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COME ALONG WITH CASSIDY

Hopalong Cassidy (Bill Boyd), the actor and T V star, will be visiting this country from July 15 for a 14-day tour to promote British and American Youth friendship. He will bring 48 American boys, one from every American State, and he wishes 48 boys from this country to join his party.

The programme for the tour includes visits to Clacton, Skegness, Filey, Ayr, Blackpool, Pwllheli, and Dublin. From these centres the boys will visit places of interest. Civic receptions have been arranged in several towns, the first being in London.

It is hoped that Leaders will be able to nominate lads who would not normally be able to afford a first-class holiday. The whole scheme is sponsored by The Variety Club of Great Britain. Six boys are to be chosen from Manchester and the other 42 from towns all over Britain.

CALL OF THE MOORS

Noticing a very old man plodding along a road near Bedford and seeming near exhaustion, a policeman took him kindly by the arm to the police station.

On being questioned it turned out that he had come from an Old Folk's Home in South-East London, 50 miles away.

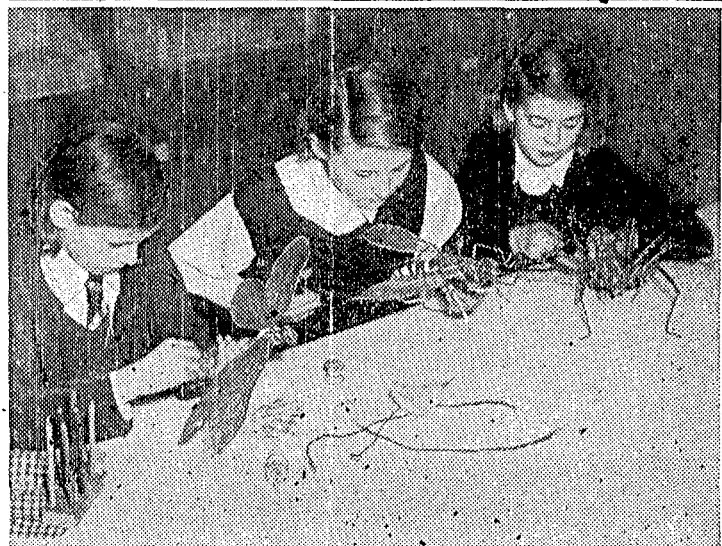
Where was he going? Oh, he wanted to see his Yorkshire Moors just once more. His age was 93.

The longing in the old man's heart would have been understood by George Borrow's gipsy man, who cried: "There's the wind on the heath, brother; if I could only feel that, I would gladly live for ever."

AT HOME AT SCHOOL

Miss Edna C. Bausch, of Evanston, Illinois, has retired after many years as a schoolteacher, and has bought a small school building to live in.

She plans to substitute wallpaper for blackboards and then to live in the classrooms. "The idea of living in a school appeals to me," the retired teacher says.



They make their own models

Pupils at Cassland County Secondary School in Hackney, London, make models of the creatures they are learning about. Here we see Yvonne Tichener (left), Valeria Jewes, and Pauline Tomkins making models during a lesson on insects.

OLD SCHOOL FOR THE NATION

One of the best examples of an early 17th-century school building, Old Blundell's at Tiverton, in Devon, is now in the safe keeping of the National Trust. The transfer coincides with the 350th anniversary of this famous public school, which since 1882 has occupied a handsome group of red buildings outside the town.

Peter Blundell, founder of the school, is said to have been a poor errand boy in Tiverton who saved up enough money to buy a length of cloth called kersey, which he sold at a profit. He continued buying and selling kersey until he amassed a huge fortune, part of which he left to build the old grammar school, scene of the early chapters of Lorna Doone. It dates from 1604.

CLOSE-UP OF A VOLCANO

Some bold New Zealanders climbed Mount Ngauruhoe during its recent eruption. The eruption is believed to have been Ngauruhoe's most violent of this century. An explosion had hurled molten lava 2000 feet into the air, and the outbreaks were visible 40 miles away.

The climbers' daring was rewarded by an awe-inspiring spectacle. They saw a glowing 3000-foot stream of lava flowing from the lip of the crater into the valley, and looking like "a great stairway to the stars." The top of the stairway had the appearance of a gigantic Roman Candle with white-hot rock for sparks.

SWIMMING UNICORN

A specimen of a unicorn fish, one of the rarest deep-sea creatures, has been found near Wellington in New Zealand. Only three fish of this kind have been seen in the Dominion since 1870, and few have ever been found anywhere else in the world.

The name comes from the nine-inch long orange horn in the peaked forehead of the fish, which is of a delicate iridescent silver colour with pale pink fins.

RESCUING THE BADGERS

While Mr. Tom Prebble, of Rhodes Minnis, Kent, was out for a walk his dog grew suspicious of an empty water tank they passed in a field.

Mr. Prebble went to investigate and found a pair of badgers huddled together in a corner of the tank, frightened and quite unable to get out. He called two other men and they placed branches against the walls of the tank, hoping that Brock and his wife would be able to crawl out, but to no purpose.

The rescuers then tried to drop a looped rope over the badgers, but failed until Mr. Prebble climbed down, "roped" Mr. and Mrs. Brock, and saw them safely hauled out.

Within a few minutes both were scuttling off into nearby woods.

Mr. Prebble said later that he thought the badgers had been imprisoned in the tank for at least two days.

PENGUINS AT THE CHRISTENING

Thousands of penguins and five people were the only witnesses to a christening which took place on one of the world's loneliest islands the other day.

The Rev. U. Joubert travelled by fishing vessel to Malagas, an island on the South African coast, north-west of Cape Town, where the only human residents are the superintendent, Mr. E. Geldenhuys, and his wife—and now their baby, who was christened by the minister. Two Government officials accompanied him.

Malagas got its name from a variety of seabird and is an important guano island.

GLASS 1200 YEARS OLD

An extremely valuable archaeological find has been made on the islet of Lilloen in Lake Mälär, near Stockholm. Among quantities of bronze, silver, and iron, ceramics, arrowheads, and coins were several kinds of eighth-century glassware, the like of which has been found nowhere else in the world.

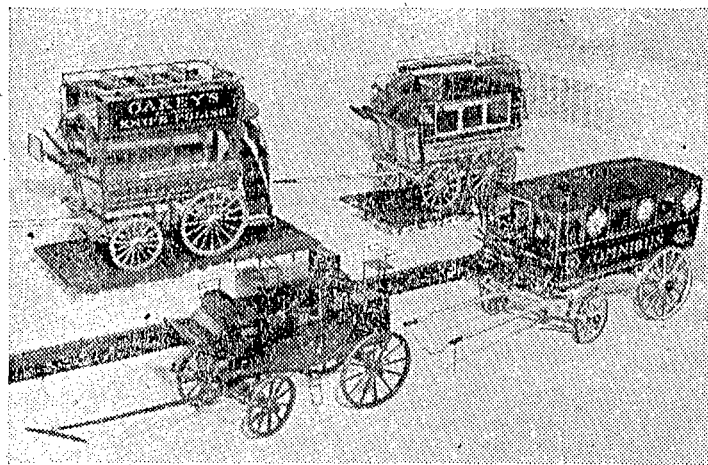
According to Dr. Wilhelm Holmquist of the Swedish Historical Museum: "This discovery in one sweep filled the gap in our archaeological knowledge of the time between the seventh century and the Middle Ages when glass was introduced in the churches."

SECRETS OF COAL

X-rays are now being used in an effort to make coal yield its still undiscovered secrets, declared Mr. A. Whitaker, of the National Coal Board, recently.

Better ways, he said, were needed of "opening up" coal. "The present established way of carbonisation is akin to opening a tin of sardines by putting it on the gas until it bursts. In the case of coal we still do not know how to design a tin-opener, and, until we know much more about the molecular structure of coal, we do not know how to begin."

Travel in more leisurely days



These models of old buses are to be seen at Euston Station, London, in an exhibition illustrating 200 years of evolution in carriage design.

The centre-piece of the show is an old railway horse-bus which was used at Tenterden in Kent up to 1924. It was discovered some months ago in a stable and has been re-painted in its original colours of bright green and yellow. Among those who travelled in this gay "conveyance" was the famous actress, Dame Ellen Terry, whose home was near Tenterden.

Another interesting exhibit is a full-scale reproduction of an 1875 Midland Railway third class compartment. It has an outside communication cord and a special ceiling rack for top hats. This was the first third class carriage to

have soft seats. Previously, any top-hatted person who chose to travel third class had to sit hard or bring his own cushion!

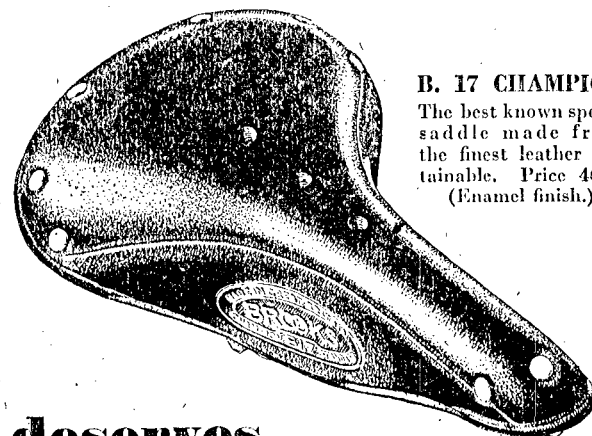
Other illustrations of railway carriage development include a display of lighting from oil lamps to the latest electric fittings.

The Exhibition, called Popular Carriages, is open until September 25. Admission is 6d. for people under 14, one shilling for others.

SWALLOWED!

A Philadelphia doctor recently made a list of 2316 objects he has removed from the stomachs of patients. The list included 745 bones, 507 coins, 276 safety pins, 85 buttons, and 49 pins and needles.

A good Saddle . . .

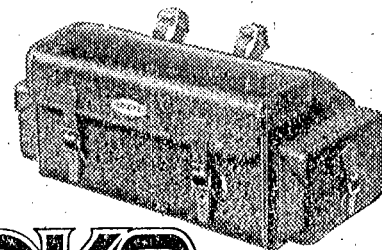


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