

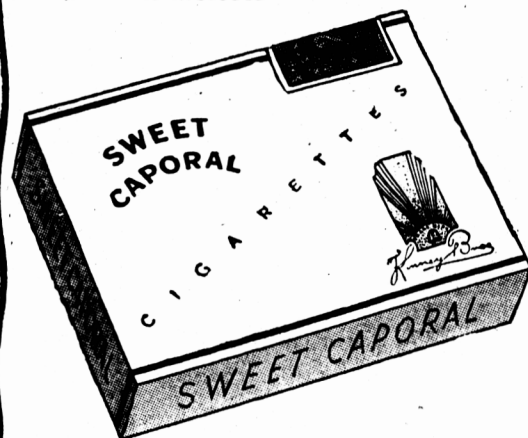
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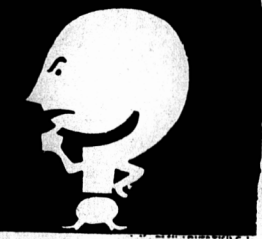
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True Success Story

By F. H. MacArthur

There are few English-speaking people who have not read at least some of the fascinating tales told by Charles Dickens, the man who loved the world and all the things that are in it.

When we think of Dickens, immediately our minds are filled with visions of the unique characters his gifted brain fashioned and we see parading before our eyes the Peggotty family, the Micawbers, Thomas Traddles, Oliver Twist and scores of others, all familiar and life-like persons introduced to us by that master story-teller who possessed some strange and secret power over human hearts.

Charles Dickens was born at Portsmouth, England, in 1812, the eldest of eight children. His father, John Dickens, was a clerk in the Naval pay office and his mother was the daughter of a Naval Lieutenant.

The Dickens family, or rather John Dickens, seemed always to be in the grip of dire poverty. As the years passed his financial condition worsened and one day he was arrested and thrown into the debtor's prison at Marshalsea.

This tragic event interrupted Charles' schooling at a time when the boy was beginning to take his studies seriously. All his happiness seemed to come to an end. Had it not been for his kind mother, who continued to teach him, the lad's life might have been even more miserable.

This Marshalsea was a strange prison: a place where the debtor could take his wife and children, and where visitors were always welcome.

Young Charles now took over the task of helping his mother with her household duties, caring for the other children and running errands for every Tom, Dick and Harry. He even polished shoes and blackened pots. The future looked anything but rosy to the boy who had dreamed of becoming a famous man. What he resented most of all was the fact that his home was a prison. The more he pondered on the strange life that was unfolding before him the more discontented he became. There seemed to be nothing before him but fruitless toil, loneliness, poverty and shame.

Then a miracle happened. John Dickens came into a little money which paid off his debts and opened for him and his family the prison door.

Now Charles was sent back to school, but what a school! The head master was a tyrant who delighted in flogging his pupils for no reason at all. However, Charles made some progress with his studies and found time to write little stories and sketches in all kinds of youthful pranks.

At fifteen he became office boy to a lawyer, where he remained for about eighteen months.

Two years later we find Charles working as a reporter in the House of Commons, and later he travelled all over the country writing down speeches.

By the time he had attained his twenty-fourth year some of his sketches appeared in book form. These were followed by the popular Pickwick Papers, of undying fame. From then on Dickens set himself to the great task of writing and editing a magazine and giving public readings. He married, travelled, and made many friends. But his real life was in his books, and in the characters he had created. Through them he hoped to strike a death-blow against the evils of sweat shops and the atrocious conditions which existed in most of England's boarding schools. How well he succeeded may be gleaned by comparing present day conditions in England with the days when the great novelist was busy with his pen attacking the evils of which he had a personal knowledge, especially the wickedness of the debtor's prison where he had lived for almost three years.

Dickens' masterpiece, David Copperfield, was written when its author was at the height of his success. Of all his stories he liked this the best, and well he might, for in it we see a picture of his own life during his childhood days. The great story-teller has been lying in Westminster Abbey since his sudden death in the year 1870, but the world will ever keep his memory green, ever remember him as the ill-fated and ill-clad youngster who made England a happier country for the poor children who came after him.

This remarkable man was buried without pomp or display in the poet's corner where sleep many of England's great, and over his simple grave stands a monument with only his name—"Charles Dickens". Every year thousands of people from all over the world stand before the crude grave read the inscription—Charles' own—and are stirred by the name of London's illustrious son, the man who won fame by his understanding knowledge of the human heart.

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War bride Loses Home In Floods

It's one thing to have your house flattened by a bomb, and another to have it inundated by a flood. But when both catastrophes happen to the same person, something more than mere courage is needed.

Mrs. Len Forbes, 47 Fernor Avenue, St. Vital, was bombed out in the London blitz. She came to Canada as a war bride, only to have her new home in Winnipeg swamped by the flood.

Yet she was able to tell a reporter her story with a smile. It was a defiant smile. One evening before the flood had reached its peak, Mr. and Mrs. Forbes were visiting neighbors in the St. Vital area. Their conversation, their evening and, as it turned out, the accustomed pattern of their lives were rudely interrupted by a telephone call. Someone had phoned to tell them that their house was surrounded by water. When they had left the house, it was well above flood level and seemingly out of danger.

Mr. Forbes had to wade through deep water for a distance of a mile to reach their home, and when he arrived there he found that there could be no thought of removing any of their possessions. So he did the next-best thing—he collected all the paint cans he could from a painter who lived a few doors away, and set the furniture up on these makeshift "stilts".

Now the Forbes and their daughter, Gail, aged 16 months, are living in one of the cottages at Winnipeg Beach. Not until the flood waters recede will they know whether Mr. Forbes' last-minute efforts to have their furniture succeeded.

The Manitoba Flood Relief Fund has been created to help the Forbes and other families like them. Its goal is \$10,000,000.

Contributions may be addressed directly to the Fund in Winnipeg or paid into any bank in Canada.

CBC Board Of Governors Meets

OTTAWA, May 23—(CP)—The CBC Board of Governors, gathered a two-day meeting, met in private Monday to deal with Corporation business. No statement was issued following the meeting.

The Board will hold a public meeting tomorrow and, among other things, will consider applications for four new radio broadcasting stations.

Foastel Hewitt, well-known hockey broadcaster, has applied for a 250-watt station in Toronto. Application for a similar station at Langley Prairie, B. C., has come from John N. Hunt.

Dauphin broadcasting Company Limited, headed by K. S. Parton, wants a licence for a 20-watt station at Dauphin, Man. Harold A. Coating of St. Stephen, N. B., has applied anew for a 250-watt station at St. Stephen. A similar application from him last July was rejected by the Board of Governors.

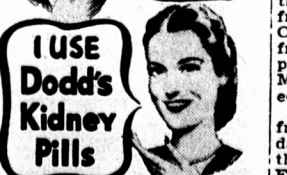
The Board makes recommendations to the licensing authority in the Transport Department. The recommendations are almost invariably accepted. The recommendations usually are made after oral evidence is heard at a public meeting and subsequently considered by the Board at a closed meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear husband and father Michael J. Brennan, Spring Valley, P. E. I., who departed this life May 25th, 1943.

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Grain Elevators Join In Flood Relief

WINNIPEG, May 22—Western Canada's 5,600 grain elevators have joined other public-spirited businesses and organizations in the relief fund in its work of mercy.

All line elevator companies that are members of the provincial Wheat Pools, the United Grain Growers Limited and the North-West Line Elevators' Association have agreed to display posters calling for donations to the fund. It is through this avenue that the appeal to farmers is being made.

Flood Fund headquarters have arranged with the grain elevator organizations to receive contributions from farmers either in cash or in grain. Whenever grain is given by growers to assist those suffering hardship from the flood, the fund will receive a cash credit.

The poster contains a graphic picture of a woman and her two children being evacuated by R. C. M. F. patrol boat from Morris, the town 42 miles south of Winnipeg which has been completely inundated and largely destroyed by the rampaging Red River.

Flood workers have estimated that over 550 square miles of farm land situated south of Winnipeg are under water, and likely to remain an inland sea long enough to make the seeding of this year's crop an impossibility. The economic burden of the disaster, therefore, falls as heavily on farmers as on the people of the towns and cities.

Objective of the fund is \$10,000,000 and no contribution is too small.

IN MEMORIAM

CAPTAIN HARRY B. BRUHM

There passed away in the Kings County Hospital, Montague, on March 30th, 1950, Captain Harry B. Bruhm, Montague, in his eighty-fourth year. Although in failing health for some time his death came as a shock to his many friends. The late Capt. Bruhm was born at Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, and at an early age began his seafaring career which he followed until his retirement about fifteen years ago. During the First World War he served his country in the Canadian Navy. Although of a quiet and retiring nature, the deceased was a well known and highly respected citizen in his community.

Besides his sorrowing widow, he is survived by one son, Clyde, West Springfield, Mass., one grandchild, Kenneth, also of West Springfield, Mass., one brother, Robert, Beverly, Mass., two sisters, Margaret, Dorchester, Mass., and Ellen, Mahone Bay, N. S., and a number of nieces and nephews in the United States and Nova Scotia.

The deceased was a faithful member of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 13, A. F. A. M., Montague, and Rising Sun Lodge No. 59, I. O. O. F., Lunenburg, N. S.

The funeral was held from the Montague Funeral Parlour, Tuesday afternoon, April 4th, when the service was conducted by Dr. A. D. MacKenzie, minister of the Montague United Church. Pallbearers were R. K. Clements, Douglas MacLaren, Harry Johnstone, LeRoy White, Captain George Lake, Ernest Carver. Interment was in Lower Montague Cemetery.

Many cards and letters of sympathy and floral tributes bore testimony of the esteem in which the deceased was held by a wide circle of friends.

FLOWERS

Three Links—Rising Sun Lodge No. 59, I. O. O. F., Lunenburg, N. S.

Wreath—St. Andrew's Lodge No. 13, A. F. & A. M., Montague, Canadian Legion.

Spray—Mrs. Bruhm.

Spray—Clyde, Alice and Kenneth.

Spray—Midge and Norm.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. ANGUS GILLIS

There passed away on May 5th in his home at Kinross, Mr. Angus Gillis in his 83rd year. Mr. Gillis lived in Upper Montague until three years ago when he and Mrs. Gillis sold their property and retired and lived in Charlottetown. Last autumn they built a beautiful cottage at Kinross where they spent the winter. Mr. Gillis was quite active and the end came suddenly. It is regretted that he did not live to enjoy a longer period of time, the new home and the fellowship of a wide circle of friends. Because of his lovely Christian character, his genuine friendliness and his active support of every good cause the late Mr. Gillis was very highly esteemed by all who knew him.

The funeral services were held from Orwell Head Church on Sunday, May 7th, and conducted by the minister, Rev. A. C. Fraser. Favourite hymns were sung and the choir feelingly presented "In The Sweet By and By". The church was filled to overflowing, and the funeral service from far and near to pay their last respects to a friend well beloved.

Besides his wife, the late Mr. Gillis is survived by one son Malcolm of Detroit, U. S. A., and one daughter, Mrs. Charles Nicholson of Wollaston, Mass., who was home for the funeral services. Also by two sisters, Mrs. Fordon Young, Charlottetown, and Mrs. Magnus Munn of Staughton, Mass.

GREAT LAKE

The length of Lake Michigan is 221 miles and it has an area of 22,400 square miles.

Empire Press To Meet At Ottawa

OTTAWA, Ont., May 21—(CP)—When members of the Empire Press union meet in Ottawa in June to hold their seventh international press conference, representatives from all parts of the Commonwealth, together with Canadian and a few distinguished United States journalists, will enjoy an exchange of views on world-wide problems affecting the press.

There will be a total of 63 representatives from the Commonwealth, 28 of whom will be accompanied by their wives. Some 40 Canadian newspaper persons, and five or six distinguished United States newsmen will comprise the gathering.

Making their headquarters in the Chateau Laurier here, where most sessions will be held, the conference will also visit Quebec, Montreal and Toronto. The Empire Press Union was founded in 1909, and in addition to annual meetings held in London, Eng., it has been featured by quinquennial conferences in different parts of the globe. The first Imperial Press Conference was held in London, the second, in 1920, in Ottawa, the third in 1925, in Australia, the fourth, in London again in 1930, South Africa was the scene of the fifth in 1935. World War II prevented holding the 1940 meet, and the sixth conference was called in London in 1946. The union is now back on schedule with the seventh conference being held here this year.

Countries that will be represented at this year's gathering will include the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, British West Indies, Bahamas, Bermuda, Fiji, Gibraltar, Malaya and Canada.

WAR-TIME FORMATION

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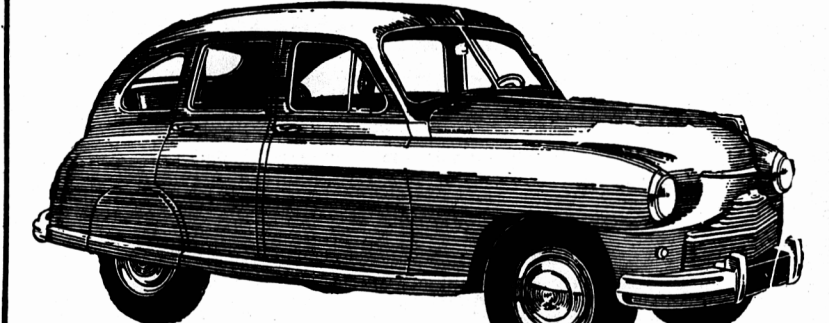
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