching when Canadian politicians will have to face and deal with the crude challenge to Canadian sovereignty which Mr. Hoffa and his fellows present.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

"Internal affairs" definition becoming hazy

By DAVID ROWNTREE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

It's still not cricket, in some people's minds, to talk or try to do something about the internal affairs of a friendly country.

But events in London and at the United Nations recently show that the rule is being changed and that the old definition of "internal affairs" is becoming hazy.

When South Africa was subjected to determined criticism of apartheid and decided to withdraw from the Commonwealth, Prime Minister Menzies of Australia voiced a worry of traditionalists.

Apartheid, he said, "is as much a matter of domestic policy to South Africa as Australia's immigration policy is a matter for us," perhaps indicating that Menzies expects to be the target at next year's Commonwealth meeting for his country's dealings with Asiatics.

At the United Nations, the United States has been accused of opportunism by some of its allies.

Belgium complains that the U.S. is deserting its friends in NATO in debates over the former Belgian Congo. Portugal is incensed at American support for "interference in an integral part of a unitary nation" — meaning an inquiry into Angola's racial trouble. And the South Africans have been assailed for their "repugnant" race policy.

The American position is that if its voice is to be listened to in Africa and Asia, as President Kennedy wants it to be, the U.S. must not only say it is against colonialism and apartheid but prove by its actions to be against them.

Britain is moving more slowly in these changing tides than some of her Commonwealth partners or the U.S. Prime Minister Macmillan wished to retain the club spirit that until recently was the group's strongest cement and at the UN Britain continues to hold to the doctrine of non-interference.

Even when a country decines to go with the tide, the change can be viewed suspiciously.

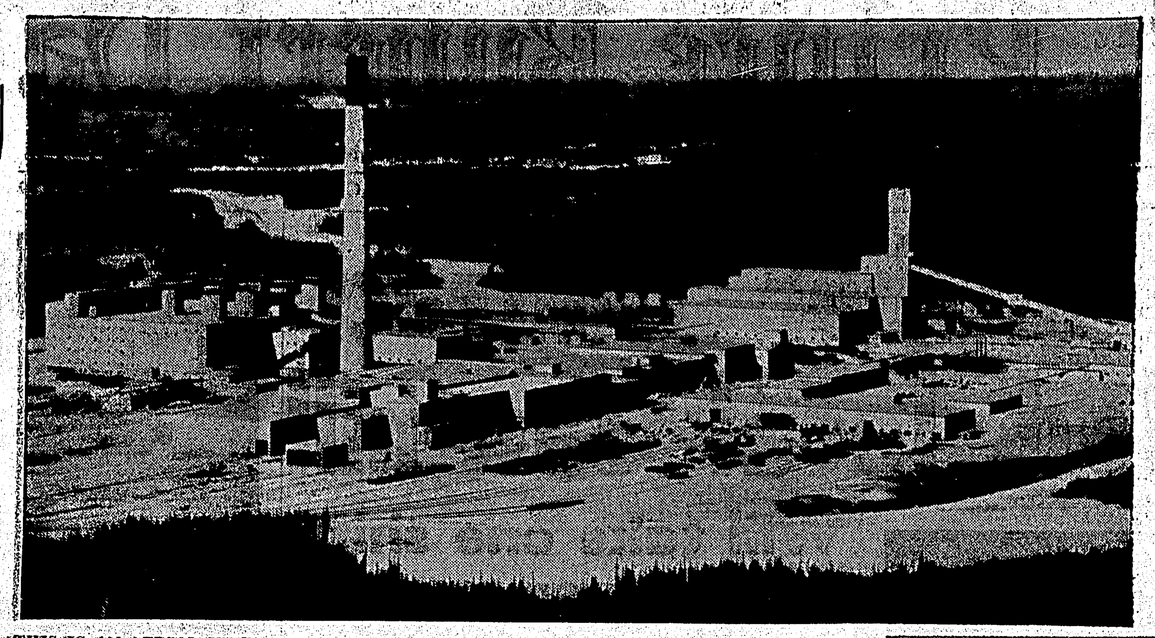
South African External Affairs Minister Eric Louw, for example, questioned Prime Minister Diefenbaker's sincerity in opposing apartheid. Louw said the Canadian "has been losing ground at home" and was pandering to anti-South African feeling.

And American officials are understandably edgy about the anomaly of assailing racial discrimination abroad while it exists at home.

But as Macmillan told the House of Commons in a succinct statement about "the wind of change" he first identified more than a year ago.

"Hardly any country, at some time in its history, even at the present time, can stand blameless. All kinds of discrimination — racial, political, religious and cultural — have been or are still being practised.

"But the fundamental difference between our and the South African philosophy is that we are trying to escape from these inherited practices. We are trying with varying degrees of success, but always with a single purpose, to move away from this concept in any form."



THIS IS AN AERIAL VIEW of International Nickel Company of Canada's newest nickel producing operation at Thompson, Man. It is rated as the most modern in the world. Premier Roblin of Manitoba, Inco executives, federal officials and international industrial leaders took part in official ceremonies dedicating the plant last Saturday, March 25. It marked the first commercial production of nickel at Thompson. — CP Photo

Holy Week Message

From THE UPPER ROOM — Copyright

When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" (John 19: 26, 27. RSV.)

These words of our Lord seem to include a gesture. He might have attempted to move His hands, but nothing would have come of it except pain. All Jesus could do was to speak and appeal to the loyalty and help of John. The disciple could have listened and taken no notice, but Jesus was his friend. So from that hour the disciple took Mary to his own home.

In His agony on the cross, Jesus was helpless and had to rely on a friend to do what He could not do Himself. There is a sense in which our Lord needs our help. If He wants a child taught, He has to get a man or woman to do it for Him. If He wants a sufferer healed, the doctor, the nurse, the man of prayer become the means by which His will is done. We are the hands, feet, ears, eyes, and voice of Jesus. Either we handicap Him, or we make His glorious love a living reality.

My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me? (Mark 15:34).

This fourth word from the lips of the crucified Lord has rightly been called "the word of loneliness". Not the least of Jesus' suffering was the spiritual desolation of His loneliness. Betrayed, deserted, and denied by men with whom He had lived during the years of His public ministry, the sensitive spirit of Jesus must have experienced a depth of sorrow scarcely imaginable.

But the feeling that God Himself had withdrawn from Him plunged Jesus into the desolation of spirit that this word expresses.

Few people go through life without some experience of loneliness. But we have in Jesus one who sympathizes with us in our loneliness. More than this, He is our friend and companion along the Christian way. He gives us assurance of His constant presence: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Well, it's been daydream time again. They've been drawing the Irish sweep tickets. All over the world, poor people enjoyed little fantasies of yachts, fur coats, new cars and long holidays.

A sort of comradeship develops among ticketholders at this time.

"It's funny, I haven't got my telegram yet from Dublin," one says to another.

"Neither have I. Must have been an oversight — but say, there's a story in the paper. You don't get a wire now. Just a letter."

"Too bad, Red Skelton drew a horse. It's always someone who doesn't need the money."

"Oh, I don't begridge it to him. A little more money won't do him any harm. They sold him the ticket, after all."

"Yes, I suppose you're right. If you won, would you tell anybody?"

"No, I'd keep it quiet and leave town."

"That's what I think I'd do, too, but I'd probably be rash enough to tell my wife, and that would be the end of it."

"Hard to conceal, eh? She'd guess something from your happy smile."

"Sure, and she'd probably accuse me of all kinds of things."

"Good luck. Call me in, if you want any help hiding the money."

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Thousands of conversations like that went on. If you could have tape-recorded them all, they would have made very boring reading.

Some of the ticket-holders have spent their imagined winnings several times over, in their minds, and got many times their money's worth of fun.

Lowbrows have day-dreamed about new houses, gadgets, girls and unlimited idleness; highbrows about money to buy pictures, time to write books and travel abroad; middlebrows about all of these things.

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And then there are the puritans who cluck their tongues in disapproval at the idea of something for nothing. "It's bad for the character," they grumble.

However, even these grim people are willing to accept the prizes they get in the lottery of the world.

Some of them inherit brains, steady nerves, or physical strength. Can they take credit for that? Some of them inherit money. They don't refuse it.

Once in a while, it transpires that a puritan has bought a ticket and won a pile of money. A very devout man did that in England, not long ago — won a fortune on the football pools. His twistings and squirmings of conscience were most amusing to watch.

He ended by saying he would keep the money, because it was the will of God. I don't blame him for justifying himself in that way. And who can say he was wrong?

Jumping off the poundage

From the Calgary Albertan

There can no longer be any doubt that the current reducing fad has really got off the ground. A report from Chobham in England discloses that women are now jumping from planes to lose weight. One of several new female members of the British Parachute Club claims to have shucked off 14 pounds in 10 jumps. That works out to 14 ounces per jump; if the lady keeps on jumping she soon won't need a chute.

How weight is lost while floating earthwards under a silk umbrella we are not quite sure. Perhaps the bump at the bottom does it; or maybe nervousness, thus proving that women will do anything in order to be slim. But reducing-by-parachute was bound to come in view of all the talk about weightlessness in space.

gems of thought

Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Eskimo Bride

The Emperor of China
Asked me to be his own;
No lady should be finer
And I'd share the Dragon
Throne.
He sent me pearls and rubies
In a tall gold cup;
But they weighed too heavy,
And I passed him up.

The Great Moghul of India
Asked me to be his own;
No husband would be kinder
And I'd share his Peacock
Throne
He sent me a silken sari,
The wonder of the town;
But his swordsmen made me
scary,
And I turned him down.

Then a brown little Eskimo
Asked me to be his own,
To share his polar-bear skin
On ice, hard as stone.
He gave me a whale's tooth
He'd whittled with his knife;
So I settled for his igloo
And became his wife.

—Anonymous.

In the Christian Science Monitor.

Short sermons

No one is so eager to know how you're feeling these days as a man who's just dieted off 12 pounds.

Quote and unquote

Stanislaus:
"To believe with certainty, we must begin by doubting."

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Lady Lester Keffer:
"Tact is the ability to give a person a shot in the arm without letting him feel the needle."

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Thomas Edison:
"Some of us think, more of us think we think, and most of us do not even think of thinking."

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Herbert Bayard Swope:
"Formula for failure: try to please everybody."

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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One of my schoolmates was a sobersides as a boy, more interested in collecting birds' eggs and butterflies than in either his studies or any sport. I saw him a few times in the first war. He was some kind of a clerk in a base headquarters at Rouen. In the years following, I used to run into him once a year or so, and when we shook hands cordially, we had nothing to talk about. He was an accountant in some big office, I gathered.

A couple of years ago, he tok ill for about three months, and his company discovered to their grief that this quiet unpretentious undemanding man was, for a fact, an indispensable big wheel in their business; a bigger executive actually than most of those with executive rank. When he returned to the office, they trebled his salary and gave him a room of his own. Everybody called him mister.

Then an uncle he had never seen died in California and left him $270,000.

I met him in the hat department of one of the big department stores. Having heard all the good news about him from acquaintances, I congratulated him.

"Well, yes," he said, "it's nice to have. But I can't think of anything I want. It would be more welcome if I could think of anything to buy. My wife says I've got to have a new hat. But I don't want one, really."

He was glad I had come along and given him the excuse to walk on with me out of the hat department.

Employment questions and answers

In this column we publish questions about unemployment insurance and employment, together with answers which may be of interest to you:

Following are some questions with answers received from the Unemployment Insurance Commission. If you are uncertain about any point do not hesitate to send us your question. We will obtain an answer and publish it in this column.

Q. I am a married woman and have been on claim for some time. Can the local office disqualify me if I refuse to accept employment which does not allow me to return home except on weekends?

A. Yes, the insurance officer may impose a disqualification if, in his opinion, the employment offered to you is suitable. A married woman must be ready and willing to accept suitable employment the same as a single woman.

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