

Heritage Corner

This Week in History: March 27 - April 9

Sharron G. Uhler reports in *The World Book Encyclopedia* (Toronto: World Book, Inc., 1988), Vol. 1, p. 576, that Charlemagne was born on April 2, 742.

William Harvey was born on April 1, 1578. Harvey discovered that blood circulates (Ulher, vol.1, p. 576).

Sharron G. Uhler reports in *The World Book Encyclopedia* (Toronto: World book, Inc., 1988), vol. 13, p. 195, that Louis XVII of France was born on March 27, 1785.

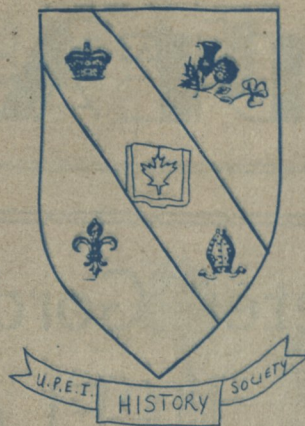
According to Joseph Nathan Kane in *Famous First Facts*,

3rd ed. (New York: The H.W. Wilson Company, 1964), p.650, Nathaniel Briggs received a washing machine patent on March 28, 1797.

The discoverer of X rays, Wilhelm Roentgen, was born on March 27, 1845 (Uhler, p.195)

On April 1, 1862, Captain Samuel Morey received a patent for his internal combustion engine (Kane, p. 238-9).

Gabor S. Boritt writes about the American Civil War (1861-5) in *The World Book Encyclopedia* (Toronto: World Book, Inc., 1988), vol.4, p.614-635. General Robert E. Lee surrendered the main Confederate army to Ulysses S. Grant on April 9, 1865 (p.633).



The British Parliament passed the British North America Act on March 29, 1867 (Ulher, p.195). This Act united Nova Scotia, Ontario, New Brunswick, and Quebec into the Dominion of Canada.

F. Patrick Fitzgerald and Claus-M. Naske reported in *The World Book Encyclopedia* (Toronto: World Book, Inc., 1988), vol.1, p.305, that the United States bought Alaska from Russia on March 30, 1867. Americans paid \$7,200,000 for this area.

On March 30, 1870, the United States proclaimed Amendment 15 of its Constitution. This amendment prohibited denying any one the right to vote on the basis of race or color. (Ulher, p.195).

Robert Edwin Peary's expedition reached the North Pole on April 6, 1909 (Kane, p.217).

The Seattle (Washington) Metropolitans won the Stanley cup on March 27, 1917 (Kane, p.294). the Metropolitans beat out the Montreal Canadiens in four games to become the first American hockey team to win the Stanley cup.

On April 6, 1917, the United States of America declared war

on Germany (Kane, p.664).

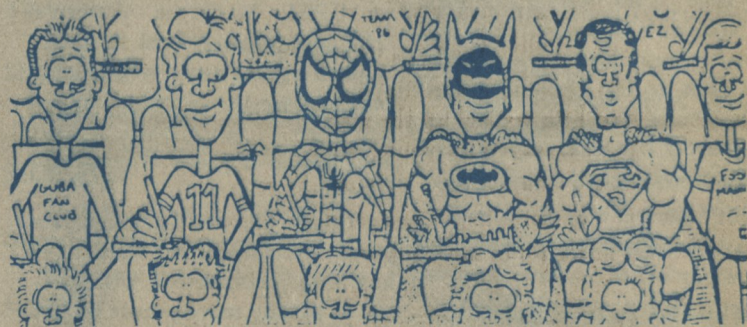
On March 29, 1927, Major Henry O'Neil de Hane Segrave drove his car, the "Mystery Sunbeam", at Daytona Beach, Florida. On that day, the "Mystery Sunbeam" became the first car to go over 200 miles per hour (Kane, p.53). (The "Mystery Sunbeam" really shone that day!)

Simon M. Evans and Shannon Patrick Ryan report in *The World Book Encyclopedia* (Toronto: World Book, Inc., 1988), vol.14, p.381, that Newfoundland became the tenth province of Canada on March 31, 1949.

The first space cabin simulator was tested from March 31 to April 1, 1956 (Kane, p.567)

Dave Nightingale reports in *The World Book Encyclopedia* (Toronto: World Book, Inc., 1988), vol.1, p.3, that Henry Aaron broke Babe Ruth's record of 714 home runs on April 8, 1974.

Malcolm Gorrill



Comic Question

Nor for the age old question: Why collect comics? the reasons are varied from person to person. Some like the covers, some like the inside art, some like the writer, and some like the investment. Investment? Not a word associated with Super-hero stories, but it's true. I've even heard of a brokerage style organization helping clients invest wisely in comics. Why?

Personally, I dislike buying ten of one issue just incase it's price shoots up, but I understand some of the motivation. I do get excited when something I like and own goes up in price, however, I rarely sell these issues, so what they're worth matters little, I find prices very subjective, very regional in nature. When I try to value my collection I find a few different sources of data and, generally, they all differ.

So, why collect? I don't think one answer will do. I collect for several reasons: I like the diver-

sion from my reality, I enjoy well done art, I like the people I've met since I started, and the list goes on... Some things I don't like about collecting are: people who own every comic worth collecting, the prices I have to pay for every issue (especially back-stock), and the ratty state some comics I want are in.

Finally I place great value on linking every issue I own. If I buy something I don't enjoy, I don't feel very attached to it. In fact, I have few issues that I value enough to never sell. My principle enjoyment lies in finding the comic, rather than keeping it. So I don't feel obligated to be a pack-rat.

Those are some of the reasons I collect comics. to find more of my motives ask my therapist! (Just kidding!)

Remember always that when choosing between buying a comic and eating, a super-hero isn't always a sandwich.

Muzik Revue

by Shelli Wheaton

elling. Each new city they experience has its own different flavour, and drawing on these experiences in their touring creates for the Pikes' unique songwriting opportunities.

In comparing "Secrets of the Alibi" with the Pikes' first album, "Big Blue Sky," Schmid explains that the band is a lot more happier with the sound of the second album. Schmid says that the approach toward "Secrets of the Alibi" was different in that the band

the Alibi." Schmid says that basically each member lives out of their van. In their dedication to touring, they have become accustomed to travelling light. They also must take special care in looking after their health while they're on the road as well. But all the discipline seems to be worth it for the Pikes because of their love for travelling, meeting new people, and of course, performing their own music. Schmid says it all becomes worthwhile when the band can generate its own special impact on the audience. He says seeing someone sing along to one of their songs is especially rewarding, because it involves knowing that the Northern Pikes have touched a part of that person's life.

"Big Blue Sky" went gold in December 1987, and "Secrets of the Alibi" is only copies away from equalling that feat. Plans are already in the works for a third album, and will hopefully be released in January. Their tour will be wrapping up in August, and recording should begin sometime in September. Schmid says the band is quite excited about the new album because it will be a little different for the Pikes.

Schmid said the Pikes really enjoyed performing on the Island and that they hope to be back again, perhaps to promote their third album, and maybe even in Charlottetown.

recorded tracks live in the studio with all four band members. "Big Blue Sky" was recorded individually. Schmid says the band generally felt this was "too clinical, too precise" and that the sound they most desired for the Northern Pikes was more loose, freer and improvised. When the album is heard all the instruments are listened to collectively as a band, and that's the way it should be recorded, Schmid says.

The Northern Pikes began their current tour in August of '88 in promotion of "Secrets of

