

MOUNT EVEREST MODEL
LONDON—(CP)—A miniature model of Mount Everest in India is being made here in preparation for an official expedition to the world's highest peak next year. The model will show glaciers and surrounding mountains in the area.

HIGHWAY NUISANCES
AMHERST, N. S.—(CP)—Among other highway nuisances are the drivers who dump garbage along the main highway in Cumberland County. Unsightly piles of garbage along the roadway led officials to warn that drastic action will be taken against offenders.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Governments, like clocks, go from the motion man give them, and every city (as well as every village) has groups, who are more eager to hear what Charlie McCarthy has to say than they are to learn that the troubled world situation might have to tell them. Such minds accept our present chaotic world conditions, as they accept sunshine and rain, not realizing that civilization is an achievement, a human achievement, which, if it is not to vanish utterly, must continuously be nursed on the milk of wisdom.

It is obvious to everyone that some now in schools will, in a decade or two from now be leaders in the field of theology, medicine, business, politics, and what have you, and that all of them will be voters in another ten years — unless, of course, the ballot is suppressed as a result of our careless attitude towards those things which are worthwhile and enduring.

Too many of us have short memories of our political history interwoven with graft and other sins. But we point the finger of scorn at countries where this evil shows above the surface and imagine that it's peculiar to every nation but our own.

Do dates cause you trouble? If they do remember that dates gave trouble to the historians too. For the Greeks reckoned time from the year we call 776 B.C., the Romans from 753 B.C., and the Babylonians from 747 B.C. The matter is further complicated by the fact that the Greeks began their year on July 1; the Romans, on January 1 for the civil year and March 1 for the religious year; and so on. Europe did not begin to reckon time from the advent of Christ until the sixth century, and for a long time

the Christian year had three New Year's Days — Jan. 1, March 25, and Dec. 25.

In ancient days as now, cereals formed the staple food. The common cereals of the ancient world were barley and a variety of wheat called spelt. These, together with fish and vegetables, especially garlic, formed the main portion of the laborer's fare. Rich folk had a more varied diet, including fruits, wine, honey and fowl.

It is interesting to note that only the rulers could wear colors. They also wore fine jewelry, and their wives and daughters painted their lips and cheeks and penciled their eyebrows and eyelids with a green pigment made from malachite. They wore beads of many sizes and colors, and used hairpins made of ivory.

The more complex and elaborate our civilization becomes the more men put themselves in bondage. Yet if we should be forced to give up our comforts and conveniences we would be worse off than our forefathers were, who managed somehow without them. We need, therefore, to be constantly on guard to hang onto the civilization we have built up, lest it engulf us in disaster in which event we would be worse off than our early barbarous ancestors.

Civilization does not run by itself. If it is to be maintained, men must be found to keep it going. Economic matters have been important factors in state affairs from the beginning. It must ever be the same as long as this old world lasts. Today we are passing through a period of great financial struggle, a time of dire calamity, but we Canadians believe that our only chance of survival is by hanging onto our democratic way of life.

It took one hundred and eighty million man-days to build the great pyramid. Today modern builders

could erect 80 duplicates in that time, or, by using steel and concrete the job could be finished in 2 1/2 months. Such a structure would cost \$15,000,000.

Kali, India, is owned by one hundred sons, all of one father. The family name is Haidra, and the Haidras have owned the place for three centuries.

India is marked among the peoples of the world for her ignorance, her poverty, and her monstrous death rate. Much of the peoples physical weakness can be traced to child marriages. Take a girl of 12 years old, a pitiful physical specimen, ignorant, without any sort of training in habits of health. Motherhood is forced upon her at the earliest possible moment. Result: her offspring are weaklings and by the time they are thirty years of age, they are decrepit and worn out human wrecks. Briefly, this is a picture of one-eighth of the human race.

The Samaritans wrote on clay tablets, using a reed cut square at the end. When held at an angle and pressed against the clay, this writing pen made a wedge-shaped dent; hence the writing is called cuneiform (from the latin cuneus cuneiform (from the latin cuneus "wedge"). To preserve these clay letters they were twice baked then an envelope of clay was added, and this too was baked. Some of these curious old letters are preserved in the museum of Alexandria.

The Samaritans were masters in the art of engraving stone and metal surfaces. The U.S.A. and other modern nations owe the eagle on their national coat of arms to these early artists of 5,000 years ago.

ALBERTON W. M. S.

—Mrs. Helen Kerr was hostess to the April meeting of Alberton Presbyterian W. M. S. The Easter worship service was held by Mrs. Howard Clark who was assisted by Mrs. Keir and Mrs. J. K. Clark

who gave Easter readings.

A duet, "Though Your Sins Be As Scarlet", was rendered by Mrs. Lloyd Wilkie and Mrs. G. W. Campbell. Mrs. F. J. Carpenter presented the study. A panel discussion on home and foreign missions was conducted by Mrs. G. B. Cunningham and a Bible Quiz was conducted by Mrs. W. C. Lawson.

It was decided to invite members of the Anglican W. A. to the next meeting which will be at the home of Mrs. F. J. Carpenter. Worship will be led by Mrs. Lloyd Wilkie and the study by Mrs. Kerr. Refreshments were served by the hostess at the close of the meeting.

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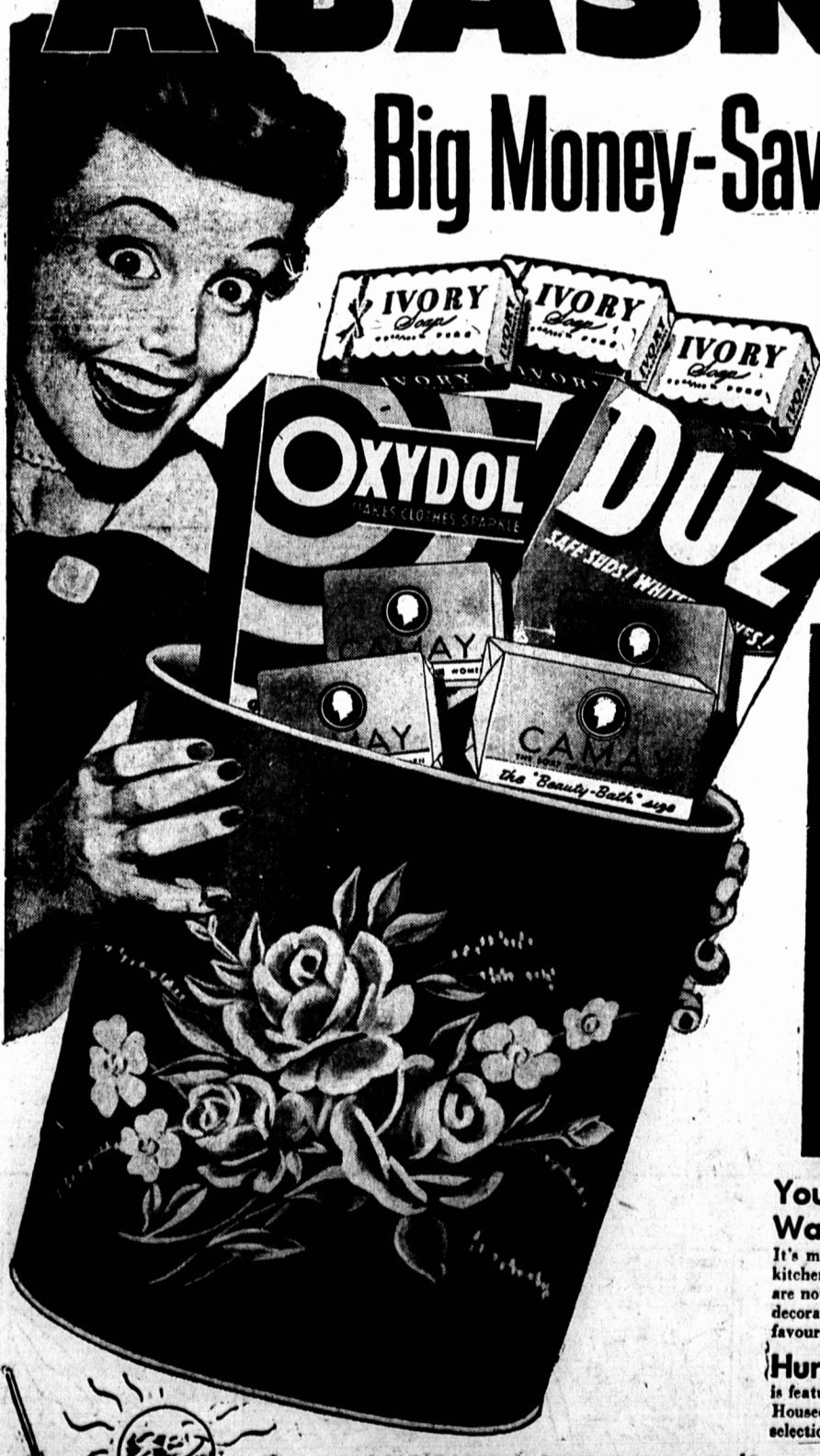


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