

BRAINS COUNT

Watt, pioneer in British radar, in an address to the Engineering Institute of Canada and the Instrument Society of America here. He stressed the importance of optical research.

MONTREAL (CP)—Original and creative thought "is the finest tool in the instrument engineer's mental kit," said Sir Robert Watson-

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

CHAPTER VIII. NEVER SAY QUIT.

I returned to the land of my birth on April 26, 1947, when the pen and I took up where we'd left off.

I realized there was no use sitting in a corner and bemoaning what the Fates had handed me. Other handicapped persons had succeeded in surmounting their difficulties. Why not I? Once more I launched forth on the thorny path of Journalism—this time as a free lance writer and in longhand so poor that it would take a handwriting expert to find the chaff among the wheat. Why editors didn't mail me knock-out drops instead of polite rejection slips I'll never know.

But I didn't throw in the towel and take to drinking "shako." Instead, I reared everything I could come by. The more one reads the more knowledge one soaks up. That's only using common sense. A good Writer's Magazine helped to make me familiar with the "tricks of the trade" so I plugged.

Oh yes, the work of a writer is too hard for most guys. Let the sluggard fall out of the race, but the press wheels still turn for those determined writers who never give up the ship. Only a very few writers wake up to find themselves famous overnight. The exception but proves the rule.

By writing something each day my health improved, and editors lingered longer over my scripts. Sales began to increase. Again I became a correspondent for The Charlottetown Guardian, and through the years of varying experiences have been with the paper ever since.

I now write a daily column for them called "Strange But True." And also do some short stories, articles, etc. for magazines in the U. S. A. and Canada.

I don't ever expect to get on the band wagon with the top pay artists, but I do hope to see the day when I shall be able to write the kind of stuff people will sigh over.

(End.)

(This week, Mr. MacArthur will continue his regular series of Strange But True.)

Moncton Objects To Train Whistles

MONCTON (CP)—Moncton does not like train whistles and city council has passed a by-law saying so. But the trains still whistle at all crossings and citizens continue to let off steam.

The anti-whistle law was rushed through when council learned that



TO VISIT CANADA—Dr. Donald W. Gilbert, director of the University of Rochester, N. Y.'s Canadian studies program, expects to visit Canada to confer with educationists, industrialists and government officials to obtain material for the project. The university plans to create eventually an institute of Canadian affairs and become a centre for information on all aspects of Canada and its people.—(CP Photo.)

Preliminary Trial To Begin Dec. 17

CORNWALL, Ont. (CP)—Preliminary hearing for Lieut. Peter Bálcolombe, 24-year-old army officer charged with the slaying of Marie-Anne Carrier of Bienville, Que., will open Dec. 17, crown attorney R. P. Milligan announced Tuesday.

Deputy magistrate F. M. Cass of Winchester, Ont., will preside at the hearing which will be held either here or in nearby Morrisburg, Ont.

The 22-year-old brunette's nude body was found Oct. 15 in a ditch near Iroquois, Ont. Lieut. Bálcolombe was arrested a few days later at London, Ont.

the Canadian National Railways had ordered trains to blow at every crossing.

That decision was made under the Railway Act which says whistles must be blown, unless there is a local by-law saying otherwise.

But now that there is a by-law because the Board of Transport Commissioners hasn't given its permission to stop, also as required under the Railway Act.

CNR officials said they will continue to blow their whistles until told otherwise.

LOTS OF ROOMS

Knole House, the seat of Lord Sackville in Kent, England, is said to have a different room for every day in the year.

Red Press Drops Criticism Of One-Man Decisions

NEW YORK (AP)—The Soviet press no longer is pressing its campaign against one-man decisions.

For several weeks such papers as Pravda and Izvestia have had nothing to say on the subject, though a few months ago it was a constant theme. This may indicate a move back toward the Stalin system of personal dictatorship in party and government affairs.

Indeed, the extent to which one-man rule was ever abandoned in actual practice, at least on top levels, is an open question.

But the theory of one-man rule and the practice of such rule on lower party levels—was under intense attack for several months.

Pravda fired the opening gun April 16, less than six weeks after Stalin's death, with a major editorial written by a leader of the party propaganda administration. It demanded that decisions in party organs in Russia be based on "collectivity." This word, though not precisely new, was unusual enough to attract attention. Pravda used it to mean committee decisions, as contrasted with one-man decisions.

No New Line

The Pravda editorial was in effect an attack on Stalin's way of doing things. It declared harmful the practice of one-man decisions in party affairs.

The paper said one-man decisions were nearly always one-sided, no matter how talented the man who adopted them. Such a system, the paper said, gives rise to "toadyism and servility."

The drive against one-man rule and in favor of committee decisions continued through July and into early August.

Then it disappeared without explanation. No new line has come out to take its place or contradict it.

The abandonment of the campaign for collective decisions in the party seems to coincide with growing authority for two men, Prime Minister Malenkov and the first secretary of the central committee of the Communist party, Nikita Khrushchev. Perhaps these two, as they see their position strengthened, have found that the concept of committee government interferes with their own power.

GREAT STATESMAN

William Pitt the Younger became chancellor of the British Exchequer at age 23 in 1762.

TINY COUNTY

Smallest county in England, outside the urban county of London, is Rutland, with 170 square miles.

18 for their crime, both were quoted as saying they wanted to marry.

The Justice Department announced in Washington that such a marriage will not be permitted.

Both Hall and Mrs. Heady are divorced—the woman's marriage ending little more than a year ago. Their confessions, read at their trial this week, said they had been living together as man and wife since last June.

Hall and his paramour will be executed side-by-side in the two-chair gas chamber at the Missouri State Prison in Jefferson City as soon as possible after 12:01 a.m. CST Dec. 18.

Canada's first coast-to-coast radio network was used in the diamond jubilee of Confederation in 1927.

SPRINGTOWN W.I.

The October meeting of Springtown W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Ewen Todd.

Roll call was answered by six members and one visitor. The treasurer gave a report of chicken supper and Film Board. It was decided Mrs. D. J. MacPhee take a sample of water being used for the school to be analyzed. It was decided to hold a pantry sale in Charlottetown, also to have Mrs. and Mrs. Parent show slides in the school.

Mrs. Duncan MacIntosh invited members to her home for the next meeting. Roll call will be answered with "What we want out Institute to do next year."

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