

# World Set to Celebrate Pancake Day Tuesday

Next Tuesday Canadians celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the last great Christian Festival before Easter. It's "Fastelavn" in Copenhagen, "Vastenavond" in Brussels, "Sirna Sedmitza" in Bulgaria, and is known by a host of other names in as many countries round the globe.

Perhaps the Spanish best express it in their "Carnival" or possibly the Italians in their "Martedì Grasso," better known as the Mardi Gras of New Orleans. Mexico and Latin America, wherever it is, the day is a happy holiday feast, with the appetizing pancakes as its king.

Throughout the English-speaking world, from England to Australia, it is called Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) . . . the day when feasts of syrup-soothered pancakes make many a table gleam.

Actually, the real credit for the invention of pancakes should go to the stone age ancestors. They started it with a simple mixture of ground wheat and corn roasted on hot stones. The result, however, would certainly not be recognizable in the fluffy, golden-brown pancakes of today, with their many tempting variations.

But even way back in the early human times, pancakes were good and everybody loved them. They ate them for breakfast, lunch and supper. When, following ancient Biblical custom, the Church declared that no meat could be eaten during the 40 week-days preceding Easter, pancakes became even more popular during the Lenten season as a substitute for meat.

Immediately preceding a 40-day fasting period, it isn't so surprising that Pancake Day soon became the year's biggest excuse for merrymaking and holiday feasting. Between Shrove Sunday (somebody originally named Quinquagesima Sunday, a name which, for some reason, never did become popular) and the last day before Lent, anything can happen—and often does.

In old England, at the little village of Olney, Bucks, a Pancake Day race has been staged every year since 1445. Housewives race from the village pump to the church, flipping their pancakes on the way. The winner gets a traditional kiss from the rector.

**WINS MONEY**  
At Westminster School in London, Pancake Day is eagerly awaited each year. At 11:00 a.m. the Headmaster solemnly emerges from the school kitchen, followed by a cook bearing a large pancake. The pancake is thrown into a crowd of waiting boys, who fight for possession, and the lad who emerges with the largest piece wins a sum of money from the school funds.

In Paris, Rome, New Orleans and Rio de Janeiro they have their Mardi Gras, that fantastic day of days (and sometimes weeks) when the masquerade combines with the dance, the wedding and the feast to create

## Floods Claim 11 Relatives Of Emigrant

**HALSTEREN, The Netherlands** (AP)—Mrs. Johanna Roks-Nefs, Netherlands emigrant now living in Canada, arrived on a vacation visit here to find nearly all her relatives—11 of them—had been drowned in the floods.

News of the flooding was received in mid-Atlantic while Mrs. Roks-Nefs, who lives at Niagara, Ont., was sailing from New York in the Dutch liner *Amsterdam*.

At Rotterdam she was met by two brothers-in-law who told her that a brother-in-law, three sisters-in-law, the father of one of the sisters-in-law and six cousins were dead.

## If Winter's Here . . . It is Time to Think About SPRING REPAIRS

If your house gutters need attention, if your boat needs new tanks, see us; we have the equipment and the experience to do anything in the SHEET METAL line.

**Thom Sheet Metal LIMITED**  
223 First Ave. Phone Black 887



ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

D. L. McHibbion, 52, officer commanding the RCMP "D" division at Regina, will command the troop of 35 RCMP officers who will ride in the Coronation procession in London in June.

# Netherlands Army Receives Plaques For Canadian Guns

Bronze plaques bearing the names of Defence Minister Brooke Claxton and Lt.-Gen. Charles Foulkes, chairman of the Canadian chiefs of staff, have been placed on two self-propelled guns now in use by the Royal Netherlands Army. A. H. J. Lovink, Netherlands ambassador to Canada, revealed today.

Manufactured in Canada and at one time used by Canadian troops, the two guns were shipped to Europe in November 1950 as part of a huge arms shipment to the Netherlands. At that time armament equipment for an entire division was shipped from Montreal as the first step in a \$300,000,000 Canadian scheme to bolster Canada's

partners in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Mr. Lovink, who accepted the shipment on behalf of his government, named the guns—the "Brooke Claxton" while it still was in the Longue Pointe, Que., ordnance depot, and the "Charles Foulkes" while it was being loaded aboard ship at Montreal. He made representations to his government that the two guns, huge tank-like weapons, always be known by the names he had bestowed upon them.

That was more than two years ago. This week Mr. Lovink passed on to army authorities word that his almost forgotten request had been fulfilled by his government.

## Lots of Beets

**PETERBOROUGH, Eng. (CP)**—A beet sugar factory in this old Northamptonshire city completed a non-stop run of 116 days, during which 51,000 tons of sugar and 20,000 tons of molasses were extracted from 375,000 tons of beets.

## BABY'S COLDS

**Help Nature To Fight Them Off**  
Medical Science denies there is any such thing as a cure for colds—only Nature herself can do it. So when baby's sniffling, or stuffy breathing warns you of a cold's presence—cooperate at once with Nature. See that baby is kept warm, gets plenty of sleep and take extra care that the bowels are thoroughly cleared of harmful wastes. To do this without upsetting baby's whole system and further weakening it, try Baby's Own Tablets. Mild, yet act promptly in getting rid of irritating materials that make baby restless and feverish. One Nova Scotia Mother says: "My baby of 26 months caught a nasty cold so I tried Baby's Own Tablets and she threw this cold off quicker than ever before. I certainly am for Baby's Own Tablets from now on." Equally good for restlessness and perviousness resulting from irregularity at teething time, for constipation, digestive upsets and other minor infant troubles. Get a package today at drugstores.

Prince Rupert Daily News  
Thursday, February 12, 1953

**Best Pacific** for Baby

Pacific Milk is recommended by doctors for infants' formulas.

BUY B. C. PRODUCTS

# PANCAKE DAY

Shrove Tuesday

**FEB. 17<sup>th</sup>**



and all through  
**LENT**  
serve  
**CROWN BRAND**  
and  
**AUNT JEMIMAS!**

Get your griddle ready, Mother! Ready to make stacks and stacks of golden-brown Aunt Jemima Pancakes—topped with delicious Crown Brand Corn Syrup. Be sure to buy Aunt Jemima and Crown Brand this week.

**CROWN BRAND**

CORN SYRUP

2 LBS. NET WEIGHT

**AUNT JEMIMA**

READY-MIX PANCAKES AND WAFFLES

The Quaker Oats Company of Canada Limited