

Better English
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1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He contracted the habit of smoking."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "comparable"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Assessment, ascendency, asparagus.
4. What does the word "salutary" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with l that means "mercifully"?

Answers
1. Say, "He acquired the habit."
2. Accept first syllable, not the second.
3. Assessment.
4. Promoting health; wholesome. "The moral effect was salutary."
5. Lientiently.

DISLIKED BY PURITANS
At one time the Puritans attempted to abolish the use of the ring at wedding ceremonies, contending that it was of heathenish origin.

British Columbia's War Canteen Closes

LONDON — The war services canteen of British Columbia House, the first of its kind to be ready for men of the First Division when they arrived from Canada, is closing early in the new year as repatriation deprives it of its "customers."
The canteen provided meals, cigarets and entertainment for six years beginning December 23, 1939. In that time 7,250,000 meals were served and 140,000-000 cigarets and 25,000 pounds of tobacco distributed.
In addition to the canteen there was an officers' lounge, furnished by an anonymous English donor. All workers were volunteers and have been presented with a certificate of service signed by Premier Hart of British Columbia.

The Fiji Islands were voluntarily placed under British sovereignty by their chiefs in 1874.

Sport Review—

ALLEN CUP TILT WILL BEGIN ON WESTERN ICE

VANCOUVER — The Allan Cup playoffs will begin in Western Canada April 18. This has been announced in Vancouver by the president of the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association, Doug Grimston.
He says the Allan Cup finals—a best-of-seven affair—will begin on the home ice of the winning Western Canada team, against the eastern titleholders. And in the junior division—for the Memorial Cup—the finals will start in Toronto April 13.
Grimston also announces that New Westminster Royals and Vancouver Canucks—the only Canadian teams in the Pacific Coast circuit—have announced their intention of affiliating with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association to allow them to enter the Allan Cup playdowns.

The leading scorer of the A.H.L. Buffalo Bisons, Murdo McKay, has been traded to the Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League for centre Jack Adams and left winger Joe White. McKay is scheduled to report to Canadiens immediately, and Adams and White, both recently discharged from the Canadian Army, are expected to be on the Buffalo lineup in time to oppose Indianapolis Caps in Buffalo Wednesday night.

The N.H.L. Chicago Black Hawks have legal worries today. Warrants charging four of their members with assault and battery on a fan during Saturday night's game have been issued in Boston. They will be served on the Chicagoans on their next trip to the port city. The warrants name three Hawk defencemen—John Mariucci, Joe Cooper and Reg Hamilton—and trainer Edward Froelich. The complaint grew out of a mixup near the Hawk bench during the second period of the Saturday game.

Richard Nathan Speer died in an Edmonton hospital Sunday night at the age of 59. Announcement of his death was made last night. The sporting fraternity knew Dick Speer well. He broke into organized baseball with St. Joseph, in the Western League, pitched another season with Wichita in the same circuit, then attracted the attention of Detroit scouts and moved up into the big league to become a member of the pennant-winning Detroit Tigers in 1908 and 1909.

Team officials have announced that Dick Wakefield, of the Detroit Tigers baseball club, just recently released from the navy, has signed a 1946 contract. Wakefield's stipend is not disclosed, but General Manager George Trautman says everybody's happy.

WOMEN ACTIVE

HAMILTON, Bermuda — A committee of women appointed in Bermuda to consider ways of arousing the interest of Bermuda's women in civic and political affairs has presented a report in which it is proposed that a new organization, "The Women's Civic and Political Association," should be formed.

THIS AND THAT



"Before you question my ability on how to prepare food, I'd like to question your ability on getting it."

SHORT SPORT

An interesting question in big league baseball was who will be next among Sam Breadon's many St. Louis Cardinals stars to leave the home grounds of Sportsman's Park. Shrewd Sam opened his 1946 business year by disposing of catcher Walker Cooper to the New York Giants for \$175,000 and second baseman Jimmy Brown to the Pittsburgh Pirates for an estimated \$60,000 to \$40,000.

Although he still has enough players left for two formidable major league entries, Breadon said he has no other deals pending at the moment. He indicated, however, that shortstop Marty Marion was the only one of the more than 60 Red Birds who definitely was not for sale. "Marion will be with us this year," the Cardinal owner said. He would not say as much for any of his other players. The Cooper and Brown transactions were expected since it had been a loosely-kept secret for more than a month that the deals were in the making.

Twenty-one pitchers with winning major league experience are on the Cardinal roster and undoubtedly some of them will be parted with for fancy sums. Fourteen are on the active list, seven in service. More rumors had the Giants bidding for a left hander, probably Max Lanier or Harry "The Cat" Brecheen, along with Cooper but neither Breadon nor the Giants made any mention of such a possibility.

Providing former stars come up with service discharges, Breadon will certainly be ready to do a booming business in outfielders. Johnny Hopp, Buster Adams, Red Schoendienst and Augie Bergamo are left over from the 1945 squad and Stan Musial, Enos Slaughter, Terry Moore, Harry Walker, Danny Littwiler and a couple of red hot minor league prospects are in the armed forces.

With the trading gates open, offers are expected to pile up in the Cardinal office. The Red Birds will be watching how much they contribute to the strength of their opponents, but with so many players to be sold they probably will listen favorably to the rustle from any big bankrolls.

AID SICK CHILDREN
LONDON — On behalf of 30,000 part-time London N.F.S. men and women, a £1,000 (\$4,500) cheque to maintain a cot has been given to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.

Returning Service Personnel Records Are Being Sought

The Daily News is anxious to completely record the arrival of all service men and women returning home from the war. Accordingly, it is requested that information be made available to this office regarding the date of arrival home, the service with which the veteran has been identified, in what theatres of war, if wounded, ill, etc. If inconvenient to call at the office, the information may be written or telephoned in. Pictures would be particularly welcome. Street and Postal addresses and telephone numbers are also requested.

WANTS CHURCH TO ACCEPT BROAD FIELD OF SERVICE

By the Canadian Press
A series of addresses by Very Rev. George C. Pidgeon, former Moderator of the United Church of Canada, are contained in an inspiring book, "The Vicarious Life." (Oxford University Press). The sermons, given from the pulpit of Bloor Street United Church, Toronto, set forth the substitutionary theme as the central principle of Christian Life.

In the course of the addresses Dr. Pidgeon reviews the development of the vicarious principle from the ancients' conception of a God demanding propitiatory sacrifices to the New Testament emphasis on love and mercy, with the Cross the crowning manifestation of God's love.
The author who has just completed a ministry of 30 years at the Toronto church says in a preface that years ago he felt keenly the need of a restatement of the central principle of Christian obligation. That principle, he says, is "based on Christ's self-giving for man's salvation. Ideas of religious life that do not branch out from this stem cannot be considered distinctively Christian."

Developing the theme of unselfish service on behalf of the higher interests of the community, Dr. Pidgeon says: "This is the perfect social ideal—the individual giving himself to his people and for them. . . . Jesus makes that spirit of self-forgetting devotion, which formerly was required of the few, the duty of all. . . . Every person has a contribution of incalculable worth to make to his world."
Referring to the fact that never Canada has brought the note of community into church life, Dr. Pidgeon is critical of the church's attitude toward the challenge. He maintains that the church as part of the community must give herself to the service of the whole, and assume responsibility for its welfare.
"Our chief aim," he says, "is to save men in Christ Jesus; but, if men refuse this supreme good at our hands, we are still bound to give them any good they will accept. It happens often our best churches ignore this law. They seek earnestly the salvation of men; those whom they win they serve in every way open to them; but they allow the world outside to drift along as it will."

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