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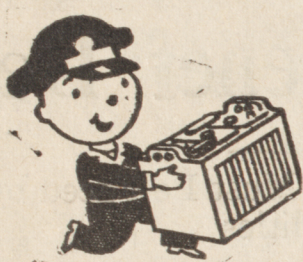
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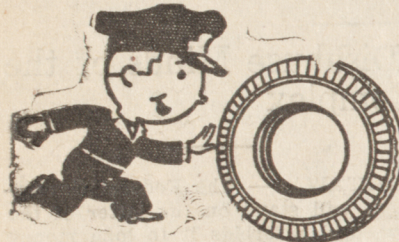
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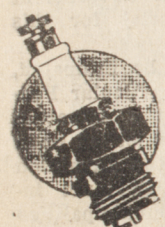
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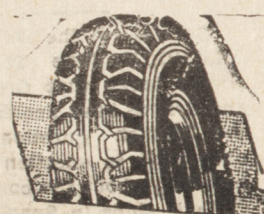


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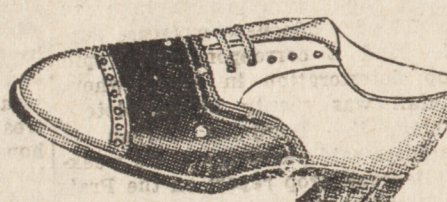
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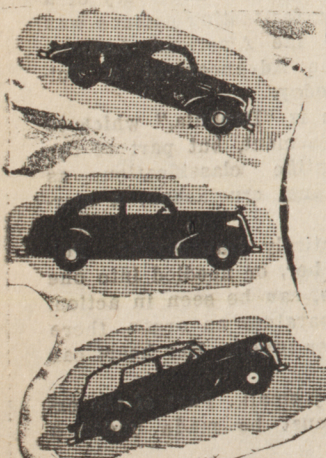


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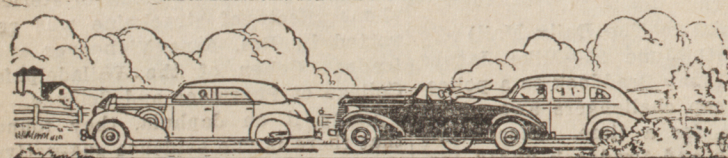
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CORONATION 99 YEARS AGO DREW "SPECTATOR'S" FIRE

Participants in Victoria's Ascension Were Ridi-
culed by Famous Weekly --- Ceremony Called
Relic of Semi-Barbarous Age

WASHINGTON — The American newspapers have been filled with articles and photographs concerning the coronation of King George VI. A man spanned the Atlantic ocean and back again to bring pictures of the scene. The English-speaking world has tuned its key to the air of the coronation.

And yet 99 years ago the London Spectator which still is being published had a story to tell about the coronation which took place in that far-off year. The Spectator said:

"This week has exhibited the amusing if not very edifying spectacle of a people possessed with one idea—in plain terms coronation mad. It was not so much an ebullition of loyalty as a sight-seeing mania. Queen worship (for that was the coronation of Queen Victoria) was only the proximate cause. John Bull seized on the present occasion—the weak part of his cranium is still the crown—to give himself a holiday and he set to work in his usual dogged style. The extent to which the excitement prevailed almost exceeds belief; London being the scene of the grand manifestation showed the signs most strongly but the whole land shared the hallucination; and in proportion to the distance from the metropolis seems to have been the intensity of the fit. The rush of people to town was extraordinary; every channel of communication was choked up; and this sudden determination of blood to the head occasioned the symptoms of giddiness and vertigo to which we have adverted."

Now this was 99 years ago when histories say, the crown of England was even more sacredly thought of than it is today. In those days there were no daily papers of the type which now appear every hour on the streets of London, Birmingham, Manchester, Pittsburgh, New York, and San Francisco. The London Spectator, although a weekly, was a newspaper and it saw fit to comment thus on the coronation. The story proceeds:

"As Prince Esterhazy walked up to his place a good scene occurred. All the Bishops clustered round him and gloated on the wealth which his diamond-covered dress so profusely displayed. The Bishop of Exeter, who was engaged at the moment in making his obeisance to some great man on the other side of the Abbey, was so eager to be near the glittering ambassador and so zealous in his divided devotion to English rank on one side and Austrian wealth on the other that in his haste, he tripped and rolled over at full length on the floor. His Right Reverend Brethren hurried to pick him up, and as they gathered round the prostrate prelate, looked like a set of old almswomen, chattering over the body of one of the sisterhood who had been knocked down in a scuffle, or fainted under the influence of a too potent spirit."

This is the manner in which news papers reported things 99 years ago. This is what is meant by freedom of the press. This was printed on the inauguration of the great Queen Victoria. Proceed:

"The superb dress of the Archbishop of Canterbury—purple velvet and gold—and the glittering and gilded attire of the other churchmen spoils of the Romish hierarchy, appeared most unfit for men who profess to despise pomp and vanity and are members of a simple and reformed religion."

"While the tedious ceremony of homage was in progress there was plenty of loud music, till, just as Lord Melbourne's turn came to ascend the throne, a soft and sweet strain suddenly descended the din of harmony whereupon some wicked person said 'Lord Melbourne's going up to soft music,'—and then they laughed."

The incredible story goes on and says:

"When poor old Lord Rolles rolled down the steps of the throne a distinguished foreigner was told that to roll down the steps of the throne at the coronation was the feudal tenure

by which he held his barony and immense estates. The information was gravely recorded in a note book.

"The largest cheering was for the largesse, or coronation medals, by all; next for the Duke of Wellington by the Tories; and Lords Grey and Melbourne, by the Whigs. Lord Lyndhurst looked around for a cheer, but was disappointed and seemed as if he was. The prettiest sight in the Abbey was the Queen's body guard of maids of honor, all dressed alike, simply and in good taste. There were some shocking frights, males and females, with coronets."

"The musical part of the ceremony was a libel on the present state of the art in this country; for the Queen has had a composer thrust upon her who cannot compose."

There have been editorials written both in the United States and in England about the idea of the coronation and there have been differences of opinion concerning the occasion. Apparently the London Spectator, 99 years ago, was not of two minds about it. Quotha:

"Both the tenure of the crown and the state of public manners in England have undergone so many modifications within the last 200 years that a coronation has become an unimportant, almost a superfluous ceremony. It adds nothing to the stability of the throne; and as to the validity of a modern sovereign's title, how little occasion is felt to exist for putting it to a public test may be seen by the recent almost noiseless abolition of champion, which, formerly of prime importance, we have just seen swept away among the crumbs of the banquet."

"If the ceremony of crowning is to be kept up then we would gladly associate with it, first a greater public communication, and secondly, a less ridiculous ritual. At present any atom of rational purpose is so smothered in a garnish of antiquated follies that it may reasonably be doubted whether the actors themselves on the scene are not secretly ashamed of their official antics. The whole ceremony of the coronation is full of the amplification and the posture-making of a semi-barbarous age and of that love of noise and tinsel which barbarians and children are understood to share in common."

On the occasion of a coronation it is customary in England to raise a number of persons to the peerage. Apparently the London Spectator of 99 years ago did not care much for those persons chosen. For example in listing them, as a matter of news as it was bound to do, the Spectator says:

"Anthony Adrian, Earl of Kintore is to be Baron Kintore. Few persons had heard of the existence of the said Anthony Adrian till they saw his name in the Gazette. He is, we believe, a Scotch lord, who keeps or did keep a pack of hounds in some distant county; but why or wherefore he has been preferred to the English peerage is what the public are asking. Probably there is a job at the bottom of this elevation."

Then we have:

"Laurence, Baron Dundas, is to be Earl of Zetland. Lord Dundas possesses one of the remaining rotten boroughs, Richmond, and can sometimes return the member for Orkney and Zetland. If anybody can mention another reason for the bestowal of an earldom on Lord Dundas, we shall willingly proclaim it."

After summarizing the list in the nature of the samples given, the Spectator comments:

"The entire list consists of 12 elevations and new creations. There is not one which suggests the idea of superior ability or merit."



SHORT CUTS TO SUMMER MEALS

Of course, you'll want to have every possible moment free to enjoy these glorious days. If you plan carefully your family will be well fed and you will achieve additional hours of leisure. Here are some dishes that may be prepared in advance.

Baked Ham

Get a centre slice of ham at least 1 inch thick. Place in a baking dish and add 2 cups of pineapple juice. Bake without parboiling in a moderate oven for 1 hour. Pare and cube a medium size cucumber; add 1 tablespoon grated onion, ½ teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons lemon juice, 2 tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons water and simmer for 5 minutes. Stuff small tomatoes with this filling and bake for a few minutes in a hot oven and serve with the ham.

Broiled Frankfurters

These take a very short time to prepare and are delicious. Slit frankfurters lengthwise, spread lightly with prepared mustard and generously with cheese—wrap a slice of bacon around each and skewer with toothpicks. Broil under a moderate flame until the bacon and frankfurters are done. This will take about 10 minutes. Serve hot with potato salad that may be prepared in advance and kept chilled in the refrigerator.

MEXICO IS IN FAITH AND HEROISM

Castel Gandolfo, Italy, June 23 —Pope Pius, granting an audience to 1,000 pilgrims, including five women members of the central committee of Catholic Action in Mexico, today exhorted his listeners to "pray for poor tormented Mexico which is so great in faith and in heroism."

TO ALL USERS OF THE ROAD

All persons have a right to use the road for the purpose of passage.

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Accidents are inevitable unless due allowance is made for possible errors on the part of others.

Before using the road be sure that your alertness or sense of caution is not affected by alcohol or fatigue. A fraction of a second may make all the difference in avoiding an accident. If you cannot give the necessary concentration you are risking not only your own life but the lives of others.

Former N. B. Organist Seeking Damages of \$90,000

MONTREAL, June 25—A large-sized action in the Superior Court in which Frederick H. Blair, organist at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, is suing for \$90,000 for an automobile accident, is almost ready for trial before a jury. This morning in the Practice Court, Mr. Justice Curran decided upon the questions to be put to the jury at the hearing of the case.

The accident occurred two days before Christmas last year as Mr. Blair was crossing Sherbrooke St. west at Redpath St., on foot. While negotiating the crossing, he was struck by an automobile owned and driven by Earle S. Berry. As defence to the action, the defendant says that Mr. Blair darted out suddenly in front of the automobile at such close range that he was unable to bring it to a stop before the accident happened.

N. B.—Mr. Blair is well known in New Brunswick, having been church organist in St. George's Anglican Church in Moncton and at the Cathedral in Fredericton.

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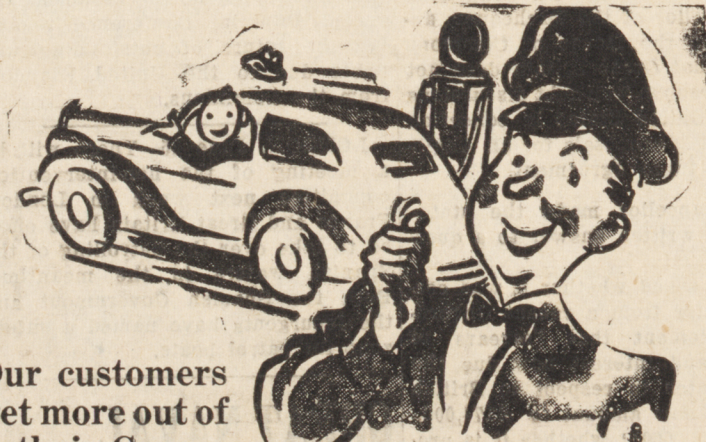


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