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Big Brother

HAS just come to our attention that this is the last day of Big Brother Week. We have no idea what it means, but it sounds nice.

Evidently somewhere along the line the oldest boy in a family got the idea of commemorating the trials to which he and his kind are subjected. After all, if anything goes wrong in the house when Mother and Dad are out, it is big Buster that usually takes the rap no matter how fiendish his smaller kin have been. For an unnaturally long time they are considered just babies, but Buster is an adult as soon as he is able to totter two steps.

It is not altogether wise of Big Brother, however, to let people examine his case too closely. While it is true that he has to do more than his share of looking after the others, he is also the one in the family who gets the new bicycle and the new shoes. In addition, he is able to indulge in a little bossiness which might cost small fry a clout on the head if he ever attempted the same thing.

It may be, of course, that this is not the meaning of Big Brother Week at all. Possibly the reference is to some charitable organization which cares for small children, or something of the sort. If so, we apologize because that gives the week a far more worthy purpose.

At the same time, Big Brother, in the family sense of the term, certainly does merit some recognition. So too, for that matter, does Big Sister. In a showdown, or even without one, it is she who does the baby-sitting.

Come to think of it, perhaps Buster had better forget about his Week and go ride a bike.

How To Hide in Canada

DECENTLY Senators Jenner and McCarran re-I turned from their secret rendezvous with Igor Gouzenko, ex-Soviet code clerk, in Canada. Mr. Gouzenko and his family are at present living obscurely and pseudonymously, "somewhere in Canada" under the secret protection of the Canadian Mounties.

The Gouzenkos have a new name-let us say Smith, for convenience—to hide their identity. The "Smiths" have neighbors. The neighbors read newspapers. And various newspaper interviews with the Gouzenkos, conducted in an atmosphere of elaborate hush-hush, note their physical appearances and mental characteristics, the ages and sexes of their two children, the sort of lives they lead, their foreign accents, their musical tastes, their house.

Two United States senators drive off from Montreal into the unknown for their highly publicized Monday afternoon meeting with Gouzenko. That day Mr. "Smith" is absent from his job. The next day the two senators reappear, smiling secretively like the two cats that have swallowed half a canary each. The same day Mr. "Smith" presumably returns to work, explaining with his heavy Slavic accent that he had to visit his grandmother yes-

We had no idea it was so easy to hide in Canada. Or maybe the neighbors don't read? -CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR.

body has been, it is the business writes Mr. Nesbitt.

who want it should pay for it, A Florida man makes a good

as they have done by special living raising fisherment. That's

tch Salt Water Fish by HAVE MISSED SOMETHING

Malaya produces half of the voices. Unhappily, not all of the

world supply of tin, and a third remaining 98 per cent are aware

ricity"—heading. That must | Announcement has been made

ence in population.

airmail stamps.

be quite a hook-up.

ain's headaches.

WHO ASKED, ANYWAY!

firms of the cities-and those

of the estimated total of the of this.

man of Victoria, has published longer.

natural rubber. Also a good

sized proportion of Great Brit-

in The Colonist, a descriptive

Ray Reflects and Reminis ces

During old home days, the this enters into the early history something about bacon and

chap across the street was said of the city. The Bainbridge, and coffee on a cold morning in

to be owing something to practi- other families lived there, and January that makes us look as

cally everybody. But that was it is now the home of W. J. Al- if directly interested in some-

and a Commissioner of Prince

Who asked for the mail when fireplaces - magnificent picture for life for being responsible for

How many want it? For a bridge family moved away the be released in a matter of

it comes by air? asked an On- tiles, depicting scenes from plays the death of about a dozen Can-

great proportion of the mail, house was occupied by a man months, announces an Ottawa

dians only two have singing

It's been sunny, of course, and

Jim Nesbitt, prominent writing three months of rain. But no history of book publishing.

story called "Old Homes and Lilac is generally believed to sides of the border come of

Families" which is not without be a favorite scent. While we're church attendance - dwindling

local interest. A residence like reasonably certain, there is more and more.

a pretty good angle.

there is no air service. If any- who made his mark in the north, official. He never did think

that out of every hundred Cana- pressions.

long ago. Just fancy the diffe- der, a pioneer, a property owner thing or other, not blossoms.

Elmore

Pinks and Spies

IT IS a fact that the most progressive thinkers in all the political parties represented in parliament come from the west.

Of course there is the odd progressive in all three parties which have MPs representing eastern Canada. But by and large the average MP from the west is much more advanced in his outlook than his fellow members from the east.

Maybe it is the climate that does it. For how else do you explain the fact that our west coast salmon are pink and even ruby red while those caught in eastern waters are a

coast who refused to sit down coast salmon.

to those famous but half-phony old home town. dye them red.

of his cans "Guaranteed not to dirt-track riders. The driveway and rode home encased in a suit turn red in the can."

from away back, but I always variably lost. horrify most of my fellow citiconfess I think most varieties never see it that way. of eastern apples are as good.

ieties of B.C. apples. sell apples like our boys do in traded the bright standard bars B.C. If these eastern fellows did for a scabby old wide pair. know how, the Ontario or Nova Scotia apples would be taking a cycle, I lived a double life for a big chunk of those markets which B.C. now dominates.

MY OWN two favorite brands kept me in a state of terror with. sett and the sheepsnoses. I don't was a free-lance rider of the know if there are any sheepsnose apples in B.C. or not-I about 10 to 11 n.m. never came across any.

remember the sheepsnose variety for once, as a boy, when was throwing up sticks to knock down apples, I hit a hornet's nest, partly out of curiosity to see what would happen.

Those angry hornets chased me at least half a mile, stinging

ONTARIO apples have recently loomed large in the news. Th newspapermen around the ronto Globe and Mail office thought they would play a joke on the famous Senator Joe Mc-Carthy. They sent him a barrel of choice Northern Spies and wrote that "the woods are full of spies up here."

But was the brash Joe taken aback? Not a bit of it. He got his picture on the front page of hundreds of newspapers in both countries holding up those 'spies" as proud as punch.

I figure that the said Senator Joe is a very smart operator, and I don't think we have heard the last of him, by a long shot.

The Ottawa river, largest tributary of the St. Lawrence, was first visited in 1610 by Etienne

KURT AGAIN!

much of Canada anyway.

Those who cry the world is

against them should be remind-

ed that the world just don't give

a hang, comments an Ontario

contemporary. It is believed

possible to employ stronger ex-

How do we get that way, or

how can it be believed? Book

publishers in New York report

the demand for books with a re-

Meanwhile, reports from both

The house is noted for its tiled General Kurt Meyer, sent down

and poems. When the Bain- adian soldiers in Normandy, will

all that. Yet we wonder if it ligious theme stands today at

couldn't of course lease us about the highest point in the whole

MRS. TINA ALLORI, an Italian radio singer, claims she is to inherit \$30,000,000 in platinum, gold, and coal mines in Colombia. South America. The fabulous inheritance, calculated from the richest mine, was left to the singer by an uncle who emigrated to Colombia several years ago, she said.

All Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

nature seemed to favor the west the garage. It is the same bicycle knew. I had when I was a boy. Some-The eastern packer did not do times I think I can climb on it his bicycle. The gang of us rode what those wily Manitobans do and ride back 20 years to my

Winnipeg goldeye fish—that is, Dirt-track racing on motor- mer nights, with bathing suits cycles was a fashionable theme No, the foxy Maritimer print- in the boys' magazines that we ed in big letters on the outside read. So for a time we were all I fell through the ice on the lake around a house of the district of frozen armor. served as a track. A pal and I AM a canned salmon man had match races, which I in-

I had the delusion that if zens from B.C. by admitting waited for my competitor to that I prefer that salmon from come around the track, and the can and not fresh cooked. started level with him once But lest anybody 'run away more, the race had somehow bewith the dea that I am for gun again. He argued that he everything from B.C., I frankly was a lap ahead, but I could

I was very proud of the bicycle in fact better, than most var- when I got it gleaming new. There was only one thing wrong: The easterners simply don't it had narrow handlebars, and know how to grade, pack and all the kids had wide ones. So I

time. Early in the morning and after school I was the servant of la Lancashire dairywoman who of Ontario apples are the rus- her sharp tongue. At night I darkness. I delivered papers from

The dairy was of the oldfashioned kind. I carried milk in quart and pint cans, which I poured in the customers' jugs." My employer had a passion for speed and cleanliness, and no matter how hard I tried she never seemed pleased with my performance. Yet she kept me

on the payroll, at \$5 a month. The paper route was different. I answered to no one. It was a romantic feeling to ride at night Now and then I bought a fivecent cigar and puffed it as

and moan over the fact that My old bicycle is standing in rode along. My parents never

A boy was inseparable from down to the river on summer afternoons and on warm sumflapping, in winter snow crunched under the tires. Once

After the war, the bicycle was waiting, neglected it for years; then, lately, I spent \$10 to put it in shape, pretending that I would ride it to the store and save gas for the car. In truth, I was being sentimental and gratifying a whim.

It seems almost certain that if I pedal the bike around the bend of the road, I will feel the weight of the news carrier bag on my shoulder again, or hear the shouts of my friends riding beside me to the river.

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Scientists Set To View Mars At Closest Point

WASHINGTON (A) - The planet Mars, in June, will make its closest approach to the earth l 13 years.

The planet will then be only about 40,000,000 miles from the earth. Two years later, in 1956, it will come within 35,000,000 miles. That it the closest it ever

Mars will be studied in a formal, organized effort to gain new knowledge of its atmosphere, its exact size and its "changing surface features"which may be evidence of some kind of plant life. Astronomers from 14 countries will partici-

The National Geographic Society says, "Observations will be made on all major continents, from high-flying planes, and perhaps even from stratosphereprobing unmanned missiles."

Bloemfontein, South Africa, has been chosen as the site for special studies because it's at a latitude where Mars will pass almost directly overhead each night. The Orange Free State skies are usually clear in late spring and summer, and there's a 27-inch telescope there which is the most powerful in the southern hemisphere for detailed photography of the planets.

Observation from northern hemisphere observatorics will be hampered to some extent by the fact that, as seen from that hemisphere, Mars will be close to the horizon and hard to observe.

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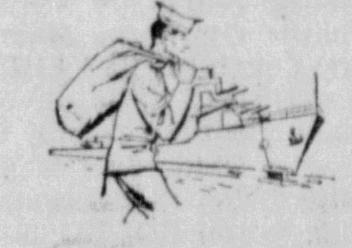
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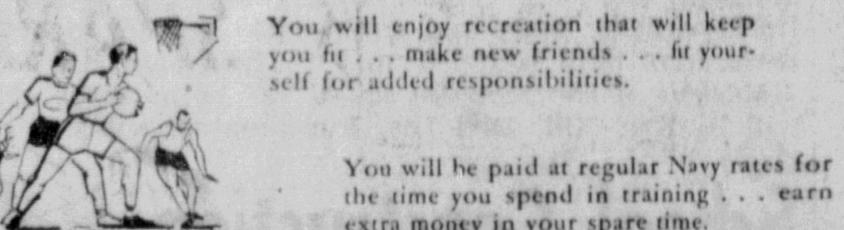
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