

M'KEON, BLACKSMITH OF BALLINALEE, REAL FIGHTER HAS EXCITING ADVENTURES

Dublin, Aug. 17.—Gen. Dean McKeon, new chief of the Free State army, is the third youthfully romantic figure to direct the country's military forces. He is now only 33 years old. McKeon's life, like those of Michael Collins, the martyred first chief of the Free State, and Dan Hogan, the stalwart soldier who succeeded Collins, has been crowded with death-defying adventures.

Once Blacksmith

As a broad-framed youth of 16, McKeon was a blacksmith in Baltimore and the sole support of his mother and her many children. But, ablaze with patriotic fervor in 1919, he turned his forge into a munitions factory and became one of the leaders of the outlawed Irish Republican army.

Then scarcely out of his teens, the "blacksmith of Ballinalee" won a great name among southern Irish patriots by his audacity in guerilla attacks upon British troops. Again and again, after dashing escapades, he escaped hot pursuit by quick retreat and the concealment by his compatriots. At length however, he was captured and sentenced to death by a court-martial of the notorious "Black and Tans."

The young adventurer's life was saved when the Sinn Fein leaders made his release a condition of their entering negotiations with the British government.

Bagwell Kidnapped

Faced with the stern task of putting down disturbance in the still strife-torn state, Gen. Hogan, McKeon's predecessor, has administered his office with soldierly thoroughness. During the civil disorders which followed the murder of Michael Collins, the Republicans kidnapped John Bagwell, general manager of the Great Northern railway in Tipperary. Hogan issued an ultimatum, declaring that unless Bagwell were freed at once he would begin to execute the Republicans who were his prisoners. Bagwell was released immediately.

In his earlier years, before the Free State was formed when feeling between Ulster and southern Ireland was fiercely rampant, Hogan was arrested while he was motoring through Ulster with a party of Gaelic football players. His southern friends in retaliation launched a series of raids across the northern border, carrying off as captives 60 prominent Ulsterites.

But the brightest glamour of hero-worship still glows about the name of Michael Collins, the handsome young giant who was slain by "rebels" in a roadside ambush shortly after he became the commander-in-chief of the new born Free State's little army.

Leaving his job in a London postal office during the great war, Collins joined the "Irish Volunteers" an ardent organization seeking Irish independence. He engaged in the 1916 Easter week rebellion and was a prisoner until the amnesty of 1917.

Again he was imprisoned only to escape and remain a fugitive whose skill and craft defied every effort of the vigilant redcoats.

A price was put on Collins's head in March 1921, but no British hand could seize him. Later in the year the ban of outlawry was lifted to permit his participation in the Downing Street negotiations which led to a treaty and the organization of the Free State. Collins accepted the new regime wholeheartedly and immediately, as army chief, began a drastic and destructive campaign to crush the Republican irreconcilables. After several attempts assassins shot him down in August 1922.

As a hunted fugitive, Collins was aided in his frequent seemingly miraculous escapes by his mastery of disguise. He is believed to have made his way in a woman's dress even into—and out of—Dublin Castle itself the fortress of British authority.

BABIES

A baby's such a darling thing,
So round and fat and rosy;
Her eyes are like two scraps of sky
Her mouth's a scarlet posy.

I think all babies in the world
Are more or less divine;
But, as is only natural,
The nicest one is mine.

—ROSAMOND DU JARDIN in Chicago News.

THE SORE SPOT

Slander me, lie to me, blast me with curses,
Mock me and shock me as much as you please,
Blithely I'll toil at my trivial verses
And laugh at your efforts to puncture my ease
But hand me a check—be you friend or relation—
That's spurned by my bank with a "NO FUNDS" notation
And vengeance is mine till the end of creation!

Publish the fact that my wife doesn't love me,
Say I'm an oaf, that my manners offend,
Burn down the roof-tree that towers above me
And still I am willing to call you my friend
But wild grow my eyes and my heart waxes stony
As grimly I gun for acquaintance or crony
Who hands me a check that my bank says is phony!
—Arthur L. Lippmann in Judge.

Hutton—You don't mean to say you and Ethel split up?
Mutton—No; we didn't split up—she took everything.

PROGRAM FOR THE POULTRY FIELD DAY AT THE EXP. STATION

Following is the program for the poultry field day to be held at the Fredericton Experimental Station on Wednesday, August 21st.

10.30 to 11.15 A. M.—Culling Contest. Open to all. Fredericton Experimental Station offers as prizes pedigreed cockerels as follows; up to 10 entries 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. prizes, and one additional cockerel as prize for each succeeding five entries. Judges: Wm. Kerr, Poultry Promoter, Dominion Live Stock Branch, Moncton; John Rankine, Head Poultryman, Experimental Station, Fredericton.

11.15 to 11.30 A. M.—Address: "Does Poultry Culling Pay?", A. R. Jones, Manager Co-Operative Egg and Poultry Exchange, Saint John.

11.30 to 12.30—Annual Meeting, New Brunswick Poultry Producers Association.

12.30 to 1.15 P. M.—Basket Luncheon. Experimental Station will supply tea, coffee, milk, cream and ice-cream.

1.15 to 2.00 P. M.—Annual Meeting, New Brunswick Registered Poultry Breeders' Association. Chairman: Afternoon's Session, C. F. Bailey, Superintendent, Experimental Station, Fredericton.

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2.00 to 2.15 P. M.—Address: Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick.

2.15 to 3.00 P. M.—Address: "Poultry Disease Control—Does It Pay?" Dr. C. H. Weaver, Animal Pathologist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

3.00 to 3.15 P. M.—Discussion on Poultry Diseases led by F. L. Wood, Poultry Superintendent, Provincial Department of Agriculture, Fredericton.

3.15 to 3.45 P. M.—Address: "Canadian Poultry Situation." W. A. Brown, Chief of Poultry Division, Dominion Live Stock Branch, of Ottawa.

3.45 to 4.00 P. M.—Demonstration of taking blood samples for Agglutination test in poultry. Dr. C. H. Weaver, Animal Pathologist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. E. M. Taylor, Assistant to Superintendent, Experimental Station, Fredericton.

Note: Visitors are invited to inspect all work carried on at the Station. Come and Bring Your Neighbors.

DANGEROUS CROSSINGS MUST BE ELIMINATED

Suggestions Will Receive Attention at the Good Roads Conference at Charlottetown

Montreal, Aug. 17.—In a campaign for the elimination of level crossings in which the Canadian Good Roads officials have been active for many years, suggestions are being received which will undoubtedly receive the attention of the delegates to the Association's convention, when they meet at Charlottetown on September 17, 18 and 19 next.

Letters now to hand, point out that where grade crossings are totally eliminated, the most expensive kind of structure has been generally utilized. In other words, where there has been grade crossings eliminated, the so-called subways have been built for permanency and at considerable expense. The argument is advanced that a good many dangerous crossings throughout Canada could be eliminated by less expensive structures, which, while they would not last for a life time, would prevent level crossing accidents. It is noted that in some places in the United States, grade crossings have been eliminated by structures which have not cost a fraction of the more elaborate and permanent designs.

Those who are looking into this method of dealing with grade crossings elimination urge that each structure built, no matter of what material, does reduce the level crossing hazard by a definite amount. Dependent upon the location and the traffic density of both railway and highway. Some officials of United States railways have already tendered their conclusions, that grade structures built of treated timbers will probably last nearly as long as more permanent structures and cost but half to a third as much.

This phase of the grade crossings elimination is receiving the attention of the officials of the Canadian Good Roads Association and it is altogether likely that some new viewpoints will be furnished the delegates when they meet at Charlottetown.

STATISTICS SHOW SCREEN VILLAINS ALWAYS PUNISHED

New York, Aug. 17.—"Study of 620 feature pictures produced in America during 1928 shows that 33.7 per cent contained no villain and no crime," says Colonel Jason S. Joy, Hollywood representative of Will H. Hays.

"In 17.5 per cent the villain was killed; in 33.8 per cent the villain was captured and left securely fast in the confines of a prison; in 4.4 per cent the villain reformed repented his evil ways, and tried to recompense society for his crime. In the remainder of the cases physical punishment was administered by the hero.

"Of the so-called underworld pictures produced last year, the crook or villain was killed in 14 instances, was apprehended and arrested in 19 cases and in five cases was reformed.

"Such are the iron-clad morals of the movies that not once does the guilty escape punishment."

Colonel Joy says that the movies pound home the lesson that the criminal element "can't get away with it"; that the movies convict with a much greater regularity than the courts and that the hours spent in a moving picture theater serve as a means of emotional outlet, thus allowing men and women to vicariously enjoy emotional experience that might otherwise be gained by actual experience.

So while the peaceful American citizenry may have to dodge bullets while on the street—watch life savings disappear down the throat of a dry well "somewhere out in the west"—or take an awful lot of abuse from a cab driver on a rainy night, they can at least have the satisfaction of knowing that just around the corner in the movie palace, justice is being meted out without bias or favor.

One of our fellow workers considers staying in the air through two pay-days—a remarkable achievement.

SOME NEWS NOTES FOR THE RADIO FANS

Caroline Andrews, National Broadcasting Company soprano, is known as one of the most studious of singers. When she is the featured singer in a program she doesn't sit around looking at the ceiling between her numbers. She is industriously studying the music for her next number, or perhaps the music for a program scheduled for several days later. In addition to her own weekly program she appears in the Eveready Hour over the NBC System.

Radio has developed the art of timing music to the height of perfection. Programs staged by the National Broadcasting Company always fill out their allotted time, usually to the split second. Even the singers who appear regularly on the program are experts on timing. When the orchestra is playing alone they often retire to the corridor for a smoke—but know instinctively when the number is about to end. Then they scurry back to resume their part in the program.

Announcers of the National Broadcasting Company are laying in their winter's supply of knitted socks, now that they have exceptional opportunity. Kathleen Stewart, staff pianist, who has just returned from a concert tour and vacation in Europe, took up knitting as a pastime while aboard ship, and has kept it up since her return.

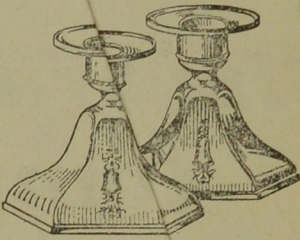
If one man makes a better mousetrap than anybody else—here the old story ends—he becomes the Mousetrap King. You have seen references many times to this king and that king. And just the other day mention was made of the Shovel King. Perhaps the so-called comic strips have discouraged the crowning of a Rollingpin King.

Harnessing the atom continues to be the theoretical height of dexterity, but we read that a Dr. Mesnil of Paris has gone so far as to vaccinate a caterpillar.

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MODERN VERSION

Curly Locks, Curly Locks, will you be wed?
You shall not wash dishes or make your own bed,
But drive your own roadster and have your own way
And dine every evening at some fine cafe.

"Everyone knows she's older than she looks."
"Sure, but she hides it just the same."

Fortune Teller—You will have three husbands.
Divorcee—I have already had four you imposter.

IT WON'T BE HER

Just one look at the trail,
With whom the lad is hitchin',
Will tell you which will spend
The most time in the kitchen.

Freedom that interferes with the other fellow's freedom isn't the kind that inspires patriotic songs.

NOTICE

The Public Schools of the City of Fredericton will re-open Monday, Aug. 26th. Beginning the 19th inst. permits for pupils to enter school will be issued at the Secretary's Office, High School Building, George St. from 10 A. M. to 12 noon, and from 2 to 5 P. M. daily, (Sat. 10 A. M. to 12 noon).

Each pupil must present certificate of successful vaccination before a permit will be issued.

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