

Notable Gains Made By Women In Past Year

(By Gladys Lennan, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

Steady advances in the struggle for equal recognition with men and some noteworthy individual achievements marked 1950 in the women's world.

On the other hand the year brought sobering reminders of areas where progress has scarcely begun. A United Nations report for instance said that slavery or similar practices with women and children as the chief victims still are permitted in Nigeria, Malaya, Hong Kong, Singapore and French Equatorial Africa.

On the brighter side, two countries appointed women to cabinet posts for the first time. Panama in June named Senora Maria de Miranda as Labor, Social Welfare and Health Minister. And in October, 30-year-old Helga Pederson became Denmark's Minister of Justice.

Another "first" for women was marked in El Salvador, where women voted for the first time in the March elections for president and congress of the small Central American Republic.

First woman to hold the post of assistant defence secretary in the United States is Hungarian-born Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, an outstanding personnel expert. She was sworn into office in mid-November, in charge of manpower and personnel policy.

In Great Britain, Dr. Edith Summerskill, former parliamentary secretary for the Food Ministry, was appointed Minister of National Insurance, a non-cabinet post.

Two elections during the year resulted in slight shrinkage in the number of women in national legislative bodies. In Great Britain's February general election 29 women were returned to the House of Commons compared with 22 in the last House. The United States election in November reduced from nine to eight the number of women in the House of Representatives.

Woman In Commons

A May by-election restored to the Canadian House of Commons the feminine representation missing since the 1949 general election. Mrs. Ellen Fairclough, Progressive Conservative, defeated two male opponents in Hamilton West.

In the literary field, Gwendolyn Brooks of Chicago won the Pulitzer Prize for verse with her "Anne Allen," a book dealing with Negro city life.

Carson McCullers, at 32 the author of two best-selling novels, invaded the realm of drama with "The member of the wedding," which will celebrate early in 1951 its first anniversary on Broadway.

Her sympathetic study of a lonely adolescent was named in April by the New York drama critics circle as the best American play of the Broadway season.

Marguerite Higgins, New York Herald-Tribune reporter in Korea at the outbreak of hostilities, was voted by New York newspaper women the outstanding woman reporter of the year for her "fine job of reporting and courage under fire."

Outstanding achievement in sport was Florence Chadwick's English Channel swim in August, when she bettered by more than an hour the record set in 1926 by Gertrude Ederle. The 31-year-old professional swimmer from San Diego, Calif., completed the distance in 13 hours and 28 minutes.

Await Russian Reaction To Arming Germany

ARTHUR GAVSHON

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The international crisis has made a political powder keg out of Germany and the Western Allies are waiting to see whether Russia will put a torch to it.

The Atlantic Pact countries made it known yesterday they are offering planes, guns and ships to conquered West Germans if they will join Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's international army.

At the same time the United States, Britain and France agreed to meet Russia for a showdown on Germany "and other problems." Their notes saying so are reported to be on the way to Moscow.

Whatever the "other problems" are, one thing is clear: Leaders of both sides are regarded even as defeated Germany as a major military factor in calculations of strategy.

That's what Prime Minister Stalin meant in the autumn of 1949 when he told the East Germans there will be no world war if the German people refuse to fight.

That's what the West meant yesterday when it said a German defence contribution would strengthen peace in Europe.

The big question today is: Will Russia use her diplomats or her soldiers to keep the Germans in military quarantine?

The Soviet Government's official newspaper, Izvestia, raised today the cry that the Brussels decisions were made "by orders from Washington."

Russia accused both Britain and France last week-end of violating their treaties with the Soviets by backing German rearmament.

She added that West Germany's neighbors, such as Communist East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia, "cannot fail to take into account" this step toward the "rebirth of German militarism and to inevitable new attempts at aggression."

That seems a mild statement unless you recall that all Communist China said before plunging into Korea was that she "would not stand idly by if United Nations forces crossed the 38th parallel."

Opinions differ in the West on just how Russia will react to the Brussels decisions.

Some American officials feel Russia may launch moves to intensify the "cold war. These might include:

- 1. Tearing up Soviet treaties with Britain and France. This would trouble France in particular because of inevitable political flare-ups fanned by a big domestic Communist propaganda machine.

Famous Statesmen Head 1950 Record Of Deaths

Canadian Press Staff Writer

Death cut deeply into the ranks of statesmen and political leaders in 1950.

It removed three former heads of government in Commonwealth countries.

Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, 75, former Canadian Prime Minister, died peacefully at his summer home near Ottawa July 22. His aggregate of 21 years, five months and five days as Liberal Prime Minister was a Commonwealth record.

In Wellington, N.Z., another co-founder of the United Nations, Peter Fraser, died Dec. 12 at the age of 66. A Scottish-born cobbler's son, he emigrated to New Zealand as a youth and rose to head his country's Labor Government through the critical years from 1940 to 1949.

In Bombay, India, Sardar Vallabhai Patel, Indian strong man and deputy Prime Minister, died Dec. 15 at the age of 75. Sarat Chandra Bose, 61, leader of India's leftist United Socialist organization, died at Calcutta Feb. 20.

Two of Mackenzie King's former colleagues who died during the year were Humphrey Mitchell, Labor Minister, and James A. Gien, Resources Minister from 1945 to 1948.

Among British political figures who died in 1950 was Oliver Stanley, 54, ranked next to Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden in the Conservative Party hierarchy.

Others were Dr. Harold J. Laski, 56, political scientist and Labor Party leader; Viscount Halifax, 78, former Lord High Chancellor, and the Duke of Devonshire, 55, former Parliamentary Undersecretary for Dominion Affairs.

France lost two of her former leaders in the deaths of Leon Blum, 77, a former Socialist Premier, and Albert Lebrun, 78, last President of the Third Republic.

Henry L. Stimson, 83, United States Secretary of State under President Hoover and War Secretary under Presidents Taft, Roosevelt and Truman, died Oct. 20.

Some prominent names were taken from the sphere of Royalty. Dower Marchioness of Milford Haven, 87, granddaughter of Queen Victoria, died in London Sept. 24 at the age of 87.

In Stockholm, King Gustaf of Sweden, 92, died Oct. 29 after a reign of nearly 43 years. Prince Rikig, cousin of the late King Christian X of Denmark, died in Copenhagen Sept. 11. The Prince renounced the right of succession to the throne to marry Lois Booth of Ottawa, from whom he was divorced in 1937.

Death cut a wide swath in the entertainment world.

Sir Harry Lauder, 79, world-famous Scottish comedian and minstrel, died at his Lanarkshire home Feb. 26. Al Jolson, 67, the stage, screen and radio singer, died in San Francisco, Oct. 3.

NEWSY NOTES

By Agricola

THE BLACKBURNIAN WARBUR

This handsome Warbler is said to be a common summer resident in New Brunswick, and if so, it must nest there. This species was observed at Pownal in 1936, by Miss Maude M. Jones, who had for some years made a study of the Warblers.

Dr. Taverner gave these "field-marks" in his "Birds of Eastern Canada." The bright orange or warm yellow confined to throat and breast, and orange-yellow or buff eyebrow stripe, in contrast to the dark cheeks and crown, make the best field-marks.

The Prince of Wales College Bulletin No. 1, issued in 1916, gives the Blackburnian Warbler as a Summer Resident.

Blackburnian Warbler. AOU. 662. Summer Resident? Male. Crown with a central orange spot; a supercilious yellow line, and a broad black stripe through the eye, enclosing the orange under-eyelid; rest of the head and the whole throat, most brilliant orange. Back black, more or less interrupted with yellowish; wingbars fused into a large white patch; tail with outer feathers heavily blotched white. Underparts whitish, strongly tinged yellow, sides streaked olive and black; the supercilious line and throat clear yellow, fading gradually on the breast, lower eyelid yellow; wingpatch resolved into 2 bars; tail blotches nearly as large as those of the male. Length of adult: 5.25 inches.

A good friend has sent me a copy of Newsweek, Aug. 14th, which has a picture of a "hinny," which is a cross between a horse and a donkey, and is, therefore, a kind of cousin to a mule.

It is, however, much better looking than a mule, and as its owner says, "it's a lot more agreeable; the inherent cussedness of the mule is lacking." It has shorter ears and head, compared to the mules, is very intelligent, and not lazy. It cannot bray but makes a snorting noise if anything transpires on the ranch that it cannot see, and thus it takes the place of a watch dog. The rancher, (California), who owns the animal, says hinny's are rare because it is somewhat difficult to mate a stallion with a donkey, which does not seem to apply to the reverse cross. (One recalls the trouble there was in establishing the "cattalo" cross between the buffalo and the cow.)

"The name 'hinny' comes from the Latin hinnum, which, says Ainsworth, means a mule engineered between a horse and a she-ass.

The navy beans and the soybeans were planted on the same day this year, May 5th. A dry period held them back but the navy beans recovered and gave a good crop. The soybeans were still green when the "navies" were harvested, less than one-quarter of the beans ripened. Needless to say this seed was carefully saved, for once acclimated, the soy bean will be a marvellous source of protein, the expensive constituent of all artificial feeds. I have read of the whole plant being dried and afterwards broken up in a mill as feed.

Through the kindness of Mr. H. B. Chandler, Librarian of Prince of Wales College, I had had the opportunity to look over a famous old book, dated 1847. I have pleasure in giving Mr. Chandler's letter.

"Dear Agricola: In the process of re-cataloging some old Legislative Library books, I came across the accompanying book — "Three Years' Wanderings in the Northern Provinces of China," by Robert Fortune, which I have read with much enjoyment. It occurred to me that you might be interested if you are not already familiar with it, not only because of its relation to the current Chinese difficulties, but also because of the fascinating story of the trials of one of the early plant hunters in the Flowery Kingdom. It is interesting to know that Fortune first introduced to the western world such valuable hardy spring-flowering plants as the Forsythia, Dicentra and Peony. I think the Chrysanthemum and the Hibiscus are also to his credit as well as a host

N. B. Changes Fiscal Year

FREDERICTON, Dec. 23—(CP)—Starting in 1951, the fiscal year for the Province of New Brunswick will be March 31, Premier McNair announced today.

The change from Oct. 31, date of the Province's year-end for many years, will require approval at the 1951 session of the Legislature.

This will bring New Brunswick into line with other Provinces and the Dominion whose fiscal year is from April 1 to March 31.

I have indeed had much pleasure in reading of Robert Fortune's adventures. One gets the impression that the Chinamen of his day were a simple-minded people with a decided turn for petty knavery. That is the country, folk of course; the mariners were partial to piracy and Fortune had to defend himself from pirates as he journeyed up the coast of Chusan.

The book is adorned with Chinese scenes, charming lithographs, in what I take to be a pale sepia color. The pictures alone add value to the book, for specimens of such stippled lithography are never produced now, and are rare indeed. It would be interesting to know the value of Fortune's book on the English market.

The constellation Auriga, with its principal star Capella, is still a fine sight in the eastern sky, but has climbed a little further towards the zenith. There are five stars in the group of which Capella is one, and they form a five-sided figure, faintly outlining a royal crown. At present the "crown" is upside down, with the "principal jewel" pointed downward. Capella is one of the upper stars and may be known, by the three "kids" depending from her. Capella, it may be remembered means "the little she-goat;" a little not without honor, since sheep and goats were the wealth of old-time nomads.

This fall I had the pleasure of sampling a jar of choke-cherry jelly, kindly sent in by Mrs. Harold Messervy. There was no taste of the stringency usually associated with the fruit; perhaps the application of heat in boiling drives it off. Anyway, the result was a well-flavored preserve, with rather more body than most jellies, and my thanks are due to its donor.

I have a copy of Gilbert White's "Natural History of Selborne," brought from England more than forty years ago. White was Vicar of Selborne Parish, Hampshire County; he was born in 1730 and died in 1793. His easy yet picturesque style of writing, was perhaps the model for Francis Bain's "Birds of E. I." both books are attractively written.

In the reign of Queen Anne, White records, there was a herd of red deer, about 500 strong, in the neighboring forest of Wolmer, but the Waltham "blacks" (savages), had killed so many that in his time they were reduced to fifty head. These were captured alive and taken to stock the King's Park at Windsor.

White moralizes: "Though large herds of deer do much harm to the neighborhood, yet the injury to the morals of the people is of more moment than the loss of their crops. The temptation is irresistible; for most men are sportsmen by constitution; and there is such an inherent spirit for hunting in human nature, as scarce any inhibitions can restrain. Hence towards the beginning of this century, all the country was wild about deer-stealing. Unless he was a hunter, as they affected to call themselves, no young person was allowed to be possessed of manhood or gallantry. The Waltham blacks at length committed such enormities, that government was forced to interfere, with that severe and sanguinary act called the "Black Act" which now comprehends more felonies than any law that ever was framed before."

For Navy & Air Force Pay Rates Schedule

OTTAWA, Dec. 23 — (CP) — The armed forces' unification drive is reflected in the new pay rates just announced by Defence Headquarters. It is the drive to make conditions of life, discipline, pay, clothing and other factors in service life as nearly balanced as possible for all three services.

It means, for instance, that a trained private or ordinary seaman air aircraftman second class all get the same pay. The same goes for an army or air force sergeant or a navy petty officer 2nd class. An army major, again, is on the same level as an R.C.A.F. squadron leader or a navy lieutenant commander.

Army rates have already been given earlier. Here are the rates for the navy and air force with old rates in brackets.

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Single, Married. Rows include Ordinary Seaman and AC2 on entry, Ordinary seaman trained, AC1, Able Seaman, Lac., Leg. Seaman, Cpl., Petty Officer 2nd Class, Sgt., Petty Officer 1st Class, Flt. Sgt., Chief PO, 2nd Class, WO2, CPO 1st Class, WO1, Acting Sub-Lt., Pilot Officer, Sub-Lt., Flt., Lt., Lt.-Cmdr., Sqdn.-Ldr., Cdr., Wing Cdr., Capt., Group Capt., Commodore, Air Commodore, Rear Admiral, Air Vice-Marshal.

CORNWALL W. M. S. The regular meeting of the Cornwall, W. M. S. was held at the home of the president, Mrs. M. K. Charman, twenty-six members and six visitors enjoyed the Christmas programme of carols and readings.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Waldon Livingstone gave a very detailed and comprehensive report of the years activities.

Mrs. L. H. Drake reported the financial standing in this auxiliary very favorable as compared with preceding years.

All secretaries gave full accounts of their stewardship, and the mission band leaders, Mrs. George MacMillan, Mrs. Herbert Scott, Cornwall and Mrs. Charles Hyde, Meadowbank gave splendid reports of the year's work with the large number of little children and much credit and thanks is due them for their efforts in this worthy work.

Mrs. Walter Boyle gave a good report of the Baby Band work with seven new babies enrolled last year. Mrs. Waldron Lowther brought in the report of the nominating committee. Mrs. M. K. Charman was re-elected president for the coming year. The installation of officers will take place at the January meeting which is to be held at the home of Mrs. Leonard Willis, New Haven.

A special Christmas programme was given which was: Reading—Mrs. George MacMillan—Christmas in a Korean Orphanage.

Piano Solo—Mrs. Colin Murray, "Star of the East." Reading—Mrs. L. H. Drake—The Troublesome Mite Box. Solo—Mrs. Douglas MacDonald, "Jesus is Always There." Reading—Mrs. Charles Hyde—Christmas Customs. Duet—Mrs. Geo. MacMillan, Mrs. Stewart Drake.

Reading—Laura Crosby—Christmas Carols, and Mrs. Stanley Newman gave several piano selections of the beautiful Christmas Carols. Luncheon was served by Mrs. Charman and the committee and a very happy social time enjoyed. At the close of this meeting the trustees and collecting committee for the cleaning and re-decorating of the Cornwall Church met. The collect-

Assembly Plant For British Cars

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Rescued, Rescuer In Near Drowning Drama

Lucky for little Billy Pearson, seven-year-old schoolboy from Buckhorn, Ont., that Sam Woods, postmaster of Peterboro county village, was around when he fell through a bridge railing into Buckhorn lake. Hailed as a hero

by every member of the community, 65-year-old postmaster, plunged into the icy lake and held Billy until he could be pulled out of the water. Last week was returning home from school when he fell into 10 feet of water.

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CAUTION RE FIRES Life Safety from fire should be a most powerful incentive for correcting hazardous conditions. To a considerable extent, the same factors that make for life safety from fire also contribute towards safety of property.

I would, therefore, call your attention to the fact that you have a moral and legal responsibility for loss of life. There is also the possibility of criminal action against those responsible as well as personal danger to Owners and Managers of Business houses.

People cannot be expected to behave logically in the stress of fire conditions. Panic is contagious and the danger is greater in a large crowd, as in a place of public assembly. Fear rather than actual fire danger is the main factor in a panic. Total panics have occurred where there was no fire in a building, but the people thought that there was a fire. On the other hand, where people have had confidence that a building and its exits were properly planned, there have been orderly evacuations without panic, even though actual danger was present. Under fire conditions people are likely to try to leave a building by the same route by which they entered, neglecting alternate means of emergency exit. Emergency exits should, therefore, be conspicuously marked, and it is highly desirable to use all exits during regular operation of the building so that occupants will be familiar with them.

Now that we have our Winter Season with us again, naturally our greatest crowds are indoors. I would advise, that all patrons of sports and other entertainment, when taking their place in any building, should first make note of the Exit nearest to them. And to the Management of all places, where a large assembly of people are gathered, I would urge that you see to it that all exits are plainly marked and kept free from all obstructions.

T. A. CAMPBELL, Provincial Fire Marshal.