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Without Help of Canadian Farmers War Would Have Been Lost Two Years Ago, Says High Commissioner

Remarkable Tribute to Seemingly Humble Part of Producers on the Farming Front

Difference Between Victory and Defeat

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Ottawa, Dec. 1 (CP) — Probably few Canadian farmers realize as they go about their daily chores what a vital part they are playing in the United Nations war effort — and probably fewer still would believe their work two years ago meant the difference between victory and defeat.

The farmers know they have had to work hard since the start of the war, but few know just how much they have contributed to victory. The extent of that contribution was made clear last week by Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, British High Commissioner to Canada, at the opening of the Ontario Export Food Show, when he said:

"The simple fact is that, without the help of Canadian farmers, the war would have been lost two years or more ago."

He added that, when Britain stood alone against the enemy in 1940 and the first half of 1941, the British people needed sufficient food to keep body and soul together until the forces of freedom the world around could come to their rescue and help beat back the Nazi conquerors.

"That essential food was provided in large measure by the farmers of Canada," he said, "and you have gone on providing it through all the difficult times that have passed since".

Still Dependent

Mr. MacDonald said that despite the "wonderful war effort" of British agriculture, the continuance of life in Britain still is dependent upon constant supplies of wheat, fish, bacon, dairy products and fruit from this side of the Atlantic.

Since the war started, Canada has shipped to Britain about 2,100,000,000 pounds of bacon, ham and other pork products; more than 460,000,000 pounds of cheese; more than 110,000,000 tins of evaporated milk and about 100,000,000 dozens of eggs.

And now increased shipments of Canadian beef to the United Kingdom are expected to be made in the coming months. The Canadian Meat Board announced last summer that if a surplus of beef developed in Canada the United Kingdom was ready to buy it, in addition to the 675,000,000 pounds of bacon being supplied this year.

Meat board purchases of beef began some weeks ago, but only recently did authorities feel the Canadian supply situation was sufficiently good to warrant exports.

Heavier cattle marketings are anticipated during the winter. Animals now being marketed are substantially heavier than those of past years because of good food conditions in western Canada.

Beef For Overseas

"We have now reached the stage where beef is being shipped overseas, in addition to bacon, without the Canadian ration being affected".

Canada's wheat crop also is playing a part in the war effort. The Dominion's gift of 15,000 tons of wheat a month to Greece is reported to be feeding 40 per cent of the people of that enslaved country.

Because of the increasing need for wheat Canada's wheat acreage can be expected to increase in 1944. The Dominion Bureau of statistics reports the increased acreage may be expected as a result of higher prices and expanding markets for surplus production. The 1944 acreage objectives will be made public early this month.

The bureau said that Canada is "likely to be a heavy shipper of wheat to the United States in the current crop year and the question of Canadian wheat acreage will be a topic of the forthcoming Dominion-Provincial conference on production objectives."

Barley King Dead

Farm associations across the country learned with regret of the death of Donald Lorne Scott, 57, of City View, Ont., one-time barley king of the North American continent and one of Canada's foremost grain seed growers.

Winner of high honors at many international and national grain exhibitions, Mr. Scott had been a member of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association for 20 years. In 1938, he became a Robertson Associate, the highest honor granted by the association to its members.

Masonite Plates For Quebec Cars

Quebec (Special) — Automobile license plates for Quebec will be battleship grey with letters and figures in black in 1944.

J. P. Deblois, director of the Provincial Automobile Bureau, disclosed the color scheme in a statement announcing that plates will be issued as in the past, to set at rest inquiries made at the department after rumors that the province would not issue plates for next year.

The 1944 plates, probably available around February 15, will be of masonite. One plate will be issued to each vehicle, as at present.

District Deputy Visits Chapter

Thursday evening was the occasion of an official visit to Laurentian Chapter No. 24, of A. J. Osgood, District Superintendent. Two Companions were advanced to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch, and the work was very creditably done by Ex-Comp.. A. Middleton and his officers.

Companion Osgood, a member of Fairmount Chapter No. 14, expressed his appreciation, and remarks were also heard from a number who accompanied him, in the persons of Companions E. B. Speers, W. Clarke, Bedford R. Thacker and W. E. Brown.

Taxpayers, who numbered four million in 1939 in Great Britain, now number twelve million.

Seasonal Matters Occupy Attention Of Town Council

The regular Town Council meeting was held last evening, with Mayor J. S. Giles presiding and Aldermen A. Guenette, J. R. Paquette, A. Rochon, A. Ethier, W. Morissette, A. Bothwell, H. Trichard, O. Laurin and A. Scott in attendance.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and confirmed.

Edgar Jackson, operator of the chlorination plant, asked the Council for an increase of salary during the winter months. On motion of Alderman J. R. Paquette and seconded by Ald. O. Laurin, an increase of $10 a month was granted for the four winter months.

It was decided to hand over for collection accounts for tax arrears against two local concerns.

Accounts were approved for a total of $1,999.86.

Ald. H. Trichard, seconded by Ald. A. Guenette, moved adoption of a by-law to subdivide the Town of Lachute into twelve polls for provincial election purposes.

The valuation roll for 1944 was homologated for a total of $2,496,695 of assessable valuation, showing an increase of $15,000 over 1943.

The tax rate for 1944 was left unchanged at $1 per hundred dollars of assessable valuation.

The water tax roll of outsiders was also homologated.

The secretary submitted to Council a list of arrears in danger of lapse by December 31, 1943. It was moved by Ald. Ethier, seconded by Ald. H. Trichard, that a notice by registered mail be sent to all delinquents to settle their accounts within ten days, and that legal proceedings be taken against ratepapers who have not paid within the said period.

On motion of Ald. H. Trichard, seconded by Ald. J. R. Paquette, the Roads Committee was authorized to purchase a V-plow for $75 and to make arrangements with the Roads Department for maintenance of about five miles of streets in Lachute at $75 per mile.

Ald. A. Rochon, seconded by Ald. J. R. Paquette, moved that the Hon. Geo. Dansereau, M.L.A., Minister of Public Works, be requested to give the Town of Lachute a grant towards the purchase of one thousand feet of fire hose.

The new world will consist not so much of doing new things as of a new spirit in all the things we do.

Last Appeal for Donors to Third Local Blood Clinic

A third appeal for blood donations is now being urgently put forward by the Red Cross, and it is confidently expected that those who have not, up to the present time, offered a donation of blood will do so on humanitarian principles.

If we would stop for a moment, (and particularly those who are in a position to donate their blood) to think of the good we would do to those brave men who are today in the thick of the European conflict, many of whose lives could be saved if sufficent blood were available, we should not hesitate in presenting ourselves.

If we consider the sacrifices made by our men in the forces, both air and land, what hardships and suffering they are going through, surely it is not too much to expect the inhabitants of our countryside should be willing and anxious to make such sacrifice.

FARM FORUMS REPORT SESSIONS

Mabel — The Mabel and Ogdensburg Farm Radio Forum entertained the Lachute Road Forum at a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Clarke on Monday. The members of the Mabel forum had also several guests from the surrounding district. After listening to the broadcast and holding a brief discussion the gathering spent the evening playing games. John Heatlie, Jr., entertained with a few guitar selections.

North River —

On Monday evening, members of the North River Farm Forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lummis. Diversions of the gathering included dancing and card playing, after which refreshments were served. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lummis for their hospitality, and to all others who had contributed to the success of the evening.

EMERGENCY LIGHTING

London (CP) — So that earlier distribution of vegetables may be made on winter mornings, one of London's largest markets is installing a special lighting system controlled by a master switch, which will be operated by police without warning in event of an air raid. The lights will be 10 times stronger than the "star" lights now permitted.

NEIL FRASER MAYOR OF VANKLEEK HILL

Vankleek Hill, Nov. 29 — Municipal nominations here resulted as follows: For mayor, Neil Fraser; for reeve, A. Boyer, Pat St. Denis and D. J. Lalonde; for aldermen, A. Turpin, E. Bond, C. E. Brown, Elmer Durant, Stewart Allen, Albt. Seguin, V. Pilon and George Seguin.

In the Township of West Hawkesbury last year's municipal officers were re-nominated. Consequently there will be no election. These officers are: Reeve, Thomas Barton; councillors, John McMillan, John Fraser, Melville Vogan and Mr. Fortier.

CBC OVERSEAS



A. E. Powley is CBC's news chief in London. In association with fourteen other Canadians, English and French speaking, he is a part of the organization which is charged with bringing the news of Canadian men and women on active service to the radio listeners of Canada. Mr. Powley was former head of the CBC central news room, at Toronto, but he is no stranger to the British capital; he was born there in 1901.

Burial of Airman Accident Victim, Sgt. W. E. Morrison

Sgt. William Earl Morrison, R.C.A.F., accidentally killed at Trenton, Ont., last Tuesday, was buried at Arundel on Saturday afternoon, following a service in Grace Church, conducted by the Rev. Frank Hughes. An Air Force funeral was held at Trenton the previous day.



Sgt. Morrison

Sgt. Morrison was born in Arundel, and educated there. He joined the R.C.A.F. in August, 1940, and received his training at Brandon, Man., St. Thomas and Dartmouth, N.S. He was posted to Trenton in September, 1941, and had been there ever since.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Gula Maud Taylor, to whom he was married in June, 1941; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Morrison, and by four sisters, Gertrude, Kathleen, Eunice and Betty, and two brothers, Alfred and Rothwell.

Pall-bearers at the funeral were —Sq. Ldr. E. B. Gail, Gordon Wright, Edward Morrison, Jim Jolly, Gilbert Boyd and D. Sanderson.

Invitation to Inspect Hospital

A special invitation to adult members of the English-speaking citizenry to inspect the new Providence Hospital, Lachute Mills, next Sunday, December 5, between 2 and 4 p.m., is extended by the Sisters of Providence in charge of this institution.

The equipment and appointments of this hospital are of the very best, no detail having been overlooked for the comfort and care of patients. . . . This opportunity to view the premises will doubtless be appreciated by many interested residents.

Loses An Eye In Mishap with Hunting Knife

A painful accident occurred to Henry McDonald, a resident of Lachute, whose face was badly cut and one eye pierced by a hunting knife Friday afternoon at Lakefield. As result of the mishap Mr. McDonald has suffered the loss of an eye, which was extracted yesterday at the Royal Victoria Hospital after surgeons' efforts to save it proved unsuccessful.

According to information received, Henry McDonald, who has been working in the bush near his old home at Lakefield, was skinning a fox, when his hunting knife slipped and slashed his face with considerable force. His nose and one eye were badly cut.

Accompanied by his brother, he made for Lachute without delay, driving his car part of the way until his brother took the wheel. Treated by Dr. W. F. FitzGerald here, he was later taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital and was operated on immediately.

POIGNANT NOTES LINK TWO WARS

Algiers (CP) — This is the story of two wars and two messages.

In November, 1917, Lt.-Col. F. H. Wallis, commanding the 1st Battalion London Rifles Brigade, stood in a captured German dugout at Cambrai. He was temporarily blinded by mustard gas and expected a German counter-attack at any moment.

A runner who arrived with a telegram had to read it to him. It said: "David born, 27, both doing well." He gave a sigh of relief. David was his first child.

In November, 1943, Sgmn. David Wallis, standing at his post in the Middle East, recieved a cable from England. It read: "Daddy died last night."

First-Hand Impression of English War Plants and Living Conditions

Faced with difficulties which Canadians have not been called upon to face, the British are nevertheless doing a superb job of producing ammunition, according to Charles H. Jackson, manager of C-I-L "Dominion" Ammunition Division and D.I.L. Small Arms Ammunition Department, who recently returned from a six weeks' trip to England.

Mr. Jackson's impressions are recorded in the current issue of The Tracer, employee publication for the Brownsburg works. . .

Nine different small arms ammunition factories were studied, including three arsenals owned and operated by the United Kingdom government, three "agency factories" similar in set-up to D.I.L., and three privately-owned factories, converted and expanded.

All these factories are scheduled to make several different types of ammunition rather than to specialize in any one kind, which, as Mr. Jackson said, avoids "putting all their eggs in one basket." This naturally complicates their production problems. The splitting up of their total production into so many different types makes it more difficult for them to use mass production methods. They are also somewhat burdened with new products, much more than in Canada.

"The British people are artists in making do," he continued. "They can make more ammunition out of a sketchy bit of makeshift equipment than anything we have ever seen over here. They have had to. For a time they were filling one special type of bullet with wooden punches because steel tools were not available."

They visited three firms which in peacetime were competitors in carpet manufacture. Early in the war, ammunition was desperately needed while carpets were far from essential. One factory took over making steel cores and sleeves for armor piercing bullets etc.; another made cases and bullets, the third made tools for all the others, while a fourth factory was put up by the government for loading. All kept their own organization. A few experts in the manufacture of chocolates were working with them and these chocolate and carpet men showed remarkable production results.

Everybody Works

Everybody works in England, housewives providing a tremendous reservoir of female help, that has risen to over 70 per cent in most small arms ammunition factories. At least one plant, according to Mr. Jackson, has now started to replace women by men ineligible for military service, the crippled, the blind, and so on. "Few people are absent without reason, because the war is very close to them. The majority of them have suffered in a very real way. Few people object to being forced to work.

"Their factories have been successful in purchasing tools from some 250 sources in the country," Mr. Jackson said. "In one large group of factories the tools are brought in from outside and go to a central pool which also makes tools. Plants have their own tool room for development work and to meet a sudden bottleneck, but for the most part they draw on the central pool. In this way they have the advantage of a separate tool works without the risk of a bomb leaving them with no production tools."

Mr. Jackson said: "Their toolmaking generally is done with less elaborate equipment than we have here and their arrangements are very flexible. They have probably more people with tool experience to draw on and more skilled help generally than we have."

While in England, Mr. Jackson talked to quite a few military authorities. Lieutenant-General A. G. L. McNaughton praised what Canada has done in everything, including small arms ammunition. The British Minister of Supply, Sir Andrew Duncan voiced his congratulations for what Canada is doing and was enthusiastic in his praise of our achievements in small arms ammunition manufacture. "Sir Andrew hoped we would have an opportunity to tell the men and women making ammunition in Canada how magnificent their effort had been." Mr. Jackson added: "It was rather nice to hear him say that."

Plants Bombed

British factories have their own home guard units and anti-aircraft defences which drill on their own time; they man the anti-aircraft guns and do fire watching, and in some cases handle their own barrage balloons. Everybody contributes something not only to the work of the plant but to the defences of the country and their own factory. When bombers approach work keeps on until the very last minute when the "crash down" warning is given and the whole plant is evacuated to the shelters in an incredibly short time.

The Germans came over one plant several successive nights and dropped incendiary bombs. These were put out with dispatch by stirrup pumps and sand. Then one night a new type of explosive incendiary bomb had been dropped and there were quite a few casualties. The plant carried on, however, and by the next night a defence against this new type of bomb had been developed and life went on as before.

The British people have come through extraordinarily well, Mr. Jackson believed. Things are easier now and they feel they have turned the corner, but no one will risk a guess as to how long the war will last.

Health Excellent

"I know that people may, disagree with me," he said, "but to me the people were in better health than when I last saw them in 1936. Women in particular are carrying a much heavier load than ever before with factory and home-keeping combined. Needless to say they are tired, because there is little home life left. They nevertheless look healthy and happy and well cared for. Government food rationing has compelled people to eat nourishing foods, even though they are not always particularly appetizing. There is remarkably little grousing and strangely enough Lord Woolton, the man responsible for food rationing, is one of the most popular men in Britain."

Mr. Jackson said the work week ranges from 48 to 60 hours, but they are shortening the week as much as possible and not many now put in 60 hours. Factory workers are kept going a bit better than the stay-at-homes because their canteens and cafeterias are allowed more meat and a little better food than can be provided for home rations.

War Duty Allowance

Earnings have gone up since the war, due mostly to longer hours and their "war duty allowance" similar to Canada's cost-of-living bonus. In general, British earnings are less, and taxes are higher than in Canada. Jewelry, for instance, bears a 100 per cent luxury tax. These days few people go to the seaside for a holiday because so many of the beaches are covered with barbed wire and are probably forbidden to civilians. There is no gasoline for pleasure driving and the blackout tends to keep people at home in the evening and London buses stop running at 11 p.m. Twenty cigarettes cost roughly 55 cents, and one may get them in any kind of a box or in an envelope.

150 Delegates at Quebec Conf'ce See Canada's Tourist Busines as Factor for Post-War Prosperity

Quebec City Also Scene of C.C.F. Meet Disparaging Views on Private Capital

Ruling on Reduced Electricity Rates

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Quebec, Dec. 1 (CP) — The first meeting of the C.C.F. in Quebec City drew several hundred persons to Lower Town Salle Royale last week-end, to put another jet of steam under the provincial political pot that is beginning to boil with the prospect of elections early next year.

David Lewis, national secretary of the C.C.F., told the gathering that his party "opposes all kinds of Imperialism, be it British, French, American or German."

"The philosophy of our movement is based on the fundamental principles of human dignity," he said. "Those principles have been abolished by Fascism, Imperialism and Racism. These creeds, which aim to make all races the slaves of a master race, are the absolute negation of moral rights on which all great religions depend."

Prof. Frank R. Scott said that the system of private capital, under which Canada was living, had concentrated power into the hands of a small group "who exercise their irresponsible power to obtain a maximum of profit for themselves."

Power Deal and Electricity Rates

Other political speeches during the week dealt mainly with the pros and cons of the proposed expropriation of Montreal Light, Heat and Power Consolidated — a subject that is expected to loom large among election issues in the spring. There were no major developments on the proposal during the week.

In the related field of general electricity rates, however, the Quebec Public Service Board brought down the ruling which, in effect, gives consumers in many sections of the province a month's free electricity.

The board ordered six companies — M.L.H. and P., Quebec Power, Southern Canada Power, Shawinigan Power, Gatineau Power, and Saguenay Power — to reduce rates during the last quarter of 1943 so as to give domestic consumers a month's free electricity and commercial consumers half a month's free power. Similar moves had previously been made in Ontario and British Columbia.

The companies concerned agreed to the reduction, announcing that they did so on the understanding that excess profits taxes would be reduced to correspond with the decrease in revenue, and that the temporary reduction would not affect present or future standard rates.

Conference on Tourist Trade

With their eyes on the post-war period, 150 delegates from all parts of Canada met in Quebec this week to map plans for the future of Canada's tourist trade—one of the country's greatest industries in days of peace.

War Services Minister LaFleche presided at the three-day discussions participated in by the heads of tourist publicity in all the provinces.

Gen. LaFleche called for the charting of a long-range program which would have an important place in Canada's post-war reconstruction. The tourist business, always one of the most important factors in Canada's pre-war economy, would be of even greater import with the return of peace, he believed.

"I see the Canadian tourist trade immediately after this war a factor of great importance in respect to our reconstruction program," he said. "It will not be enough that we improve our tourist facilities; much work must be done and much money must be spent to bring about an improved situation so that we may keep pace with other nations."

The convention studied methods of developing "a distinctive Canadian cuisine," further progress in the removal of unsightly advertising signs along highways, the beautification of roads and improved accommodation in hotels, inns and cottages.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEET OF CURLING CLUB

The semi-annual meeting of Lachute Curling Club was held on Thursday, when an enthusiastic gathering appointed various committees and skips for the coming season.

President Harry Scott was in the chair and arrangements are being made to have ice in readiness for games as soon as the weather permits.

Grenville Man, 79, Is Injured by Hit-Run Driver

Grenville — Struck on the main street here shortly after midnight on Saturday by an automobile which failed to stop, 79-year-old Henry Golden was taken to Notre Dame Hospital at Hawkesbury, with a fractured right thigh, internal injuries and a deep cut over the right eye. His condition was regarded as serious. According to Traffic Officer Howard Jones of the Provincial Police, there were two witnesses to the accident, but the driver of the hit-and-run vehicle was not apprehended.

FAMINE PERSISTS

New Delhi (CP) — In April, 1942, a "grow more food" campaign was inaugurated in India; though it brought 8,000,000 acres more under cultivation, it was not possible to overcome the many causes of the present famine in India.

Mitchell in Plea To Farm Workers

Montreal — Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labor for Canada, asks farmers and farm workers to undertake woods work during this winter, thus adding his collaboration in the country-wide campaign to recruit thousands more to cut pulpwood.

The Minister's statement is as follows:

"Canadians are proud of the contribution to the war effort made by you in producing more and more food in each of the war years. Keep up this good work! Your first duty is to maintain and increase farm production!

"Canada allso needs to increase the quantity of fuelwood, sawlogs and pulpwood.

"Many farmers can help by cutting on the home woodlot and they are assured of a good market for their product.

"If you can leave the farm during the winter without causing a reduction in farm production, I urge you to do so and undertake work in the woods or other essential employment. Of course you will have to return to the farm in the spring.

"Doing essential work during the winter will not affect postponement of military training".

Farmers and farm workers who wish to cut pulpwood should apply to a Selective Service office; to any provincial agricultural field representative; or to their local Farm Production Committee. Canvassers, too, from pulp and paper companies are touring the countryside with the approval of National Selective Service; any farmer or farm worker can sign up with them.

VETERAN SCIENTIST TO RECEIVE MEDAL

London (CP) — A 71-year-old British scientist, who once lived a week in a sealed case to study the effects of lack of oxygen, has been chosen by the Royal Society to receive the Copley medal, which originated in 1709.

Sir Joseph Barcroft has repeatedly risked death to add to the scientific knowledge of breathing. He once tested prussic acid by staying in a gas-filled chamber with a dog. The dog died within a minute but Sir Joseph continued to take notes and walked out of the chamber after 10 minutes.

Before the war began, he tested blast by sitting in air-raid shelters while bombs were dropped nearby.

AGE AND THE ARMY

Age is relative. If a soldier is fifty, people say he is young, provided he is a general.

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Record Assets and Deposits Shown In Bank of Montreal Statement

PROFITS UP SLIGHTLY AT $3,302,834 EQUAL 4.30% OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Demonstrating the extent to which it is participating in financing of the war, the Bank of Montreal's 126th annual financial statement shows substantial increases in its main features, with resources at the highest figure in its history. The statement shows assets of $1,313,000,000 which is $138,000,000 above the previous record figure of a year ago.

Profits at $3,302,834 show a slight increase over 1942 when the bank reported earnings of $3,283,018, and represent 4.30 per cent of the capital, reserve and undivided profits, compared with 4.31 per cent last year. With the heightened business activity incident to the war, this figure might have been expected to be higher, but increased taxes have practically offset the effect of enlarged gross earnings. At a figure nearly $375,000 higher than in 1942, the bank's Dominion Government tax bill for the current year amounted to $2,913,000. Of this amount $165,000 is refundable under the provisions of the Excess Profits Tax Act.

The net profits at $3,302,834 were distributed to shareholders to the extent of $2,160,000 which compares with $2,700,000 last year; $500,000 was written off bank premises. This left a balance of $642,834 to be added to the previous balance of $1,236,687 in the profit and loss account, leaving the amount in this account at $1,879,521.

Deposits at Record

Deposits — the largest item in the balance sheet and one which best shows public confidence in the institution — have shown a marked advance notwithstanding the heavy inroads made into surplus funds by subscribers to Victory Loans. Deposits show an amount of $1,205,874,000 or $140,000,000 above 1942, which constituted a record at that time.

Commercial and other loans at $226,399,000, are only slightly higher. In recent years, the need for banking accommodation has substantially decreased.

Like commercial loans, call loans have shown some increase and now amount to $22,036,000 as against $16,210,000 in 1942.

Government Holdings Rise Sharply

As would be expected, the bank's holdings of Government and other securities have risen sharply and now stand at $799,462,000 compared with $683,835,000 a year ago. The bank's investments made up in large measure of Dominion Government and high-grade provincial and municipal securities which mature at early dates.

In line with this is the increase in the bank's quickly available resources which amounted to $1,035,610,000, being 83.81 per cent of liabilities to the public. An increase of nearly $10,000,000 in these resources is recorded in cash on hand and money on deposit with the Bank of Canada which together stand at $122,277,000 as against $112,710,000.

Notes of the bank in circulation show a reduction from $15,354,000 to $9,790,000, reflecting the trend, under revised banking legislation, by which chartered banks have gradually reduced their note circulation in favor of the Bank of Canada.

With total resources at $1,313,064,000 and liabilities to the public $1,235,631,000, there is an excess of resources of $77,433,000. This is comprised of the capital of $36,000,000 and reserve fund, profit and loss account and reserve for dividends totalling $41,433,000, which together represent the shareholders' equity in the bank.

Dairy Farmers Have Done Well

The Canadian farmer is to be congratulated on his production during 1943, and it is very questionable whether dairy farmers of any other country, except perhaps the United Kingdom, can show a better production record this year as compared with 1942 than those of Canada, stated J. F. Singleton, Associate Director of Marketing Service, Dairy Products, Dominion Department of Agriculture, in a recent address to the Dairy Industries Wartime Conference at Toronto.

Dealing with some of the developments in the Canadian dairy industry during 1943, Mr. Singleton said that, while some dairy products might have been at times in short supply in certain parts of Canada, the condition was not due to decrease in the total milk production, but was brought about by meeting demands for exports of cheese, evaporated milk, and butter under contract to the British Ministry of Food.. The inclusion of cheese and dry whole milk in the parcels sent by the Canadian Red Cross Society to prisoners of war, exports of cheese, butter, and evaporated milks to various units of the British Empire and to possessions of foreign countries sustaining governments in exile, and by the increased requirements of the various armed forces of Canada, were also factors to be considered.

It was estimated that total milk production in Canada during 1943 would be equal to, if not exceeding, that of 1942, and would be about 11 per cent higher than in 1939.

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Suggest Ways To Save Fuel

Home owners must stoke efficiently and economically this year, says the Department of Munitions and Supply, in urging the public to stretch each ton of coal to the limit. They recommend 33 ways to save fuel in the interest of the war program.

They advise: Clean your furnace; keep it in good condition; use your fireplace in spring and fall; use storm windows; weatherstrip doors and windows; caulk window and door frames; seal chimney leaks; repair insulation; take care of hot water tank; don't let taps leak; close off unused rooms; don't heat the sunroom; keep your chimney clean; use radiator shields; keep air filters clean; watch hot air circulation; close ventilators; insulate your house if possible; close your outside doors promptly; release air from radiators; check stoker adjustment; don't cover air ducts; clean ashpit daily; adjust dampers properly; draw window shades; watch the humidity; keep radiators clear; don't force fire to heat one cold room; reduce day and night temperatures; sift ashes; and fire furnace properly.

They also recommend the closing of the bedroom door at night if the window is kept open.

SAILOR WAS PREPARED EVEN WHEN ON TRAIN

Farnham, Que. — Walter Legge, writing in the Granby Leader-Mail of a recent trip to the Maritime Provinces, tells the following story:

On one of the fast trains of the Canadian National Railways between Montreal and Halifax, a lady was trying to get into an upper berth, but the porter could not find the ladder. "Lady," he said, "I have been a porter for eighteen years and this is the first time I ever lost by ladder. I had it right here a few minutes ago."

An English sailor popped his head out of an upper berth and said, "I'll lend you my ladder 'til morning.' He had pulled the ladder up into the berth with him. The porter commented "He must have thought the train might be torpedoed and wanted to be prepared."

Buy War Savings Stamps!

Courses for Soldier Re-establishment

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell announces that two new trade training courses have recently been approved by the Department of Labor.

At the Teachers' Training College at Hamilton, courses are being given to about 30 men who will be trained as instructors and will be available for trade training of members of the Armed Forces after discharge. Nearly all of the 30 are themselves veterans, and are qualified mechanics in one or other of the trades.

While the Dominion Government meets the entire cost of the course, it is being carried out in co-operation with the Province of Ontario.

Through arrangements between the Department of Labor and provincial authorities, a series of courses will be given during the present winter season at which instruction will be in cheese and butter making and as dairy men. Each course will run for about three months. Already two courses are under way, one at Guelph, with 60 men and four women in attendance, and a small group at St. Hyacinthe. It is expected that over 300 persons will be trained at these courses during this winter.

Courses will be given in Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Quebec, and those selected for the training will be from the farm.

Men cannot live without fighting. But when they fight for different things, it is war. When they fight for the same thing, it is peace.

PRAIRIE DOG TEAM IN ISOLATED SPOT NEAR U.S. BORDER

Saskatchewan Has Only Colony Of Cat Sized Gophers in Empire—Population Hits the 10,000-Mark

Regina, Nov. 30 (CP) — The only prairie dog town in the British Empire is located about a mile from the American border in southern Saskatchewan down on the Frenchman River below Ottar Lake.

The town is situated behind almost inaccessible trails and gullies where the hills of the district are eroded into pinnacles with fossil clearly imbedded in them. This district was not covered by the great glacier of prehistoric times and it presents an unspoiled picture of one of the earliest phases of the geological development of the Dominion, with flora and fauna entirely different from those in other parts of the province.

The prairie dog, known to science as the cynomys ludovicianus, has multiplied in this region until the population of the colony has reached 10,000. The little animal with the big name is not a dog at all in the ordinary sense of the word. A strict vegetarian, the dog looks like a cat-sized gopher with all the features of the burrowing rodent, weighs on the average about three pounds and is about 14 inches in length.

Makes Loud Racket

It has a squeaking bark and the racket around the town is deafening when a stranger approaches. The little animal has a reddish or greyish buff coat and a black-tipped tail giving it the general appearance and gait of a Walt Disney creation.

The federal government has sent men out to report on the town on several occasions, but the most recent visitors were two enthusiastic amateur naturalist, E. H. M. Knowles, Regina barrister, and Charles Holmes, of Dollard, Sask.

As the visitors approached the dogs were hunched over mounds of earth they throw up at the entrance to the burrows they dig straight into the earth for 14 and sometimes 16 feet. The mounds above these burrous dot the landscape of the town as far as the eye can see. Once the prairie dogs are scared down their holes they will not emerge for hours and only careful stalking can bring a visitor within 75 yards of them.

Five dogs were shot on this occasion for research purposes, but the general feeling is that protection should be given to these animals which used to graze by the millions in this border area and whose population has dwindled steadily with the settlement of the land.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT

30th October, 1943

RESOURCES

Cash in its Vaults and Money on Deposit with Bank of Canada		$122,277,005.70
Notes of and Cheques on Other Banks		50,369,612.03
Payable in cash on presentation.		
Money on Deposit with Other Banks		41,078,651.11
Available on demand or at short notice.		
Government and Other Bonds and Debentures		799,462,639.56
Not exceeding market value. The greater portion consists of Dominion Government and high-grade Provincial and Municipal securities which mature at early dates.		
Stocks		385,280.79
Industrial and other stocks. Not exceeding market value.		
Call Loans		22,036,981.99
In Canada	$ 3,350,701.53	
Elsewhere	18,686,280.46	
Payable on demand and secured by bonds, stocks and other negotiable collateral of greater value than the loans.		
TOTAL OF *QUICKLY* AVAILABLE RESOURCES *(equal to 83.81% of all Liabilities to the Public)*		$1,035,610,171.18
Loans to Provincial and Municipal Governments including School Districts		17,544,577.50
Commercial and Other Loans		226,399,651.32
In Canada	$215,445,397.05	
Elsewhere	10,954,254.27	
To manufacturers, farmers, merchants and others, on conditions consistent with sound banking.		
Bank Premises		13,400,000.00
Two properties only are carried in the names of holding companies; the stock and bonds of these companies are entirely owned by the Bank and appear on its books at $1.00 in each case. All other of the Bank's premises, the value of which largely exceeds $13,400,000.00 are included under this heading.		
Real Estate and Mortgages on Real Estate Sold by the Bank		553,727.65
Acquired in the course of the Bank's business and in process of being realized upon.		
Customers' Liability under Acceptances and Letters of Credit		17,068,844.05
Represents liabilities of customers on account of Letters of Credit issued and Drafts accepted by the Bank for their account.		
Other Assets not included in the Foregoing (but including refundable portion of Dominion Government taxes $195,472.75)		2,487,682.99
Making Total Resources of		$1,313,064,654.69

LIABILITIES

Due to the Public		
Deposits		$1,205,874,791.46
In Canada	$1,046,857,927.64	
Elsewhere	159,016,863.82	
Payable on demand or after notice.		
Notes of the Bank in Circulation		9,790,640.00
Payable on demand.		
Acceptances and Letters of Credit Outstanding		17,068,844.05
Financial responsibilities undertaken on behalf of customers (see off-setting amount in "Resources").		
Other Liabilities		2,897,045.82
Items not included under the foregoing headings.		
Total Liabilities to the Public		$1,235,631,321.33
To meet which the Bank has resources as indicated above amounting to		$1,313,064,654.69
Leaving an excess of Resources over Liabilities, which represents the Shareholders' interest over which Liabilities to the Public take precedence.		
Capital	$36,000,000.00	
Reserve Fund, Profit & Loss Account and Reserves for Dividends	41,433,333.36	$ 77,433,333.36

PROFIT and LOSS ACCOUNT

Profits for the year ended 30th October, 1943, after making appropriations to Contingent Reserve Fund, out of which Fund full provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts has been made, and after deducting Dominion Government Taxes amounting to $2,913,194.04 (of which $165,585.92 is refundable under the provisions of The Excess Profits Tax Act)		$3,302,834.19
Dividends paid or payable to Shareholders	$2,160,000.00	
Written off Bank Premises	500,000.00	2,660,000.00
		$ 642,834.19
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st October, 1942		$1,236,686.94
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward		$1,879,521.13

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Waste Paper Is Now Most Urgent Salvage Item

Since waste paper is the most urgent salvage item at the present time, comments by the different Wartime Prices and Trade Board paper administrators are of timely interest.

"It would be impossible to give a complete account of the uses made of waste paper material in the direct war effort," states Mr. C. V. Hodder, administrator of packages and converted paper products, "but a few of them embrace shell cases, fuses, flares, emergency rations, dividers for bullets, lifeboat rations and containers for Red Cross supplies, bandages, medical supplies, rations, automobile supplies and spare parts, gas masks, tank and airplane parts, ship stores and ship engine parts."

"The picture of how paper board is used in wartime is a comprehensive one," states Mr. F. C. Hayes, administrator of shipping cases. "For the Department of Munitions and Supply covers the shipment of empty brass cases and empty projectiles from the manufacturer to the filling plant, shipment of practice bombs, smoke bombs and smaller size demolition bombs, fuses, land mines, flares, parachutes, primer and many other items too numerous to mention.

"The industry is also called upon to supply indirectly cartons for shipping parts for further assembly of radio packing for airplanes and radio location work; transmitters and transmitter tubes and all instruments required for navigation and control of airplanes. Special packing for the motor car industry, designed to keep the repair parts in perfect condition under any climate, have been made by the millions. Cartons for shipping of spiral round paper tubes for shell protection are a large item. Also, prime foods, particularly eggs and butter, are being shipped in corrugated containers.

"All of this," Mr. Hayes concludes, "is being attempted in addition to an accelerated civilian supply, on practically every line, and a definite decrease in the amount of material available."

Profitable Relaxation

Autumn is now turning into winter, and the evenings are growing longer—evenings which can be spent pleasurably or dully.

Dwellers in our smaller communities sometimes complain of a lack of "something to do" in the months when outdoor relaxation activities are cut to a minimum. Although it is true that the little towns do not provide all the ready-made means of entertainment which are present in the cities, there is no real reason to complain. The number of ways in which an individual may enjoy himself is not limited by the size of the place in which he lives.

One way to enliven the winter season, for instance, is in the production of amateur theatricals. The art of the theatre should not be considered as something native only to the brightly-lit streets of a metropolis. It is something that may just as well be fostered in the smaller centres and with equal artistic success.

Striking proof of this statement was offered at the Dominion Drama Festival staged at London, Ont., in April, 1939. Here a 55-year-old farmer, Robert Haskins, from the tiny town of Clive, Alta., was adjudged the best male performer at the festival for his portrayal of the difficult role of the landowner in Chekhov's "The Bear." Newspaper interviews with the hero of "the courageous little troupe from Clive" which had competed with honor against the best amateur showmen in Canada, quoted him as saying after winning the award: "I have been raised to the seventh heaven. The Clive people say 'Where there's a will there's a way.' Success depends upon what one does with his idle moments. I went into the play to take up my idle moments in the wintertime."

The annual Dominion Drama Festival is, of course, a war casualty. But there is little doubt that it will be revived in the peace-years once again to offer a chance for the little theatre groups all across Canada to gain recognition. Now is the time to build up such groups.

The pessimist may argue that shortage of the proper facilities in the smaller centres prevents worthwhile productions. This is only partly true. When handicapped by a small stage or poor lighting, a good amateur director often can turn disavantage to profit by employing ingenuity in staging and lighting effects.

Admittedly, dramatics is only one outlet for the energies of those who want to take part in artistic enterprises and at the same time enjoy themselves thoroughly. But it's a good one. Try it out.

Grammar, Arithmetic and Other Things

Kingston's Board of Education is sending a resolution to Premier Drew urging that greater attention be paid to the teaching of arithmetic and English grammar in Ontario's public schools.

Arithmetic being important, and grammar, too (though heaven protect us from the pedantic purist), the advice of Kingston Board is to the good. Yet many must wonder whether it wouldn't be more to the good if it were widened to include greater attention to a few other subjects. After all, education does not consist in ability to write or speak grammatically, nor in facility with the addition, division, or subtraction of figures. It consists far more in ability to think, to judge of human values; to know the difference between what is right and wrong, between what is solid and what is shoddy.

It is this last sort of education that we should like to see stressed in our schools. Take courtesy, for example. A simple thing, it is a great thing; yet for some reason or other it is not stressed as we think it ought to be stressed in either our primary or secondary schools. Every day young people are met with who seemingly do not know how to approach or address their elders, who seem to have forgotten the word "Sir". Yet more often than not the use of the word is the mark of a child's or a young man's upbringing and training, the sign of the foundation of education.

We live in an age when the qualities of respect and reverence are all too rare, when cynicism is confused with cleverness, and when the gag and the smart wisecrack are thought to be marks of distinction. It is perhaps not too soon for realization by all who care for the future that this pitiful playing at sophistication is fraught with menace, and that one place to begin a stand against it is in our schools. Let us by all means teach such things as arithmetic and grammar, but let us understand at the same time that there are things more fundamental and precious — things such as courtesy, and reverence, and sportsmanship and justice.

H. G. Wells once described our age as a race between Education and Catastrophe. It can matter little how the race ends if we don't make up our minds what true education is about.

—Ottawa Journal

In a current news picture, a Toronto piper is shown seated on a jeep, playing the bagpipes to a crowd of Italians who welcomed the Canadian invasion force at Matera. . . . Which seems a somewhat drastic reprisal to impose on a conquered people.

Earning Power of Farmers Too Low, Says Authority

The agricultural problem is so vital, so tremendous, that the consumers and the industrialists of Canada must appreciate the farmers' true position and intelligently assist through Governments and in every way to find the permanent solution. It is true that leading business men realize that the producers of Canada's foodstuffs are paying income taxes in small numbers, not of their own choice but for the simple reason that the earning power in labor income on the average farm, even with the free labor of wife and children thrown in, is little more than that which industry and Governments pay to a Grade 1 stenographer.

—Dr. E. S. Archibald, Director,
Dominion Experimental Farms Service

War Foods Improve British

A Londan boy of 12 or 13 years of age today is on the average 2.4 inches taller and 10.2 pounds heavier than his father was at the same age, and a girl is on the average 2.1 inches taller and 13.4 pounds heavier than her mother in the same relative period. So reports a famed professor of chemical pathology at London University, adding that the improvement is due in large measure to Britain's wartime diet. People, says the professor, are not merely eating less: they are eating less of harmful food, and eating more scientifically.

Which may be a tip for all of us. No believers we that the "brave new world" can be built up on the basis of vitamin B, or even vitamin C, or the two put together, but fairly clear it seems that a lot of us were eating too much, or eating too much at any rate of things that were no good to us. Maybe, therefore, a little more knowledge of what is nutritious and what isn't with a bit of asceticism thrown in for good measure, wouldn't harm us. Gluttony may be a sin in more respects than one.

—Ottawa Farm Journal

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A Fine Effort

The sum of $145.27 was realized from the "Stamp Out T.B." tag day in Humboldt. . . . This was a very fine response to this worthy cause.

—Humboldt (Sask.) Journal

By The Lump

Future rationing may be on the basis of two lumps of sugar and one lump of coal.

—Hespeler (Ont.) Herald

Canada Stands High

Today Canada stands higher among the nations of the world than before the outbreak of the war. Amid all the internal wranglings, Canadians may well keep this fact in mind.

—Jarvis (Ont.) Record

Plea for Housewives

More sugar has been allowed for soft drinks. Housewives would prefer that any extra supply be made available for household needs. Soft drinks can hardly be called essential.

—Picton (Ont.) Gazette

Farm Leadership

One of the real casualties of this war has been the farmer. The drift away from the farms and the gradual swing away from a national economy largely centred round agriculture will certainly be felt in the years to come.

—Carlton Place (Ont.) Canadian

Preparing for Future

The cost of the aerial blitz is not too great, in the opinion of Allied commanders. . . . In the opinion of Marshal Harris "every ton of bombs dropped on German industries will save the lives of 10 United Nations' soldiers in the near future when the invasion gets underway."

—Melita (Man.) New Era

Call for Pulpwood

Now, Canada calls again to the farm. This time, farmers and farm workers, who can leave the farms without affecting winter production, are urged to go into the woods to cut pulpwood. The shortage of manpower in the woods has reduced pulpwood production far below consumption. For the men on battlefronts everywhere, that is grave news. Pulp and paper products are vital to fighters as food itself. Explosives, shell cases, bomb parts, blood containers and hospital supplies are only a few of the items made from pulp and paper.

—Rainy River (Ont.) Record



A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada

By Jim Greenblat

Ottawa Clippings: Operators at two high speed cheque writing machines are sending out income tax refunds to Canadians at the rate of 8,000 a day at National Revenue. . . . Munitions department is considering establishment of a crown company to centralize disposal of machinery, war material and other surplus goods. . . . discouraging non-essential buying, the Treasury Board has announced that payment of month-end December salaries to temporary and certain permanent employees before Christmas will not be authorized; it affects 30,000 temporary employees in Ottawa, 40,000 outside the Capitol and 22,000 permanents . . . in a case here a magistrate ruled that "hamburger" retains its original name "round steak" when the meat is ground up for a customer at his request. . . . contributions to Canada's recently-established "quinine pool" equalled 110,000 doses in the first ten days.

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We don't know but that we should be bothered about an alarming situation wherein the convictions for infractions of the law in Canada during the first three years of this war increased 30.6 per cent. There were 420,975 convictions in 1936 and 632,431 in 1942. The worst of it is, of course, that juvenile delinquency has jumped up badly, way past the adults. Among the juveniles, major convictions increased 37.9 per cent. In short our convictions increased twice as fast during the war years as during the peacetime period.

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It may not be generally known yet, but farmers and other primary producers can purchase lumber for new buildings essential for storing grain or housing livestock at 10 per cent below current retail price through payment of a subsidy by the Stability Corporation, a branch of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. The subsidy is also payable to fishermen, co-operatives, unincorporated associations and incorporated farms. It also may be granted in assisting the restoration of essential business buildings when the proprietor is himself bearing the cost of rebuilding. The ruling says: "Any civilian purchasing lumber for use in assisting the primary production of essential foods is eligible for a consumer subsidy."

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Here and there: One Norwegian tanker, of hundreds sailing for the United Nations, just crossed the Atlantic for the 45th time since the outbreak of war, carrying 300,000 tons (105,000,000 gallons) of oil across the ocean, enough for 100 raids over Germany of a thousand bombers each; and had never seen a U-boat . . . the 1943 production of children's knitted underwear is expected to break all previous records with output of more than ten million garments and a continuous flow to retailers; the board says diapers, for instance are up more than 30 per cent over 1941, and flannelette garments are far in excess of prewar years. . . . Canada's birthrate last year was 1.2 per thousand higher than the year before, showing increases in every province except Saskatchewan. . . . Canada is today supplying nearly two-thirds of the imports of Newfoundland with the United States second, supplying about 32 per cent.

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Delivery of hogs reached such tremendous proportions a short while ago that the Meat Board asked all packing plants in Quebec, Ontario and the prairie provinces to slaughter no more sows until all regular classes of finished hogs at yards and plants were slaughtered. A recent week saw an all-time slaughtering of about 192,000 hogs, greater by 150,000 than any previous week. The congested situation was not confined to Canada, but prevailed in the United States, too. The Board pointed out that as two regular hogs can be processed with about the same amount of labor as one sow, and as additional weight does not lower the eventual value of sows temporarily held back, this was the best practical solution to the problem.

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Farmers are urged to make immediate arrangements for fertilizers they will need next spring and to accept delivery during the winter months, because of problems of transportation, labor and storage, states G. S. Peart, the Fertilizers Administrator. If the farmers' needs are to be met, manufacturers must keep the stuff moving out. About 500,000 tons of different kinds are expected to be available in Canada for the spring of 1944.

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Only 30 per cent of the leaf used for tobacco in Canada in 1938 was Canadian-grown, but as a result of the improvement in the quality through research and practical work of the Tobacco division of the Dominion Experimental Farm service, 92 per cent of Canadian leaf was used in 1940. In 1942 it is stated that 100 per cent of the tobacco manufactured in this country was home grown. This means a fine increase in revenue for the 7,000 farmers engaged in this industry.

Monoxide Gas Threat Increases in Winter

Attention is drawn by safety officials to the danger of asphyxiation in closed garages at this time of the year. Motorists are advised not to start the engine of a car or truck before opening the garage doors. "It is also wise to open the window of a car somewhat while the motor is running in case the exhaust line is defective", they add. "This hazard is increased if the car is parked".



"It keeps them in a hopeful state of mind!"

Doubting Canadians Capture Britisher

Melksham, Wiltshire, Eng. (CP) — Leading Seaman H. J. Cundick said when he arrived home that he escaped from a prisoner of war camp in Italy, walked 400 miles through Italy and then was suspected by Canadians of being a spy.

The 24-year-old sailor, survivor of H.M.S. Calypso, had been a prisoner since 1941. He said he learned a "good deal" of the Italian language and after escaping, borrowed Italian clothes and played the role of an Italian who had an urgent call to his family in the south.

"I nearly came to grief in the last few minutes of my escape," he recalled. "I was hungry and entered a farmhouse. The farmer's family was getting me some food when some robust Canadians dashed in armed with tommy guns. They meant business.

"With the Italians in the farmhouse I surrendered, but the Canadians had their doubts and, with a tommy gun pointed straight at me, they questioned me about myself, as they thought I was a spy. I stopped speaking Italian and spoke English and at last my English voice convinced them I was a Britisher.

NEED FOR INTEREST

With the approach of nomination day for the councils of the various municipalities, and the evidence of greater responsibility being given our municipal bodies, ratepayers are urged to take an active interest in the affairs of the community and to attend meetings and obtain first hand information of the views held by those who present themselves for election.

—Perth (Ont.) Courier

London (CP) — The brewers' drayman earned $31.50 a week and the skilled engineer $29.70. The comparison came out at Edmonton county court when the two were summoned in different cases on debt charges.

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DISTRICT NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Weir

Miss Jeanine Proulx, of Montreal, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Proulx.

Mr. Wm. Clifton, of Montreal, accompanied by Mrs. Trevor Judd, were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Owen.

Mrs. R. H. Weldon returned home on Friday after spending the past week in Montreal visiting friends.

Week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Williams were — Mrs. Jos. Gelinas and daughter, Esther, Mrs. Geo. Clifton, Mrs. John MacLean and Mr. Roy Williams, all of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williams with their son, Royce, of Montreal, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Weldon.

Mrs. Robt. Williams returned home Thursday after spending the past fortnight with friends in Montreal.

Mrs. D. MacKimmie, of Ottawa, was the week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Morrison.

Harrington

The Women's Missionary Society meeting was held on Saturday last at the home of Mrs. John McMahon.

F. Poulter, R.C.A.F., stationed at St. Johns, Que., spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Poulter, Gale House.

Mr. John Marshall and Mr. Earl McLeod spent Sunday in the city visiting Mrs. McLeod, who is a patient in the Montreal General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bronson, of Cornwall, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wyman McLean, Bell Falls, this week.

The Farm Radio Forum was held on Monday evening at the home of John Dobbie.

Grenville North

Mr. Reggie Bennett, his mother, Mrs. Thos. Bennett, and sister, Miss Lois Bennett, were at St. Anne's Military Hospital visiting Pte. Vernon Bennett, who is now much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perks, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Taylor and family, and Mrs. Edgar Thompson, of St. Andrews and Hudson Heights, visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gauley on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Packer, Mr. and Mrs. McJeunette, all of Montreal, spent a few days recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Breckin.

Mrs. Worsford and two daughters, Doreen and Heather, of Montreal, were recent guests at the cottage in the Bay.

Miss Mary Nixon, of Brownsburg, who is home on sick leave, is now much improved in health.

Master Howard Cousins spent the week-end at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rainey.

Mabel

Mrs. James Murdoch has returned home after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. H. McDonald and Mr. McDonald, at Lakefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. MacCullough, of N.D.G., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Murdoch.

Little Miss Helen Black is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. David Black at East Settlement this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Madden, of Kilmar, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Murdoch.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Warwich, also Mr. Henderson Townsend, were in Montreal on Sunday visiting Mr. Harlow Warwick, who is a patient in the Royal Victoria Hospital. They were accompanied by Mrs. Harlow Warwick, of Vide Sac.

Grenville

Mr. and Mrs. James McCormack, of Montreal, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crooks and other friends in Grenville.

Mr. Lorne Cooke, of Paugan Falls, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mrs. Victor D. Gaudry and Miss Dorothy Brazeau are in Ottawa at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddley Woodbury, Mrs. Gaudry is taking treatment at the Civic Hospital.

Morin Heights

Mrs. Jamieson has returned home after spending a couple of weeks in Montreal.

Mrs. L. Kennedy and daughters, Patricia and Margaret, spent last week-end in Montreal.

Mrs. G. Banecourt, of Piedmont, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Basler, last week.

Mrs. S. Jamieson and daughter, Carol, spent a few days in Montreal last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lawson, of Staynerville, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Seale.

Mr. Douglas Davis spent last week- end in Montreal, visiting his wife, who is still a patient in the General Hospital.

Miss Eunice Seale, of Montreal, spent the week-end at her home here.

An enjoyable evening was spent by the large number who attended the social evening in the basement of the United Church, on Wednesday last. Mrs. L. Kennedy and Mrs. Carl Seale were in charge of the program. Refreshments were served at the close.

Don't forget the social evening on Wednesday, December 8, under auspices of the Women's Association, in the United Church basement.

Southampton, Eng. (CP) — A letter from a Channel Islander to a relative in England says "we are now making blanc mange from seaweed and milk. The seaweed is collected from the beaches and is known as Carrageen moss."

Brownsburg

Mr. A. Steere and Miss D. Steere spent the week-end in Montreal, attending the wedding of Mr. Ronald Stewart.

Miss Lida Gilmour spent the week-end in Montreal with her sister, Miss Edith Gilmour.

The Misses Marjorie, Lillian and Doris McOuat were week-end visitors to the city.

Mrs. John Duncan and daughter spent the week-end in Montreal.

Mrs. Claude Hebert and little daughter, Marlene, were in Montreal this week.

Miss Allison Galbraith, of Montreal, spent the week-end with her parents here.

LAC. David McCulloch, R.C.A.F., of St. Hubert, and Mr. Alex McCulloch, of Verdun, spent the week-end at their home here.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. David Black and family in their bereavement. Mrs. Black passed away at the Royal Victoria Hospital on Tuesday.

Mrs. Percy McAdam and Miss Enid McAdam were in Montreal last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Cruthers spent the week-end in the city.

Mr. Kenneth McHardy spent the week-end in Montreal.

Mrs. Wm. Prosser returned home on Sunday after spending a few days in Montreal.

B.Y.P.U. Meeting

The B.Y.P.U. meeting of the Maple Avenue Baptist Church was held at Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Tomalty's this week. Mrs. C. E. Prosser gave the topic. Miss Gladys Sybley was presented with a gift from the organization prior to leaving for her home in New Brunswick.

Cushing

Mrs. W. Y. King, of "Ingleside," was a guest at the home of her brother, Mr. Lemuel Cushing, of Westmount, for several days last week.

Mrs. A. Starnes, of Monalea, is spending the winter months with her daughter, Mrs. H. V. Elliott.

The Rev. and Mrs. Burman are in Montreal this week. Mr. Burman unfortunately has to spend some time in the Royal Victoria Hospital. Friends here wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Margaret Canning was the week-end guest of Mrs. J. C. Dougall at Verdun.

Mrs. John Innes has been spending several weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. McGerrigle, in Quebec City.

Mr. and Mrs. Meadows and son, Frank, of Lachine, spent the week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burman at the manse.

Mrs. James Chambers and brother, Mr. H. Bromby, are spending the winter months in Montreal, the guests of Miss Margaret Lewthwaite.

Stoker V. Elliott, of Montreal, spent the week-end in Cushing with his wife. Fenton Elliott, of the R.C.A.F., Ottawa, was also a guest at the Elliott home.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Burton, of Montreal, were week-end guests of the Misses Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fuller and Donald, also Mrs. F. Fuller, motored to Hudson on Sunday and spent the day.

W.C.T.U. Evening

A social evening, held under auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance on Friday night in the Community Hall, was much enjoyed — particularly the part taken by the children, singing temperance songs, also old favorites, accompanied by Miss Ora Watson on the piano. The Misses Myrtle and Myrna Gaston played duets, also sang sweetly together without accompaniment. Games and contests followed, and Miss Shirley Bradley, of Lachute Road, was winner of the first prize in naming "Flowers we have known," with Mrs. J. P. Bradley and Miss A. Davidson tied for second place.

W.I. Meeting for December

Frontier Branch of the W.I. will hold their annual Christmas meeting in Cushing Community Hall, on Friday, night, December 10, under the management of the program committee. The roll-call is "suggestions for Christmas table decorations". There will also be an exchange of Christmas gifts, the cost not to exceed 10 cents — something made from the patch bag; children's program.

TOLD AFTER THREE YEARS

Cambridge, Eng. (CP) — The submarine Shark was bombed and machined-gunned for six hours after being sunk off Norway in July, 1940, said Torpedo-man Joseph Coleman when he arrived here after being repatriated from Germany. How the submarine had been lost had previously been a mystery.

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OBITUARY

Church Worker and Loved Resident Mourned at Weir

Late Mrs. Oliver Purcell Was Church Organist 27 Years

Weir — This community was shocked to hear the sudden passing of Mrs. Oliver Purcell on Thursday afternoon, November 25, in her 49th year — for although Mrs. Purcell had been in failing health for a number of years, none realized that the end was so near.

Mrs. Purcell, formerly Alma Ruby Williams, was born in Weir and spent practically her entire life here. She followed a course at Macdonald College from which she graduated in June, 1916, and then taught school previous to her marriage on April 30, 1919.

Mrs. Purcell took an active part in church work, and had been organist in the church for the past 27 years; during the last three months she had to remain away owing to her failing health, but always hoped some day to be able to resume the position.

Left to mourn her passing are her beloved husband, Mr. Oliver Purcell, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Williams, seven sisters, (Lucile) Mrs. A. H. Moore, of New Liskeard, Ont., (May) Mrs. E. J. Craig, (Inez) Mrs. Stanley Craig, of Weir, (Violet) Mrs. Jos. Gelinas, (Vera) Mrs. Geo. Clifton, (Amy) Mrs. John MacLean, of Montreal, (Clara) Mrs. Roy Staniforth, of Rouge Valley, and four brothers, Henry and Douglas, of Weir, and Alex and Roy, of Montreal.

The funeral service, conducted by the Rev. F. R. Hughes, was held Saturday afternoon, November 27, at the Church of the Redeemer, Weir, and was largely attended by sympathizing friends and relatives, many beautiful floral tributes also bearing silent tributes of esteem.

The pall-bearers were her four brothers, Henry, Alex, Douglas and Roy, and her brothers-in-law, Vernon Purcell, of The Glen, and Roy Staniforth, of Rouge Valley.

Interment took place in the cemetery at Arundel, Que.

Grenville Loses An Old Resident

The Late Miss K. Byrnes

Grenville — Another old resident passed away recently, in the person of Miss K. Byrnes, whose funeral, was held in the Roman Catholic Church on Sunday afternoon. Interment was at Calumet Cemetery.

Miss Byrnes had lived to the good old age of 84 years, and most of her lifetime was spent in Grenville. She was born and raised here, but spent several years residing in Montreal. Her sister predeceased her a few years ago, and also her brother, William Byrnes, who was well known as a carriage maker in this village.

THE TELEPHONE OF THE FUTURE

Donald Deskey, industrial designer, has sketched a few of his impressions of the telephone of the future. He thinks it will be made of plastic because of plastic's durability, lightness, and good looking, lustrous finish. The telephone would have no receiver-transmitter, but a microphone, which would leave you free to use both hands for making notes while speaking or listening. If privacy is desired, the design provides for an earphone.

Instead of a bulky telephone directory, numbers would be listed on micro-film rolled on a device which enables the user to whirl through the directory at variable speeds, arriving at the B or M or Q section by a push button. The micro-film would pass under a magnifying lens and appear in an illuminated frame in the base of the telephone.

The new telephone would take your calls while you were out. A trip-signal device to indicate messages received during your absence would be incorporated in a remote terminal cabinet. This trip-signal would work in connection with the recording tape.

The telephone also would serve as an inter-office or home communications system, using the same principle private systems now employ. You'll even carry the telephone of the future into the next room — it will have no wire to trip you.

—Minneapolis Star Journal

Sir John Black, President of the Standard Motor Company of England, himself a former Boy Scout recently told a group of Scouts that their training would develop in them "a sense of leadership and responsibility invaluable in adult life. Personally," he said, "I have proud and happy memories of my associations with the Scouts and am convinced that it was of great benefit to me."

Nonagenarian Dies After Brief Illness

Late Mrs. William McAdam, 91, Is Survived by Sister 97 Years of Age

The passing of Mrs. William McAdam occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Black, Lachute, on Sunday, November 28, after a few days' illness.

Mrs. McAdam was the former Miss Helen Drennan, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Drennan, and was in her 91st year; she had lived her entire life in this district. Her husband predeceased her about 20 years ago.

A member of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church, Lachute, she was known as a kind and generous lady, always willing to assist in good works.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the United Church, the Rev. W. B. Rosborough and the Rev. E. Orsborn conducting the service. Interment was made at Lachute Cemetery.

The pall-bearers were — John Drennan, Wm. Thompson, Sam McArthur, Harry Todd, Erskine Rodger and Melvin Smith.

Mrs. McAdam is survived by one sister, Mrs. Wm. Thompson, of Arundel, who is now 97 years of age; also by a number of nieces and nephews.

Her Lifetime Associated With B'bg Post Office

Late Mrs. David Black

After a brief stay in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, where she had been under observation, Mrs. David Black passed away on Tuesday, at the age of 40 years.

Before her marriage to Mr. Black in 1925, she was Miss Annie MacAllister, daughter of Mr. Alex MacAllister and the late Mrs. MacAllister. Born in Brownsburg, she attended school there, and during her whole life had been connected with the local post office which for many years she, with her husband, had been in charge of.

Of a kindly and pleasant disposition she will be greatly missed by the many with whom she came in contact.

Left to mourn her loss are her loving husband, one daughter, Miss Sybil, and one son, Robert; also three brothers, Ward, of Wetaskawin, Alta., Melville, of Montreal, and Arthur, of Brownsburg, with a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral service, held this afternoon, was largely attended by many sympathizing friends and relatives; the service was conducted by the Rev. S. J. Pike in the United Church, where as a young girl she had been most faithful in rendering service as organist and a choir member.

Pall-bearers were — Stanley Brown, Bert McGibbon, Everett McGibbon, Russel Warwick, William Tomalty and Romain Desjardins.

The flowers were profuse. Interment was made in the Brownsburg section of Lachute Cemetery.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

BIRTH

KETTYLE — At the Providence Hospital, Lachute Mills, Que., on Sunday, November 21, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Kettyle, of Brownsburg, a daughter.

DEATHS

BLACK — At the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on November 30, 1943, Mrs. David Black, formerly Annie MacAllister.

McADAM — At Lachute, Que., on November 28, 1943, Helen Drennan, beloved wife of the late William McAdam, in her 91st year.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

McADAM — We wish to express our deep gratitude to our many friends and neighbors for assistance and sympathy, during the passing of Mrs. William McAdam. —Mr. and Mrs. William Black.

McARTHER — The family of the late Robert McArthur are grateful for the assistance, flowers and many expressions of sympathy offered in their recent sad bereavement.

MORRISON — Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morrison and family wish to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation of the many kindnesses and sympathy extended them in their recent bereavement.

PURCELL — Mr. Oliver Purcell and the Williams family wish to express their sincere thanks to the many kind neighbors and friends for expressions of sympathy and floral tributes during their recent sad bereavement.

WOOD — Mr. Ernest J. Wood wishes to thank friends and relatives for kindnesses and sympathy extended him in his recent bereavement.

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W.I.'s Contribution To War Activities

The recently publish biennial report of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada shows that this nation-wide organization of rural women contributed in cash and prepared supplies to the value of half a million dollars in the two years ending June, 1943, to Canada's war activities.

This is a conservative estimate, as a great deal accomplished by the W.I. is not included in this report.

ANOTHER USE FOR A SCOUT'S HAT

Quick thinking by a Scoutmaster in Oklahoma saved him the loss of his car. When two thieves stopped him in his car he happened to be in Scout uniform. He immediately switched on his dashboard lights and radio and shouted "Calling all cars, Calling all cars." Believing him to be a highway patrolman, who wear similar hats, the thieves promptly beat a hasty retreat.

WOMEN AS ENGINEERS

Johannesburg (CP) — Women emergency workers are now learning to do engineering jobs in Johannesburg. This college of technical training is turning out trained women so that men can be released for active military service.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES

Rev. B. B. Brown Here for Anniversary of Lachute United Church

SERMON TOPIC, "GLORIOUS THINGS OF THE CHURCH"

Services celebrating the fourth anniversary of the new Lachute United Church were held last Sunday. Guest preacher for the morning service was the Rev. B. B. Brown, of Wesley United Church, Montreal, who is well known here for his work in this community many years ago. The evening service was conducted by the minister, the Rev. W. B. Rosborough, B.A., B.D.

The Rev. Brown based his sermon upon the text, "Christ also loved the Church," and opened his theme with, "Glorious things of Thee are spoken." He briefly described the struggles of the early Christian Church, and of the many glorious poems, and literature of praise and encouragement, that have been written by men in times of stress.

"The Church has many enemies and hecklers," continued Mr. Brown, "people that are technically cunning in the slurring of the Church and of ministers and members . . . and who claim that the Church is done."

"Not all the Nazis are in Europe," the preacher said; "too many are to be found in America and Canada . . . and yet Church members stand aside and neglect their duty to combat these forces."

He requested churchmen not to "get in a dither" or to "lose heart," for these deluded souls would not prevail against the promise to Peter: "and the gates of Hell will not prevail"; the glorious Church will stand.

Paul exalts and magnifies the Church beautiful, with the analogy of the lesson of the husband and true love for his wife, said Mr. Brown, and that Christ gave himself for the Church so that it would be sanctified in making society Christlike.

Three illustrations were used by the preacher on the glories of the Church. The first was that the teaching and preaching magnifies the Glory of God, the supreme governor of the universe. He said that the Psalmist was worried about the conditions of the world, and he realized God's presence in his inspired writings. "How many people worship God while playing golf, hunting or fishing," asked Mr. Brown. He said, that some claim they worship just as well in open places, but the Church brings one nearer to God with intimate worship.

That the Church develops Christian character was the speaker's second claim. He gave a number of examples of how many depressed and broken-hearted individuals had found new life and comfort in the spirit of Christ.

The final point was that the Church promotes the greatest fellowship in the world . . . the fellowship with God and the fellowship with others. Concluding he urged church members to give their ministers every encouragement by attending worship regularly.

During the morning service, the Rev. B. B. Brown was greeted by many old friends; he recalled that he first came to Lachute in the year 1908. He also said that he had many former Lachute people in his congregation, who through their training in this community were doing excellent work at Wesley Church.

Strength That Comes from Everyday Encouragement

At the evening service, the Rev. W. B. Rosborough spoke on the text from Isaiah 41: 6-7, "They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage," etc.

The message was based upon the fact that there are too many discouragers in this world, and that there was a great "need of encouragers . . . to strengthen one for daily tasks, for a word of encouragement will be of untold help."

Mr. Rosborough appealed to parents to encourage their children in the home all they can . . . for often, he claimed, "children would rather cut the lawns elsewhere, because of severe criticism at home." He illustrated with the story of an Italian boy who was ambitious with his singing, and his teacher rejected him . . . but whose mother, with faith and hard work, gave her son the chance . . . and he became the greatest tenor of all time, Caruso.

The minister also emphasized the need for encouragement at school and at church . . . where pupils and workers are in need of all the help they can get . . . "Also in moral life, one who is struggling to overcome his weaknesses, often has no word of encouragement from those around him," said Mr. Rosborough.

Finally, the preacher urged the necessity of emulating the characteristic of Jesus in helping others, as witnessed with the woman of Samaria, and of the parable of the Prodigal Son. He appealed for more people to follow this example, and become "a life member in the society of encouragers in life."

During the morning service the choir, under direction of Chas. L. Duncan, and Miss Ruth Todd, organist, rendered "Seek Ye the Lord", by J. Varley Roberts, the tenor solo and obligato being taken by Mr. J. S. Giles. The evening anthem was "The Lord's My Shepherd," by Henry Smart.

Church Services

MARGARET RODGER MEM'L PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
"The Other Prodigal Son"
3.00 p.m. Brownsburg.
7 p.m. Evening Worship.
"The South Window of the Soul"

LACHUTE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. B. Rosborough, B.A., B.D.
10.00 a.m. Sabbath School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
"Borrowing Trouble"
7.00 p.m. Evening Worship.
"The Value of Belief"
2.30 p.m. East Settlement.

On Sunday, December 12th, an honor roll, bearing names of those from the congregation who have enlisted in Canada's armed forces during the present war will be unveiled.

A Cordial Welcome to All!

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. H. Charlton
10.00 a.m. Bible School.
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.00 p.m. Help for the helpless.
Happy Hour, Tues. at 7.00 p.m.
Young People's, Tues. at 8.00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 8 p.m.

BROWNSBURG UNITED
Rev. S. J. Pike, Minister
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
Regular Services at
11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

LAKEFIELD SERVICES
Rev. C. W. P. Baugh, Rector
10.30 a.m. Morin Heights,
Holy Communion.
2.30 p.m. Mille Isles,
Holy Baptismal.
7.30 p.m. Lakefield, Even Prayer.

REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES
Rev. Geo. B. Hicks, Pastor
BROWNSBURG

Bible School	10.00 a.m.
Church (Communion)	11.00 a.m.
Young People, Monday,	8.00 p.m.
Happy Hour, Thursday	7.00 p.m.
Prayer, Thursday	8.00 p.m.

DALESVILLE

Bible School, 2.00 p.m.	
Church (Communion)	3.00 p.m.
Prayer, Wednesday,	8.00 p.m.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, BROWNSBURG
Rev. T. J. H. Rich, Pastor
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Service.
7.00 p.m. Evening Service.

Weekly Meeting of United Church Y.P.U.

The regular meeting of the Lachute United Y.P.U. was held last evening, with President Mae Gordon in the chair and Bernice Gordon as secretary.

After the regular business, Miss Vivian Rick read the "Current Events" item of the week, choosing from "There are no atheists in the skies," an article from Reader's Digest giving the experiences of combat airmen and their feelings regarding religion.

The topic chosen by the Christian Culture convenors, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gorman, was "Reading Aloud". Some useful suggestions were given, then the group joined in clock-wise reading of one of the Proverbs.

Four humorous stories were read by the Rev W. B. Rosborough, and extracts from Kirby Page's "Living Creatively" and Gibran's "The Prophet" were given by the convenors.

Plans are being arranged for the next week's meeting, when the Y.P.S. of Lachute Presbyterian Church and the Y.P.U. of Brownsburg are to be guests.

Lachute C.G.I.T. Group

The weekly meeting of the C.G.I.T. was held on Monday at the United Church. Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Nineteen members answered the roll-call. A short business session was held, and a rehearsal for the usual Candle-Light Service.

The meeting was adjourned by Geraldine Morrison.

SOCIAL EVENING ON ANNIVERSARY UNITED CHURCH

The annual evening of good fellowship among members and friends of the Lachute United Church, was held on Monday. The gathering has now become a permanent part of the church program, and is designed to encourage church membership and companionship.

This gathering was the largest in the brief history of the new church, as young and old met for a friendly evening.

The minister, the Rev. W. B. Rosborough, extended a cordial welcome to those present, which was followed by the National Anthem.

The first half of the program was under direction of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gorman, who used the theme of "Negro Spirituals." A reading, "I'm the Negro," by Langston Hughes, was given, followed by the spiritual "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," sung by Mae Gordon.

The troubles of the American negro were illustrated by a historical survey, showing how they were first brought to America in the year 1619, by a Dutch man-of-war. Their economic and educational hardships were also dealt with, as well as social aspects to this present time.

Short biographies of Paul Robeson and Marian Anderson were also given, and "Swing Low" and "Jacob's Ladder" were used for community singing, led by Mae Gordon.

A digested article by the Rev. Chas. Este, of Union Church, Montreal, on the inspiration aspect of the spirituals was then read, followed by the closing song, "Steal Away," sung by Mrs. Chas. Duncan.

The second part of the program was under the auspices of the Y.P.U., and the president, Miss Mae Gordon, directed. Two duets were sung by Miss Yvonne Bedard and Miss M. Gordon, entitled "When the Lights of London Shine Again" and "Coming In on a Wing and a Prayer".

Miss Heedie Hayseed Supper, radio commentator of Station Y.P.U., gave all the intimate facts of social, financial and agricultural news, a broadcast that appealed to the listening audience. The commentator was impersonated by Freda McVicar, and the commercial announcer was Chas. L. Duncan.

A brief skit, a drama without words, was put on by a number of the girls, plus one cat, and their efforts were well applauded. A social time was enjoyed by the group, and delightful refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

R.C.A.F. SOLOISTS AT BROWNSB'G UNITED

Brownsburg — The choral part of the service last Sunday evening in Brownsburg United Church was augmented by selections by distinguished visitors from Montreal, namely Miss L. J. Hodgins, AW-2, of No. 1 Wireless School, R.C.A.F., Montreal, who rendered very acceptably "He Leadeth Me," and John Walker, social director of the same school, who sang "It Is I, Be Not Afraid" and "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings".

The thanks of the congregation were expressed to Miss Hodgins and Mr. Walker by the minister, the Rev. S. J. Pike.

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At the meeting of the Young People's Union on Monday evening, an invitation was sent to the Baptist Young People's to join in their meeting and social hour next week. An invitation was also received from the Young People's Union of Lachute to visit their group, on Wednesday evening of next week.

Among the items of business on Monday, following a missionary devotional period, contributions were voted to the Board of Stewards and Missionary Fund of the church. A bowling team was also selected to compete with other groups.

The matter of campaigning for the church paper, "The Observer," was taken up and three teams of two each were appointed, including Misses Ruth Hardie and Stella Warwick, Misses Edna Woods and Olive Hunt, and Misses Vera Bourne and Eileen O'Brien, to canvass during this week.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Norma McClenaghen spent the week-end at her home in Ormstown.

Miss Florence Gadley, of Outremont, was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Giles.

Miss Eleanor Young, of Montreal, spent last week-end visiting in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Boyd, of Montreal, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton.

Cpl. John Dixon and Mrs. Dixon, of Ottawa, were week-end guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Carson.

The Misses Margaret and Leona Boyd, of Montreal, also LAC. J. D. Dennis and LAC. A. D. McLeod, of St. Johns, Que., spent last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. Boyd.

Week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kennedy, Pine Hill, were Cpl. Gerald Kennedy, R.C.O.C., of Barriefield Camp, Kingston, and Mrs. Kennedy, of Lachute, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Evans and daughter, Beverley and Mr. Graham Kennedy, of Lachute.

Mrs. J. Price, of Renfrew, Ont., spent last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Y. Deacon.

Miss Lorna Copeland, of Montreal, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Copeland.

Mrs. J. H. Theoret left on Wednesday to visit relatives in Springfield, Mass.

AC-2 George Helmer, of the R.C.A.F., Toronto, is spending a few days this week with his wife and daughter.

Miss Florence Dixon, of Ottawa, was the recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Dixon, Dalesville.

Miss Shirley McGeorge, of Lachute, spent part of last week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Campbell, at Dalesville.

Mrs. George Armstrong is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Young and Mr. Young, in Quebec City.

Mrs. L. Laronde, who has been the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Demerse, is leaving for her home in Crescent, B.C., on Thursday.

Brownsburg Home Scene of Double-Ring Ceremony

Atkins - Clarke

Brownsburg — A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother when Joyce Mary Evangeline, youngest daughter of the late Richard S. Clarke and Mrs. Clarke, of Brownsburg Road, was united in marriage, on November 22, to David Norman Atkins, B.A., of Brownsburg, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Atkins, of Norwich, Ont. The double-ring ceremony was performed in the living-room by the Rev. S. J. Pike, under a garland of white bells and before a bank of chrysanthemums.

The bride who was given in marriage by her mother, wore a street-length gown of white faconné crepe made on torso lines with long full sleeves and Heartland styled white hat with waist-length pointe d'esprit veil. She carried a bouquet of red roses, heather and single 'mums.

The bride's cousin, Miss Kathleen MacVicar, was bridesmaid and wore a gown of yellow faconné crepe on matching lines with dellow rosany-styled hat. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses.

The bride's mother wore black crepe with a corsage of white carnations, while the groom's mother also wore black crepe, with a corsage of pink roses.

Mr. Robert Lyons acted as groomsman. The wedding music was played by Mrs. C. J. Wheeler, wearing green crepe and a corsage of pink carnations.

After the signing of the register the wedding supper was served in the dining room, decorated in yellow and white with bronze and yellow single chrysanthemums.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Atkins, of Norwich, Misses Jean Clarke, Mary Kendrick and Donalda Clarke, of Montreal, and Miss Wilhelmina Clarke, of Drummondville.

The bride and groom left on a wedding trip to Quebec City and other points, the bride travelling in a Norfolk-lined blue suit with blue and black accessories. On their return they will reside in Brownsburg.

To Receive Donations

At the next meeting of the W.M.S. of the Lachute United Church, on Thursday, December 10, donations will be received of articles for a Christmas parcel to be sent to the Children's Home at Lachine.

The Watchman is on sale at 5-cents a copy at the following stores:

Lachute: Beaton's Pharmacy, Lachute Medicine Store.

Lachute Mills: Harbour Drugstore.

Brownsb'g: J. S. Thompson's.

County Couple Wed in Lachute

Stubbs - Brown

The marriage of Freda Margaret Brown, youngest daughter of Mrs. Richard Brown and the late Mr. Brown, to Spr. Victor James Stubbs, R.C.E., son of William Stubbs, Lakefield, took place Saturday afternoon, November 27, at 4 o'clock, at the residence of the Rev. B. J. Thorpe, Lachute.

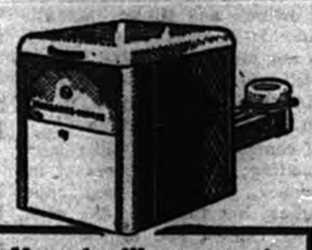
The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, George Brown, wore a floor-length gown of white chiffon with a sheered waistline. Her veil was held in place with orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of carnations with maiden hair fern.

Miss Verna Young, of Calumet, was bridesmaid; she wore a floor-length gown of blue chiffon with a blue hat and veil, and a corsage of pink and white carnations.

Mr. Russel Thompson, of Lakefield, was best man.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the bride's home. The table was centred by a three-tier wedding cake and decorated with autumn flowers. A reception was held afterwards.

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HIGHLIGHTS IN SALVAGE EFFORT

Sammy Kershaw, 10-year-old Sarnia boy, is a one-man salvage committee. It is reported he has averaged nearly one ton of scrap per month for the past 19 months. Sammy gets nothing but satisfaction from his work; the Red Cross gets all the receipts.

North Vancouver firemen have been doing a great job, on their off days, using a two-ton truck to collect salvage for the Red Cross.

The Waskada (Man.) Salvage Association, Under W. J. Gibson as chairman, has collected 600,000 pounds of salvage in a community with 450 population.

Kingston's second Sunday collection netted 20 tons, a 25 per cent increase over its first Sunday collection.

The Greater Vancouver War Ghost is tapping downtown office buildings for salvage and in the Rogers Building alone four tons of salvage were collected.

Closing up one of the two front doors of the St. Thomas, Ont., post office for the winter months in order to save fuel, has been ordered from Ottawa.

Our cordial support to the
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BLOOD DONOR CLINIC
Lachute Auditorium
Tuesday, December 7

Hand in your name as a volunteer. Arrange for an appointment and gladly give your donation of blood. This small sacrifice — which is no sacrifice at all compared with those of Canada's youth giving the best years of their life, parted from their loved ones, abandoning their hopes and ambitions, and many giving their ALL for freedom's cause — this small gesture on your part may SAVE A SOLDIER'S LIFE! . . . We urge you to enrol now as a blood donor.

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NOTICE TO HOTEL OPERATORS
REGISTRATION OF RATES

1. Every hotel is required to complete and fyle with the Rentals Administration of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, a schedule of its rates.
2. Forms for this purpose are available and may be obtained by writing to or calling at the following offices of the Board:

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3. The schedule of rates should be mailed to:
Rentals Administration,
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DISTRICT NEWS

Cushing West

Miss Ora Watson spent the week-end in Montreal as a guest of Mrs. C. A. Mattinson.

Miss K. Whelehan and Master Edward Whelehan, of Montreal, spent the week-end with their friends here.

Miss Doris Leroy, of Lachute, was a week-end guest of her cousin, Mrs. W. Usher.

Mrs. C. A. Mattinson has closed her residence and left to spend the winter in Montreal. Mrs. S. Whelehan has also gone to the city for the winter.

Arundel

P/O Leslie Cooke, R.C.A.F., spent the week-end at his home here.

Pte. Stanley Dobie, Victoria Rifles, spent the week-end with his father, Mr. J. Dobie.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Graham returned home after spending two weeks visiting in Montreal.

Miss Edna Monerieff spent the week-end at her home.

Miss Jean Morrison was the week-end guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Morrison.

Miss Dorothy Kerr was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kerr, over the week-end.

Mrs. Jos. Boyd spent a few days in Montreal last week at the home of her son, P/O Edgar Boyd and Mrs. Boyd.

Pte. M. Moore, C.W.A.C., of Cornwall, Ont., spent a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Moore. Other guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore were — Mr. S. Corken, of Dartsmouth, N.S., Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burns, also Mr. E. Burns of The Glen.

Sincerest sympathy of this community is extended to Mrs. Earl Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Morrison and family, in the death of Sgt. Earl Morrison, R.C.A.F., who was accidently killed in Trenton on Tuesday, November 23.

Morin Heights

Messrs George MacDowell and Thos. Archibald, of Verdun, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Seale, Lake Echo.

Pte. Gordon Downie, of Longue Pointe, spent the week-end with his family.

Mrs. Leslie Hollingworth and son, Brian, of Dixie, visited her parents, Col and Mrs. J. E. Seale, recently

Cpl. Wm. R. Bell, of Verdun, spent the week-end with his family.

Col. and Mrs. J. E. Seale left Sunday for Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott and son, David, were in Montreal on Saturday.

Mrs. Goldthorpe returned from Montreal on Sunday, and was accompanied home by her daughter, Mrs. R. Hully and baby, Garth.

Brother Reported Missing

Mrs. Carl Seale received word last week that her brother, Norman Michie, of the R.C.A.F., is reported missing.

Avoca

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garland and family left on Wednesday last to spend the winter at their home in Grenville.

The Misses Zeenie and Dorothy MacLeod, accompanied by a friend Miss Kay Bowler, spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Kelly, of Aylmer, Que., visited friends in Hawkesbury and Avoca on Thursday afternoon last.

Miss Muriel Cooke was the guest of Mrs. Neil MacCallum over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos J. Young and Mrs. S. Karr spent Thursday afternoon last in Montebello.

Mrs. Alvin Campbell and children, of Calumet, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bates.

Mr. Stephen Tomachevsky, of Montreal, is spending a few days with his family here.

Mrs. James Young and little daughter have returned home from Montreal.

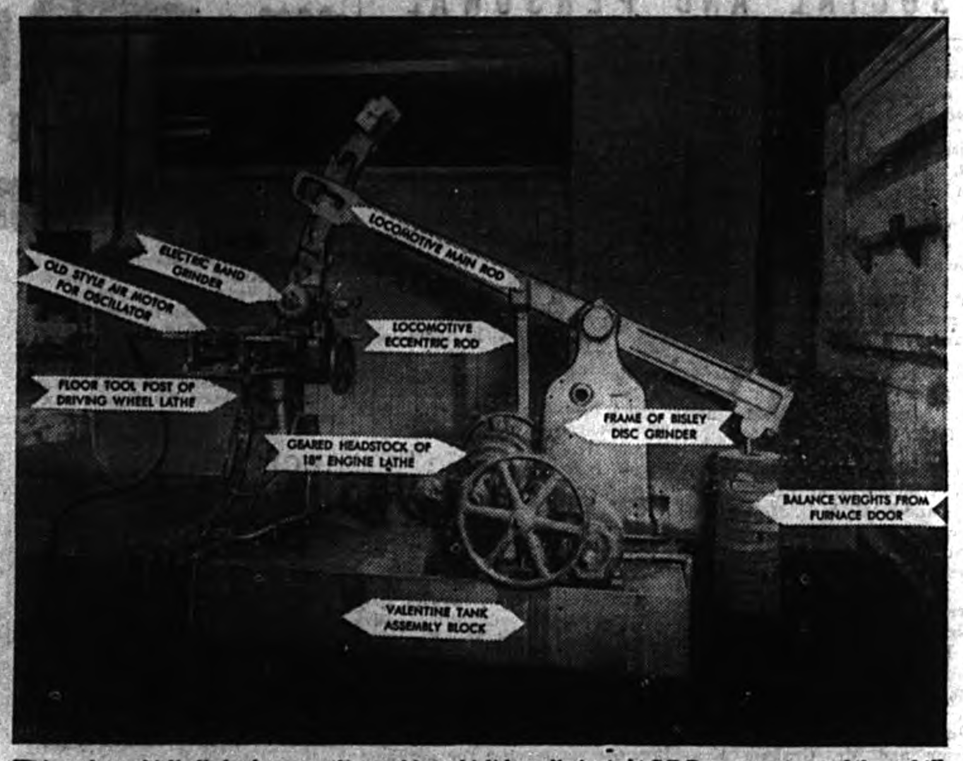
Mr. Edgar Crawford, who has been visiting for some time with his sons in Welland, Ont., returned home last week.

Marriage in Toronto

On November 16 at Centennial United Church, Toronto, at 7.30 p.m., the marriage took place of Randall Archibald Young, only son of the late Reuben Young, to Miss Remalda Violet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Toronto. Mr. Young is stationed at Dundurn, Sask.

Take part of your change in War Savings Stamps.

C.P.R. Sends Scrap to War in Building Marine Engines



Discards, which had done a big war job already before they were considered ready for the scrap heap, were resurrected by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at its Angus Shops in Montreal to make the improved grinder, pictured above, for grinding the radial contour of motion links for main marine engines, one of the war contracts on which the C.P.R. is engaged.

At the big shops, which are under the direction of H. B. Bowen, chief of motive power and rolling stock, and where H. R. Naylor is works manager, it was John A. Hope, shops engineer, who conceived the idea for the machine which has eliminated many hours of labor required to draw file and scrape the radial surfaces. The motion links must be finished to meet the high standards and close tolerances demanded by the Royal Canadian Navy for engines in its escort service.

The entire machine was made of discarded material, as shown in the labels on the different parts in this picture. The main base was a discarded iron casting originally made at Angus Shops for an erection jig for the more than 1,400 Valentine tanks which were built there for service in Russia on an earlier C.P.R. war contract. Other of the discards include the connecting rod of a locomotive, back in service now as the radial arm of the grinder after once earning retirement with a record of many thousand ton miles of freight to its credit.

So it went through the entire list of materials put back to work in this important war job with an old style motor, a discarded grinder frame and even balance weights from a furnace door being utilized in the machine which saves precious hours in the production of marine engine power for the hulls being fabricated in Canadian shipyards.

"The Rumor Clinic"

— Prepared by The Canadian Column —

DROP IN ALARMIST AND DEFEATIST RUMORS — COLUMN CONSIDERED NO LONGER NECESSARY

In August 1942, the "Canadian Column" started an anti-rumor campaign. Since then, through the co-operation of 38 newspaper editors a "Rumor Clinic" giving facts with which to refute current rumors, has reached 800,000 readers weekly.

August 1942. — Nazi U-boats taking a terrific toll of allied shipping — even in our own Gulf of St. Lawrence. Stalingrad being reduced to rubble by the all-out horror of Hitler's war machine, with nothing to tell us that from out of that rubble and horror, the mighty spirit of the Russian people would strike out to save the city and give Nazi aims one of the most crushing defeats of the war.

August 1942. — We knew that we would win, that we must win, but victory seemed far off. News from the Pacific was not reassuring, with Japan seemingly in the driver's seat. In Africa, Rommel held the spotlight and again there was nothing to tell us that a smashing victory was just ahead.

Enemy broadcasts pumped in stories of new secret weapons, of treachery among our allies. Subversive agents spread stories of bungling and inefficiency in high places. Others tried to affect our war production by spreading alarmist tales. Under such conditions, it takes only a handfull of defeatists to seize upon and embellish such stories to make rumors become widespread and dangerous.

At first, it was difficult to crowd the facts concerning even the most vicious of the rumors into this column. The sorting of letters from readers, securing of facts and writing replies alone, was quite a task.

But gradually the volume has fallen off. German radio stations now find it difficult to stay on the air, let alone blurb about secret weapons, under the block-busting attacks of British and U.S. planes. The Eighth Army abruptly and skilfully buried the Axis stories based on wishful thinking, that British armies had forgotten how to fight. The U.S.A. armies in routing German and Japanese forces have also routed many of Hitler's wild stories about their inability to give battle.

The rumors current in 1942 of friction and distrust between the allies have just been finally wiped out by the accord of the Moscow conference. The action of Italy established that it is the Axis and not the Allies that is bursting open at the seams.

Today, we can see victory ahead. While we must guard against over-optimism, against a belief that we can slacken our war effort, we are nevertheless justified in being optimistic. Prime Minister Churchill has warned that many bloody battles must still be fought, but the outcome is not now in doubt.

Optimism is fatal to alarmist and pessimistic rumors. The Canadian Column has watched the volume dwindle and almost die. The volume is now so small that it does not justify a regular "Rumor Clinic". In future, therefore, the Column will appear only as, if and when the need should arise.

Of course, there are still rumors circulating; we get rumors of inefficiency, strangling red tape, bungling, but these are the good, healthy rumors and criticisms of Democracy at work. These are the stories that keep Officials and Governments on their toes and that cannot and should not be stopped.

The one dangerous type of rumor now is that the war will end today, or tomorrow, or next week. The war will end only when Germany and Japan have been beaten as thoroughly as they deserve. Wishful thinking will postpone that day if we allow it to interfere with our war effort. We must then keep going in high gear, but with the confidence bred of our victories.

In this last regular publication, the Canadian Column wishes to thank the newspapers for the space given the Rumor Clinic during fifteen months of publication, the editors for their help and many suggestions, and the readers who have made the Column possible by reporting rumors.

The Canadian Column will continue to maintain an office. If harmful, vicious rumors reach you, report them to — The Canadian Column, Transportation Building, Montreal. **(All letters must be signed. Unsigned letters are disregarded).**

Sword Designer Honored by King

London (CP) — Cpl. Leslie Durbin, 28-year-old member of the R.A.F., has been made a member of the Royal Victoria Order, an honor conferred for personal services to the King. He designed the gold and silver work of the Stalingrad sword which will shortly be sent to Moscow.

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Squirrel for Dinner

Mr. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, set housewives a puzzle when he suggested they should cook squirrels now being exterminated as pests.

For very few housewives knew that they were edible. Fewer knew how to cook them.

The Sunday Chronicle looked for some squirrel recipes. But only one chef from five of London's best known restaurants had ever cooked it. Half a dozen Americans, approached separately, had never eaten it. The Ministry of Food had no squirrel recipes.

But the Ministry of Agriculture solved the puzzle. "Cooked just like rabbit it is delicious," an official said. "I ate it last night stuffed with sage and onions, and have not had a better meal in months. You need about three squirrels to equal the rabbit."

—London Sunday Chronicle

What To Do in An Air Raid

1. As soon as bombs start to fall, run like hell. It doesn't matter where, as long as you run. If you are inside a building, run outside; if you are outside, run inside.

2. Take advantage of opportunities afforded you when air raid sirens sound the attack warning; for examples:

A. If in a bakery, grab some pie or cake, etc.
B. If in a tavern, grab a bottle.
C. If in a movie, grab a blonde.

3. If you find an unexploded bomb, always pick it up and shake it, the firing pin may be stuck.

4. If this doesn't work, place it in the furnace. (The Fire Department will come up later and take care of things.)

5. If an incendiary bomb is found burning in a building throw some gasoline on it. You can't put it out anyway, so you might as well have some fun.

A. If no gasoline is available, throw a bucket of water on it and lie down. You're dead.
B. The properties of the bomb free the hydrogen from the water with rapid combustion, in fact it will explode with a helluva crash.

6. Always get excited and holler bloody murder. It will add to the fun and confusion and scare hell out of the kids.

7. Drink heavily, eat onions, limburger, etc., before entering a crowded air raid shelter, this will make you unpopular with the crowd in your immediate vicinity, eliminating any unnecessary discomfort that would be more prevalent if people were crowded too close.

8. If you should be the victim of a direct bomb, don't go to pieces, lie still, and you won't be noticed.

9. Knock the air raid wardens down if they start telling you what to do, for they always have the best seats for themselves and their friends. —Exchange

Democracy, as has often been said, substitutes the counting of heads for the breaking of heads. But nothing can be substituted for using our heads to see where we are headed.


DON'T PILE ON THE COAL
CLIMB INTO WARMER CLOTHES
COAL IS SCARCE!—Wasting fuel by overheating your home is unpatriotic. It has long been recognized that moderate temperatures are better for the health. To ensure comfort, get into warmer clothes rather than pile on more fuel.
Tests show that for every degree over 68° coal consumption is increased 3%. Keeping your home at 68° instead of 76° may save almost a quarter of your fuel.
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THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY
HON. C. D. HOWE, Minister

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR — THE WAR EFFORT

Christmas cards this year display good cheer, hospitality and religious feeling, all in the traditional spirit of the festive season.

As a way of putting the war effort ahead of private interests, the Christmas cards that the Canadian Greeting card industry is urging Canadians to use, are the free Christmas cards supplied by the Government for a $1,000,000 war saving stamp drive this Christmas.

End of Toothache

No more toothache. No more false teeth. What a happy world this will be. Bone flour, containing calcium, phosphorus and fluorine will do the trick and what this one flour, ground out of bones of beef cattle can do, is the great discovery of the age. The bones of the cattle will now have a value like that of liver. Believe it or not.

—Pembroke Standard-Observer


This Lamp SPEEDS UP THE DRYING OF PAINT
SPEEDING WAR PRODUCTION — Edison Mazda Lamps "in action" quick-drying the paint on land-mine cases in a Canadian plant.
SPEEDING the production of vital war equipment is this Edison Mazda Infra Red Drying Lamp. By drying paints and varnishes in a fraction of the normal time, it is cutting down delays in the finishing of military equipment—from tanks to steel helmets, from land-mine cases to ammunition boxes. On duty in the war plants today, Infra Red Drying Lamps will find many peacetime uses—in paintshops and foundries, in the homes and on the farms.
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LET'S ALL DO MORE TO WIN THE WAR


BEFORE THE WAR: *Bill Allen was an expert guide. Sportsmen paid him as much as $10.00 a day.*


TODAY: *Grim Sergeant Allen is overseas, guiding his men into battle against the Nazis. He is paid $2.20 a day.*

THE MORE WE'RE IN IT THE QUICKER WE'LL WIN IT!

Bill Allen—and thousands of others—gave up their jobs to go out and meet the Nazi challenge. They're fighting to make sure that this world—YOUR world—will continue to be a place where men can work and live in peace. Here, at home, we are still earning good pay. Bill needs a big share of it . . . not in cash . . . but in tanks, guns, ships and planes! Give it to him willingly. Buy more War Bonds, more War Savings Certificates, and Stamps. Sacrifice luxuries, every unnecessary expense to do it.

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THE WOMAN'S PAGE

Hints for Homebodies

By Jessie Allen Brown

INTERESTING PROGRAMS

That new Sunday radio program over CBC, which auditions Canadian singers, is well worth listening to. In the first place it has an orchestra with Rex Battle at the baton, and it is good to have him back in Canada again. It is a wonderful thing for young Canadian girls to have a chance to be heard and to compete for such good scholarships. Musicians have to be heard to gain recognition and who knows what talent may be discovered by these auditions. I hope you have been listening to the "School for Parents" program, given by Dr. S. R. Laycock. He is a sound, practical pyschologist, and we can all learn all about how to live with people, whether parents or not. To my way of thinking, this is one of the best programs the CBC has given us, so look up the exact time On Tuesday afternoon and try to listen to it.

FOOD IS A WEAPON

One of the difficult things to understand in the Man-power situation is why the farmers have not had more consideration. It is an undisputed fact that food is one of the greatest necessities of war, for the fighting forces, for those at home, and for our Allies, and even our conquered enemies. Yet man after man has either been allowed to enlist or been taken from the farms, leaving the farmers very short-handed. How they have done as much as they have in the way of increasing production is a miracle. Every district has seen elderly farmers have to sell their farms or to lessen production materially. There is a large Dairy district not far from here and we frequently hear of farmers having to sell of their stock. Farmers' sons are as eager to serve their Country as any others, but they should have been allowed to serve it by staying on the farm. Perhaps their not being exempted may be traced to the last war, when so many men rushed to the farms to try to escape being called up. Added to the shortage of men, there has been a shortage of machinery. All in all, it looks as if things could have been managed better to the benefit of all.

A RATIONED BOOK CASE

Ration books are one more thing to be carried and kept safe. A friend keeps hers in an oilcloth case. The case is an envelope large enough to hold several books, the sides are stitched on the machine, and the edges pinked. This might be a useful idea for Christmas sales or giving.

FOUNDATION CAKES

⅔ Cup butter and shortening, ½ cup brown sugar, ⅔ cup corn syrup, 2 eggs well-beaten, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 2½ cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, ¼ teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 cup fruit or nuts.

Cream the butter and sugar, and add the corn syrup. (The instructions I got was to beat this like blazes). Sift in a half-cup of the flour and beat again as above. Sift in the remaining flour, and the other dry ingredients and mix well. Add the fruit or nuts or what have you. Drop from a teaspoon and bake in a moderate oven of 350 degrees. My neighbor's cookies had peanuts as her husband had been in the States and brought some home. Those were the first peanuts we have seen for at least two years. The friend she got the recipe from used candied cherries, and I tried it with raisins and a little peel to pep up the bland flavor of the raisins. N.B. A convenient way to measure an eighth of a cup is to take two tablespoons, as a cupful is 16 tablespoons.

MOULDED CUSTARD

1 Tablespoon gelatin, ½ cup cold milk, 2 cups milk scalded, ⅓ cup sugar, 2 eggs, ¼ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Soak the gelatine in the cold milk. Add this and the sugar to the hot milk, then pour it over the beaten egg yolks and cook over a low heat until slightly thickened, stirring steadily. Fold in the beaten egg whites and pour in to individual moulds. Chill.

JUDY FROSTING

1 Cup sifted icing sugar, 1 egg or 2 yolks, ¼ cup milk, ½ teaspoon vanilla, 3 squares chocolate melted, 1 tablespoon softened butter.

Combine ingredients in order given, beating with rotary beater until blended. Place bowl in pan of cracked ice or ice water, and continue beating until right consistency to spread, about three minutes. This is a nice fluffy icing. If you use ice water be very careful not to let any get into the icing as it flattens it.

Because some people have just wanted to get on in life without regard for others, there are others now just wanting to get even.



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WHOOPING COUGH TAKES BIG TOLL

In the past 10 years whooping cough has killed 6,333 persons — mostly children — in Canada. A total of almost 175,000 persons are known to have suffered the disease in that period. Of these many will recover with impaired health.

These are the tragic facts which prompt the present campaign for immunization of children against the disease, which is much more serious than most parents appreciate. In recent years the incidence and the virulence of whoop-cough have increased. It has become one of the menacing enemies of childhood.

Whooping cough heads the list of enemies against which the resources of medical science and education are directed during National Immunization Week (November 14-20). This week has been sponsored by the Health League of Canada in co-operation with Dominion, provincial, and local public health authorities. Not only whooping cough, but diphtheria, scarlet fever and smallpox are diseases which take a pitiful toll of Canadian child life every year, although easily preventable.

One health authority has gone so far as to suggest that when a child dies of one of these unnecessary, preventable diseases, the parents or guardians who failed to protect it by immunization should be charged with neglect.

There is no excuse for these diseases. Physicians have access to free supplies of sera and vaccines. In the majority of Canadian communities there are public-health officers who conduct free clinics. Parents should avail themselves of the simple means to protect their children.

Weather Forecast by British Airwomen



The R.A.F. Meteorological Service includes civilians, airmen and members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. Upon their reports depend the success and even the possibility of operations, both operational and instructional; the importance of their task needs no emphasis. Their reports have been the means of saving the lives of aircrews, as in the instance of the Whitley bomber which, as warned, ran into bad icing conditions at 9,000 ft. The pilot instructed the crew to bale out, the bomber being out of control, when one of the crew remembered that the Met. Officer had suggested there would be better weather at 3,000 ft. They therefore remained in the aircraft, breaking cloud at this level and being able to straighten out at 2,000 ft. to finish their job. This picture is one of a series taken at an R.A.F. Coastal Command Station from which a "Met. Flight" operates. . . . . Picture shows W. A. A. F. meteorologists "at the ready" with balloon, theodolite and stop watch, used to estimate wind speeds.

Tommies First With Delysia

Veteran Actress Spends Two Years Entertaining Lads in Middle East

By MARGARET ECKER, Canadian Press Staff Writer

London (CP)—Hollywood glamor stars and Broadway's leading ladies may make flying visits to the Mediterranean front to put on a few shows and pose for pictures in tin hats, but there's one bright light of the English stage who has lived and sung on the African desert for two years.

She is Alice Delysia — well-known to audiences on both sides of the Atlantic and high in the hearts of British Tommies for whom she brings a breath of London's West End to the Middle East.

Alice isn't on the desert because she has no place else to go: C. B. Cockran, theatrical producer and manager of West End theatres has cabled offers for her to come home to star roles. But she won't have any of it. She prefers standing on a table in a mess or singing from a jeep in the desert with a sand-storm raging. Her dressing room is a tent, and often she arrives at her destination, her face caked with sand from a 50-mile ride in an open army car.

Her friend, Cochran, who discovered her in Paris in 1911, said here the other day:

"It's hopeless to try to coax her back to London. She has given her big heart to the boys and the boys love her. It's just as she did in the last war. She's eager for the discomforts and sacrifices of the front line because she belongs to the army".

Take part of your change in War Savings Stamps.

London Features "Dressy" Styles

Color, Cut and Pockets Stand Out in New Spring Fashions

By DENISE DALTROFF, Canadian Press Staff Writer

London (CP) — Confidentially—and Milady doesn't know it yet—Britain's 1944 clothing styles show more tendancy towards "dress" than they have for years. Taking it from top to bottom, the gay array will find necklines and skirts a little lower.

A "sneak" review of spring models being shown to buyers by top-notch fashion designers revealed that the three most interested points in the collection are color, style and pockets. Colors featured include pillar-box red, royal blue, emerald green and gold in such materials as jersey, corduroy, heavy rayon-linens and woollens—all suited for long wear.

Sleeves, too, are a feature for the three-quarter lengths and are in again. They were the fashion before the war but fell off during recent years. New designs show skirts at least a couple of inches below the knees.

The general scarcity and high price of handbags wielded such an influence on designers that they planned pockets on almost every garment. That's definitely new because they once were all but extinct.

Dual-purpose dresses — those with matching short jackets — occupied a prominent place in the collection.

The new designs are manufactured into both utility and non-utility dresses. There's a big difference in price — $9.45 and $47.25 — but the utility, or cheaper dresses appear just as smart as their expensive sisters.

RATIONING

Questions & Answers

Q. — Can a dealer refuse to sell me ½ dozen oranges unless I purchase other merchandise in his store?

A. — No. Conditional sales such as you mention are prohibited by law. If your dealer had the oranges for sale, you should have been able to purchase them without the necessity of buying other merchandise in his shop. However, the display of goods on a counter does not put a merchant under any obligation to sell. The fact that he offered the oranges if you made another purchase is illegal.

Q. — I asked my butcher to clean a chicken I had bought, so he weighed it before cleaning and then charged me an additional 10 cents. Can he do this?

A. — Drawn poultry may be sold at 10 cents a pound above the maximum price for the same kind of dressed poultry not drawn. When sales are made on this basis, head, feet, and all internal organs must be entirely removed. The cleaned gizzard, heart and liver may be included in the weight of the bird. Where a retailer draws a bird at the request of a customer after it has been weighed and sold undrawn, he may take a charge of not exceeding 10 cents for drawing the bird.

Q.—Can I secure evaporated milk from my retailer for household use?

Q.—A system of controlled distribution of evaporated milk was instituted by the Wartime Prices and Trade Broad to ensure sufficient stocks for babies under two years of age and those who require evaporated milk for health reasons. The retailer must retain a certain portion of his stock for these consumers. The balance of his stock is "free stock" and may be purchased by any consumer.

Q.—Is it against Board regulations for my grocer to put away groceries for example raisins, for a farmer's wife who is a regular customer?

A.—There is no regulation prohibiting a grocer from first meeting the needs of his established customers before taking care of others.

Q.—My butcher charged me what I think was an excessive price for a leg of lamb. How can I check on the price he charged?

A.—Your butcher is required to post in a prominent place in his store charts giving prices for various cuts of lamb and beef. Check these charts when you are buying meat.

Q.—Can I get meat coupons for my husband for his week-end leaves from the Army?

A.—No. If your husband's leave is for five days or more he should go to your nearest local Ration Board office where he can secure a temporary ration card. This card contains coupons for sugar, tea, coffee, meat and butter.

Q.—A week ago I had to give coupons to buy apple butter. Other dealers are selling it without coupons. Is apple butter rationed?

A.—No. A new order, effective October 28, has been issued by the Board allowing the sale of apple butter without coupons. Apple butter was originally rationed so your dealer was quite right to collect the coupons.

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Education Problem Confronts Britons

London (CP) — The Daily Mail reported that children are being "bought out" of secondary schools by their parents before they reach 16, the secondary school-leaving age, so that they can take jobs paying £2 ($9.00) a week or more.

The paper quoted an education authority as saying that the "buying" is done by parents who enter into an agreement when their children go to secondary schools that they will pay an agreed sum as damages if the child leaves before the end of the school year in which he or she reaches 16.

"New legislation compelling children to remain at secondary schools is felt to be the only satisfactory way to safeguard these children's education," the paper said.



Dental Health Article

Anesthesia — Gift of Dentistry to Mankind

Mankind's greatest boon — the discovery and use of surgical anesthesia — was given to the world by two dentists just about 100 years ago. No other single discovery rendered so notable a service to humanity, since anesthesia made possible the entire development of modern surgery and modern dentistry, and saved untold suffering of countless millions.

Before 1844, a surgical operation, dental or otherwise, was the sheerest torture. Any operation was a major operation; major in the shock it caused and, oftener than not, fatal.

On December 10, 1844, Dr Horace Wells, a practicing dentist of Hartford, Conn., attended a lecture by one Dr. G. Q. Colton. The lecture was on nitrous oxide gas, and included a demonstration of the "amusing" properties of the gas, which the lecturer called "laughing gas." A young friend of Doctor Wells named Cooley inhaled the gas, to assist the demonstration. While under the influence of the nitrous oxide, Cooley collided with a bench on the lecture platform, injuring his leg — very badly, as it later turned out. Yet Cooley felt no pain.

Dr. Wells was impressed. He realized what the discovery could mean to dentistry and medicine. Next day, Dr. Wells prevailed upon Doctor Colton to come to his office and put him to sleep with the gas. Thereupon, another dentist extracted a molar from Doctor Wells' jaw. — Regaining consciousness a few moments later, Doctor Wells exclaimed: "A new era in tooth pulling! It did not hurt me as much as the prick of a pin; it is the greatest discovery ever made."

And so it proved to be. The discovery was supplemented two years later by Dr. William T. G. Morton, a Boston dentist, who successfully and for the first time demonstrated the use of sulphuric ether as an anesthetic.

With the invention of the hypodermic needle in 1853, a new milestone in the control of pain was reached. Instead of total unconsciousness, which was the only anesthesia known before, it permitted the anesthetizing of local areas.

Book Review . . .

By HOWARD S. ROSS, K.C., D.C.L., of Montreal

AMERICA AND RUSSIA IN THE POST-WAR

America, Russia, and the Communist Party in the Post-War World, by John L. Childs and George S. Counts. Publishers, Longmans, Green & Co., Toronto. Price $1.75.

This book brings into the open a hot and crucial issue that is being discussed privately by many, particularly of course in the United States. This issue is the relations between the United States and Soviet Russia during and after the war. Many Americans who follow such matters closely have become aware of the grave dilemma of these relations. By some, it is thought that the public and even the active disputants have been unable to view the problems with the objectivity and perspective necessary to a solution.

This book goes straight to the point. It shows, it seems to me, very clearly that if this war is to be followed by a just and lasting peace, America and Russia must find a way to get along together. For the United Nations, including America and Russia, seem to be the only agency that can establish such a peace. Russia's stupendous achievements and her vast area, population, and her vast resources, make her a world power second to none. As the authors put it: "We are blind if we think we can continue half grateful ally, half suspicious rival of Russia."

The authors ask: "What, then, stands in the way of good relations between America and Russia?" It is not differences in social systems and ideologies, for these can exist side by side. It is not conflict of economic interests; for both countries have adequate resources at home; it is not expansive ambition, for both have repudiated aggression and both have a heavy stake in world peace. There is a twenty-five year legacy of mutual suspicion, fear, and active hostility. The removal of this legacy requires concessions on both sides."

The United States, in the opinion of the authors, with other Capitalistic Democracies, must accept the Soviet Union into full and cordial partnership in the waging of the war and the ordering of the Post-War World, and must frankly repudiate the encirclement of the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union, the authors believe, must with equal vigor and frankness abandon the policy of Communist imperialism and must repudiate and withdraw all oral and material support of the Communist International in general, and the American Communist Party in particular.

The authors also believe that the machinations of this Party, injecting itself secretly into virtually every public question of importance to America, respecting no moral criterion, no logical goal — nothing but the 'Party Line' dictated from Moscow — have poisoned Soviet-American relations. Yet, state the authors, "The Party and Party Line are in fact a curious hangover from earlier times when the Comintern was an important instrument of Soviet policy." The authors plead in the interest of both America and Russia for the dissolution of this party.

This is a publication of the Commission of Education and the Post-War World of the American Federation of Teachers. The Commission decided to devote its first Report to the study, because they believe this is the most difficult problem confronting the American people in their struggle to win the war and the peace and because organized labor in general and the American Federation of Teachers in particular, owing to their experience, are peculiarly qualified to discuss all aspects of the problem. In later reports the Commission plans to consider other responsibilities of education in the Post-War World. Among the subjects already chosen for study are the problems of American youth, education for world-citizenship, and the kind of educational program required to meet the demands of our technological society.

Some of the chapters are: The United States and the Soviet Union, two great continental powers; the philosophy of the Russian Revolution; the Soviet Union, the first collective state; the heritage of suspicion and hostility; dangerous proposals for post-war relations; the impact of the war on the United States and the Soviet Union; the American Communist Party and the long view. In this the last chapter the authors reproduce the in 1942 on the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union, in which he outlined "the program of action of the Anglo-Soviet-American Coalition." It reads as follows:

Abolition of racial exclusiveness.

Equality of nations and integrity of their territories.

Liberation of their sovereign rights.

Right of every nation to arrange its affairs as it wishes.

Economic aid to nations that have suffered and assistance to them in attaining their material welfare.

Restoration of democratic liberties.

The authors are professors in the department of Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education, Teachers College, Columbia University. They are members of the National Educational Association, and have served on its commission. Dr. Counts is New York State's Chairman of the American Labor Party and past President of the American Federation of Teachers.

Dr. Childs is a member of the American Federation of Labor Committee on Post-War Planning and Chairman of the American Federation of Teachers Commission on Education and the Post-War World.

following words from an address by Premier Stalin given Company published his The Soviet Challenge to America.

Dr. Counts is one of America's leading students of the Soviet Union. He visited Russia for extended periods in 1927, 1929, and 1936. In 1931, the John Day

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vs

The Heirs of Late William Chapman, Defendants.

The defendants are ordered to appear within one month.

St. Jerome, November 19, 1943.
The Deputy Prothonary of the Superior Court,
D2-2c Guillaume Wilsey

Post-War Tourist Program Formed At Quebec Meet

Kenneth Dawes Outlines 10-Point Program

Quebec — Efforts to retain the French character of the Province of Quebec were lauded by Kenneth T. Dawes, president of the Montreal Tourist and Convention Bureau who outlined a 10-point post-war tourist program before the Post-War Tourist Travel convention held at the Chateau Frontenac this week.

In a memorandum laid before the conference, Mr. Dawes said:

"We must certainly make our people understand that an American who has driven all the way from Texas does not want to see a tawdry U.S.A. planted in the heart of the foreign country he has come so far to enjoy. I refer to dirty, weather-beaten American flags stuck in hot dog stands, and to the Americanization of the names for cafes, hotels, etc.

"I am heartily in accord with those organizations, for example in the Province of Quebec, which are working hard to try to persuade the French of Canada to leave their surroundings as they should be — French. Tourists want to see us as we are. We have a Canadian way of life. Let us be ourselves."

The Montreal Bureau 10-point tourist program follows:

1. Give the tourist industry a high priority on Canada's post-war program by establishing its great value to the country's balance of trade, confirming its importance to all business interests in the Dominion; and establish support for all programs which will be planned.

2. Prepare a comprehensive scheme of post-war public works designed to pay their way by increased revenues.

3. Sponsor a local educational campaign that will make other industries, and all citizens, realize the national importance of the tourist industry and its important revenues.

4. Make greater use of historic, scenic and cultural assets by purchase and subsequent renovation or restoration of old homes, battlefields, museums and beauty spots.

5. More aggressive development of local French atmosphere in Quebec.

6. Take a more active part in encouraging local handicrafts to improve quality and quantity, and also to seek lower tariffs on certain imported merchandise of types most appealing to visitors.

7. Encourage a closer supervision of hotels, rooming houses and restaurants in order to maintain high standards of cleanliness, fair prices and good food.

8. Encourage reasonable liquor laws.

9. Encourage development of outdoor sports, particularly skiing, fishing and hunting.

10. Develop great public festivals that will draw tourists as did Bavaria (Oberammergau).

SMILER CASHES IN ON JOB WITH ARMY

Aborigines' "King" in Northwest of Australia Does Well on Taxes

Canberra (CP) — "King" Smiler, ruler of an aboriginal tribe in the north-west area, is enjoying life to the full under wartime conditions.

Many aborigines have come into his kingdom from other areas. They pay him taxes for hunting and water rights.

Smiler holds court in royal robes consisting of underpants, a green hat and blue shirt.

The new subjects are well endowed with the good things of life. They are members of an army company which cuts firewood for camps within a radius of hundreds of miles.

Each pays tribute to Smiler, according to ancient tribal law. This tax usually takes the form of tobacco or an item of clothing.

None would dream of hunting for a tasty meal of kangaroo, goanna or snake without Smiler's authority. The aborigines on the army payroll supplement their rations with wild game.

They receive clothing, tents and blankets from the army. Most of them put the tent flat on the ground around a fire and use it as a ground-sheet.

In the way of the white man they use matches instead of firesticks.

Three are married and brought their families with them. These dependents also receive food from the army.

One aboriginal Tarzan is a very happy man. He has erected a comfortable tent for his bride, Betty, and he is in charge of his fellows.

The army has to give the natives their food ration meal by meal. If given a week's supply, they will eat it in two days.

RESTLESS IN SOLOMONS

Sydney (CP) — The Solomon Islanders, who formerly lived a sheltered existence have become restless and interested in military adventure, but the administration is encouraging them to return to agricultural pursuits.

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Senior Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brownsburg United Church will hold their annual Christmas bazaar in the church hall Saturday, December 4, from 3 to 6 o'clock. -1c

LACHUTE W.I.

The Lachute W.I. will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 7, at 3 p.m. Christmas meeting.
—Mrs. Geo. McGibbon, pres.

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Has Potent Message For "Son of Heaven"

Maidstone, Sask., Nov. 30 (CP) — Robert N. Perry, of Berkley, Calif., 18-year-old member of the U.S. Maritime Service, has a date in Tokyo just 90 years after his great-great-grandfather, Commodore Matthew C. Perry carried a history-making letter from President Fillmore in Washington to the Japanese Mikado.

Perry's ancestor headed a navy squadron to Japan in 1853 to arrange for a treaty which would stop the Japanese from their barbarous practice of maltreating and even murdering seamen who fell into their hands when their whalers were wrecked in Japanese waters.

Visiting his aunt, Mrs. Florin Rundle, of Maidstone, young Perry said he hoped to deliver a more potent message when he keeps his engagement in Tokyo.

"I hope my message is dynamite," he said.

If Robert cannot keep that date there's another Perry in the U.S. Maritime Service to complete the assignment. He's Roger Roy Perry, of Maple Plain, Minn., 18, a distant cousin and another descendant of Commodore Perry.

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John Carrollo, Susan Hayward,
HIT PARADE OF 1943
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FRANKENSTEIN MEETS THE WOLF MAN
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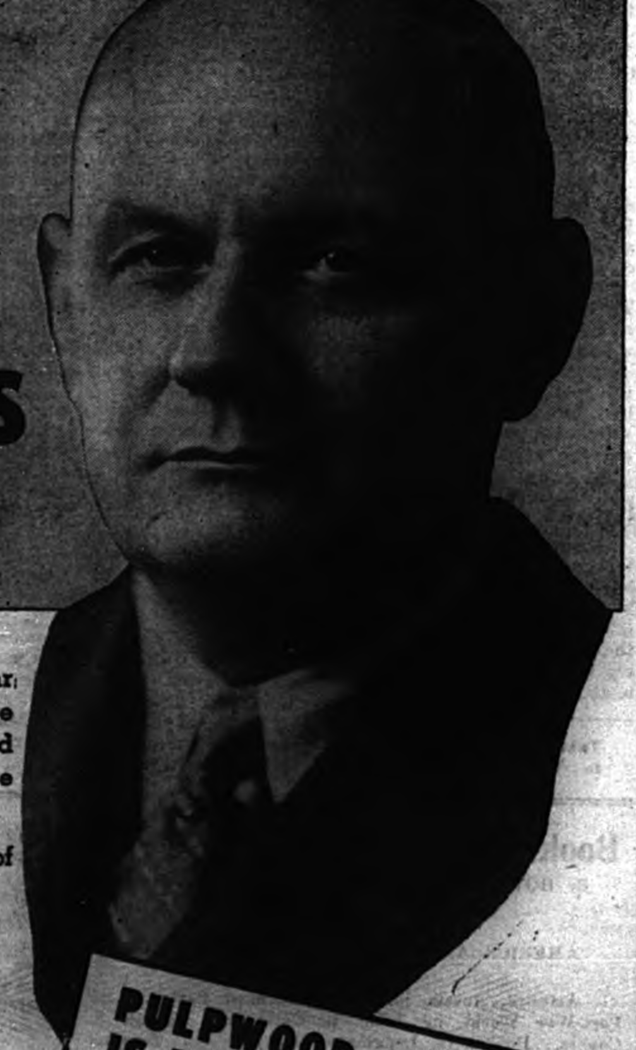
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If you can leave the farm during the Winter without causing a reduction in farm production, I urge you to do so and undertake work in the woods or other essential employment. Of course you will have to return to the farm in the Spring.

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Quebec City Sees First Conclave of Prov. Committee on Post-War Problems

By GUY GAGNON,
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Quebec, Dec. 8 (CP) — Opening date of the fifth wartime session of Quebec's 21st Legislature has been set for January 18, and it will presumably be the last session before general provincial elections. The first session was held in 1940, following the advent to power of the Liberal government of Premier Godbout in November, 1939.

A long session is expected, with several important bills to be presented. The bill involving the expropriation and nationalization the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Consolidated and the setting up of a provincial hydro, as announced by Premier Godbout several weeks ago, is considered the most important one.

Mr. Godbout's forecast that the sales tax will be modified in such a way that the tax will touch only luxury items is expected to be expressed in a bill to this effect and measures relative to social welfare, colonization, agriculture, education and labor also are expected to be discussed.

Line-up of the Legislature, according to party affiliations, gives the Liberals 61 seats; Union Nationale, 17; Bloc Populaire, 1; with seven seats vacant — Bonaventure, Arthabaska, Rimouska, L'Assomption, Rouville, Berthier and Maskinonge.

Travel Council Formed

Quebec last week was the seat of an important tourist convention, called by the federal government. War Services Minister L. R. LaFleche presided over the three-day deliberations, ending with the establishment of a Canadian Travel Council.

The council will be composed of provincial cabinet ministers charged with the administration of the tourist industries of their respective provinces. Maj.-Gen. LaFleche was chosen as president of the body and D. Leo Dolan, chief of the Canadian Travel Bureau, was unanimously elected director.

Other resolutions dealt with all important tourist questions, room accommodation to highways and wild life resources to air routes, with special attention to a scheme for training returned men and war workers in the tourist industry when the war is over.

One resolution, asking that "the tourist industry at the close of the war be recognized by the formation of a distinct department of tourism," was rejected by the resolutions committee but later was adopted by the delegates.

Delegates from all the provinces of the Dominion, representing all trades interested in tourism, took part in the deliberations and addressed the delegates. R. J. C. Stead, superintendent of publicity and information of the National Parks Bureau, asked that "yearly holidays for all be considered one of the rights of Canadian citizenship" and suggested that federal and provincial governments launch a campaign to encourage Canadians to more inter-provincial travel.

Delegates were guests of Premier Godbout at a dinner tendered by the Quebec Government and were told that the tourist trade "is no longer a parochial question."

"It extends beyond the confines of any province," Mr. Godbout said, "for each and every part of our Dominion is attractive and beautiful . . . with its own special charm for the visitor, and we should all work together for the common good of our country, to bring about unity out of this very diversity."

Study of Post-War Problems

The Provincial Economic Advisory Committee, set up by the provincial government to study post-war problems, held its first meeting at the Legislature Buildings last Tuesday under the chairmanship of Hon. Jules A. Brillant, member of the Legislative Council.

Premier Godbout, in an address of welcome to the 15-member body, said the support of the committee would be "a light to guide us and a stimulant to make us act quickly." The Premier added that the government was counting on the committee's collaboration "to give the right aspect to our economic life in the domain of production and of distribution."

Mr. Brillant said the committee was organized "to investigate the agricultural, forestry, mineral and industrial resources of the province and suggest necessary measures to assure as rational and complete utilization of them as possible."

The chairman added that particular attention will be given to the needs of farmers, fishermen, small industrialists and small merchants and that the problems to be studied include land drainage, rehabilitation of soils, protection and reforestation of wooded areas, colonization and the tourist trade, along with educational, professional guidance, recreation, public health and labor questions.

On Mr. Brillant's motion, an executive committee was named which included Mr. Brillant, Henri Sergius, Esdras Minville, Rev. Georges H. Levesque and Eugene L'Heureux. Valmore Gratton, technical adviser of the Department of Trade and Commerce, was appointed acting secretary with Louis Trudel of the Canadian Engineering Institute.

Health Insurance

Antonio Garneau, of Montreal, on Wednesday was appointed chairman of the Health Insurance

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Benefit Bridge Held by Lachute Lady Curlers

At a bridge and tea held by the ladies of the Curling Club on Monday, a delightful afternoon session was enjoyed. The president, Mrs. Jas. MacKimmie, expressed appreciation of the splendid attendance, and of the afternoon's proceeds, amounting to $45, which would be used to buy "smokes" for the local boys overseas.

Some 14 new members are on the roll this season, and a very successful program is anticipated, as preparations are being made for a bonspiel to start the new year.

Epidemic Closes Hawkesb'y Schools

Hospitals are Reported Filled to Capacity

Hawkesbury (CP) — Canon J. R. Guindon announced in St. Alphonse de Liguori Church that Hawkesbury's three separate schools would be closed in an attempt to prevent further spread of an outbreak of influenza, which reached serious proportions in the past week. All local hospitals are filled to capacity and visitors were forbidden at Notre Dame Hospital until further notice.

FORM COMMITTEE FOR PLAYGROUNDS IN HAWKESBURY

Hawkesbury — The citizens of this town are feeling the great need for community playgrounds. At the present time, Hawkesbury, with a population of over 6,000 inhabitants, has no public playground for the entertainment of its people. There does not seem to exist anything in the town which could bring the people together and awaken in them the feeling that a home-town spirit can exist in their community.

Such was the feeling expressed by members of the Hawkesbury Board of Trade at their recent meeting.

The business men of the community are to have an opportunity of helping in remedying the situation, for a committee is in formation whose duties will be to look after the setting up of playgrounds for the amusement of young and old.

The Hawkesbury Board of Trade has several projects of great interest to work on in the coming year.

PAINT COMPANY ENTERTAINS

Cottingham Supply Company, local agents for the Glidden Paint Company, Montreal, were sponsors of an entertainment at Desjardins Hotel on Thursday evening last, when moving pictures were shown to about 60 painters and dealers of this district.

René Charlebois and Ed Legaré were in charge, and refreshments were served during the evening.

IRISH TO HELP

Dublin, Eire (CP) — An estimate of the equivalent of $900,000 has been introduced in the Dail for the alleviation of distress due to war and famine in Europe and India.

Lions To Hold Winter Sessions At Curling Club

Through courtesy of the Lachute Curling Club, the local Lions have been granted use of the banquet hall in which to hold their meetings for the winter months. This action is greatly appreciated by the members and was so expressed by Lion President F. Legault as he presided at the first meeting held there last evening.

A report from Lion F. W. FitzGerald as to the postponement of the blood donor clinic from Tuesday last until some time in January, was duly received, the reason given being the prevalence of so much sickness; but he urged the members to increase their efforts in rounding up new recruits for the next call.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Past-President Lion Phil Roy for the part he played at the district meeting held in Montreal last week.

Plans were discussed by the varied committees who are arranging for activities to carry through the winter's program. A curling bonspiel is on the way for December.

New Hospital Found Efficient, Well Equipped

Taking advantage of a special invitation to the English-speaking community, many residents last Sunday afternoon viewed the new Providence Hospital at Lachute Mills for the first time, and, conducted on a tour of inspection through its many rooms and departments, all were very favorably impressed.

The private and semi-private rooms throughout this hospital are well appointed, bright and airy. Such details as sliding tables serving as trays for the bed-patients, and the adjustable hospital beds, give evidence that nothing has been neglected in the modern equipping of these rooms. The reception office, technical departments such as the lab and X-ray room, the electrically equipped kitchen and the utility rooms, all speak of a clean-cut, quiet efficiency. Despite the absence of elaborate furnishings and decorations, there is no suggestion of austerity within the building. Quarters for the religious sisters in charge, are below the hospital proper, while a small building at the rear serves as a residence for the nursing staff. A staff dining-room adjoins the kitchen; there is a chapel for prayers on the main floor, and a doctors' rest room on the third floor. Balconies are provided for use of ambulant patients. There is an operating room and a case room, both efficiently sound-proofed; and one other compartment, which has been put to good service since opening of the institution, is the nursery — a most attractive room with its little cots, visible to visitors through a glass door.

The hospital has accommodation for 20 or more patients. The Sunday visitors found few of the rooms occupied, but were informed that the previous week most of the beds had been in use.

Considering the difficult period at which this enterprise was undertaken, with curtailment of many lines of material and supplies, one is impressed with its completeness. The hospital, converted from a rambling old boarding house, is a distinct credit to those who planned it.

Groups of visitors were graciously escorted through the premises by staff members of the Sisters of Providence, and by Mrs. Leonard Ayers, who has taken personal interest in the organizing of this project. The institution is administered by the Sisters of Providence religious order, and the entire equipment has been financed by a local syndicate with government aid. The building was leased to the administration on a nominal basis by Ayers Limited.

Officers of Canada's Armed Forces consider mail the biggest single builder of morale. Happy, they say, is the soldier, sailor or airman whose friends remember him at Christmas.

The Watchman is on sale at 5-cents a copy at the following stores:

Lachute: Beaton's Pharmacy, Lachute Medicine Store.

Lachute Mills: Harbour Drugstore.

Brownsb'g: J. S. Thompson's.

K. of C. Members and Wives Enjoy Entertainment

In lieu of the annual banquet staged by Knights of Columbus Council 2752, Lachute, an evening of entertainment was held last Thursday at the Auditorium for members and their lady guests. About 400 persons were in attendance, from all parts of the county.

This social function marked the 10th anniversary of the local Council, to which Geo. H. Héon, as Grand Knight and chairman of the occasion, preferred in his brief remarks.

Highlight of the evening was an excellent program performed by visiting artists of renown in radio and entertainment circles. Impresario was Jacques Lebrecque, presenting a troupe which included Mlle. Jacqueline Desjardins and Clement Latour, entertainers at the various military training camps, Mme Olivette Thibeault and David Rochette — all from Montreal and familiar names in current Radio-Canada features. The vocal numbers were ably accompanied by Miss Juliette Rodrigue, Lachute pianist.

Buffet refreshments were provided in conclusion, all unanimously acclaiming the success of this gathering. Special credit was accorded to the committee who had arranged the program of entertainment.

WAS OVER TARGET



An Ottawa man, who had weathered the London blitz, been home in Canada and returned to duty again, was a member of an all-Canadian crew which made the return trip to Germany recently. F. W. Wadsworth, of the CBC overseas technical unit, handled the radio equipment for Ray Mackness, when he gave a running account of the attack for listeners at home.

ADMITS ROBBERY OF BUCKINGHAM STORE

Albert Frigon, 24, of Montreal, was remanded for sentence by Judge Achim in Hull court recently when he pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking and entering Farmer's 5c-10c Store, Buckingham, last April 20, and theft of a safe containing $3,000.

At the same time Frigon pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the C.P.R. station at Masson and stealing a sledge-hammer and crow-bar, valued at $25.

Frigon was arrested Monday of last week in Montreal, by Detective-Sergeant Charles Perreault and Detective R. Graham, of the Hull Provincial Police.

The safe stolen from the store was found at Thurso the day after the robbery was committed.

Blood Clinic Is Postponed Due to Prevalence of Flu

As a precautionary measure on advice of the local medical profession, the blood donor clinic scheduled for Tuesday at Lachute Auditorium was postponed, and will be held sometime during January; announcement will be made as to the date, after the holiday season.

This measure was considered advisable owing to the prevalence of colds and influenza, particularly in Lachute and Brownsburg; many volunteers were on the sick list and unable to attend.

It is understood an encouraging number of donors had been enrolled up to Tuesday morning, when it was decided to cancel the clinic. The committee will retain this list for appointments on the next clinic day.

York, Eng. (CP) — Prices up to 1,700 guineas ($7,990) were paid at the British Friesian Cattle Society annual sale here, with the top for a 19-months-old bull, male champion at the show preceding the sale. Several other bulls topped the 1,000 guinea mark.

Lachute Couple Were Married 50 Years Ago

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Murray, Bethany Street, was the scene of a happy reunion on Tuesday when they celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

William Murray was born in Thomas' Gore in 1865, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alex Murray, and was married on December 7, 1893, to Annie Dudderidge McOuat, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William McOuat, Brownsburg. The late Rev. John Mackie officiated at their wedding.

All their married life was spent in Brownsburg. From a few scattered homes, they saw the community grow to its present size. On their retirement from the farm they moved to Lachute, about 15 years ago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Murray were born one daughter, Elizabeth, residing at home, and one son, Dr. W. A. Murray, now of Montreal. Dr. Murray, with his wife and three sons, was present at the celebration, which was in the nature of a surprise gathering. Mr. Murray's two sisters, Miss Margaret and Miss Nellie Murray, were also present.

During the afternoon and evening many old friends and neighbors called to offer their congratulations and were received by Mr. and Mrs. Murray, who are both enjoying good health. Tea was poured by Miss Margaret McOuat, of Brownsburg, and the refreshments were served by Mrs. W. M. Cottingham, Mrs. Ralph McOuat, Mrs. Chas. L. Duncan, and Mrs. W. A. Murray.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Murray are members of the Presbyterian Church. . . . With their wide circle of friends, The Watchman joins in wishing them many more years of happiness together.

HOLIDAYS VALUED

Birmingham, Eng. (CP) — Labor Minister Bevin sent a message to a conference of local authorities saying holidays at home "have done much to relieve the drabness of our wartime experience" and that the government wants them continued next year.

British Motor Torpedo Boats and R.A.F. Team Up to Destroy German Shipping



Now that Hamburg — Germany's main port — has been put out of action, the Germans are forced to use more coastal shipping in order to maintain supplies to their northern-based armies. German ships creeping round the western coast of Europe are priority targets, both for the R.A.F. and the Navy's light coastal forces — M.T.B's., the fast, deadly motor torpedo boats. The more coastal ships sunk, the greater the burden of transporting troops, arms and food on the already much bombed and battered Continental railways. Germany is definitely short of light coastal shipping and every ship lost is a blow to her war potentialities. . . . Picture shows an artist's impression of M.T.B's. co-operating with the R.A.F. in a successful action in the English Channel.

Farmers Now in War Industry Seen As Problem in Post-War Wage Scale

Mackenzie King Promises "Floor" on Prices, Protection of Agriculturist

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Ottawa, Dec. 8 (CP) — Munitions Minister Howe's forecast of a "slowing down" of industry after the war is seen here as raising the question of the status in post-war years of former farm workers now in war and other industrial production.

It is considered highly unlikely that such men willingly will return to farm employment under a wage scale much lower than that which they are at present receiving as industrial workers.

Many employers not engaged upon direct war contracts already have experienced difficulty because plants turning out material for direct war purposes have paid higher wages — and the differential between workers in war plants and farm workers is even wider.

Though there has been no official pronouncement upon the matter, it is considered possible that the government may institute for former farm workers a training program similar to that which they underwent before going into factories.

This might involve teaching them the more technical branches of agricultural work, thus enabling them to command more money than they would otherwise receive.

"Floor" on Farm Prices

Canadian farmers have Prime Minister Mackenzie King's assurance that they will have the protection of a "floor" under post-war farm prices.

In an appeal to farmers and labor to hold the line against inflation, the Prime Minister in a week-end radio address announced the government's intention to introduce legislation at the next session of parliament for such a "floor."

He also disclosed main points in the government's new labor program — merging of present cost-of-living bonuses with basic wages, elimination of future bonus increases, amendments to wage-control legislation, and introduction of a new labor code with provision for compulsory collective bargaining.

Farm prices, which had been out of line at the start of the war, had since been adjusted upwards, but if to help win the war farmers were asked to accept a ceiling on prices, they were entitled to a floor to protect them against a post-war depression, Mr. King said.

The Prime Minister left Sunday for Washington and is expected to spend a short holiday in the United States before returning to Ottawa.

Meantime farmers across the country were trying to decide whether they should keep hog production at peak level or switch to cattle-raising and the growing of feed grain.

Airman Reported Missing; Another Presumed Dead

Among R.C.A.F. casualties listed this week appear the names of two young men known in this community, one a Lachute resident and the other a summer visitor.

Sgt. Norman Anderson, of Lachute, was posted missing after air operations December 4, according to word received by his relatives here last Monday. The young man received his promotion as Sergeant, and the flight engineer's wing, on November 15. Previously he had worked on R.C.A.F. ground-crew service, and presumably had spent only two weeks on operational flights before his aircraft was brought down.

A former Lachute High School pupil, Norman Anderson enlisted in the Air Force in July, 1941; he trained at Toronto, St. Thomas and Mountain View, Ont., before going overseas on March 15 last. . . . Next-of-kin are his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Y. Deacon, Lachute.

Sgt. Richard Glover Montgomery, R.C.A.F., previously reported missing on active service, is now for official purposes presumed dead. Sgt. Montgomery is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Montgomery, Outremont, who own a residence at Lake Louisa and are well known among members of that summer settlement.

FIVE PROVINCES TO USE STICKERS AS CAR LICENSES

(CP) — At least five Canadian provinces will use window stickers or transfers in 1944 in an effort to save materials used in automobile license plates, according to a survey by Canadian Press. Single plates will be used in Quebec and British Columbia while Alberta and Prince Edward Island have not decided whether to use plates or stickers.

In Nova Scotia, a single 1943 plate will be carried, along with a revalidating transfer bearing the serial number of the plate. No plates will be used in New Brunswick, where stickers will be placed on windshield and rear window.

Windshield stickers will permit motorists in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan to carry 1943 plates.

FEROCITY OF ALLIED AIR ATTACKS ON ITALIAN FRONT

German Prisoners Found Driven Insane

An example of the ferocity of Allied air power has been seen in Italy where R.A.F. units paced the successful 8th Army attack on the lower Sangro River line set up by the Germans. Several German prisoners, taken when the line was smashed by ground troops, had gone insane from the relentless bombings. Others were shaken and exhausted from the ceaseless rain of explosives from the air.

WAR SAVINGS BENEFIT

Weymouth, Eng. (CP) — A Bristol woman visiting here was "shocked" into buying the equivalent of $1,500 war savings. She lost her handbag containing £400, gave the finder a reward and invested the balance in war savings.

Prov'l Birth Rate Shows Gain, 1943

Quebec (CP) — The provincial birth rate for 1943 promises to show a slight rise over that of last year, it was announced here recently by the Department of Health. During the first seven months of this year, 55,802 births were reported. Based on a monthly rate of 7,972, this would give a total of 95,664 births for 1943, as compared with a recorded total of 95,031 for 1942. Last year's marriage figures have remained about the same, the report added.

The general mortality and infant mortality rates show little change as compared with last year. However, the maternity death rate showed a slight decrease for the first seven months of 1943, 2.7 per thousand births, as against 3.3 during 1942.

Fit Tankers With Steel Lifeboats

London (CP) — Steel lifeboats is Britain's answer to the danger from burning seas to crews of torpedoed tankers.

The ministry of transport has ordered 500 of the new lifeboats which will be fitted to the tankers. The lifeboats have been tested to safeguard occupants for at least a quarter of a mile through intense flames.

Second Chance

They are telling a story in Chicago now about a large New York department store which, in the early days, was offered a contract by Henry Ford to handle all sales of Ford cars east of the Mississippi. The store turned the offer down because it didn't believe the Ford contraption would ever sell — according to the story — and so now, determined not to miss the boat a second time, it is stocking up with prefabricated houses which it will sell and deliver in boxes.

—Chicago Daily News

FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE

Leeds, Eng. (CP) — Sir John Russel, for 30 years director of the experimental agriculture station at Rothampsted, stated here that to achieve a higher standard of nutrition in Britain it would be necessary to have some kind of new economic framework for agriculture which would prevent fluctuations in prices and ensure a prosperous future for agriculture.

Canadians Bet Over $33,000,000 At Race Tracks

During 1943 a total of $33,145,013 was wagered at 32 horse race meetings in Canada over 283 days of racing. The 1943 amount bet by race track fans was $7,674,100 more than in 1942 when there were 32 race meetings and 275 days of racing. The prize money paid in 1943 amounted to $1,178,550, an increase of $117,260 over 1942.

The money bet on horses by those who attended Canadian tracks in 1943 was the highest since 1931 when $33,377,786 was clicked through the pari-mutuel machines. The all time high amount bet on the race tracks of the Dominion was in 1921 when the figure was $75,110,551.

By provinces, Ontario led in the money wagered with over $21 million, followed by British Columbia with over $5½ million; Manitoba with over $3 million; Quebec with over $2 million, Alberta with over $800,000 and Saskatchewan with over $440,000.

The cities betting more than one million dollars were Toronto, $14,801,490; Vancouver, $4,680,936; Winnipeg, $3,194,781; Hamilton, $2,657,025; Fort Erie, $1,948,263; Niagara Falls, $1,624,615 and Montreal, $1,561,839.

Victoria, B.C., wagered more than $900,000; Calgary more than $800,000; Ottawa over $500,000, and Regina and Saskatoon over $200,000 each. The largest amount wagered at one track was the fall meeting of the Ontario Jockey Club at Woodbine Park, Toronto, with $2,080,297.

FARM UNIT PLAN IS ENDORSED

Heralding a new principle of farming in Ontario, which will be in initial operation throughout the 1944 season, representatives of 35 counties unanimously recommended the adoption of a plan presented by Ontario Agricultural Minister T. L. Kennedy whereby county agricultural units will be set up to study and solve various farm problems.

This Government-assisted group will deal with the marketing and distribution of farm products, soil conservation and reforestation, the health of animals and the prevention of disease, improvement of field crops, a better quality of live stock and dairy products.

Successful in Britain

"The county unit system, which we propose to establish in Ontario, has been adopted with great success in Britain, where it was put into operation as a means of increasing food production when the war began," said Col. Kennedy. "The work of these committees was so effective that food production was increased from 30% of the nation's requirements to 70% and at the same time the position of agriculture was improved.

COMFORTABLE HEN LAYS MOST EGGS

Insulate first, then ventilate should be the winter slogan for poultrymen with reference to their poultry houses. Protection against cold in the winter time is required for laying stock. It is an old poultry adage that a comfortable hen lays well. Where no heat is provided artificially, the only heat in the house is that generated by the birds themselves. It is important that there are no cracks or openings in the rear and end walls. They must be tight to prevent the entrance of cold and draughts. Banking with soil is helpful. In Western Canada, covering the roof, rear, and end walls with straw is recommended by poultry authorities. Many poultrymen build a temporary fence four or five feet from the building and fill the enclosure with straw well tamped down. The ideal poultry house so far as warmth is concerned is one in which the water does not freeze. To ventilate properly, inside temperature in warm weather must be warmer than outside.

Chew on This

If ever a generation was "born thirty years too soon" it is the adult population of our time. Not only have we experienced the only two "global" wars in world history, but after most of us have lost the bigger part of our teeth, along comes Science with a "resistant" to tooth-decay!

The trouble is, it is one of those discoveries that do no good once the thing to be saved is gone. Like "locking the stable after the horse is stolen."

However, we are going to be selfish about it. If it will preserve in the mouths of a newer generation, then we will rejoice with a world full of fortunate newcomers.

—Halifax Herald

A Watchman Want Ad may fill some demand which cannot be met today through ordinary channels. —Advertise your needs!

Premier Appeals To Farm Helpers

Quebec — Premier Adelard Godbout has issued a personal appeal to farmers and farm workers, who can leave their farms this winter without affecting agricultural production, to go into the forest and cut pulpwood for the season.

The Premier's Appeal:

"I fully support the urgent appeal to the farmers of my Province to work at pulpwood cutting and at other essential employment this winter.

"At my Government's request, the Dominion authorities have classed pulpwood cutting among essential industries. In future, the farmer or farmer's son cutting pulpwood, or doing other essential work by direction of Selective Service, and who has been granted postponement from military duty, will continue to receive this privilege just the same as though he had remained on the farm. He will, of course, have to return to the farm in the spring."

Farmers and farm workers who wish to cut pulpwood can apply to any office of National Selective Service, to any provincial agronomist, or to their local Farm Production Committee. Pulp and paper companies, with the approval of National Selective Service, also have canvassers contracting farmers and farm workers.

Mail Early For Christmas

Postal authorities urged this week that Canadians should not hesitate to mail even earlier than usual this year. Right now, they said, is not a bit too soon to get those last-minute Christmas cards and letters to members of the Armed Forces Overseas, by air mail.

Each year in the past has seen an ever increasing volume of Christmas mail, and this year's War Savings Christmas card campaign is expected to add materially to post office burdens. "We're mighty happy to carry those War Savings Christmas cards even if it does mean more work — we hope there'll be lots of that kind," smiled one harried official, as he told how even in the past Christmas mail volumes have run to five times normal.

December 15 is the deadline for long distance Canadian mail to be delivered by Christmas for sure, post office officials said, and December 20 is the deadline for local mail.

This year thousands of high school children will be employed to handle the tremendous additional Christmas rush.

People with relatives and friends in the Armed Services, for whom it is expected there will be an extra volume of War Savings Christmas cards, are urged by postal officials to mail as soon as possible. "Many people wait until the last minute to find out if their boys will be home for Christmas or not." said one postal official.

"By the time they find out it is too late. Some times Christmas leaves come unexpectedly or are cancelled unexpectedly, so all with relatives in Service should plan extra early mailings and plan them whether they are sure or not that their boys will be home."

London — Only 9-carat "Utility" wedding rings are made in Great Britain, now, and at present the supply does not equal the demand, though half a million are promised in the next twelve months.

At least 300 enemy supply ships were sunk by British submarines in the first three years of war.

Spearhead of Invasion — Naval Beach Parties



When the Allied armies make an assault landing in enemy-occupied country, practically the first men ashore are the "Navy Beach Party". These parties make a reconnaissance of the beach for enemy positions, find the best routes for road layers and set up and maintain wireless contacts. . . . Picture shows two members of a Naval Beach Party with their wireless apparatus.

PRICE CONTROL

Questions & Answers

Q.—I buy Christmas trees from a farmer and sell them in Winnipeg. I do not deliver the trees. Must I have a permit to sell them this year?

A.—No permit is necessary from the Board for selling Christmas trees. However, you must comply with trucking regulations. A permit would not be granted to you by the Board for driving beyond 35 miles from the registered address of your truck.

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Q.—When a three-roomed flat has been rented at $20 a month under the same circumstances, can the owner raise the rent to $25?

A.—No, unless the owner has applied to the rentals appraiser for an increase because of reasons set out in the regulations, free copies of which may be obtained from any Board office.

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Q.—I am of the opinion that I paid too much for a used car at an auction sale recently. How can I find out if that was the case?

Q.—Is there anything to prevent me selling a used passenger car for whatever I choose to charge or the buyer chooses to pay?

A.—All sales of used passenger cars are now governed by ceilings, whether sold by dealers or individuals. Full information concerning ceiling regulations may be obtained at any office of the Board.

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Q.—I expect a number of men to stay for some days on my farm while engaged in wood-cutting. Can I secure extra rations for them?

A.—Yes. Extra ration allowances for temporary help on farms during the winter months, where necessary, may be obtained by making application to your Local Ration Board, as was the case with temporary help during the harvesting season.

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Q.—My landlady has given me notice to vacate my house and is now advertising this property for rent in the paper. Can I be forced to vacate?

A.—No. If you are taking proper care of the house and paying your rent regularly, you cannot be forced to vacate unless the owner wishes to live in the house herself or rent it to a very near relative such as a daughter or son. She can also force you to vacate if she is going to make structural changes in the house so that two families may occupy it.

HOME-MADE DEVICES SAVE FARM LABOR

Property constructed and installed home-made equipment can be of value in saving labor and in increasing production. No single piece of equipment can be expected to cut farm labor in half, but any device which may help to save 15 minutes or one hour of work per day can be recommended when labor is scarce. Before making pieces of home-made equipment, however, a farmer should carefully judge the value of the device for his particular farm, and if the device appears to be suitable it should be properly and sturdily constructed so that time will not be lost in continually repairing a so-called labor saving device.

The following agricultural engineering plans have been issued recently by the Central Experimental Farm for saving labor and increasing production and Extension Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa:

Transport Wagon AE8 (a low wagon with platform 14" from the ground for moving machinery, etc.).

Two-ton tractor trailor, AE13.

Hog Watering Devices, AE15.

Low lung Corn Wagon, AE16.

Egg Cooler and Humidifier, AE17.

Self-feeders for Hogs, AE18.

Hay Racks and Troughs for Hogs, AE19.

Pig Creep Rail and Castration Rack for Hogs, AE20.

Other suggestions for the construction of equipment can be obtained from the Dominion Experimental Farms or an Agricultural College.

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BOLD INVASION BY SABOTEURS WELL REWARDED

Trained Frenchmen Blow Up Power Station, Badly Damage Other Plants Near Paris

London (CP) — Further details of the daring invasion of France by 16 trained French saboteurs who escaped after damaging the Creusot works near Paris has reached the Daily Mirror.

According to available information, the paper said, the raiders blew up the power station at Chalon-sur-Saone, the transformers of the Schneider works and a string of high tension lines feeding power to Germany. The paper didn't say where the information was obtained, but printed the following interview with one of the raiders:

"We crossed the Saone near the factory after a long and difficult trip and at nine o'clock set a charge under a main pylon of the Berne line and under another near the point of origin of the power. We had to crawl on towards the main works then, greatly hampered by a big lamp which lit up the only place where we could get in.

Avoided Police

"We had to get in between two gendarmes standing 60 yards apart. We crawled across a road on our bellies, however and climbed two fences round the works without being noticed. Once close to the transformers I had to leave my companions because of the difficulty in slipping in between the 150,000-volt connections which barred the way.

"I set the time bombs inside the main building and got started back at 25 minutes past midnight. Only a few minutes later, it seemed, the first bomb went off. It was a fine display of fire works.

"There was panic in the works, the gendarmes bolted and the guards did not know what happened. The flames spread in the oil works and rose to a fantastic height.

"Altogether there were 28 explosions, many of them set in other places by my comrades who stayed behind. These works, which provided the Schneider works and the Germans with 250,000 kilowatts, could not be repaired in less than a year.

IDLING PROVED COSTLY

London (CP) — Edward Parry, 21, who fire-watched by drinking beer in a public house instead of on the roof of a coach-building firm, was fined the equivalent of $45.50 and costs at East Acton.

People who lack kick themselves do most of the kicking!

Ex-Sheriff, Related Here, Tells Travels In U.S. Army

Tells of Odd Customs and Strange Beliefs

(From New York Times)

Capt. Clarence T. Morriss, former deputy Sheriff of Suffolk County, is seeing the world — and not through a porthole. The Army has turned him into a latter-day Marco Polo Babe, as everyone calls him, including the many Fire Islanders who remember his untiring efforts during the 1938 hurricane, has been seeing many exotic corners of the worldl. From letters he has sent his family at Brightwaters, L.I., friends can be assured of many a yarn-spinning session when he returns.

There are places that Captain Morriss has been where one and a half gallons of gasoline a month was the limit. Cigarettes have cost as much as $3.50 a package and whiskey from $75 to $85 a quart.

In one spot it was forbidden to eat ice cream or drink milk because of improper sanitation and water had to be boiled thirty minutes before drinking. "We use buffalo milk in camp and it is always hot," the captain wrote.

A constant source of amusement has been Captain Morriss' valet.

"You should see my boy," he says. "He appeared this morning with my tea. He had on white short pants, blue stockings, tied with red ribbon, a blue shirt and a turban. I let him fight with the laundry man about the prices he charges. I guess he has to get his cut. They sure break the buttons when they slam them on the rocks while washing them."

Native Beliefs Recounted

Captain Morriss also recounted some strange native beliefs. "A person who is real bad returns to earth as a worm or snake, but if not too bad as a goat, next as a cow, next as a beggar," he wrote. "The goats are all painted with dye, and the cows' and bulls' horns also are painted. They run all over the streets."

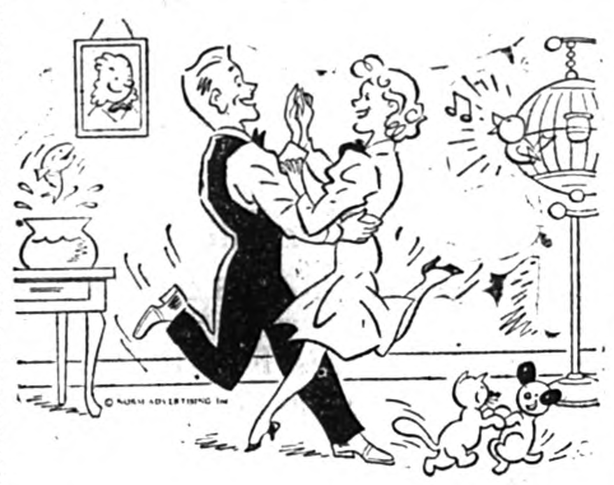
In another place "they have shops open all along the streets," and people sleep in the show windows. "Time means nothing here," he declared. "They will meet you an hour before schedule or two hours late." In the place where one and a half gallons of gasoline a month are dispensed, "most of the cars carry gas producers or, in other words, they start on gas and then operate from coal gas in the furnaces in the rear of the car," Captain Morriss says. "I was in a taxi and the driver had to stop to shake the fire down and remove the clinkers."

Also amusing to the captain has been the sight of a "guy coming down the sidewalk carrying a suitcase with BARBER printed on it. He will spot a customer, they talk it over, then sit right in the middle of the sidewalk. They don't sit down but just squat like in a deepknee-bending exercise."

(Captain Morriss has many friends and relatives in and around Lachute).

Find Big Diamond In Sierra Leone

London (CP) — The Imperial Institute has disclosed that the biggest diamond ever found in the colonial empire has been discovered in Sierra Leone. The stone, probably the eighth largest in the world, is gem quality and weighs about 530 carats. No name has yet been given to the stone by Sierra Leone Selection Trust, Limited, from whose works it was taken.



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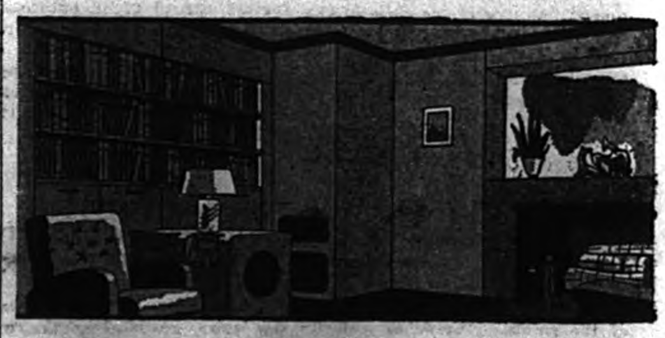
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Courageous Living

Continually throughout life situations are encountered that challenge the best in people. The manner in which these situations are met is the measure of a man or woman and by this standard, the person who shirks the duties and responsibilities of ordinary living has failed in the most elementary of life's challenges — that of living courageously.

The instinct to rise to a challenge is deep-rooted in human beings — because we practise it every day.

For instance, the farmer, to exist must meet the daily round of chores that cannot wait until he is in the mood. To be a farmer at all, he must face the truth of the type of life it is — lonely, hard-working, and plagued by the never-ending uncertainties of the weather and the marketing of crops.

That is one reason why the rural sons of Canada have distinguished themselves on the battlefield. They have merely transferred to a greater challenge the sturdy independence with which they meet the seasonal rigors of the farm. And when they return to civilian life, the commonplace — but nevertheless exacting — toil of the barnyard and the field will challenge their abilities in a way that brooks no brooding on the past. For the future is one of the vital certainties of life and the craftsman of the plow is banking his skill and courage against the vagaries of the elements.

Allied leaders on returning from combat zones have remarked on the fact they found no trace of the "soft" younger generation that was supposed to exist before the war. An example of how this generation has proved its hardihood was given by General Sir Bernard Montgomery of the British 8th Army.

At the conclusion of the Sicilian campaign he said to Canadian fighting men: "Everything given to you has been done. It has been magnificently done. You have upheld the very best and highest standards of the 8th Army."

We venture to suggest that these men possessed their hardiness and resourcefulness from birth. All that was needed was a supreme challenge to call forth this inherent strength of body and mind.

The Conference and the Battle Fronts

The recent conferences in North Africa which — the Allied peoples hope — have completed plans for offensives which will bring an end to the major troubles of a strife-torn world, were noteworthy in the fact that those two conference addicts — Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt — were joined in one by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, China's leader, and in the other by Premier Stalin of Russia.

As a result of two conferences held in the Middle East, with heads of the four big United Nations participating, Germany and Japan now have more definite ideas concerning the Allied designs for their destruction.

First to feel the weight of Allied anger was Japan, when the Conference listed the price men of the Mikado would inevitably have to pay for their career of plunder. To the Japanese leaders it must have been a shaking experience to see their future put on paper, as cooly and with as much assurance of accomplishment as a housewife makes up a grocery list.

Germany has known right along what is in store for her. Assassinations of soldiers and quislings in occupied countries has shown the pattern — it took only the Conference to give it the official stamp.

But before the design can become anything more than a blueprint, two or more fronts must be opened — and right now the jittery agitation of the enemy press indicates they think such military undertakings are imminent.

Of first importance, at least in the popular opinion, is the long-awaited "second front." The Russians have been urging that joint Anglo-American forces begin this operation across the English Channel for nearly two years now. To help the Russians most, experts say, the cross-channel plunge should be taken this winter, but Anglo-American authorities appear to favor spring or summer weather for the hazardous venture. But all seem to agree it will take place within the next six months.

Then there is a big job facing the Allies in China — the problem of opening up the China coast so troops and supplies may be moved in to carry on a full-fledged campaign against Japan. It seems decided that the main effort in the Pacific war eventually will be based in China. But the opening of the coast is an operation that rivals the European "second front" venture in hazards and magnitude, and it is anyone's guess when that will happen.

It is also indicated another thrust may be made up through the Balkans, possibly in the spring, to launch a drive that will be closely co-ordinated with the Russian offensive that is now nearing the borders of Rumania.

And that fourth front — the aerial one — will be given impetus and added weight as the months go by, pounding and pulverizing the enemy's will and ability to fight, and softening that country for the invasion that is to come.

Meanwhile, Germany is threatening drastic reprisals for the destruction of her beloved cities — a punishment scarcely conceivable in its horror. The world credits to Axis ingenuity the most inhuman atrocities that could be invented; but there have come so many "secret weapons," so many ominous threats from Germany, it is obvious this latest terror-cry will not deter the Allied onslaught.

Faith in the Future

Anything that destroys faith in our future strikes right at the heart of the nation. Without hope we are washed up. Hope is basic to any creative planning. No progress is possible without it.

Some people remember only the failures. . . . The First World War won, but objectives not achieved. . . . The buildings at Lake Geneva empty shells. . . . False prosperity and widespread unemployment. . . . Today's global conflict. . . . These are the background for gloomy hopelessness — unless we dig deeper.

Happily there are also those, and their number grows, who through the fogs of today see signs of a durable peace and decent world. They know why they can face a crumbling civilization and still be positive and constructive.

Faith is believing in the evidence of a few sound homes today that a nation of sound homes is possible. It accepts the principle, against a mass of negative evidence, that sound labor and management can co-operate because they have succeeded once or twice where they have honestly tried.

W. E. Hocking of Harvard said, "In a question of possibility, negative evidence counts for nothing if there is one single positive success." Three thousand miles of unfortified boundary in a world at war becomes a proof. The factual basis of a federated, peaceful world actually exists because Ontario is free from conflict with Manitoba.

Through our failures we learn that certain things won't work. From the ashes of many a pioneer campfire great cities have sprung. Today's war is not a refutation of Christian democracy, but rather a confirmation. It is a result of our failure to square our living with the moral principles democracy demands.

Brevity is the best recommendation of speech, whether in a senator or an orator, wrote Cicero. — And the same might be added concerning newspaper contributions!

The Backbone of Canada

As we read obituaries from time to time in weekly newspapers of men in rural districts passing on to their eternal reward, the thought has often come to us that we owe a great debt to these stalwart pioneers who are little known beyond their own community. Taken as a group they are the unknown heroes and builders of Canada. They seldom, if ever, make the headlines in a newspaper for their contribution to the steady growth and progress of this country, yet they are really the foundation and backbone of this vast Dominion. They set an example in character and Christian fortitude which this generation might well emulate in a world of turmoil and chaos. Success to them is not measured in material gain but in service rendered for the betterment of humanity.

—Bowmanville Statesman

The Power of the Press

Among the many different kinds of publications that roll regularly off the printing presses in Canada is one particular type of newspaper that caters to readers who like their news well savoured with gossip and sex. One of the most lusty of these journals happens to be a product of Toronto, though the good citizens of the community argue that "it is just printed here; it is read elsewhere." Recently this paper turned its guns on the rural weekly press by way of diversion. The attack was based upon an item published by one small-town editor in which an apology was extended for something previously printed, presumably an error. The scandal paper ranted about the sins of weakness and of being willing to forgive and forget and seemed to be in favor of editors being "feared for the power they hold in their hands."

The power of the press is a very real thing, but it is a rare editor, in this country at least, who considers his power as a weapon with which to inspire fear. Rather it is a power built upon faithful presentation of the news, a power founded on justice and devoted to furthering justice. Any deviation from this principle automatically weakens that power. This is no doubt what that particular rural editor had in mind when he apologized for his error. By making the correction, he maintained his reputation for truth, and strengthened his power.

Another shot in the attack that was far wide of the mark was the claim that small-town weeklies do not give a true picture of life in their communities. Rural weeklies probably give the most complete record of their readers' day-by-day activities of any type of newspaper. Dailies whose subscribers are numbered in scores of thousands cannot match this intimacy of reporting and still maintain their accent on national and international news. And to suggest that the scandal-laden publications of the type which laid the complaint give "a true picture of life in their community" would certainly evoke some pretty frantic denials, especially, for instance, in Toronto.

—The Printed Word

Those in the habit of insisting that it's all over but the shouting act as if they didn't quite know what to do with news of setbacks like these on the front west of Kiev, Leros and recently in Italy. Their attitude illustrates what a flimsy substitute for genuine morale extreme optimism may prove to be.

—Cobourg (Ont.) World

Organized laundry workers in the West were refused a court injunction. But what's another lost union suit, among so many?

—Winnipeg Tribune

One reason that men drink is that others do not make sobriety more fun.

Reality in training has reached a new high at Camp Borden. Full scale models of a familiar type of small building commonly found some distance to the rear of country dwellings have been constructed at the Army's School of Military Hygiene. They're used in teaching the most modern and efficient methods of construction and drainage of sanitary facilities in the field.

Free Christmas cards in six different attractive designs are being given away this year to all purchasers of War Savings Stamps in book or stationery stores.



A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada

By Jim Greenblat

At The Capital: Princess Juliana recently got back from a trip to the Netherlands West Indies . . . to keep the 200 odd government buildings trim and clean there is a staff of 1953 women and 262 men who do the job between working hours . . . bulldozers have been at work taking the top soil off five of the nine sites for the new Pensions and Health Rehabilitation centres for service men in Ottawa . . . five buildings expected ready for occupancy by spring . . . a Madame X bought $150 worth of tickets for concert at the auditorium for distribution to service men . . . there will be no night shopping in Ottawa this pre-Christmas because of shortage of help and to economize power . . . long lineups still prevail at the beer warehouses here . . . one man got fed up after waiting an hour in line, heaved a rock through the window, caused injuries to two women . . . got fined.

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To answer a query: Charitable or religious organizations may sell gifts of jams and jellies providing these organizations first get permission from their local ration board. Permission may only be granted with the understanding that anyone buying them will not have to surrender coupons. This concession, the Consumers Branch W.P.T.B., informs me, only applies to gifts of these rationed commodities received from consumers. Merchants or others who are not consumers will not be allowed to make gifts of any rationed commodities to these organizations.

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An interesting item gleaned from the 1941 census of Canada is that 87 per cent of Canadian occupied dwellings had radios, 40 per cent had telephones, 24 per cent owned vacuum cleaners and 37 per cent had automobiles. About 11 per cent had all of these modern things while 17 per cent of the occupied dwellings they had none of these. These figures will probably really jump in the post-war period when war savings go on a spree.

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Interesting bits from here and there: established under Dominion-Provincial agreements 25 day nurseries are now located in Ontario and Quebec . . . they provide day care for children 2 to 6 years, but in addition agreements provide care before and after school, as well as noon day meal; agreements are pending for similar projects in Alberta . . . more supplies of steel for civilian uses coming, says W.P.T.B. . . . production is likely to be stopped up for baby carriages, kitchen utensils, nails, fences, farm and building equipment . . . restrictions also removed on width of hem for children's garments and fuller woollen skirts for children allowed . . . infant mortality in Vancouver has been cut in half in past 20 years, reason given being better methods of prenatal care, closer medical attention to mothers . . . milk consumption in Ontario shows a 54 per cent increase over 1939 . . . shipments of Canadian wheat and flour to Greece (a gift and handled through International Red Cross) to the middle of November totalled 7,930,030 bushels valued at a million dollars . . . Canadian crude oil and natural gasoline production for first eight months of 1943 was 6,710,015 barrels, excluding the North West territories, a drop from last year of nearly 300,000 barrels . . . Alberta's production aggregated 6,510,458 barrels.

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Things are picking up as the United Nations' position improves in all respects. For instance it is possible to provide tinplate for containers for products for which tin has been prohibited for some time, information is given out. Corn syrup, maple syrup, edible oils, lard and fattening have been added to list of foods for which tin plate is okayed for processing. There is also an increase from 50 to 100 per cent of 1941 in tin plate allowed for meat sandwich spreads and potted meats for the consuming public . . . a considerable additional supply of meats.

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Been hearing some talk about bathtubs these days. Well, a little delving into our 1941 housing census reveals that one-half of Canadian dwellings had a bath or shower in that year. Seven per cent only of farm homes, but in cities of 30,000 and over the percentage is up to 89 per cent. Here are provincial percentages in that respect: Saskatchewan 16 per cent; P.E.I., 21 per cent; Alberta 28 per cent; New Brunswick, 31 per cent; Nova Scotia, 35 per cent; Manitoba, 38 per cent; Quebec, 53 per cent; Ontario 61 per cent; B.C., 69 per cent. Bigger cities bring up the percentage.

Laugh 'n Like It!

There appeared in The Muggleton Times the following advertisement: "If John Jones, who deserted his wife and babe some twenty years ago, will return, the said babe will knock the stuffing out of him."

Husband: "My dear wife, I have taken you safely over all the rough spots of life haven't I?"

Wife: "Yes, I don't believe you missed any of them."

Mike: "Did you protest against the movie that represents the Irish as disorderly?"

Pat: "Did we? We wrecked the place!"

"My advice to you, Colonel, is to go through the movements of driving without using the ball," said the golf instructor.

"My dear fellow," answered the Colonel, "that's precisely the trouble I'm trying to overcome!"

Waiter: "The gentleman sitting over there says his soup isn't fit for a pig."

Manager: "Then take it away and bring him some that is."

There were two men named Brown in a certain village. One lost his wife and the other a boat at the same time. The vicar's wife called, as she supposed, on the bereaved Mr. Brown.

"I am so sorry to hear of your great loss," she said sympathetically.

"Oh, it ain't much matter," was the reply, "she wasn't up to much."

"Indeed," said the surprised woman.



"Look at the cream this morning, dear! W.P.T.B. must have increased the measure."

Shuttlebugs

The heart of a modern skyscraper is the gearless elevator. Stop it from pumping people and freight to the many levels, as a recent strike did at Rockfeller Centre, and the skyscraper becomes a cadaver of concrete and steel. Yet until a strike deprives us of the elevator, it gets scant attention from its passengers.

New York's 50,000 elevators carry about 17,500,000 passengers a day, considerably more than twice the number of people living in the city. This seeming paradox is explained by the fact that everyone who goes up must come down, and that makes two rides. Some people have many ups and downs in a day, messengers and salesmen being regular shuttlebugs.

Elevators thus carry almost thrice the combined traffic of subways, street cars and elevated trains.

—New York Times

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Teamwork Called For

The natural running mate to mass production and mass distribution is mass co-operation — teamwork between government and business, management and labor, man and man. A new spirit of caring and the will to pull together can do for the coming age what mass production did for the industrial era.

—Powell River (B.C.) News

Santa Hit Too

They say that Santa Claus will be travelling awfully light this year due to conditions. Why, everyone knows he's still driving his old 1941 sleigh.

—Cambellton (N.B.) Tribune

For United Canada

In every province, there lurks envy and suspicion towards its neighbor. And this is being constantly stirred up by political opportunists, playing one section of the country against the other. Unity in Canada! It can be achieved by forgetting provincialism and hyphenated Canadianism, and looking upon Canada as a land of Canadians.

—Melford (Sask.) Journal

"Waur an' Waur"

And now all Scots in Canada are in an uproar because St. Andrew's Day and the birthday of Rabbie Burns fall on meatless Tuesdays and, of course, there can be no haggis. Aye, but this wa' is gettin "waur an' waur."

—Durham (Ont.) Chronicle

Would Increase Bounty

Victoria County Council will petition the Government to increase the bounty of wolves from $25 to $35. "These wolves are doing a lot of damage in the north and they are hard to catch," said Reeve Grant Benson, of Bexley Township.

—Lindsay Watchman-Warder

Education by Mail

Few people realize the extensive and valuable work carried on by the Department of Education through correspondence courses. . . . The department provides public and high school courses . . . and offers technical and vocation courses to anyone.

—Kamloops (B.C.) Sentinel



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St. Andrews East

Miss Betty Whiteside, of Montreal, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carr.

Mr. Rene Giroux is under the doctor's care at his home, suffering from the effect of a severe chill.

Services were conducted by the minister, the Rev. Donald L. Gordon, on Sunday last, both morning and evening, at the United Church. There will be two services also on December 12.

We regret to report the illness of Mrs. Patton, Lachute Road.

Fifteen hockey fans journeyed by bus on Saturday evening to witness the hockey match at the Forum, Montreal.

Guild Meeting

Mrs. E. Charman was hostess to the Women's Guild of the United Church on Wednesday afternoon, December 1. Mrs. T. A. MacAdam conducted the business; 19 members were present. Mrs. David Morrison assisted in serving tea.

Cushing

Miss Mildred Douglas, of Montreal, spent several days recently the guest of her uncle, Mr. B. Noyes . . . we are pleased to welcome Mr. Noyes home from Providence Hospital in Lachute, where he had been cared for in an attack of pneumonia.

Miss Polly Dumphy is visiting relatives in Montreal.

Mrs. T. Boyle has been in the Royal Victoria Hospital undergoing eye treatments—which her friends hope will prove successful.

Miss Margaret Canning, of St. Eustache, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Canning.

We regret to report the rather serious illness of Mrs. James Patton, late of St. Philippe and now residing at Lachute Road to be near her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Bradley. Her Friends wish "the best" for Mrs. Patton.

Attends Funeral of Well Known Summer Resident

Mrs. L. M. Gaston spent Wednesday in Montreal attending the funeral of the late Sgt.-Major Holmes, who with his family shared the home of Miss A. Davidson during the past summer.

An active participant in the last Great War, Sgt.-Major Holmes has been a welcome summer resident of Cushing for many years, and a frequent visitor here even before the war.

At the latest annual dinner of his regiment, which he attended in a wheel-chair, Sgt.-Major Holmes was presented with a letter signed by all his colleagues, voicing their tribute to him as "a true gentleman and the best sergeant ever known."

St. Mungo's congregation owe him thanks for a chair and library table donated for the manse study. This entire community expresses sympathy for Mrs. Holmes and family.

Grenville

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Crooks the christening of their son took place on Friday, November 26. The names given were Richard Lewis; the Rev. W. B. Rosborough performed the ceremony.

WOMEN IN RAIL WORK ARE DOING FINE JOB

Stratford, Ont. — "The spirit with which women are entering into the railway jobs is magnificent, and they have proven their ability to successfully take on many of the important operations, some of them heavy ones," R. C. Vaughan, Chairman and President of the C. N. R'ys, told a reporter during the occasion of a recent business visit to Stratford. This city is an important railway centre and is the scene of a busy motive power shop which handles many units of the System locomotives. Mr. Vaughan was returning from a meeting of railway executives held across the border and he said that women had performed excellent service in all railways on the continent by stepping in to fill positions of men who had enlisted in the armed forces of both countries.

VANCOUVER SCOTTISH GROUP AIDS WAR VICTIMS

A Scottish group which is raising considerable sums to aid war victims in Scotland through the Queen's Canadian Fund is the Sons of Scotland Benevolent Association of Vancouver, B.C., under the chairmanship of Alex. H. McDonald.

The Fund has just been enriched by $700 in collection with the third annual Queen Elizabeth Ball which the Sons of Scotland Benevolent Association sponsored in aid of the Fund.

Morin Heights

Mrs. Robt. J. Seale and daughter, Joyce, visited relatives in Montreal last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Barclay and son, Douglas, of Montreal, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. J. Seale recently.

Among those noticed here over the week-end were — Mrs. Ronald Boyd, the Misses Olive Boyd, Betty Lacken and Audrey Watson.

Cpl. Wm. R. Bell, of Verdun, spent Sunday with his family.

Services in Trinity Anglican Church were conducted by the Rev. C. W. P. Baugh, of Lakefield, on Sunday morning.

Pte. Gordon Downie, of the Black Watch, Longue Pointe, spent last week-end with his family — having as his guest Pte. Gordon Bell, also of Montreal.

Master Malcolm Robinson, of Lakeside, visited with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Greene, over the week-end.

Trinity Guild

The December meeting of the Guild of Trinity Church was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Green on Thursday afternoon, December 2.

Election of officers for ensuing year took place, the following ladies being appointed:

Mrs. Wm. Watchorn, president; Mrs. Robt. Goodfellow, secretary; Mrs. William Greene, 1st vice-president; Mrs. R. Moss, 2nd vice-president.

It was decided to hold an afternoon tea and sale of fancy work in Boyd's ice cream parlor on Thursday afternoon of this week.

Cushing West

Miss Dorothy Weir, of Montreal, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. Usher left for Ottawa the latter part of the week to spend some time visiting friends. She intends going on later to Belleville, to spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Wishart and her family.

Mrs. Telesphore Ranger, of Grece's Point, left for Montreal last week to enter a hospital for treatment.

Mrs. J. Brookes and son, Gerald, spent the latter part of the week in Montreal.

Mrs. James Joss, who has spent the past two months in Gaspé with friends, has returned to Grece's Point, where she is at present the guest of Mrs. A. M. McKinnon. The latter lady, we regret to state, is suffering from a rather severe attack of grippe, which is prevalent in the locality.

The people of this community desire to offer a tribute of sympathy to the family of the late Sgt.-Major Holmes, who passed away at his home in Montreal on Tuesday after a long illness.

Brownsburg

Mrs. T. Anderson spent Wednesday in the city.

Mrs. A. W. Kilgour and Mrs. James Darlington, of Rosemere, Que., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Jordan.

Mrs. W. J. Fletcher spent the week-end with relatives in Montreal.

Mrs. James Hutchin and Miss Eleanor Hutchin spent the week-end in Ottawa.

Mrs. Peter MacQuaig and Mrs. D. Smith spent part of this week in Montreal.

The Junior Mission Circle of the Maple Avenue Baptist Church held their December meeting at Mrs. F. Barker's on Thursday evening last. Mrs. M. Crosby gave the topic.

CHRONOMETER

A lieutenant who had just taken charge of the meteorology department at one of the Army Air Force navigation schools noticed that his secretary's telephone rang every morning at approximately a quarter to twelve. She would glance at the wall clock. Finally he asked who was doing the calling. "I don't know," she said. "I never thought to ask. They just call up and ask the time, and I tell them." Being a tidy soul, the lieutenant instructed her to find out who was calling, and why. The next day, after interrogating the caller, the secretary told him that it was the post fire department. "They want the right time so they can sound the noon siren," she said. "Well, how do you know that our clock has the right time?" he asked. "I don't," she said. "Not now. I've been checking it by the noon siren." —The New Yorker

It remained for a help wanted advertiser in Waterloo, N.Y., to put the thought in black and white: "Will pay you $5 more than you are worth."

Post-War Health Given Emphasis

Montreal, Dec. 7 — Health and education must be stressed in post-war Canada if Canadians are to take their rightful place in the growth and development of the free world of the future, Emile Vaillancourt, secretary of the Quebec Division of the Health League of Canada, declared in a strong appeal for the national well-being of the Canadian people. He was addressing the Quebec Rotary Club. He urged Canadians to make use of all the tools of public health measures, prevention of disease, individual and group hygiene, for the continuing betterment of the race.

To guard the health of families, clinics should be created across the country, Mr. Vaillancourt said. Plans should be made for universal pre-natal and post-war instruction for mothers through the schools, the press, the radio and films. Courses in nutrition should be organized and well-equipped, and well staffed nurseries should be opened for children whose parents must be away from home, he said.

Countless aspects of the health problem face the authorities of Canada, Mr. Vaillancourt pointed out. He recommended that every known method of education be used to preserve and build up the health of the nation. "We should impose preventive vaccination for smallpox, and pasteurization of milk in all provinces . . . we should keep up a never-ending struggle against the great social scourges . . . inaugurate the open treatment of mental ills, making use of all the available sources of exploration, diagnosis, research and treatment that modern medicine provides," he declared.

Preventive hygiene would assure the physical and mental health of the people and we must develop to the limit of our ability, a program of education for all, he continued.

Mr. Vaillancourt admitted that his far-reaching plans will necessitate the spending of great sums of money, but he claimed that it is the first duty of governments in peace to assure the health and the education of the people and urged the people to support the government wholeheartedly in a greater national health programm

WHEN THE TOWN GROWS UP—NO MORE TENEMENT FLATS

The floating population of rooming house districts, boarding houses and tenement flats in the modern cities of present-day Canada are one of the last vestiges of a vanishing age. The human drama being enacted today behind the closed doors of lonely rooms in Canadian industrial centres forms part of the picture drawn in this week's dramatic episode of "The Town Grows Up." The broadcast will be heard over the National Network of the CBC, on Friday, December 10, at 10.15 p.m. EDT.

Sketched against the background of the housing problems of today, the drama will portray the results of overcrowding, and the toll such conditions take in disease. Formerly ignored as a civic responsibility, the housing problem has grown in recent years to assume an accepted place among matters of vital public concern.

The part played by the men and women who strive to control this aspect of the integrated community, and the sacrifice their work entails, are also an important element in the play to be presented. Written by the Canadian author, Elsie Park Gowan, the series of seventeen dramas is describing the human side to the complex tasks of maintaining the public and social utilities that have evolved in modern society.

A LAST-MINUTE WAR COMMENTARY

(CP) — Mountain slopes stretching downward the board valley that leads to Rome lie before Gen. Mark Clark's Allied 5th Army in Italy.

By mid-week, the fighting 5th had won the topmost peak of lofty Mount Camino and Allied guns now dominate the southern part of the road and Liri River valley between Mignano and Cassino. Fifth Army troops overran the highest portions of both Mount Camino and Mount Maggiore, driving the badly-mauled German forces back to the outer fringe of ridges north and west of the two peaks.

Meanwhile, the British 8th Army continued stabbing at the enemy's Adriatic flank and scored limited gains along the Moro River. Several fierce German counter-attacks were beaten off in this area.

In Russia, the Red Army this week gave ground west of Kiev but farther to the south the Soviet troops made equally important gains themselves and threatened to isolate Nazi troops in the lower Ukraine.

Chatham News' brilliant suggestion: "Much time and fretting would be saved around home by having rugs with designs like cigarette ashes."

"Week at Quebec"

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Commission, authorized by a government bill adopted during the last session of the Quebec Legislature.

The law creating the new body stipulated that the Commission is charged, after consultation with the interested bodies, "with the preparation of a general sickness-insurance plan defining the scope of the risks which will come under this insurance, the nature of the payments, the conditions of hospitalization and home care, the formation of administrative and consultative bodies, the rate of contribution of employers and assured persons, the manner of imposing contributions and the responsibility for the payment of premiums in cases of poverty."

Other members of the commission as announced by Health Minister Henri Groulx are Dr. Romeo Blanchet, director of the Institute of Professional Guidance at Laval University, and P. E. Durnford, Montreal.

VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS IN OCTOBER — 14,592

Last year, smallpox, diphtheria and whooping cough, three diseases which cannot resist modern methods of prevention, carried off 935 children. Whooping cough is the deadliest of these diseases. Babies of six months, or younger, are often stricken with it, though it usually affects those from one to three years old. A vaccine has been discovered which prevents this disease and immunization is effective in more than 80 per cent of the cases; it also minimizes the effects of the malady when it has already been contracted. The method of application is very simple. The child should be inoculated between the ages of six months and one year. It is usually given in three visits to the doctor, who gives two injections at each visit. There is also a preparation available which combines whooping cough vaccine and diphtheria toxoid. The use of this preparation has for effect to immunize against diphtheria and whooping cough at the same time.

This is what the Hon. Henri Groulx, Quebec Minister of Health and Social Welfare, told members of the press as he handed them a summary of the work accomplished by the Health Units and Sanitary Districts Division of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.

During the month of October, 2,853 successful anti-smallpox vaccinations, 2,164 anti-typhoid vaccinations, 6,864 complete immunizations against diphtheria, 2,667 reinforcing doses besides 44 active immunizations against scarlet fever were given.

177 Anti-tuberculosis clinics were held, at which 4,874 persons were examined. 1,261 Visits were made in this connection. Venereal diseases necessitated 211 investigations and contagious diseases called for 273 epidemiological enquiries. 1,768 Cases of contagious diseases were detected and 1,822 homes were visited for this purpose.

SEEK HIGHER PENSIONS

London (CP) — Nearly 5,000,000 signatures were placed on a petition to the House of Commons to raise old age pensions to 30 shillings ($6.60) a week.

HERB REVIVAL

London (CP) — A revival in herb-gardening has brought back to the household tables parsley tea, violet pickle, mushroom ketchup, barberry marmalade and marshmallow ointment.

DEATHS

BOYD — Wayne Lorne, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Boyd, 174 De La Sarbonne, Cartierville, at his home Sunday morning. Funeral was held at Collins Funeral Home, Sherbrooke Street, service conducted by Canon Naylor of Trinity Memorial Church. Interment in Hawthornvale Cemetery, Montreal.

HODGE — At Foam Lake, Sask., November 24, 1943, William Thos. Hodge, in his 55th year, beloved husband of Matilda Beattie and eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hodge, of Lachute, Que.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BLACK — Mr. David Black and family, also Miss Mildred MacAllister, wish to express appreciation of the kindnesses extended in their recent sad loss.

IN MEMORIAM

CLAUSEN — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Carl Julius Clausen, who passed away December 12, 1940. — Ever remembered by his wife Anna, Carl and Carl, Jr.

Till memory fades and life departs,
He'll live for ever in our hearts.

OBITUARY

Practised 35 Years As Physician at St. Andrews East

Funeral of the Late Dr. George F. Shaw

St. Andrews East — Funeral service for Dr. George F. Shaw, one of the oldest members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec, was held at Christ Church, St. Andrews East, on Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Shaw died last Thursday at Knowlton, in his 84th year.

Born in Ottawa in 1860 and graduating from McGill University in 1894, Dr. Shaw practised medicine for 35 years at St. Andrews. After retiring from active practice in 1929, he was appointed medical officer for Canadian National Steamships and acted as ship's surgeon on the West Indies run for several years. He served in the Great War from 1915 to 1919 as a major in the Canadian Army Medical Corps.

Dr. Shaw leaves his wife, formerly Hilda Wainright; a daughter, Mrs. R. A. Brown, of Kewagawa, Que.; two sons, George, of Toronto, and Carter, of Kingston, Jamaica; a sister, Mrs. R. Orr, of Toronto; a brother, Arthur, of Los Angeles, and five grandchildren.

PRICE CONTROL

News and Views

Conservation of Waste Paper

Consumers' co-operation is essential to the production of articles for the armed forces manufactured from waste paper. The Pulp and Paper Administrators of the Price Board are urging the public to salvage all corrugated paper and brown paper and to collect magazines and newspapers so that vital war orders can be filled.

New Printing Regulations

To assure an adequate supply of wood fiber products and print paper for essential use, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board has issued an order regulating the production of printed matter.

The printing of business reply postcards, business reply envelopes and blotters (except for resale) is prohibited. The size of printed calendars and greeting cards is restricted.

Partly Skimmed Milk

Restrictions and Provisions imposed by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board on the sale of evaporated milk will now apply to the product known as partly skimmed evaporated milk which is sold by drug stores on formulas for infant feeding.

Silver Flatware, Jewelry

Restrictions governing the sale of silver flatware and jewelry will be relaxed according the administrator of jewelry of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

This will mean that more flatware designs will be available and certain articles such as baby rings and tie pins whose manufacture was prohibited will be produced in limited quantities.

IRRIGATION SCHEME FOR BECHUANALAND

Mafeking, South Africa (CP) — The Batheen Irrigation Dam at Kanye, Bechuanaland, is the first completed irrigation scheme in the Territory but several others have been planned and begun. The capacity of the dam is 300,000,000 gallons.

About 52 acres are at present under irrigation and another 40 acres will be included. Four-fifths of the present irrigated area is under wheat, the remainder being under vegetable crops, the product of which is used to provide a free meal daily for the 1,200 school children in Kanye.

CASH ON THE LINE

London (CP) — It's cash on the line now in many London department stores. Some shops have decided against opening credit accounts for new customers because of a shortage of clerical staff.

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IRRIGATION IN INDIA

New Delhi (CP) — The acreage irrigated in India now is about 40,000,000, and provides employment to a seventh of the country's population. The irrigation system has greatly reduced the scourge of famine suffered by India throughout history.

DECONTAMINATES CHEESE

London (CP) — Poison gas experts were "treated" to cheese contaminated by mustard gas. The delegates at the cheese after decontamination squads had given a demonstration of treating and reconditioning food which otherwise would have been made unfit for consumption.

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BLACK TEA A & P Special Blend 4 oz. Bag 17¢ ½ lb. Pkg. 31¢
PURITY FLOUR 7 lb. Bag 23¢ 24 lb. Bag 73¢
PURITY OATS 48 oz. Pkg. 17¢ 5 lb. Bag 24¢
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THOUSANDS of men and women in uniform will be telephoning home this Christmas. This means a huge additional load on Long Distance facilities—especially "long haul" lines—already busy carrying essential war calls.

So again this year we urge you to send your Christmas greetings by mail. You can help the Post Office people, too, by arranging to send them early.

Should there be an out-of-town call you *must* make, please telephone as many days before Christmas as possible. In this way you will help us to handle promptly the flood of eager holiday greetings which will pour in from military camps all over the country. Thank you.

On Active Service — *Giving Wings to Words*

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During the past year, tuberculosis has been on the offensive in all urban centres . . . we, the people, have been compelled to retreat temporarily.

One of the greatest factors in combatting this disease, is education. The public must know what their responsibility is . . . they must learn of the marvellous progress that has been made in the past fifty years in TB control, and they must be told, that with full co-operation of doctors, public health officials and themselves, tuberculosis can be stamped out in another fifty years.

But . . . education and propaganda cost money. So do your part, and support the Christmas Seal Campaign.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Chairman, Local Committee:
GAETAN VALOIS,
Lachute

McGill University Medical Graduate Has High Standing

Among 97 McGill medical students whose graduation was announced yesterday, a young Argenteuil man and former Lachute High School pupil, J. Lester McCallum, of Pte. au Chene, attained highest aggregate standing, and leading rank in 4th year studies in individual subjects — namely, first in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, first in Pediatrics, third in Public Health, and fourth in Medicine. These are highly creditable results, upon which Mr. McCallum is congratulated by his numerous acquaintances here.

Awards and graduation certificates will be presented at tomorrow's special convocation and inauguration ceremony of McGill University's new chancellor, Morris W. Wilson.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Mabel Gordon, of Montreal, was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. Kenneth Sly.

Miss Meryl Gauley, of Grenville, was the week-end guest of Miss Eileen Holt.

Miss Isabel Kearns, of Montreal, visited friends in town on Saturday.

Mrs. James Duncan, of Halifax, N.S., is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. James Hay.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rapson were in Montreal the early part of this week.

Mrs. R. Davidson, of Montreal, visited with her sister, Mrs. Stanley Holt and Mr. Holt, over the week-end.

Mrs. J. Findlay, of Montreal, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Creswell.

Mrs. George McIntosh and little Janet Oatway, of Montreal, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Demerse.

Miss B. Robin, of Montreal, was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. Hugh McEntyre and Mr. McEntyre.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ward, of Montreal, were week-end guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward.

AC-2 Alfred Thompson, of the R.C.A.F., Lachine, spent last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boyd.

Tpr. George Cox, of the C.A.T.C., Camp Borden, visited his wife, at the home of his mother last week-end.

The Misses Isabelle Hubert, Ann Stewart, Elva Ness and Ina Bennie, of Montreal, were week-end guests of Miss Helen Deacon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Y. Deacon. Mr. George Deacon, Jr., was also home for the week-end.

Attend Lions' Meeting

Past-president Lion Philip Roy was one of the speakers at the district zone meeting held in Montreal this week, at which representatives from Coaticook, Magog, Sherbrooke, Verdun, Montreal and Lachute were present. Those attending from the local Club were — Lion President F. Legault, Lions Paul Carriere, Gordon McQuat and J. S. Giles.

Films Available, Adult Education Listening Groups

The experiment of adult education that has started under the auspices of the CBC, is proving to be quite a success. The program "Of Things to Come," featuring discussions on the post-war and social security topics, is now well under way.

The first discussion was held on Tuesday evening, when three speakers representing business, labor and the press, discussed the problem of unemployment and the responsibility of business, labor and government. Morley Callahan was the chairman. The topic next Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. will be "Free and Government Enterprise", and well known authorities on both policies will debate this important question.

Educational films are now available to listening groups, providing they are well organized and listed with the Adult Education Council.

Lachute at the present time has no organized listening group, though many individuals are listening to these discussions at home. Possibly some society or number of interested persons could arrange to listen collectively, and thereby form the nucleus of a local group in adult education.

Red Cross Society Looks Back on Creditable Record of War Service

Mr. Norman C. Urquhart, chairman, prisoners of war parcels committee, told delegates to the Dominion-wide meeting of the Central Council of the Canadian Red Cross Society in Toronto recently, that just under 7,000,000 food parcels for prisoners of war had been packed at the five Red Cross packing plants (Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor, Winnipeg) since the commencement of packing in January, 1941, up to October 31, 1943.

Report by Dr. J. T. Phair, chairman, national blood donor committee, showed that 417,865 blood donations had been received at Red Cross clinics from January 1 to October 31, 1943. Dr. Phair reported also that Serum Separating Centres had been opened at the University of Montreal and the University of Alberta (Edmonton), and were now forwarding serum to the Connaught Laboratories. When the University of Montreal centre is completely equipped, he said, they will process the serum into its final dried form, as is now being done in the Connaught Laboratories, Toronto.

Mrs. H. P. Plumptre, honorary director of the Red Cross Enquiry Bureau, Ottawa, stated that since the beginning Canadian participation in the action in Sicily and Italy, the daily lists of enquiry to the Society's Overseas Office had lengthened considerably and included many enquiries for wounded and missing men of the Canadian Army. Full details as received in the reply lists, she said, were forwarded by air to the next-of-kin with any appropriate advice or information.

Reporting on the release of prisoners from Italian camps, Mrs. Plumtre advised that the names of Canadian prisoners who have been transferred from Italian prisons to German camps are coming in slowly, either by official cables from Geneva or by cards sent by the prisoners themselves to their next-of-kin, but that it is impossible at present to give information as to the number who have escaped to join the Allied Armies or to find refuge in neutral territory. To add to the confusion, names of Canadian prisoners newly captured in the fighting in Italy are coming through; some of these are being imprisoned in Italy while others are being taken to Germany, where new camps are being opened and extensive transfers of prisoners are taking place. This general re-distribution of prisoners in Europe entails constant revision of Red Cross records and consequent corresponence with next-of-kin, Mrs. Plumptre declared.

Mrs. W. R. Campbell, chairman, national women's war work committee, reported that 9,741,276 articles of supplies and comforts had been distributed in the first nine months of 1943, bringing the total distributed since the beginning of the war to 29,076,610. This year's distribution included 8,506,773 shipped overseas, 1,032,918 to local units in Canada, and 201,585 to Newfoundland.

Report on the Canadian Red Cross Corps by Mrs. Barston Tudball, national commandant, showed that there were now 5,269 members of the Corps, representing an increase of 429 since the beginning of the year.

Presenting an interim progress report on the making of jam and honey by Red Cross affiliated with the Women's Institutes and other organizations, Lt.-Col. John A. Cooper stated that, while unusual weather conditions and other difficulties would likely lessen the amount sent to Britain this year, it was expected that the total would reach approximately 380,000 lbs.

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Mary Baker Eddy

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AMONG THE CHURCHES

Y.P.U. PLAY HOSTS TO TWO GROUPS

The Young People's Union of Lachute United Church entertained the Y.P.S. of the Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church and the Y.P.U. of Brownsburg United Church last evening. The Rev. E. Orsborn and the Rev. J. S. Pike accompanied the members of their respective church societies.

The president of Lachute Y.P.U., Miss Mae Gordon, extended a welcome to the visitors during the business period. A short appeal was made on behalf of the local Christmas Seal Campaign, requesting that both individuals and organizations help in this important work.

Convenor of the evening was Mr. Harold Deacon, and guest speaker was the Rev. B. J. Thorpe, of St. Simeon's Anglican Church. His address was based on "Christian Fellowship." Mr. Thorpe traced the ideas of the early Christians, and described their fellowship of Christian socialism, the sharing of produce and of friendship. The speaker then dealt with the values of church membership and of the greater fellowship of the communion service.

After the devotional period, the group was then organized into four teams, under the captaincy of the Revs. Thorpe, Orsborn, Pike and Rosborough. A Chinese spelling competition was then held and other indoor games. After a singsong, refreshments were served.

Christian Science Lesson-Sermon

"God, the Preserver of Man" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon to be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 12.

The Golden Text is from II Thessalonians 3: 3. "The Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil."

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6: 31, 33).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passages from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The Father in secret is unseen to the physical senses, but He knows all things and rewards according to motives, not according to speech. . . . Selfforgetfulness, purity and affection are constant prayers. Practice, not profession, understanding not belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and they assuredly call down infinite blessings." (Page 15).

Enemy Plane Part Is Now Communion Rail

London (CP) — Using wood from wrecked enemy planes for the communion rail, the men of an R.A.F. Wellington night-bomber wing in North Africa recently built their own "parish church" in the desert.

The church consists of two tents fronted by an ancient Arab archway, and topped by a wooden cross. Shell cases serve as altar vases, bomb containers as seats, and old flare boxes as choir stalls. The sandy floor was lowered two feet to provide sufficient headroom. Steps were then cut, and large strips of canvas stretched over the dunes for a carpet.

An organ, bought with money subscribed by the fliers, makes the chapel complete. In addition to regular Sunday services, there are daily services and Bible classes. The church is also used for classical concerts.

Post-war plans, with pre-war greed,
Won't fill the bill of peace-time need.

Our Master taught his disciples one brief prayer, which we name after him the Lord's Prayer.
—Mary Baker Eddy

Tribute to Late Churchwoman

A tribute to the Christian hospitality of the late Mrs. William McAdam, a member of the Lachute United Church and Women's Missionary Society, was read by the Rev. W. B. Rosborough at the morning service last Sunday. The appreciation came in the form of a letter from the Rev. G. Campbell Wadsworth, who served the congregation here as student preacher on many occasions . . . .

Montreal West,
December 3, 1943.

Dear Mr. Rosborough:

During the days when the young men from our Montreal College went regularly to assist with the work of the Lachute pastoral charge, the late Mrs. William MacAdam proved herself to be a veritable Mother in Israel to a long succession of Theological students. Her spacious and hospitable home was placed at our disposal; and soon became in very fact a home away from home. Always interested in our welfare; always busying herself to see that we were happy and comfortable, she quickly won our gratitude, our respect and our lasting affection. We recall, moreover, how deep was her love for the Church of God, and how confident the expectation with which she waited for the Kingdom of Heaven. And so today we devoutly thank God for the good and gracious memories we have concerning her.

—G. Campbell Wadsworth

WATERLESS LAUNDRY IS RAILWAY FEATURE

Montreal—Readers whose memories carry back a generation or so will recall advertisements of a type of soap which, according to the maker, "won't wash clothes." The Canadian National Railways operate two laundries which do a big job in cleaning, but they "won't wash clothes." Furthermore, they use no soap, starch, not even water, nor is there any ironing. These are "dope" laundries, and this particular "dope" has nothing to do with drugs. "Dope," in this instance, is the combination of oil and cotton waste used by railways to lubricate the journals of locomotives, freight and passenger cars so as to provide easy running and prevent "hot boxes". The material is packed in the journal boxes, the waste acting as a wick to feed oil to the bearing surfaces. After a period of service this packing is removed from the journal boxes and sent to the laundries at Montreal or Winnipeg to be reclaimed. The oil is cleared, the waste cleansed and put to use again, the process effecting substantial dollar savings for the National Railways each year.

E. R. Battley, Chief of Motive Power and Car Equipment, said that for the first ten months of 1943, 6,547,200 pounds of "dope" had been treated, an increase of 1,827,910 pounds over the corresponding period of 1942. Depending on the size of the journal box from seven and a half to thirteen pounds are required for a packing. Hot boxes remain a problem to all railways awaiting the invention of a permanent preventative.

AUSSIES GET BREAK WITH WARTIME TEA

Heavy Users of Beverage, They Receive Better Quality Now Than in Peace-time

Melbourne, Australia (CP) — Although living under a rigid wartime economy, Australia today is getting better quality tea than in peace-time.

This fact, disclosed following the arrival in Australia of a large shipment of tea from Ceylon and India, is good news to a country which, among all tea-drinking nations, ranks second only to Great Britain.

In peace-time the average Englishman used nine pounds of tea a year and the average Australian seven. As good tea is estimated to make about 200 cups to the pound this means that Englishmen drank a daily average of five cups, compared with four by the Australian.

Australia's wartime ration allows 6½ pounds a year for each Australian, but in the past 12 months two additional allowances brought the total to 7½ pounds.

In peace-time Australian supplies came largely from Java and Sumatra, with a smaller percentage from Ceylon, and a negligible amount from India and China, but following Japan's eastward advances, the British Ministry of Food acquired the entire Indian and Ceylon output, from which allotments are made to all Allied and neutral tea-drinking countries.

High-grade tea, which today is available to the Australian housewife, was sold in peace-time almost entirely on the British market, because of its high price.

Few Australians realize that the pound of tea they buy from the suburban grocer really contains up to 20 different varieties. The current shipment for instance, contains about 600 lines from different growers, and ranging in quantity from five to 200 chests each of 110 pounds.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Harrington

Wm. Horsnall, R.C.A.F., who has been stationed at London, Ont., spent the past ten days visiting with friends in Harrington.

Miss Isobel Fraser, of Lachute, was a week-end visitor with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCabe spent the week-end in Montreal.

A number of the Red Cross ladies met at the home of Mrs. H. Bennett on Wednesday of last week and packed 21 Christmas boxes for boys in the services who are still in camps within the Dominion; 27 were packed a month ago to send overseas.

The Far Forum also met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bennett, on Monday last.

Calumet

Miss Frances Irving, R.N., of Montreal, spent last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. Druce.

Mr. Frank McGibbon, of Montreal, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. McGibbon.

Cpl. J. Wilkins, of Farnham, spent a week-end with his grandfather, Mr. J. Lanigan, recently.

Mrs. R. C. Whinfield and little Miss Rosemary Whinfield spent a few days in Montreal last week, the guests of Mrs. S. Arnold.

Miss Elsie Graham, of Montreal, was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Robinson.

Miss Eileen McGibbon, of Montreal, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. McGibbon, recently.

Mr. Grant Robinson, of Montreal, spent the week-end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Robinson.

Navigator William Horsnall, R.C.A.F., of London, Ont., who is home on leave, visited friends here during the week-end.

Mr. Stephen Brigden, who has joined the R.C.A.F., left for Montreal this week. His many friends in this village wish him good luck in his new role.

St. Andrews East

(Intended for last issue)

Mrs. Edwin Keatley and little daughter, Hannah, of Grenville, Que., were guests of Mrs. Keatley's mother, Mrs. W. E. Brown, Lachute Road, for the week-end.

Miss Betty Flower, of Montreal, spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. M. M. Yale and Mr. Yale.

Little Miss Florence MacAdam, of Brownsburg, has been staying with her grandmother, Mrs. T. A. MacAdam.

Miss Lucy Perks, of Montreal, was the guest recently of her brother, Mr. George Perks and Mrs. Perks. Master Donald Mathews, of Fulford, Que., visited his grandparents recently. Pte. and Mrs. Edgar Thompson, of Hudson Heights, were week-end guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Perks.

Mrs. Anna MacAdam is staying at Brownsburg.

About a score of ladies made their annual pilgrimage to Montreal by bus on Thursday.



Boy Scouts The World Over

There are 1,965 Boy Scout Troops in Canada, and 1,601 Wolf Cub Packs.

A new magazine for Boy Scout Patrol Leaders, "The Junior Leader," has been launched in Ottawa.

There are nearly 600 Lone Scouts in Canada, Scouts operating on their own in rural areas where no Boy Scout Troops exist.

Among the wartime services of the Boy Scouts of Halifax has been the delivery of over 35,000 handbills and posters for government organizations.

Hundreds of Boy Scouts across Canada are busily engaged repairing and repainting toys for distribution to needy children and institutions at Christmas.

Wing Commander Guy Gibson, V.C., D.S.O. and Bar, D.F.C. and Bar, the R.A.F. dambuster, who is a Boy Scout, has been awarded the Legion of Merit by the United States Army Air Force.

Finding they had $60 surplus following their summer camp, Boy Scouts of the Niagara Falls district donated the money to the Chins Up Fund to aid British Scouts who have been bombed out.

Pilot Officer Anthony Billington, a British Scoutmaster who is with the R.A.F. Transport Command, says that there are two things common to every country he has visited — Boy Scouts and Coca-Cola.

Total membership of the Boy Scouts Association in Great Britain is now 409,307 an increase of 57,000, despite the fact that since the outbreak of war 46,000 Scout leaders and Rover Scouts have enlisted in the services.

The majority of Canadian Boy Scout Troops are sponsored by churches, with the balance sponsored by community committees, service clubs, and the Canadian Legion.

With traditional ceremony the Oakville, Ont., Sea Scouts launched their new sailing craft, "The Seal" recently. Mrs. Dean Wilkes, wife of the Scoutmaster, broke a bottle of ginger ale over the bow of the boat.

RAILWAY WAR LOADS



These photographs picture shipments which are multiplied every day along the transcontinental lines of the Canadian National Railways.

The top picture is that of a trainer plane bound for "somewhere" in Canada to be used for instructional purposes.

The middle picture shows one of the thousands of Canadian-built tanks carried to the seaboard.

The bottom photograph shows a set of propellers manufactured at an Ontario plant and carried to an Eastern coast shipyard now engaged on contracts for tonnage to float supplies to the countries of the United Nations. This shipyard receives all steel plates and mechanism required over the rails of the National Railways System.

Story of 'Old Parr'

Aurele Coté, in The Tracer, Brownsburg

On rare occasions we have the good fortune to snatch a bit of chit-chat with George Preece. George is a rugged individualist in his thinking, he allows no one to do it for him and he does plenty for himself, he is widely informed, a keen observer and is served by a vivid memory. His philosophy of life is personal and a chat with him is invariably refreshing.

Recently he was telling us how in 1928, feeling the need of change and rest, he had taken himself to his native England to recuperate, his little son going along for company. Finding himself in London on a Sunday morning he went to service at Westminster Abbey, where he had so often worshipped in former days. While kneeling in his pew he noticed a flagstone in the floor, close to his knee, and on this stone was this inscription — "To the memory of Old Parr, who lived to be 152 years old."

A few days later he renewed acquaintance with a boyhood friend to whom he had written and who had come to London to greet him. George related the incident and his friend replied in surprise, "I thought I knew a lot about Old Parr, but I had never heard that he had found a niche for himself in Westminster. You know, of course, where he was born?" George did not know. "Well he was born just a few farms away from where you yourself were born and raised."

And it was true, Old Parr was born at Llishall (pronounced Lillish-al) in lovely Shropshire County. His very name connotes great age, and age being a prime virtue in whiskey it was only natural that a certain Highland blend should be named after him; and a right good brand it is too, a rare vintage indeed in these scant ration years. Propaganda works faster than history and Old Parr the "spirit" is far more widely kenned than Old Parr in the flesh.

Old Parr the man, however, was remarkable in many ways, and, as even fellow townsmen like George Preece and his friend can find themselves hazy in vital aspects of his life, these biographical notes may not be out of place.

Thomas (Old) Parr was a poor farmer's servant and had to sustain himself by daily labor. At 120 he married a widow, his second wife, with whom he lived for twelve years. Until the age of 130 he performed all his daily work including threshing. He kept his hearing and his senses unimpaired to the last. In his 152nd year his fame had reached London. He was famous not only for his tenacity in clinging to his thread of life, but was a noted wit, crony and raconteur as well. The King, intrigued, induced him to come to the Capital and lodged him at the Palace. This in all probability shortened his life, which might have continued some years longer, for he was treated at Court in so royal a manner and his mode of living so totally changed that he died soon after in London, in 1635. He was 152 years and 9 months old, and had lived under nine Kings of England.

An autopsy on his body was performed by no less an authority than Doctor Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, who found all his organs in the most perfect state and showing not the slightest symptom of decay. There was no ossification whatever in any of his cartilages. The eminent physician established that not the slightest cause of death had yet settled in his body and that he had died from a plethora brought on by unaccustomed high living.

Old Parr's long life no doubt had been a moderate and frugal one, and a sufficient apology in itself for voluntary rationing.

The Boy Scouts of Toronto raised over $18,000 on their annual Apple Day in October, the largest sum ever raised by any Scout Apple Day. It was an increase of nearly $4,000 over the previous year. Practically every Scout Apple Day in Canada recorded an increase in receipts.

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"Blueberry Hill"

Ottawa — No self-respecting Canadian soldier relishes a term on "Blueberyy Hill" or in the "Glass House," or whatever his pet name may be for mililtary barracks. But if he does get detention he takes his medicine and comes out a better soldier for the experience, the reason being that the medicine is not so hard to swallow if he shows a willingness to co-operate. "Save rather than punish" is the catch phrase for Canada's modern method of dealing with soldier delinquency, and Fort Osborne detention barracks at Winnipeg provides a good example of how the system works. There, soldiers under detention follow a complex syllabus of training such as they would receive at regular training centres. They see recreational, training and morale films, hear lectures on responsibility of citizenship, take correspondence courses, write and receive letters. Chief punishment lies in being closely confined in the evenings, with fraternizing and conversation forbidden, though stiffer measures can be, and sometimes are, used if warranted. The result almost invariably is that the erstwhile delinquent leaves detention a better soldier than when he went in, and in many cases his subsequent advancement has been rapid. At least one from Fort Osborne is now an officer, another a Company Sergeant-Major, and many have become junior N.C.O.'s.

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Soldiers at the Infantry Training Centre at Currie Barracks, Calgary, go "Overseas" once a month when they eat Overseas Army rations for all three meals.

Biggest difference is in fresh milk, cut from 15 ounces in Canada to two and-a-half in Great Britain. The potato ration drops from 14 to eight ounces per man and the beef from nine ounces to four ounces. Vegetables, canned milk, bacon, coffee and butter amount to about the same.

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Troops at Port Arthur have set something of a record at the Canadian Red Cross Society Blood Donors Clinic since it was established in October, 1942.

More than 600 soldiers from Current River Barracks have donated their blood, representing more than 25 per cent of all male donors from the city.

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Tools, Equipment, for Motorist and Handyman,
Pyrex, Kitchen Utensils, Housekeeping Gadgets.

Another good suggestion:
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WOULD DECORATE HEROIC EDITORS

London (CP) — The men who prepare Europe's underground newspapers are as brave as the men who fight on the battlefield and some sort of decoration should be given those who play an active part in publishing these papers, says Lord Kelmsley, London publisher.

"I was rather proud of the fact that my organization had printed newspapers during air raids, and felt that that was a wonderful performance, but I should not like to have had to do what these wonderful people have done in Greece," he said.

He suggested that after the war the methods of putting out the underground newspapers be filmed so that future generations could see what was done.

No one who faces full responsibility in life will ever find himself out of a job.

London — Unless the authorities find it possible to relax the kerosene priority to allow permits to be issued for stable and byre lanterns in Great Britain, milkmaids will have to milk cows in the dark this winter.

Grandpappy Morgan, a hillbilly of the Ozarks, had wandered off into the hills and when supper time came he failed to return, young Jake was sent out to search for him and bring him in. Jake located Grandpappy standing quietly in a clump of bushes.

"Gittin' dark, Grandpap," said Jake.

"Yep," said Grandpappy.

"Supper's ready."

"Yep."

"Ain't ye hungry, Grandpap?"

"Yep."

"Wal, ain't ye comin' home?"

"Nope."

"Why not?"

"Cain't."

"Why cain't ye?"

"Standin' in a b'ar trap."



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FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE WOODS
Apply to:
Your nearest Selective Service office; or
Your provincial agricultural representative or fieldman; or
Your local Farm Production Committee; or
SIGN UP with any canvasser authorized by National Selective Service representing a pulp and paper company—preferably one for which you have previously worked.



A STATEMENT BY MR. GODBOUT
(Extract from a recent statement by the Hon. Adelard Godbout, Premier of Quebec.)

"I fully support the urgent appeal to the farmers of my Province to work at pulpwood cutting and at other essential employment this winter.

"At my Government's request, the Dominion authorities have classed pulpwood cutting among essential industries. In future, the farmer or farmer's son cutting pulpwood, or doing other essential work by direction of Selective Service, and who has been granted postponement from military duty, will continue to receive this privilege just the same as though he had remained on the farm. He will, of course, have to return to the farm in the spring."

Approved:
A. MacNAMARA,
Director of National Selective Service

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THE WOMAN'S PAGE

Hints for Homebodies

By Jessie Allen Brown

THREE DEER

This is a great country down here. One morning when my next-door neighbor looked out her back door, she saw three deer standing beside a low stone wall a few yards from the house. Behind the wall is a lawn and rose garden. Now the deer had not come to sniff the flowers a le Ferdinand, as the rose season was over, but the grass on the lawn was nice and green where the rest of the grass was brown and dry. They stayed there for about ten minutes then wandered back up into the woods. It was right in the middle of the hunting season too. We are more closed in and although the neighbors see deer each year, I haven't yet managed to get a sight of one although we can see their tracks not far from the house any time of the year. There can't be many cities with game so close as we live not quite seven miles from Saint John.

FOOD IS THE BEST SOURCE

Some advertising, especially radio advertising, gives us a lot of eye-wash. It tells the truth, but not all the truth. For instance, I heard a radio announcer say with wonderment almost amounting to awe in his voice, that some pill or other contained as much as 25 International Units of Vitamin B1, in addition to all its other wonderful properties. Now, we have been hearing so much about the necessity of that vitamin, we are inclined to think that much extra vitamins must be worth a lot. Every bit we get is valuable, but to buy pills to get 25 units of B1 is poor business. The daily dietary allowances of B1 for good health are, an adult 500, children from 1 to 12, 200 to 400, adolescent children and women during pregnancy and lactation 600 to 700. Instead of buying a pill to give us 25 units, how about eating them in our foods. One little teaspoon of wheat germ will give you about 225 units; an average serving of lean pork is 400; a slice of whole wheat bread, a half grapefruit, 3 brussels sprouts, ¾ cup of green beans, an egg, a half-cup milk, a half a potato, or a tomato, will any one of them supply 20 to 50 units of B1. A cup of dry oatmeal gives out with 180 units, and a cup dry whole wheat has double that quantity. These are just a few of the ordinary foods, so you can see with a little care we can get our 500 units a day. Breads and cereals made from whole grains are one of our cheapest sources. There is some informative advertising which is very helpful, but we need to use intelligence in studying advertising.

EASY ON THE SUGAR

A reader has asked for suggestions for desserts using a small quantity of sugar. Milk desserts seem to loom largely on my low sugar repetoire. Probably you make all of these, but here they are. Custard, grapenut custard, rice, tapioca, chocolate, blancmange. If I have some cream to whip (it doesn't need to whip very stiff), I roll graham crackers or other available bought cookies, and add these and a little jam, with a good squeeze of lemon juice. Mix this lightly and chill. This takes no sugar and can be made in about three minutes flat. Most of us are trying to save sugar for some Christmas cooking. Christmas recipes which I may give are old reliables, and although they do take sugar they can be relied on.

INDOOR LINES

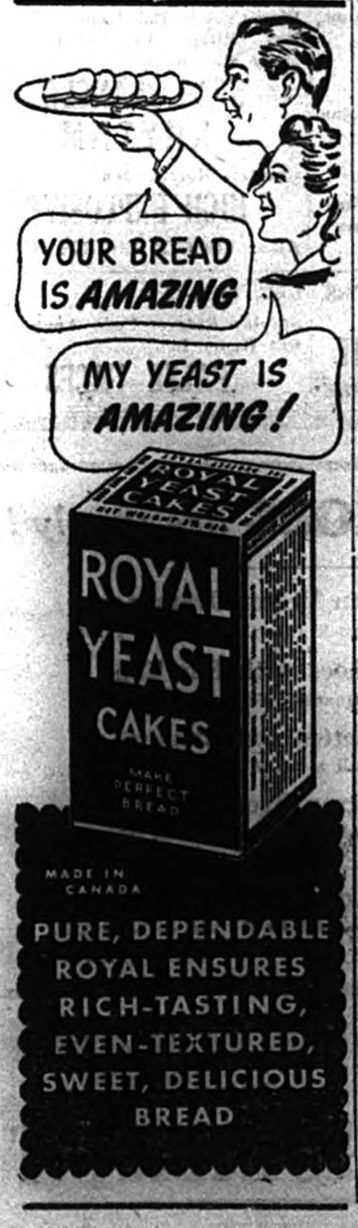
Weather like this it is not always comfortable to hang out the wash, and there is sometimes not enough room for all the lines you want. Have you tried putting up two parallel lines a few inches apart? Pin each article crosswise to each line. Some of the larger articles such as sheets may have to be criss-crossed several times. You will be surprised at how much you can hang on even a short line and they seem to dry faster. Give the wet article a good shake before hanging it to help take out the wrinkles and make the ironing easier. Take time to straighten out the edges. An extra five minutes spent in hanging the wash will save many times that in the ironing, and most women agree that ironing is harder work than washing, even though washing does sound worse.

RICE CUSTARD

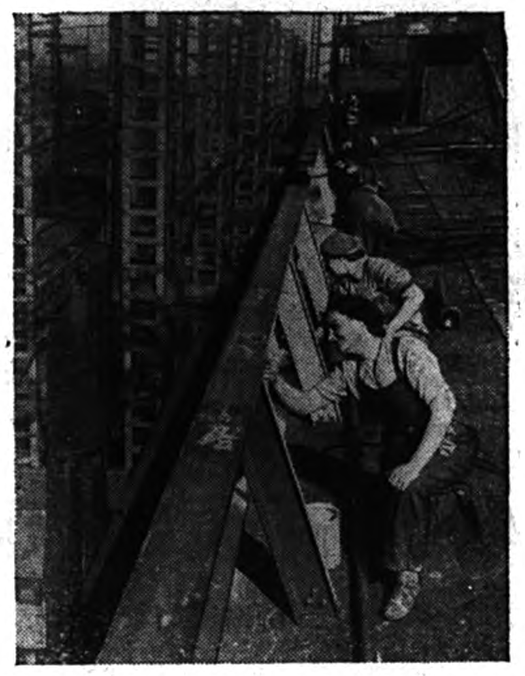
A scant ¼ cup rice, ¼ cup sugar, 1 cup water, 2 cups milk, 2 eggs, ¼ cup raisins.

Put the water in the top of a double boiler and bring to a boil, add the rice slowly and stir occasionally with a fork. Cook rapidly until the water is almost absorbed. Add the milk and sugar, and when hot set in the bottom of the double boiler and cook until the rice is soft, almost an hour. Beat the eggs and stir into the rice mixture and add the raisins. Turn the mixture over lightly as it cooks until the custard is set, about two or three minutes. Do not overlook. Pour into a serving dish and let cool. Serve with cream.

Talk often, but never long: in that case, if you do not please, at least you are sure not to tire your hearers. —Lord Chesterfield



British Women Help Shipping Production



Every month more and more British women enter the shipbuilding industry, replacing men for the fighting front. No job is too big for them to handle, electric welding, riveting, painting, electric wiring and French polishing are just a few of the skilled trades in which the women are lending a hand. . . . Picture shows painters busy at work on the decks.

Dental Health Article

Traffic Congestion In the Mouth !

If some people could examine the interiors of their mouths with the aid of a microscope they would probably be horrified! It is said that in uncared for mouths there are (by approximate census) 800,000,000 germs!

"It's a good thing germs are so tiny, isn't it?" commented a boy who read this. Right! But even tiny things cause a lot of trouble. Germs cause all the infectious diseases!

In a clean mouth there are only from five to eight million germs in residence. A great difference between a few million and eight hundred million! Any very much safer for the owner of the mouth.

How soon do people acquire germs in the mouth? Are babies born with them? No babies are not born with bacteria in the mouth, but within about six hours after birth they are always present.

Madame Brailovosky - Lounkevitch of Pasteur Institute in Paris, in 1915, published the results of her studies on this subject. She found that from the sixth hour of life until old age and death, the strepto-coccus viridans (a special kind of germ made up about fifty per cent of germ population of the mouth.) Other types of organisms are also present. Ordinarily, if the teeth are brushed, and kept clean and in good health, and if the gum tissues are kept healthful, the minimum number of germs that live in the mouth do little harm. When, however, teeth and gums and throats are not kept in a healthy condition the maximum number of germs may be present as a constant menace to health and life.

It is impossible to rid the mouth entirely of these germs. It is possible and it is necessary to keep the number down to the minimum.

One does not need to wait for teeth to appear in an infant's mouth to take precautions for cleanliness of the mouth. A nursing baby should have his mouth gently washed according to the physician's instructions before every feeding. The nipple should be washed prior to feeding also. From the moment the first tooth appears it should be washed every day. As the child grows the not-to-be-broken rule of cleaning the teeth every morning upon rising and every night before going to bed should be carefully established. It is better, wherever it is practical, to add to this routine, the cleansing of the teeth after every meal.

Another habit which should be established is the regular visit to the dentist. This should be commenced with the baby and be continued throughout life.

Traffic congestion in the mouth sooner or later spells decaying teeth, loss of teeth, poisoning of the system, reduction of health, susceptibility to disease of all sorts and, oftentimes, shortening of life.

London — Approximately one umbrella is now being produced for every hundred people in Great Britain, at a cost of about $17 to $23. And optimists say it never rains more than 300 days a year in London!

Wives of curlers are hereby warned to lock up the family broom each night, in case hubby decides to "borrow" it for the winter season.

Sex Equality Is Sought by Women Of Great Britain

New Book Calls Attention To Restrictions in Many Fields of Activity

By MARGARET ECKER, Canadian Press Staff Writer

London (CP) — Women in parliament and in the press are threatening a mild revolt in the British Isles.

Mouthpiece of the movement is a pamphlet published by Mrs. Ethel M. Wood, secretary of the Committee on Woman Power and entitled, "Mainly for Men."

The author says the purpose of the book is to "draw the attention of the public to the archaic attitude adopted towards women in Britain and to the deliberate restrictions on opportunities for women in many fields of activity."

The committee behind the campaign is made up of back-bench women members of parliament and representatives of women's organizations. With Mrs. Wood as their spokesmen, they see plenty of things wrong with Britain.

"It doesn't occur to the average male to think in terms of equality of sexes," said Mrs. Wood. "Women are excluded from such strongholds as the House of Lords, the joint stock banks and the established church, except as hewers of wood and drawers of water — that is office workers and cleaners."

Little use can be made of women's services in the newly formed ministries, continued Mrs. Wood. In the Ministry of Food, for instance, out of 147 persons in important posts, only three were women.

Women are barred from the British Council, the Zoological Society, the British Academy, the Central Electricity Board, the Automobile Association and the London Passenger Board.

"This obsession for thinking of women as appendages of some man — and never as just themselves — is the root of the social and economic disadvantages that afflict women," she said.

Mrs. Cazalet Keir, another member of parliament, and deputy chairman of the committee said: "We hope 'Mainly for Men' helps the electors of Britain realize that if we are to build the better world for which we are fighting, men and women must work together as equal partners."

"KINE-CWAAC'S"

Ottawa — The secrecy wraps were taken off another important job being done by the Canadian Women's Army Corps last week. It has to do with a gadget known as the "kinetheodolite" — a device to record the accuracy of anti-aircraft shell bursts — and the girls at the controls have got the nickname "Kine-Cwacs". They thus become among the few people who can criticize the marksmanship of an artilleryman and get away with it. Kinetheodolite is not used in actual battle, but the instrument comes into service during practice shoots as the best method of grading marksmanship.

TABLE SYRUP FROM APPLES, N.B. HOUSEWIFE'S TIP

Moncton, N.B. — Scarcity of molasses stirred a New Brunswick housewife into kitchen experiments, and one of these developed into a table syrup made from sweet apples, a recipe on which the Agricultural Department at the C.N. Rlys. placed its seal of approval. Mrs. L. Anderson, Kempt, Queen's County, explains that she prepares sweet apples as for jelly and continues the boiling process until the juice attains the consistency of molasses or honey. The cooking can continue to produce a density suitable for a spread. Nothing is added to the apples, Mrs. Anderson states, "I just boil down the juice."

With the C.W.A.C.'s

Ottawa — New Brunswick girls in the Canadian Women's Army Corps are seeing to it that other members of the corps in the province who've gone Overseas won't be forgotten this Christmas.

On its way is a shipment of individual boxes containing face powder and powder puffs, face creams, lip stick, soap, tooth paste and other feminine necessities hard to get in England. A subscription taken up among all C.W.A.C. personnel in Military District No. 7 made the gifts possible.

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Edmundston, New Brunswick, is getting something of a reputation as the home of musical sisters.

In the Canadian Women's Army Corps military band since its inception have been Pte. Ruth Dobson and Pte. Dorothy Charron, sisters of the town. Pte. Dobson's husband is serving Overseas with the Canadian Army.

Now Wanda and Georgia MacElroy, formerly with the Edmundston Girls' Band, are en route to join the musical organization, which is on the western leg of its cross-country tour.

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Critics of the C.W.A.C. (if there are any) might well give some serious thought to a recent statement by Lieutenant Helena I. Ward of Fort William. Speaking last week to a gathering at Winnipeg, Lieut. Ward said: "The Army has given girls a chance to develop qualities that would probably have gone unnoticed throughout civil life, and after the war we shall have more understanding and regard for the institutions governing law and order".

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Miss Wilhelmina Dow, of Glasgow, Scotland, came up last week from Denver, Colorado, to volunteer in Winnipeg for the C.W.A.C. She explained that she wanted to join the Canadian Army because the people of Scotland love the Canadians. Miss Dow has been in the United States since 1940, nursing an uncle who died recently.

WAAFS' UNIFORMS TIGHTER, SHORTER

London (CP) — Uniforms of women in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force are going to feel the clip, clip, of the clothing regulator's scissors in Britain.

The air force blue uniform of the Waafs, already tighter and shorter of skirt than they were when the war began, will be sheared again to bring them in line with civilian austerity clothes.

The new uniform, which will be issued when present stocks are exhausted, will have fewer buttons and fewer pockets, and will be more skimpy of cut where possible.

The Waafs themselves are very happy about the whole thing. The skirt pocket, which is a casualty, gave them a bulge where most women want it least. And the brass buttons that takes so many barracks hours of polishing will be replaced with black plastic ones.

Speaking of Cold Feet

It was one of those cool evenings up at the bowling green, and one of the ladies complained of cold feet.

"All ladies have," declared a mere male, who then proceeded to justify his accusation. Without mentioning any names, the story goes like this:

In the museum at Fort Wellington there is an old-time foot-warmer, and according to this reliable source, virtually every married man who visits the exhibit looks at the foot-warmer, calls his wife, and says: "You ought to get yourself one of those darned things." —Prescott Journal

We've found that efforts to buy cheap apples and oranges have proved fruitless.

RATIONING

Questions & Answers

Q.—I saw a quarter of beef hanging in my butcher store. It did not appear to be stamped. Should all beef be stamped?

A.—All beef must be stamped and graded to show it is being marketed legally.

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Q.—Does the price chart showing cuts of beef and the prices in the butcher shops include only the best cuts?

A.—No. Charts should cover all grades of beef offered for sale in that particular shop.

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Q.—Have the "G" coupons for evaporated milk any expiry date?

A.—There is no expiry for "G" coupons. The card for coupons is renewable three months after the date of its issue.

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Q.—Is there a ceiling price on bananas? I have been paying 17c per pound.

A.—You are being overcharged . . . the ceiling price on bananas is 14c per pound.

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Q.—In our household we find difficulty in making our sugar rations last, but we have a surplus of tea or coffee and meat coupons. Can we exchange the latter for additional sugar coupons?

A.—Unfortunately, no. Such coupons are not interchangeable. You may, however, cash your "D" preserves coupons for extra sugar.

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Q.—Is it true that the coupon value of maple syrup has been changed?

A.—Yes, but this will not become effective until next March 2, when the value of "D" coupons for buying maple syrup will be raised from 12 to 20 fluid ounces per coupon.

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Q.—Must a person take a whole steak and surrender the required coupons or may she insist on the butcher selling her only a portion of the steak for fewer coupons?

A.—If your butcher prefers not to cut a steak in two, then there is nothing much you can do about it except to buy some other kind of meat or buy enough steak to do for two or more meals. However, there is no Price Board regulation compelling you to buy more than you wish of any commodity . . . nor is there any regulation compelling a storekeeper to sell merchandise in his store to anyone who wants to buy it.

W.I.'s To Benefit From Radio Talks

There should be much of benefit and interest to Canadian women in general, and members of Women's Institutes in particular, in the Radio Talks for Women which are to be given over CBC during the winter months. The share of Canadian women in winning the peace of the world will be the basis of these talks, to be given by Canadian women for every walk in life, and which will contain practical and timely ideas of how Canadian women can help in the building of a post-war world — better politically, economically, socially and morally than in the present or the past.

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Curlers Play for Caledonia Trophy

Two teams representing Lachute Curling Club have visited Montreal recently in the Caledonia Bonspiel.

The first game, played on Thursday last, comprised Skip J. MacKimmie, Geo. F. Calder, Geo. Muir and C. E. Graves, who won against W. E. Baxter (skip), J. S. Moffat, F. Cregeen and A. A. Eaves, of Caledonia Club, in a score of 9-8.

On Wednesday of this week, Skip J. R. Charron, Wm. J. Deacon, S. S. Campbell and W. K. McArthur lost in the same bonspiel to Skip Beausejour (former bank manager at Brownsburg), of Thistle Rink, in a final of 11-7.

COMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT

The Maple Avenue Baptist Sunday School will hold their Christmas entertainment in the church on Wednesday, December 22, at 8 p.m. 25-D9-2c

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, CANADIAN LEGION

The regular monthly meeting of Argenteuil Branch, No. 70, Canadian Legion, will be held on Tuesday, December 14, at the Victoria Hall. Election of officers will take place, and members are ernestly requested to keep this date in mind.

OYSTER SUPPER STE. ANASTASIE

The sixth annual oyster supper organized by the choir of Ste. Anastasie Church, will be held in the church basement on Tuesday, December 14, at 7 p.m. Oysters of all varieties will be served. Turkey Bingo's. Ladies and gentlemen cordially invited. Tickets $1 each.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting of members Argenteuil Agricultural Society will be held in the Court House, Lachute, on Wednesday, December 15, at 2 p.m.

—J. H. Black, President.
-1c Alex Bothwell, Sec.-Treas.

WANT & FOR SALE ADVERTISEMENTS.

EMPLOYMENT, PROPERTY, TENDERS, ETC.

Want or For Sale advertisements 10 cents per line each insertion. Minimum 50 cents. If billed, 60 cents. If replies are directed to Watchman Office, 25 cents extra.

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LOST — in Brownsburg, Airedale, black and tan, name "Monty." Reward for his return, or to anybody giving information concerning him. — Box 95, Brownsburg, or phone 518. -1p

WANTED — night watchman and fireman (stationary engineer No. 4 certificate). — Apply Selective Service, Court House, Lachute. -1c

WANTED — Baby's sleigh with hood, in good condition. — Phone 516, Brownsburg, Que. -1c

WANTED — Baby's sleigh, good condition. Phone Lachute 249.

FOR SALE — Pair of ladies' silver fox furs, in perfect condition, ladies' light brown coat, box style with large raccoon collar. Can be seen at any time. — 221 Main Street (rear), Lachute. -1c

FOR SALE — One cutter. — Apply M. W. Ballantyne or John Muir, St. Andrews East. -1c

FOR SALE — 1936 Plymouth sedan, with heater, in good condition. — Apply 91-A Grace Street, or phone 420, Lachute. -1c

FOR RENT — 6-roomed house, all modern conveniences, on Bedard Blvd., partly heated. — Apply 108 Bedard Blvd., Lachute, Que. -1p

FLAT TO RENT — Two rooms, unfurnished, suitable for business or living quarters, private entrance. — Apply 282 Main Street, Lachute. xc

TENDERS — to supply 100 cord of two foot Birch and Hard Maple body wood to the Chatham Consolidated School at Brownsburg, will be received by the undersigned up to 7.30 o'clock in the evening of December 13, 1943. Wood to be piled on the grounds of the school at Brownsburg on or before the 1st day of March, 1944. . . . Lowest, or any tender, not necessarily accepted.

—Protestant School Commission, Brownsburg, Que.
D9-2c G. Scudamore, sec.-treas.

KINDERGARTEN — Entrust your children for expert care and early tuition at the kindergarten school, opening shortly. Limited number. Kindly register before December 15. No phone calls, communicate by letter, to — Nurse Lefebvre, Lachute Mills. —J6-6c

Badge Tests and Competitions in Boy Scout Troop

Lachute Scout Troop is still progressing well, with many boys earning badges.

Geo. Barker and Grant Scott, two of the Cubs, have passed their Tenderfoot tests. Donald Hooper, Frank Bedard and Jack Steeves have qualified for the Friend to Animals badge. Walter Gauley and Lawrence Pilon have won their Leatherworker's badge, and Robt. Louette the Interpreter's badge. Donald Hooper also receives the "100 hour" badge, awarded to Scouts who have performed 100 hours of war work.

Fox Patrol still leads the competition, with a total of 415 points. Lion Patrol is second with 391 points.

Last evening was a special occasion for the Scouts. Instead of doing the usual routine work other diversions were staged. The boys from Cadet Camp demonstrated some commando work and wrestling holds. There were wrestling contests for any who desired to practise this art. This was followed by a sing-song and several recitations. Russell Hodge played the mouth organ, and finally the troop was dismissed.

Picture Show, Veterans' Benefit, Is Successful

A ready response to the Veterans' appeal for funds was evidenced on Thursday, December 2, when by 7 o'clock every seat was taken at the Rex Theatre and a large number had to await the second showing of the film "We'll Meet Again."

The picture, an English feature just recently released, was of a somewhat different type from that of American productions, and was much appreciated by the audience.

The local Legion Branch members wish to thank all who patronized this event, which has helped them to add a little surplus to their fund for carrying on their work on behalf of needy ex-servicemen and their dependents.

RECALL OLD CAMPAIGNS

London (CP) — Fifty old soldiers, veterans of the Matabieland and Mashonaland campaigns of 1890, 1893 and 1896-97 gathered at a dinner here to talk over old times and battles which gained Rhodesia for the Empire. Among the cables read was one from Lord Athlone, Governor General of Canada, who served with the campaigners.

Auction Sale

At the farm of
JAMES PAUL,
Chatham (3 miles west of Lachute, Highway No. 8), on Tuesday, December 21, at 1 o'clock sharp:

Herd consisting 30 head Registered and High Grade Holsteins, accredited and negative to blood test — four of which are granddaughters of Johanna Silencer.

The herd sire Orchard Gore Man-o-War Arthur 152705, born January 25, 1942, sired by Montvi Rog Apple Emperor Johanna 141609. (His eleven nearest dams average 22709 lbs milk 4.12 per cent butter fat).

His dam, Orchard Gore Daisy 389789, with 2-year-old 365-day record of 11,247 lbs. milk, 429 lbs. fat.

6 Registered mature cows. Two of these are outstanding individuals, bred to herd sire, and will be fresh by sale day. Three of these lately freshened.

10 Grade cows, seven of which have freshened since October, other three due during winter months.

2 Registered heifers, will be 2 years old in January, bred to herd sire to freshen in April. Also 1 Registered heifer born September, 1942, just bred; 2 registered heifers born January, 1943; 5 Grade heifers born autumn, 1942; 2 Grade heifer calves.

The horses will be included in sale; also 40 5-months-old pullets from Dr. Morrison's Barred Rock strain.

One bag Inter-stock food; 12 8-gallon milk cans, 2 30-gallon cans, pails, strainer, electric washer, cutter and other articles.

If weather is unfavorable, sale will be held under cover.

Terms, $10 and under, cash; 6 months' credit will be granted responsible parties.

—James Paul, prop.



Stars Run Riot, Brilliant Musical On Capitol Bill

Star Spangled Rhythm, Paramount musical appearing next Sunday and Monday at the Capitol, Brownsburg, has a neat little story played by some bright comedians, which carries the interest even without the star-encrusted sequences.

It seems that Victor Moore is the gatekeeper at the Paramount Studio. He used to be a star in the Golden Age of Westerns, but now he's only a doorkeeper. It also seems that Eddie Bracken is his son in the Navy, with an idea that his pop is the head executive of Paramount. — Thus Herbert Whittaker, film critic, describes the plot. . . .

In an endeavor to preserve his son's illusion, Moore and a pretty blonde telephone operator, Betty Hutton, go through a series of ruses calculated to deceive. Finally the stars get together to help out, putting on a show for the Navy that glitters like a payroll.

Actually the best fun in the picture comes at the beginning when Moore and Miss Hutton try to steer the pop-eyed sailors around the studio without divulging the humble position of the doorman. This is enlivened with wisecracks at the expense of studio eccentricities.

The character of the producer is played by Walter Abel. Chief victim of the Moore-Hutton machinations, he builds up a phobia about having enemies in the studio. Abel and Anne Revere as his secretary, get plenty of laughs out of this business. So do Miss Hutton, Moore, Eddie Bracken and Gil Lamb, the last playing one of the visiting sailors. Their contribution reaches real hilarity with a song number, "I'm Doing It For Defence", which Miss Hutton sings on a run-away jeep.

The stars seep into the picture gradually, at first. In a screening room, Preston Sturgis, ace Paramount director, is viewing a song sequence and the picture stops at this point to introduce Mary Martin, Dick Powell and the Golden Gate Quartet. Cecil B. DeMille is introduced "in person", as are Paulette Goddard, Bobe Hope and Crosby.

Then comes the sailor's benefit show, and everybody on the payroll not yet seen is hurled into one big-time variety show. Miss Goddard, Dorothy Lamour and Veronica Lake sing a number called A Sweater, A Sarong And A Peek-A-Boo Bang, which is almost as funny as its idea. Hope acts as master of ceremonies. Vera Zorina steps out of a picture frame to step through some graceful, ineffectual ballet work. Rochester and a high-yaller gal called Katherine Dunham hep it up in a smart Harlem number. The old If - Men-Played-Bridge-The-Way-Women-Do routine is brushed up for Franchot Tone, Fred MacMurray, Ray Milland and the late Lynne Overman, but it's pretty much of a dud. On the other hand, Hope does a shower scene with William Bendix that is sheer joy.

Then, for the patriotic finale, Crosby sings Old Glory, and the picture slows down to a dead stop.

Postal authorities expect more Christmas cards than ever this year due to the campaign to have people attach War Savings Stamps to their cards.

Auction Sale

At the residence of the
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360 Main Street, Lachute, on Saturday, December 11, at 1 p.m. sharp:

3 Complete bedroom sets, bedclothes and linens, 5-piece parlor set, book-case, 6 small tables, gramophone with records, 5 rugs, 4 sofas, drop-leaf table, extension table, dining room chairs, pictures, sideboard, cook stove, kitchen cupboard, dishes, cooking utensils, refrigerator, 8-day clock, kitchen chairs and cabinet, sewing machine (New Williams), wood box, 2 lawn mowers, garden tools, etc.

All will be sold to settle estate.
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Auction Sale of Horses

The undersigned is instructed by B. E. MORROW, Carlyle, Sask., to sell by public auction at LACHUTE, QUE., on December 20, at one o'clock sharp, the following:

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Langley sailed with the merchant marine from Seattle, Wash., in 1941, through the Panama Canal to Britain and from Britain through the Strait of Magellan around the southermost tip of South America to Peru.

Now serving as radio operator with the Federal Department of Transport, young Langley's travels have taken him to Arctic Bay where he was reported stationed in his latest letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Langley, of Speers.

Langley described a baseball game he played with the crew of the Nascopie, the famous northern supply ship, when the vessel was icebound for a few days off Port Ross and failed to get supplies to the Hudson's Bay post at that point. The game was played on an ice floe near the ship with the nearest land 600 feet below.

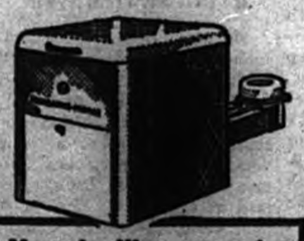
Langley also described how polar bears would come up to the side of the ship while it was stuck in the ice and nose among the scraps thrown overboard.

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Lord Burghley, one of the world's greatest athletes is now Chief Scout of Bermuda, where he is Governor. Lord Burghley was a Patrol Leader at Eton College.

Among those who flew with General Doolittle on the historic raid on Tokyo were seventeen former members of the Boy Scouts of America.

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Canberra (CP) — What are probably the first talking picture shows in the South-West Pacific area designed solely for natives have just been established at a New Guinea base.

Now on Saturday evenings, just like other people, the natives of Suchandsuch Village put on the best clothes they have, and off they go for the weekly night out.

Theirs is an open air show, and the screen (a white sheet on a wooden frame) is set up on the beach near the village. Tall thin palms droop languidly over the site, and the slight breeze from the sea is soothing and refreshing.

As daylight fades the natives take up positions around the screen, many preferring to see the pictures from the rear side. They get a slightly blurred view, but they are quite obvious to the fact they are on the "wrong" side.

The children are sitting so close to the screen that they can easily touch it without moving; they cannot possibly see the screen properly, and they will all have terrific pains in their necks before the night is out, but they have what they consider to be the very best seats. Some of the audience sit on the ground, other stand throughout the show.

P. S. — O. K.

Melbourne, Australia (CP) — A rationing officer received an application for a new ration book. The writer detailed at great length how she had lost the original book and asked to be issued with another. But after the signature this appeared: P.S. — I've just found it."

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Political Parties Bid Public Favor on Post-War Reconstruction Programs

Air Minister Power at Quebec, Sees C.C.F. Only Serious Threat To Return of Liberal Government

By GUY GAGNON,
Canadian Press Staff Wditer

Quebec, Dec. 15 (CP) — Air Minister Power said here this week that the C.C.F. party was the only one that could provide serious competition to the Liberals at the next federal election and announced that within the next three months, the Liberal government would have a complete post-war reconstruction program ready.

Mr. Power, accompanied by provincial Fish and Game Minister Valmore Bienvenue, addressing a reunion of poll supervisors December 12, said the Progressive-Conservative party could bring only poverty to the people.

"The C.C.F. is the more dangerous," he added, "since the Progressive-Conservatives have no chance of getting into power. They will not have candidates in more than a quarter of the counties in the Province of Quebec, but the C.C.F. is liable to have several candidates elected in the west and in Ontario and it is they who will fight it out with the Liberals."

The Air Minister said C.C.F. representatives spoke in one fashion in Western Canada and in another while addressing the electors of the Province of Quebec, and that party's official declaration proved it to be integrally Socialist.

About the Liberal government-sponsored post-war reconstruction program, Mr. Power said it will involve industry, agriculture, mines and fisheries.

"We shall provide employment for all who are willing and able to work," he said.

Chambers of Commerce

At a three-day convention, delegates from provincial chambers of commerce met here to discuss post-war reconstruction and rehabilitation problems.

Beaudry Leman, of Montreal, president of La Banque Canadienne Nationale, told the delegates that Canada's post-war problems would be the same as its pre-war problems, except that they would be more numerous.

Mr. Leman said that the first two years following the end of the war were not those to fear most but that difficulties would crop up when the countries devastated by war resumed their normal lives.

Among the many vital questions that would still have to be solved, the speaker listed the settlement of huge public debts, the re-establishment of commercial and financial relations among nations, the rationalization of agriculture production according to home and foreign needs, relations between employers and workers, an equilibrium between the capacity of production of industry and the purchasing power of the consumer, immigration and the free circulation of men, capital and goods throughout the world.

Tribute to French-Canada

United States Ambassador in Canada, Ray Atherton, visited Quebec City and in an address before a joint luncheon of the Canadian Club and the Canadian Women's Club, paid tribute to the "simplicity, honesty, piety and courage of the French-Canadian, living in close contact with the soil of Quebec."

Mr. Atherton said "the great principles of an international collaboration recognized at the Moscow Conference are the pure and simple application of the old-time virtues," and added that the four great Allied powers — United States, Great Britain, U.S.S.R. and China—"have pledged themselves to allow a policy based on the virtues I have mentioned and which will astonish the world."

New Faculty Added at Laval University

French-speaking Laval University here, the oldest institution of its kind in America, this week added another faculty to its already numerous departments.

The School of Social, Political and Economic Sciences has been raised to the status of a faculty and will include departments of economics, industrial relations, sociology, social service and social research. Rev. Georges H. Levesque, director of the former school and president of the provincial Superior Council of Co-operation, has been appointed dean of the faculty.

King to Broadcast Christmas Message

London, Dec. 13 (CP) — The King will make his customary broadcast to the Empire on Christmas Day, it has been announced. The King has made a Christmas broadcast every year since the war began. Time of the broadcast was not stated, but it is expected to be in the afternoon.

His Majesty has not made a radio address since last Christmas.

Devastating Air Attacks "Soften" Germans As Allies Advance Through Italy



Troops of the Fifth and Eighth Armies continue to smash onward towards Rome despite stiffening German resistance. Ahead of advancing Allied troops, heavy and medium bombers of the Strategic Air Force, and Tactical Force Fighter bombers pound the retreating German army. North of the battle areas Allied planes fly over enemy lines of communication, hitting at transport bottlenecks and smashing up road convoys and trains bringing in reinforcements or removing men and gear. . . . Picture shows an artist's impression of Allied fighter bombers making a typical road strafing attack on a German convoy speeding through the mountains in retreat to the North.

Directors Elected at 119th Annual Meeting of Agricultural Society

Set Tentative Dates for 1944 Lachute Spring Fair June 14-17; New Trophies for Competition

The 119th annual meeting of the Argenteuil Agricultural Society was held in the Court House on Wednesday afternoon, with president J. H. Black in the chair.

The chairman spoke of the loss sustained by the Society through the death of the late George Hay, and a brief silence was observed in tribute of his valued service.

Secretary Alex Bothwell read the minutes of last meeting and presented the financial report, which were duly accepted on motion of Directors E. K. Wilson and Ross McAdam.

Suggested dates for next year's Fair were June 14 to 17. Messrs. J. H. Black and Gilbert Arnold were appointed to interview the Provincial Government in connection with securing special grants.

W. H. Ayers is honorary president of the Society.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year — J. H. Black, Gilbert Arnold, C. Tremblay, E. K. Wilson, Simon Wilson, Ross McAdam, Jas. McKenzie, Albt. Stewart, Stuart Armstrong, Theo. Murdoch, A. Maisonneuve, J. MacKimmie, W. J. Rodger, Erskine Rodger and Dougald McTavish, Warden of the County.

President J. H. Black announced that, during his visit to the Fair here last year the Hon. James Bracken had offered a trophy, a bronze statuette of a cow, for the best Ayrshire herd. War conditions made this trophy unprocurable at this time, but a silver cup was substituted for the occasion and will be presented to the winner, John McLellan, Martintown.

Another beautiful trophy turned over to the Society was the Glen Urquhart award from Mr. and Mrs. Fowler McCormick, of Chicago. It is a handsome silver cup for the best four Ayrshire Cows and was won by Cummings Bros., of Lancaster, Ont.

Rural Interests Upheld at Conf'ce of W.P.T.B. Attended by Chairman of Local French-Speaking Group

Attending a two-day gathering of the Consumers' Branch, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Mrs. Geo. H. Héon, chairman of the French-speaking group in this community, was impressed with results being achieved through this instrument of liaison between the W.P.T.B., the merchants and the public. The meetings, held Thursday and Friday last at the Mount Royal Hotel, followed lines similar to the recent English-speaking conference which was attended by Mrs. Geo. McGibbon, joint local chairman.

Discussion on handling of various lines of goods was held with the Board officials in charge of these respective departments for the Montreal district. Around 30 ladies, chairmen of the various divisions of the district, attended, and several resolutions were presented from the conference.

Among these requests, as reported here by Mrs. Héon, was a plea that rural merchants be allowed more adequate supplies, on a quota basis similar to larger dealers in the cities. It is understood there is evidence this request is already being acted upon, in this community. One item stressed for particular adjustment was children's underwear, in which rural clothiers are found to be sadly understocked.

Another resolution requested removal of the 25% luxury tax on women's furs and fur garments. The ladies were unanimous in their opinion this line of goods should be regarded as an essential.

A question applying to areas such as Argenteuil, where travel becomes difficult during the winter months, arose in a representative request that rural merchants be allowed to supply goods on a month's coupons in advance. This would permit farmers to stock their pantries with less frequent trips to town. The officials conceded the request was well founded, and it was believed the privilege would be granted for the winter season.

The delegates were generally satisfied that everything was being done for fair and smooth operation of the rationing system.

Hawkesb'y Votes For 2-Year Term

Dr. Charles E. Lafrance Is Elected New Mayor

Hawkesbury — Dr. Charles E. Lafrance became the new mayor of Hawkesbury for a term of two years when he defeated Leandre Maisonneuve by a majority of 110 votes.

Rene Berthiaume was the successful candidate for deputy reeve, defeating John Polnicky by 498 votes.

In the contest for two seats as councillors in Centre Ward, A. Lascelles polled 207 votes and both A. Cuerrier and Eugene Labelle received 201.

Councillors in East Ward for the next term of office will be A. Cadieux and O. Theriault, while in West Ward, A. Giroux and J. J. Dunn were returned to office.

By a very large majority, Hawkesbury residents expressed their desire to hold elections every two years instead of the annual contest.

FORTUNES IN METAL

London (CP) — Preparations are being made by British shipbreakers to salvage sunken vessels after the war. Fortunes, it is said, lie at the bottom of the seas in the form of scrap metal and valuable cargoes.

ENGINES ALTERED

London (CP) — Royal Scot engines roaring over the Leeds-Glasgow run have had their outlines altered after being fitted with tape boilers and newly-designed cylinders to save nearly two tons of weight in each case.

Brownsb'g Woman Fined for Using Firearm in Village

Brownsburg — Appearing before H. Pariseau, Justice of the Peace, on a charge of illegal discharging of a firearm within the village limits, Mrs. Roland Boissinot was assessed a fine and costs amounting to $18. The charge was laid by Town Constable Y. Cyr following complaints by several residents that the woman had shot their dogs, on or around her premises.

It is reported, on December 8, Mrs. Boissinot shot and killed a pedigreed Labrador retriever owned by Ed Cribb. Other pet dogs are said to have been killed around the premises in the same way, giving rise to the general complaint. Ordinance invoked in the charge was By-Law 23 on the village statutes, which prohibits the discharging of firearms within the limits of Brownsburg except on the firing range provided for that purpose.

Mrs. Boissinot pleaded guilty to the charge; her complaint, according to report, was that the dogs had been molesting a number of Belgian rabbits which she kept in her yard. There is no fence around the premises, located in the Wartime Housing subdivision.

The destruction of these dogs has incensed the owners and their dog-loving friends. In Brownsburg dog fanciers are reputedly numerous, and they prize among their pets many animals of distinctive breeding.

Fatal Accident In Paper Mill At Hawkesb'y

Hawkesbury, Dec. 10 — Coroner H. H. Kirby adjourned until December 23, an inquest into the death of Edward Latour, 48-year-old employee of the Canadian International Paper Mills, who was killed December 9, when parts of his clothing caught in a machine near which he was working.

Latour, married and the father of four children, apparently was drawn into the rollers of a machine when his clothing caught on the flange of a chip-screen.

He was employed in the wood-room department.

That Day Will Come !

That Day will come, when battledrums are stilled,
And bursting shells and cannon's roar will cease;
When gallant hearts unscarred by seething strife
Will greet with joy the clanging bells of Peace.

That Day will come, when, winging through the clouds,
Those mighty birds of war, their duty done,
With battered wings, but bathed in glory gold,
Will hear the call, "To land, the victory's won!"

That Day will come when, ploughing through the deep,
Our Allied ships of war, which rule the seas,
Will hear the order clear from every deck:
"Cease fire!"
And hearts will bow in prayer, — this will be Peace!
That Day will come!

Montreal. —Mabel Christian Parsons.

W.I.'s MAINTAIN SELF-DENIAL FUND

At regular intervals members of Quebec Women's Institutes contribute to what is known as a self-denial fund. This fund is used as a gift to war needs of the Province of Quebec, and is annually allocated by the Provincial Board of Q.W.I. This fund is separate from the usual membership fee, and is not obligatory to members, but is a free will offering towards Canada's war needs.

To get a job done better, a change of heart will often do more than a change of hands.

WORD FROM SONS IN MIDDLE EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, North River, have received word from their son, Lawrence, who has arrived safely in North Africa, and from another son, Ernie, who arrived recently in Italy.

Moscow (CP) — Horse races were held for the first time since the beginning of the war. Thousands of Moscovites thronged the Hippodrome track, and many record-breaking performances were given by horses of pure Russian and Russo-American stock bred and trained at State and collective horse-breeding farms.

House Discussion Seen on CBC's Political Policy

Barring of Bracken Speech Arouses Wide Controversy

By DOUGLAS GREEN
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Ottawa, Dec. 14 (CP) — The question of revising the regulations of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation concerning broadcasts by leaders of the Dominion's political parties appears to be one to which some discussion may be given at the forthcoming session of parliament.

The CBC's present rules limit broadcast addresses by political leaders merely to an account of their stewardship, and the action of the corporation in refusing to carry over the air a speech at Hamilton last week by John Bracken, national leader of the Progressive Conservative party, aroused considerable controversy in the press.

One newspaper stated that it would be as unreasonable not to expect a politician to discuss political issues in an address — whether broadcast or not — as it would be to imagine that General Sir Bernard Montgomery would not discuss military matters were he to speak.

The next move, meantime, appears to be up to the CBC's board of governors, and Dr. Augustin Frigon, acting general manager of the corporation, has already said the board's action in barring Mr. Bracken from delivering his address over the CBC's national network will be brought before its January meeting "for future guidance."

Dr. Frigon said it was for the board to decide whether or not its present policy regarding political addresses would be revised. In view of the interest which other party leaders have in the question, however, it is considered highly probable that they will air their views upon it in the House.

London (CP) — Claud Mullins, South Western police court magistrate has coined a new word — "Sirenitis," meaning nerve trouble and sleeplessness. When a woman complained of such trouble the magistrate remarked: "She got sirenitis — other people have got it, too."

London (CP) — Dingle Foot, parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, told Commons that it was estimated the approximate annual sum which Germany was collecting from occupied countries totalled £1,300,000,000, ($5,850,000,000).

Victim Dies in Hit-Run Mishap At Grenville

Grenville — A coroner's inquest into the death of 79-year-old Henry Golden, of Grenville, killed November 28, by a hit-and-run driver on Highway 29, was postponed last Friday until this date, December 16, by District Coroner A. R. Cote, M.D.

Golden died in the Notre Dame Hospital in Hawkesbury on December 9. He had been in hospital under observation since the accident.

Provincial Police are still searching for the motorist.

Veterans' Group Elects Officers

At a regular meeting of Argenteuil Branch No. 70, Canadian Legion, held Tuesday evening at the Victoria Hall, Lachute, officers were elected as follows:

President, R. A. Giles; 1st vice-president, E. M. Jones; 2nd vice-president, F. E. Earle; treasurer, W. M. Steeves; secretary, A. G. Leggett.

Home Is Burned, Relative Dead

Miss Norma McClanaghen, member of Lachute High School teaching staff, received word yesterday afternoon that her grandparents' home in Ormstown, Que., had been burned, and that her grandfather, Mr. R. Lindsey, who had been in poor health, had succumbed to the shock of this misfortune.

Miss McClenaghen, who resides here with her aunt, Mrs. Robert Hamilton, left this morning for Ormstown.

The Watchman is on sale at 5-cents a copy at the following stores:

Lachute: Beaton's Pharmacy, Lachute Medicine Store.

Lachute Mills: Harbour Drugstore.

Brownsb'g: J. S. Thompson's.

Honor Roll of 84 Service Men and Women Unveiled at United Church Capt. Howard Hamilton Is Speaker

A very impressive service was held in Lachute United Church on Sunday morning when the honor roll containing the names of those who have enlisted from the congregation in Canada's Fighting Forces was unveiled by Mr. Eddie Kettyle, who has three sons, one daughter and a son-in-law in the forces.

Capt. Howard Hamilton, who was introduced by the Rev. W. B. Rosborough, gave a most inspiring address, on "The Highways of Hope", based on the text found in Numbers XXI. The speaker said it was rarely given us to see the end from the beginning. It is a well-known principle that you only know what is in a thing when you see what that thing turns out to be. So we say it is only "afterward" that we know anything — after the event happens— after the course has been run — then we know what was involved in it.

It was a wise record which Paul wrote to the Corinthians when he said "We walk by Faith, not by sight". Life for all of us is a venture of faith. At almost any point between the setting out on some course of action, and the entering into the reward, there are disappointments, heartaches and hardships. Only when the end is achieved are we able to see that the road along which we have come has been, in reality, a Highway of Hope.

The wanderings of the Isrealites were cited as an example. They went out from Egypt with great enthusiasm, but soon ran into difficulties. Little did they know what was before them! We sometimes wish that we could peer into the future, but it is a wise God that veils our eyes and gives us daily strength for daily needs. At this moment the way which we are following seems to be anything but a "Highway of Hope". Look out on the world today and the prevailing features are not hopeful. Disease, death, barbarism, tyranny, destruction. But there is more to be seen than this — victories of medical science; development of conception of human rights in industry; worth of human personality; man's spirit being chastened and purified in the fires of sacrifice; realities of the spiritual world coming to be recognized; visions of a new and worthier humanity arising out of the desolations of selfish interests and shallow loyalties. We are still in the wilderness, but our feet are on the "Highway of Hope"

It was with such a vision before their eyes and hope in their hearts, that these men and women whom we remember today, went forth to stand between us and the threatened danger. It is in the faith that our way will yet lead us into the promised land, that they stand brave and undaunted in their several places of duty today. Shall they find us marching with them in Faith and Hope, sharing as best we can, their sacrifices, matching their devotion, in those duties for which we are responsible? Dare we do less? Our feet grow weary, so do theirs; our shoulders droop with the burden, so do theirs. We long for the day when our doors shall open wide to admit our boys and our girls to the homes from which they have gone. Don't you think that they long for that day too? It will come. We know not how long the roadway may wind, but we know it's the Highway of Hope, and that, beyond the wilderness is the promised land of Peace and Security, of Freedom and Happiness.

Special music was furnished by the choir under its capable leader, Charles Duncan, Miss Ruth Todd presiding at the organ, and the Last Post was played by Scout John Giles. The honor roll contained 84 names and was the work of Mr. Charles Duncan.

Auto Crashes Into Storefront

Montrealers driving west on Main Street, west end, at 11 o'clock last night, missed the curve at the fire hall and mounted the sidewalk, crashing into a plate glass window at the Jean Brisebois store. The proprietor's automobile was parked at the kerb, but the out-of-town car avoid this and cruised into the store. Frost on the windshield was said to have obscured the driver's vision.

Damage to the storefront is estimated at $200, and in view of the extreme cold, the proprietor busied himself immediately in boarding up the unseasonable ventilation.

Local Nurses Receive R.N.'s

Among the 127 candidates qualifying for the Registered Nurses' certificates in this province were several Homoeopathic Hospital graduates from this district—the Misses Janet C. Boa, Merle M. Bourne, Margaret E. Boyd, J. Elinor Morrin and Mrs. Russell Burrows (formerly Eileen Marshall), all of whom were former Lachute High School pupils.

An afternoon tea was held in the nurses' residence of the hospital in honor of the entire class of August, 1943, who passed these examinations successfully.

CWAC's May Carry Bags For Personal Journeys

Ottawa, Dec. 12 (CP) — Here's good news for members of the Canadian Women's Army Corps — they now will be able to maintain that freshy-pressed look after travelling.

The Defence department announced tonight that C.W.A.C. personnel now may carry a suitcase or club bag when travelling individually. Previously, they were allowed only army issue luggage — kit bag and haversack — and crushed clothing was a major difficulty.

"Authorities have decided," said the cautiously-worded announcement, "that C.W.A.C.'s are more likely to carry articles which would suffer in an army kit." Now its members may be confident that their clothes will be uncrushed and ready to wear when they are unpacked.

Road Worker Meets Death Near Piedmont

Ste. Adele, Dec. 10 (CP) — Fernand Maille, 17-year-old roads employee, of nearby Mont Rolland, was crushed to death under the treads of a tractor while working on road construction between Piedmont and Shawbridge.

Maille's death was ruled accidental by District Coroner J. J. Brais, M.D., of St. Jerome.

Flavor Canadian Butter Improved

The quality of Canadian butter both before and after storage has been improved tremendously on account of the greater attention to the care of cream on the farm, the introduction of cream grading, improved methods of butter manufacture, and better sanitation in the plants, declared A. H. White, Dominion Department of Agriculture, in a recent address to the Convention of Dairy Associations at Sussex, N.B. However, in spite of that fact, a certain quantity is below first grade when fresh, and some of the butter going into storage as first grade deteriorates to such an extent that it is second or third grade when removed from storage.

Such flavor defects, said Mr. White, might develop throughout the whole mass of the butter while in other cases only the surface might be affected. He dealt in detail with the various factors affecting the flavor quality, and how they may be summarized as follows:

(1) The use of poor quality cream, due to weed and feed flavors, or to flavors caused by the action of micro-organisms;

(2) The action of micro-organisms in the butter itself;

(3) Enzymatic activity (fermentation) in the cream or in the butter before pasteurization. The high temperatures of pasteurization used in Canadian creameries destroy the enzymes or causes of fermentation naturally present in cream, especially lipase which is responsible for rancid or bitter flavors in butter.

(4) Chemical changes in the butter constituents. It was now generally recognized that some of the most important flavor defects of butter were those resulting from chemical changes in the fat or related substances.

HOW TO GET 90% GRADE "A" EGGS

Milk and green feed are two of the constituents of the poultry feed given by a successful commercial egg producer. Ninety per cent of the eggs laid by his hens are Grade A all the year round. Here are his methods: — A supply of crushed oats, wheat, and barley is kept constantly before the birds in hoppers, also a commercial poultry concentrate. Cod liver oil is poured over the whole grain in quantities of about two ounces to 100 birds and fed at night. Skimmilk to the amount of 10 to 20 pounds per 100 birds, or semi-solid buttermilk, two pounds per 100 birds, is fed daily.

Green feed as much as the birds will eat of second or third cut alfalfa or clover hay is fed by the forkful on the litter. This, along with the feeding of mangels or turnips keeps the birds busy and healthy. The birds do not eat the alfalfa but the coarse stocks they leave make excellent litter. It does not dampen as quickly as straw. Barns full of hay suitable for poultry feeding are the most significant thing about this producer's plant. He has had no bare-backed or feather-pulling birds in his flock for years. He uses the commercial poultry concentrate to offset shortages in milk, and the quantities given to the birds vary directly in accordance with the supply of milk.

Too often when we think of being honest, we think of being honest about somebody else. The need is to be honest about ourselves.

Sicily A Disappointment to Soldier From Harrington, in Invasion Forces

STRUCK BY FILTH AND POVERTY OF ISLAND, HEAT AND DUST HARD ON THE EYES; ITALIAN TOWNS MUCH BETTER

In the first letter to his parents received in several months, Gunner Malcolm Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Campbell, tells of his voyage from England to Sicily.

Gunner Campbell enlisted from Harrington, where he lived with his family prior to their departure for Corunna, Ont.

The young man, who celebrates his 21st birthday next week in the thick of the Italian campaign, has been overseas since October, 1942, and this will be his second Christmas abroad.

"My trip from England to Sicily was ideal", he writes, in the letter to his parents. "The crossing was uneventful, but at times it looked like there would be action. The sea was so calm that one would have thought they were on a pond. Accommodations were on the cramped side, but being on a manning detachment on the guns I was able to spend a lot of time on deck so didn't mind the cramped quarters.

"Sicily was a very big disappointment to us all, as from what we had been told about it, we had no idea that we would run into such filth and poverty. It was very dry and hotter than any place I've been, and the roads were very dusty and very hard on the eyes. After reaching our object we went to a rest camp and spent some very enjoyable days there. Certain days we were able to go to the beach and also look around the town of Catania.

Similar Conditions

"After landing in Italy the conditions were very much the same as we encountered in Sicily. We were stationed in a place and able to go in for a nice morning dip; the only trouble was it didn't last long enough. The weather by this time had started to change and of an evening got real cold. As we kept going, towns and the people improved and the last place was one of the cleanest we have been in. At this place we were to have a rest, but the Jerries gave us a good deal of shelling.

"We then moved up and are at the present very few miles away from the front, and with having our guns banging away, and the odd shell coming back, it's not too comfortable at times. The rain being so heavy since coming here, it has made the place very muddy, and it is hard getting around. We don't know how long we will be here, but a change would be very welcome.

"A couple of parcels arrived O.K., and were more than welcome, as luxuries like that at this time are like gifts from the gods".

Gunner Cambell attended the Ordnance Corps school in Montreal and received further training at Petawawa before going overseas. He has two brothers, Donald and Edwin, with the Canadian Army.

Belgian Congo Troops Arrive in the Middle East



Belgian Congo Colonial troops have arrived in the Middle East. They are all volunteers from the Congo who have served five years with the Belgian Colonial army. They are happy men, but they take their soldiering seriously and for drill and discipline they would compare well with the guards. They have their own songs and dances. Being educated in army schools in the Congo, most of them can read and write. The Belgian Congo troops arrived at Fort Tewfik and settled down to intensive training in their first camp in the Middle East. . . . In the above picture a smiling Congo native is seen bringing in his kit.

GERMAN MATCHES APPEAR IN WALES

Wrexham, Wales (CP) — An official government investigation has been launced to find out how a box of German-made matches happened to show up for sale here. A Wrexham man forwarded the box to government officials with a note, "We think it calls for comment."

Officials couldn't offer any explanation except that perhaps the box had been brought home by a repatriated prisoner-of-war, and found its way into a shop.

CATTLE BUYING BOOM

London, (CP) — Speculators have caused a boom in cattle buying in Britain, paying record prices for pedigreed cattle, sheep and pigs, ready to sell at big profits when Europe has to be fed.

Among prices paid at recent auctions include the equivalent of $15,000 for a Guernsey bull. Five Friesian cattle brought more than $10,000 each.

DON'T GIVE STOCK ICE-COLD WATER

For all cattle in winter, particularly for dairy cows, a liberal supply of good clean water is necessary, And an important thing is that the chill should be taken off the water before drinking. As pointed out by W. D. Albright, Superintendent Dominion Experimental Farm, Beaverlodge, Alta., "starey-coated, constipated cattle shivering hump-backed at icy troughs on a bleak winter day are an object of sympathy and a stand-advertisement for shrunken profits". If the water is ice-cold, the animals do not drink enough water. The small amount that they do drink checks natural functions. Results are constipation, ill-thrift, and sometimes indigestion.

Warm water is relaxing and substitutes in part for succulent feed. Half a pailful of tepid water has brought many a horse around after an immersion or after a cold hard drive. Swine do poorly on ice-cold drinks. A heater in the drinking tank will not only avoid much ice chopping but will contribute decidedly to the health and comfort of the farmyard stock.

In winter as in summer, in districts where there is a deficiency in iodine, iodized salt may be supplied to the animal to prevent goitre.

Ottawa Outlines Expectations in Farm Production

THE WEEK AT OTTAWA

By DOUGLAS GREEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Ottawa, Dec. 14 — The elevation of the status of Canadian legations in the Soviet Union, China and Brazil to the rank of embassy is an indication of the Dominion's increasing importance in world affairs.

It had been expected for some time that Canada's legations in Russia and China would be created embassies, this expectation having been voiced at the time Canada and the United States decided to elevate their respective legations in Washington and Ottawa to embassy status.

As a result of the announcement, legations of the Soviet Union, China and Brazil in Ottawa henceforth will rank as embassies.

Alcohol for Beverages

It has been learned here that Canadian distilleries now are being allowed to make beverage alcohol in "driblets" for civilian consumption after more than a year of operation under wartime industrial alcohol program aimed at taking their entire supply.

Commenting on the report that civilian production on a small scale has been resumed, Munitions Minister Howe said such a move was "quite possible". Canada had dealt with the beverage alcohol production question "as a supply matter, not as a temperance matter".

Mr. Howe said distilleries had been supplying alcohol up to a figure set forth in a government schedule based on war needs.

"I think they will do the same this month," he said. "If they have been able to make some potable liquor in addition, there is no law against it".

(In Montreal an official of a big Canadian distilling firm said the government had given permission to distillers to manufacture small amounts of beverage alcohol, when there was a temporary falling off in the demand for industrial alcohol. Out put had only just started, however, and was small).

Farm Program

The Canadian farmer last week was given some idea of what will be expected of him during 1944. A Dominion-Provincial conference on farm objectives held a three-day session here and farmers were invited as expected — to provide more food.

The conference decided to recommend no increase in wheat acreage from the 17,500,000 acres of 1943. But, because the wheat price is higher, they expected there would be an increase anyway. An increase of six per cent in 1944 oats acreage from 1943 was suggested. Last year's oats acreage was 15,407,000. Barley acreage, 8,397,000 acres in 1943, should be increased by one per cent, the conference suggested.

Corn for husking was urgently needed and an increase of 53 per cent in the 1943 acreage of 257,000 was asked. Hay, clover and alfalfa acreage would be held at the 1943 level.

A. M. Shaw, chairman of the Agricultural Supplies Board who presided at the conference, asked the delegates to do their utmost to see flaxseed, dried field peas and dried field beans output was increased beyond the objectives approved by the conference. He said the need for these crops was urgent.

"A very big increase" was needed in tobacco acreage, all possible fruit should be grown, and more potatoes would be welcome.

More cheese and butter were needed, and it was expected inducements to production in the form of bonuses would be continued for the duration of the war, delegates were told. No change was made in the total milk production established last year — 17,400,000,000 pounds — but in the light of conference information it was expected butter output would be down three per cent and cheese, down seven per cent.

It was anticipated there would be no difficulty in attaining an increase of six per cent in beef cattle production. The conference accepted an objective of 367,500,000 dozen eggs for 1944, an increase of 10 per cent over 1943.

PRICE CONTROL

News and Views

To Increase Production of Children's Shoes

One million more pairs of children's shoes will be on the market in 1944. Plan drawn up by the shoe industry and the Wartime Prices and Trade Board will provide for this increased production and ensure the maintenance of quality standards. It is expected that this move will enable the manufactures to maintain a steady flow of supplies to the market.

Packaging and Display Boxes Affected by New Order

Under a new order issued by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, the manufacture of non-essential types of fibre containers is prohibited, and restrictions have been placed on the use of shipping containers for such articles as cosmetics, toys, flowers, mattresses, drinks, books, soap, millinery and footwear. Fifty-one other articles, for which containers may not be used, are on a list which includes cucumbers, potatoes, wash tubs and ornamental shrubs. The new restrictions do not apply to containers for meat, fowl, fish, vegetables, fruit, eggs, soap or dairy products.

Prices Unchanged for Christmas Dinners

Christmas and New Year's dinners in hotels and restaurants are not to be priced any higher than similar meals on ordinary days, according to a warning issued by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Existing regulations authorize hotels and restaurants, where special entertainment is provided in addition to the holiday meal, to make the same charge this season as they did in 1941 and 1942. However, the Board emphasizes that unless the hotel or restaurant owner provided such entertainment in previous years, no increase in meal prices is permitted.

New Inclusions in Meatless-Tuesdays Order

Anyone who supplies meals or refreshments for other than his personal or household consumption is now subject to the Prices Board regulations prohibiting the serving of meat in hotels and restaurants on Tuesdays. The original order did not include such places as bowling alleys and taverns, which resulted in their enjoying an unfair advantage over similar establishments where meat was excluded from Tuesday menus. The amended order also clarifies the position of boarding house keepers by specifically exempting them from its provisions.

Prices Fixed for Turkeys, Geese and Ducks

Live turkeys, geese and ducks were brought under ceiling price regulations so that producers' and dealers selling prices can be kept in line with what the consumer should pay for a dressed bird bought in the retail market. The new Price Board ruling sets the wholesale price at which live turkeys may be sold in Quebec at 31 cents per pound, and fixes 21 cents per lb. as the maximum for live geese and 23 cents per lb. for live ducks.

Metal Tube Was Breath of Life

Sydney, Australia (CP) — A man staggered into the vestibule of a theatre here, jabbing at his throat with a small pipe. He was gasping for breath, and the manager led him into the street. Then he lost the pipe and in a few minutes he was dead from suffocation.

Some months earlier he had had a small silver breathing tube inserted into his windpipe. This day it had fallen out and he could not get it back. Nor was he able to tell anyone what the trouble was.

A & P EMPLOYEES TO GET ADDED COMPENSATION

Toronto, Dec. 13 — Additional compensation totaling approximately $1,250,000 will be distributed to employees of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company before Christmas, it was announced today by John A. Hartford, president.

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Outlook for Post-War Industry

The Department of Munitions and Supply is studying post-war possibilities for war plants, many of which can be converted without much trouble — according to our Ottawa contributor, Jim Greenblat. Such new war industries as synthetic rubber production, optical glass, radar equipment (which may revolutionize radio commications and is the basis of television), will continue in peace-time. Expansion will be needed in coal, as Canada imports about 60% of its total needs now; steel will be needed to rebuild Europe; ships taken from our inland waters will have to be replaced. Besides, automobiles, radio sets, washing machines, electric refrigerators and a tremendous number of household luxuries and necessities have not been produced since 1940. The field will be a wide-open one.

Furthermore — adds Mr. Greenblat — a brief presented to the House of Commons Reconstruction Committee by the Canadian Construction Association says we will need 300,000 houses built in the first five years. Cost and construction volume: first post-war year $450 million to $500 million; second year $650 million; third, fourth and fifth years $800 million each. A gross construction volume of $300 million a year, it was estimated, would give employment to 287,000 persons in actual operations and contributory industries. At $800 million, the total would rise to 767,000. They asked for immediate preparation of complete plans for both private and public post-war construction programs to be ready for calling tenders "at an hour's notice."

Back to the Farm ?

Rehabilitation of returning fighting men poses a great — if not the greatest — problem for Canada's post-war days. Undoubtedly thousands will take up farming and thousands more would go on the land if farmers were able to enjoy more of the amenities of city life.

While farm life is healthier and in some respects more enjoyable than city life, the majority of farm homes lack the modern labor-saving conveniences available in urban centres. To this is often attributed the increasing drift of young people from the farm to the city.

Some improvements have been made and more are possible under plans for extension of rural electrification schemes in the various provinces. Farmers may yet be able to install all the "city" conveniences they desire, but power and electrical equipment costs are the big obstacles to be surmounted before this end is achieved.

Simplification of rural hydro rates was announced recently by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission and Premier Drew declared at the time that the changes would reduce costs to the farmers in the province by more than $500,000. Rural rates, he said, would be established by January 1. The government will establish a hydro electric advisory council with representation from municipal, labor, farm industrial and mining groups.

The interesting statement was made by Ontario Agricultural Minister Kennedy that the government was investigating the possibility of selling refrigerators and other electrical appliances at cost price. In Manitoba the government is working on a great rural electrification scheme. . . . Here in Quebec, the operation of provincial power, with promised lowering of costs and extension of service to rural areas, is now commanding the study of provincial authorities.

At present, wartime restrictions handicap broad-scale expansion, but farmers throughout the Dominion are hopeful that the post-war period will see a great effort made to bring about cost reductions.

Present and prospective developments will serve as inducements to returning servicemen. The sailor, soldier or airman wants to "go back to the farm" and start life anew, but he wants vastly different conditions to those that have faced farmers in the past.

Cost of the War

Rough calculations concerning the cost of the war were given recently by Dr. Leon S. Wellstone, economist . . .

The equivalent of the money spent in ridding the world of Hitler, including all the war damage, would buy every family in this world a $5,000 home. It would provide a four-year college education for 500,000,000 young men and women. It would build a million dollar hospital for every community of 2,000 or more people the world over. It would pay for the common school education of 400,000,000 children for 25 years. It would build 25,000,000 miles of four-lane cement highways.

In any such calculations the margins for error must be very large; but if the estimates were to be discounted to the extent of fifty per cent, they would remain prophetic of what man may yet accomplish if he can free the world from the threat of war by removing its causes.

The Gentle Hun at Work

According to Emil Ludwig, the author — who is a native of Austria — "hundreds" of German agents are at work in the United States, in the guise of professors, teachers, clergymen and so on, pleading in one way or another for clemency for Germany — says an editorial in The Ottawa Farm Journal. These agents are trying to plant and develop the idea that 70,000,000 Germans mustn't be punished for the sins of Hitler.

There is a danger in this, and it is not confined to the United States. After the First Great War the English-speaking nations were eager to forget and ready to forgive, and the Germans deliberately took advantage of their goodness, planned this new assault upon civilization. There can be no doubt they will do it again if given the chance.

"The poor Germans," no matter what their punishment, will get less than they deserve. There must be some decent Germans, and if they suffer unjustly in the clean-up it will be because of the company they keep. The hard fact is that Germany, not merely "Nazi" Germany but Germany, as a whole, is a pestilential nuisance and has been that for many years. It is preposterous to suppose that even Hitler in a few years could turn a peace-loving nation into a nation dedicated to war, murder and loot. All he did was to take full advantage of characteristics displayed by Germany over many decades.

Current notes on Wartime Prices indicate the shadows are lightening, the clouds are lifting. — It is now permissible to place patch pockets on two-piece dresses and women's, misses' and children's separate skirts.

Spirit in Occupied Countries

The continued fine spirit of the people in occupied countries must contribute to the uneasiness of the Germans. After a few years of their boasted New Order the Germans are more hated than ever, and the admiration for the Allies grows stronger and stronger.

News by letter and word of mouth continues to be smuggled out of the occupied countries. One letter which has reached England from a Dutch schoolgirl begins: "This week we had a great thrill here," and goes on to tell how she and her friends had watched an aerial fight between a British and a German 'plane. As both machines came down members of the crews were seen to bale out. In her own words, this is what happened after:

"Two of them came down near X. Both were English. They were surrounded by the population and cheered. Two girls kissed them out of sheer joy. Then a German landed, and he was simply taken to the 'Ortskommandantur'. All the Germans were booed. It was absolutely grand. Now we have punishment because of our attitude towards the Germans. Sundays we have to be in at six o'clock and during week days at eight o'clock in the evening. Nobody minds very much, but everyone walks around beaming, because they have understood so well how much the Hun is hated."

A woman who left Yugoslavia some months ago, and reached Britain, vouched for the accuracy of this story: Two small children were found playing with their heads under the carpet. A closer view showed that they had a cardboard box under it, too. Asked what they were doing, their answer was: "Playing at Papa listening to London."

A leading Swedish newspaper lately published the following story of an incident in Bergen, Norway. Two ladies, chatting at the corner of a street, observed that they were the object of attention, and that someone was listening intently to their words. Suddenly, one of them said that she must go, as she wanted to get home in time for the London News. Shortly after she returned to her flat three policemen arrived. "Oh", she said, "you want to listen to London? Please sit down." A minute later they could hear the voice from London, but there was no trace of it in the flat. The policemen broke into the adjacent flat — and surprised an NS member (Norwegian Nazi) eagerly devouring the BBC News. He was arrested. —Exchange

Hon T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture (Ontario), says that the government plans to finance the manufacture of low-priced refrigerators for the farmers, and also for low-cost bathtubs, and other bathroom equipment. It strikes us that some of their poor cousins living in the towns would like Santa Claus to come their way too. —Pembroke (Ont.) Standard-Observer

R.A.M.C. OFFICER WHO DISREGARDED ORDERS, WON D.S.O.

London (CP) — Lt.-Col, Malcolm MacEwen of the Royal Army Medical Corps refused to obey orders—and won the D.S.O. as a result. This is how it happened:

On March 17, 1943, the North African Advanced Dressing Station was at Amera. The surrounding area was shelled and dived-bombed continuously during the day. At the end of the day, during which 100 cases were treated, there was not a square yard of the station site untouched from bomb or shell splinters.

Although all personnel were ordered to take cover, Col. MacEwen refused to leave his post and kept on attending the seriously wounded, although one bomb exploded nearby and shells burst all around.

WAR WORKERS SEE RESULTS OF LABOR

London, (CP) — The Bristol Airplane Company, finding that a large proportion of its employees had no idea what happened to aircraft parts they produced, arranged an exhibition featuring the Bristol Hercules engine and invited the workers.

The experiment was a huge success. Men and women who, without any particular interest, had been turning out the 7,000 parts which made up the 1,650-horsepower engine used in Lancaster, Stirlings and Beaufighters, agreed that sight of the finished product gave them more incentive to work.

One of the most powerful engines in Allied bombers, the Herweighs 1,890 pounds and is noted for its ability to deliver power for protracted periods. The great take-off power of ehe engines enables great bomb-loads to be carried.

IRISH WERE IN IT

Dublin (CP) — The term "The British Commonwealth of Nations" was first used in an official document in the Anglo-Irish Treaty of December 6, 1921, and in the Irish Free State Constitution Act of the Imperial Parliament, 1922.



A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada

By Jim Greenblat

The Board of Control has recommended to the city council of Ottawa that they "adopt" the city of Kiev, Russia . . . it is reported here that Prime Minister Smuts of South Africa cannot visit Canada this year as expected, but may be able to do so next year . . . 417,865 blood donations have been given at Red Cross clinics across Canada from January 1 to October 31 this year . . . the staff of the Department of Pensions and National Health in Ottawa, which before the war numbered about 1,880, has increased to more than 4,000 . . . the Department of Labor says 14,810 men had been transferred to more essential employment under compulsory transfer orders, up to November 16.

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If you really want maple syrup in gallon quantity you'll be able to get it next spring. According to information reaching the Consumer branch of W.P.T.B., any persons who save all their "D" coupons from now till March 2, will have enough to buy a gallon; this because the Prices Board are increasing the value of "D" coupons for maple syrup from 12 to 20 ounces next March 2, also that coupons becoming valid on March 30 will be good instead on March 2.

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Answer to query: This column is fulfilling the function only of being a source of information of national interest, broken down for quick reading and digest.

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We're getting caught up on the war in Canada. Recently certain restrictions on steel were lifted. Now scrap aluminum will, subject to certain provisions, become available for civilian manufacture. The salvage division, National War Services, has announced they have enough old tires and tubes to meet the needs of the Crown company handling them. Improved tungsten supply is also reported.

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This and that: During the first three years of the war more than 5,000 merchant vessels averaging 4,000 gross tons each, were repaired in Canada, put back into war service, and in addition some 4,000 naval vessels were also repaired in our yards, a titanic job well done. . . . Ceiling prices set on walnuts, almonds, filberts and pecans are higher than in other years; no nuts have been imported from the United States since 1940; nuts coming in for the Christmas trade will come from U.S., and Mexico, but limited quantities of almonds from Spain, Portugal and India will catch the Canadian market, and some almonds and filberts may come from Sicily and Southern Italy. . . . UNRRA says that Canada's gift to Greece of 15,000 tons of wheat a month is feeding 40 per cent of the people. Evaporated milk is latest on coupon ration list for restricted areas, including most of Ontario and Quebec, and more thickly populated areas in the West.

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British High Commissioner to Canada, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, speaking in Ottawa, put in a plug for Canadian farmers. "Without them we would have lost the war two or more years ago," he said. Evidence: Since war started Canada shipped Britain over two billion lbs. of ham, bacon and pork products; more than 460 million lbs. of cheese, more than 110 million tins of evaporated milk and about 110,000,000 dozen eggs. We now supply 10 per cent of Britain's total egg supply, 25 per cent of her cheese supply, 35 per cent of her canned fish supply, 52 per cent wheat and 62 per cent bacon.

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Not generally known, but farmers can get the advice of the Architect's Office, Dominion Experimental Farms aervice, Ottawa where all enquiries from farmers and others relating to farm buildings are handled. In 1942, for instance, over 2,000 off-set sheets of building plans and 2,486 blue prints were sent out to 960 applicants, in addition to many other answers to enquiries by farmers as to their building problems.

Hydro in Quebec

The following is a Quebec Government release, presenting in concise terms an important viewpoint on a contentious subject. The hydro project has received much critical comment in the press. In fairness, this argument for public ownership is accorded space in our columns. —Ed.

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Because of the cases which are now under consideration by the Public Service Board in Montreal, it is inappropriate to comment in detail upon specific proposals of Premier Godbout's electricity program.

Clearly, that program divides two ways. Millions in Quebec who have electricity are to get cheaper electricity. The millions more in Quebec who cannot afford electricity because of private companies' rates and service charges are to get electricity at rates they can afford.

The private companies object. That is natural. Their job is to make profits. But the job of Premier Godbout is to insure that the people of Quebec get the maximum out of the rich hydro resources which are theirs. That applies not alone to rates but also to the ability of Quebec to complete in the forthcoming post-war struggle for more industries.

In considering the Godbout program it is, for the moment, unnecessary to go further than this:

Ontario has nationalized electricity.

Ontario haa cheaper electricity than Quebec.

Ontario, through nationalization, can buy electricity from private companies in Quebec and then resell it at rates which undercut Quebec.

Ontario, in its day, went through all the criticism — and worse — which Premier Godbout now experiences. The interest of the people triumphed.

If Ontario has done that, so can Quebec.



"It's not an air raid, silly! It's just some of my home canning in the basement!"

RADIO REHABILITATION

London (CP) — Radiolocation, whose wartime job is to detect enemy aircraft and submarines, may have a peace-time role. A select committee on National Expenditure has recommended that radiolocation could be used in peace-time to locate icebergs, rocky shoals and other obstructions.

THE WEEKLIES SAY . . .

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS

To Counteract Nazism

It has been suggested that films might prove to be a powerful factor in counteracting the effect of Nazi propaganda on the minds of the people in occupied Europe. For many months now these people have been bombarded with German ideology and while it is known that their methods have been in no measure as effective as was intended, it will in many instances have left a distorted outlook which will have to be corrected.

—Humboldt (Sask.) Journal

In Praise of Dobbin

Good old Dobbin really is being recognized. When it became hard to get tires and gasoline was rationed, the horse staged a mighty comeback. The return of the horse had a deep human appeal. It was satisfying, in some unexplainable way, to see horses on the roads and streets.

—Fin Flon (Man.) Miner

What's in A Name

Plenty of babies are being named after the famous leaders of the day. Giving such names is spreading. Dunam Foster, prominent Holstein breeder of Bloomfield, has three fine young animals which he has named after three leaders — Joe (Stalin), Ike (Eisenhower) and Monty (Montgomery).

—Picton (Ont.) Gazette

Note for Japan

The shipment and safe delivery of many articles of war via Alaska to Russia opens up a pleasant line of thought. It should also bring home to Nippon that when the proper time comes similar shipments will be made with other than Russian destinations.

—Summerside (N.B.) Pioneer

Heigh-Ho!

Why not let the government take everything and send us a cheque for living expenses?

—Pictou (N.S.) Advocate

Early Greetings

One of the advantages of an early election date for the municipalities is that holiday greetings are sure to be extended well in advance of Christmas.

—Acton (Ont.) Free Press

Times Have Changed

It is interesting to note that just twenty years ago Canada was making gifts of money and supplies to help Japan. On November 24, 1923, a tag day was held in Granby for the Japanese Relief Fund which met with good success. A similar tag day today would not prove so successful.

—Granby Leader-Mail

Proud of Farmers

Canada is justly proud of its farmers and what they are doing to relieve the food shortage situation, and we look for even greater production in 1944.

—Rainy River (Ont.) Record

Place for Dogs

"Love me, love my dog" might be all right when it comes to romance, but a food store is no place for a dog. It is only right and fair to others that dog owners should leave their pets outside when they go shopping.

—Powell River (B.C.) News



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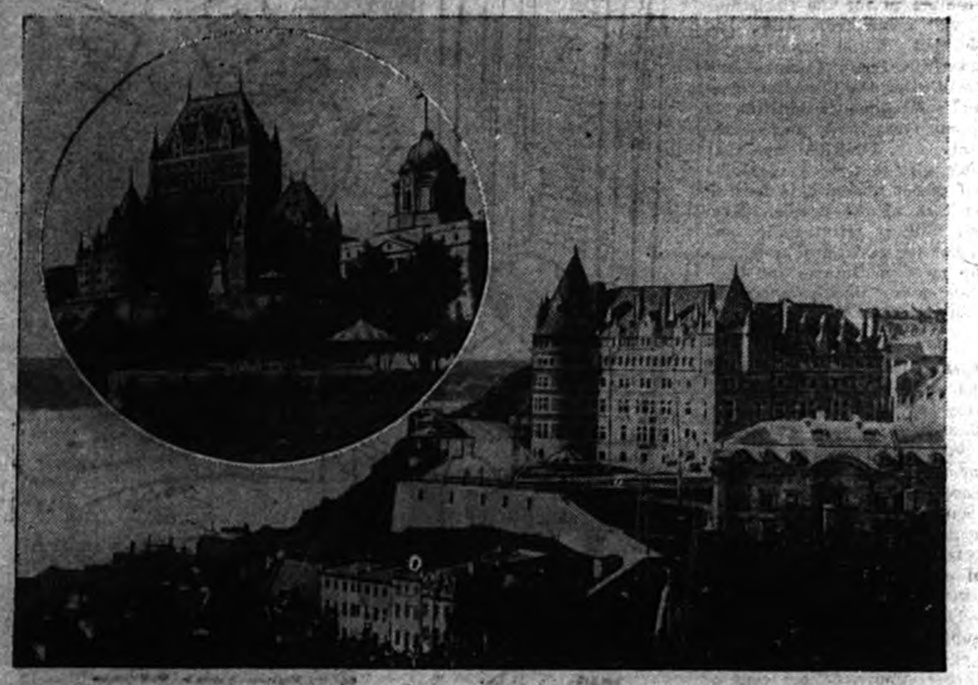
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50th Anniversary for C.P.R.'s Famed Chateau Frontenac



TOWERING up from the most outstanding location in Quebec on the cliff which overlooks the St. Lawrence River, the Chateau Frontenac, one of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's country-wide chain of "grand hotels", celebrates its 50th anniversary on December 17, 1943. Built on the spot where once rose the Chateau St. Louis, official residence of early French governors and in a city where sea lanes and rail lines converge, the great hotel is one of the best known in the world.

As the above pictures illustrate, today's Chateau Frontenac (inset), with 723 guest rooms, is much enlarged over the 1893 hostelry (main picture) which started the company's move into the coast-to-coast hotel field. In 1896-99 the first addition, the Citadel Wing, was made to the original structure. Since then the Mont Carmel Wing in 1908-09, the St. Louis Wing in 1920-22 and the Central Tower, from 1920-24, have been added, with further major improvements being made in 1926.

Some of the additions called for marvels of planning such as the excavation of more than 40,000 cubic yards of rock from a space entirely surrounded by adjacent structures, which continued in full operation, thereby reducing the use of blasting to the minimum. Masonry on the tower was completed during the Winter and often storms and high winds made it impossible to work.

Very few hotels anywhere have had their royal suites as busy as the Chateau Frontenac, which has housed in its day King George V; Their Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, during the Royal Visit of 1939; and governors general of Canada and their consorts from the Earl of Aberdeen down to the Earl of Athlone.

With all this in its 50-year background of distinguished service it still remained for August of 1943 to bring its greatest hour to the Chateau Frontenac, which is managed by B. A. Neale and under the direction of H. F. Mathews, general manager of hotels. Last August it was for 18 days the very "nerve centre" of the Quebec Conference as Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt met in the Ancient Capital with Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King.

MILL OWNER AND MILLIONAIRE, WAS GENEROUS GIVER

Joseph Rank Started in Small Way And Became Head of $36,000,000 Business

Reigate Heath, Eng. (CP) — When Joe Rank bought his first mill 68 years ago its production was 30 sacks of flour a week. When Joseph Rank, 89, died at his home here recently he was the head of a $36,000,000, milling business.

The millionaire miller, who began in the business at 14 by sweeping floors in his father's windmill at Hull, died after catching a chill.

When he was given the freedom of his native city of Hull in 1935, he said "I have tried to follow John Wesley's rule — 'Get all you con, save all you can, and give away all you can'."

He gave liberally — more than $4,500,000 for Methodist causes, nearly $2,000,000 to the city of Hull.

He refused to allow his name on an honors list. "What would I do with a title?" he asked. "I am Joe Rank to everybody. As Sir Joseph they wouldn't recognize me."

His two sons are well known to the British public. Arthur Rank controls two of Britain's three big movie-theatre circuits and J. V. Rank is a successful racehorse owner. His Scottish Union won the St. Leger in 1938.

GUARD KENYA'S WATER

Nairobi (CP) — About a hundred picked natives are being trained to guard the quality of water throughout Kenya. They will work under the orders of honorary water wardens.

OBITUARY

Resident Esteemed In Riverfront Communities

Late Mrs. James Paton

Cushing — Three communities — Stonefield, Cushing and St. Philippe — are sincerely mourning the passing, after a brief illness, of the late Mrs. James Paton, of St. Philippe, whose death occurred on Thursday, December 9.

Born in Stonefield, Mary Elizabeth Innes, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Innes. She spent her entire girlhood years in Stonefield, a devoted daughter and sister to the younger members of the family, and attended regularly at St. Mungo's Church, where her bright personality made her a great favorite.

After her marriage to James Paton, she went to live at St. Philippe, where again she had many warm friends, remaining there until a few months ago when she finally moved to Lachute Road to be near her daughter.

Four children were born to this union — Mrs. J. P. Bradley, of Lachute Road; a daughter, Agnes, a lifelong invalid whom her mother cared for devotedly; two sons, Robert Leslie, who predeceased her some years ago, and Thomas John, who died in infantry. Mrs. Paton is survived by her husband; two daughters, Edna (Mrs. Bradley) and Agnes; three sisters, Mrs. W. Lamb, of St. Andrews East, Mrs. John Canning, of Stonefield, and Mrs. Hyde, of Victoria, B.C., also a brother, Mr. John Innes, of Cushing, and two grandchildren, Shirley and John Bradley.

The funeral service was held Saturday in the Margaret Rodger Memorial Church, of which she was a member. The service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. E. Orsborn, assisted by the Rev. Wm. MacMillan, of St. Andrews East Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Orsborn based his sermon on "Faithfulness," and in referring to the deceased, stressed particularly this quality in her character.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful, bearing silent testimony to the esteem in which the late Mrs. Paton was held.

Interment took place in Lachute Cemetery. — Pall-bearers were John Innes, John Canning, Thomas Weir, William Robert, Irving Fuller and Albert Cleland.

Among those noted at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Innis, Montreal, Mr. Ernest McMeekin, Ottawa, and Keith Canning, of the R.C.A.F., Ottawa.

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Cambria Native Dies in The West

The Late W. A. Strong

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William Albert Strong, a native of Cambria in this county, passed away suddenly at his home in Kamloops, B.C., on November 9. His funeral was held from the Anglican Church at Hanna, Alberta, the Rev. John Naylor of Drumheller officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery at Hanna.

The late Mr. Strong was born here in 1873. In 1901 he was married to Miss Martha Good, of Shrewsbury, and in 1909 went west with his family and his brother, C. R. Strong and family, who now reside in Edmonton.

The late Mr. Strong was the first postmaster appointed at Rose Lynn, a community which he and his wife named; they also operated the first store at that point. In 1941 they left for Kamloops, where they have since resided.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Ted Strong, of Rose Lynn, and two daughters, Mrs. Fred Vowel of Edmonton, and Mrs. C. O. Hannah, of Kamloops. Also surviving are three brothers; C. R. Strong, of Edmonton, Dr. N. Strong, of Vernon, B.C., and Cannon J. I. Strong, Prince Albert Sask; also two sisters, Mrs. Rogers, Lachute, Que., and Mrs. Boyd, of Montreal. He was predeceased by two sons, Colin and Norman, several years ago.

In tribute to his memory, a friend writes concerning the late Albert Strong: He will be greatly missed, for he was one of the pioneers of our country, respected and honored by all who knew him. His home was open to everyone, rich and poor alike, and he had a cheery and kindly word for all. . . Mr. Strong was well known around Lachute, as well as in the Cambria district.

IN MEMORIAM

ROGERS — In loving memory of Russell Robert Rogers, who passed away suddenly on December 19, 1942. — Ever remembered by his wife.

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BIRTHS

CRUISE — At Lachute Mills, on November 27, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Cruise, a daughter, Linda Dare.

McCABE—At Arvida Hospital, on December 6, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCabe (née Irene Kenney), a son. Both well.

DEATHS

PATON — At Lachute Road, on December 9, 1943, Mary Innes, wife of James Paton, in her 80th year.

HOOKER — Suddenly at the residence of her brother, Leslie MacMartin Hooker, Lachute, Que., Carrie Hooker. Funeral was held from the St. Andrews East United Church, Wednesday afternoon, December 15.

IN MEMORIAM

COPELAND — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Anthony Copeland, who passed away December 17, 1935. — Ever remembered by his wife and family.

Days and nights he bore his pain
To wait for cure, but all in vain,
Till God alone knew what was best
And took him home with Him to rest.

HUTCHIN — In loving memory of Margaret Ann Hutchin, beloved wife of G. I. McFaul, who passed away December 16, 1929. — Ever remembered by her husband and daughters, Ruby and Elva.

Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear,
Fond memories linger every day,
Remembrance keeps her near.

ROGERS — In loving memory of Russell, who passed away December 19, 1942. — Ever remembered by the Family.

It isn't the fear of the moment shed
That tells of the heart that is torn,
But the secret tears of the after years
And the sorrow that's silently borne.

DISTRICT NEWS

FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Cushing

Mrs. H. V. Elliott spent the week-end with her husband in Montreal.

Mrs. Henry Christie and little son, George, of Montreal, were overnight guests on Saturday of her father, Mr. G. W. Elliott.

Miss M. Canning spent the week-end in Montreal.

Mrs. A. Graham and Mrs. Allan Graham paid a short visit at the home of Mrs. G. T. Foreman, Calumet, on Saturday evening. Miss Jean Graham, of Lachute, was a week-end guest at the Foreman home.

The W.M.S. of St. Mungo's Church held their annual meeting on Tuesday, at the home of the Misses Cleland.

A number of ladies, members of the W.C.T.U., motored to Hawkesbury on Wednesday of last week to attend a meeting of that society, at the home of Mrs. G. Higginson.

Frontier W.I. Meeting

An enjoyable "children's night" was held by Frontier W.I. in Cushing Club Room on Friday. After the regular business, the children provided a program of recitations and songs. The sum of $10 was donated towards the Children's Memorial Hospital. Eleven scrap picture-books were brought in for distribution at the hospital, and it is hoped that more will be available soon. At the close of the evening the children were treated to oranges and candy.

Avoca

Congratulations are extended to Dr. Lester McCallum for having led his class in Medicine in the final year, by taking the highest marks.

Mrs. Wm. MacDonald, Jr., of Montreal, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. E. C. Young.

Miss Evelyn Arthurs, of Grenville, visited her parents over the week-end.

Mr. Claude Andrews returned home on Friday last after visiting his brother, Elmer and Mrs. Andrews, in Montreal.

Mrs. S. Tomachevsky and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Andrews on Sunday.

Miss Laura Davis, of No. 1 School, is preparing her pupils for a Christmas tree program to be held before the holidays.

Mrs. Harry Young recently visited her mother, Mrs. Jos. Young, who has been on the sick list.

A number of families in this vicinity have been suffering from bad colds and flu during the last couple of weeks.

Late Mrs. Peter Nixon

The Rev. S. J. Pike, of Brownsburg, conducted the funeral service of the late Mrs. Peter Nixon, of Cockrane, Ont., here on Saturday last. Mrs. Nixon has been an invalid for a number of years. She was predeceased by her husband and little daughter some years ago. She leaves five sisters and one brother to mourn her loss. They are — Mrs. Lowe, of Kirkland Lake; Mrs. Goldsmith, of Montreal; Mrs. Samson Arthurs, Mrs. Jos. Arthurs, Jr., Mrs. Ed C. Young and Mr. Horace Bates, all of Avoca.

Morin Heights

Mrs. Carl Seale and daughter, Sandra, are visiting Mrs. Seale's parents in Toronto this week.

Mrs. Lawson Kennedy spent a couple of days in Montreal last week.

Mr. E. Milner is spending a few days in Montreal with his family this week.

Mrs. S. Campbell has returned home after having spent the past couple of months visiting with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. John Campbell, in New York.

Mrs. F. T. Watchorn spent a couple of days in Montreal last week.

Friends are glad to welcome Mrs. J. D. Davis and Mrs. T. E. Seale home after undergoing operations at the Montreal General Hospital.

Mrs. H. Lacken, of Montreal, accompanied Mrs. J. D. Davis home and is spending the week with her.

The Misses Alice and Eunice Seale, of Montreal, spent the week-end at their home here.

Mayor W. H. Watchorn attended the County Council meeting at Lachute on Thursday last.

Little Miss Margaret Davis entertained a number of her friends at a birthday party on Wednesday afternoon last.

Mr. Alex McCullough, of Mille Isles, has purchased the house and property of René Guenette here. He is welcomed as a new resident in the community.

The Women's Association held a social evening in the United Church basement on Wednesday of last week. Miss Doris Watchorn and Mrs. Geo. Watchorn had charge of the program which was most entertaining. Refreshments were later served.

Lost River

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bethume, also Miss Christie Bethume, of Montreal, were week-end visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bethune.

Mr. John Dewar, of Montreal, spent the week-end with his daughter, Audrey Dewar, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy McMillan.

Gnr. Percy Richie and a friend, from Debert, N.S., spent the week-end visiting with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Richie.

Mrs. Sam Hoosier, of Limerick, Sask., has returned to Montreal after visiting friends at Arundel, Lake View and Lost River.

Brownsburg

LAC. Stephen C. Pike was at home with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Pike, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Petley and son, Wayne, were in Montreal last week.

Mr. Melville McAdam, of Chapleau, Ont., is visiting relatives here.

Mr. N. E. Smillie spent the week-end in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Tomalty are visiting relatives in Toronto.

P/O Bernard Petley is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Petley.

Mr. George Donaldson left for Winnipeg, Man., last week to visit his father, Mr. Wm. Donaldson, who is very ill.

The United Church Y.P.U. visited the Lachute Young People's as guests at their meeting last week.

The Senior Mission Circle of the Maple Avenue Baptist Church held their December meeting at Mrs. Hector Mason's on Tuesday afternoon. The topic, "Work among the Bolivians," was given by Mrs. J. A. McKenzie.

Next Sunday at the United Church, special Christmas features will mark the services, both morning and evening. . . . The Christmas tree entertainment of the Sunday School will be held on Thursday evening, December 23, when a motion picture will form part of the program.

Harrington

The Misses Edith and Isobel McCallum spent Friday and Saturday in Montreal.

Mrs. John McMahon and Mrs. J. Lewis spent part of last week in Montreal.

Miss Joan McMahon, of Lachute, was a week-end guest of Miss Nellie Campbell, Bell Falls.

The Harrington Ladies' Aid met on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. N. McCallum.

Mrs. Geo. Poulter, Jr., is spending this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Poulter in Montreal.

Arundel

Mr. Sandy Dewar, of Parent, Que., visited his many friends here recently.

The Ladies' Aid of the United Church held their monthly meeting in the church hall on Thursday, 2nd inst. Mrs. Percy Staniforth and Mrs. T. Evans were the hostesses.

Mrs. Stuart Cooke spent a few days in Montreal recently.

A successful dance was held in Cooke's warehouse on Friday night, in aid of the overseas parcels fund.

Mr. Roy Cooke spent a week-end recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cooke.

The W.A. of Grace Church met at the home of Mrs. Bishop on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Stanley Moore has left for Montreal, where he has taken a position.

Mrs. Reg Moss spent some time in Montreal recently.

There are those who, in their post-war plans, still believe it possible to strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

St. Andrews East

Sympathy of this community is extended to Mrs. J. P. Bradley and family, on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Paton. Also to Mrs. Paton's sister, Mrs. C. W. Lamb.

Sympathy is extended from this community to Col. L. M. Hooker and family, Lachute Road, upon the passing of his sister, Miss Carrie Hooker.

Messrs. S. W. Rodger, Lachute Road, and Ross MacAdam, River Rouge, returned on Sunday from a business trip to Spencer, Mass.

Mrs. John Bradley, Isle aux Chats, returned on Monday from two weeks' stay in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. DeWitt, of Ottawa, were guests of their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. DeWitt and Mr. and Mrs. William Watson.

Mrs. Ethen McCartney, of Ormstown, and Mrs. J. H. Nussey with her son, Mr. Clifford Nussey, Brysonville, visited their brother, Mr. George Bryson and Mrs. Bryson, on Sunday.

Gnr. George Gates is now enjoying the varied fruits, and the pleasures of bathing in the Mediterranean area.

Bill Bryson, R.C.N.V.R., reports he is recuperating from a foot injury in hospital.

The Rev. Dr. Wm. McMillan will conduct services at the Presbyterian Church, Lachine, on Sunday.

Mabel

Miss Shirley Heatlie, of Montreal, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Heatlie.

Mrs. Walter Murdoch was in Montreal last week attending the funeral of her little nephew, Wayne Lorne Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Murdoch and little son, David, spent the week-end in Montreal visiting Mrs. Murdoch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David McDonald.

Miss Annie Black, of Montreal, was a Sunday guest of her mother, Mrs. Robt. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Clark and children, John and Jean, spent Tuesday last in Montreal.

The Farm Forum listening group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murdoch on Monday evening. Attendance was small, but the usual pleasant evening was spent.



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Brownsburg — Special Christmas music is being arranged for the next two Sundays at Brownsburg United Church, both morning and evening. At the pre- Christmas service next Sunday at 11 a.m., the choir will render two anthems, with other Christmas features. In the evening at 7.30 o'clock a Christmas carol service will be held. On Sunday, December 26, the Christmas items will be continued at both services, the C.G.I.T. presenting a Christmas pageant in the evening. The public are cordially invited to the above gatherings.

On Thursday evening, December 23, the Christmas tree gathering of the Sunday School will take place — a motion sound picture forming part of the evening's entertainment.

The choir and other workers are taking great pains to make these events of special interest, and solicit the hearty co-operation of all to make them a success. We can only appreciate our privileges by participating in these things so well prepared for the public good, especially at Christmastime.

Church Services

LACHUTE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. B. Rosborough, B.A., B.D.

10.00 a.m. Sabbath School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
"Beginnings of The Gospel"
7.00 p.m. Candle Lighting Service, conducted by C.G.I.T. Groups.
2.30 p.m. East Settlement.
A Cordial Welcome to All!

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. H. Charlton

10.00 a.m. Bible School.
11 a.m., Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m. Evening Worship
Happy Hour, Tues. at 7.00 p.m.
Young People's, Tues. at 8.00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 8 p.m.

MARGARET RODGER MEM'L PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn

10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. Communion Service.
7 p.m. Evening Worship.
"Will His Kingdom Ever Come?"

BROWNSBURG UNITED
Rev. S. J. Pike, Minister

10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
Special Christmas Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
The Evening Service will include a number of Carols.

LAKEFIELD SERVICES
Sunday, December 19
Christmas Services
Rev. C. W. P. Baugh, Rector

10.30 a.m. Morin Heights.
2.30 p.m. Mille Isles.
7.30 p.m. Lakefield, Even Song and Sermon.

REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES
Rev. Geo. B. Hicks, Pastor
BROWNSBURG

Bible School	10.00 a.m.
Church	11.00 a.m.
Bible School Christmas Program, Monday, December 20	8.00 p.m.
Happy Hour, Thursday	7.00 p.m.
Prayer, Thursday	8.00 p.m.

DALESVILLE

Bible School,	2.00 p.m.
Church	3.00 p.m.
Bible School Christmas Program, Friday, December 17	8.00 p.m.
Prayer, Wednesday,	8.00 p.m.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, BROWNSBURG
Rev. T. J. H. Rich, Pastor

10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m. Evening Service.

Christian Science Lesson-Sermon

"Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon to be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 19.

The Golden Text is from Hebrews 11: 3. "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." (Genesis 1: 2, 3).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "In the universe of Truth, matter is unknown. No supposition of error enters there. Divine Science, the Word of God, saith to the darkness upon the face of error, 'God is All-in-All,' and the light of ever-present Love illumines the universe. Hence the eternal wonder, — that infinite space is peopled with God's ideas, reflecting Him in ccuntless spiritual forms." (Page 503).

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—Des Moines Tribune



Boy Scouts The World Over

His Excellency the Governor General, Chief Scout for Canada has approved of the week of February 20-26 as Boy Scout Week in Canada.

Boy Scouts, of Woodstock, N.B., have raised $1,650 from the sale of salvaged materials since the outbreak of war. All the money has been donated to war charities.

In a one day concerted drive the Boy Scouts of Rouyn-Noranda, Que., collected 10,000 magazines which were shipped to Halifax for distribution to the services and the merchant marine.

Boy Scouts of Regina have inaugurated a new service for shut-ins. Twice each week they call at the homes of shut-ins to return books to the Public Library and bring new volumes.

GETS GOOD CITIZEN MEDAL

Because he gave up his business nearly 26 years ago to devote his time to Boy Scout leadership, Edmond H. Millens, of Vancouver, has been selected by the Native Sons of British Columbia to be the recipient of the 1943 Good Citizen Medal.

FOUR SCOUTS DECORATED

Four members of the 104th Toronto Boy Scout Troop have been decorated by the King. They are P/O Clifford Fodderingham, D.F.C., Flt. Lt. Alan Hemsley, D.F.C., Q.M.S. Lawrence W. Rowe, O.B.E., and P/O Wm. O. D. Tweddell, D.F.C. (killed in action).

WORKER IS HONORED

For more than 20 years of service to the Boy Scout Movement, Louis L. Lang, of Kitchener, Ont., President of the Mutual Life Assurance Co., a former President of the Canadian Manufacturers Assn., and a director of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been awarded the Silver Wolf by the Governor General.

"Wars can be won or lost on the home front in this war as in any war." —Herbert Hoover

War Comment Up-to-Date

By JOHN C. SCOTT,
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Allied airmen gave the Bulgarians a hint that they would be better off if they quit their German partners by staging a two-hour raid on the politically-shaken Bulgar capital — Sofia. Several waves of Allied planes hit at the city's railroad district, the yards of which are a mile from parliament, scene of fervid Bulgarian deliberations of political and military import.

It was the third attack on Sofia in a month, the earlier attacks being in the nature of experiments. On this occasion, however, the Sofia radio reported great destruction and said many persons were killed. Reports of the raid indicated that war had visited Bulgaria in full strength.

Much interest had been reported in Sofia following the recent Allied conferences which revealed the possibility of an attack on the Balkans. Large-scale peace demonstrations and rumors of an imminent cabinet shake-up were reported from the Bulgar capital.

Canadians Cross Moro

Shifted from the British 8th Army's right to left wing, Canadian forces in Italy are back in action and have opened a major assault inland from the Adriatic coast.

The Canadians struck along an eight-mile front after laying down a barrage which one gunner described as the biggest "show" since Dominion troops landed in Italy. They forged across the Moro River and beat back Nazi counter-attacks.

Meanwhile, the Anglo-American 5th Army, driving from Cassino from the south from the Migano area, was meeting stiff opposition. A twin drive from west of Cassino gained an important height.

Italians in Action

Fulfilling Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio's promise that his men would join the Allies in the drive to oust the Nazis from Italy, Italian troops were thrown back by the Germans in their first engagement on the 5th Army front. The Italians—veterans who fought in Russia, Albania and France — had advanced into the foothills north of Mignano but they lost ground to a counter-attack by units of the Hermann Goering armored division.

On the Russian front, the Red Army met with some serious reverses but a bright spot was provided by Gen. Ivan Konev's 2nd Ukrainian Army, conquerors of Dnepropetrovsk, Kremenchug and Znamenka, which hammered its way across the south Russian steppes toward Krivoi Rog and Kirovograd, two of the last important strongholds in the Dnieper Bend.

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Russians Rally

Early this week, however, the Russians appeared to have broken the back of the German counter-offensive as Gen. Valutin's force west of Kiev crushed repeated German attacks and improved its own position south of Malin.

In this desperate battle of the Kiev Bulge, Soviet troops were greatly aided by powerful guerilla forces operating behind the German lines. These fighters captured two railway stations near Zhitomir, 40 miles southwest of the Malin sector, and destroyed four German military trains loaded with troops and supplies.

Another Russian army under Gen. Ivan S. Konev struck out from Kremenchug, 200 miles to the southwest, in a drive which captured Cherkasy and relieved Soviet forces holding a bridgehead in that area. Cherasy had been by-passed by the Red Army in its first crossing of the Dnieper River.

Other Russian forces advanced toward the imported German-held base of Kirovograd. In fact, the Red Army troops appeared to be holding the initiative at virtually every point along the 200-mile-long Kiev-Kremenchug front.

War Shortened

Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, has told the House of Commons that as a result of the Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin conference at Teheran the war will be shortened.

And at the same time he summed up the results of the earlier Cairo conference between Messrs. Churchill and Roosevelt and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and stressed Britain's determination to fight Japan to final victory.

"If we are compelled for the time being to devote the greater part of our human and material resources to the task of defeating Germany, we are still principals in the Far Eastern war," Mr. Eden said. "Japan is just as great a menace to the security of the British commonwealth as she is to the security of either the United States or China."

In Italy, Canadian troops of the British 8th Army appeared to have consolidated their Moro River bridgeheads despite fierce German resistance. Weather was interfering with operations on the Moro front everywhere except at the northern tip of the Moro Valley where men of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment from Ontario seized a ridge between San Leonardo and the Adriatic.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Wm. Livings, of Nelson, B.C., is visiting with his wife in town.

Mr. Wm. Hammond, of Ceylon, Sask., arrived on Friday in Lachute and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dow, of Montreal, were week-end guests of Mrs. Peter Cruise.

Mrs. R. Warren and son, David, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stansfield in Montreal last week-end.

Miss Irene James and Miss Dorothy Dodd, of Brownsburg, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Campbell at Dalesville.

L/Cpl. Lloyd Cruise, of Farnham, Que., left on Tuesday after spending a few days' leave visiting with his wife in town.

Week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman MacGeorge were Cpl. Gerald Kennedy, of the R.C.O.C., Barriefield Camp Kingston, and Mrs. Kennedy, of Lachute.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Preston, of Thurso, Que., announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Mary, to Basil Bilsland Cleland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albt. Cleland, of Lachute, Que.

Mrs. J. A. Pollock spent a few days in Montreal last week.

Word has been received by Mrs. Roland Elkington of the safe arrival overseas of her husband, Tpr. Elkington.

Mr. William Painter left this week to visit with his daughter, Mrs. C. Finnamore and Mr. Finnamore, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mrs. Lloyd B. Woodland left on Sunday for St. Johns, Newfoundland, to join her husband, Cpl. Woodland, of the R.C.A.M.C.

LAC. Douglas MacLean, of the R.C.A.F., Moose Jaw, Sask., is spending a Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan MacLean.

Mrs. Charles Kirkpatrick, with her son, Mr. Norman Kirkpatrick, and daughter, Mrs. Harry Lister, Jr., of Mille Isles, spent Thursday last visiting with relatives in town.

Quebec Red Cross Helps in Civilian Emergencies

During one day, two serious fires occurred in Quebec Province, and in both cases, the Red Cross was able to give help.

When a raging fire destroyed or damaged 20 houses in Saint Octave de l'Avenir, on the Gaspé Peninsula, 15 families were left homeless and destitute. A wire for help, sent to the government, was forwarded to Red Cross headquarters in Montreal. The Branch at Cap Chat was notified and in a minimum of time, relief arrived, in the form of blankets and other comforts.

Father Valere Roy, writing to the Red Cross recently said, "We received the blankets which were forwarded by you. The people were most satisfied with the help received through the Red Cross Society. All were very pleased with what they received, and with the quality of the merchandise distributed. On their behalf, I wish to thank you for what you have done.

"The relief was quickly organized, and a fair distribution made to all. . . . Please convey our sincere thanks to all those who acted as intermediaries for the Red Cross, in organizing this relief. . . . I wish to thank you personally for the help and sympathy extended to my people."

The same day the Red Cross was also able to give help at a fire which broke out in the basement of Lake Edward Sanatorium, and later spread over the whole building.

At 11 a.m. Quebec City Red Cross headquarters was notified that a train would arrive at 5 p.m. with 130 people from the fire, most of them staff. At 2.30 p.m. it was announced that the train would arrive at 3.30 bearing 130 patients.

Even with this short warning the three sections of the Red Cross Corps and various departments were notified, and cars were at the station. As soon as the patients stepped off the coaches, some of the men in pyjamas and dressing gowns, they were placed in charge of V.A.D.'s, assisted by girls from the Office Administration Section, and all were given refreshments.

Ambulances were on hand to take stretcher cases direct to hospital.

Thirty-four patients, who lived in outlying districts, were cared for by the Red Cross, which gave them necessary food and clothing, and supplied transportation to their homes.

The appreciation of the patients is shown in a letter received from Don Hazelton, now located at Sherbrooke. He writes: "In the names of my fellow patients who may be unable to write to thank you, I would like to express my deepest thanks for all the kindnesses the Red Cross showed towards us on our arrival in Quebec. I assure you that along with the thrill of the fire, we shall always cherish deeply the thought of all the kind women.

"To all of you, from all of us, I say 'Thank you.' May God always grant you the blessings you all so well deserve."

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A Chapter of Odd Accidents

In 1943 they rationed gas. They rationed shoes, too, and butter and jam and jelly. Hen's eggs were scarcer than hen's teeth. And lots of men with shaving mugs couldn't find brushes to shave with, because the badgers in Europe couldn't get transportation to America.

Of one thing, though, there was a-plenty. That was accidents. War or no war, everybody could have as many as he pleased.

It is amazing, then, that so many people scorned orthodox ways of getting hurt and patronized the Whack Market in accidents. But a round-up by the National Safety Council proves they did. To wit:

Residents of Cocoanut Grove, Fla., were mildly surprised one day when their morning mail was delivered by a mail man who, of all things wasn't wearing any pants. It wasn't the heat, the pantless postman explained. He'd merely fallen off his bicycle and landed in an anthill. And, he added with simple pride, even when the United States Postal Service gets ants in its pants, the mail must go through!

Dr. W. A. Franklin stood before his junior high school class in Ponca City, Okla., to demonstrate the safe way to handle matches. "First, remove the match," he was saying, "then close the container." As he flipped open the container to demonstrate, all the matches caught fire. Dr. Franklin bandaged his burned hand. Then, with exemplary fidelity, he closed his lecture with this observation: That, students, is what happens when one becomes momentarily careless."

As Private Ernest M. Scofield of Denver, Colo., huddled in a foxhole in the Solomons, dodging enemy shot and shell, a stray bullet dislodged a cocoanut from a tree limb overhead. The cocoanut landed kerplunk on Private Scofield, broke his left leg, and he became the Army's first cocoanut casualty.

Residents of Dayton, Ohio, were startled one fine day this summer to see a small electrically-driven invalid's chair scoot through a red traffic light and crash into a huge six-ton trailer truck. When Ben Myers, the unperturbed and uninjured pilot of the chair, had been extricated from the wreckage, he explained he was on his way fishing and, bubbling over with high spirits, had failed to observe the light. Sympathetic on-lookers helped him pick up and re-assemble a large and wriggling supply of crawfish, crickets and grasshoppers, and he went hilariously on his way.

Lightning Hits Bag

During an army manoeuver in Tennessee, a bolt of lightning struck the zipper of a sleeping bag, neatly welded it all the way around and sealed up a soldier who happened to be inside. The soldier, understandably perplexed, howled for help, then pleaded for anonymity.

In Chicago, Colton Ankebrandt was testifying in the case of a driver who inadvertently had piloted his auto into Mr. Ankebrandt's parlor via the wall of the house. The incident had happened ten days before. "And where is the car now?" asked the Court. Mr. Ankebrandt appeared surprised. "Why, Your Honor, it's still in our parlor," he replied. "It doesn't bother us much." Forseeing, however, that Mrs. Ankebrandt might wish to re-arrange the parlor furniture some day, the Court ordered the car removed.

Lt. D. M. Schultz of the Army Air Forces ran into trouble while flying over Portland, Ore., and bailed out. Obligingly, he landed on the roof of the U.S. Veterans' Hospital, where it was no trouble at all for hospital attendants to pop out and treat him for minor injuries.

Aerial Bowler

Then there was the case of Sergeant D. P. Smith, an aerial gunner of the Australian Air Forces, who was happily visiting the Chicago Servicemen's Center when he decided to try his hand at bowling. He did all right, too, for a novice, except that he neglected to remove his finger from the bowling ball. He accompanied the ball on a short flight and made a crash landing with more embarrassment than pain.

In Detroit, a city-bred horse named Davie, blase in the heaviest auto traffic, ran away and wrecked his buggy when he met a terrifying sight — another horse.

At Hammonton, N.J., a speeding train hit a truck driven by Jules Press. Mr. Press left the truck and flew high into the air. So did four blankets. The blankets landed on the road bed. Mr. Press landed on the blankets. No — no pillow.

In Mankato, Saskatchewan, a steer in a cattle car poked an inquisitive horn through the car's slats, caught up a switch lamp hanging outside the car and happily baffled the engineer by swinging red and green signals all the way to Moose Jaw.

Subway Injury

Herbert L. Carpenter, a subway rider in Brooklyn, N.Y., appeared before the Mayor with a plan to eliminate subway rushes, of which Mr. Carpenter had grown weary. Later the same day he was trampled in a subway rush and had to go to a hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Blanche Heck, of Centerville, Ia., had not ordered her winter coal. So she was a little surprised when a loaded coal truck entered her home, pushed her, abed, through the wall into the next room and left her against a hot stove, uninjured.

In South Bend, Ind., Miss Ruth McGrady slipped, fell, broke her right wrist, stood up, slipped, fell, broke her left wrist.

Private Louis Henriquez fell 14 feet down a coal hole as he was strolling along in Denver, Colo. Afterwards, dug up and refreshed with a bath, Private H. explained, "She smiled as we passed . . ."

James Hollingshead was taking a horseback ride in Summerberry, Saskatchewan, one day when a passing freight train frightened his horse. The horse dashed against the train, thoughtfully tossed Mr. Hollingshead onto a passing flat car, backed away and fell dead.

Bible Reference

Loyal comic strip fans were goggle-eyed one day when Connie, of Terry and the Pirates, drove a car up and over an opening bridge. "Of course it could only happen in the funnies," they told themselves. But a 17-year-old Milwaukee, Wis., youth did it in real life. He drove up the rising leaf of the Sixth Street bridge, made a graceful 18-foot arc over the gap, then pancaked on the slanting span on the other side. The car was damaged but the driver was unhurt.

It is described in the Bible that the lilies of the field toil not, neither do they spin. But Rancher Walter Wynoff of Wilbur, Wash., is no lily. For as he toiled on his ranch, the spinning rod of his reaper caught his overalls and spun him into the air. When he landed he was clad casually in shoes and eye glasses.

And little Erlan Wittola, 3, of Kulm, N.D., crawled into a large cream can in his back yard. He had no trouble getting in, but his parents were able to get him out only after an operation on the bottom — of the cream can.

In Omaha, Neb., the Berigans' dog, Bozo, got his foot and tail caught in a hay mower. Farmer Berigan jumped over a fence to help Bozo, cut himself on one knee and hit himself in the eye with the other knee. His daughter, Pat, ran out of the house, slipped and sprained her wrist. Mrs. B., startled as she was canning vegetables, jumped and cut her finger. Champ, another Berigan dog, jumped over the barn door to see what was going on, and broke his foot. The Berigans learned later that a cousin in Keokuk was injured that day.

Dislocated Shoulder

When Phillips High School defeated Amundsen High in a hard-fought football game in Chicago, not a player on either team was hurt. But as Phillips scored a touchdown, an enthusiastic substitute on the bench yanked Coach Lou Tortorelli's arm so violently that the coach's left shoulder was dislocated.

Staff Sergeant Leroy Post of Evanston, Ill., survived 37 bombing missions in the New Guinea area. He helped sink three Jap transports and shoot down at least six Jap planes. For this he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the oak leaf cluster. Then he was removed from the danger zone to become an instructor in an armament shop in Salt Lake City. A few days later his arm was caught in a machine and the bone was fractured.

And in Pocatello, Idaho, the sole survivor of a plane crash was Private John J. Lucky.

London — Aircraft factories in Britain have been widely dispersed, as protection against air raids. Nineteen aircraft firms which managed forty-five production units in 1938, were managing 323 units at the beginning of 1943.



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RATIONING

Questions & Answers

Q.—I went into a store to purchase a sweater and was refused the sweater unless I purchased a skirt as well. Can this be done.

A.—No, this cannot be done, unless it was the store's policy during the basic period.

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Q.—Is it true that Christmas trees cannot be delivered this year?

A.—Christmas trees can be cut by a farmer on his own farm, and delivered by him in his own conveyance. Christmas trees may also be trucked beyond a radius of 35 miles by any person owning a P.C.V. license which covers this type of delivery.

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Q.—I understand that bedding sheets are to be standarized in size. What will the maximum length of these sheets be? They shouldl be long enough to prevent covering bedding from being soiled.

A.—Cotton sheets and other bedding goods are being standardized to conform with an order of the Board, in order to meet the increased demand for these goods, but will still be sufficiently generous in size. Lengths will vary from 86 to 104 inches.

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Q.—I purchased a jar of jam this week which had no weight marked on the label. Is it compulsory for the weight to be marked on the label?

A.—By Government order the weight must be moulded in the glass of the jar ,so it is not necessary to print the weight on the label also. The weight is marked in fluid ounces. Examine the jar and if the weight is not shown, let us hear from you again.

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Q.—My landlord has cut off a light at my stairway which is very necessary. Should I go to the W.P.T.B. to stop this?

A.—We would advise you to send full particulars with your name and address to your nearest Rentals Board, of the W.P.T.B.

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Q.—I have signed to buy my coal from a certain dealer. He cannot supply the coal. Can I now go to another dealer to make my purchase of coal?

A.—If you signed a form and received coal from a dealer, you cannot purchase coal from a second dealer, but if you signed a form and did not receive any coal, you can cancel the form and purchase your coal from a second dealer.

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Q.—My son became 12 years of age on October 20, 1943. How can I secure tea rations for him?

A.—As your son did not become 12 years of age before September, 1943, he will not be eligible for tea ration coupons until the next ration books are issued.

DESTROYERS KEPT BUSY

London (CP) — The British destroyers Haydon and Calpe steamed more than 20,000 miles between them during June, July and August as they convoyed landing fleets and protected larger units of the Royal Navy.

Surprising!

say our customers.



With so many curtailments and restrictions, it's surprising one can find such quality and variety as our Christmas stock presents. . . . And as usual, shoppers are appreciating the happy suggestions which solve their gift problems in a brief inspection of our wares.

Here are just a few of those suggestions :

Gifts for men and women; for servicemen and civilians.

Flashlights, Suitcases, Travel-Kits, etc.,
Ski, Hockey and Winter Sports Equipment,
Weather-proof Jackets, Caps, Mitts, Ski Boots,
for Sports and Outdoor Wear,
Socks, Ties, Hose, Shirts, Handkerchiefs —
Smart Haberdashery in Good Taste,
Tools, Equipment, for Motorist and Handyman,
Pyrex, Kitchen Utensils, Housekeeping Gadgets.

Another good suggestion:
Buy War Savings Stamps!

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It isn't teaching that makes education, but right teaching. Only that man is educated who has learned the truth.

Except in certain isolated areas, G coupons are now required for the purchase of evaporated or partly skimmed evaporated milk.

"The weather and water may slow us up, but nothing can prevent a final victorious battle."
—General Devers

To Holiday Season Purchasers

Since December 1942, and due to Federal Regulations, the quantities of alcoholic beverages which may be sold by the Quebec Liquor Commission have been heavily restricted. The full effect of those regulations is now beginning to be felt. At this holiday time of year, many customers keenly resent the short supply. The Quebec Liquor Commission therefore takes this opportunity of reminding purchasers that the Commission today operates under a quota system and urges that all purchasers extend their full co-operation in order that existing supplies may be fairly distributed.

1. DO NOT OFFER ALCOHOLIC GIFTS THIS YEAR.

In previous years it has been the custom of many businesses and industries to tender Christmas gifts of alcoholic beverages to friends and employees, and to enjoy friendly celebrations at which alcoholic beverages were served. It is regrettable, but under present circumstances these practices must be curtailed. This year because of the Federal restrictions upon beverage spirits, all types and brands of alcoholic beverages are in short supply. No additional amount of alcoholic beverages can be released for the holiday season, and only quantities permitted under the ration may be purchased. You are asked not to put alcoholic beverages on your Christmas list this year, thus increasing the general consumption of spirits.

2. AVOID TELEPHONING FOR INFORMATION.

Hundreds of calls are being received by the Commission daily, asking the hours at which wine, or scotch, or gin or rye will be on sale at certain stores. It is impossible to give this information to the public because sale circumstances vary with different stores and are dependent upon the stocks on hand at these stores. Further even if it were possible to supply this information, the knowledge would act against the interests of all as it would help those who obtain alcoholic beverages for others for a "consideration".

3. BE READY TO SHOW YOUR REGISTRATION CARD.

From this time on, the clerks of stores are authorized to ask any customer to show his or her registration card when the ration book is presented. You are asked not to be annoyed with this formality as it is a measure to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages to hoarders and to those using other persons' ration books illegally or on a commercial basis. If the name on the national registration card does not correspond with the name on the ration book, the ration book will be confiscated by the clerk of the store.

4. DO NOT SEND ANYONE TO MAKE YOUR PURCHASE.

Your ration book is not transferable and must not be used by anyone except the person to whom it was originally issued. This is to prevent the operations of those who would make a practice of buying full ration quotas for a number of people and re-selling such stocks. *If the ration book is presented to the clerk by anyone other than the person to whom it was issued, the ration book will be confiscated by the clerk.* This is being brought to your attention inasmuch as a number of ration books have already been confiscated by the Quebec Liquor Commission although these were presented in good faith by persons who had been sent to the store to obtain alcoholic beverages required by others.

5. "QUOTA SOLD OUT"

It is quite possible that due to the pressure of this seasonal buying, certain stores may exhaust their quotas of goods before the regular store hours are over. In such cases, and in order to save the time of waiting customers, the store will be closed and a notice placed in the window notifying the public that the store is closed but will re-open the following day.

Your full co-operation is needed in these steps which are being taken by the Commission to protect the public and to ensure fair treatment for all in the distribution of store stocks. Only in this way will everyone be permitted to enjoy their fair share of alcoholic beverages during this holiday season.

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THE WOMAN'S PAGE

Hints for Homebodies

By Jessie Allen Brown

BUY BOOKS

Toys are scarcer and poorer this year, so how about concentrating on books for children? Before buying too many of the newer books a library of the older books that are tried and true should be built up. Survey of grade eight pupils in 50 cities of varying sizes in the United States was made, and here is a list of the ten books most widely read, in order of their popularity. "Tom Sawyer", "Treasure Island", "Little Women", "Gone With the Wind," "Sue Barton", "Huckleberry Finn," "Little Men," "Anne of Green Gables," "Robin Hood," "Call of the Wild". The surprising book on that list is "Gone With the Wind." How ever did it stray in? Probably the influence of the movies is to be seen in that one. "Alice in Wonderland" had been read recently by 38 of the children. That is a book which children and adults both like, but which in-betweens are apt to neglect. It is a strange thing that so many parents who are ready to spend plenty of money on clothes, toys, sports equipment, and so on, for their children, hesitate to buy books for them. Yet these same parents are apt to complain because their children never read a book. Children need to be started early in the reading habit, and it can best be fostered by ownowning books. Besides children's books, there should be adult books at hand too. Most parents have had the experience of being asked what to read by a child, and when hesitatingly suggesting a book that may be too advanced for the age of the child, being told that he has read it long ago. Children need to have the privilege of browsing around a home library.

BOOKS FOR ADULTS

There are more books being sold than ever before, so books should be a popular Christmas remembrance. Here are some of the new books. Marquand's "So Little Time", is heading the list. Books of inspiration, such as, "The Robe", "Song of Bernadette," and "On Being a Real Person", have been well liked, and are still selling well. "None but the Lonely Heart" is a very different book from Llewllyn's "How Green Was My Valley." It isn't everyone's book, and don't choose it for your maiden aunt. "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" is a nice homey book, and if they haven't read "Chicken Every Sunday", it is to be recommended. Clarence Day's three books of "Life With Father" are out in one volume. Those who enjoyed "My Friend Flicka" will like the new "Thunderhead." Lin Yutang's "Between Tears and Laughter" will probably annoy you in his criticism of both England and the States, and their treatment of China. Maybe it is well to know what the other person thinks. Eve Currie's "Journey Among Warriors" is well worth reading. "God is My Co-Pilot", and "Thirty seconds Over Tokio", are both war books. Probably they are not books which will last, but they make good reading now. "Under Cover" is a sensational story of American Fascists. If your friend likes pictures, there is a volume of "Currier and Ives" prints that might prove interesting. Cartoons are popular and there are several new volumes which might prove fun for all the family. Do you buy your Christmas books early enough to read them yourself before giving them away? It has been done.

PLUM PUDDING

2 Cups bread crumbs, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup currants, 1 lb. suet, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, ½ nutmeg, ½ lb. peel, 1 cup flour, ½ teaspoon soda, juice and grated rind of 1 lemon, ½ cup syrup, 3 beaten eggs.

Sift the flour and soda, add the remaining dry ingredients, mix and moisten with the lemon, syrup and eggs. Sir well and put in greased pudding dish and steam for three hours.

CARROT PUDDING

1½ cups flour, 1 teaspoon soda. 1 Cup each sugar, suet, raisins, currents, and potatoes and carrots (grated). Sift the flour and soda, add the remaining ingredients, mix well and steam for three hours.

Landlords are required to maintain reasonable, healthful temperatures in rented accommodations unless fuel is unobtainable.

Prices Board Says No Increase in Tea-Coffee Ration

The Wartime Prices and Trade Board has announced there is no prospect of either a suspension or increase in the tea and coffee rations. The administrator's statement says that Canada is buying coffee to the full extent of her 1943-44 allocation of shipping and that is barely enough to meet the prevailing rate of consumption. Coffee consumption is 28% above the pre-war level, and 30% of the supply is going to the armed forces, Red Cross, prisoners of war parcels and institutions. The result is that our stockpile is only adequate for five months. Our reserve of tea is also below normal level due to the fact that shipping conditions in the Pacific prevent any increase in the supply allotted to Canada by the British Ministry of Foods.

Study Formation Corps of Junior Nursing Aides

Toronto, Dec. 21 — A Junior Aides Corps, to provide for adolescent Canadian girls an opportunity for patriotic service which is now denied many of them, would fill the bill so far as 17-year-old Thelma Parker, of London, Ont., is concerned.

The Women's Division of the Health League of Canada is studying the possibilities of establishing such a corps under official auspices or through some voluntary organizations. Thelma Parker read about it in the newspapers, and here is what she wrote Mrs. J. H. Harris, president of the women's division, who proposed the project:

"I am a girl seventeen years of age, strong and healthy and ready to do my bit to help win the war, but, like you say, we haven't been given the chance and we will show you that the Junior Miss is not only strong, but patriotic, and willing to do her bit.

"Nursing is near to every girl's heart or at least fifty per cent. I myself have always wanted to be a nurse, but due to circumstances beyond my control I will never have that chance.

"We need your help more than even you realize; the strain of every day things and the feeling that you could be doing more is very depressing.

"Again I say, give us the chance and we will do a job that will make those fighting on the front know that we are behind them.

"I could go on for pages but I know your time is valuable.

"God bless you and may you find grace and courage to carry on this great undertaking.

Gratefully yours,
Thelma Parker."

Builds Business Worth A Fortune

After Small Start, Doctor's Wife Now Heads Big Yorkshire Cannery

London (CP) — An Englishwomen — 45-year-old Mrs. Ella H. Gasking, wife of a doctor — has proved herself a wizard in the industrial world by building up a business now valued at more than $3,275,000.

Horatio Alger-like, she started at the bottom in the kitchen cooking peas, and now her model factory is Britain's biggest pea-picking and canning firm. Recently a big international soap and food industrial firm offered her £750,000 for the enterprise, Batchelor's Peas Ltd.

When Mrs. Gasking, with her two brothers, first inherited the business in 1913, the plant was small, unimportant venture in Sheffield founded by the father of the family.

Mrs. Gasking put on her apron, went into the kitchen of the plant and experimented with methods of cooking and canning until she hit on one she thought the women of Britain would like. The proof of her product is in rapid growth of its eating popularity.

Later she built a model cannery in the heart of Yorkshire, with modern and pleasant living quarters and recreation facilities for her 2,000 women and 500 men employees.

Before becoming chairman of the Prices Board, Donald Gordon was Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada and organizer of the Foreign Exchange Control Board.

Y.M.C.A. Canteen Does Big Task

Women Workers in London Supply 7,000 Meals Daily to Fighting Men

London (CP) — How would Canadian housewives who fret at providing three wartime meals a day like to have had to provide more than 5,000,000 meals in the face of rationing shortages and the blitz.

That's the headache — and the achievement — for which Miss G. M. Rolfe received the British Empire Medal recently.

Miss Rolfe is manageress of the Y.M.C.A. canteen at Waterloo Station and she and her staff of 140 serve more than 7,000 meals a day to hungry service men on their way through London.

Sometimes they get only five minutes notice that 300 soldiers have got to be fed. Often they run out of food. "Then we have to use our inventive powers," said Miss Rolfe. One day a bomb went down the drainpipe. When gunfire gets too bad the whole establishment has to move to the basement because there is only a glass roof on the canteen.

Through it all the doors of the canteen have never been closed since they opened a week after the beginning of the war. Miss Rolfe boasts that she and her staff, composed of only three helpers in 1939, can serve hot food at any hour of the night and day.

Along with it they provide the men with concerts in a rest-room when they wait for train connections, and in the basement they have sleeping accommodation for 450, including special rooms for service women.

Rendez-vous With Rhythm



Three little "debs," all brownettes and pretty, have made it their patriotic habit to climb into their car after the day's work's done and go off to the military camps to offer something tuneful for the boys.

They visit the training centres in and about Halifax, they go into the canteens, and the hospitals, to give the men their favorite songs in the debs' own special manner. And for the boys out of reach of their concert car, the Three Debs sing every week over the CBC National Network in the Halifax broadcast of "Rendez-vous with Rhythm." They will next be heard on Thursday, December 23, at 7.00 p.m. EDT.

Maritimers all, the Three Debs run from left to right — Grace McMurray, who is married to a navy man, Janet MacPherson, who keeps a daytime typewriter humming with victory business, and Doris Marsh, who is up to her musical ears in secretarial work.

The Herb Lady

Delectable Flavors Lurk in Her Christmas Basket, and Some of Them Are Ancient

The Herb Lady, naturally, carries herbs in her Christmas basket, and she is going to set them out during Christmas week for the benefit of all CBC listeners. Her talk, "Christmas Herbs," will be broadcast over the National Network, on Monday, December 20, at 4.18 p.m. EDT.

Herbs that have been used since the beginning of time will be described by Eustella Burke Langdon (the Herb Lady, of course). Taking the Bible as one of her source lists, she will prove that herbs and vitamins aren't the exclusive property of the Twentieth Century.

The old-time Biblical characters, on the contrary, knew a thing or two about savoury cooking that would make the modern gastronomist's mouth water. So important were herbs to the ancient Greeks, Egyptians, and Persians, that they used them to pay bills, and perhaps even income tax.

For Temperance

"The most significant event in the temperance movement in fifty years" is the description applied to the Summer School on Alcohol Problems held at Yale University during July and August. Eighty delegates from 27 States and two Provinces, representing various phases of the drink question met in conference, and for six weeks through lecture and discussion groups studied the different aspects of the alcoholic problem. The group, so mixed to start with, ended the course with its members fast friends. It was announced that the school would be an annual affair, and that next year Canada would be assigned eight fellowships.

Girls Proud of Their Unique Military Bands

C.W.A.C. Military and Pipe Groups Only Ones of Their Kind in the Empire

By KATHLEEN REX,
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Vancouver, Dec. 13 (CP) — They saw Winston Churchill smoking his cigar at Halifax they were marching past the cenotaph in Quebec when the city bells began telling the news that Italy had gone out of the war.

"Until we discovered what it was all about we thought those bells were for us," laughed Lieut. Anne Lendrum, of Duncan, B.C. She is program director for the C.W.A.C. military and pipe band which have just completed a coast-to-coast tour of Canada.

Both of these all-girl army bands are proud of the fact they're the only ones of their kind in the entire British Empire.

From Ottawa, through Ontario and Quebec, down to the Maritimes, then back across Canada to British Columbia, they've been playing on radio programs — in parades — at special concerts. Incidentally they have also been picking up new C.W.A.C. recruits along the way.

That's why we decided to join the army," said Drummers Georgia and Wanda MacElroy, of Edmundston, N.B., who are the most recent additions to the military band. "We heard it play in our home town."

"The trip has been most successfull," said Capt. M. D. Bouchard, of Calgary, Alta., officer in command of both bands. "We received wonderful response in every city — town — village — through which we passed."

Started At Coast

"The pipe band was originally started in Vancouver," said Capt. Bouchard. "It now has 18 members. It began its tour in July of this year and was joined by the military band at Ottawa in August."

"The military band was born in Vermillion, Alta.," she continued. "Here three Cwacs got together after their ordinary duties and practised — in a corn field. The band now boasts 32 members."

Pipe Cpl. Lorna Doull, of Victoria, remembers most vividly the time they played for the guards at a German concentration camp — the prisoners were there too. "The Germans didn't applaud," she said, "but they stood at attention when we played God Save the King."

Not only does Piper Doris Macdonald, of Courtenay, B.C., play the pipes, but she is also a skilled pianist and organist. She can sing and dance as well.

Bandmaster Nadia Svarich, of Vegreville, Alta., has her A.T.C.M., L.R.S.M. She became head of the band when she joined the army. "Many of the girls in both bands learned to play a musical instrument only after joining the C.W.A.C.," she said.

"We saw Churchill while we were in Halifax," Pipe Major Lillian Grant, of Victoria, said. "He was smoking that big cigar and gave us the 'V' sign."

Other members of the pipe band include — Piper Nellie Forrest, Regina, Sask.; Piper L. A. Pitts, Lindsay, Ont.; Piper D. Holloway, London, Ont., and Piper Flossie Ross, Montreal.

Members of the military band include — Ptes. E. M. Johnson and I. V. Johnson, Loon Lake, Sask.; Pte. F. E. Lizotte, Winnipeg, and Pte. M. E. Munchey, Hamiota, Man.

TO REPLACE BOOKS

London (CP) — An offer to replace, as far as possible, many volumes in the section of non-English books and periodicals destroyed by enemy action in the British Museum, has been made by the Allied Governments in London.

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SPENT EARLY DAYS AT CZARS' PALACE

Diss, Norfolk, Eng. (CP) — Mrs. Annie Maria Brill, who spent her childhood at the Royal Palace of the Czars at Petrograd, has died here at the age of 86.

Her father was in charge of the royal stud for Alexander the second and third, emperors of Russia.

Her proudest possession was a large portrait of the Russian Royal Family given her by Alexander II.

Penicillin

During his visit to Sydney the United States Under-Secretary for War (Judge Robert P. Patterson) called at a military hospital and talked with the only soldier in the Southwest Pacific area treated with the new drug penicillin.

The soldier is Cpl. A. Theyssen, of Wisconsin, who was shot in the side in New Guinea. Doctors almost despaired of saving his life, as a wasting disease developed, and all available drugs including sulphanilamide, had no effect. An urgent appeal was sent to America for penicillin. Enough of the drug for 15 days' treatment was flown to Australia.

When it arrived Theyssen's condition was so low that doctors felt there was scarcely any hope. But within 24 hours of receiving his first penicillin treatment Theyssen's condition improved and he went on to make a rapid recovery.

—Australian News Letter

Servicemen Find Hospitality in B'burg Homes

Brownsburg — Ladies of the Red Cross Society are still carrying on their very commendable work in connection with the billeting of men and girls of the Navy, Army and Air Force.

During the past six months 410 service men and women have been billeted in Brownsburg homes during leave. The majority of billeting has been for the week-end and the greater number of those taking advantage of this hospitality have been men of the Air Force. However, there have been several times when accommodation has been provided during the week and names of C.W.A.C. girls, Navy and Fleet Air Arm men, as well as soldiers from both Canadian and American armies, appear in the Red Cross register.

We understand special arrangements are being made for the Christmas and New Year week-ends.

—From "The Tracer"

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CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT

The Maple Avenue Baptist Sunday School will hold their Christmas entertainment in the church on Wednesday, December 22, at 8 p.m. 25-D16-2c

FIREMEN'S BALL, NEW YEAR'S EVE

The annual Firemen's Ball will be held as usual on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31, at Lachute Auditorium. Lowe's Orchestra will provide the music, and plans are complete for a big-time community celebration. Plan to attend!

CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT

A Christmas tree entertainment under auspices of the Lachute United Church Sabbath School, will be held in the church hall on Tuesday, December 21, at 7.30 p.m. Admission 25c. -1c

WANT & FOR SALE ADVERTISEMENTS.

EMPLOYMENT, PROPERTY, TENDERS, ETC.

GIVE FLOWERS for Christmas! Call and see our display in our new shop, 10 Bethany St. (around the corner from post-office). — Lachute Nursery Reg'd, Albert B. Ogilvie, (phone 910-r-31).

LOST — Tuesday night at C.P.R. station, women's black purse containing ration books, registration card, money. Finder please return to Watchman Office and receive reward. -1p

NOTICE — Would the person who took the men's brown kid gloves from Campbell's Store on Thursday night, December 9, at around 8 o'clock, leave them in Campbell's Store, as the party is known.

HOUSE FOR SALE — 71 Bethany Street, Lachute. For particulars, apply Mrs. Gerard de Bellefeuille, 32 Clyde Street. -1p

FOR SALE — Pair of boy's hockey skates size 8; boy's skates size 4; girl's C.C.M. skates size 6 (white) — in good condition. — Phone 81-J-4, Lachute. -1p

FOR SALE — Chesterfield suite (wine), studio couch (wine), breakfast set, four chairs, all in good condition. — Phone Mrs. Stairs, 627, or call at Omer Carriere's, Maple Avenue, Brownsburg. -1c

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Auction Sale of Horses

The undersigned is instructed by B. E. MORROW, Carlyle, Sask., to sell by public auction at LACHUTE, QUE., on December 20, at one o'clock sharp, the following:

18 General Purpose horses (around 1,400 lbs.), 2 Driving horses (1,200 lbs.).

Terms: Cash.

Edgar Boyd, Lic. Auctioneer.

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Sees Post-War Picture Promising, Without the Aid of Public Works

Munitions Minister Stresses Civil Air Development As New Industry

Toronto, Dec. 13 (CP) — Munitions Minister Howe, who directs the federal government's administration of civil aviation, today forecast a rosy future for Canada in the air and set forth nine primary objectives as his recipe for successful meeting of the post-war situation.

His principal suggestion was this:

"Let's build our post-war plans not on the narrow base of public works and the dole but rather on the broad case of private industry, agriculture and our forests, mines and fisheries.

"Let us continue that close partnership of government, industry, the producer and the worker that has built the Canada of today, and use it to build a Canada of tomorrow.

"Let our objective be to make Canadians the happiest people on God's green earth."

One of his points was to obtain for Canada a place in civil and international aviation comparable with the place it now holds in military aviation. He said that so far the business of providing transportation by air in Canada is "hardly scratched." A considerable number of new domestic routes that promise profitable operations were still open.

A franchise for an air route was one of the most valuable concessions the federal government can grant, he said, and he promised that new routes will be "held open until our gallant airmen return from overseas."

The seven other objectives which he set forth for the post-war period were:

1. Raise the Canadian standard of living, an aim which would mean "jobs of the right kind."
2. Apply wartime inventions to peace-time use, requiring expansion of research organizations.
3. Provide a merchant marine worthy of the Dominion's trade position.
4. Rebuild and expand the mining industry.
5. Make the forest industries a permanent source of wealth through reforestation.
6. Recapture old markets abroad and open up new ones.
7. Rebuild marketing and distribution systems at home.

Mr. Howe, who said he has a full time job as head of the Munitions department and expects to be occupied with liquidating that job "as long as I am a member of the government," said many people fear that after the war there must be a return to widespread unemployment.

"The argument that the aftermath of this war must be parallel to the aftermath of the last war cannot be sustained," Mr. Howe said.

"The same aggressive steps that now are being taken to prevent breakdowns in wartime can be applied to preventing breakdowns of our economy in the post-war period."

When the war ends some 700,000 or 800,000 men and women in the services will be looking for something to do.

"We owe them a big, confident Canada that knows how to keep its people employed. We owe them opportunity, adventure, a new challenge to their energies and their minds," he said.

"Canada, above any country in the world, should be able to fulfill this obligation."

Mr. Howe predicted that civil aviation, backed up by "an aggressive post-war aviation policy," can provide an occupation for the airmen now carrying the war into Berlin.

Canadian designers already were planning conversions from fighting planes to civilian transport types in the hope of being ready for the post-war demand for aircraft.

Canada was "probably the third, and certainly the fourth" nation in air power among the United Nations.

"Our strategic location will command consideration from other countries, as will our prestige in military aviation," he said, referring to the post-war period.

Badges Presented At Scout Meeting

The weekly meeting of the Lachute Troop Boy Scouts was held last evening. The attendance was small, as several of the boys could not get to town because of the cold weather, and some others have the flu.

The Fox Patrol still leads the competition, with 431 points, while the Lion Patrol has 410.

Several badges were presented last night. The Leatherworker's badge was awarded to Harold Walker, William MacKenzie, Robt. Louette and Donald Wilson. Douglas King and Donald Hooper received Laundryman's badge; Donald Hooper, and Jack Steeves, who was absent, received their Citizen's badge.

Auction Sale

At the farm of

JAMES PAUL,

Chatham (3 miles west of Lachute, Highway No. 8), on Tuesday, December 21, at 1 o'clock sharp:

Herd consisting 30 head Registered and High Grade Holsteins, accredited and negative to blood test — four of which are granddaughters of Johanna Silencer.

The herd sire Orchard Gore Man-o-War Arthur 152705, born January 25, 1942, sired by Montvi Roy Apple Emperor Johanna 141609. (His eleven nearest dams average 22709 lbs milk 4.12 per cent butter fat).

His dam, Orchard Gore Daisy 389789 with 2-year-old 365-day record of 11,247 lbs. milk, 429 lbs. fat.

6 Registered mature cows. Two of these are outstanding individuals, bred to herd sire, and will be fresh by sale day. Three of these lately freshened.

10 Grade cows, seven of which have freshened since October, other three due during winter months.

2 Registered heifers, will be 2 years old in January, bred to herd sire to freshen in April. Also 1 Registered heifer born September, 1942, just bred; 2 registered heifers born January, 1943; 5 Grade heifers born autumn, 1942; 2 Grade heifer calves.

The horses will be included in sale; also 40 5-months-old pullets from Dr. Morrison's Barred Rock strain.

One bag Inter-stock food; 12 8-gallon milk cans, 2 30-gallon cans, pails, strainer, electric washer, cutter and other articles.

If weather is unfavorable, sale will be held under cover.

Terms, $10 and under, cash; 6 months' credit will be granted responsible parties.

—James Paul, prop.

Deanna Durbin in "Hers to Hold" at Capitol Theatre

A light-weight comedy-romance, with a faintly topical tinge, this latest Durbin film gets a lift from the buoyantly self-confident performance of its star and the numerous minor twists of plot and business. It's bound to please all Durbin fans.

"Hers to Hold," the latest Deanna Durbin film appearing December 21, 22 and 23 at the Capitol, Brownsburg, is a continuation of her Three Smart Girl pictures, using the same characters, although the other two girls are just referred to in dialogue and never seen. At one point, Charles Winninger, again playing Miss Durbin's father, runs scenes from those earlier pictures on a home-moving machine.

The "nice girl" quality is the basis for success of all the Durbin pictures. She is probably the most wholesome young lady on the screen today, but she doesn't sacrifice any character by being just that — writes Herbert Whittaker, screen critic. Through all her films she has developed not merely from a pretty youngster to a charming young lady, but also into a well-balanced person.

This character, which is, we are sure, her own and not a screen illusion, is fitted admirably by the role of Penny Craig in which she again finds herself. Daughter of the very rich, she represents an achievement of the democratic way. That is to say, Penny Craig is neither to be pitied nor scorned because she is a debutante and, as the saying goes, lousy with dough.

Her determination serves Penny Craig in good stead, for the man she falls for is no easy catch to land. After the usual light skirmishing, he shies off and it takes Miss Durbin's entire stock of charm to bring him to the point at which he leaves her at the airport with a promise to come back. In the meantime, as Miss Durbin winsomely reminds him, he'll fly the planes, she'll make 'em.

Perhaps Miss Durbin's most convincing emotional moment comes when she sings "Say A Pray'r for the Boys Over There" to a crowd of aircraft workers.

The other Durbin songs — an excerpt from Carmen, the Kashmiri Song and "Begin, the Beguine" — are all up to the Durbin musical standards, sweet and effortless and making up for any slight incongruity in introducing them into the story.

Scenes laid in the Vega aircraft factory, in California, lend novelty and interest to the picture, and are cunningly worked into the story action.

NOVELLO SHOW A BIG SUCCESS

London (CP) — Ivor Novello, conductor of sparkling theatrical mixtures of drama and music, has served up to London a new show that seems to have everything wartime audiences want.

The new musical show is "Arc de Triomphe," a familiar tale about a Parisian opera singer torn between love and a career, held together more by bright music than plot.

GOODIES FOR MALTA

Valetta (CP) — Malta's Christmas parcels this year will include double rations of sugar, egg powder, fats, boiled sweets, jam and sweet biscuits. Last year there was nothing in the parcels except beans and candies.

"God makes stars and the public recognizes His handiwork."
—Samuel Goldwyn

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THEY CAME TO BLOW UP AMERICA
Armida, Edgar Kennedy, Veda Ann Borg, Jack LaRue in
HI YA SAILOR
FOX NEWS

SUN., MON., DECEMBER 19-20
John CARROL, Susan HAYWARD, Gail Patrick, Eve Arden in
HIT PARADE OF 1943
John Archer, Mary McLeod, Fritz Kortner, Rex Williams in
THE PURPLE V
Also: DUMB HOUNDED

TUES., WED., THURS., DECEMBER 21-22-23
SIR CEDRIC HARDWICKE, HENRY TRAVERS,
THE MOON IS DOWN
Mary Lee, Louis Calhern, Gladys George, Jackie Moran in
NOBODY'S DARLING
Also: CALLING ALL KIDS

CAPITOL

FRI., SAT., DEC., 17-18
ROBERT PAIGE, Anne Gwynne, Noah Beery, Jr. in
FRONTIER BADMEN
GLORIA JEAN, Ian Hunter, Donald O'Connor in
IT COMES UP LOVE
PARAMOUNT NEWS

SUN., MON., DECEMBER 19-20
EDWARD G. ROBINSON, GLENN FORD, Marguerite Chapman in
DESTROYER
Henry Stevenson, Lloyd Corrigan,
MAN TRAP
Also: PANDORA'S BOX

TUES., WED., THURS, DECEMBER 21-22-23
DEANNA DURBIN, JOSEPH COTTEN,
HERS TO HOLD
with Evelyn Ankers, Gus Shillings.
Frankie Darro, Dick Purcell, Sheila Darcy, Dennis Moore in
IRISH LUCK
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Labor Problems Take Mont'l by Storm, Call for Amendments Que. Labor Law

Seek Measures to Prevent Recurrence; Compulsory Closed Shops Condemned

By GUY GAGNON,
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Quebec, Dec. 22 (CP) — Labor problems took Quebec by storm last week following a 14-hour strike of Montreal civic employees. Premier Godbout announced Wednesday that the Legislation will meet shortly and will be called upon to enact such amendments to the labor law as may be necessary "to prevent recurrence of such difficulties."

A strike of members of the Montreal Police, Fire and Public Works Departments, seeking Canadian Congress of Labor union recognition, broke out Tuesday forenoon and was settled 14 hours later when the provincial government ordered its Municipal Commission to adopt the majority report of a provincial arbitration commission, recommending recognition of jurisdictional rights of the C.C.L. unions.

Settlement of the strike by the provincial government brought much criticism, and J. O. Asselin chairman of the Montreal executive committee, said it meant "complete discredit" for the Quebec Municipal Commission — controlling the city following Montreal's failure to meet financial obligations.

Premier Godbout, however, said in a statement that his ministers had applied the law as they saw it and asked if it would not be "bordering on disaster" if the Government itself were to use force to set aside the decision of tribunals duly constitutional under the present laws.

Decision to grant Montreal civic employees C.C.L. union recognition was reached after an arbitration commission, headed by Roger Brossard, K.C., of Montreal, and set up by the Provincial Government to investigate labor disputes in Montreal, presented a majority report favoring the C.C.L.

A week after the first strike, a second one broke out, this time among 2,000 clerks and stenographers employed by the city. The strike was called to enforce demands for higher wages, after the city had recognized the National Syndicate of Municipal Workers as bargaining agent for the white collar workers.

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Christmas Party At Farm Forum, Lachute Road

The Monday evening meeting of the Lachute Road Farm Forum, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Armstrong, took the form of a Christmas party. The arrival of Santa, just as the broadcast concluded, caused much merriment, and each member of the gathering was given a small gift from his well filled pack; there were also candy and oranges for the children.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Armstrong received a gift from the members of the Forum in appreciation of their services since this group was organized.

After Santa was speeded on his way, amid shouts of laughter and good wishes, the discussion was held, following which the group joined in singing many favorite Christmas carols.

Refreshments were served and the singing of the national anthem brought the meeting to a close.

Christmas EDITION

Navy Man Grateful

In collaboration with the Women's Institutes' filling of ditty bags for men on naval and merchant service, the local W.I. branches have carried their weight and contributed a generous share. Names of the contributors are attached to these serviceable outfits, and an appreciation was received this week by Mrs. A. Middleton, of Lachute, in a greeting card from H.M.C.S. "Kootenay" based at St. Johns, Nfd. On the card the sender writes as follows:

"I received your ditty bag today, and wish to extend my sincerest thanks. It is really swell, knowing that you people at home are thinking of us and backing us up so wholeheartedly." — (Signed) Sto. Gordon K. Patterson.

Gov't Machinery Stationed Here For Snowclearing

Work of reconstruction on the Lachute - Brownsburg road has been suspended until next spring, but the undertaking is sufficiently advanced that the many users of this highway are assured there will be recurrence of the obstruction caused by snow last winter. Widening of the right of way will facilitate snowclearing this year, in addition to which — through the instrumentality of Hon. Geo. E. Dansereau, provincial representative for Argenteuil — two powerful road plows and a rotary blower have been procured here for maintaining the routes to Brownsburg, to Grenville and to St. Andrews East. These Roads Dept. machines will be centrally stationed at the government garage in East Ward, and their proximity for immediate action will greatly benefit the surrounding district.

Congregation Hears Missionary from China, Among Canadian Repatriates

Rev. G. K. King Home from Prolonged Internment at Wahsein, North China

Speaking before the congregation of Lachute United Church on Sunday morning, the Rev. G. K. King told in subdued expression of the intense joy he felt at once again being privileged to stand in the pulpit, a free man, following his prolonged internment at Camp Wahsein, North China.

(The Rev. G. K. King is a brother of Lewis J. King, inspector of schools and resident of this town).

Mr. King first went to China as a missionary in 1922, and following a brief furlough returned again in 1938.

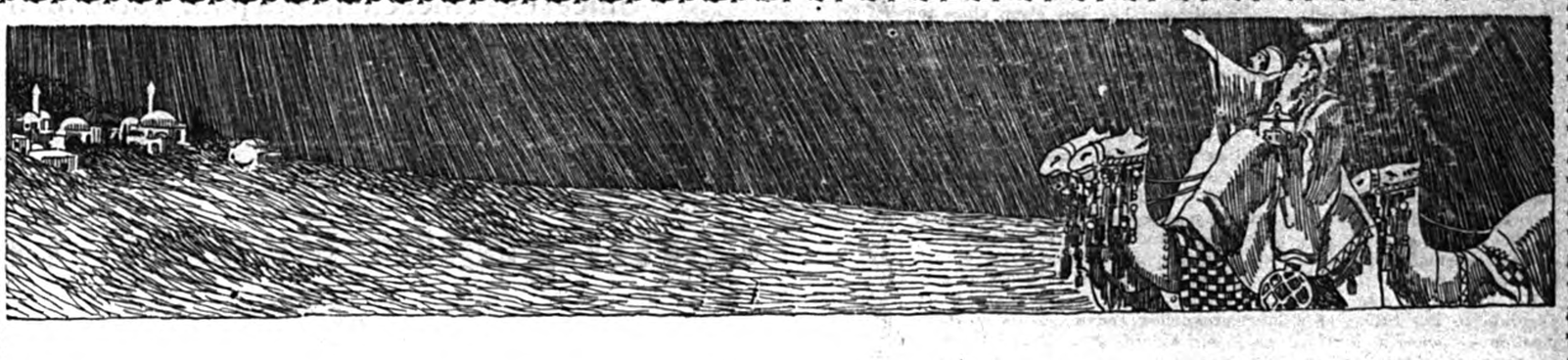
Mr. King said: "There is an excitement about going to a foreign land. There are new sights and there is the thrill of strange experiences. But these cannot compare with the thrill and joy of returning to one's native country. This is doubly true when one comes from a Japanese concentration camp in war-torn China to the peace and plenty and the ordered ways of Canada. It is good to be home!" . . .

"The treatment received by Canadians resident in North China after the outbreak of the Pacific war varied according to the locality in which one lived. Apparently much of the responsibility for whatever attitude was taken rested with the local authorities," said the speaker.

"It was not until the last of March of this year that nearly all enemy aliens in North China were gathered together in a 'civilian assembly centre' in Shantung. On grounds of business necessities or of compassion, a few were permitted to remain in the British Legation Compound, Peking. There was also a small group in Cheefoo. The rest, some eighteen hundred people, were confined within the walls of a compound sixteen acres in area.

"Here we lived as one big family. American and British, Belgian and Dutch and others; Roman Catholic Fathers and Sisters, Protestant missionaries, business and professional men, women and children — all joined to make the best of a difficult situation. There was a fine spirit of co-operation in the group. Raw materials were provided by the Japanese authorities, but the preparation of meals and all the fatigue work and all the internal administration of the camp, was in the hands of our own

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The Wise Men Followed a Star . . .

As the wise men followed the symbolic Star of the East, so must we, as citizens of God's universe, follow the shining light of a better world order . . . for all nations and for their peoples.

Progressive leaders in all lands are advocating "reform" . . . but plans must be made ready for immediate action, if catastrophe such as that of the last post-war era is to be averted.

The Star of western civilization must be founded on the principles of Christ . . . of love and understanding for all men, of their right to work in an order of security and free from the fear of want. Better education and greater opportunities are a nation's birthright . . . improved living conditions, medical facilities to care for the sick, and adequate allowances for the aged, belong to the new age.

This idealism may be attained — if Christian men and women pool their energies and brains, and work for that order, promised since the memorable day when those Wise Men of old also looked for the sign of new joy and peace for humanity.

SEASONAL GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS !



Former Brownsb'g Manufacturer Died Tuesday in Mont'l

Late J. Procule Lépine

Brownsburg — Following a brief illness, J. Procule Lépine, 81 years of age, former resident of Brownsburg, died in Montreal on Tuesday, December 21.

Mr. Lépine, who was well known and esteemed in this district, had been a citizen of Brownsburg for 25 years before establishing himself in Montreal 16 years ago. He was born in Rigaud, Que., June 9 1862, and in 1902 he purchased a sawmill on the outskirts of Brownsburg, which he later convedted into a sash and door factory. After a quarter of a century in the business of sash and door manufacturing he sold his mill to his son, J. Dorius Lépine, now mayor of Brownsburg, and went to Montreal, where he resided until his death. In all the years he resided at Brownsburg he was noted for his social and charitable activities. He also acted in various capacities on the school and municipal boards of the Township of Chatham, and his passing will be mourned by a host of friends.

He is survived by his widow, the former Elisa St. Denis, his children, Wilfrid, Rose (Mrs. Pierre Boissé), Dorius, Florida, Berthe (Mrs. Armand Fontaine), Donalda (Mrs. Lucien Plourde), Ernest, Laura (Mrs. H. Booth), Aurore, Osias, Imelda (Mrs. Ernest Bedard), and Solange (Mrs. Hormisdas Hade), also many grandchildren.

The funeral was held in Montreal today, Thursday, the remains being brought here for interment.

Canada is now buying coffee to the full extent of its allocation of shipping and that is barely enough to meet the rate of consumption.

Local Children Write to Santa

Montreal — "What are children asking for in and around Lachute this year, Santa Claus?"

The merry old fellow, rosy-cheeked and white-whiskered, shook with laughter as he heard this question in his lair at Eaton's, Montreal. He produced a great stack of letters, 15,000 in all, but still only a part of the 35,000, from all parts of the province he expects to have piled up by Christmas Eve.

"Well, well," he boomed. "Just take a look for yourself."

Wrote little Gladys, of R.R.3, Lachute: "Dear Santa Claus, I listen to you every night on the radio, you called my name once. Well Santa, I would like skies and skates. Sincerely." . . . And Douglas, also of Lachute, wrote: "I am trying very hard to be good. I would like a small train, a pair of skiies and poles, and pair of warm pygamas. P.S.: I'm going to bed now, Santa."

And so it went, letter upon letter. . . . Children from Lachute, Brownsburg, Morin Heights and the entire district around, are being determinedly good, it appears from their own reports to Santa. They are brushing their teeth, eating their porridge, being obedient to Mummy and Teacher, washing their faces without being asked. There is a growing demand for war savings stamps, reflecting the war stamp drive now being conducted in schools and stores.

From New Glasgow wrote one, Doris: "My big sister said she was writing to you so I am going to write to you too. I want a big doll for Christmas."

Lillian, in Morin Heights, produced: "Dear Santa Claus: I listend to you on our radio was glad to here you. Would you please bring me candies, stockings, gluves and a doll." From Lachute, R.R.1: Ainslie said: "I want a toy elephant and I want a toy drum and a book and a little flag and a wee tidebear. I want a swing I want a toy squirrel. The end. Love."

KING TO BE HEARD AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M.

Toronto, Ont.—The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has announced its national and French networks will carry the King's Christmas Day address to the Empire 10 to 10.15 a.m., EDT., December 25. The speech will be preceded by a one-hour Empire broadcast.

The speech will be repeated to national and French networks at nine p.m.

Company Issues Amusing Leaflet

"Looking Back" is the theme and title of an interesting pamphlet issued by the Salada Tea Company, a staunch advertiser in the majority of Canadian weeklies. Its pages present in word and picture some highlights of the fashions, transportation, farming and current events of the times contemporary with the debut of the Salada enterprise, half a century ago. The pamphlet reproduces many of those old cuts and illustrations of the period, which one regrets not having clipped and saved for their rare antiquity. — The extravagant claims of proprietary medicine ads; the "daring" burlesque artists condemned by clerics as "bold, brazen hussies"; a photograph of "Canada's first horseless carriage" and the sensational headlines telling how "Toronto Man Speeds City Streets at 15 M.P.H. in Electrically Powered Buggy". Included in this leaflet is the reproduction of a page from the Toronto Evening Telegram dated Saturday, September 30, 1893.

—There is much waste of good paper nowadays, but this departure from conventional publicity has crammed a load of enlightenment into a minimum of space.

Tell How Soldiers Overseas Spend Christmas Day

How Canadians serving overseas spend Christmas will be told by CBC war correspondents in a special broadcast on Boxing Day.

The program will be heard over the National Network of the CBC, on Sunday, December 26, at 6.30 p.m. EDT.

Matthew Halton and Marcel Ouimet will report from Italy, telling of the boys who are fighting their way north through the mud and rain of the Adriatic coast. From Algiers, Benoit Lafleur, who is accredited to the French national committee of liberation, will tell what Christmas is like in Tunisia, where skiing in the mountains and swimming in the warm coastal waters can both be part of Christmas Day.

Paul Barette, Peter Stursberg, and Andrew Cowan, will come in from London with Christmas news of the Canadian troops in England, and the various ways they celebrate the day.

FARMING'S FUTURE

A complete farming program for Northern Ontario must be twofold. It must provide ways in which farmers now here may become better and more prosperous farmers, able to give their families enjoyment of the fruits of the modern industrialized world. In this respect the problem is simply the problem of agriculture throughout the whole continent, complicated by the factors present in a new and separately settled area. The solution to many of the difficulties is in the farmers' own hands, and can be met co-operatively, although in the higher levels of prices determined on world markets political action is necessary. —Cochrane Northern Post

Lions' Bonspiel At Curling Club

The Lions Club bonspiel being held at the curling rink is proving most successful, and up to the present time a considerable amount in proceeds has been received towards the fund for cigarettes for local boys overseas.

A number of teams from Hawkesbury, Vankleek Hill, Alexandria and Montreal have assisted during the week and helped along with this effort.

Play has consisted of mixed teams in the local games, and the lady curling enthusiasts have willingly given their assistance.

Owing to the home activities and sickness usually prevalent at this time of year, play in this bonspiel has been suspended for the balance of this week, but will be resumed again during the early part of next.

Uses 'Pole Charge' Technique on Jap Pillboxes

Mrs. Christina Palliser Chapman, formerly of Lachute and well known to ladies of this community, has sent an interesting clipping from the New York Times regarding exploiits of Lt. Thomas B. Palliser, only son of the late Thos. Palliser, who is also well remembered by the older citizenry of this town. The Times story reads as follows:

At Butaritari the Japanese had strong defences formed of concrete and coral pillboxes, with machine guns, grenades and knee mortars as weapons, besides rifles. There was a puzzling absence of heavy guns. However, point-blank fire from 75-m.m. guns on tanks proved most effective against the pillboxes. The usual tank tactic was to fire at a pillbox, then waddle up and sit on it.

A lot of pillboxes would not crumble under the weight of a tank. In such cases, combat engineers commanded by Lieut. Thomas B. Palliser, of 423 Westminister Road, Brooklyn, would send a man forward under cover of heavy rifle fire to insert a nine-pound charge of TNT into the pillbox with a twelve-foot pole. A non-electrical fuse gave the man twenty seconds to scramble out of range of the blast. There were about twenty pillboxes, which served a dual purpose as air-raid shelters, and the so-called "pole charge" proved a most effective way of knocking them out. Grenades did not work so well, because the Japanese would throw them out before they exploded.

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Butaritari is on Makin Island, an important Gilbert Islands base now belonging to the United Nations again. On the morning of November 23, Major-Gen. Ralph Smith sent this message to Rear-Admiral Turner, commander of the Gilberts task force: "Makin taken."

Canada Made the Miracle Possible

Describing himself as "one of the boys in the back room of the British Ministry of Food since 1939," John Maud, C.B.E., secretary to the Ministry, told the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference how he and his colleagues appreciate the part Canadian farmers are playing in providing Britain with bacon.

With the collapse of the Low Countries in 1940 and the consequent loss of bacon supplies from across the channel, there was no possible alternative to obtaining bacon from Canada if Britain were to continue fighting. "A miracle had to happen if the British Ministry of Food were to keep people fed, and we of the British Ministry appreciate the part the people of Canada have played in making possible this miracle. We shan't forget," said Mr. Maud.

"Breakfast is the one meal in the day that is rather unsatisfactory," he said. "For most of us it consists of tea, toast with little margerine to spread on the toast and less marmalade to spread on the margerine. Then there is porridge which, because of the milk shortage, is rather thick. Did we not have the four-ounce bacon ration, it would be impossible for us to have even the one cooked breakfast to which we look forward every week."

Visitors to U.S. Need Certificates of Birth

Ottawa, Dec. 19 (CP) — Native-born Canadian citizens, who will not require border-crossing cards for temporary visits to the United States after January 1, will be required to produce documents showing conclusively that they were born in the Dominion, United States legation officials said Saturday.

The exact requirements probably will be set forth in an official announcement this week.

The concession to the native-born will not be extended to British subjects born outside Canada, such as those who came here from the United Kingdom.

Officials said a national registration card definitely would not be sufficient to take a Canadian across the border without additional documents which showed he was born in Canada. Although the required documents could not be stated yet, spokesmen said it appeared that a birth certificate, accompanied by a letter from a police chief or other authority varifying the certificate was in the proper hands, might be sufficient.

The lossening of the regulations affects persons crossing the border for stays of 29 days or less.

THE SCOUT CODE

London (CP) — "No thanks — I'm a Scout," said troop leader Colin Knight when someone offered him the equivalent of $1.25 after he had been given the Scouts' Certificate for catching a runaway pony.

"Too Little, Too Late" Changed to Cry "Enough and On Time," says Gen. Mg'r Of D.I.L. in Tribute to B'burg Workers

(Special to The Lachute Watchman)

"If in the fifth year of the war we had not built up stocks to the point where current manufacture could be reduced, if we still needed to operate all equipment at the maximum to meet day to day requirements, then we should have failed and failed miserably in our task. It would still be too little and too late and a bitter reproach to planning and production in Canada".

This statement was made by H. Greville Smith, vice-president and general manager of Defence Industries Limited, the wartime subsidiary of Canadian Industries Limited, when he addressed and presented individual safety prizes to the employees of the "Dominion" Ammunition Works of C-I-L at Brownsburg last Thursoay. The plant-wide distribution of prizes was an award under the Company's No-Accident Record Plan and was won by the Brownsburg employees for having completed a period of 174 days without a lost-time accident.

Continuing his theme, Mr. Greville Smith said: "We have built up our stocks on all the fighting fronts and we should be proud, very proud, that today we have enough and to spare and we can release from munitions manufacture some men and women sorely needed by other and now more urgent work. The possibility of reductions in certain schedules is a tribute to what has been achieved by the munitions industry and there can be none higher".

In speaking of the future, Mr. Greville Smith said that in the coming year they would in all possibility see more curtailment of war production as the war program of the Department of Munitions and Supply fills the supply bases of our armies overseas and places our armed forces in the position to drive on to Victory secure in the knowledge that they have on hand adequate supplies of weapons of all kinds.

He likened a war production program to the filling of a long pipeline — once it is filled the supply at the filling end can only be enough to replenish the withdrawals at the using end. "Our long pipelines from North America", he said, "to all the battle fronts of the world are nearly full and the future production must be reduced to their usage at the front. But let us be thankful that these pipelines are full, for in 1940, 1941 and 1942 they were perilously empty."

"As the pressure of war output falls", he continued, "it is to be expected that some materials will be released for the manufacture of civilian goods, which has already taken place, as in the instance of certain metals for household appliance manufacture. Not all war production will decline however", he declared, "for there are still important needs. Aircraft needs new weapons and similar supplies that are required in steady or even increasing quantities".

He further pointed out that the war production barometer had swung to change: "Stocks of most types of war material have been built up from the output of the new factories in the last two years and now no longer is the need desperate for every last bit of output from some of these wartime plants. But the shortage of men and women for the armed services, and for certain munitions and essential civilian goods, is most pressing and the need today is for maximum personal efficiency even at the expense of efficient use of equipment of which we now have plenty. The former shortage of equipment has now given place to a shortage of manpower".

Concluding, he said: "How are we to regard this situation when we see excess capacity for various materials of war? Changes in program when they are downward are hard on the morale of the men and women at the machines and produce great problems for management and there has been some tendency in the country to criticize the closing down or reducing of various factories as evidence of poor planning and overproduction and blame the government accordingly. That I think is wholly wrong. How often, in the first two years of war, did we hear the pathetic cry of 'too little and too late' and how often did we read the sorry tale of defeat and withdrawal because we just had not got the necessary supplies or the ships to hold out against the attack of a well supplied enemy".

"Today", he ended, "the cry of 'too little and too late' can be changed to 'enough and on time' and of this accomplishment Canadian war workers should be justly proud".

CELEBRATED 21st BIRTHDAY OVER BERLIN



On the night of August 23rd, aircraft of R.A.F. Bomber Command carried out a heavy attack on Berlin. . . . Picture made at a Stirling station just before the raid shows members of his crew toasting their Captain, F/Sgt. S. Mason, of "Mount Pleasant", Middle Herrington, near Sunderland, who celebrated his 21st birthday anniversary over Berlin. Immediately after midnight, and in the first seconds of Mason's birthday, his crew joined in serenading him on the inter-com, with "Happy birthday to you".

Wage for Housewives Is Scheme in Britain

A new plan whereby all British housewives would be paid a weekly "salary" of approximately four dollars has just been approved by the Liberal Women's Federation — according to a cable despatch this week to The Montreal Gazette.

This scheme, which has been devised by Lady Rhys William, a prospective parliamentary candidate for the Liberal party, argues that every housewife deserves a financial return for her "unpaid domestic duties". The government, according to this plan, would foot the bill through income tax.

The question of some kind of payment for the work of the ordinary housewife was recently debated in British courts when Mrs. Dorothy Blackwell, separated from her husband, sued him for an amount over four hundred dollars which she had saved from housekeeping money. The judge ruled that all household savings belonged to the husband, and meetings of Married Women's Association and other organizations have been protesting the decision ever since.

Logging and construction camps registered as quota users are among the "preferred users" under canned vegetable distribution.

Decorate Christmas Tree 1,300 Feet Under Ground

About ten years ago, in Ishpeming, Mich., timber haulers were on their way to a mine to put up some trussing, found a small Christmas tree on the side of the road which had probably fallen from a truck.

One of the men picked up the tree and threw it on top of the timber. At the mine the tree was sent down 1,300 feet into the mine. One of the miners picked it up, put it on the side of the passageway. At lunch time some of the miners decorated the tree with bits of paper from their lunch kits.

"Let's do this every year," one of them suggested.

Since then a small Christmas tree is set up in the Michigan mine passageway. And not only the miners, but their guests, gather 'round the tree at 6 a.m., exchange gifts and indulge in small talk for about a half hour before starting their shift.

TO STIMULATE MOTORING

London (CP) — Three national motor associations — the Automobile Association, the Royal Scottish and the Royal Irish Automobile clubs — have made plans to stimulate post-war motor touring of the British Isles.



In appreciation of your support and friendship, the Season's Greetings are extended for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Meilleurs souhaits de la saison et que l'année nouvelle vous apporte une grande prospérité. Sincères remerciements pour votre bien veillance au cours de l'année dernière.

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DEHYDRATED FISH PLANNED TO HELP POST-WAR EUROPE

Successful Experiments Result in Concentrated and Nourishing Product Rich in Protein

By KATHLEEN REX,
Canadian Press Staff Wditer

Vancouver, Dec. 18 (CP) — Small, hard grains of a cereal-like substance filled the glass beaker — dehydrated herring which E. P. Sidaway of the Vancouver Fisheries Experimental Station says may help relieve the tremendous shortage of food in post-war Europe.

"Since June, we've been trying to find a satisfactory method of dehydrating fish," he explained. "Now our only problem is what we're going to pack it in. Dehydrated fish must be kept in airtight containers as it absorbs moisture easily."

He added some water to the beaker. "This will soak in, then your fish is ready for cooking," he said. "What's more you'll find it has lost none of its former good flavor."

"Probably dehydrated fish will never become a peacetime product," Sidaway continued. "When they can get it, people prefer their fish, fresh, frozen or smoked. Put in these times it should prove invaluable. It keeps indefinitely. It's concentrated. Approximately 10 pounds of dehydrated herring equals 100 pounds of ordinary herring — this should solve the problem of shipping space. Rich in protein, this new product will be a nourishing food for the people who need it most.

Tests At Three Stations

Three experimental stations at Seattle, Vancouver and Newfoundland, have been working on fish dehydration. Every species of fish found near each of the stations is carefully tested. Herring, brill, grey cod, ling cod, red snapper, halibut, salmon and dog fish are among the fish used at the Vancouver station.

"We had to make most of our own equipment," said Sidaway, leading the way back of the station, where there's a small cannery. "The necessary material is hard to get these days."

The fish is cleaned and then steamed in a large oven. Skinned and deboned, it is put under pressure of approximately 100 pounds for each square inch. This is to remove as much as the oil and water as possible.

"We take out all the oil we can," said Sidaway, "it tends to become rancid more quickly when the fish is dry."

The fish is minced in an ordinary meat grinder and ground material spread on wire screen trays, ready to be placed on the rotating belt and so into the dehydrator. It takes approximately four hours (according to the kind of fish) before dehydration is complete.

I sampled one of the grains just after it had come out of the dehydrator. It tasted like very good — and very fresh — fish.

Women's Institutes Fill Ditty Bags

The Women's Institutes of Quebec filled and forwarded 500 ditty bags during the early winter months, for distribution in the Navy. These bags have an average value of about five dollars each, and contain things that will be useful to men away from their homes, and to many will constitute the only Christmas gifts they will receive.

Consumers are advised to consult dealers' price charts when buying meat at retail.

Winter Keeping Of House Plants

One common cause of failure with house plants in the winter time is that they are kept in rooms that are far too warm. Sixty to sixty-five degrees F. is the ideal temperature for house plants. A good rule to follow is to try to keep the room as cool as is consistent with personal comfort.

As a general rule, flowering plants need all the sunlight they can get, especially during the winter months. Ferns should be placed where there will be an abundance of light, but not direct sunlight. Foliage plants are more tolerant of insufficient light, but in winter time they may be placed in direct sunlight.

Windows should be tight to prevent direct draughts on the plants. A dry atmosphere is to be avoided because it not only stunts the plants but favors the increase of certain pests, such as red spider and thrips. Moisture in the air around the plants may be increased by standing the pots in shallow trays filled with pebbles, gravel, or moss and keeping this material moist.

A mixture of two parts good garden loam soil, one part rotted manure and one part sand, will generally fulfil the soil requirements for potted plants. This will allow both air and water to pass through the soil reasonably well. Further provision for drainage may be made by placing a layer of small stones or similar material on the bottom of the pots where the holes are to carry off excess water.

Bernard Bercovitz, Toronto aircraft manufacturer, was fined $5,000 or three months in jail, for hoarding.

It is estimated that members and friends of the Navy League use about 60,000 pounds of wool a year in making the things which go, with loving care, into ditty bags.

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Greeting to Old Friends !

With this Christmas edition, bearing greetings and acknowledgments from the businessmen of the community, The Watchman extends to its readers a cordial wish for happiness at the festive season.

Synonymous with Christmas, it seems, is the cherishing of old associations; and in a community whose exultations and tribulations it has shared for sixty-six long years — a major portion of that span under its present ownership — The Watchman feels itself a definite part in the progress and experience of this countryside.

There is more, therefore, that a seasonable phrase and a courteous word, in our annual greeting. There is a depth of real sincerity — which extends beyond, into our hopes and anticipations for the coming year, that 1943 may see the realization of Victory, the solace it will bring to those in sorrow, the triumph with which it will reward our fighting men, and the unspeakable relief of those in distant lands whose grief and suffering we share. . . .

To this great hope we add the wish of personal happiness and health to all.

Christmas, 1943

Christmas celebrations converge on the message and promise inherent in the birth of the Saviour. Nearly 2,000 years ago the first Christmas tidings were spoken, and through war or peace the message of goodwill has been carried by the hearts and the voices of men.

The Christian spirit of goodwill and fellowship is felt most powerfully at Christmas. No individual remains untouched by the hope and friendliness which reign during the closing weeks of each successive year. The world lives anew under the inspiriation of the Christmas season, when mutual goodwill kindles a sense of tolerance and well-being. Christendom quickens with a power and confidence that goodness and truth may yet be the mainspring of world activity.

The beginning of a new world is foreshadowed by the tremendous plans wrought recently at the conference of the world's great leaders. There is now a conviction of victory which in itself creates the feeling of fellowship and binds the 44 United Nations of diverse races and creeds in unalterable purpose.

This Christmas we experience in a double measure the community of world-fellowship — the commemoration of the birth of the founder of Christianity and the firm, unwavering tread of the Allied forces on the road to victory.

For almost 2,000 years there has been the promise of a world of goodwill heralded by the angels over Bethlehem. For the brief season of Christmas the spirit of the Christ child breathes through carols, gifts and warm friendliness. The hope prevails that in some way this spirit will be carried forward into the years of victory which will bring problems that only justice and unswerving resolution can solve.

Results of A County Health Unit

While there is a general belief that a County Health Unit has beneficial results on the country as a whole, it is seldom that any specific results can be shown. On this subject, however, the Granby Leader-Mail finds evidence in a comparison between two neighboring communities.

There is food for thought in a comparison which may be made in clinics which are being held under the sponsorship of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind at the present time, states our exchange. . . .

After a survey in Magog, it was found that there were ninety-seven children in the public schools with serious defective eyesight, fifty-five of which were extremely serious.

In Granby, a much larger place, there were only 30 serious cases found in all the public schools. In Shefford County in which Granby is located there has been a County Health Unit functioning for several years, while in Stanstead County, in which Magog is located, there has been no Health Unit.

There may be other reasons for the disproportionate showing of the two towns, but on the face of it, there is every reason to conclude that the work of the Health Unit has prevented the eyesight of many children in Granby from becoming defective.

Qualities of A Man

It is with something akin to affection that Canadians — along with Britishers across the Empire — have watched for news of Winston Churchill's recovery. Word that the great Prime Minister is fast regaining his health will give added zest to the cheer of Christmastide.

At the same time it is remarkable that a public leader, with power at his command and the moulding of nations in his hands, one with the force and determination to carry his policies to conclusion, should so touch the hearts of humble folks. — Surely this is the stamp of a man.

A Power for Good

Stories of the benevolence of Harry F. McLean, Merrickville contractor, who recently presented the boys in Christie Street Hospital, Toronto, with one hundred dollar bills, are many, as recalled to us by an Ottawa man who appears to be in the know.

Meeting a man with an old truck in his home town, Harry McLean asked him what he was going to with it, and he said he was going into business. "Why," McLean said, "nobody would ever give you business with an old contraption like that — come with me," and taking him to a local garage, he bought him the best truck available.

On another occasion McLean's car is alleged to have run over a flower bed at a hospital. In a few days men arrived with more flowers than the hospital ever saw, the flower beds were completely transformed, and there was a fine cheque from the millionaire in addition.

We think it was the late Elbert Hubbard who said: "By doing good with his money, a man stamps it with the image of heaven." To reporters in Ottawa the Merrickville millionaire said the only way to get happiness out of life, is to put happiness into life. This splendid philosophy is recommended to other men of great wealth. The thought that they are given riches in trust and that they are the medium through which it might be distributed where it will do the most good, may not be an empty one, as witness the benevolence of Henry Ford and Andrew Carnegie, among others.

—Trenton Courier Advocate

Language of Mercy

—" . . . and on earth peace, good will toward men."

In a recent article in the London Spectator, Harold Nicholson tells of a visit to Danish Jewish refugees in Sweden, paying tribute to the English language that is worth remembering.

"In a gallery which ran along the main building several Jewish families were waiting to have their names and occupations entered on a card index," he says. "As we entered the gallery, policemen sprang to attention and a spasm flashed in the faces of the refugees. I raised my voice and said something aloud in English. Immediately they grinned slyly at each other, knowing that each for a horrible second had supposed that the Gestapo had come. Never until that moment had I realized the confidence, the relief, which a few words of the English language can inspire."

Those whose mother tongue is English may well be proud that this language is coming to be known throughout the earth as the language of peace, of mercy, and of protection. Doubtless the opportunity will increase, with the coming years, to prove this. —Christian Science Monitor

TRIBUTE TO IDEALS OF JOHN BRACKEN

Maybe — who knows? — in all good time the gods will take a hand in politics in Canada and bring into the direction of affairs a great tranquilizer, with none of the inherited prejudices and hatreds of politics — another Cincinnatus.

The legend which made Cincinnatus the beau-ideal of the virtuous Romans is that twice he was called from the plough reluctantly to assume direction of the affairs of a nation torn and weakened by class dissensions and that twice he saved the strife-torn Roman republic — first from almost certain defeat by outside enemies and next from civil war.

Defeat from outside enemies is not so threatening for Canada as it was, but certainly the condition which will follow victory offers prospectively something of a parallel to that which prevailed in ancient Rome when Cincinnatus received his second call from the plough.

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The most unpolitical political leader who has emerged in Canada since Confederation is John Bracken, a farmer who has received two calls to leadership, the first call to bring peace to the farming province of Manitoba, torn by class strife — which peace he brought; and the second call, not yet popularly endorsed, to bring peace amid furious class struggles in the national arena.

Putting all politics aside, we do not think that any leader of our day has so happily outlined the antidote for Canada's political ills as Mr. Bracken outlined it in these words:

"In the future the government must become the balance-wheel of the nation. Its first consideration must be to curb the excesses and supplement the efforts of those who produce, finance, and distribute the wealth of the country."

No matter what party is in power, if that is the controlling principle of government we shall emerge from the war a stronger nation. No matter what party is in power, if that is not the guiding principle of the government we shall emerge from it into a period when the nation will be torn and weakened as never before by class dissensions.

We won't go into his elaboration of this guiding principle, but we do commend his remark that:

"The watchwords of the future, I suggest, must be decentralization, not centralization; co-operation, not state dictation; expanding production, not scarcity; and widening areas of trade, not restrictive practices."

—Montreal Herald

Peace is not the absence of conflict in life but the ability to cope with it.

A Cruel Reminder

It hardly seems fair to the old gentleman with the whiskers and the reindeer to bring up the subject, but perhaps it would be well for Christmas celebrants to bear certain sad facts in mind before wasting too much time and money standing in the line for Christmas cheer. December 31, in case you forget, is the date of the next income tax payment for those who pay on the quarterly instalment plan, and for farmers. It is also the last day for clearing off the 1942 balance without penalties.

—London Free Press

The warning against careless talk in wartime suggested a new method of teasing newlywed couples. On the back of a bridal car in addition to the usual boot, was hung a notice which read: "The result of careless talk."

After completing his program of raids, the young R.A.F. pilot was enjoying a spot of leave in civvies.

As he passed along a busy street a determined-looking lady eyed him coldly and handed him a white feather.

"Pardon me madam," he asked politely, "but are you moulting?"

The weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex shows the weaker sex is the stronger sex.



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Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada

By Jim Greenblat

Capital squibs: A loud-speaking system installed at the Ottawa Union Station will announce train times, tracks, etc.; badly needed where huge throngs always gather for trains. . . Opened last July, the Women's Active Service Club canteen has served 50,329 service girls already, the committee reports. . . . The guy is psychic: T. G. Lewis, a carbon and ribbon co. president here found a book of raffle tickets in his desk sent by a friend in Woodstock, decided to send along $5, and won himself a model home valued at $4,000 . . . Famous negro band leader "Cab" Calloway played Ottawa but wanted to see it from a taxi-cab . . . gave the cabbie $15.35 for a $10.35 fare, made the headlines. . . . Thieves who stole Public Works Minister Fournier's automobile used it to carry stolen goods in two break-ins, got caught. . . . Army here reports Victory Loan subscriptions at Kiska in the Aleutians went over the $250,000 mark and that a French-Canadian regiment there broke all Army records, signing 100 % of personnel for more than 200% of quota.

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Price Board rulings you should know: Christmas and New Years dinners in cafes and hotels cannot be increased in price for the same type of meal as on an ordinary day. . . . Repairs for farm machinery are not rationed . . . There is no ceiling on grower sales to the trade on clover and alfalfa seed the grower being free to get best price according to quality of product. . . Amendment to meatless Tuesday now goes farther than applying only to "quota users", it is extended to "anyone who supplies meals or refreshments for other than his personal or household consumption" . . . Imitation spices, replacing pure varieties in short supply owing to the war, have been brought under price ceiling . . . Plans between the Board and manufacturers will probably increase production of shoes for children by at least a million pairs for 1944.

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Canucks overseas are certainly thinking of their return to civilian life. The study courses offered by the Canadian Legion Educational Services have had an enrolment of 35,338 men, with more than a thousand a month currently signing up. They take everything from automotive engineering, diesel engineering, to bookkeeping, welding, physics and social studies. The courses were first offered in 1940 and have been extremely popular with our boys

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Any woman who has looked with despair on her dowdy, old-fashioned wordrobe and wished she knew what to do with it, needs the inspiration of the "Re-make Wrinkle" handbook. Anyone can get the book by writing to the Consumer Branch, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Ottawa. Printed on yellow paper, this pamphlet contains all kinds of suggestions for re-making different types of garments. Principally concerned with cutting grown-ups clothes down for children, the book also features ideas for the adult wardrobe.

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The R.C.A.F. after training fifteen complete crews for the work, is about ready to start its new airmail service covering 9,000 miles, bringing mail in quick order to your soldiers, sailors and airmen as far away as Cairo. The new service will be based at Ottawa, span the Atlantic and relay it from Britain. Mail to men in Italy and the middle East had been running as much as two months behind.

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Of interest to farmers: E. S. Archibald, director of the Experimental Farm Service, says that producers of Canada's foodstuffs are paying income taxes in small numbers, not of their own choice but for the simple reason that the earning power in labour income on the average farm, even with the free labour of wife and children thrown in, is little more than that which industry and Governments pay to a Grade 1 stenographer. . . During the fiscal year 1942-43, there were 1,197 cheese factories in Canada which received a premium on account of having manufactured cheese scoring 93 points or higher. . . Wholesale prices for Canadian farm products moyed up gradually in November to reach a peak level (index) of 104.5, compared with 103.8 a month earlier.

War Christmas

The ingenuity of Santa Claus has been sadly taxed this year. He has done his best to turn out tanks and guns made of wood and cardboard, but there are no clockwork mechanisms. Wooden trains lack the mobility of the streamlined electrics of a few Christmases ago. Even dolls this year are so economically constructed as to force the conclusion that many of Santa's elves and gnomes have been caught by a compulsory transfer order.

It's rather tough on parents, whose imaginations are no longer equal to creating a land of make-believe without the elaborate props of pre-war Christmases. One can hardly spend an afternoon demonstrating to little Johnny the proper method of running a wooden tractor.

For wee Johnny and his friends, the situation is not too serious. One young lady of our acquaintance, forbidden the use of her skipping-rope indoors, because of possible damage to mantel-piece ornaments, still skips happily in the living room, swinging an imaginary rope. Almost any evening after school is out one can observe sanguinary engagements waged against Japs and Germans with weapons that an unsympathetic observer might mistake for broomsticks and garden tools. A battered express-wagon is easily converted into a tank, a naval gun or a dive-bomber.

And Santa Claus has given the parents one break. This year the after-dinner nap will not be interrupted by the notes of a tin trumpet.

—The Printed Word

"CHRISTMAS CAROL" STILL BEST-SELLER

100th Anniversary Observed for Charles Dickens' Famed Book

New York, Dec. 19 (AP) — Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" ended its first 100 years today as a best seller.

"A most prodigious success" — Dickens' own description of the reception given his Christmas ghost story, which sold 6,000 copies within a few days of publication during the Christmas season of 1843 — is still appropriate this Christmas season of 1943.

United States book shops reported The Carol still ranked high on Christmas book lists, and Dean Frank Luther Mott of the school of journalism of the University of Missouri, said that well over 2,000,000 copies had been sold in the United States since publication.

"Dickens was the best selling author in the history of American publishing," said Dean Mott, an authority on best sellers in America. "Nine of his novels sold more than 1,000 each in this country, and seven more around a half-million. But "A Christmas Carol" tops them all and is among the dozen best selling books ever offered by American booksellers.

"It is still the most popular Christmas story outside of the Bible."

This Christmas season may also see Dickens' original autographed manuscript, owned by the Pierpont Morgan library in New York, brought from its wartime hiding place.

Library officials said the manuscript on the title page of which Dickens wrote, "My Own and Only Ms of The Book. Charles Dickens," would be returned to New York with other literary treasures which were removed from the city when the United States entered the war.

Aim high, or you'll hit low.



"What's your hurry? You stared long enough at that window of golf clubs and checked hose!"

Laugh 'n Like It!

"I suppose it was necessary for you to visit me as often as you did, doctor?" queried the convalescent, studying the bill.

"My dear chap," replied the doctor, "you were in danger every time I visited you."

She: "Darling, it's just a year today since our honeymoon, when we spent that wonderful day on the sands."

He: "We never thought then that we'd be spending our first anniversary on the rocks."

It was one of those days when there was nothing doing in the bank branch in a small town. The staff had got through somehow with tea and talk until it was time to close.

"Three o'clock," said the manager at last, addressing a junior. "Run and close the front door."

The junior returned in a few minutes and said: "Excuse me, sir, it is closed. We forgot to open it this morning."

Judge: "Did you see the shot that was fired?"

Witness: "No, I only heard it."

Judge: "That is not sufficient evidence. You may retire."

As the witness left the stand and while his back was turned to the judge he laughed out loud. At once the judge recalled him for contempt of court.

Witness: "Did you see me laugh?"

Judge: "No, but I heard you."

Witness: "Insufficient evidence, Your Honor."

A missionary in Africa was trying to impress upon a negro convert that it was not right to have more than one wife.

"When you get back home," he said, "tell all your wives except one that they can no longer look upon you as their husband."

The negro scratched his head thoughtfully and said, "You tell them, massa."



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DISTRICT NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Harrington

Mr. J. G. Bennett and son, Gordon, of Mount Royal, spent last week-end in Harrington.

Mrs. N. E. McCaig, of Lachine, is spending the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. C. Bennett.

Miss Maud Dobbie, of Lachute, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dobbie this week.

Miss Jessie Campbell, of Montreal, is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Campbell, this week.

The Farm Forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bennett on Monday.

Owing to so much sickness, the Women's Missionary meeting which was to have been held on Saturday last, was postponed until a later date.

Cushing West

Miss Dorothy Weir, of West Hill High School, Montreal, has arrived to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Weir.

Mr. Eddie Whelehan, of Montreal, and little son, Edward, spent the week-end with his friends here.

Mrs. T. W. Weir was hostess to the Ladies' Aid of St. Mungo's at their December meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. E. J. Mahoney, of Toronto, arrived Monday evening to spend the Christmas vacation at the home of her brother, Mr. W. H. Robert, Monalea.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

MARRIAGE

WINMILL - STEIN — Mr. and Mrs. F. Stein, of Lachute Mills, Que., announce the marriage of their daughter, Grace Ida Anna, to Flying Officer Albert Ernest Winmill, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Winmill, of Verdun, Que. The marriage took place on Tuesday, December 14, at the United Church manse.

DEATHS

LEPINE — At Montreal, on December 21, 1943, J. Procule Lépine, formerly of Brownsburg, Que., in his 82nd year.

SCOTT — At Brownsburg, Que., on Tuesday, December 21, 1943, Elizabeth Rogers, wife of the late Walter Scott, in her 67th year. Funeral held today, Thursday at 2.30 p.m., from St. Simeon's Church, Lachute.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

WOOD — Finding myself physically unable to personally acknowledge the many floral tributes and letters of sympathy received since my recent bereavement, and for the many acts of kindness and assistance, I take this opportunity of thanking you one and all. "A friend in need is a friend indeed."
— E. J. Wood

IN MEMORIAM

BARKER — In loving memory of a dear mother who passed away December 18, 1937. — Always remembered by Myrtle and Victor.

A day of remembrance, sad to recall,
The loss of a mother, best friend of all.

MORRISON — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Thomas Barron, who passed away December 29, 1936. — Ever remembered by his wife and family.

NICHOLS — In loving memory of our dear mother, who passed away December 29, 1940. — Ever remembered by Mabel, Muriel and Ruby.

O'BRIEN — In loving memory of a dear father and husband, James O'Brien, who departed this life December 27, 1941. — Ever remembered by his wife and family.

Two years have passed, our hearts still sore,
As time goes on we miss you more,
Of grief and sorrow we've had our share,
But the parting from thee was hardest to bear.

PERKS — In loving memory of Beatrice Mable Perks, called home December 19, 1937. — Tenderly remembered by the Family.

Jesus loves me, loves me still
When I'm very weak and ill,
From his shining throne on high
Comes to watch me where I lie.

SWAIL — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, William J. Swail, who passed away December 22, 1934. — Ever remembered by his wife and family.

A silent thought, a secret tear,
Keeps his memory ever dear;
Time takes away the edge of grief,
But memory turns back every leaf.

Cushing

Miss Dorothy weir arrived home on Monday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Captain and Mrs. T. W. Weir.

Miss Elsie Graham, of Verdun, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Graham.

The Misses Marjorie Beecher and Mona McGain, of Montreal, are spending this week as guests of Capt. and Mrs. T. W. Weir.

Stoker Vincent Elliott, of Montreal, spent the week-end at his home in Cushing.

Mrs. T. W. Weir entertained the Ladies' Aid of St. Mungo's Church on Tuesday.

Miss M. Canning, of St. Eustache, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Canning, for the holidays.

Capt. and Mrs. T. W. Weir motored Mr. and Mrs. John Innes to Ottawa on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Innes are spending the winter in Ottawa with their daughter, Mrs. C. L. Meservey.

Mr. John Douglas left on Monday for Kiosk, where he will spend the winter with his son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Douglas.

Capt. J. D. Weir, of Senneville, visited friends in Cushing on Sunday.

St. Andrews East

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mackay will be guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey York, for the Christmas season.

Mr. Melville Ballantyne occupied his home here over the week-end.

Mr. Cairns, of Sawyerville, is staying with his brother, Mr. Harold Cairns and Mrs. Cairns, for the Yuletide season.

Masters Tupper and Patrick Porter, of Lower Canada College, are spending the vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Porter.

Master Bobby Yale arrived Sunday for several days' visit with his grandparents, who accompanied him to the Town of Mount Royal on Tuesday to spend the Christmas season with their sons, Messrs. Ernest and Harold Yale.

Here for the week-end were — Misses Doris Leroy, Marjorie Gates, AC. Kendric Dorion, R. C. A. F., St. Johns, Billy Robertson, R.C.A.F., Lachine, and Sgt. Kenneth MacAllister.

Miss H. V. Wales entered the Western Division of the Montreal General Hospital for several days' observation.

Miss A. L. Wales is staying with her sister, Miss Evelyn Wales, at Verdun, for the winter season.

Mrs. C. W. Lamb, after a visit in Ottawa, will spend the winter months in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Huggett and family are occupying their residence here for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allan and daughter spent the week-end at their home here.

We are happy to report that two of the more severe cases of 'flu, Messrs. René Giroux and Robert Robinson, are recuperating at their homes.

Miss Elizabeth Wales, of Westmount, arrived on Friday to spend the vacation with her father, Mr. C. S. Wales.

Miss Bessie Rodger, of Montreal West, is staying with her father, Mr. W. J. Rodger, for the vacation.

Miss Margaret Taylor, of Arundel, is vacationing with her sister, Mrs. E. C. Calder and Mr. Calder.

Miss Christina Hooker is spending a few days in Montreal.

W.M.S. Meeting

The W.M.S. of the United Church held their annual meeting on Tuesday, December 14, at the home of Mrs. Yale. The devotions were led by the president, Miss L. W. Lamb. The same slate of officers were re-elected. Excerpts from the study book were read.

Calumet

Sgt. George Martin, R.C.A.F., of Vancouver, is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Martin.

Cpl. Jack Wilkins, of Farnham, visited his grandfather, Mr. F. Lanigan, recently.

Lieut. H. Lessard, of Petawawa, spent a few days' leave with Mrs. Lessard here.

Mrs. L. G. Martin is ill in hospital at Hawkesbury. Her many friends hope she will be home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Jorgensen, of Montebello, were guests on Friday of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Whinfield.

Mr. Grant Robinson, of Montreal, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Robinson.

Master Jeremy Druce entertained his little friends last week in honor of his first birthday.

Brownsburg

Mr. anw Mrs. Floyd Mabee leave for Toronto on Friday, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

LAC. Linton Tomalty is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tomalty.

Lieut R. Rich, of Kingston, Ont., is visiting his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Rich.

Miss M. Kerr, of Ottawa, was a Sunday guest at the home of Mr. David McOuat.

Weir

Mr. J. D. Sobey spent a few days in Montreal last week, returning home on Wednesday.

Among those who spent Saturday in St. Jerome were — Mrs. Geo. Bigrow, Mrs. Earl Christianson, Mrs. R. H. Weldon, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and Mr. Oliver Purcell.

Miss Gayle Hurtubise, who is attending Albert College, Belleville, Ont., arrived home on Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hurtubise.

Pte. Russell Bowie, Canadian Provost Corps, Camp Borden, is spending a week's vacation with his wife and little daughter, Carole, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Craig.

Mrs. H. S. Croysdill is spending some time visiting friends in Montreal.

Mrs. Wm. Bennett with her daughter, Mildred, of Montreal, spent a few days last week at their cottage here.

Mr. Clifford Larose paid a recent short visit to Montreal.

Mrs. Roy Staniforth and family, of Rouge Valley, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams.

Mrs. D. Harpin returned home Saturday after spending a few days in Montreal.

W.A. Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Weir W.A., held Thursday afternoon, December 9, the following officers were elected—Hon. pres., Mrs. F. R. Hughes; pres., Mrs. J. D. Sobey; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. C. Mountain; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. H. Williams; sec.-treas., Mrs. E. J. Craig; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. Robt. Williams; U.T.O. secretary, Mrs. G. Bigrow; R.E.T. Fund, Mrs. P. Larose.

THE WEEKLIES SAY...

By The Canadian Press

Good Work !

Plans for the establishment of a blood donors' clinic under the sponsorship of the Red Cross, were formed at a meeting here. . . . It is expected that the clinic will be opened officially on January 15, when an enrolment of 1,000 is hoped for. —Fort Frances Times

Baloney Rationing

Hitler has ordered all sausages made of potatoes and vegetables—no meat at all. That's the first step the Nazis have taken toward rationing baloney.
—Gananoque Reporter

Healthy Sign

It was a healthy sign in many of the surrounding municipalities to note that there was competition in municipal elections for the various offices. Here and elsewhere acclamations have been urged as one means of saving the expenses of an election. Perhaps this has accounted to some extent for the indifference of the public in turning out to record their vote when an election is held.
—Carleton Place (Ont.) Canadian

Advocate Open Season

Sportsmen . . . are advocating an open season on doe, deer and cow moose next hunting season. Large numbers of does and cows have been seen during the past two or three years without males, and many of them are without fawns or calves. Certainly something will have to be done if we are to maintain these animals in sufficient numbers for normal hunting.
—Quesnel (B.C.) Cariboo Observer

Balky Gun

The deer shooting has been in full swing and many old guns and queer ammunition have been reinstated. One old gun of another decade's manufacture kicked its owner on his back first shot, and not being satisfied with that, hit him three times more after he was down. —Baldur (Man.) Gazette

Norway's Example

Norway's unity is the answer to the partisan struggles in the Balkans and elsewhere. It is only this quality of sound moral leadership that can guarantee the future of this or any land.
—The Pas Northern Mail



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OBITUARY

Lady Resident of Geneva Community Called by Death

Late Miss Carrie Hooker

St. Andrews East — Miss Hooker, who had been in failing health for some months, passed peacefully away on December 13, at the home of her brother, Col. L. M. Hooker, Lachute Road. She was in her 79th year and had been active in home duties, the Women's Institute and the church, until recently. Her consistently faithful character and cheerful disposition had made and retained many friendships during her long life.

She was the daughter of the late Gustavus Adolphus Hooker and his wife, Alice McMartin. Her twin sister, Miss Minnie Hooker, predeceased her five years ago.

The chief mourners are her brother, Leslie M. Hooker and his wife, also two nieces, Miss Christina Hooker and Mrs. D. E. MacDonald, of Montreal; Gunner Edgar Hooker, and Harry Hooker, R.C.A.F., nephews, both overseas.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday afternoon at the United Church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. D. L. Gordon. Owing to the severity of the weather and prevalence of illness some friends from outside the village were unable to attend. The committal service was read before leaving the church. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. P. Bradley, S. W. Rodger, Wm. Watson, John Fraser, Jr., J. Thompson and R. Morrison, of Lachute Road.

It has been revealed that the first British pilot to drop an 8,000 lb. bomb on enemy territory was Rover Scout Peter Merrall, D.F.M., who was posthumously awarded the D.F.C.

Local Ration Boards have done a great deal to assist in maintaining orderly and efficient rationing in Canada.

Verdun Newsman, Henry Emo, Dies

We regret to record the death of one of our newspaper confreres, in the person of Henry Emo, a well known resident of Verdun and advertising manager of the Verdun Messenger, who passed away suddenly last Thursday following a heart attack. He was 59 years of age the same day.

Also active in politics and community life, he founded the Verdun Lions Club and was at the time of his death District Deputy Governor of Lions International.

The funeral, held on Monday, was largely attended, several members of the Lachute Lions Club being present. Mrs. T. Taylor, of Brownsburg, an intimate friend of the family, also attended.

The chief mourners included Mrs. Emo, formerly Miss Nellie Elizabeth Taylor, and two daughters, Mrs. B. A. Noseworthy and Miss Ethel Emo.

Lady Native of St. Andrews East Dies in Brooklyn

Late Miss Sarah A. Kempley

Miss Sarah Ann Kempley died in Brooklyn, N.Y., on December 7, in her 92nd year.

Born in St. Andrews East in 1852, she was the last and youngest child of the late Henry Kempley and Hannah Morrison Kempley.

She is survived by three nieces, Miss Mabel Macdonell, of Bradenton, Florida, Mrs. S. J. McNamara and Miss Roberta Macdonell, both of Brooklyn, N.Y., and by two nephews, H. W. B. Macdonell in Saskatchewan, and M. J. Macdonell, of New York; there remain also several grandnephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held in Brooklyn on December 9, interment following in Brooklyn, N.Y.

(Ottawa and Montreal papers please copy).

Women and Politics

Editorial in "Health" Magazine

John Ruskin is credited with having said that woman has been guilty of all the crimes of history —not because she has committed them but because she has stood by and allowed them to happen, and it seems that woman, the childbearer of the race, by showing little interest in political action has lost and is losing countless opportunities for ensuring the health and happiness of her children.

Political action may not necessarily mean sitting in Parliament. Politics are not, as one might suppose, the science and art of achieving and retaining office, but the science of welding an ideal community. But the fact that there are no women in any legislature east of Manitoba and only two in the Dominion House of Commons is indicative not only of the fact that women have taken little interest in politics as the term is ordinarily understood, but also of the fact that they have paid strenuous attention to bridge and other essentially non-political activities to the exclusion of constructive community effort.

The double standard of morals which stigmatizes only woman and allows the man who purchases his pleasure to go free would be abolished overnight if woman would only fight for her rights as some of the early workers for woman's suffrage hoped. This alone would be an inestimable contribution toward the control of the most sinister of all menaces to health . . . the venereal diseases, because the equally high moral standards on which woman would naturally insist would prevent the spread of disease. Here a public health principle and mortality go hand in hand.

Women in science, commerce and industry in the present war have proven, even in a man-made world rampant with prejudice, that women frequently do man's work better than man. This has been true even in manual occupations. It is likely that as the war ends woman, newly aware of her own capacities, may be unwilling to relinquish her right to work, and that with this new and hard earned right . . . and to work should be a right for men and women alike . . . may come a new feeling of responsibility which will lead to her further political activity. Woman's emergence into the field of political action should be of great significance in the sphere of social welfare and public health, and as more women become doctors, lawyers and executives, so we may well have more women in our legislatures.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, a great woman, who, in spite of her influence in precipitating a great political change — the enfranchisement of women — never got beyond a mere candidature for election to the British House of Commons, once said that the ideal Government would be a Government of women and doctors. There have been a good many doctors in Parliament and in cabinets — very few women so far. We need more women in office and it is no credit to the intelligence of our political parties that woman, who holds so great a stake in the future of our country in the lives of her children, should have little or no voice in the councils of the parties nor on the floors of our legislative assemblies. It is a wrong which men should right immediately.

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ROAD'S LUCK BROKE

London (CP) — A street in the heart of London district became known as "Lucky Road" because it escaped damage throughout the Blitz though houses in streets all around were bombed. Now in the sneak raids of October, 1943, "Lucky Road's" luck broke. A bomb wrecked one house, badly damaged others and killed some people.

Permits are not required for the purchase of farm machinery parts of any kind.

Pitboy Changes Mind When Miners Strike

Nottingham, Eng (CP) — Sydney Page, 18-year-old pitboy who started a strike in the Nottinghamshire coalfield in September by refusing to work underground, has gone into the pits at last.

He went to prison after his refusal to work underground, but when the miners went out he offered to go below provided he was medically fit. Medical and X-ray reports showed that his health was in good condition.

SEASONABLE PROGRAM, RADIO BROADCASTS CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas on the CBC networks will begin in the good old way with "Merry Christmas!" The broadcast schedule for Christmas Day will start at 8.30 a.m. EDT, with the glad note of Christmas music being played on the carillon at Ottawa. Greetings to listeners of the CBC will be voiced by Dr. Augustin Frigon, acting general manager of the corporation.

Empire Program

At 9.00 a.m. EDT, the broadcast wealth that has become the highlight of Christmas Day radio in the homes of Canada, and in the homes throughout the British Commonwealth, will be announced in the familiar words, "this is London calling, calling the Empire. . . ." And this Christmas, significant throughout the civilized world as the Christmas upon which hearts can turn with confidence to thoughts of victory, the Empire program will increase its family circle to include its allies, and all who stand for freedom.

Keynote of the Empire Program will be the spirit of this ever-widening company of free peoples — because, while the traditional reunion of the men and women of the Commonwealth is the mainstay of the broadcast, there is to be another theme expressed in the exchange of greetings from every corner of the world, from all the high seas, and the airlanes of the universe. There will be words of good cheer between the British family members and all the United Nations, and a message of hope for those who are even now being liberated by the arms of free men.

From London to Chungking, from Alaska to Australia, from Chicago to Burma, from Newfoundland to Wales, from Edmonton to Naples, the British Broadcasting Corporation, and its associates throughout the world, will bring this global greeting to many millions of Christmas Day listeners. In Canada, the Empire Program will be carried coast to coast over the full National Network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

A repatriated British soldier will have the honor of giving the first message, and the traditional pattern of past years will be observed, with each participant greeting his fellow. This will be the eleventh year of the Empire Christmas program. God Save The King!

War Prisoners Now Repatriated Thank Red Cross

One evening a few weeks ago a train pulled slowly into Bonaventure Station in Montreal. It was not an ordinary train, nor was it an ordinary "station crowd" that stood, with strained faces, in the depot. . . . As the engine stopped men and women pushed past military police, and flooded out onto the platform.

The men on board those coaches were Canadians, wounded, returning from German prison camps. There were many happy faces among the waiting crowd, and, for the prisoners, it was like a dream come true. They were somewhat dazed at being home, after long months, and even years of absence, but they talked freely of their experiences; and woven into all their stories was the name of the Canadian Red Cross.

Like a repatriate who arrived home earlier in the year they too gave a graphic picture of the part Red Cross food parcels play in the lives of prisoners of war. His words tell their own story:

"First of all," he said, "there is the food itself; food that keeps up the morale and maintains the health of the captives. It keeps them in condition, mentally, spiritually and morally. Next of kin parcels do their share — and a big share, as do letters from home. These are personal links with the outside world.

"But the Red Cross parcels are life itself. For five terrible weeks," he said, "the boxes did not arrive. That was a bad time."

At first, when he was sent to the camp, the young prisoner was moody, and the barbed wire worried him. There was also worry at home, and what might be happening there. All the men were like that, but after a short time they got hold of themselves.

They formed their own executive council to deal with various complaints, problems and projects. There was a school board, a sports committee, and an entertainment committee.

There were classes in navigation, radio, matriculation, crafts, and languages. The prisoners also elected a sanitation committee, and kept their barracks scrupulously clean.

Although no one was compelled to work, a number of men volunteered to help on nearby farms for five hours a day, thus breaking the monotony of imprisonment and gaining a few hours of comparative freedom.

"Red Cross parcels are opened in the presence of a prisoners' representative and German officials," said the former prisoner. "Afterwards, the food is distributed among the men. Even when the precious contents of the parcels are finished, the work of the Red Cross goes on in strange ways.

"Plywood from the packing cases which contain the parcels are eagerly contended for; men make picture frames for prized photos of wives and families. They carve tiny horses and dogs for race meets, which are held every week. The wood is also used to make sets for the theatre, and heavy paper interlining in the packing cases are utilized for back drops and sides for scenery.

"The rope-like cord that binds the parcels which arrive from England is woven into soles for shoes. Soles wear out quickly, and are one of the prisoners' major worries. From this men also make mats for the barracks, which are especially handy in winter weather. The shorter ends of the light colored rope are frayed out — to make wigs for character parts in the camp shows."

The Red Cross sends surgical equipment to the camps, making a modern and necessary operating room possible. Captured medical personnel look after the health of the men. Some of the prisoners have had special training and are on duty at the hospital. With medical supplies, and with care and attention given by these men, there is little to worry about as far as health is concerned.

Excelsior and cellophane wrappings from Red Cross parcels are used to stuff mattresses and pillows. There is not a bit of string, a nail, or gadget wasted. When the very life has been extracted from these accessories, the slim remainder is carefully conserved for winter fuel.

Every week, voluntary workers in Red Cross packing plants, situated at Montreal, Windsor, Toronto, Hamilton and Winnipeg, turn out 100,000 prisoner of war parcels. These are shipped to Geneva for distribution among prisoners of the British Commonwealth.

The people of Canada owe a debt of gratitude to the Red Cross for its magnificent work in his field. Through the Society, and through it alone, we have been able to supply captives with the comforts they desperately need — and deserve.

RUBBER FROM CAMEROONS

Lagos, Nigeria (CP) — During 1942 the British Cameroons produced 2,605,068 pounds of rubber, an important contribution to the rubber supplies of the United Nations.

Book Review . . .

By HOWARD S. ROSS, K.C., D.C.L., of Montreal

FRENCH CANADA IN TRANSITION

French Canada in Transition, by Professor Everett Cherrington Hughes of the University of Chicago, formerly of McGill University. — Publishers, W. J. Gage & Co., Limited, Toronto.

In 1911 a township which the author calls Cantonville was a country trading town in the Province of Quebec with a population of 2,605. By 1937 a booming industry of 19,424 persons had settled in this small community. French Canada in Transition presents the problems — human, social, economic, and civic — involved in making this change from a rural to a fast-growing industrial town.

Jean Baptiste comes to town — this is the theme of the author's study. In Cantonville, the representative town, several thousand French-Canadians, most of them recently come from the farms, work in industries managed by English-speaking people. The business and professional services remain in French hands. In such a town the trading institutions have to meet new conditions — large numbers of French people are exposed to alien and urban influences; the traditional diplomatic relations of the French and English are disturbed. The analysis suggests comparisons with other regions where industrialization and urbanization are complicated by ethnic differences.

Cantonville's new industries are owned and managed by invading agencies armed with capital and technique from English and American centres of finance and industry. Those who work in the industries and who form the bulk of the population of the growing town are natives of the region. French-Canadians bound by sentiment, tradition, and kinship to the surrounding countryside. Thus, says the author, the French-Canadian, in becoming an industrial worker and town dweller, gets a culturally alien employer. He works under a system whose spirit is English-American rather than French.

Churches, schools, social contacts, and government agencies, as well as industries, are fully explained in their relationship to Cantonville's bi-ethnic population.

Professor Hughes in his approach to his subject is sympathetic and understanding and his suggestions to both groups are always constructive and sensible.

Some of the chapters are: The Quebec Contrast; The Rural Society; The Rural Population; Industries and Cities; The People of Cantonville; French and English in the Industrial Hierarchy; French and English in Non-industrial Occupations; Communal Institutions; Catholic Parishes and Schools; Protestant Churches and Schools; Associations; Religious and Patriotic Ceremony; Social Contacts; The Rural Economy in Town; By-products of Town Life; Fashions, Popular Literature, and Amusements; Montreal, the Metropolis; Quebec Seeks a Villain and The Town As It Was and As It Is.

The volume contains helpful illustrations, diagrams, maps, appendices, bibliography and an index.

Post-War Competition Between Cities

When this war is over there will be great competition between cities for economic advantage.

Competition is wholly desirable among private industries, and rational competition is equally desirable among cities. There is no reason why the dullard city should reap benefits that would not accrue to a person who suffers from inertia or to an industry which fails to use imagination.

Cities can to a considerable extent determine their own futures. If the industrialists of a city are forward looking, imaginative, co-operative, and if the city officials are equally forward looking, imaginative and co-operative — if both are willing to assume leadership, that city may progress when a city with equal natural advantages may fail.

There will be much competition for industry in the future. Will industry go to a city where the amenities are lacking, or will industry go to a city which has adequate electric power, good transportation facilities, adequate housing for workers, good recreation facilities, water supply and sewage disposal? . . . The answer is obvious if you are thinking of the kind of industry that a city ought to want.

— Walter H. Blucher, in Public Management

Let's back Canada by living like Canadians. Canadians are honest, unselfish, neighborly, clean, free and united. Are WE? All of the time?

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QUEBEC IS SEVENTH IN SALVAGE DRIVE

National Report Shows Province Lagging in Campaign

The Province of Quebec, which includes 29 per cent of Canada's population, has collected only 15.83 per cent of total voluntary salvage contributions during the 31-month period from May 1, 1941, to November 30, 1943, and ranks seventh in effort proportionate to population among the nine provinces, according to a statement issued recently by the National Salvage Division of the Department of National War Services.

Ontario, meanwhile, is second only to Manitoba in proportion to population and its total voluntary salvage collection is more than 160,000,000 pounds ahead of the rest of the provinces. Quebec and Ontario, comprising nearly 62 per cent of Canada's population, contributed 68.18 per cent of the salvage, 52.35 per cent by Ontario alone.

This statement by the National Salvage Division has reference only to voluntary salvage committees.

In the Eastern Division, which includes Quebec, Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, the two most heavily populated provinces, with 86.3 per cent of the population, for some reason collected 98 per cent of the bottles and glass, and excelled in their total of unclassified junk with 99.5 per cent of the 36,603,679 pounds collected. The two provinces combined did more than their share in all materials, iron and steel, other metals, paper, rags, fats and bones, except rubber, where they only contributed 77.16 per cent of the total for the Eastern Division.

Quebec, however, was below its share on the basis of population in all types of salvage materials except the unclassified.

Take part of your change in War Savings Stamps.

CHRISTMAS DAY ON BATTLEFRONTS

Ironically enough, several strange and important war activities have taken place on Christmas Day.

One which many of the British and German soldiers of the last World War remember is the strange Christmas Day that took place on the 1914 front. The World War was definitely on, but for a short time, on Christmas Day, there was a period of peace on earth between the fighting soldiers.

In the Flanders sector, German and British soldiers ceased firing by mutual agreement, and went over to each other's trenches and dugouts to spend the day in feasting and celebration.

A very important military event in colonial American history also took place on Christmas Day. George Washington, leading his brave but weather-beaten army of 2,400 men across the Delaware, captured the city of Trenton, N.J., which British and Hessian troops were then occupying. Over 1,500 enemy troops were captured in the surprise march.

MODERN TOYS INSTRUCTIVE

Christmas gifts designed to promote greater use of the imagination among children in the five to eight-year-old group have been planned by toymakers throughout the nation.

Encouraging the spirit of independence and fostering group creative play, the new type toys teach the youngsters to think for themselves.

During the five to eight-year-old period when children are making the transition from babyhood to reality. School days begin for them. The wise, thoughtful parent selects toys for them which stimulate group play. Dull, to those children, are the toys that obviously teach a lesson. But interesting are the toys that teach a lesson under the guise of fun and not in the classroom. Mathematics can be fun if the youngster applies it to counting change for customers in his make-believe store at home.

After being in the classroom all day, children want to release all the nervous energy within them. Toys such as tricycles, small scooters and junior bikes are helpful for the guidance of all such young exuberance.

Official Minds

Some months ago a high school boy in Arkansas sat down and wrote a suggestion on how to collect more waste fats from the housewives of America, fats that are desperately needed for industrial and military purposes. His idea was that if the OPA would grant two meat ration points for every pound of fat turned in the job was done. To the amazement of everybody, the OPA adopted the idea. The startling thing is that it was so practical and sensible that nobody had any idea that the OPA would even consider it.

—Detroit Free Press

People who won't listen to the dictates of their own conscience may soon be taking dictation from someone who hasn't got a conscience.

ROVING REPORTER CHECKS OLDEST CHRISTMAS GIFTS

In Chicago, a roving reporter for a daily newspaper was given the assignment to go out and ask various persons what were the oldest presents they had saved from past Christmas holidays.

What he learned from a young musician was that when he was 12 years old his parents gave him a red, white and blue decorated snare drum. That very drum started him on his professional music career. The musician said it was more than "just a gift" for it had influenced his whole life.

Then the roving reporter asked a housewife what gift she had saved from her early days. She replied that it was a doll given by her mother. Since her mother is dead, she keeps it in her memory for it has great sentimental value.

Another woman, a "collection correspondent," told the reporter that when she was eight years old an aunt gave her a doll. She, too, as a fitting remembrance of her aunt, has kept the doll even though little of the original remains, having had to replace its head and clothes. It still retains its charm, she said.

Another young man, a cutter by trade, was stopped and asked what he had saved. He said that the Christmas following the death of his mother, his father gave him her ring. He had it made over to fit his finger and has worn it ever since. He has hopes of passing it on to a child of his own.

"We cannot have prosperity in one country and misery in its neighbors, peace in one hemisphere and war in the other."

—Anthony Eden

Fined for Price Infractions

Infractions of Wartime Prices and Trade Board regulations resulted in five court convictions in the Montreal region this week, and fines were imposed varying from $10 and costs, to $50.

In Rouyn, Judge Boily found E. Besette guilty of having sold potatoes at a price higher than the ceiling, and imposed a fine of $50.

Hormidas Blais pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace, J. A. Bigue, in Amos, to having sold sugar without coupons and was fined $15 and costs.

J. Amedee Leroux, of Granby, was sentenced to pay $20 and costs by Judge J. H. Lemay when he pleaded guilty to selling honey at a price above the fixed maximum.

Judge Philippe Marchand fined Victor Martin $10 and costs in St. Hyacinthe for having sold a reproducer of Victor disks at a price higher than the ceiling.

Sylvestre Benoit, of St. Simon de Bagot, was fined $25 and costs by Judge Emile Marin, of St. Hyacinthe, for buying a used tire from a non-authorized dealer.



The Fifth Wartime Christmas . . .

This is our fifth Christmas under wartime conditions. Though often inconvenienced through lack of material, and handicapped by manpower problems, we have endeavored to give the usual high standard of service to our customers.

To all, we extend heartiest good wishes for a Merry Christmas, with an added hope that the New Year will benefit mankind the world over with peace and security.

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BRANCH MANAGER: J. A. GOSSELIN

Christmas, 1943

The War in Retrospect

The year 1943 has been one that will long be remembered by the present generation for what has taken place, not only in the conflict we are now going through, but in the curtailment of industrial life of the world, together with a confusion among nations that has never before had such a turbulent record, leading up to distrust and hatred among the nations of the different continents.

These conditions have had their origin in the wilful and unnecessary declaration of war on the part of the Axis powers, who claimed their only object was to bring about reform culminating, as they said, in a freer relationship between the different peoples and a new era of prosperity, especially for the continent of Europe. We leave it to our readers to judge for themselves whether or not this proclamation by the Axis has proved sincere.

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As we look back one year, it cannot be denied that those countries who stood solid for Democracy have, by superhuman effort, skill and endurance, proved to the world that the Axis declaration was pure fallacy. Now we can say that, after one year of magnificent war tactics, the flag of Democracy is at the top of the mast, giving evidence that *Right* and not *Might* will prevail. We do not wish to burden our readers, or to enlarge on the atrocities of the Axis war lords during the past four years upon law abiding and defenceless people, but it is the general opinion that the victory of the Allies is now certain; as a result of their determination the barbarism, plundering and wilful murder of countless humans will soon terminate, and a better world is not far away. It is indeed encouraging to note that the Allies — England, United States, Russia and China — are now solidly united in their stand to end the horrible plight in which we find humanity.

It is with marked pride that we salute these four great powers, for the manner in which they have, at this stage, gained the upper hand in the great struggle.

Looking at the Mother Country for a moment, we see how the people of the British Isles practically stood alone for two years, fighting the barbarous hordes who were mercilessly overrunnning Europe, in every detail of brutal assault. Following this period Germany decided to push Russia off the map. In this measure, Hitler and his henchmen have failed. . . . Then what happened? . . . Japan, in the most cowardly manner decided to challenge the United States with the invasion of Pearl Harbor, a decision that is proving most disastrous, and which will cause the Japs to regret they ever made such a move.

Hence we can turn to a brighter outlook. Russia has taken the measure of Germany, while England and her Dominions, with American co-operation, are gaining supremacy throughout the entire war zone. The clean-up in North Africa by the Allies, and the sure defeat of the German armies in Italy, are in the opinion of military leaders a forerunner of an invasion of the Balkans and Germany itself — which will terminate this global struggle.

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While we are mindful of the sorrow brought to thousands of homes through loss of loved ones, is it too much to say that the coming festive season will be more hopeful, and that the prayers of the Christian people will find a response to the chorus of angels who sang on that first festive day, two thousand years ago — *"Peace on Earth — Good Will to Men"!*

—J. S. Giles, Publisher

PAYS TRIBUTE TO FLIGHT PIONEERS

Montreal — On the eve of the 40th anniversary of the first aeroplane flight in North America, H. J. Symington, K.C., President of Trans-Canada Air Lines, paid high tribute to Orville and Wilbur Wright in whose honor special anniversary ceremonies were held at many points throughout the continent on December 17. The Wright brothers made their pioneer flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C., on December 17, 1903. . . . And last week, on the anniversary of that flight, Allied bombers — four-engined, armoured craft — made a mass bombing raid on Berlin.

The original airplane flight, 40 years ago, lasted 12 seconds, and the plane covered a distance of forty yards. Mr. Symington said: "The service we are rendering to the war effort and the Canadian people would not have been possible but for the amazing flight of the Wright brothers 40 years ago, coupled with valuable experiments carried out by other men of that generation who had the same objective in view." Trans-Canada Air Lines, incidentally, flew over 8,000,000 miles in 1942. This serves to illustrate the great strides that have been made in aviation since the time the Wright brothers plane skimmed over the ground at Kitty Hawk at an altitude of 10 feet.

Labor M.P. Urges Wide Empire Trade

London (CP) — Emmanuel Shinwell, Labor M.P., advocates increased Empire trade as a means of developing Britain's post-war exports and says: "This avenue of expanding trade must be used to the highest if we are to maintain a fairly high standard of living."

"We must produce the goods the dominions and colonies need," he told a recent meeting, "and in turn be ready to take from them what they must sell. This can be done without tariffs or any other form of fiscal restrictions."

PIGEONS FOR PIES

London (CP) — There is plenty of pigeon pie available in restaurants this winter as a result of an increase in the bird population. Farmers organized large scale shooting drives because of damage to growing crops.

BRITISH GUIANA SOCCER

Georgetown (CP) — A visit to British Guiana by the Surinam Football team has attracted much public interest and enthusiasm. The visiting players, all members of Dutch garrison, are playing a series of test matches.



FOR him, that Long Distance call home at Christmas is the big event of the day. He's counting on it. Let's make sure that he, and thousands like him, won't be disappointed.

It means giving up our own Christmas telephoning, so that war-crowded lines will be freed to handle the flood of holiday greetings from naval, army and air force posts across the country. It means sending *our* Christmas messages by mail.

Should you find you *must* telephone out-of-town, try to do so as many days before the holiday as possible.

And especially avoid all non-essential calls to distant or war-busy centres. Winning the war is a non-stop job, and urgent messages *must* go through.

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On Active Service Giving Wings to Words

L. Smith, Seaman Knows All About Blood Transfusions

Thousands of lives have been saved during this war by transfusions made possible through the use of powdered blood.

It has come from the 74 clinics of the Red Cross across Canada where thousands of men and women throughout the country give regular blood donations.

It is, of course, impossible to tell what happens to your particular blood donation. Somewhere, sometime, it will give a wounded serviceman a chance of life; but to say more than that would be merely to hazard a guess. But Red Cross blood is in so many places, and is used so much, that the person benefitting from YOUR blood might be any one of a million people. I might, for example, be someone like Lloyd Smith, of the British Merchant Navy.

For six hours 21-year old Lloyd Smith lay on the bottom of a life boat in the Carribean Sea, and waited for a rescue ship. His wheelhouse companion had been killed. Twenty-one of his shipmates watched the distant horizon with anxious eyes. Their freighter had long since disappeared under the water. The German submarine had done its work.

Finally, in the grey dusk of morning, a column of smoke appeared in the western sky. Lloyd Smith could not raise himself to see it, but his companions eased his injured leg as best they could and told him that help was coming.

Finally the ship in the distance became a reality. It stood by, and waited for the weakened men to row the lifeboat in beside the rope ladder. Lloyd Smith was transferred aboard.

Five minutes after he was brought into the ship's sick bay, he was given a blood transfusion from Red Cross powdered blood. An hour later he received a second.

The life-giving transfusions and medical care enabled him to sleep for three hours. When he awakened he was given another transfusion. In the meantime the rescue ship was nearing Panama. Before he was transferred from the boat to a waiting ambulance a fourth transfusion of Red Cross blood was given. The ship's doctor knew that Lloyd Smith had an even chance to live. Red Cross blood had made it possible.

For seven weeks he lay in a hospital in Panama. As each day passed he grew stronger. He was sent to Montreal to recover fully from his injuries; but before he left the doctor of the rescue ship paid him a visit, and Lloyd Smith learned that he owed his life to the transfusions made possible by the Canadian Red Cross.

The day he reached Montreal—three months after he was wounded—he went to the Red Cross Clinic to give a blood donation. He said nothing about his personal experience until he had been accepted and had given three quarters of a pint of blood. Then he told why he wanted to become a regular Red Cross blood donor.

"The Red Cross gave me four transfusions," he said, "and I want to pay back an equal number of donations. I realize it takes four donations to make one transfusion, but I should like to do all I can; after all, the Red Cross saved my life. I know that now."

Lloyd Smith was in Montreal four months, studying for his second mate's papers. He gave a total of three donations in that time, and promised to give the British Red Cross his fourth, as soon as he reached England. We know he did. It is to save the lives of boys like Lloyd Smith of the British Merchant Marine that the Canadian Red Cross needs more and more donations.

SEAFORTHS SEND VICTORY CARDS

Vancouver, Dec. 18 (CP) — Canadian Seaforths in Italy are sending Victory-made Christmas cards to friends back home.

With its greeting of 14 Italian and Sicilian towns which the Seaforths have taken up to November 7, the first card has arrived in Vancouver for Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Blackwood, from their son, Cpl. Fergus Blackwood.

It's mimeographed and with the stag's head and Seaforth motto "Cuidich'n Righ," bears tangible evidence of the regiment's success. Then printed in two lines are the names — Pachino, Modica, Piazza Armerina, Valguarners, Leonforte, Nissoria, Agira, Val di Salso, (Hill 333), Reggio di Calabria, Fioano, San Marco (Hill 1,007), San Croce, (Hill 763) and Baranello.

Presiding at the semi-annual meeting of the Boy Scouts Assn., in Ottawa, the Governor General commented on the smartness of the Boy Scouts he saw in nearly every town and city he visited on his trip to Northwest Canada.

LIFE "TOO FAST" FOR INDIAN PILOT

72-Year-Old Riverman Visits Civilization for First Time in 45 Years

Edmonton, Dec. 20 (CP) — The tempo of life in the big city is "too fast — too fast" for Johnny Borens, 72-year-old Indian river pilot on his first trip in from the far north in 45 years.

Born at Fort Simpson, Johnny has been out of the north twice in his life — once in '98 and the present trip.

The Hudson's Bay Company Transport, Mackenzie River division, with whom Johnny is employed, presented him with the trip at the end of 58 years service. Johnny's father was employed with the company for 50 years before his death and Johnny's son now is engaged as a river pilot following in his parent's footsteps.

After his first flight in to Edmonton, Johnny took his first train ride when he left for Winnipeg to visit relatives in the Lake Winnipeg district where his cousin is tribal chieftain. Boren's River near Lake Winnipeg was named after Johnny's uncle.

Johnny's wife would not come along on the trip because of her fear of boats and planes. Johnny liked the ride, but he still thinks life has moved "too fast" in the last 45 years.

EXPERTS TO INDIA

London (CP) — R. J. M. Inglis, British railway expert, and Col. J. A. Appleton, of the American army, formerly general manager of the New York zone of the Pennsylvania Railroad, have been released from their present duties to visit India and advise on Indian railway administration.

Information Man Was Stumped by Uno

Winnipeg — It happened years ago, but only just now has Archie Hepburn, one of the experts in the information bureau of the C.N.R. at Winnipeg, admitted to one occasion on which he was completely stumped. Actually, it was 24 years ago when Mr. Hepburn, with considerable knowledge of the East and further knowledge gained during railway construction work in the West, undertook the information desk at Winnipeg. During the first night there was a telephone call.

"When can I get a train to Uno?" queried the voice.

"Where are you going, madam?" asked Mr. Hepburn.

"Uno".

"I don't know. Tell me where you are going".

"Uno", shrieked the angry voice. "Why don't you have a man there who knows something?"

"They do, madam, but just now he is out to supper. Can you call again later?"

After hanging up the receiver, Mr. Hepburn checked the time table and to his surprise found table and to his surprise found Uno located between Rivers and Melville. Later on the matter was explained in a manner satisfactory to the good lady who had called, and the episode terminated in a hearty laugh.

GILT CROSSES AWARDED

Gilt Crosses for Gallantry have been awarded by the Governor General to Scout Herbert Heldman, of the 1st Oakville, Ont., Troop for the rescue of a boy who had fallen from the pier at Oakville, and to Patrol Leader Albert John Lee, 15, of the 79th Toronto Troop for rescuing a boy who had fallen into the Grenadier Pond.

THIS WAR GOES ON FOREVER !

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During the past year, tuberculosis has been on the offensive in all urban centres . . . we, the people, have been compelled to retreat temporarily.

One of the greatest factors in combatting this disease, is education. The public must know what their responsibility is . . . they must learn of the marvellous progress that has been made in the past fifty years in TB control, and they must be told, that with full co-operation of doctors, public health officials and themselves, tuberculosis can be stamped out in another fifty years.

But . . . education and propaganda cost money. So do your part, and support the Christmas Seal Campaign.

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The winning of this battle will contribute much to winning the war.

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A higher money income will not be of any advantage if, because prices are going up, our money buys less and less.

To win the battle against unemployment in the post-war period, we must first of all win the battle against inflation.

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Salaries and wages are a large element, often the largest element, in the cost of everything we buy.

If the Price Ceiling breaks down, in the long run all stand to lose.

We must hold the line against inflation to assure victory in war.

We must hold the line to provide a solid foundation on which, after the war, to build a greater and a better Canada.

W. Mackenzie King
PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

Ottawa, December 13, 1943

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and a New Year to bring more joy and happiness than you dare to hope for!

Joseph Assaly

Drygoods Store 247B Main Street

Happy Days!

Every day brings pleasure in our privilege to serve you.
We anticipate the continuance of your patronage.

Urg. Quesnel

Shoe Repairs Main St.

Our Wish to You

Good health, good friends, good fortune! Thanking our customers for past favors, and anticipating a mutually pleasant relationship in the year ahead.

Alcidas Laurin

Building Contractor Phone 599-J

Fellowship

It sharpens the zest of life, and dulls the edge of care. Can we, then, regret the daily toil that brings us into fellowship with you, our neighbor-citizens? . . . We greet you, one and all, with a hearty hand-shake and a Merry Christmas!

Frank Earle

Jeweler Phone 140

Peace, Friendship

If small-town neighborliness could rule the world, this old planet might be a happier sphere today!

We wish our friends and customers a Merry Christmas and a Glad New Year.

Rubin's Store

Outfitters to the Family Main St., Lachute

Good Cheer!

As we have brightened your home surroundings, may our association with you prove a bright spot in the contacts of your daily life. Our thanks again, and all good wishes.

Lachute Upholstering Reg'd

Aimé Trudel Main St. W., Lachute

New Ideals

come with the dawning of another year. Our objectives are even higher, for on the principle of alert service we have made a host of friends. We thank them one and all.

North River Motors Ltd.

Complete auto service Main Street, Lachute

Not ultra-modern — not out-of-date — just keeping well apace with the times; 'tis thus we have built our business on substantial and progressive lines. And on the keynote of good service we treasure still those friendships we have enjoyed for the past few years.

Assad's Store

Phone 177 Main St.

Memory is an album which chronicles the past. In its pages for 1943 there are many happy highlights — each the record of some friendly contact. We cannot live them over again, but we trust the dawning year will be rich in the repetition of such pleasant associations.

Gordon's Garage

Service & Repairs Brownsburg, Que.

To regard our neighbors as mere business prospects, would be materialistic. But to meet a friend and feel that we have contributed some service to his health, welfare and satisfaction, leaves a glow of pardonable joy. —And gratitude, too; for our livelihood depends on service to others.

Jas. A. Hay, Dairy

Fresh Supplies Courteous Attention
Lachute

No Black-Out!

No sinister cloud, no brutal threat can eclipse the sentiment of Christmas . . . If there were MORE of that sentiment, there would be no war. So here's to the charity and cheeriness of the festive season; may you share its joys in generous measure!

A. Lacasse

Dairyman Brownsburg, Que.

Bright lights . . . Cheery countenances . . . We trust that our business approach has reflected the pleasure we feel, in our privilege to serve. To this gladness we add, at this season, our heartfelt gratitude.

Farmer Brown's Service Station

Phone 472 Brownsburg Rd.

Thanks — and Greetings

Too speedily, the months and the years pass. But while friends are true and customers loyal at least we feel that life is giving us of her best. We trust that you, too, are equally fortunate in the good will of your fellow men.

Beaton's Pharmacy

Phone 164 Main St.

Monuments of principle and good living are evidenced in the give-and-take of small town doings. We are happy to share the neighborliness, the friendship, the loyal support which make life worth living in this Canada of ours.

Geo. Paul

Grocery, Drygoods Main St., Lachute

Mid-Winter

brings wistful thoughts of summer-time . . . The modern pace brings back our longing for the "good old days" . . . Yet, then — and now — and all the time —there's friendship to make life pleasant. —We greet our friends sincerely at this festive season.

Gatineau Power Co.

Electric Light Service, Giles Block, Main Street.

There are hardships and tragedies a-plenty in this war. But in tribute to the courageous souls who bear the brunt of its burden, let it never be said that Christmas finds us downhearted . . . To them, to you — happier days!

H. Filfe

Merchant Tailor Main St., Lachute

Peace —

may be a long way off; and the Prosperity we enjoy these days may be ill-founded, on the false stimulation of war's demands . . . . But here's hoping for better days; may you share in their joys and pleasures, right soon.

P. E. Leger

Hairdresser Main Street, Lachute

Harmony

Of French and English speaking citizens alike, we think the kindly thoughts and cherish the good-will born of mutually happy contacts. Our thanks to all.

Z. Harbour

Drugstore Phone 332

Good Health!

They're linking the theme of national health with national survival. We must be healthy to win the Victory . . . We have confidence in the foods we sell; we commend these wholesome products to your use — and at this festive time we wish you—Health and Contentment through the coming year!

Campbell's Reg'd

Feed, Provisions, Dairy Supplies. Main St.

Old Memories

Many happy Yuletides have we shared with our good neighbors and customers. We hope this festive season may prove the brightest yet!

J. P. MacKimmie & Sons

Cascade Bottling Works Foundry St., Lachute

With the Compliments of the Season and all Good Wishes.

Avec les compliments de la saison et les Meilleurs Souhaits.

Rex & Capitol Theatres

Lachute — Brownsburg

It's an annual custom — but don't think our "Merry Christmas" is just a matter of being conventional. We send you our greeting — and our thanks — with a depth of real sincerity.

Geo. Licop Sr.

Foundry St. Tailor Phone 389-J

Often as we have called at your door, should we not cherish your acquaintance and wish you now the Season's Greetings? —Our thanks and good wishes to all.

Armand Raymond

Butcher West End

We thank our past customers — but would not limit our thanks to mere words. We hope for the privilege of serving them again, and often, to express our feeling in the very best this establishment can offer.

Lucien St. Jacques

Sash and Door Factory Lachute Mills

Greetings — Bons Souhaits

To our fellow townsmen, the best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

A tous nos concitoyens, nos meilleurs souhaits de santé, de prospérité et de bonheur.

The Mayor and Council of Lachute Town

LE MAIRE ET LES ECHEVINS DE LACHUTE

The Time o' Day

To pass the time o' day in a commonplace transaction, is like spice to the pudding and sparkle to the brew . . .! For the happy relations that gladden our daily dealings, we thank you with all our heart.

A. D. McGibbon & Sons

Lumber Merchants — Lachute Mills

Health and Happiness! We cannot wish you more — for wealth, without either, would be a tasteless morsel. . . . . Our sincere Christmas Greetings.

W. M. Scott

Main St. Monumental Masons Lachute

Strange Times

Strange times we are living in. Sorrows and trials might well discourage us. But let this season recall, there are still sentiments of charity and love and fellowship at the core of human society. It's a cheering thought . . . Our warmest greetings and thanks, to you.

R. McArthur & Son

Plumbers, Heating Experts 144 Main Street

Good wishes to old friends in Lachute and district, and our sincere thanks for their support. In the selection of our products and accessories, we assure keen consideration to the needs of car drivers in all seasons.

MacRae Motor Sales & Service

Plymouth, Chrysler Service — Main Street, Lachute

Thanks again for your loyal support.
We trust we have "filled the bill"
in courtesy and service.
Our best wishes!

Pharand & Son

Grocer - Butcher Lachute & Brownsburg

Greetings

We share that wholesome good will that exists among our townsfolk, and we are grateful to them for their confidence expressed in every business dealing.

Reg. Courtien

Bakery Agent for Harrison Bros.' P.O.M.

There's A War On!

It's war-time. There are luxuries we can do without. But this old custom of greeting one's friends with a rollicking sentiment — old Hitler cannot dampen our ardor in THAT diversion. So here's a hearty wish to you—and you—and you!

Ernest Rogers

Blacksmith Lachute

A Wish, a Message

It has been a privilege to serve you, and in the coming year we solicit your continued patronage . . . Our thanks and hearty wishes for the Christmas season.

Albani Lamarche

Phone 313 Main St.

Season's Greetings — and sincere thanks to all my customers.

Souhaits de Noël — et sincères remerciements à tous mes clients.

Lachute Bakery

J. A. Menard, Prop. Phone 106

Material Wealth

is not the yardstick of a good community. It's the loyalty, the friendship, the fellow spirit, that make this town worth-while. Your friendly support is a factor which makes the home-town a pleasant place in which to live and work. Our sincere appreciation!

Lachute Electro Mechanic Service

E. Boivin, Water St. Lachute

We thank you . . .

Our anticipations for the future are as joyous as our memories of the past. — In both, we cherish the friends who have encouraged us with their support.

Lido Restaurant

Provincial Transport Bus Terminal
Main Street Lachute.

Once Again,

You have given us the opportunity to serve . . . Christmas now gives us the occasion to thank you heartily and to wish you — the Best.

The Lachute Nursery

A. B. Ogilvie Lachute

"Ship the Safe Way!"

—Your resolution for the New Year . . . And our holiday wish, is the same old "Merry Christmas"!

Boyd's Lachute Express Ltd.

N. W. Boyd, Pres. Bethany Road, Lachute

It is scarcely possible to greet all our friends and customers personally at Christmas time, so we take this opportunity of reaching you through the medium of this greeting page especially reserved for businessmen.

We, the businessmen of Lachute, Brownsburg and district, extend to you the very best of Christmas wishes, and we trust that, throughout the New Year, happiness may be yours.

MERRY CHRISTMAS . . . HAPPY NEW YEAR

Il est pratiquement impossible d'adresser personnellement nos voeux à tous nos clients, en cette saison de Noël. Nous avons donc songé à vous les faire, ces voeux, par l'entremise de cette page réservée aux souhaits des hommes d'affaires.

Nous, les hommes d'affaires de Lachute, Brownsburg et district, nous vous adressons nos meilleurs voeux de Noël et espérons qu'au cours de l'année qui va commencer, le bonheur sera votre partage.

JOYEUX NOEL,
BONNE ET HEUREUSE ANNEE.



Christmas Greetings!

A wish to you, our customers! May the holiday season bring you a wealth of joy and good fellowship. May the New Year bring you Health, Happiness and Prosperity in full measure.

Nos Souhaits de Nouvel An

Un souhait pour vous, nos clients! Que la période de rejouissances vous apporte une abondante moisson de joies et de bonnes amitiés. Que la nouvelle année vous donne le plus possible de santé, de bonheur et de prospérité.

J. D. LEPINE Brownsburg

Sash and Door Factory Building Supplies

TO ALL MY CONSTITUENTS



Once again I am afforded the opportunity of extending my good wishes at this festive season.

The past year has been a trying one, and thanks to a united effort we have made progress — but the battle is not yet won and we at home must leave no stone unturned in doing our utmost to bring this dreadful conflict to an early finish.

Let us carry on the good work with increased vigor and may we hope for a speedy victory.

Une fois de plus, j'ai le privilège de pouvoir vous offrir les voeux de cette saison des Fêtes.

L'année dernière a été une année d'épreuves. Mais, grâce à l'effort coalisé de tous, nous avons fait de grand progrès. La bataille n'est pas encore gagnée, toutefois, et nous, du front domestique, nous ne devons rien laisser au hasard dans notre effort total pour finir ce terrible conflit.

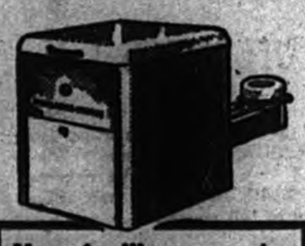
Avec une vigueur et une détermination encore accrues, poursuivons ce beau travail et puissions-nous espérer une victoire prochaine.

—JAMES W. McGIBBON

A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

Again the Season brings opportunity to express goodwill to all about us, to realize and appreciate the goodwill which has been extended to us and to hope that we will further nurture it and merit it in the years ahead.

T. McOUAT & SON
LACHUTE MILLS



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Telephone 220

Dwellings of the Future

Students of mechanics are aware that action and reaction are equal and opposite, but not all are so aware that action and reaction in human tastes and opinions often follow the same rule. Following the Great War of 1914-18 (and, indeed, earlier), there was a breaking away from the Victorian tradition of terraced houses and the semi- or wholly detached house became the order of the day. It is not unnatural that the pendulum should now begin to swing back, so that large numbers of architects, surveyors and members of allied professions now look to the terrace of houses or blocks of flats as an ideal solution to the ribbon development and bungaloid growth evils. It is noticeable that the strongest advocates of the terrace house are the youngest members of the professions, to whom the idea is more or less of a novelty.

I am of the opinion that architects and planners are far too much concerned with the superior opportunities for architectural show which terraced houses and blocks of flats permit as compared with the individual house. Health and convenience are of far more vital importance than is the provision of "large-scale architected compositions". It should be borne in mind that the detached dwelling can have access to light and air on *four* sides, the normal semi-detached house on *three* sides, whilst the terrace house only has access to those vital necessities on *two* sides. The larger number of flats only obtain light and air on *one* side.

There is, so far as I can see, no valid reason for a rigid separation of town and country, and a large part of the population much prefers the "uncontained" places to the "smugness" of really definitely urban development.

Control and planning are most necessary and vital in the redevelopment and development of our cities, but do not let us huddle ourselves together into limited areas of the land in order to leave the greater part of the surface of the country almost uninhabited. The land (like the Sabbath) was made for man, and excessive restrictions on his use of it are wrong basically.

By all means restrict and reduce the monstrosities we call large cities, and set bounds to the limits of any specific unit of urban development; but on the other hand, let us *use* the land as a whole, and not huddle together. Large blocks of flat dwellings, however well designed, have the inherent evils of oversized cities, and may present the same problems of "slum clearance" to future generations that the Victorian riot of crowded development presents to this.

— W. H. Elgar, M.Eng., Assoc.M.Inst.C.E.

World's Worst Roads

A Baltimore contractor has been awarded a unique contract by the United States War Department. It is to build the world's worst roads and to keep them in an atrocious condition. His was the lowest tender for the project to construct a motorist's nightmare at the Aberdeen proving ground — roads with simulated shell holes, gaps, sharp dizzy inclines and submerged roadways—all for testing of the American Army's motorized equipment, putting it through conditions it would meet on a much-contested battle area.

Qualifications for Success in the Public Service

Before I had been in the Department a week, an old civil servant took me aside and said with a twinkle in his eye:

"My dear boy, in the civil service there are three things to remember. You will find there is what I call a paper chase continually going on. I mean somebody is always hunting for some supposedly important paper which has taken a wrong turning. Sometimes it does not exist at all, except in imagination, and if it does exist it is probably quite unimportant.

"Now, whenever any paper comes your way which appears to be in the slightest degree urgent or important, shelve it, lose it, destroy it, or put it in a drawer and forget all about it. Then when it is wanted, as is sure to happen sooner or later, people will have to come to you to see about it, whether it is important or not, and this will make you seem very important. You'll find people will quickly get into the habit of saying 'You'd better ask Mr. X' — that means you — 'he's sure to know.' This will ensure X — that's you — rapid promotion.

"That's the fist thing to remember.

"The next thing to remember is that you must be sure to get an assistant as soon as you can. Nobody's anybody until he's got somebody who's nobody at his beck and call.

"And the third thing to remember is you must have two hats. You can put one on your head and go out for a nice long lunch with your wife or somebody's wife and leave the other hat hanging up in your office. Then when people come and say, 'Where's X?' your assistant will say, 'I'm afraid he's not in the room at the moment, but he must be somewhere in the building, for there's his hat'."

—Australian Municipal Journal

Schoolboys for Fire Protection

The residential town of Teaneck, New Jersey, which has been widely publicized for its accomplishments since it adopted the council-manager form of government twelve years ago, has done something original again.

To replace firemen who have gone into the armed forces but whose jobs will be waiting for them after the war, high school athletes have been trained. They study and sleep nightly in the firehouses for thirty dollars a month. If a serious fire breaks out during the day they leave class and rush to the scene by automobile.

There is an obvious economy for the community, and there are obviously benefits for the boys themselves. Their scholarship has improved, their habits of sleeping are more regular, and they plan to save most of their wages towards college expenses.

Less obvious but perhaps more important to Teaneck's future is the effect this experience is having on the boys' characters and on their attitude as citizens of their community. There is, after all, a considerable difference between trailing the fire apparatus to an exciting 'good fire' and riding on that apparatus to protect one's community from an enemy.

—National Municipal Review

Post-War Highway Construction

The Canadian Good Roads Association held an Inter-provincial Conference at Calgary last month, at which the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved:* That this Conference of the Canadian Good Roads Association, at which each and every province is represented, strongly recommends that Federal assistance, to and through the provinces, for provincial road development be adopted as a permanent National policy.

"It is further *resolved:* That the Federal Government be requested to provide funds for a Dominion-wide post-war highway construction programme extending over a period of not less than five years from the termination of the present world conflict or at such earlier date as may prove to be advisable, such programme of work being required to assist in rehabilitating the men of the Armed Forces and the large number of persons at present employed in war industries, and that the Federal Government be asked to state its policy on this important and urgent matter."

The King and England's Blitzed Towns

At no time during the war has the sympathy of a king for his people been more strongly felt than during the Great Blitz. Thirty-six hours after the first great raid on London, the King was walking through the smouldering ruins with a word of encouragement for all who had suffered from the devastation. To London as to the blitzed towns of the provinces the King and Queen brought practical help as well as sympathy. They brought clothing from their own wardrobes and furniture from their own homes for those who had lost all their possessions under enemy fire. And the enemy himself in a deliberate attack on Buckingham Palace served only to strengthen the respect of the British people for the man who cheerfully shared their perils and privations shouldering the heavy burden which falls to the head of state and empire.

The Daily Round

In kingship George VI has sought none of the privileges which might justly fall to him. He has claimed equality with the humblest of his subjects. He, himself, is registered as a fire watcher; he receives no more than the food rations allocated to each of Britain's 47,000,000 inhabitants. The staff at Buckingham Palace has been cut to the minimum, and gasoline restrictions are observed in the King's household as rigidly as in any other home in the country.

This, in short, is the man who is King of the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Dominions, Emperor of India, and Sovereign of the whole British Empire; the man who in the gravest hour of the Empire's long history, has shouldered the responsibilities of kingship and yet renounced its privileges; who has proved that even against the shifting political background of the twentieth century the constitution of the British Empire is so infinitely flexible as to allow monarchy and democracy to flourish side by side.

PRICE CONTROL

News and Notes

Extra Ration for Service Guests

Special ration cards are being issued to members of the armed forces on 48, 72 and 96 hour leaves. The new plan announced by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board relieves the strain on rationed foods served by hospitable Canadians to men and women in uniforms visiting their homes on short leaves. The visitor writes his name, regimental rank and number and the number of meals received during his stay, on a card issued with his leave pass; and the hostess signs her name and address and certifies the number of meals she has provided, on the same card. The card must then be either mailed or taken to any local ration board where, for every nine meals served, the hostess may obtain a 'two-weeks' supply of coupons for any one of the rationed foods she chooses.

Metal Released For Furniture

The manufacture of metal furniture, mattresses and upholstered furniture containing metal springs for the 1944 market was permitted by an order issued by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, on December 13. This new regulation releases larger supplies of metal which will be allotted to furniture manufacturers on the basis of their 1940 and 1941 production scale.

POOR ADVERTISEMENT

Bristol (CP) — The window of a drug store here was filled with bottles of anti-flu mixture. On the window was a notice explaining the shop would have to be closed for several days because the entire staff was suffering from influenza.

RATIONING

Questions & Answers

Q.—Is cranberry sauce rationed?

A.—Yes, cranberry sauce is rationed. One 12 fluid ounce container of cranberry sauce may be obtained on the surrender of one "D" coupon.

Q.—I received a gift and found it unsuitable. When I wished to return it to the store, they refused to take it back. I thought there was a rule about gifts being returned. Can the merchant refuse to take this back?

A.—The merchant is not obligated to make refunds or exchanges, but may do so if it is his regular policy under the W.P.T.B. ruling whereby gifts may be exchanged at any time and a refund may be had on them up to 12 days of the date of purchase.

Q.—Children's garters that are now on the market are not satisfactory. I can't buy garters with the rubber head for fastening and those on the market cause tears. Are any of the old style garters with rubber heads for fastening being manufactured?

A.—The acute rubber shortage of the past few years has necessitated the elimination of the use of rubber wherever it was found possible. The new method of fastening stockings was first used successfully on Women's garter belts and girdles. It was hoped the same would apply to children's garters. There may be a few of the old style garters on hand in some stores.

Q.—Is there any price ceiling on Christmas decorations?

A.—Yes. Prices should not be higher than during the basic price period in 1941. If you believe you are being overcharged please report particulars to your nearest local office and an investigation will be made.

Q.—A relative of mine wants to send me a cut of beef as a gift from his farm. The cut will weigh between 40 and 50 pounds. Can he do so?

A.—Casual gifts are allowed under rationing regulations. Since 50 pounds of meat represents to the average person, nearly a half year's supply under rationing allowances, it would hardly be considered a casual gift. In any such transfer of rationed goods it must be remembered that it is illegal to make any sales transaction.

Q.—We have been unable to secure ordinary lamp chimneys for quite a long time. Could you explain how we can get them.

A.—Lamp chimneys have been in short supply for some time. Larger shipments are being made to wholesalers of lamp chimneys and they will distribute them on an equitable basis to retail outlets. Your regular hardware supplier will likely have some in stock soon.

Q.—I work in a small town and recently I purchased a trapping license. May I use this license to get ammunition for deer shooting?

A.—No. When purchasing ammunition as a licensed trapper, you must sign a declaration to the effect that any ammunition you receive will be used only for trapping purposes. The use of this ammunition for sporting purposes would be contrary to the regulations.

Coal Allowance For Poultry Brooders

In view of the special requirements of the poultry raising industry, the Coal Controller has made arrangements to import from the United States an additional quantity of anthracite coal for use exclusively in poultry brooders and hatcheries in those districts which customarily use anthracite coal. To obtain the coal for use in brooders and hatcheries, a form supplied by coal dealers must be filled out. The dealer is not permitted to deliver any quantity of anthracite greater than the quantity, which, added to the quantity on hand, will provide a poultryman with a 90-days supply of coal for use in brooders and hatcheries.

WELL-KEPT SECRET

London (CP) — A little town "Somewhere in England" knew all about Britain's midget submarines which attacked Germany's Tirpitz in a Norwegian Fjord, but kept the facts secret. Most of the townspeople worked in the factory which built the subs and had been told by the Admiralty that the element of surprise was the main value of the new craft.

Big Sky Show

December is the month of months for looking at the stars. Come its clear, frosty nights, deepening into the longest of the year, and the great bowl of the heavens shines with a myriad sparks of light, breathes and glows with varied astronomical-fires. From a country hillside like the shepherds of old, or on our daily journeys to and from work, early and late, aerial patterns are seen spread out above us unrivaled by any man-made show.

In the Northern Hemisphere four great planets dominate the December sky scene. High in the east, above the black fretwork of treetops, is Venus, golden jewel of the paling dawn. Overhead, the big fellow flying in formation with a lesser luminary is the planet Jupiter, with Regulus "on his wing". Off to the west are two others: Ruddy Mars, who well may blush at what he could see on the planet Earth, and bright-eyed Saturn of the misty veil, whose rings can easily be discerned with a small telescope. The dog Sirius, brightest star in the sky, is also on the December show bill.

Looking up at these great lamps overhead, at the wide path of the Milky Way, at Orion, Cassiopeia, the Pleiades, and Ursa Major, we find momentary rest in their vast quiet. We who lift our eyes from the Earth planet bursting with explosives and hot with hurry to the starry reaches of the sky can be thankfully aware of their orderly silence.

Deaf-Mute Recovers After Car Accident

Leeds, Eng. (CP) — Deaf and dumb since 1917 when a German shell blew him into a tree, Frederick Frith, of Leeds, was struck by an automobile and flung against a railing. He found himself not only unhurt but hearing himself say quiet audibly "who would have thought it"?

Now, 26 years after the bomb fell, Frith is talking and hearing normally.

RATCATCHER NEEDED

Salisbury, Eng. (CP) — Because the City Council here cannot get a part-time ratcatcher, they have applied for the release from the R.A.F. of their former additional sanitary inspector so he can assist in the work.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES

Two Meetings Reported, Presbyterian W.M.S. at St. Andrews East

St. Andrews East — At the regular W.M.S. meeting for the months of November and December there was a good attendance.

The November meeting was presided over by the president, Miss E. Walsh. Plans were made for the customary Christmas boxes for the Old People's Home. Mrs. Hyde gave a report on how the W.M.S. funds were spent. Mrs. Bryson's resignation was accepted, with the hope that her health would allow her to resume the position which she had filled so capably. A box of used clothing valued at $30 was packed.

The December meeting was held with the president in the chair. After the devotional exercises the Rev. Dr. MacMillan gave a talk on British Guiana and the missionary on duty in that field, Miss Thelma Martin.

Officers were elected, and the allocation was met. A not of thanksgiving was felt throughout the session.

Christmastide Features And Watch-Night Service At Brownsb'g United

Brownsburg—Special Christmas music will be continued next Sunday at both the morning and evening services in Brownsburg United Church.

At the morning service last Sunday the choir of over 20 voices rendered two anthems and led the Christmas hymns. The carol "Infant Holy" was sung as a processional. In the evening a carol service was conducted by the minister, the Rev. S. J. Pike, who commented on some of the original carols and the manner in which they were sung as well as their composition.

Next Sunday evening the C.G.I.T. will present a Christmas choral service, with other features. The public are cordially invited. The following Sunday, January 2, being New Year's, the communion service will be held.

On Friday evening, December 31, from 11 p.m. to midnight, a watch-night service will be held under auspices of the United and Baptist Young People's.

Church Services

MARGARET RODGER MEM'L PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
"The Christmas Faith"
3.00 p.m. Brownsburg.
7 p.m. Evening Worship.
"Good Tidings of Great Joy"

LACHUTE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. B. Rosborough, B.A., B.D.
10.00 a.m. Sabbath School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
"The Message of Christmas"
7.00 p.m. Evening Worship.
"If He Had Not Come"
Special Christmas music will be rendered by the choir at both services.
2.30 p.m. East Settlement.
2.30 p.m. Thomas' Gore.
A Cordial Welcome to All!

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. H. Charlton
10.00 a.m. Bible School.
11.00 a.m. "The Multitude of the Heavenly Host, praising God."
7.00 p.m. "What did God give you?"
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 8 p.m.

BROWNSBURG UNITED
Rev. S. J. Pike, Minister
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
Christmas Services
Special Christmas Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Evening Service under auspices of C.G.I.T.
Welcome to All!

LAKEFIELD SERVICES
Rev. C. W. P. Baugh, Rector
Christmas Day
10.30 p.m. Lakefield.
Sunday, December 26
10.30 p.m. Lakefield.
2.30 p.m. Mille Isles.
7.30 p.m. Morin Heights, Candle Service and address.

REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES
Rev. Geo. B. Hicks, Pastor
BROWNSBURG

Bible School	10.00 a.m.
Christmas Service with Special Music	11.00 A.M.
Young People, Monday	8.00 p.m.
Happy Hour, Thursday	7.00 p.m.
Prayer, Thursday	8.00 p.m.

DALESVILLE

Bible School, 2.00 p.m.	
Christmas Service with Bible School and singing	3.00 p.m.
Prayer, Wednesday,	8.00 p.m.

Christmas Concert Enjoyable Occasion at Lachute United Church

The annual Christmas concert under auspices of the Sabbath School, Mission Bands and C.G.I.T. groups of Lachute United Church, took place on Tuesday evening.

The various numbers reflected a great deal of credit on the youthful performances, and on those who had trained them so carefully for their parts. Several Christmas carols were sung by all the members of the school, and a number of songs were also rendered by the members of the Mission Bands. A very effective number was the singing several Christmas hymns by the C.G.I.T. groups. A play entitled "Just for Christmas," by the Senior C.G.I.T. girls, was also acted in a way that captured the interest of the large audience. The contributions by the Mission Bands, "Bells," "Toy Town," "Good and Bad Fairies," "Presents that Come at Christmas Time," and "The Shining Star," were also rendered in a very pleasing manner. At various points in the program appropriate Christmas recitations were given, by Donald Barbour, Gordon Jamieson, Joan Percival, Marilyn Armstrong, Ruth Hammond, Joan Laurin, and by Lawrence, Catherine, Duncan and Sandy MacGibbon.

At the conclusion of the entertainment Santa Claus made his appearance and delighted the boys and girls with a whimsical account of his trip from the North Pole, and of the difficulties which he had encountered on the way. Before going farther afield he helped the teachers to distribute the gifts with which the Christmas tree was heavily laden.

Christmas Church Service On Radio Program

The Christmas morning church service as it is held in a typical rural Ontario community, will again be carried over the airways across Canada to urban and rural listeners alike.

Each year the CBC has taken its listeners to little churches throughout the province where the Christmas tradition is carried on amid the quiet peace of the Canadian countryside.

Grace Church, in Milton, Ont., will be the place of worship for the broadcast service on this Christmas morning. The service will be conducted by the Grace Church minister, the Reverend S. A. Kirk, L.Th., B.A., and the program will be heard over the CBC National Network, Saturday, December 25, at 10.45 a.m.

Christian Science Lesson-Sermon

Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon to be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 26.

The Golden Text is from Isaiah 11: 9. "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth." (Psalms 119: 89, 140, 142).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Late in the nineteenth century I demonstrated the divine rules of Christian Science. They were submitted to the broadest practical test, and everywhere, when honestly applied under circumstances where demonstration was humanly possible, this Science showed that Truth had lost none of its divine and healing efficacy, even though centuries had passed away since Jesus practised these rules on the hills of Judea and in the valleys of Galilee." (Page 147).

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CRURCH, BROWNSBURG
Rev. T. J. H. Rich, Pastor
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
7.00 p.m. Evening Service.

Repatriated Missionary . . .

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committees. We took to ourselves the credit for the efficient and smooth running of camp life. But we had to work — and work hard.

"With so large and nondescript a group it was natural that difficulties should sometimes arise. But we were not deliberately abused by the authorities. In fact it seemed obvious that the attitude of the authorities was one of indifference. They had a job to do and were doing it. They wished to keep the camp in reasonable health at the lowest possible cost to themselves. We did feel the effects of an unbalanced diet. Most of us lost weight. But actually we never lacked for bread made of wheat flour."

On September 15 last, the party of 280 were put on board the ship Tua Maru, which called at San Fernando, thence proceeding to Saijenon, Indo China, and on to Singapore, where the vessel took on fuel and water. The course then led to Portugese West Indies, arriving at Marmugao on the 15th of October. The day following, the repatriates were transferred to the Swedish boat Gripsholm which had brought the Japanese exchangees from New York to Goa.

There was a tense feeling of excitement as the transfer was made at this point, one of the passengers having suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which he died the following day and his remains being interred in the small Protestant cemetery at Marmugao.

The whole trip occupied 73 days. On arrival at New York, the party were met by Red Cross officials, who with the Canadian consular representatives extended such great kindness they were overcome at the joy of being back again on the North American continent.

Fifteen hundred friends were left behind, and for them the future was obscure, said Mr. King. "Some had come to China to trade, and through the years had built up a profitable business. Now their business was ruined. Would they be able to build again? Others had come as missionaries of the Church. Some, like Dr. William McClure, of Lachute, had invested their whole lives in service in China. How much of his work was built on foundations that would endure? Was this, then, the end? We had been removed from our familiar occupations and were being sent from the country; but we were comforted by the knowledge that though business may crumble and buildings may be destroyed, all that is of abiding worth will remain. It will live in the hearts of true friends and consecrated men and women."

The Rev. Mr. King told of the difficulties missionaries have experienced since 1938 in some regions of unoccupied China. He described the pressure that was put upon them by nationalist Chinese, and the jealous antagonism against the white race.

Before the Japanese conquest of Honan Province, the speaker said that he had been able to contact Chinese Christian leaders in Peking, and had been able to enquire about the Christian Church in Honan, where the missionaries had worked for many years.

Though Chinese ministers and laymen were carrying on, the main factor in their achievement would be — time; an early defeat of the Japanese would save the young Chinese from Nipon propaganda, but if the Japanese remained many years more, the nation would have become accustomed to dependence upon their conquerors, at which stage the work of the missionaries would prove in vain.

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A note of local interest is added in the fact that, among fellow passengers in this party of repatriates, was Sister Edmée Valois, a nurse of the Congregation of Ste. Anne, who had spent a year in concentration camp. Sister Valois is a cousin of Messrs. Gaetan and Philippe Valois, Lachute.

We must live democracy, as well as believe it, in order to have it.

Prime Minister King recently gave warning that "if the price ceiling breaks down, in the long run all stand to lose."

More than 64,000 Girl Guides throughout Canada are contributing to the national war effort in many ways, besides carrying on their regular peacetime activities.

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Candle-Lighting Service By C.G.I.T. Groups at Lachute United Church

An impressive service was held in Lachute United Church on Sunday evening by the Senior and Intermediate C.G.I.T. groups, under direction of Miss Audrey Robertson and Mrs. R. Percival respectively.

The church was almost filled for the occasion, as the beauty of this annual ceremony has great appeal. The processional hymn, O' Come, All Ye Faithful," was sung as the girls filed down the aisle to the choir seats.

Besides the leaders, those partaking in the devotional exercises were the Misses Freda McVicar, Joan Percival, Kathryn Langille and Norma Assaly.

The Christmas story was read by Miss Kathryn Langille, who gave a clear rendition of the theme.

The candle-lighting ceremony was an impressive one. The girls, on this occasion, arranged themselves in a semicircle for their C.G.I.T. pledge of service and the symbolic lighting of the candles.

After the offering, a duet was sung by the Misses Doris Mitchell and Maureen Cumbers. Organist for the evening was Miss Ruth Todd.

The entire service was conducted in a creditable manner, and congratulations are due Miss Robertson and Mrs. Percival for their splendid leadership, who in turn expressed appreciation of the excellent help given by Miss Ruth Todd, Mrs. C. Duncan, Miss Doris Mitchell and Miss Freda MacVicar.

The amount collected at this service was $30.15, of which $25.15 goes to the groups and $5.00 as a donation to the church.

Sold War Savings Stamps

The keen desire of the junior girls to assist in the war effort was demonstrated when, in the period of six weeks, they put on a campaign for the sale of war savings stamps. Approximately $123.50 was received, and special mention is made of Miss Heather Stewart who sold stamps to the value of $57.50, while Marylin Armstrong's receipts were $17.50.

When public office is just looked on as a "plum", democracy is no longer a way of life. It is nothing but a way to make a living.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Bessie McOuat is spending the holidays in Sherbrooke with her brother.

Miss Lila Giles is visiting with her brother in the capital this week.

Flying Officer and Mrs. Albert Winmill are now spending their honeymoon at Rawdon.

Mrs. R. Williamson is spending Christmas with her daughters at Ste. Adele.

Mrs. Jack Nelson returned home this week from Montreal after a short visit with her brother, Mr. Claude Richards.

Miss May Matthew, of Grenville, was the week-end guest of Miss Ruth McMahon at her home in town.

Stoker-1 George Dorion, R.C.N.V.R., is spending a 28-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Joan Gordon.

Sgt. Paul Lahaye, R.C.A.F., Mont Joli, spent the week-end visiting at his home here.

Mrs. Heath, of Cornwall, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Falconer and Mr. Falconer for the winter months.

Mr. Archie McFaul, of St. Lambert, is visiting with his father, Mr. Wm. R. McFaul, Lachute Mills.

Miss Beryl Underhill, of McGill University, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Underhill, Grace Street.

Mrs. George Armstrong has returned after visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Young, at Quebec City.

Miss Joan and the Messrs. Ross and John Oswald, pupils of Lachute High School, have gone to their home at Petit Brulé for the holidays.

Pte. Lorna Giles, of the C.W.A.C., Toronto, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Giles.

Dr. and Mrs. Stanford Reid, of Montreal, were the guests of Mrs. I. Jolley on Tuesday last.

Miss Vivian St. Eloi left this week to visit her parents in Mattawa, Ont.

Messrs J. R. and Percy Carpenter, of Montreal, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. James Carpenter, Lachute Mills.

P/O Ian Gordon, of the R.C.A.F., Dunnville, Ont., is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gordon, Upper Lachute.

Mrs. J. H. Mason has left to visit her daughter, Mrs. Allan Biggar and Mr. Biggar, at Cowansville.

Miss Grace McMahon, of St. Andrews East, and Miss Agnes McMahon, of Shawinigan Falls, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. McMahon.

C.M.M. James M. Duncan, R.C.N.V.R., Halifax, N.S., is spending the holiday with his wife, at the home of her mother, Mrs. James Hay.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Tolhurst, accompanied by their niece, little Miss Nessie Tolhurst, of Cartierville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Morrin on Friday.

Mrs. John Hope and Mrs. L. Griffith left Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays with Dr. and Mrs. T. Fisher in Ottawa.

Among teachers from Lachute High School who have left to spend the Christmas vacation at their respective homes, are — Miss Vivian Rick, at Richmond, Miss Audrey Robertson, at Yarmouth, N.S., Miss E. Kelley and Miss I. Lynch, at Breckenridge, Miss Doris Leroy, at Pembroke, Mr. George Rothenay, at Sherbrooke, Mr. R. R. Brand, at Lennoxville, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bradford, at Granby.

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The Public Service Board and Office of Transit Control are giving us their full cooperation in our efforts to secure additional equipment.

The equipment shortage is further complicated by war-time difficulties and delays experienced in securing repair parts, which results in disabled buses being laid up for long periods.

Despite the excellent cooperation we receive from National Selective Service, we are also affected by the general shortage of skilled mechanical help.

Our most important assignment is the daily transportation of thousands of workers to and from Munition Plants, and more than 100 of our buses are used daily in carrying out this vital job. To provide equipment for this, we temporarily suspended services on all long distance routes, and most short-haul lines. However, the traffic on the remaining lines has grown to such proportions that despite the fact that we have placed into service 30 buses leased from other operators, the volume often exceeds our capacity to handle it.

We have repeatedly advertised requests that the public travel by train where train service is available, and in particular have asked non-essential travellers to avoid travelling during peak hours and week-ends, but this apparently has made no impression on the travelling public.

We regret that passengers who are not aware of the true circumstances cannot help but blame us for the existing state of affairs. All we can ask our patrons to do is to be good enough to appreciate that we are doing our utmost to provide the best service possible in the face of the uncontrollable difficulties confronting us. Unless we are able to secure some additional equipment in the very near future, we will be forced to further curtail services on all our present routes.

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Thoughts at Christmastime

Contributed by the REV. T. J. H. RICH, Brownsburg, Que.

Once again in the goodness of God we have reached the Christmas season and the old and priceless story is before our hearts, the story of the first Christmas. Sanctified imagination, as we travel in thought back over the years, will cause parts of the story to live again for our meditation. . .

It's a frosty, moonlit night. Shepherds muffled in heavy, homespun blankets, are grouped silently around a small fire. Not far away, in a rude sheepfold open to the sky, a flock of sheep are huddled together. Suddenly a light, not of earth, makes the sky luminous. An angel choir is singing, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. . . . Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," making harmony the like of which the world had never known. . . . Perhaps incredulous, and somewhat fearful, the shepherds make their way into nearby Bethlehem, and there in a cavestable they find Mary, radiant mother of the Christ child, and the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. . . . Because of that night there has never been a night since that has been utterly dark!

Unto all peoples of the earth
A little child brought life;
And never in the darkest place
Can it be utter night.

No flickering torch, no wavering fire,
But Light, the Life of men;
Whatever clouds may veil the sky,
Never is night again. —L. Cox.

Supposing He had failed to come! No one can compute the loss that the world would have suffered had He failed to come. . . . Because He did not fail to come we have the Christmas spirit, even amid the rolling of drums and marching feet, and all the Christian world senses it. "But in the mud and scum of things, there alway, alway, something sings," as Emerson says. . . . Those hurrying feet down the street, people carrying parcels, many holding foolish, unnecessary things! But that very thing is part of Christmas! The joy of the Christmas spirit is redemptive, and we would not have it, if He had failed to come.

We talk of a peace that is just and that shall be enduring; we talk of a hate we must not hold toward the people of the lands we have been calling enemy. Into our hearts there filters the awareness that, always, we are our brother's keepers. With an insistence that will not be settled, the voice of the Christ of Bethlehem keeps saying, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another as I have loved you".

Many things these days we find perplexing. I ask, "Why does death come to a home where life seems so needful; why does suffering come to those who are most faithful; why do men and women and little children go hungry in one place when in another there is so much waste of food; why do some have so little and others so much; why do some believe in God and others turn away from Him; why did the world crucify Him who came as the Babe of Bethlehem?" These are a few of the questions that come surging across the mind. The silent night has no answer save faith.

What I do not understand depresses me. But when I summon faith, it has a strange, lifting power. It frees me from my doubts. It is more than the effort of my mind. It is my outreach to the understanding of ONE who brought to me the gift of faith. Where would I be if He had failed to come? What would the world be without the Christmas carols? The very thought of Jesus does something to music which nothing else can. All shepherd life is holy because the angels sang to them. All wisdom reaches to the heavens because Wise Men sought out the Babe of Bethlehem. All the stars of heaven share the glory of that One Star. All that we have is richer, finer, because He, the Christ, did not fail to come.

So far, my friends, I have been musing only on the past and the present, but what of the future? "I will come again", said He to His disciples. "This same Jesus shall so come as ye have seen Him go", said the heavenly men to the apostles as they gazed up and after their departing Lord. "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord".

He did not fail to come, as the prophets said He would. He will not fail to come as He said He would.

I can almost hear his footsteps
On the threshold of the door,
And my heart is longing, longing
To be with Him evermore.

An old hymn writer has well written

"The sky, not the grave is my goal".

His first coming has brought to many salvation from the penalty of their sins. His second coming will bring to many salvation from the very presence of sin. Meanwhile as we wait, His appearing in heaven brings to us salvation from the power of sin, for as Paul wrote, "Sin shall not have dominion over you".

Happy indeed are those who through faith "wait for their Lord". They are like those spoken of in the epistle to the Thessalonians: "They have turned unto God from idols, to serve the living and the true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven".

He is coming, O my spirit, with His everlasting peace,
With His blessedness immortal and complete;
He is coming, O my spirit, and His coming brings release —
And I listen for the coming of His feet . . . .

—Lyman Whitney Abbot

Peace and Good Will

By Robert Watson

A glad hand to a glad hand,
And how do you do today!
This Christmas be to you and me
All that we hope it may.

A kind word for a kind word,
Fight on, brave heart, fight on!
The worst is past; no night can last.
That glow in the East is dawn.

A warm heart to a warm heart;
A love with each thought freshborn.
'Twas boundless love in our God above
Brought peace on a Christmas morn.

Radio "Scrapbook" Gives A Party

A glistening Christmas tree will decorate the pages of the Children's Scrapbook when it opens for the Christmasday broadcast over the National Network of the CBC, on Saturday, December 25, at 12.30 p.m. E.D.T.

A Santa Claus party is in order, and children across Canada are invited to gather around their radios and share in the fun. Part of the party will be a dramatic sketch in the form of a Santa Claus play. But this is being held back as a special surprise and will be preceded by other Yuletide capers by all the members of the cast.

Maestro "Paul" and his Scrapbook band will be heard in favorite Christmas music, and all the band's men are joining in singing "The First Noel". The orchestral selections will include "Tom Thumb's Drum," "Santa Claus Is coming to Town", and the jolly old "Jingle Bells".

Inspired by the season, the Old Book Man is bringing a book of Christmas poetry to the party, in order to present it in person to Peggy. And there's no doubt whatever, that Peggy will share some of the verse with her youthful listeners.

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WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Hints for Homebodies

By Jessie Allen Brown

CHRISTMAS 1943

The birthdays of many different men are celebrated in their own countries, but the birth of Christ is the only one commemorated the world over. This Christmas cannot be a merry one, but must be celebrated with what happiness we can find. For many the greatest part of Christmas has been the filling of the boxes for their loved ones in the Services. When this has been packed and sent on its way there will be a let-down in the Christmas spirit. Children look forward to Christmas as to no other Season, and in this war-torn world, lovely memories of a happy Christmas must be provided for them. I wish you all a Happy and a Cheerful Christmas and New Year.

DRESSING

Dressing, or maybe you would rather call it stuffing, is one of those things for which I do not like to use a recipe. After it is made I like to taste it and fix it up to suit my own taste. However, for those who are not accustomed to making it, I will add a recipe. Different people have different tastes on dressing. Some like it light and fluffy, others like it solid and moist. If you like a light fluffy dressing, here's how. First you must have stale bread. If it is stale enough to grate, so much the better. If not, crumble it and rub lightly between the hands until the crumbs are very fine. Then rub in your fat (butter if you can, but good pork or bacon dripping will do), rub the fat in as carefully and just as much as if you were making pastry. This is quite important. Then add your salt, pepper, and herbs, and finely chopped onion. Have the onion so fine that you are never conscious of eating a piece of onion. If you want a dressing that will slice when cold, mix in a beaten egg. If you like a moist dressing, dip the bread in water then squeeze dry, add melted fat and seasonings. As for seasonings you may like sage, summer savory, thyme, marjoram, parsley, or any mixture of these. The first two are the ones most often used for poultry.

4 Cups bread crumbs, ¼ cup fat, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon pepper, 2 teaspoons sage, 2 tablespoons onion chopped fine.

CEREAL CONFECTIONS

1 Cup brown sugar, ½ cup water, 4 cups cereal, ¼ teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 cup raisins or nuts.

Mix the sugar, water, butter and salt. Place over low heat until the sugar is melted, then boil without stirring until the syrup will make a firm soft ball when dropped in cold water. Take 4 cups of any of the prepared cereals (the puffed ones are suitable), and put them in a slow oven until crisped. Pour the hot syrup over the cereal and raisins and stir lightly with a fork until mixed. Drop from a teaspoon on waxed paper. It may be necessary to put together with the fingers. These may be used as cookies or may take the place of candies.

SUGAR COOKIES

½ Cup butter, about 1½ cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 egg plus 1 egg york, ¾ cup sugar.

Sift the flour and baking powder and rub in the butter as for pastry. Add the sugar and the beaten egg. Mix well. It may be necessary to add a tablespoon or two of flour to make the cookies stiff enough to roll, but the less flour used, the richer the cookies. Chill and roll on a floured board as thinly as possible. Cut with a cookie cutter. Decorate with a raisin, nut, piece of cherry or peel and bake in a moderate oven of 350 degrees.

CRANBERRY RELISH

½ Lb. cranberries, 2 tart red apples, 1 small orange, 1 cup sugar.

Core but do not peel the apples. Remove seeds from the orange. Put the fruits through the food grinder, add sugar, and mix well. Let stand a few hours before serving. Will keep indefinitely.

RAISIN COOKIES

1 Cup shortening, 1 cup brown sugar, 2 eggs beaten, 1 teaspoon soda, 1¼ cups flour, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 cup raisins, ¼ cup mixed peel.

Cream shortening and sugar, add beaten eggs, then sift in the flour, soda and spices. Add raisins and peel, and mix well. Drop from a teaspoon on a greased pan and bake in a moderate oven of 350 degrees.

Desserts That Are Different

Economical Yet Healthful Ideas on What to Serve your Yuletide Guests

By Betty Barclay

Here are two delicious desserts that are healthful as well. Try them once and you most certainly will not limit them to December alone, but will feature them from time to time throughout the entire year. However, they are particularly excellent for serving your children and their little friends during the Christmas holidays, or for a New Year's party.

They are light, nutritious and provide milk in a pleasing form. Because of their "lightness" and the fact that they are so easily digested, they become ideal "before-bed-bites" for both young and old.

Chocolate Ice-Box Rennet Custard

1 Package chocolate rennet powder, 1¾ cups milk (not canned), ¼ cup cream, 10 lady fingers.

Cut lady fingers in halves, and arrange in bottoms of 5 sherbet glasses. Make rennet-custard according to directions on package. Pour over lady fingers. Chill. When ready to serve, garnish with crushed pineapple (or other fruit) and a sprinkling of finely sliced pecans.

Orange Peel Marmalade

2 Cups thinly sliced orange peel, 1 whole lemon (sliced), 6 cups of water.

Cook until very tender, about ¾ hour. Add ¾ cup sugar to each cup of the cooked fruit. Cook in small portions, 2 or 3 cup lots in a sufficiently large kettle to prevent the rapidly boiling mixture from running over. It should give the jelly test in 10 to 15 minutes. . . Yield, about 3 pints.

Orange Cupcakes

¼ Cup shortening, ½ cup sugar, 1 tablespoon grated orange peel, 1 egg, 1 cup all purpose flour, ¼ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon baking powder, ½ teaspoon soda, ½ cup orange juice, ½ cup chopped nuts.

Cream shortening, sugar and grated peel. Add egg and beat very well. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with orange juice. Add nuts. Fill greased cupcake pans two-thirds full. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 25 minutes. Frost with any desired frosting or use the following topping.

Cup Cake Topping

Blend three tablespoons sugar with one-half tablespoon of grated orange peel. Sprinkle over cupcakes while hot.

Christmas Stockings Once Feminine Trick

Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas to Canadian boys and girls without a visit from St. Nick.

According to history, St. Nicholas in real life was the Archbishop of Myra and lived during the fourth century. In the Middle Ages, he makes his first traditional appearance in the legends of the Northland.

One legend concerns St. Nicholas eve, which originally was celebrated on the sixth of December. Young ladies, it seems, would hang up their stockings in hopes that St. Nicholas would fill them with dowries. After a time, St. Nick and the stocking-hanging custom was incorporated into the celebration of Christmas.

Another legend says that on Christmas eve the spirit of St. Nicholas rode across the land on a great white horse followed by the hosts of innocents slain in Bethlehem by the order of Herod. Children of the Northland filled their wooden shoes with oats for the Saint's horse and set them outside of the door; in the morning, providing the children had been good, the oats were gone and the shoes were filled with nuts and apples.

Eventually, the boys and younger children, the wives and husbands, and even the grandparents, decided the girls were getting too much the best of things; so, they all joined the International Society of Stocking-hangers.

Our ancestors brought St. Nick to America, where he has grown round and fat and jovial, traded his great white horse for eight magic reindeer, and his pack bulged bigger and bigger.

This year Santa's pack may be minus a few luxury products and mechanical gadgets, but that doesn't matter as long as there are mamma dolls, sleds and drums and picture books; toys for the children.

Army Cooks Are Happy in CWAC Kitchen

Brussels Sprouts the Only Sore Point With Girls in London Barracks

By MARGARET ECKER, Canadian Press Staff Wditer

London (CP) — Life is just one Brussels sprout ofter another — at least it seems that way to Pte. Helena Mattatall, of Tatamagouchi, N.S., and Pte. Dorothy Gautier, of Toronto.

The two cheerful girls work in the kitchens of the biggest Canadian Women's Army Corps barracks in London, and they think overseas service would be just about perfect, if it wasn't for the sprouts.

Proudly, they pointed to a vegetable machine in one corner of the big tiled kitchen.

"It does everything," said Gautier, "except fix up brussels sprouts — now why can't they invent something to do these."

But in spite of the brussels sprouts, the cabbage and the national loaf, the smells that filled the basement kitchen were just as appetizing as those in any barracks in Canada.

A Balanced Diet

Helen Allberry, Courtney, B.C., as rations corporal sallies forth to the ATS ration depot and does battle for a balanced diet for the Canadians. She does a good job. In the ration office, on the shelves behind her, were rows of tinned corn beef, salmon, orange marmalade and milk. In a cold storage were rows of joints hanging from the rafters and generous sides of bacon.

"You have to learn to cook with English rations", said Pte. Marie Crawford, of Vancouver, as she stirred a sweet sauce for the steam pudding she had just made. "It took me a while to get used to powdered eggs and milk — but now I can fool the girls any day with my scrambled eggs and omelets".

Mrs. Crawford's husband, Pte. William, and son are both overseas in the Canadian forces.

"See these", she said, picking up a pan of meat balls, "I made those with dehydrated beef. It looked terrible, but I'll bet it will taste okay, especially with these. . . ." And she opened an oven to show a pan of potatoes, roasted golden brown.

Officials Contest Centenarian's Age

Bath, Eng. (CP) — The question of the moment here is the age of Mrs. Elizabeth Vick — it's 101, 102 or 103 with the old age pension authorities contesting Mrs. Vick's assertion she is 102 or 103. A search is being made of official record to see who is right.

Anyway Mrs. Vick, who is said to be the oldest resident in any Salvation Army home in Britain, got 103 candles on a cake for her recent birthday.

INDIAN WOMEN HELP

New Delhi (CP) — The Indian Women's Auxiliary Corps, whose work releases soldiers for more active duty, is more than 5,000 strong, and is made up of women of all creeds, castes and nationalities.

London Woman A War Heroine

Carries on Work Despite Loss of Two Sons and Home

London (CP) — Mrs. J. Eastwood, of suburban Camberwell had three sons, a husband and a house when the war began.

One son, Pte. John Eastwood, recently was repatriated from a German prison camp. He came home on a stretcher, minus both legs. Now he has died of wounds.

Six months ago a second son, wounded in Italy, was repatriated from an Italian camp. He, too, came on a stretcher, minus both legs, and he, too, died.

The third son is still a prisoner in Germany.

Mrs. Eastwood's home was blown up in the blitz and her husband has been in hospital since. But Mrs. Eastwood carried on. To keep her second home together she works as a post-office cleaner.

DIFFICULT OPERATION

London (CP) — An operation to open sections of a newly-born girl's head to allow normal expansion of the brain threatened by the bones of the skull closing up too soon, has been performed in Britain for the first time at Great Ormond Street Hospital here. The operation was a success.



Take part of your change in War Savings Stamps.

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COMMUNITY BUSINESSMEN SEND GREETINGS TO THEIR CUSTOMERS

A Link of Friendship

A link from home to home, a bridge from year to year, is the home-town newspaper. We value the role which is our lot in this community; our readers, correspondents and advertisers are friends whom we salute with true appreciation. Our thanks and hearty greetings!

The Lachute Watchman
Publishers and Staff

Step by step, the years lead onward to the mellow stages of life. But we're enjoying every minute; for each business-day renews old friendships and binds us closer to this grand community.

Desjardins Hotel

H. E. Desjardins, Prop. Main Street, Lachute

Small-Town Sincerity

In this troubled world we wish there might be more of the neighborliness which lightens our business load. We count ourselves fortunate in the good will of our patrons.

J. R. Seguin

Decorator Lachute Floor-Sanding

Through the anxieties of wartime, good neighbors stick loyally to that attitude of fellowship and understanding which alone can save the world .... We like to do our share and spread the spirit of good will. Our best to you, at Christmas time and all year 'round.

A. Ethier

Butcher Bethany St.

A cheery word illuminates the common round of business. The "Merry Christmas" we wish you today — is sincere in the recollection of many happy contacts through the year that's past.

Graham's Dairy

Geo. Graham, Prop. Grace Street, Lachute

Day in, day out — the routine of service would be dull, but for the human touch which enters all transactions. Our clients bring a friendliness which makes this round a pleasure. — In the same friendly spirit, our thanks and greetings at this time.

H. D. Graves

Grocery, Flour & Feed Store

Maple Ave., S. Brownsburg

Something to Learn

There's a lesson to learn in the tragedy of these times. How often in the days of peace we thought the world had "gone completely to the dogs". But NOW — how we long for them good ole days! .... Here's our wish for peace and happiness to you, in the coming year.

Russell Rodgers

Farm Implements Lachute, Que.

From Us, to You

Have you known friendship — health — contentment, in the year that's past? May the future bring you these, and all earth's joys, in greater measure.

M. G. Assaly

Bargain Store 155 Main St.

Heartiest Greetings!

We are pleased to announce the opening of our new establishment on Robert Street. Our equipment is up-to-date, and we are able to handle wood-work of all kinds.

Thanks for your patronage.... Merry Christmas.

P. E. Lafleur

Cabinet Maker Meubles Elizabeth St.

Our Best

is none too good for service to the friends and customers we cherish. Our pledge of continued loyalty; our sincere festive greetings to you and yours.

Tessier Furniture Store

Main Street Lachute

Good friends you have met, happy times you have enjoyed, and good food — within our doors on past occasions.

We thank you and wish you pleasures a hundredfold this Christmas.

The Lunch Car

Bill Blakely, Prop. Main Street, Lachute

The Year Wanes

But our purpose remains — to merit your satisfaction in considerate service ... Our thanks and sincere good wishes to all.

Geo. Y. Deacon

Tinsmith, Hardware, Auto Repairs, Lachute Mills

In Brief!

Thank you for your Confidence. —And have you thought, how Confidence is the foundation of everything pleasant in human associations? Our wishes for your happiness this Christmastime ring true and sincere.

R. DeRepentigny

Baker Brownsburg, Que.

It's Yours, It's Ours

—this community we live in. And we appreciate the pleasant relations that have been our mutual contribution to the home-town harmony.

Farmers' Supply Co.

84 Foundry St. Telephone 384

The old, old story ...

The spirit of Christmas is ever new, though the centuries echo with the story of old.... It is a grand custom to be able to greet our customers and friends with a hearty handshake at Yuletide, and to one and all we say, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

J. W. Kennedy

Insurance Desjardins Hotel Block

It's a privilege we cherish — to furnish a service so closely linked with every phase of your activity. And whereas this service affords courtesy and consideration, so we feel ourselves associated in friendship with your daily doings. We thank you, and greet you today as friends.

Argenteuil Bazaar Store

Phone 156 Main St.

We solicit

the privilege to serve you in the future as we have served you in the past. Our warm thanks and the season's greetings.

A Merry Christmas!

Lacasse Express

Daily Service Montreal - Lachute
Warehouse Phone 574 124 Grace Street

Business is inevitably linked with sentiment. As its scope and activity increases, so are friendships cemented more firmly .... We thank those customers whose support we have enjoyed in the past year.

Romeo Giroux

Butcher, Grocer 78 Main W. Phone 109

Our appreciation ...

Cannot be written in a few words or adequately expressed in any verbal manner, but we do want you to know that your patronage has helped us a great deal in our enterprise, and we hope for your continued approval of our services. Thank you, and good luck.

Muir Bros.

Service Station Main Street

Service — Friendship

In rendering loyal service, we cherish the friendship we receive in return ... Our thanks and season's greetings to all.

Lachute Dry Cleaning

Eug. L'Heureux, Prop. Barron Ave.

Accept herewith our sincere greetings and grateful thanks.

Veuillez agréer les souhaits les plus sincères et nos remerciements de votre patronage.

Jos. Belanger

Painter, Peintre 64 Robert St.

Perhaps we do not dwell long enough on the "thank-you's"; maybe our efforts are bent too earnestly to fill your needs and meet your personal tastes ... Believe us now, our appreciation is as sincere as our desire to serve!

Cousineau Regd.

Wholesaler Phone 592

Thanks!

—And our appreciation of your support rings louder and longer than a mere word on our lips. We are sincerely grateful for your patronage and good will. Our warmest greetings at this season.

Lachute Electric

J. A. Pregent, Prop. Bethany St., Lachute

Our windows, shelves and counters are gay with the spirit of Christmas .... But, be it Easter or Thanksgiving, we always pride ourselves on catering to the season. Even our sentiments ring true with the times; so now, friends, it's a—

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!

Leonard 5c — $1 Store

Leonard Bedard, Prop. Main St., Lachute

Think of Us

as we think of you — not merely as a contact in good business but as a friend sharing the pleasures of neighborly association. We appreciate your kindly patronage.

Bradford's Dairy

Milk Products - Cream - Chocolate Milk
R. R. No. 5, Lachute

"Aim at accomplishing great things, but in the effort see that the small things are well done". To the business entrusted with us, whether big or small, we have given of our best. Every customer commands our attentive service — and our warm appreciation.

G. I. McFaul

Merchant Brownsburg, 312

The past and the present — justify our optimism for the future; for time is ill spent that builds not friendship to brighten life's journey. We hope you, too, will meet happiness in every business and social venture.

Edgar Pollock

Garage Brownsburg

May the Christmas Season bring you deep and abiding peace

J. E. Walker

Insurance Phone 918 r 2

Optimistically Speaking ...

Business has been good, old and new customers have treated us well, so we are looking forward to an even better year in 1944.

We wish you the best Christmas yet, and may the New Year be full of all your desires.

H. M. Lavigne

General Merchant Lachute Mills

Thanking all our customers, and assuring them of our best consideration in the coming year— With wishes warm and true — for your pleasure this Christmastide and your welfare till the next!

Deslauriers & Rozon

Insurance Bedard Blvd.

We hope we may continue to serve you faithfully and well, making life easier and happier by the service we render.

Nous souhaitons de continuer à vous servir fidèlement, en vous rendant la vie plus agréable par le service que nous fournissons.

Lachute Creamery

H. Lamarche, Prop. Water St., Lachute

Neighbors!

As we share with you the daily exchanges of business, we share alike the social adjuncts of this town — the fellowship, the charity, the community work .... Our wishes greet you now, as both a customer and a friend.

John McFaul & Son

Hardware, Clothing & Sports Outfitters

Not in mighty institutions — not in mass production enterprises — do you find that sentiment which adds zest to business. It's here, in the home-town stores and industries ... We are grateful for that friendly approach, and to the customers who share it with us day by day.

Pariseau Bros.

Meat & Provisions Lachute & Brownsburg

Avec les compliments de la saison et les meilleurs souhaits

With the Compliments of the Season and all good wishes

Leger Garage

H. C. Leger, Prop. Lachute, Que.

A Toast!

Your health! 'Tis a time-honored toast, and we feel we cannot wish you more.

Our thanks and sincere greetings at this Festive Season.

McAdam's Dairy

Brownsburg Que.

Have We Served?

Have we served with satisfaction in your daily needs?.. It is our fond hope that our courtesy and friendship may likewise have counted, in making your days and dealings more pleasant. We extend our thanks and Christmas greetings.

Alex Gervais

Tobacco - Candy Main St., Lachute

Our Sincere Wishes

Health, happiness, prosperity — we wish you these in generous measure. Thanking our customers for their continued support.

Hector Charlebois

Ice Dealer Lachute

Greetings — Bons Souhaits

To those who have favored us with their patronage in the past year — we extend our appreciation and the heartiest Season's Greetings.

J. R. A. Carignan

Plasterer Phone 43 Lachute Mills

Merry Christmas ... Happy New Year!

There is nothing new in this greeting ... but it is sincere nevertheless. To our friends far and near, we wish the best of health and happiness, and may prosperity bless you all. Thanks for your business ... we solicit your trade in the coming year.

Venus Drugstore - Café

Restaurant, Soda Fountain Main St., Lachute

Thanks again for your loyal support
We trust we have filled the bill
in courtesy and service
Our best Wishes

Woodhouse & Co., Ltd.

Furniture for every
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234 Main St. Lachute

Sam Ross

Where styles appeal and values are real!

Merry Christmas!

Brownsburg Que.

The approach of Christmas brings with it our appreciation of your patronage.

May your tomorrows be still brighter than your yesterdays — mellowed by the friendships you have made along the path of years.

W. J. Graham

Stationery Patent Medicines Novelties

Wartime restrictions have sometimes made life difficult in the commercial sphere ... sometimes shipments are late ... sometimes materials are of inferior quality ... and sometimes prices seem too high. Still, compared to the sufferings in worn-torn countries, we, the businessmen, have much to be thankful for.

And we are thankful ... for our customers and for their patronage; and hope that in the coming year they will continue to give us their support and understanding.

Les restrictions de guerre ont souvent rendu le commerce difficile ... quelquefois les expéditions retardent ... quelquefois, c'est le matériel qui est de qualité inférieure ... et quelquefois les prix semblent exagérés. Toutefois, si l'on compare cela aux souffrances des pays déchirés par la guerre, nous, les hommes d'affaires, avons toutes les raisons au monde d'être reconnaissants.

Et nous le sommes, reconnaissants ... envers nos clients, pour leur encouragement; nous espérons qu'au cours de l'année qui s'en vient, ils nous continueront leur support et leur compréhension.

Merry Christmas!

... And may the New Year be full of bright hopes, good health, happiness and prosperity.

Joyeux Noel!

... et puisse la nouvelle Année être remplie de brillants espoirs, de bonne santé, de bonheur et de prospérité.

LACHUTE LUMBER COMPANY

GREETINGS TO ALL IN ARGENTEUIL



On the brink of another year we find our country still at war — four years — and this the fifth Christmas. Will it be the last? Let us sincerely hope so, and as a New Year's resolution let us renew our obligation to make it so, by lending every possible effort towards its early finish. Then with our boys back home. — Peace, Happiness and contentment.

Meanwhile to all both far and near my very best wishes.

L'aurore d'une année nouvelle voit notre pays encore en guerre — quatre ans — et le cinquième Noël. Sera-ce le dernier? Sera-ce la dernière année? Souhaitons-le bien sincèrement, et, comme résolution du Nouvel An, engageons-nous à ce qu'il en soit ainsi, en aidant par tous les moyens possibles à hâter la fin des hostilités. Ensuite, avec nos hommes revenus de là-bas, ce sera la Paix, le Bonheur, la satisfaction du devoir accompli.

En attendant ce grand jour, j'adresse mes meilleurs voeux à tous, près ou loin.

—GEORGES-R. DANSEREAU

Jazzing the Classics Banned by BBC

London (CP) — It turned out, after all, that the reported "clean-up" of BBC radio programs had been a little exaggerated. A few days after the report on a wide, new list of BBC don'ts appeared, the BBC put the matter straight:

There is no ban on jokes on American soldiers, the southern accent, the home guard, the police, the women's services, drinking or the singing of "nostalgic" songs.

"As for the black market we think that that is too serious a matter to joke about and we do not allow any undue gloating about the bombing of German cities," a BBC official said. "We do our best to see that officers are not constantly referred to as "blimps' and ordinary soldiers as illiterates."

The ban on jazzing the classics remains.

Man: (leaning out train window): "Here boy — take this 50c and get me a sandwich; get yourself one with the change."

Boy: (returning just as train is pulling out, chewing wildly on a ham on white): "Here's your quarter, mister. They only had one sandwich."

COMING EVENTS

Notices of Entertainments. Concerts or Meetings, etc., 10 cents per line each insertion. Minimum 50 cents. If billed, 60 cts.

FIREMEN'S BALL, NEW YEAR'S EVE

The annual Firemen's Ball will be held as usual on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31, at Lachute Auditorium. Lowe's Orchestra will provide the music, and plans are complete for a big-time community celebration. Plan to attend!

WANT & FOR SALE ADVERTISEMENTS.

EMPLOYMENT, PROPERTY, TENDERS, ETC.

Want or For Sale advertisements 10 cents per line each insertion. Minimum 50 cents. If billed, 60 cents. If replies are directed to Watchman Office, 25 cents extra.

GIVE FLOWERS for Christmas! Call and see our display in our new shop, 10 Bethany St. (around the corner from post-office). — Lachute Nursery Reg'd, Albert B. Ogilvie, (phone 910-r-31).

FOR SALE — Boy's winter overcoat, size about 12 or 13, and one man's fur-lined overcoat — both in first class condition. — Phone 199-W or call at 72 Bethany St., Lachute. -1p

FOR SALE — Successful retail business on Main Street; will stand strictest investigation. For sale on account of ill health. Negotations by direct contact only with prospective purchaser. — Inquiries, Watchman Office. -J13-4c

FOR SALE — 3 Collie pups, real heelers; 8 weeks old. — Apply Roy Evans, Lakefield, or Russell Rogers, Lachute. -1c

FOR SALE — Chesterfield set, newly covered, excellent condition. — Telephone 150, Lachute. -1c

ROOMS TO LET — or would share part of house, with quiet congenial people, centrally located. — Phone Lachute 424. -1c

ROOM TO LET — Centrally located. — Apply 282 Main Street, Lachute. -1c

WANTED — Immediately, a good piano. — Phone 928-r-4, Omer Lapointe. -1c

WANTED — Small desk, roll top or secretary desk. — Write P. O. Box 87, Brownsburg, Que. -1c

WANTED—At once, a reliable boy or man for work on dairy farm. Good pay and good home. — Apply Watchman Office. -1p

LOST — Thursday, November 25, large jet-black, short-haired Labrador Retriever dog, with long tail and ears, answering to name of Buddy. Finder please phone 347 or 75, Lachute. Reward. x

KINDERGARTEN — Entrust your children for expert care and early tuition at the kindergarten school, opening shortly. Limited number. Kindly register before December 15. No phone calls, communicate by letter, to — Nurse Lefebvre, Lachute Mills. —J6-6c



JUVENILE DANCER LORRAINE MATT



Lorraine Matt, distinguished young dancer from the Lacasse-Moronoff Salon, Montreal, who will be guest artist at the second entertainment presented by the "Margaret Rose Guard of Honor"—January 27 at Lachute Auditorium.

Chiller in Circus Setting, 'Captive Wild Woman'

Unlike most of these ghostly pictures which have to do with haunted houses, tropical jungles or peasoup fogs, the locale of "Captive Wild Woman" is laid around a wild animal act in a circus and for those who like their boogie-man mixed up in a sawdust atmosphere, they can be assured of 70 minutes of those creeping chills. . . . This picture is billed for the Capitol program December 24 and 25.

Briefly, the story deals with a wild animal trainer who returns from Africa with a shipload of jungle beasts including a female gorilla who has attained a deep affection for the trainer. The gorilla is spirited away by a crazed doctor-scientist under whose cruel surgical experiments a half-human 'gorilla girl' is created and from there on comes the 'creeps'. Scenes depicting the transformation are highly sensational in that they add to the tenseness of the audience. And how the deranged scientist and the 'kindly' gorilla meet their end brings the story to a thrilling climax.

Acquanetta, one of the screen's newest "mystery" finds, is excellent as "gorilla girl," her part in the animal act adding to the thrills. John Carradine plays the part of the mad-scientist who meets a horrible death; and Evelyn Ankers is the feminine lead as the finance of animal trainer Milburn Stone. Vince Barnett and Paul Fix provide the comedy relief. It is fair entertainment.

VISITS DANISH CHILDREN

The Danish children do not have a Santa Claus, but instead a Christmas brownie, called "Nisson," a little old man with a long, gray beard who supposedly lives under the ground.

The chief features of a Danish Christmas dinner are roast goose, rice and apple fritters.

When the storks have left their nests in autumn, boatloads of coarse brown crockery in the shape of little pigs, with a slit in the back, are brought to Denmark and bought by the children. They are savings banks into which the children drop their pennies. The image is not broken until Christmas time.

"What's the cat's name?"

"Ben Hur."

"How'd you happen to choose that?"

"Well, we called him Ben till he had kittens."

"Week at Quebec"

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Recognition of the Syndicate came after publication of the report of another provincial-appointed arbitration board, headed by Mr. Justice Alfred Savard. The majority report suggested recognition be given the Syndicate as bargaining agent, providing the Syndicate had no affiliation with any other labor union.

The second strike started following a mass meeting Monday night at which the workers turned down a suggestion of Labor Minister Rochette that the wage demands — ranging from about $395 to $500 yearly — be submitted to another arbitration board. Present salaries range from $1,020 for single workers, and from $1,200 for married workers.

Meanwhile Provincial Labor Minister Edgar Rochette was presented with a list of 13 recommendations on collective bargaining and the setting up of labor tribunals, prepared by the permanent commission of the Superior Council of Labor and unanimously approved by the 15-member council.

Secretary Jean Pierre Despres of the Council had announced previously that the recommendations, if found satisfactory by the provincial cabinet, would serve as a basis for labor legislation during the coming session of the Legislature.

The recommendations advocated freedom of organization for legitimate purposes, for employers as well as for salaried workers, and suggested that in establishments where less than 60 per cent of the employees are involved, freedom of contract be permitted with the government not compelling the employer to make a collective bargaining agreement.

When 60 per cent or more employees were grouped in an organization or in a federation of organizations, however, the employer would be compelled to negotiate a collective agreement, it said. In such cases, the bargaining agent would be the employees' organization or federation of organizations.

One recommendation also said that in cases where at least 10 per cent of the employees are organized — provided there are at least 20 members — employers may be invited by the employees' organization to negotiate a collective agreement, but this would not be compulsory.

Compulsory closed shops in any form condemned by the council which recommended that the membership of workers' organizations be under the control of an official attached to the labor tribunal, and that a member of an organization be recognized as such provided he has paid the initiation fee and be not more than three months in arrears in payment of his dues.

It was also suggested that collective agreements be for the duration of one year and that in the absence of renunciation by either contracting party, they be renewed automatically. If changes are requested, the labor tribunal may extend the conditions of the agreement until negotiations are completed, with strikes and lockouts being illegal during such periods.

No announcement was made by Premier Godbout or Labor Minister Rochette whether the recommendations were adopted by the provincial cabinet, but it was believed in political and labor circles this week that all labor legislation to be presented before the Legislature during the coming session for adoption will be drafted from the Council's suggestion.

Public Notice

Public notice is hereby given that the private road at the north side of Curran Lake, Dumany, Que., from Gordon Harrison's property line to Edmund Littler's property line, will be closed to all traffic on Saturday, January 1, 1944.

—C. G. Brown,
Curran Lake.

-1c

Last-Day Shoppers! *Here's your cue --*

Our foresight in meeting the Christmas demand ensures a solution to every gift problem!

No more pondering and puzzling over appropriate gifts, when you catch the bright ideas suggested by our stock.

Serviceable Gifts — Sensible Gifts
Novelties — Stationery — Writing Sets
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Tools — Kitchen Helps — Hardware
Toys, Games, Playthings for the Youngsters

Wide Choice of:
CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS
GREETING CARDS,
FAVORS, DECORATIONS

LEONARD 5c - $1 STORE

Main Street, Lachute
Leonard Bedard, prop

CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE PERSONALIZED THROUGH PICTURES

Photographic Christmas greeting cards have been gaining in popularity during the past few years.

The possibilities are widespread as far as the kind or type you would wish to send. There can be group pictures, individual pictures, humorous ones, big and small types.

Even the greeting itself can be included with the picture of the person or persons through the use of a large printed card. Humor is injected into the cards by having a Santa Claus drawn on a large background, with a hole left in the spot where the face should be. Any young member of the family need but put his head in through the hole for the finished effect.

If you are not a good photographer, or have doubts as to whether you could take such a suitable picture, you should know at least three or four persons who are willing to take the picture for you.

NUTS BY THE MILLION, BUT NOT FOR TABLE

Montreal — Maintaining 30,500 miles of track throughout the C.N.R. system is a sizeable task and requires a working force of 12,634 sectionmen to carry out this important job. For this trackage, about 37,500,000 nuts and bolts are required to fasten splice bars at track joints and sectionmen devote at least one day of each month to tightening these bolts. When new rail is laid, these workers thoroughly oil all fastenings at the joints to keep them from "freezing," which means to prevent corrosion and to make for easy servicing throughout the life of the rail. In addition, all splice bars and fastenings receive an oil bath once or twice a year.

PREMIER ON SCOUTING

"The future of our country, everything we will be after the war depends not so much on great physical resources but rather on the spirit of the people as exemplified by the principles of which the Boy Scout Movement is based." Premier George Drew, of Ontario.

MEDAL FOR HORTICULTURIST

London (CP) — Sir James Slade, 82-year-old orchid expert who once auctioned a single flower for $4,500, has been awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's Victoria Medal of Honor.

Children's Voices Heard in Greetings To Their Parents

The radio engineers of Canada, the United States and Britain are all ready again for the big broadcast. This year, British children in Canada and the United States are to call home to their parents in Britain, and Canadian and American children will say "Merry Christmas" to their fathers on active service overseas.

Blueprints are in order, personnel is chosen, three complete transatlantic transmissions are to carry the eager young voices to their loved ones, and listeners' of BBC, the CBC, and the Columbia Broadcasting System will be able to listen in on the great day. The program of Seasons Greetings, with the children calling for the fourth consecutive Christmas, will be heard on Sunday, December 26, at 12.30 p.m. EDT, over the National Network of the CBC.

This year's radio party will include four British children — two residing in the United States and two who have called Canada home for the past several years — four American children whose fathers are on duty overseas and four Canadian children whose dads are with the Canadian armed forces abroad.

While fresh excitement is created by the new group of participants each year, the children customarily deport themselves like seasoned veterans and it's the engineers who make ready the circuits, feeds, ear phones, amplifiers and transmitters, who admit to being nervous as kittens until the whole show is under way. For the broadcast presents one of the most complicated engineering setups known to the industry, and no one, from the blueprint men to the Empire announcer who signs off the last greeting, draws an easy breath until the great event is over.

CAPITOL

FRI., SAT., DECEMBER 24-25
John Carradine, Evelyn Ankers, Milburn Stone, Fay Helm in
CAPTIVE WILD WOMAN
Mary Lee, John Archer, Marjorie Lord, Harry Davenport in
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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO 'WATCHMAN' READERS

Army's Need for Ground and Defensive Equipment Met in Full; Industry Now Developing New and Improved Weapons

VIEWS ON WAR PRODUCTION, MANPOWER AND POLITICAL TRENDS, FROM THE CAPITAL

By DOUGLAS GREEN,
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Ottawa, Dec. 28 — Although vacancies exist for a large number of workers in high priority industries, the Dominion generally is now considered "over the hump" of its manpower difficulties. It is anticipated that as existing requirements are met war industries will gradually be switched to the production of goods required under the general plan of output established by the United Nations.

Production Switched

Examples of this policy are seen in the fact that Canada has drastically reduced her output of tanks and now is concentrating upon manufacturing self-propelled artillery to meet the strategic needs of the campaign in Italy; that the machine-gun section of one large plant has been closed and that curtailment is being made in chemical and explosives production.

Munitions Minister Howe said recently that the army's needs for ground and defensive equipment "have been met in full," and that war industries now face the task of developing new and improved weapons and replacing wastage.

Canadian plants producing explosives and small arms ammunition have in large measure supplied Canada's Allies rather than her own troops, and since countries whose forces are using the Canadian materials have themselves reduced output, it follows that Canadian output of these materials also will be curtailed, munitions department officials said.

Election Forecast

The tenor of recent statements by leaders of Canada's major political parties appears to indicate that a general federal election may be held next year, and observers here point to the fact that emphasis has been laid upon the question of post-war economic security for all citizens.

In his radio address dealing with fight against inflation, Prime Minister Mackenzie King said he hopes to speak later upon matters relating to the establishment of a minimum standard social security for Canadians.

M. J. Coldwell, leader of the C.C.F. party, commented that Mr. King's address indicated that a federal election soon would be held, and in addressing the Manitoba Progressive Conservative convention at Winnipeg, John Bracken, national leader, said the present government "is in the habit of dropping an election on us suddenly and we must be ready for whatever happens. It might be soon."

There has been some speculation that the forthcoming session of parliament will be short and that the present administration will go to the country when it ends.

This is, of course, a matter for Prime Minister King to decide but despite his long tenure of office as leader of the Liberal party it is thought highly unlikely that he plans to retire from politics, preferring rather to remain at the head of the administration through the war years.

Mitchell Message

Labor Minister Mitchell in a Christmas and New Year's message called on Canadian workers to rededicate themselves to their war tasks.

"We have met out manpower commitments," Mr. Mitchell said. Individually our workers on the farm, in factory and mine, in transportation and offices, have given an excellent account of themselves; and if now we know they will do so with a will.

"Much has been said of post-war reconstruction, and alike in the interest of those who will be veterans of our navy, our army and our air force, and in the interest of our industrial workers, we must be prepared to produce the best possible of post-war worlds.

"We must, however, not allow any consideration at this moment to divert us from our main tasks of securing peace through victory —of dealing our enemies of the knockout blow."

Masonic Brethren Observe Annual St. John Festival

Banquet Held at Lachute; Installation of Officers

The festive of St. John was fittingly celebrated on Monday evening when a large gathering of members and visitors assembled at Argenteuil Masonic Lodge No. 67, Lachute.

After the regular opening and routine business, the gavel was handed to Rt. Wor. Bro. H. M. Gall, who acted as installing officer and exemplified the work in a dignified and creditable manner. A number of Past Masters assisted, and Wor. Bro. F. A. Brennian acted as Director of Ceremonies.

At the close of installation the brethren retired to the banquet hall, where refreshments were served and a happy hour was spent. Particularly pleasing in this part of the program was the presentation of a Past Master's Jewel to the retiring Master, Wor. Bro. R. McAdam, by Rt. Wor. Bro. H. M. Gall, in appreciation of services rendered during the past year. Wor. Bro. W. B. Rosborough, the newly elected Master, occupied the chair.

Officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

W. Bro. W. B. Rosborough, W.M.; W. Bro. R. McAdam, I.P.M.; Bro. C. Duncan, S.W.; Bro. G. M. Rodger, J.W.; Bro. E. Orsborn, Chap.; W. Bro. R. P. Fraser, Treas.; Rt. W. Bro. H. M. Gall, Sec'y; W. Bro. F. A. Brennian, D. of C.; V. W. Bro. R. A. Giles, Organist; Bro. A. G. Talbot, S.D.; Bro. B. Hammond, J.D.; Bro. A. Gordon, I.G.; Bro. W. McFaul, Tyler; Bro. G. Connelly, Steward.

CANADIANS IN IT

London (CP) — British and Canadian corvettes have sunk 45 U-boats since war started, said A. J. McWhinnier, Daily Herald naval correspondent, in an article. He said 14 "Flower" type corvettes had been lost by the Royal Navy and six of the same type by the Royal Canadian Navy.

Stubborn Fire Sweeps Convent At Brownsburg

Heavy loss was sustained in a blaze last evening which swept the St. Louis de France Convent at Brownsburg, gutting the centre upstairs rooms of this spacious frame structure and burning the entire roof. The building comprises several sections, constructed at different periods, and the main damage by fire was confined to the classrooms. The outbreak started in the furnace room, rapidly spreading between the walls to the attic.

The alarm was sounded between 6 and 7 o'clock. Brownsburg fire department fought the stubborn blaze with ample water supply at their command; at 7.45 p.m. a call for assistance was telephoned to Lachute, and an auxiliary fire truck with a crew of six men turned out to join the Brownsburg firefighters.

The fire was under control by 1 o'clock this morning, though little of the biulding or contents escaped damage, either by fire or water. The residential section, occupied by the nuns in charge, is at the eastern extremity of the building. No one suffered injury in the blaze.

A NEW SPIRIT NEEDED

One of the things that everybody talks about and looks for is a "new order" after the war. How this will come about few people have the slightest idea and, of those who have ideas, very few are in agreement among themselves. We do not pretend to be gifted with any power of prophecy but we do do not hesitate to predict that there will be no New Order that is any improvement upon the old one unless and until there is a new spirit, not merely among the leaders but also among the people themselves. No novel political, economic or social system that the wit of man can devise, will give the results expected if the human element does not function efficiently in it. And thus far, in Canada at any rate, we have been unable to discern, by and large, any indication of the working of a new spirit among leaders of people.

—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph

Midnight . . December 31

By George William Reid

The curtain falls — another act is through;
A mighty chapter of the drama "Life"
Is ended; and each actor dreams anew
Of greater triumph and of lesser strife.

Ring out, sweet bells, ring out!
With spirit play
Your splendid chimes! Ring out!
This New Year's Day!
Ring out your tidings sweet,
This early morn —
Ring! Your tidings sweet —
A year is born!
Ring out your challenge true
To hearts of men —
Your message ever new:
"We start again!"

The curtain rises on Life's endless play —
The great Producer sends his final call:
"All Ye, who step forth on this new-born day,
Make this year's act the greatest of them all!"

Yule Atmosphere To W.I. Meetings For December

The following is an account of activities of Women's Institute Branches reporting meetings for the month of December:

Frontier reported an attendance of 30. Blocks were made for a woollen and a lighter quilt. Gifts were exchanged between members. A program of songs and recitations was given by the children, who were treated to candy and oranges.

Lachute — Mrs. J. S. Giles read a letter received from Miss M. Lutes, Industrial Superintendent, the International Grenfell Association, Harrington Harbour, P.Q., acknowledging a parcel of old stockings sent for the making of hooked rugs. A further parcel of stockings and old Christmas cards is to be sent for their handicraft work. Mrs. R. Percival reported having sent groceries to a needy family. Anti-TB. Christmas Seals were sold at this meeting and a Christmas story read.

Jerusalem - Bethany had 16 members present. Miss M. Walker was appointed convenor of War Work. A war savings certificate is to be purchased. Mrs. C. W. P. Baugh visited this branch and gave an address on Institute work. Gifts were exchanged, Christmas carols sung, and a contest held.

Mille Isles' attendance was five, and one visitor. Recipes were exchanged and a paper read on home-made decorations. Gifts were exchanged and donations made towards a treat for children of Britain. War savings stamps to the amount of $5 were sold. The poppy sale in November amounted to $14.45.

Pioneer — Ten members and two visitors were present. A bundle for Britain is being prepared. A quilt made by the Beech Ridge members was displayed, also one by the Lachute Road members was quilted. The proceeds from these quilts will go to the Overseas Fund. The members joined in singing carols, took part in a contest and heard Christmas stories read.

Upper Lachute - East End reported an attendance of 14 and three guests; $5 is to be sent to the Children's Memorial Hospital and groceries to a local family; Christmas cards were sent to friends and members of armed forces serving in Canada and a box to a local boy now overseas. A time was spent in singing carols.

War Work convenors are reminded to send their reports direct to the county convenor, who will forward them to Mrs. H. Smith in time for publication in the February, May, August and November issues of Macdonald Magazine.

The extra pages of coupons in ration books are to take care of future emergencies should they arise.

Operations of the Prices Board extend even to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

The Watchman is on sale at 5-cents a copy at the following stores:

Lachute: Beaton's Pharmacy, Lachute Medicine Store.

Lachute Mills: Harbour Drugstore.

Brownsb'g: J. S. Thompson's.

Grenv'l Soldier Meets Death in Accident O'seas



Spr. Frederick A. Dewar

Grenville — Tragic news is received of the death of Sapper Frederick A. Dewar, on active service overseas with the Royal Canadian Engineers. The young man met an accidental death by electrocution, while in the performance of his duties on December 23.

Spr. Frederick Adam Dewar was born here in Grenville April 25, 1913, the son of Mr. Adam Dewar. He was educated in the Grenville schools, and on October 3, 1936, was married to Miss Ann Margaret Jowett. He was employed with the Canadian Refractories Limited at Kilmar for nine years until he enlisted in July, 1941, with the R.C.E. regiment. After a period of training he went overseas February 23, 1942, and had been in England since that time.

Surviving are his wife and one daughter, Anabelle Lynn, aged five; one brother, Walter C. Dewar, and one sister, Mrs. M. A. Cloutier, both of Grenville, besides his father, who also resides at the old home in Grenville.

A requiem service will be held in his memory at St. Matthew's Anglican Church on December 31.

The problem after the war is not so much demoblization of our forces as remobilization of our motives.

Milk Truck and Sleigh in Collision, No. 8 Highway

A collision between a milk delivery truck and a sleigh occurred on Highway No. 8 near Simon's crossing Monday evening. The milk transport truck, driven by Alphonse Marchand, of St. Philippe, was travelling eastward, while Thomas Morin, 55, driver of the sleigh, was proceeding west. The accident occurred at 6.45 o'clock.

Morin was thrown out of his sleigh, and suffered injuries. Dr. L. P. Sauvé, who was summoned from Lachute, ordered his removal to the Providence Hospital at Lachute Mills. The horse, a racing animal of considerable value, sustained a broken leg and had to be shot. The shaft of the sleigh penetrated through the hood of the truck in the collision.

Brownsb'g Soldier Dies of Wounds Somewhere in Italy

News has been received by his parents that Private Gerald H. Wert died of wounds December 13, somewhere in Italy.

Gerald Wert was born here in Lachute February 14, 1916, and received his education in Lachute. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wert, now of Brownsburg.

The young man enlisted with the Black Watch in September, 1939, and underwent training in Montreal and Toronto. He was sent to Newfoundland in 1940, and after spending three months there was transferred to England. There he took further training and qualified for the rank of Lance Corporal. During this time he was married, on April 25, 1942, to Miss Violet Edith Lively, of Nash Street Farm, Chiddingly, Sussex.

When the Sicily invasion was started L/Cpl. Wert gave up his stripe and reverted to the rank of Private, in order that he might get into action. He joined the Carleton and York Regiment, and proceeding to the Mediterranean, fought in Sicily. He was with the first Canadians to land in Italy, and had been among Canadians fighting with the British Eighth Army up until the time he was wounded. In his letters home he had written many interesting accounts of the life and surroundings in Italy.

Besides his wife and parents he leaves one daughter, two brothers, Lorne A. Wert, of Brownsburg, and Pte. Carl Wert, in the armed forces overseas, and two sisters, Mrs. Ross Townsend, Brownsburg, and Mrs. L. Plummer, Lachine.

Injured Airman Now Recovering

Listed among the Air Force casualties last week as "seriously ill as a result of injuries sustained on active service", was F/O David C. Owen, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Owen, Weir, Que. . . . Word has since been received by his parents that F/O Owen, who suffered serious injury in a plane crash, is now out of danger and progressing favorably.

BRIT. UNDERWATER FIGHTER PREPARES FOR MEDITERRANEAN PATROL



Before patrol in the Mediterranean — the gun of a British submarine is overhauled, cleaned and painted.

Session Opening January 18 Seen As Sounding Board for Provincial Campaigning in General Election

CITY HALL WHITE COLLAR WORKERS IN MONTREAL CONTINUE STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES

By HAROLD FREEMAN,
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Quebec, Dec. 29 (CP) — Montreal City Hall white collar workers voted 762 to 527 to continue a strike for higher wages in their second ballot in 24 hours, Tuesday night. The vote, as the strike entered its second week, was on the issue as to whether the workers wished to continue the strike or were willing to submit their demands for higher wages to arbitration suggested by the Quebec Municipal Commission.

The voting lasted from 3 p.m. until 11 p.m., with each person casting a ballot after his or her name had been checked against the city's payroll list.

It was the second ballot within 24 hours for the strikers. The night before at a mass meeting the vote was 411 to 268 to continue the strike, turning down a five-point proposal of the Municipal Commission. In calling for the second vote the next day, officials of the National Syndicate of Municipal Workers noted that less than half those on strike had expressed an opinion in the Monday night voting.

In its five-point offer, the commission had suggested immediate return to work, no discrimination against strikers or strike leaders, negotiation of a collective work agreement, submission of any outstanding points of dispute to an arbitration board, and a promise that any pay increases agreed upon would be retroactive to December 1.

Quiet in Political Arena

In its major points, the commission proposal was similar to one previously advanced by the provincial government and twice turned down by the clerks, accountants and stenographers making up the white collar staff. The workers had held out for a definite promise of wage increases.

The holiday week passed quietly elsewhere in the province, with little surface political activity no matter how much sub-surface work was going on in preparation for the reconvening of the Provincial Legislature January 18.

Main interest of the session is expected to centre around the proposed expropriation of Montreal Light, Heat and Power Consolidated and changes in the collective bargaining laws, particularly measures which the government has announced it intends to take to prevent a recurrence of such strikes as that which left Montreal without its police, fire and public works employees for 14 hours two weeks ago.

Adding to interest in the session, too, is the foregone conclusion that general provincial elections will follow the session and that therefore the session itself will be in the nature of a sounding board for election campaigning.

Only official reference to the coming session came in the Quebec Official Gazette, which gave announcement only of relatively minor bills to be submitted calling for the amendment of some municipal charters.

Montreal will ask for changes in the scale of indemnity for councillors, and changes in the powers of the executive committee and the city council; Montgomery wants power to annex 5,067,000 square feet of Beauport parish; and Grand'Mere will propose that the mayor and aldermen be elected for a two-year term instead of one.

In other proposed changes, Shawinigan Falls will present a project for creation of a fourth town ward, and Hull will ask that the town be divided into five wards. Quebec has already announced it will seek to have the value of the Chateau Frontenac set at $4,500,000 for taxation purposes instead of the present $3,500,000.

Peace may be in sight — for the far-sighted — but it is a bit early for booking passage on Rhine tourist steamers.

Letter Contends Justification in Dog-Shooting

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE EDITOR

Lachute, Dec. 29, 1943.

Lachute Watchman.

Dear Sirs:

In your issue of December 16, on the first page of your newspaper, you gave a one-sided version of an incident that happened in Brownsburg, on December 8, concerning the death of a Labrador dog owned by Mr. Ed Cribb.

I wish to explain the facts as they are: My husband and I are keeping a "Victory" hutch of Angora rabbits, on our property. On Saturday, the 4th, we saw three dogs, amongst which a big black dog, around the cage, and the next morning, three of our rabbits were found dead, strangulated and half devoured.

On the morning of the 8th, being all alone at the house, I saw a big black dog in front of the cage holding in its jaws, by the ears, one of our rabbits. Fearing the big "husky dog", I took a little "22" rifle and shot at the dog which was still shaking the rabbit. The dog was hit, for he moved and left the premises leaving a streak of blood.

These are the actual facts. I do not intend to be looked upon as an animal-killer; I am very fond of animals myself, but I believe that I have the right to defend my own property against animals who should be kept at home, especially when such a dog is known, to his owner, to have killed some chickens before in the neighborhood.

As to the fine that I paid, $18, it was imposed for having discharged a firearm without a permit. I may assure you that had I not been so upset by the whole thing I would never have pleaded guilty, for well-informed lawyers were unanimous in telling me that the complaint was based on a false interpretation of the by-law and that in the circumstances, I was perfectly justified to kill that dog.

May I add that in the evening of December 24, 16 days later, at 7.30 p.m., the town constable came to arrest me on a warrant for the killing of Mr. Cribb's dog. Fortunately I was absent. This conduct is hard to explain. The shooting took place on December 8; Mr. Cribb tried to collect $250. from us and when that failed, the warrant was served at such a date and hour which in all probability would offer no possibility of obtaining bail and I would either have to spend Christmas in jail or to settle the whole thing.

I apologize for the length of this letter; my reputation is at stake and this refutation would not be necessary had you previously inquired from both parties of the actual facts of the case.

I trust you will give this letter the same importance and publicity you gave the previous article concerning me.

(Signed)
Mrs. Rolland Boisvinet.
Brownsburg, Que.

Contractors in Transit, Clear Highway of Snow

The Lachute-St. Jerome highway was not scheduled on the Roads Department's snowclearing program this winter; however, at the present time this road is plowed and easily navigable — thanks to the O'Connell contracting crew which has been engaged on reconstruction of Highway No. 8 at Calumet. . . . When this job was suspended for the winter months the contractors undertook to remove their equipment to Ste. Adele, proceeding via Lachute and St. Jerome. Reaching a point at Upper Lachute, however, the flatbed truck carrying the heavy bulldozer became stalled in the snow — whereupon the bulldozer was unloaded and put to work ahead of the truck and other equipment, opening a perfect winter road for vehicles through to St. Jerome.

NEED MORE COAL

Manchester, En. (CP) — Gordon MacDonald, Northwestern regional fuel controller, said here that unless coal production is increased and consumption reduced Britain is heading for disaster and "munition factories will either have to go on short time or close."

Quebec Cities To Be Linked By Helicopter

By Marc René de Cotret

"Our first objective is to win the war. But we must also think of important postwar questions, such as transportation. That is why we have planned the project that I shall now describe to you".

So spoke Mr. Roch Tremblay, Vice-President and Secretary of the "Inter City Airlines Company", whose aim is to establish after the war an aerial bus service between the various cities of this Province, using the helicopter type of plane.

"Our Company", explained Mr. Tremblay, "was incorporated last summer by Letters Patent of the Provincial Government, and our principal officers are Mr. H. J. Curtis, President and Treasurer, and Mr. R. G. Perry, General Manager, both of whom are widely known in the transportation field; and myself as Secretary. It is not necessary to assure you that we are profoundly interested in the transportation industry of this Province.

"The object of the Company to keep the people of Quebec in the forefront of national transportation systems after the war.

"Some happy developments have been incorporated in a new type of aeroplane, which, unlike others, is motivated by a rotating propellor above its carriage. This model is called a helicopter, and, as you already know, it can rise and descend vertically. In the opinion of experts it is a great success and assures maximum safety".

"But how many passengers can be carried in it", I asked.

"We already have helicopters which can carry 14 passengers and travel at a reasonable speed from one city to another, and an advantage of this mode of air travel is that airports can be established in the centre of Cities instead of some distance outside them".

"I might point out", Mr. Tremblay added, "that the American Army and Navy are already employing a number of these planes".

"What will be your area of service?" I asked.

"The whole province. We shall cover (quite literally) from Montreal, to Joliette, Sorel, St. Hyacinthe, Drummondville, Victoriaville, St. Johns, Valleyfield, Huntingdon, Granby, Thetford Mines, Three Rivers, Shawinigan, Grand-'Mere, and Quebec. The Municipal Council of Joliette has already written to us expressing itself as greatly in favor of the project".

"And the advantages?"

"There are many Let me tell you that Sikorsky, one of the most eminent aeronautical engineers of our time, predicts a great future for the helicopter. He described it as though it would be the "Ford" of the future. And we thought that it would also be the bus of the future. Travelling from one small town to another, alighting easily anywhere, the helicopter will not harm any of the great air lines; on the contrary, it will help them.

"We have before us now", continued Mr. Tremblay, "models of helicopter aerial buses which will be constructed just as soon as the government permits. These are planes of 13,000 pounds in weight, capable of carrying 14 passengers, in addition to a crew of two men, and 400 pounds of freight.

"The entire system has been studied in every detail, and indications are that the helicopter will be more economical than the motorbus from the point of view of travel costs. However, it must be understood that it will not in any way supplant the present modern forms of transportation, but will complete them. I am sure that, after the war, you will see the helicopter become so useful and so popular that it will really become the 'Ford' of its day".

Pulpwood Cutters Wanted Back After Holiday Season

All pulpwood cutters who have returned to their homes for the holiday season are asked to return to woods work without delay so that vital war work will not be interrupted.

"Your company wants you back: our war work must go on" says a statement issued by the Pulp and Paper Industry of Canada. At the same time, the Industry reminds farmers and farm workers who can still leave the farm without affecting winter production that there is work for them cutting pulpwood, with good food, good camps, good wages and transportation arranged. All they have to do is to apply to their nearest Selective Service officer, to any provincial agricultural representative, or to their local Farm Production Committee.

The pulp and paper companies of all Canada are counting on these winter months to try and make up the critical shortage of pulpwood facing the country. That is why they are offering good-paying off-season work to farmers and farm workers.

It is, however, understood that all farm workers will return to the land in the spring.

On these conditions, it has been announced by Arthur MacNamara, director of National Selective Service, postponement of military service for farmers and farm workers will not be affected.

BBC Representative



S. J. de Lotbiniere is the first BBC representative appointed to Canada, and he has already seen a good deal of this country. Immediately after establishing offices in Toronto, last November, Mr. Lotbiniere set out on a tour of Western Canada. Although English-born, he is the son of Canadian parents, his family being well-known in French Canada. He has been with the BBC since 1932.

BRITONS STOCK PANTRY

London (CP) — A double issue of dried eggs has been ordered for the rationing period beginning December 12 against the needs of mid-winter when shell eggs and milk are in shortest supply.

Canada's Farms Seen Source of Post-War Exports

By DOUGLAS GREEN,
Canadian Press Staff Writer

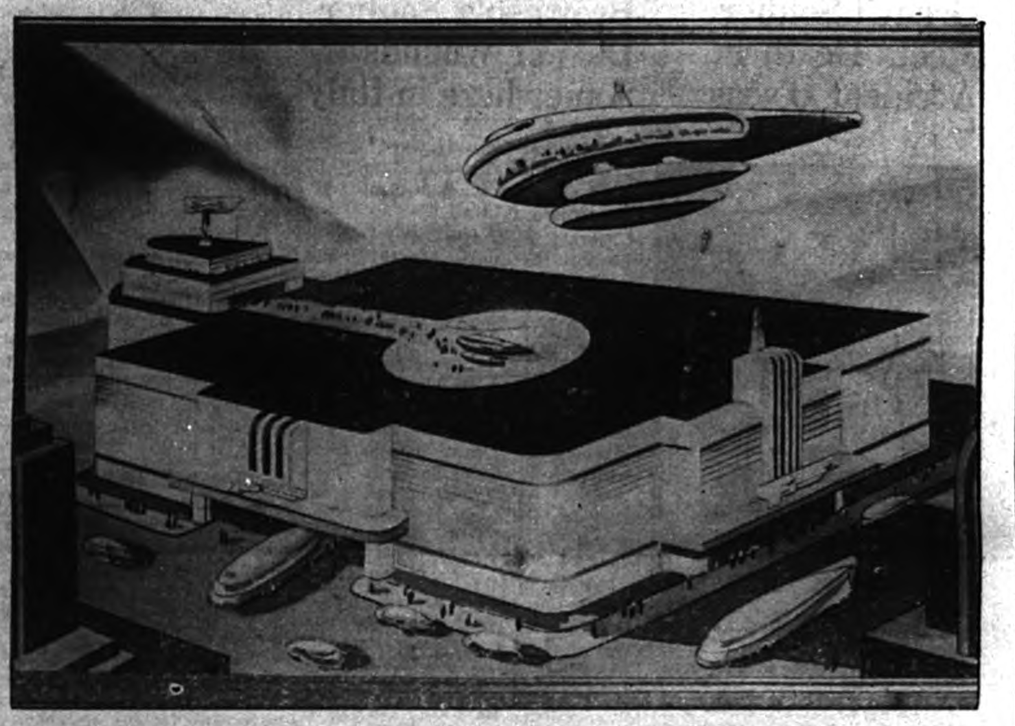
Ottawa, Dec. 28 (CP) — The part played by Canadian farmers in supplying the United Kingdom with bacon, eggs, cheese and other foodstuffs is expected to assume international importance when the war ends, since the Dominion then will be looked upon as a principal source of supply for the peoples of countries liberated from the Axis.

Farmers, asked to increase production to meet Canada's food undertakings with Britain have assurance, however, that their need of help will not be overlooked. On aspect of the farm labor problems — that of providing year-round workers on diary farms — is to be the subject of a survey which National Selective Service authorities will make shortly.

Reason for the survey is the necessity of increasing the output of dairy products. Meantime, authorities are endeavoring to have farm workers meet labor shortages in other fields by asking them to take seasonal work in lumbering or other industries where such shortages exist.

Boy Scout leaders in Windsor, Ont., have prepared a brief suggesting means of overcoming the increase in juvenile delinquency in Ontario.

AERIAL BUS OF THE FUTURE



The Province of Quebec — it is assured — will be provided after the war with an aerial bus service linking its various towns. Helicopters will be the outstanding equipment for this. The sketch above shows the Motorcoach Terminal on Dorchester Street, Montreal, arranged for the future reception of aerial buses.

MECHANICAL AIDS MAKE LIGHT WORK OF CORNHUSKING

Most of Iowa's Record 641,212,000-Bushel Corn Crop This Season Harvested With Help of Modern Machines

By ARNOLD S. ERICKSON,
Associated Press Writer

Des Moines, Iowa (CP) — The race of cornhuskers is vanishing from the land of the cornhuskers.

The storied art of rattling the bangboard has yielded to a modern machine which uses an escalator to drop the ears into the wagon.

Between 80 and 90 per cent of Iowa's record 641,212,000-bushel corn crop was harvested this season by a mechanized army of 35,000 tractor-powered corn pickers.

A mechanical picker husks as much as 1,000 bushels of corn in a day. That's equivalent to the work of 10 good men husking by hand.

The shift to machines has come during the last decade. It has been accelerated by the war-born labor shortage. As late as 1942, less than 60 per cent of Iowa's corn was machine picked.

In the old days, cornhusking meant a gruelling all-season grind. Farmers started slowly to strengthen their wrists and develop the co-ordination to send the ears flying in a bangboard staccato.

It Is Easy Now

Now a farmer hitches or mounts his picker to a rubber-tired tractor, tags a wagon on behind, and in 10 days will have his corn all cribbed.

Hybrid corn, which has strong stalks ideally adapted to efficient operation of the machines, has contributed to the trend to pickers.

The outfit tumbles down the corn rows, the stalks are funnelled into a set of snapper rollers which chew off the ears. An endless belt then carries the ears to the wagon.

But this year the main factor has not been the idea of lessening the toil — it's been a question of getting the job done.

Without the pickers, much of Iowa's corn still would be in the fields, because the state's young men are in the armed services and many farm laborers have drifted into war plant jobs.

The supply of machines was far short of demand because farm equipment plants are producing war materials. Iowa was allocated 3,000 new pickers this year and the rest of the gap was filled by old-fashioned neighborly co-operation.

Community Husking Bees

Farmers formed community husking rings and shared their machines. The Iowa farm Federation spurred the effort by awarding war harvest certificates to each owner who used his machine to pick more than 150 acres in addition to his own.

Typical was Clarence Gibbons of Polk City, Ia. He picked approximately 650 acres this fall with a two-row mounted type picker which cost him $850 new a year ago.

Now Iowa farmers are talking about an even bigger corn crop next year. They'll have to step some because 10,868,000 acres yielded an average of 59 bushels — enough corn to make 275 bushels of corn meal for everybody in the United States.

Land in Scotland To Be Controlled

London (CP) — All land in Scotland from next February 11 will be subject to controlled planning authority, under the New Town and Country Planning Act, 1943, which has just become law.

Onus of seeking and obtaining local authority approval for development proposals is placed on the landowner.

BROODING — CARE OF BABY CHICKS

(Experimental Farm News)

The poultry farmer is usually faced with the prospect of replacing half, if not more of his flock each year, because the profitable laying life of the domestic hen is short.

To provide for this replacement large numbers of baby chicks are hatched each year but far too many never reach a profitable age, states W. T. Scott, Dominion Experimental Station, Harrow, Ont.

With the rapid expansion that has taken place in the industry in recent years there has been an increasing mortality that seems to be out of normal proportion. Too often there has been an increasing mortality that seems to be out of normal proportion. Too often this loss is the consequence of conditions that can be avoided.

In their own interests, reputable hatcheries have exercised considerable effort to safeguard their customers, but no matter how vigorous and healthy the newly hatched chick may be, if it is stunted and weakened by errors in feeding or brooding in the early days of its position in the end.

existence it will be a losing pro-

In suitable environment with modern, reliable equipment and scientifically prepared "starter" feeds the rearing of healthy strong chickens is a simple process. But if the mere essential requirements are disregarded and make-shift appliances and feeds of doubtful value are used in an effort to cut down cost, the risk of failure is increased.

A good, weather-proof building that provides for plenty of sunlight and fresh air and a reliable heating unit supplied with the best fuel that can be obtained insures the comfort of the baby chick with a minimum of attention and labor for the operator. Once chilled the chick may never recover sufficiently to be profitable. Deaths constitute a loss more serious than generally recognized, as late replacement will never equal the earlier hatched chick.

There is no economy in feeding cheap and inferior rations. Until it gets out on range the chick depends entirely on the feed that is provided in the brooder so that it is essential that the feed consists of all the elements necessary to promote more growth and energy.

In a brooding program that includes good chicks from a reliable source, dependable equipment, sanitary surroundings, fresh water and plenty of suitable feed, for no chick dies of overeating — nature will take care of the rest.

CONSERVATION OF SOIL MOISTURE

Moisture is the limiting factor in crop production in the prairie regions of western Canada. Good farming necessitates the adoption of cultural methods that will conserve the maximum amount of the annual precipitation, states Dr. J. L. Doughty, Soil Research Laboratory, Swift Current, Sask.

Tank experiments extending over a period of 20 years have shown that 26.3 per cent of the moisture falling as rain or snow was conserved in summer-fallowed land, when no weeds were allowed to grow at any time. Under conditions the average conservation of moisture in summer-fallow to a depth of 4 feet has been equal to 4 to 5 inches of water.

The method of cultivation or type of implement used has little effect on the total amount of moisture conserved providing that weed growth is controlled to the same degree. The time of cultivation is very important for even a light infestation of weeds may cause a serious loss of moisture.

Moisture that penetrates mode than 5 inches below the surface is relatively safe from loss by evaporation and will remain in the soil used by a growing crop. During seasons of heavy rainfall some moisture may penetrate beyond the zone of root penetration and will thus be of no value in crop production.

A long stubble aids in holding snow and also retards the loss of moisture by evaporation. A trash cover has a similar effect, for it will hold more snow than a bare fallow. Shelterbelts and snow fences are of value in causing the accumulation of snow, thus increasing the soil moisture in restricted areas. Small dykes and furrows likewise tend to prevent loss by run-off during the spring thaw.

Summer-fallowing is used for the purposes of storing moisture over a 20-month period for the use of the succeeding crop, the stored moisture supplementing the seasonal precipitation. The control of weeds by timely cultivation during the summer-fallow period is the most effective way of assuring the maximum conservation of soil moisture.

SAY YOUTH PLANNED FLIGHT TO GERMANY

Boy and Girl Charged With Attempt to Steal Plans from English Airfield

Woking, Eng. (CP) — A 16-year-old boy, member of the Air Training Corps, was accused in court here of trying to steal a Tiger Moth dual training aircraft with the intention of flying to Germany with a girl of his own age.

The court was told the boy and girl, after camping overnight near an airdrome, got into a hanger, pushed the plane onto a runway but failed in three attempts to get the engine started.

The prosecutor read a statement by the girl in which she said the boy was a pro-Nazi and belittled everything British. The boy denied this before being remanded in custody.

Each office of the W.P.T.B. now has its "paper warden", whose duty it is to save paper by every means possible.

BEAVERS ARE BUSY IN HEART OF CITY

Provide Interest for Calgary Folk by Building Dam in Elbow River

Calgary, Dec. 27 (CP) — The people of Calgary are finding out just how busy is a beaver.

A dozen or so of the proverbially industrial amphibians have been building a dam right in the middle of the city under a bridge over the Elbow River.

The beavers provided amusement for everyone in the neighborhood as they chewed down saplings and hauled debris down to their construction project, but smiles soon turned to chagrin when the beavers turned their attention to fence posts and war-precious woodpiles.

Onlookers chuckled knowingly when the beavers gnawed the foundations out from under a hefty tree, apparently miscalculating their aim so badly that instead of falling in the river, the tree crashed through a picket fence. Then the method in the beavers' madness became apparent as they nonchalantly started hauling the ready-split fence away, grinning teethily at kibitzers and would-be critics.

Their friends are more numerous than their enemies, however, and no effort has been made to stop the town planners.

STARTED IN SMALL WAY

Walsall, Eng. (CP) — Patrick Collins, who began with a broken-down merry-go-round and became one of the wealthiest fairground owners in Britain, is dead at the age of 83. He sat as Liberal M.P. for Walsall in 1922.

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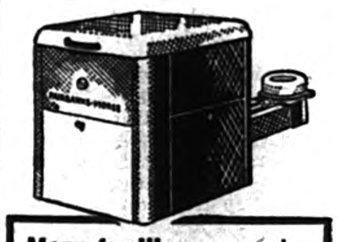
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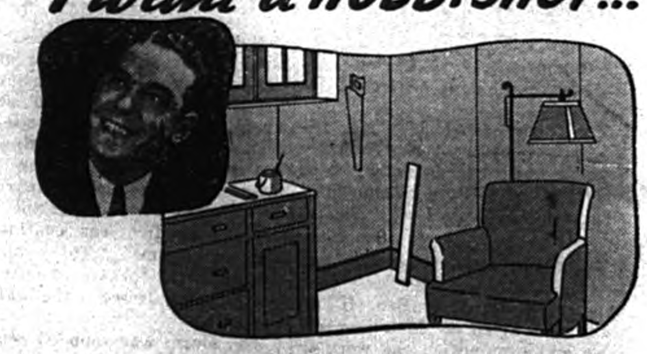
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The Day

Again we look forward to the beginning of a new year. Ever since systems for measuring the years came into existence, the race has voiced its native optimism, its irrepressible hope, by celebrating a day that marks what is really an artificial division in the long terrain of Time.

Actually, in its externals, the real New Year is a thing of seasons. For the farmer it is spring, with the warming earth, the return of planting and seeding. For the student it may be summer, with release from classrooms; or autumn, with return to textbooks and lectures, depending on the individual's inclination. For the trapper it is winter, when the pelts of animals have turned thick and sleek and saleable under nature's unfailing touch. For the soldier it is any day that marks a turn in the campaign's tide.

The origins of celebrating a fixed day to observe a new departure probably lie in this turning of the seasons, each bringing to some group of people a sense of adventure, and the wish to share it with all mankind.

But beyond any mathematical calendar, beyond even suns and reasons, there is a New Year within ourselves. The real New Year is the belief that comes to us, in January or May or September, that there are long good days ahead; better, perhaps, than we have ever known.

This is the New Year that every man celebrates privately, now and then, in the warmth of his own heart. It is the racial expression of that spirit, coming unbidden to us all when the need is greatest, that finds expression too on January 1 in a universal: "Happy New Year!"

Save Christmas Cartons and Containers

Waste paper inventories in the mills indicate an alarming position, according to latest reports. It is stated there is a definite waste paper shortage, more acute than at any time since the war began.

Waste paper, especially brown paper, containers and corrugated paper are now more urgently required because of the great scarcity of virgin pulpwood, and because of the greatly increased need of paper containers for the packaging and shipment of food and munitions supplies to our Armed Forces and to Britain and our Allies.

The production, in increasing quantities, of containers for shells, medical kits, emergency rations, blood plasma, grenades, gas masks, Air Force emergency packs, bomb fins and rings, and for hundreds of other Naval, Army and Air Force uses, makes this urgent appeal necessary.

To keep Canada's supply lines intact to our Armed Forces and Allies, requires an endless stream of paper containers. These millions of containers sent overseas cannot be returned for re-use. This is an important factor contributing to the paper shortage in Canada.

There is an abundance of needed waste paper in the home, in the store and in the factory. Now is the time to get it moving to the mills, through the local salvage campaigns or through any known commercial or trade channel. — And now is the time to salvage all Christmas cartons, paper containers and brown wrapping paper. Hold these items for collection in the next civic salvage round-up.

The New Year

Standing with folded wings of mystery,
The New Year waits to greet us — you and me.

Her arms are full of gifts; her feet are shod.
All fitly for rough roads or velvet sod;
Her eyes are steady with belief in God.

Her voice falls sweetly as a vesper-bell
Where trust and hope all lesser notes dispel;
Scarce knowing why, we feel that all is well.

She smiles a little as she turns away,
Breathing a promise for each coming day;
And we — we pause a little while to pray!

—Lillian Gard

Same Old Ingredients

Recipe for a Happy New Year. — Take twelve fine full-grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from clinging spite; pick off the specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past — have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great Cook. Boil thoroughly to a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy, then serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness and a happy year is a certainty.

Where the City People Come From

Travellers from one metropolitan centre to another might think that Canada's population had increased mightily, so crowded are the trains and buses, so crowded the streets and hotels of the cities. It is the little towns and the villages and farms that the war has stripped of population. Except where a military establishment or a war plant has been set up, there are scarcely enough young people in these rural communities to keep juke organs going. The young people of both sexes, and many older people with them, are in the services, or have gone away to work in a factory, or at some other job in the nation's war-stirred economy. A Saskatchewan community that had a population of about 500 before the war now has only 357. Similarly, a little town in Ontario that had slightly over one thousand people is now down below 800. A large part of the crowds along the city streets comes from places like these.

City folk habitually talk of moving to the country, but not many actually make the trek. When the war is over, will enough of those who came to the cities for the higher-paid war jobs turn around again and go back to the little towns and to the farms? It seems doubtful. Even in the depression not so very many of those who had migrated to the cities during the 1920's returned to the country, and, in fact, a good many came in to places like Winnipeg along about 1933 to get on the relief rolls. They helped to deepen the depression. We can't all live in the big centres. Somebody has to grow food, for instance, and the farm workers, who have reached an average age of 55 years in the United States and probably in Canada, are getting so old that they may soon not be able to continue as a class.

Canada, in peacetime, is not going to settle this city-hiving problem by expelling some of the citizens from the cities by order of the government, backed by a gun. As a democracy, we have to find other means to balance our economy. We can do much to make it economically more attractive to live outside the cities, as it is already more attractive in almost every other way. Beyond that we have the vast avenue of immigration. This country has argued about immigration far too long. It is time we fixed on a policy. Unless we can bring people into this country to help fill up the rural areas, we may run so short of food that the 1943 rations will seem like a Babylonian banquet.

—The Printed Word

His Glad New Year's

So cold the night, the wind so piercing keen,
He stood, a shivering, shabby waif upon a city street,
His withered hand outstretched in humble plea—
A gesture hurrying, laughing crowds refused to see.
So clear the night, so bright the stars,
While one outshone in glistening light,
Its scintillating rays spread o'er the eastern sky—
He watched the Star from where he stood that wint'ry night,
He watched its brilliance, and its spreading gleam—
It seemed to beckon and to call—
Intrigued, though half afraid,
The memory of childhood's days recalled,
The Angels' song of "Peace, Good Will toward Man" . . .
Benumbed, he fell asleep,
The echo of the song still ringing in his ears,
He dreamed of warmth, of light, of cheer—
Until he wakened to a lasting, glad New Year.
The verdict was —
"A beggar, found frozen on the street."

Lachute, December, 1943. —L.R.L.

THE WEEKLIES SAY . . .
BY THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Farmer in 1944

The Dominion-provincial conference on farm objectives will give the Canadian farmer some idea of what will be expected of him in 1944. . . . On the whole except for wheat, increases are asked for all food stuffs. . . . We will now wait and see whether he will have machinery and labor enough available to reach the objectives asked, and most important, whether God will provide favorable weather for a harvest. —Altona (Man.) Echo

Cold Snap Needed

Ontario is in the midst of an influenza epidemic. From what we hear, Toronto is full of it, and there's plenty right around Durham. . . . What we need now is not a good five-cent cigar, but a sub-zero cold snap. That's the best flu-chaser we know of. And let it come soon. —Durham Chronicle

A Plea for Santa

"Children should not be taught to believe in Santa Claus, nor should they be allowed to read fairy tales, because it makes them unable to face reality when they attain adulthood," said a psychologist in a recent newspaper article. After reading this article, we felt horribly sorry for the psychologist, for what a drab, uninteresting stuffy childhood he must have had!

—Kirkland Lake Northern News

Strength in Unity

There are far too many farmers who complain about the prices they secure yet do not support the organizations which seek to better their condition.

There are too many street discussions and not enough attendance at meetings where their voices should be heard, and would count.

—Picton (Ont.) Gazette

Time for Overhaul

While the women in the farm homes are juggling their food rations to give the family a Christmas dinner, the menfolk can spend a little time in the barns vamping up the machines so that shortage of farm products will not prevail next year.

Lunenburg Progress-Enterprise

Watch Your Step

There are too many children playing and skating on the streets this winter. . . . With the streets so slippery, motorists do not have good control over their cars, and the youngsters do not realize that cars cannot stop quickly.

—Granby Leader-Mail

Word for Civilians

We must provide sufficient of heavy and light wear, under and over, for the forces. But if the accumulation in the army camps be sufficient, then the civilian must receive more than a mere passing notice to make the best of it.

—Summerside Pioneer



A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada

By Jim Greenblat

From Parliament City: The famous Peace Tower, known to countless thousands who have enjoyed the magnificent view, was closed for a time while a new floor was laid on the top landing leading to it. . . . This advertisement in a local paper didn't startle anyone: "Furnished duplex — don't apply unless you can pay a year's rent in advance." . . . A few days ago, the ribbon of the 1939 to 1943 Star appeared for the first time in Ottawa on some repatriated airmen. Some of those entitled to wear it have not yet received it. . . . Appearing in Juvenile Court here a 13-year-old lad said he had asked Santa for a sleigh — to haul beer — a business which he found to be lucrative until arrested.

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Answers to the hundreds of rural women who have written to the Consumer Branch, Wartime Prices and Trade Board about rations for service men on week-end leaves. From now on, men on 48, 72 and 96-hour leaves will get a card with their passes bearing the stamp of the issuing unit. The name, regimental rank and number, plus the number of meals served by his hostess must be entered by the visitor. The hostess, on her part, signs the card, enters the number of meals she has served. When nine meals are served, the card is taken or mailed to the nearest Local Ration Board, which then issues coupons for a two-weeks' supply of any rationed commodity the hostess may desire. That's all there is to it.

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With the Fighting Services: A special permit for non-alloy steel to manufacture 500,000 safety razor blades for faces on the fighting front. . . . The Auxiliary Services also got an allowance of three cola drinks per man per week in the U.K. and 60,000 pair of leather shoe laces for the canteens and plenty of turkeys for Christmas. . . . Over 120,000 bags of parcels, each with eight parcels, were handled to say "Merry Christmas" to the sons and daughters overseas. Many parcels have to be repacked because they were broken and that is the sender's fault; improper addressing is also a pain in the neck to the workers. . . . The cost of living bonus for service men's dependents was increased: $4.12 per month for wives with children; $2.20 without children. The jump is from $2.60 and $1.40.

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Munitions & Supply point out that nearly half the householders of Canada depends on wood for heating their homes and they should get first consideration as against fireplaces not necessary for heating. Therefore farmers adjacent to the wooded areas are urged to cut as much green wood as possible this winter for the 1944-45 winter. Payment of the $1 per cord production subsidy period is extended to March 31, 1944.

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Department of Labor reveals 2,400 prisoners of war are working on 25 labor projects across the country, mostly producing fuel wood — the daily rate per prisoner as high as 1¼ cords. Employers pay the going rate wages to the department, which pays prisoners in accordance with international convention.

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You've heard a lot about tea and coffee lately. Here's the latest dope from the W.P.T.B. At the present rate of consumption there is just enough tea in the country to last five or six months — a small backlog considering the precariousness of the war in the Pacific. Moreover, 20% of Canada's tea supply is needed for the armed Forces and the Red Cross. Just recently the Red Cross asked for a goodly increase of tea for prisoners-of-war parcels. As for coffee, Canada is bringing in as much as she is allowed in her shipping allocation and it's barely enough to meet the prevailing rate of consumption.

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And now with the last news letter for 1943, may we wish our readers health and happiness for 1944, and the hope you have got something of value from these items week by week.

The Navy says that in order to transport troops and supplies, we will have to launch more bottoms. We need to kick some, too.

—Pictou (N.S.) Advocate

SUPERMAN'S TITLE TO WEEKLY EDITOR

Toronto, Dec. 28 (CP) — Weekly editors in Canada will appreciate the achievement of Editor H. W. Garrett, of the Doerun, Ga., Courier who is taking a few day's rest after publishing a 38-page Christmas edition.

Many editors have published 28-page supplements but Garrett probably is the only one who did such a job without any help.

He sold all the advertising, wrote the news and editorials and set them in type by hand. He made up forms, read the proofs and operated the press. Then wrapped, and mailed the newspapers.

He's been publishing The Courier, a weekly, for 24 years.

SUGGEST AIR TRIPS 12 CENTS A MILE

Liverpool (CP) — F. W. Farey Jones, pioneer of Britain's civil aviation, said secondary education for children in the post-war world "must envisage air trips to the Dominions and Colonies on a principle of holiday exchange, followed by at least one trip round the world."

"Why cannot we plan now our aid communications and our air transport programs on a charge of sixpence a mile to anywhere in the Empire and half-price to children?" he asked in an address.

Knows All the Answers, But Still A Quiet Man

We met him recently in a Montreal drugstore — John Keiran, of "Information Please"; and his weakness, it seems, is for cough drops! . . . A mental giant, with the heart of a boy, an expert on almost everything from ancient Chinese art to baseball, a modest man with love for his fellows as well as for beasts and birds, John Kieran might have remained an influence without becoming a personality, had it not been for the little red light of the radio studio. Unflagging stalwart of "Information Please," John sits with ease in the company of his confreres, including the distinguished visitors who accept Clifton Fadiman's invitation to demonstrate just how closely performance matches reputation. "Information Please" is heard over CBM, CBO and CBL on Mondays, at 10.30 p.m. EDT.

Must Not Forget Nazi Brutality

Leicester, Eng. (CP) — The people, says Lt. Cmdr. R. B. Stannard, of the Royal Navy, must not forget the brutality of the enemy.

Declaring "I am bloodthirsty," he said "I have seen the deviltry of our enemies" and "I don't want anyone to forget."

"That's why I am bloodthirsty. Germany, Japan and Italy — I want to see the whole lot wiped out."

Cmdr. Stannard won the V.C. at Namsos early in the war.

PEACE REQUIREMENT

Oxford, Eng. (CP) — The fact there are more jobs than there are people to fill them at present, says Sir William Beveridge, is "a striking example that the level of employment depends on the level of spending." After the war, he adds, "It will be the duty of the state to see that money is used to create more work."

A little boy's school essay read, "The armistice was signed on November 11th, 1918, and since then we have had two minutes' peace every year."



"All my friends are calling me 'Pistol Packin' Mama'."

Laugh 'n Like It!

"Funny, ain't it, pa," said Johnny, "that everybody in our house is some kind of an animal?"

"What do you mean?"

"Why, mother's a dear, and baby's a little lamb, and I'm a kid — I can't think what you are, pa."

"I'm the goat, my son."

Voice from doorway of London air raid shelter: "Is there a macintosh in there large enough to keep two young ladies warm?"

Voice from a dark corner: "No, but there's a MacPherson here who's willing to try."

A railroad agent in Africa had been "bawled out" for doing things without orders from headquarters. One day his boss received the following startling telegram:

"Tiger on platform eating conductor. Wire instructions."

The Irishman was relating his adventures in the jungle.

"Ammunition, food and whiskey had run out," he said, "and we were parched with thirst."

"But wasn't there any water?"

"Sure; but it was no time to be thinking of cleanliness."

"What is a little Eskimo with a frozen finger?"

"I don't know, what?"

"He's a frigid midget with a rigid digit."

Two farm hands in Scotland wanted a holiday, and one of them approached their "dour" employer.

"Hoots," said the farmer, "a holiday! Why, it's no many weeks since ye had the two meenits silence."

ASKARI CHORISTERS

Mairobi (CP) — A rifle company of a Tanganyika battalion of the King's African Rifles is carrying out the experiment of training an Askari choir. The men are taught by an officer who was formerly a choirmaster and they already know several songs in English and some with a Swahili adaption. Practising is entirely voluntarily.

The object of new restrictions upon printing is to conserve paper, in short supply for essential war purposes.



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DISTRICT NEWS

FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Grenville

Mr. Victor D. Gaudry and daughter, Winona, spent Christmas week-end with Mrs. V. D. Gaudry and Freddy at the home of Mr. R. Y. Lyon and family in Ottawa.

Miss Lois Cooke, of Ottawa, is spending a week at her home here.

Miss Lillian Steele is visiting her mother at her home here.

Friends of Miss Edna Morrow are sorry to hear of her illness in Montreal, and hope for her speedy recovery.

Killed Overseas

Sympathy is extended to Mr. Adam Dewar and family in the loss of his youngest son, Fred, who, we are informed, met with a fatal accident, while on active service with the Engineers in England. We also also extend sympathy to his also extend sympathy to his

The village post office was a busy scene around Christmas time.

Miss Vera Gauley, of Montreal, is spending the Christmas and New Year holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gauley.

Russell Gauley, R.C.A.F., and Mrs. Gauley, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gauley here.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddley Woodbury and children were guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Woodbury, also of Mr. and Mrs. Brazeau, and others at Christmas time.

Myles Barron, R.C.A.F., of Hagersville, Ont., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Barron.

Miss May Conway, of Ottawa, has spent Christmas week-end with her mother, Mrs. G. C. Conway.

Mr. George Moncrieff spent Christmas week-end in Montreal.

Miss Barbara Dewar is the guest of Miss May Matthews for the holidays.

Christmas Day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Dewar were — Mr. and Mrs. Ross Matthews, Miss May and Ronald Matthews, Miss Gertrude Moncrieff, Mr. Garfield Moncrieff, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Dewar, Gordon and Barbara Dewar, and AC-2 Gordon Moncrieff.

AC-2 Gordon Moncrieff, R.C.A.F., stationed at the University of Montreal training school, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Moncrieff.

Indirect taxes are very high in Britain. It is estimated that on an annual income of $4,000, a married man with two children would pay about $400 in indirect tax, in addition to $1,600 in direct tax.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Births, Marriages, Deaths, In Memoriam, etc., 50 cents each insertion; 5c a line extra for verse with In Memoriam.

BIRTH

BIGGAR — At the Royal Victoria Hospital on December 22, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Biggar, of Cowansville, Que., a son, James Mason.

MARRIAGE

LEISHMAN - MOTT — The marriage of Gladys Maud, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mott, of Brownsburg, to Dougall Paul, youngest son of Mr. Paul Leishman, of Lachute, took place quietly on Saturday, December 18, at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore, Brownsburg. The Rev. B. J. Thorpe officiated.

DEATHS

DEWAR — Spr. Frederick Adam Dewar, on active service Overseas with the Royal Canadian Engineers, husband of Ann Margaret Jowett, son of Adam Dewar, of Grenville, Que., was killed in line of duty on December 23, 1943, in his 31st year. Memorial service in St. Matthew's Church, Grenville, on Friday, December 31, at 11 a.m.

MacNAUGHTON — At the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on Wednesday, December 29, Mrs. Thos. MacNaughton, (née Bessie Bradford), aged 57 years.

RIDDELL — Suddenly at her residence, Lachute Mills, on December 27, 1943, Margaret Carpenter, widow of the late Alexander Riddell. Funeral from Lachute United Church, Friday, December 31, at 2.30 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

SCOTT — The family of the late Mrs. Walter Scott wish to thank friends and relatives for expressions of sympathy and floral tributes, extended in their recent bereavement.

Cushing West

Miss Catherine Cooke, of the High School staff at New Carlisle, Que., is spending the Christmas vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. L. Cooke — as is also Miss Muriel Cooke, who is teaching at Avoca this term.

LAC. Alan Vowles and Mrs. Vowles arrived from St. Thomas on Friday and are spending the holiday season with Mrs. Vowles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watson, and also with friends at Brownsburg.

Miss K. Whelehan, of Montreal, was a visitor with her friends here on Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Densmore, of Montreal, visited friends at Grece's Point over Christmas week-end.

The Misses Dorothy and Helen Weir, of Montreal, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Weir.

Mr. C. J. Hartley spent Christmas with friends in Hawkesbury.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watson and daughter, Ora, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dawson at Stonefield Heights for Christmas.

Home from Overseas

Pte. Jean Louis Brookes, who enlisted in December, 1940, and went overseas the following summer, arrived in Montreal recently and is spending a month's leave with his parents at Grece's Point.

Mr. and Miss Whelehan spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. R. Funcheon, at the home of their nephew, Mr. W. H. Robert, Monalea. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Robert, of Grece's Point, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mahoney, of Toronto, also Constable Ted Mahoney, of the R.C.M.P., Ottawa.

Morin Heights

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis were — Miss Francis Saunders, of Shawbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brown, St. Donat, Miss Patricia Davis, Montreal, and Baird Davis, of the R.C.A.F., St. Johns.

Pte. Gordon Downie and Cpl. W. R. Bell spent Christmas with their families.

Christmas visitors at Laurentian Rest Inn were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Watson and sons, Miss Audrey Watson and Mr. Gaetan Martel, all of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gillingham had as their guests over the Christmas holiday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gillingham and family, of Montreal, which included Eddie Gillingham, of the R.C.N., and Wing Commander Harold Gillingham, with Mrs. Gillingham and their two small daughters.

Miss Olive Boyd and Mrs. Ronald Boyd were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Boyd, Jack McKimmie, of the R.C.A.F. Brantford, was also their guest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davis and daughter, Margaret, spent Christmas week-end in Lachute the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Deacon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Greene were in Montreal for Christmas.

The United Church Sunday School and the Anglican Sunday School held a joint Christmas tree in the United Church hall on Thursday evening, December 23.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott spent Christmas visiting the latter's parents in the Eastern Townships. Miss Sutherland was at her home in Huntingdon for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hulley were Christmas guests at the home of Mrs. Goldthorpe. On Sunday, December 26, their son was baptized in the United Church, receiving the names William Garth.

IN MEMORIAM

MONCRIEFF — In loving memory of a dear mother, who passed away December 28, 1942, and a dear father, January 21, 1926. — Mabel, Archie and Family.

You are not dead — Life has but set you free!
Your years of life were like a lovely song,
The last sweet poignant notes of which, held long,
Passed into silence while we listened;
We, who loved you, listened still expectantly
And we about you whom you moved among
Would feel that grief for you were surely wrong —
You have but passed beyond where we can see.
For us who knew you, dread of age is past!
You look life, tiptoe, to the very last;
It never lost for you its lovely look;
You kept your interest in its thrilling book;
To you, Death came, no conqueror, in the end —
You merely smiled to great another friend!

Avoca

The Rev. S. J. Pike conducted service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bates on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Kelly and daughter, Kathleen, spent Christmas with Mrs. Kelly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. MacPhee.

Miss Evelyn and Dr. Lester MacCallum were guests of their mother during the holidays.

Mr. James Arthurs, of Hoyt, N.B., is visiting his mother and other relations for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Karr were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Young Christmas Day.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. William MacLeod for the Christmas holiday were — Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Magee, Misses Dorothy and Zeenie MacLeod, all of Montreal.

LAC. Leslie Kerr spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Bates; also Messrs. Wm. and Evan Bates.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bates and son, David, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith and son, Gerald, of Lachute, spent the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kelly.

Master Lester Kelly, of Lachute, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kelly, during the holiday.

Miss Ethel Arthurs, of Ottawa, and Miss Evelyn Arthurs, of Grenville, are guests of their parents during the holiday.

Miss Margaret McTague, of Ottawa, Miss Gladys McTague, of Beauharnois, spent Christmas with their mother.

Mr. Edward Smith, of Montreal, visited his parents during the holiday.

Mabel

Miss Helen McFaul, of Montreal, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. McFaul.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Murdoch are visiting in Aylmer and Breckenridge, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Faris and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Davis.

LAC. Donald Clark, of the R.C.A.F., Winnipeg, spent the Christmas holidays at the home of his father, Mr. Geo. A. Clark, leaving on Wednesday for his new station at Paulsen, Man.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. MacCullough, of N.D.G., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Murdoch for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cunning and children, of Vankleek Hill, were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. Geo. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Murdoch and children, David and Joyce, spent Christmas week-end with Mr. and Mrs. David MacDonald in Montreal.

L.S.A. Kenneth Murdoch, of the R.C.N., at Halifax, and Mrs. Murdoch, of Montreal, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Murdoch.

Mrs. Norman Boyd and Master Frank Boyd, of Shrewsbury, also Mr. and Mrs. Adam Walker, of Montreal, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murdoch.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Wert and children, of Brownsburg, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wert.

Mr. Geo. Clark and Miss Catherine Clark, also LAC. Donald Clark and Mr. Douglas Clark, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cunning at Vankleek Hill on Monday.

Harrington

Mr. ad Mrs. Hugh McCabe visited in Hemmingford over the week-end.

Miss D. McRae, of St. Jerome, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McRae.

Mr. James McMahon, of Lachute, is visiting relatives at Bell Falls.

Miss Glena Bennett, of Ottawa, spent Christmas week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bennett.

Miss Freda McVicar, of Lachute, spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. McVicar.

Mr. J. Dobbie and family spent Christmas Day with his parents in Lachute.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Swail and family, of Renfrew, visited friends in Harrington over the week-end.

Miss B. Cooke and Miss Mauda McLean, of Ottawa, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dougal McLean.

Mrs. L. M. Marshall is visiting with friends in Harrington.

Miss Isobel Fraser, of Lachute, spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Shaw.

Misses Edith and Isobel McCallum are spending part of this week in Montreal.

Misses Della and Jean McLean, of Toronto, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. McLean, at Bell Falls.

Brownsburg

Miss Irene Rich, R.N., of Kingston, Ont., was a recent guest of her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Rich.

Miss Letitia Cooke, of Montreal, spent the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Birch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stephens and family, of Montreal, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. A. Warwick, of Ashton, Ont., spent a few days recently with his son, Mr. Russel Warwick and Mrs. Warwick.

Miss Allison Galbraith, of Montreal, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Galbraith, of Lachute, were the Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Galbraith.

Sgt. and Mrs. W. E. Smillie returned to London, Ont., this week after spending a few days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Graham, of Verdun, spent Christmas with relatives here. Master Keith Graham is spending the holidays with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. Jordan.

LAC Stephen Pike was at home with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Pike, for the Christmas holidays. He leaves this week for High River, Alberta.

LAC. Linton Tomalty is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tomalty.

Miss Lillian Scudamore, of Montreal, spent the week-end at her home here.

Murry Nason, of the R.C.A.F., and his mother, Mrs. Nason, from New Brunswick, were Christmas guests of Miss Jean Nason.

We regret that Mr. John Graham is very ill and is at present a patient at the Royal Victoria Hospital; friends wish him a speedy recovery.

LAC. and Mrs. Alan Vowels were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Vowles.

Mr. Jessie McAdam of Chapleau, Ont., is visiting relatives here.

Week of Prayer Services

The Week of Prayer services next week will he held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30 o'clock at the Presbyterian, Maple Avenue Baptist, and United Churches respectively. The offerings from these services will be devoted towards the local branch of the Bible Society.

Lost River

Miss Marion Lowell has left to spend the next two weeks at her home in Waterville, Que.

Misses Hazel, Melba and Marjory Dewar, of Montreal, spent the Christmas holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dewar.

Mr. John Dewar, of Montreal, is spending this week visiting his daughter, Audrey, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy MacMillan.

Miss Frances Pearson, of Montreal, spent the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rod MacMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Chisholm and son, Ronnie, spent Christmas Day at the home of Mrs. Willie Munro, Apple Hill, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughie MacDonald, of Montreal, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert McTavish and family spent the week-end in Montreal at the home of Mrs. McTavish's mother, Mrs. Isabel MacMillan.

Pte. Paul Brunelle, from Nova Scotia, and George Brunelle, of Montreal, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brunelle.

Miss Flora McLeod, of Montreal, spent the week-end here visiting her mother and friends.

Pte. Marcel Brunelle, Nova Scotia, is spending this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Brunelle.

Mr. Kenneth Bethune, of Montreal, is spending this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bethune.

Mr. George Campbell and Mrs. Eva Cowan, of Montreal, spent Sunday visiting friends at Lost River and Lakeview.

Mr. Wm. Pearson, of Harrington, spent the Christmas week-end visiting with his daughter, Frances Pearson, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rod MacMillan.

Pte. Cecil Dewar, of Arvida, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dewar.

ANOTHER SCOUT TO RESCUE

Pilot Officer James G. Noel, for nine years a member of the 40th Vancouver Scout Troop, was the hero of a rescue when a woman jumped overboard from the S.S. Prince Alice as she steamed into Vancouver Harbour. Noel, who had just received his commission was wearing his officer's uniform for the first time. "I guess its christened now" he remarked.

Morin Heights

Mrs. Carl Seale and daughter, Sandra, returned home last week after visiting her parents in Toronto.

Mr. E. Milner has gone to Montreal to spend the rest of the winter with his family.

Mrs. J. S. Jones and son, Tommy, are spending this week in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carter and family, of Montreal, spent Christmas week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Kennedy.

Mr. E. Workman and family, also Nune Watson, are spending this week at their residence, High Brook Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hulley and son spent Christmas with Mrs. Goldthorpe. Mrs. Hulley and son are spending the present week with her mother.

Miss Margaret Johnson has returned home after having spent the week with relatives here.

Mr. Jas. McCullough, of Montreal, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McCullough.

Mr. and Mrs. David Morrow and son, Mervin, spent the week-end with relatives here.

The Misses Alice and Eunice Seale, of Montreal, are holiday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Seale.

Mr. Ken McHardy, of Brownsburg, was also a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Seale.

Mrs. Paul Baumel is in Montreal this week.

Miss Elizabeth McCambly spent the week-end with her brother, Mr. Alex McCambly and Mrs. McCambly.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Bassecourt, of Piedmont, also Mr. and Mrs. N. Smith, of Montreal, were guests of the latters' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Basler.

Billy Temple, R.C.A.F., of Trenton, Ont., and Cameron Paquette, R.C.A.F., Saskatoon, spent a leave here with Mr. and Mrs. P. Temple.

Mrs. D. Anderson and son, Donald, are in Montreal this week.

Jack MacKimmie, R.C.A.F., of Lachute, also Miss Olive Boyd and Mrs. Ronald Boyd, of Montreal, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Boyd.

The Misses Margaret and Jean McConnell, of Montreal, were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McConnell.

Allan Vaillancourt, R.C.A.F., of Montreal, spent the week-end with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. John Campbell and three children, of New York, also Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ward and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell, all of Montreal, spent Christmas and the week-end with their mother, Mrs. S. Campbell.

High Record of Vaccinations and Immunizations

"If you will but consult the demographic reports of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, you will find that the number of deaths from contagious diseases has decreased considerably in the last fifteen years. We have advocated the prevention and the control of these diseases and have been instrumental in checking their spread and thus avoided epidemics. If peoples have realized the worth of prevention methods, this is due to the City Health Bureaux, to the County Health Units, to the hygienists in the Sanitary Districts and to organizations which have made it their duty to bring the problem before the public and to explain the solution. A closer supervision of their children's health by parents has been added to a closer collaboration between doctors and hygienists".

This statement was made yesterday by the Honorable Henri Groulx, Minister of Health and Social Welfare.

In carrying on the work of repression and detection of disease during the month of October, the hygienists attached to the 55 Health Units and to the 9 Sanitary Districts of the Province detected 1,768 cases of contagious diseases, visited 1,822 homes, examined 8,670 patients and suspected cases and held 273 epidemiological investigations. The number of investigations pertaining to veneral diseases amounted to 211 during the aforementioned month. 177 tuberculosis clinics were held at which 4,874 persons were examined and 1,261 visits were made in private homes in this connection. Finally, 6,864 complete immunizations against diptheria were given besides 2,853 vaccinations against smallpox and 2,164 against typhoid.

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OBITUARY

Townslady Died Recently in B'burg

Mrs. Walter Scott

The death of Mrs. Walter Scott, of Lachute, occurred at Brownsburg on Tuesday, December 21, after a illness of a few months.

Mrs. Scott was the former Miss Elizabeth Rogers, daughter of the late Frederick Rogers and Elizabeth Parker. She was born in Lakefield, and in 1900 was married to Walter Scott, who predeceased her one year and a half ago. At the date of her death the late Mrs. Scott was in her 67th year.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon, December 23, from St. Simeon's Church, Lachute, the Rev. B. J. Thorpe conducting the service. Mrs. Scott has been a loyal member of this church and active in the Ladies' Guild.

Those left to mourn her passing are one daughter and three sons, Mrs. Albert Shephard, Messrs. Gordon, Edgar and Melvin Scott, all of Lachute, also 12 grandchildren. One daughter, Gertrude, died about one and a half years ago. There remain also three sisters, Mrs. James Boyd and Mrs. John McFarlane, of Lachute, and Mrs. Albert Rogers, of Manitoba.

Pall-bearers were her six nephews — William, Ernest and Clarence Rogers, Ernest and Hector Boyd, and Arnold Parker.

Her niece, Miss Lily Robinson, of Montreal, was present for the funeral.

Bereavement to Well Known Family

Late Mrs. Alex Riddell

After a brief illness of only two days, Mrs. A. Riddell passed away suddenly at her late residence, Lachute Mills on Monday evening.

Formerly Miss Margaret Carpenter, she was married in 1877 to Mr. Alexander Riddell, who predeceased her in 1930.

Of this union there were born nine daughters and four sons, of whom there remain — Ruth (Mrs. A. Middleton), Alice, Gertrude, Ella (Mrs. A. Hills), Winnie (Mrs. A. W. Hunter, of Vancouver), Irene (Mrs. G. G. Mitchell), and Austin, of Jackson, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Smillie, of Bangor, Mich., and Mrs. Howes, of Lawrence, Mich., with one brother, Mr. Geo. Carpenter, of Bangor, Mich., are also left to mourn her passing.

Mrs. Riddell, a devoted Christian lady, was a member of the United Church, and will be greatly missed by the many friends and relatives who had grown to love her so dearly.

Always of a bright and cheery disposition, she had reached the age of 85 years, and in 1927 had celebrated her golden wedding anniversary.

The funeral service will be held in Lachute United Church on Friday at 2.30 p.m.

Resident Mourned In Rawcliffe Dist.

Late Mrs. Malcolm McGillivray

Grenville — In the passing of Mrs. Malcolm McGillivray on Wednesday, December 22, at her home in Rawcliffe, the community loses another old and well loved resident. She was over 80 years of age, but was active until the brief sickness which hastened her end.

Sympathy of this neighborhood is extended to her husband, who is in feeble health, being over 90 years of age, also to her daughters, Mrs. Frank Kelly, of Michigan, who was with her mother for a few days prior to her death, and Mrs. H. Hinds, of Westmount, also her brother, Mr. Ralph Horner, of Ogdensburg.

Funeral service was held at her home on Christmas Day, conducted by her nephew, the Rev. Hinds, of Montreal, after which the remains were conveyed to the United Church in Grenville, where the Rev. W. B. Rosborough and the Rev. Hinds officiated. Interment was made at Calumet Cemetery.

Mrs. MacNaughton Dies in Hospital

The death occurred, at the Royal Victoria Hospital on Wednesday evening, of Mrs. Thos. MacNaughton, after a comparatively short illness although she had suffered for several years with heart trouble.

Born at North River, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bradford, and in 1912 was married to William Thomas MacNaughton, who predeceased her in 1941. She was 57 years of age.

Left to mourn her loss are two daughters, Eleanor, at home and Ruth, of Montreal, also two sons, Clarence, of Lachute, and AC-2 Albert, of Montreal; two sisters also remain, Rebecca (Mrs. L. D. Smith), of Cushing, Ellen C. Bradford, of Montreal, and two brothers, John Bradford, of Lachute, and Albert Bradford, of Chatham.

The funeral will take place from the United Church at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Lady Resident of St. Andrews Dies

Late Miss Harriet Victoria Wales

St. Andrews E. — Miss Harriet Victoria Wales, of St. Andrews East, passed away in the Western Division of the Montreal General Hospital after a brief illness, on Friday, December 24. She was 67 years of age and was the daughter of Charles Wales and his wife, Martha Tredwell Stowe. A wide circle of friends and acquaintances have learned of her death with sincere regret.

She is survived by her brother, Charles S. Wales, well known merchant of this community, and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Cairns, also of St. Andrews East — to whom heartfelt sympathy is extended.

The funeral was held from the United Church on Sunday afternoon with the pastor, the Rev. D. L. Gordon, officiating, and an impressive tribute was paid to her memory. Hymns sung were "The Lord's My Shepherd," "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" and "Abide With Me".

The pall-bearers were — Col. Leslie Hooker, Ross MacAdam, Douglas Rodger, Stanley Rodger, Lawson Taylor and Ernest Woods.

Interment was made in St. Andrews East Protestant Cemetery, the Rev. D. L. Gordon conducting the committal service.

West-End Resident Dead at Age 83

Late Mrs. Thomas Robertson

At Lachute Mills on December 13, the death occurred of Mrs. Thomas Robertson, who with her family was a well known resident in the west end community. Mrs. Robertson, who had reached the advanced age of 83 years, was born in this county, the former Louisa Dorion, daughter of the late Achille Dorion, of Brown's Gore.

The funeral, held from St. Julien Parish Church, Lachute Mills, was attended by a large following of her relatives and friends.

Surviving are six sons and three daughters — Henry, of Thorold, Ont., Ernest and Achille, of Lachute, Albert, of St. Catharines, Ont., Peter, of Albany, N.Y., Russell, of Verdun, Mrs. Alphonse Poirier, of Hull, Que., Mrs. René Belanger, of Lachute Mills, and Mrs. Edward Yates, of Niagara Falls, Ont.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES

Carol Service Held At Brownsburg United

Brownsburg — Christmas services at the United Church over the past two weeks concluded with a carol service Sunday evening under the auspices of the C.G.I.T. Three of the girls assisted the minister, the Rev. S. J. Pike, who conducted this service — Misses June Epsom and Stella Warwick taking the scripture readings, the story of the Shepherds and Wise Men, while Miss Ernestine Cooper read a story on "The Observance of Christmas in Other Lands." The choir, comprising principally of members of the C.G.I.T., rendered several numbers from "The Manger-Throne" cantata, which included a solo by Miss Marjory Vowles.

New Year's Services

At the New Year service next Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, communion will be held, and a New Year service will be held at 7.30 p.m.

On Friday evening of this week, December 31, at 11 o'clock, the New Year's eve watch-night service will be held under auspices of the United and Maple Avenue Baptist Young People's Unions.

United Church Y.P.U.

The regular meeting of the Lachute United Church Y.P.U. was held on Wednesday, with president Mae Gordon in the chair and secretary Bernice Gordon recording the proceedings.

A sum of $50 was noted for the church missionary and maintenance fund.

The Rev. W. B. Rosborough extended a welcome to Past President Flying Officer Douglas Gordon, who is on furlough.

An appropriate article for the New Year was read by Mr. Rosborough, based on the personal pledging of "definite resolutions."

At the next meeting officers for 1944 will be elected.

Christian Science Lesson-Sermon

"God" is the Lesson-Sermon to be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 2.

The Golden Text is from Revelation 21: 3. "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3: 5, 6).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "That God is a corporeal, nobody can truly affirm. The Bible represents Him as saying: "Thou canst not see My Face; for there shall no man see Me, and live.' Not materially but spiritually we know Him as divine Mind, as Life, Truth, and Love. We shall obey and adore in proportion as we apprehend the divine nature and love Him understandingly, warring no more the corporeality, but rejoicing in the affluence of our God." (Page 140).

Church Services

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. H. Charlton
10.00 a.m. Bible School.
11 a.m., Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m. Evening Worship
Young People's, Tues. at 8.00 p.m.
Cottage Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, at 8 p.m. at 47 Grace Street.

MARGARET RODGER MEM'L PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
"An Open Door"
3.00 p.m. Brownsburg.
7 p.m. Evening Worship.
"As the Stars For Ever"

LACHUTE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. B. Rosborough, B.A., B.D.
10.00 a.m. Sabbath School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
"Daily Strength For Daily Needs"
7.00 p.m. Evening Worship.
"The Year's Gilgal"
Both services will be appropriate to the first Sunday of the New Year.
2.30 p.m. East Settlement.
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BROWNSBURG UNITED
Rev. S. J. Pike, Minister
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
New Year Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Communion at morning service.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE on Friday, December 31, at 11 p.m.

LAKEFIELD SERVICES
Rev. C. W. P. Baugh, Rector
10.30 p.m. Lakefield.
2.00 p.m. Shrewsbury.
4.00 p.m. Louisa.
7.00 p.m. Dunany.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CRURCH, BROWNSBURG
Rev. T. J. H. Rich, Pastor
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m. Evening Service.
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE, at the Brownsburg United Church, Friday, December 31, at 11 p.m.

REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES
Rev. Geo. B. Hicks, Pastor

BROWNSBURG	
Bible School	10.00 a.m.
Church (Communion)	11.00 a.m.
Young People, Monday	8.00 p.m.
Happy Hour, Thursday	7.00 p.m.
Prayer, Thursday	8.00 p.m.

DALESVILLE	
Bible School, 2.00 p.m.	
Church (Communion)	3.00 p.m.
Prayer, Wednesday,	8.00 p.m.

BROWNSBURG SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICES
Tuesday, January 4, Presbyterian Church, Brownsburg, at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, January 5, Maple Avenue Baptist, at 8 p.m.
Friday, January 7, United Church, Brownsburg, at 8 p.m.

War Commentary Up-to-Date

By JOHN C. SCOTT,
Canadian Press Staff Writer

From Washington has come the warning, issued by a source that is official but unnameable, that in the next 90 days great casualties may be expected by the Allies. The next three months will see spring here — and a push across the channel into France would certainly cause great casualties.

And, in connection with the drubbing the French coast is getting, reports come of British and American bombing attacks on "mysterious" targets in the Pas de Calais area — now termed the "rocket gun coast."

The name came from the belief that the area harbors installations of the vaunted new German "secret weapon." Nothing official is known but the London press, on the basis of neutral reports that the Germans were installing rocket guns in Axis territory closest to England, informally named the area after the high-powered rocket gun it is said to shelter for assault on Britain.

Even so, the air attacks on the French coast must be destroying a lot of German installations which could greatly interfere with any Allied cross-channel attempt.

On the world's major land fronts things appeared to be going well for the Allies this week, the Germans finally evacuating Ortona, Adriatic port of 9,000 inhabitants, in the face of attacks by tenacious infantry from western Canada supported by tanks.

The Canadians first forced their way into Ortona, northern anchor of the German winter line in Italy, December 20, and since then have pushed the stubbornly-resisting Nazis out of the town, street by street and house by house.

Ortona is 11 miles southeast of the important British 8th Army objective of Pescara whence a major highway runs across Italy to Rome.

The 1st Russian Army of the Ukraine was on the move again after having battled stubbornly for several months against massive Nazi tank attacks aimed at the important Ukraine base of Kiev. In a widening offensive, Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's forces were sweeping toward Berdichev, a major German base on a railway which feeds huge German forces in the Dnieper bend from supply bases in Poland.

Aside from Ortona, Canadian interest centred on the extended leave of absence granted Lt.-Gen A. G. L. McNaughton, Canada No. 1 soldier since the start of the war. Gen. McNaughton left his post of Overseas Commander as a general shifting of personnel in high Canadian army posts began to take shape.

Gen. McNaughton's leave was announced by Defence Minister Ralston two days after the latter's return to Ottawa from an extended visit to Canadian troops overseas, and Prime Minister Mackenzie King issued a statement expressing regret that the soldier-scientist's health made it impossible for him to carry on.

Lt.-Gen Kenneth Stuart, Chief of the General Staff at Ottawa, has been named temporary 1st Army commander, and has been appointed permanently to the new post of Chief of Staff, Military Headquarters in London. At the same time it was revealed that Maj.-Gen. H. D. G. Crerar is commander of the recently-formed Canadian Corps in the Mediterranean, and Canadian Press correspondent Ross Munro reported from London that Gen. Crerar was the likely choice to succeed Gen. McNaughton.

At a press conference the Defence Minister said that arrangements were being made for the 1st Canadian Army to function as a distinct army in future operations. It probably would act as one of the British group of armies under Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery who would lead the British under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, just named as Allied Supreme Commander in Europe.

Meanwhile, the British Navy's campaign to destroy the last effective strength of the German fleet is in full stride.

Following the sinking of the Nazi battleship Scharnhorst in the Arctic last week-end, a mid-week joint communique from the Admiralty and Air Ministry told of the sinking of three destroyers and the crippling of others in southern waters off the coast of France. An Axis blockade runner was sent to the bottom in the same area by coastal command planes.

These latest losses brought to at least 42 the number of German destroyers and torpedo boats known sunk since the start of the war. This total is exclusive of ships known to have been hit and probably lost. Sinking of the Scharnhorst dealt a crippling if not a mortal wound to German capital ship power.

Electrician Designs Complete Kitchen Unit

London (CP) — British women's pleas for more comfortable post-war living give promise of being answered — in the kitchen at least.

One of London's electricity authorities has designed a complete kitchen that can be plugged into a home as easily as a radio, that can be delivered as a unit and under mass-production will be sold at a price within reach of the average housewife.

A typical unit is 10 feet long and eight feet high and includes the following equipment:

Built in electric cooker, with grill and oven; built in refrigerator; convenient working table, beside cooker; cupboards for vacuum cleaner, etc.; detachable ironing board; racks for plates, pans and kitchen equipment; built-in electric clock and plugs for radio, iron and electrical appliances.

The unit as a whole is streamlined and built to take as little room as possible. Such equipment will be revolutionary in English kitchens, few of which now have conveniences of any kind.



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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Felecity Giles, of Ottawa, is the guest this week of her aunt, Miss Lila Giles.

Mrs. A. Tolhurst, of Cartierville, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morrin.

Mr. Earl Stone, of Vercheres, Que., spent the week-end with friends in Rawcliffe and Lachute.

Mrs. Vittie, of Montreal, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. George Laurin, for a few days.

Mr. Robt. Barron, of Montreal, spent Christmas with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jenkins spent Christmas as guests of the latter's parents in Richmond.

Miss Norma McClenaghen is spending the holiday season at the home of her parents in Ormstown.

L/Cpl. Barbara Cunningham, of the C.W.A.C., Montreal, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. David Vessie, of Ottawa, were the Christmas guests of their son, Mr. Alexander Vessie and Mrs. Vessie.

AC-2 G. Sly, of the R.C.A.F., has returned to Toronto after spending a Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sly.

AC-2 George Helmer, of the R.C.A.F., Hamilton, spent Christmas with his wife and daughter here.

LAC. Gilbert Scott, of the R.C.A.F., who spent the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott, has now returned to Guelph, Ont.

AC-1 Piper Don A. Fletcher, of the R.C.A.F. Pipe Band, Centralia, Ont., spent the Christmas leave with Mrs. Fletcher and family, in Lachute.

Lt. K. G. Dalrymple, of Shilo, Man., spent Christmas with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dixon, Brownsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and daughter, Margaret, of Morin Heights, Miss Millie Davis, of Ottawa, and Miss Louise Deacon, of Montreal, were the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Deacon.

Sgt. John Munroe, of the R.C.A.F., Yarmouth, N.S., and AW-2 Florence Jenkins, of the R.C.A.F. (W.D.), Rockcliffe, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jenkins, the early part of this week.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton over the Christmas week-end were — Mr. and Mrs. James C. Calder and daughters, Linda and Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Boyd, all of Montreal.

HOW IT STARTED

The transfusion of blood, now so wide-spread, is not, after all, such a new thing. As long ago as the year 1667 Pepys recorded this diary: "A poor and debauched man that the college have hired for 20 shillings is to have some blood of a sheep let into his body and it is to be done on Saturday next. They purpose to let in about 12 ounces which they compute is what will be let in in a minute's time by a watch." And the patient lived to tell the tale.

—Brockville Recorder-Times

Miss J. Valpy spent Christmas visiting with her sister in the capital.

Tpr. George Cox, of the C.A.T.C., Camp Borden, spent Christmas with his wife, at the home of his mother, Mrs. S. Cox.

Dr. J. E. Christie spent Christmas in Montreal with his brother, Mr. Keith Christie and Mrs. Christie.

Mrs. Gordon Alder and Miss Margaret Graham, of Verdun, spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Graham.

Pte. Ernest Boyd, of the R.C.A.S.C., Camp Borden, has returned after spending the holiday with his wife here.

P/O Douglas Gordon, of the R.C.A.F., is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie B. Gordon.

Cpl. Frank Laronde and Mrs. Laronde, and son Frankie, of St. Hubert, spent a few days at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. Demerse.

LAC. Keith Armstrong, of No. 4 Wireless School, Guelph, Ont., was the holiday guest of his mother, Mrs. Geo. Armstrong, Lachute Road.

Mrs. David Stalker, who is a patient in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, is reported progressing favorably.

Nursing Sister E. M. Thorburn, R.C.A.M.C., stationed at Longueuil, Que., spent Christmas week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Titman.

L/Cpl. Douglas Dixon, of Prince George, B.C., spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dixon, Brownsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ward, of Montreal, were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward, during the Christmas holidays.

P/C Claude (Joe) Lafortune, of the R.C.N.V.R., London, Ont., spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lafortune, Brownsburg Road.

Pte. Russell Ward, of the R.C.A.S.C., Camp Borden, who spent a Christmas leave with his family here, returned on Sunday and was accompanied by his wife and children, who have gone to reside in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burnett, of Montreal, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Giles on Christmas Day.

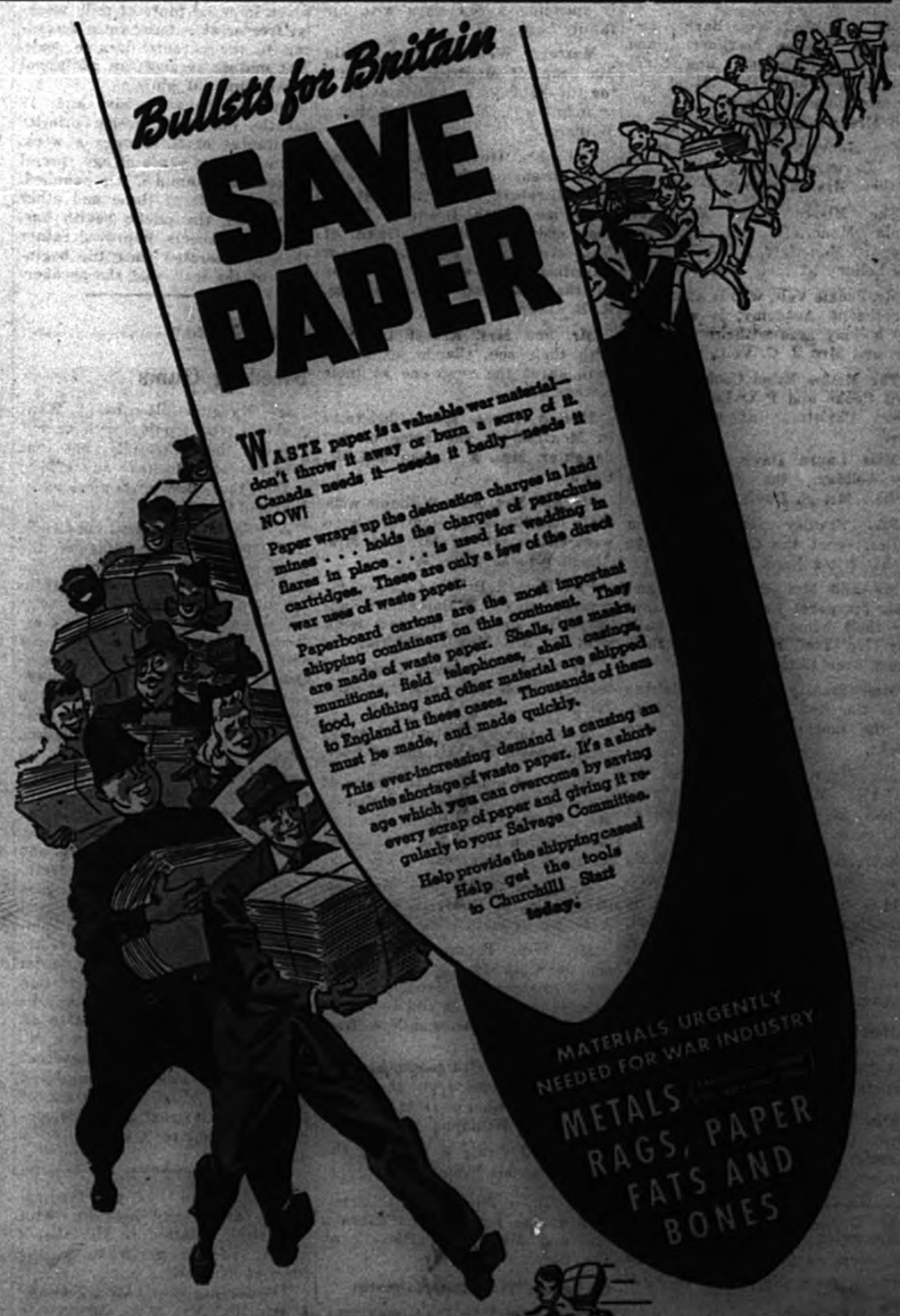
Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ward were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Legasse and children, of St. Jerome, Mr. William Snuggs, of Montreal, LAC. Bob Dance, of the R.C.A.F., St. Johns, Que., and Pte. Donald Reilly, of Montreal.

Mrs. Harold J. Gallagher, of New Jersey, is spending this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd R. Seekins.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Silverson were Sgt. C. G. Hynes, R.C.A., Debert, N.S., Mr. Alec Drennan, of Toronto, and Miss Luella Silverson, of Verdun.


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DISTRICT NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Cushing

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christie, of Montreal, were Christmas guests of the latter's father, Mr. G. W. Elliott.

Miss Helen Weir, of Montreal, spent Christmas week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Weir.

Stoker V. Elliott spent several days of Christmas leave with Mrs. Elliott at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Graham, Miss Elsie and Mr. Allan Graham, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scott at Lachute.

Mrs. W. Y. King spent Christmas week-end in Montreal at the home of her brother, Mr. Lemuel Cushing.

Master Scott Burton, of Montreal, is spending the holidays with his aunts, the Misses Cleland. Mr. and Mrs. M. Burton, of Montreal, spent Sunday with them.

Mrs. W. H. and Miss M. Canning motored to Lachute on Friday.

St. Mungo's Church service last Sunday was held in the afternoon, with a theological student, Mr. H. Stephen, in charge. Future services will be held in the morning as usual. While in Cushing, Mr. Stephen was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Weir.

Church Women's Organizations

In recent elections held in church societies Mrs. I. H. Fuller was named president of the Ladies' Association and Mrs. A. Graham president of the Women's Missionary Society.

Christmas Entertainment

An interesting Christmas entertainment was held in Cushing community hall on Thursday evening, with Donald Fuller as chairman. Mrs. W. Y. King and Mrs. T. W. Weir had trained the children presenting the program. The accompanist was Miss A. Davidson.

The three little Leclair girls were much enjoyed in their rendering of French songs; they also sang a song in Chinese together with the other Cushing children.

Mrs. A. Graham presented the prizes won by the children in the Temperance Educational study course; Donald Fuller won highest marks, with Margaret Dorion a close second.

After the program, Santa Claus and his helpers found a gift for every child, on the prettily decorated tree, as well as candy and apples.

Arundel

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barnes and children, Wilson, Marguerite and Tommy, of Montreal, and Staff Sgt. Haig Staniforth, C.M.S.C., of Ottawa, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Staniforth.

Pte. Henry Smellie, R.C.A., spent his Christmas leave with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Smellie.

The Misses Edna Moncrieff, Viola Moncrieff and Sgt.-Pilot Leonard Moncrieff, R.C.A.F., spent the holiday at their home here.

Mr. Jackie Veit, who is attending Strathcona Academy, is spending the holiday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Veit.

The Misses Ethel Cooke, Winnifred Cooke and P/O Leslie Cooke spent Christmas at their home here.

Miss Laura Davis is spending the holidays the guest of her father, Mr. E. Davis.

Pte. Stanley Dobie, Victoria Rifles, spent the Christmas leave at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cooke and Miss Margaret Cooke are occupying their home here for the holiday. Mr. Tref. Sevigny was their guest over Christmas.

Mrs. Presley has been visiting with the Rev. and Mrs. Gregoire at the manse for the past two weeks.

Mr. Percy Staniforth, from the R.C.A.F. Windsor Mills Flying School, is spending this week at his home.

Sgt. Eric Tuching, R.C.A.F., spent Christmas at his home here.

Miss Mary MacArthur, who is attending Lachute High School, and Pte. Drennan MacArthur, C.I.T.C., spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. MacArthur.

Miss Lizzie Loughren, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Loughren, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Loughren spent Christmas at their home here.

Pte. Harold Gordon, R.C.A.S.C., spent Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gordon.

Beginning with the New Year, customers in food stores will use coupons from No. 3 ration book only.

Beginning next March 2, the value of the D coupon for the purchase of maple syrup will increase from 12 to 20 fluid ounces.

St. Andrews East

Miss Enid Robertson and L-AW. Hazel Robertson, of Trenton, are spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Robertson.

Miss Lois McClintock and Mr. George McClintock spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. McClintock.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeWitt, of Ottawa, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. DeWitt. Bill DeWitt, R.C.A.F., is also spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. DeWitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Yale have spent a few days visiting relatives in Montreal.

Miss Marjorie Gates, of Montreal, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Gates.

Miss Gladys Hyde, of Montreal, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hyde.

Mr. Howard and Mr. Ralph Lalonde, both of Montreal, were at their home here for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryson had, as Christmas guests, their daughter, Miss Eileen Bryson, and their sons, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Russell Bryson, all of Montreal.

Miss Alison Rodger spent Christmas at her home at River Rouge.

Miss Ruth Bradley spent Christmas at her home in Carillon.

Miss Elizabeth Wales, of Westmount, Miss Grace Wales, of Toronto, Pte. Freda Wales, C.W.A.C., Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roback and Miss Irene McLure, attended the funeral of the late Miss Harriet Victoria Wales.

Weir

O.S. Willard Dubeau, R.C.N.V.R., of Saint John, N.B., is spending the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Dubeau.

Real Proulx, R.C.A.F., of Lachine, and Mr. Noel Proulx, of Montreal, spent the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Proulx.

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Morrison included LAC. and Mrs. Douglas MacKimmie, of Ottawa, and Pte. Bradley Morrison, R.C.O.C., of Newfoundland.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rumbolt, of Lachute, spent the holidays visiting at the homes of the former's sisters, Mrs. D. Labrosse and Mrs. A. Turmel.

Mr. Albert Woods, of Montreal, is spending a few days with his family here.

Masters Wendell and Donald MacLean, of Montreal, are spending the holidays as guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Williams.

Opl. Jas. Owen, R.C.A.F., and Mrs. Owen, of Clinton, Ont., also Miss Elizabeth Owen, nurse at the Catherine Booth Hospital, Montreal, and Miss Dorothy Owen, of Ste. Anne de Bellevue, spent Christmas week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lefebvre with their son, Claude, of Montreal, spent the week-end at their cottage here.

Mrs. A. Larose spent Christmas in Montreal at the home of her daughter, Mrs. K. Cowan and Mr. Cowan.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williams with their son, Royce, of Montreal, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woods.

Pte. Russell Bowie, C. Prov. C., returned to Camp Borden on Sunday, after spending the past week with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Craig.

Mr. P. Cantin spent Christmas week-end in Montreal visiting friends.

Mr. A. Coxen, of Montreal, spent the holidays with his family here.

Week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kerr included — Mr. and Mrs. Earl Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Booth and Mr. Lionel Kerr, all of Montreal.

Mr. Geo. Cripps and Mr. Geo. Cripps, Jr., of Montreal, spent the week-end at their home here.

Mr. Wm. Thompson with his son, John, of Montreal, and daughter, Christena, of Macdonald College, spent the week-end as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Owen.

Mrs. Stanley Craig with her son, Lyall, of Arundel, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Williams.

Mr. E. J. Craig is spending the holidays at his home here.

Mr. Oliver Purcell spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Purcell, at The Glen.

Christmas Tree Entertainment

The community Christmas tree, held in the church hall on December 22, was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and much credit is due Mrs. S. Swail for the splendid program which was given by her pupils.

Airman Recovering From Injuries

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Owen that their son, F/O. David Owen, R.C.A.F., who was seriously injured in a plane crash while on active service, is now out of danger. David's many friends here join in wishing him a complete and speedy recovery.

Calumet

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. McGibbon on Christmas Day were the following — Mr. and Mrs. D. Milton and sons, Peter and Danny, Misses Eileen and Margot McGibbon and Mr. Frank McGibbon, all of Montreal, Mr. Jack McGibbon, of Brownsburg and Mr. S. Hill, R.C.A.F., of Rockcliffe.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Jorgensen, of Montebello, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Whinfield.

Miss Audrey Williamson and Miss Evelyn Darlington, of Montreal, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Martin for the Christmas week-end.

Miss Daisy McNeil and Mr. W. Griffith, of Perth, were Christmas Day visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. MacIntyre. Miss Mary MacIntyre, of Montreal, also spent the vacation with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Robinson and daughters, Dolores and Therese, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Robinson.

Guests of Mr. W. E. Brigden during Christmas week included — Cpl. R. Brigden, R.C.A.F., of Halifax, and Mrs. Brigden, of Montreal, Lieut. H. Lessard, of Petawawa, and Mr. Woodrow Brigden, of Perth.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Druce and little son, Jeremy, spent Christmas week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Druce in Hawkesbury.

Miss Lillian Hoare, of Montreal, was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hoare.

Great Britain Fills Food Requirements Of Young Children

Toronto — In spite of the exigencies of war, Britain has kept the special requirements of young children, for the maintenance of sound health and good physical development, well to the fore, Dr. Dorothy Taylor, chief medical officer of the Maternal and Child Welfare Division of the British Ministry of Health, stated here today.

During pregnancy the mother receives a priority allowance of seven imperial pints of milk weekly, free or at reduced rates according to the parents' income scale. The mother receives an additional seven imperial pints.

Infants between six and 18 months old, also receive priority allowances of three eggs a week, and up to two years of age special sources of vitamin C are supplied.

As a result of these and other provisions, the public health has, in many respects, improved rather than deteriorated since the beginning of the war, said the speaker.

"Dental Health"

Bleeding Gums

Q.—My gums bleed easily. What could be the trouble with them? I brush them carefully, but that does not seem to have any effect; in fact, they bleed even more when I brush them.

A.—There are several conditions that may cause bleeding of the gums. All of them demand the services of a dentist and careful attention to his directions if they are to be cured and the gums restoded to their former firmness and freedom from inflammation.—One of the most common of these conditions is called gingivitis, or inflammation of the gums. This may be a very simple affliction, easily corrected. It may be an indication of a more serious disease, such as pyorrhea, a disease of the supporting structures of the teeth, and eventually, unless checked, may result in destruction of the bone and loss of the teeth. It is a very prevalent disease among persons of middle age and is probably one of the most common causes of the loss of teeth. It is also dangerous to the genedal health, since it causes formation of pus in the gums, which may be carried by the blood stream to all parts of the body. Vincent's infection, or tench mouth, is another condition in which the gums bleed easily. All of these diseases of the mouth, it must again be emphasized, require the care of a dentist.

She had gone to the fortune-teller and had listened with increasing interest to the sketch of her life as portrayed in the lines of her palm.

"Madam," said the fortune-teller, in his most impressive manner, "you should be very, very happy. A nobler man than your husband you have yet to meet."

"How absolutely thrilling!" gushed the woman. "But when?"

RATIONING

Questions & Answers

Q.—I paid 40c last week to have rubber heels put on my shoes. One month ago I paid 25c for the same thing at the same store. Are these prices not controlled?

A.—There is a ceiling price on such services . . . your shoe repair man cannot charge a higher price for the same service than charged during the basic period, September 15 to October 11, 1943 . . . as you gave us his name we are investigating his prices.

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Q.—Is there a time limit for using "D" coupons, or may I save them to buy maple syrup in the spring?

A.—No, there is no time limit on "D" coupons . . . you may certainly save them for buying maple syrup or any other rationed commodity which can be purchased with your "D" coupons.

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Q.—Is corn syrup rationed. If so, which coupons should I use?

A.—Definitely yes, corn syrup is rationed . . . you must surrender three "D" coupons to purchase a 3½ pound jar of syrup.

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Q.—I wish to kill a pig for a farmer in my neighborhood. Must I have a license to do this?

A.—No, you will not need a license if the meat is to be used by the farmer or to be sold to a neighbor for consumption on his farm . . . the farmer should get in touch with his local Ration Board, advising them when he wishes to have the pig killed . . . they will advise him how many coupons he must surrender for this meat.

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Q.—I bought wooden clothespins last week and was charged 10c for two dozen. Was I overcharged?

A.—Yes, the ceiling price on wooden clothespins in Eastern Canada is 12c for 3 dozen . . . you should have paid only 8c for two dozen.

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Q.—Is tomato juice rationed?

A.—No, tomato juice is classified as a canned vegetable, and although in limited supply, is not rationed.

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Q.—We are rather short of sugar in consequence of having fed a number of guests at Christmas time. Shouldn't they have brought sugar or their ration books with them?

A.—There is no obligation resting upon guests to follow a course but it is not unreasonable to suggest that they should do so on future visits.

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Q.—Are personal portraits made by professional photographers for a price subject to price control?

A.—Yes, each photographer is obliged to abide by his ceiling prices.

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Q.—Is there any chance of spring-filled mattresses returning to the market as separate articles?

A.—Yes. Improvement in the the metal supply situation has permitted their remanufacture.

10-YEAR-OLD DRIVES DELIVERY TRUCK, FATHER FINED

Gagetown, N.B., Dec. 24 (CP) — Appearance of a truck travelling apparently without a driver led to a fine and court costs of $24.50 against Lloyd McKinney, Gagetown storekeeper, for allowing his 10-year-old son to drive a motor vehicle.

The boy's head barely reached above the bottom of the windshield, but he had been delivering groceries by truck for some time and showed police, in a demonstration, that he could handle the truck efficiently. His father said that shortage of help made the boy's services necessary.

NAZIS SENTENCE BRITISH SEAMEN

London (CP) — An attempt by British naval men and merchant seamen to escape a prison ship taking them to Germany by setting fire to the ship was disclosed in the House of Commons when a member asked War Secretary Sir James Grigg about the sentences imposed on the men by Germany.

Sir James said the men had been charged with arson and mutiny, and the merchant seamen alleged to be the leader of the attempt was sentenced to death, another man to 10 years penal servitude and five others to varying terms of penal servitude.

The Germans had rescinded the death sentence, Sir James added.

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Early Justice in the Ottawa Valley

One of the most vital services in any community is the administration of justice. Today the good old "process of law" is taken pretty much for granted although regarded by most as an intricate involvement of subtleties with attendant and inescapable costs.

But there was a time, and not so long ago, and not so many miles from here, when justice functioned with shattering directness, its dispensers grim-visaged, forthright and bluff. It may be somewhat of a surprise to learn that in the unfenced, stump-studded yard of the log court house at L'Orignal the public whipping post and pillory flourished in all their starkness until quite late in the last century.

H. J. Walker gives us an insight into the not-so-remote past. We learn from him that the old court records at L'Orignal indicate the fact that the pioneer magistrates were firm believers in summary punishment. Thus we read that on June 26, 1817, the magistrates, under the chairmanship of Col. John Macdonell, passed sentence for felony upon a local culprit for taking and carrying away a quantity of flour out of the grist mill of Messrs. Hamilton and Gibson.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty but the court decided otherwise, and, after ordering him to pay all the costs of the prosecution, passed sentence "that the prisoner shall receive 39 lashes on his naked back to be inflicted as the law doth direct, at the hour of 12 o'clock, in the daytime of Wednesday, the 26th inst., and then to be discharged".

In another case the court records show that for larceny "the prisoner — — was sentenced to be imprisoned for 10 days, on the last day of which he is to stand publicly exposed in the pillory, in front of the gaol, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock in the afternoon".

In 1808, Johnstown, near Prescott, was the "capital" or Judicial Seat of the old "Eastern District". It owed its mite of importance to its location on the King's Highway which linked it to Montreal, Kingston and "Muddy York" (Toronto). From this frontier hamlet the "power and the glory" of district sovereignty radiated right up to the remote bush interior of the various counties of Eastern Ontario.

The district was administered by Justices of the Peace who met four times a year. It is from these quarterly sittings that the term "Quarter Sessions" arose. This body possessed wide powers and dealt with criminal offences. It designated two or more of its members to constitute a Court of Requests who had civil jurisdiction over matters up to a limited amount. These courts later became Division Courts.

From H. R. Morgan's historical researches into the early court records of Johnstown we learn something of the machinery of justice of that time and the nature of the punishments inflicted. In the semi-wilderness of that judicial seat public whippings were held, prisoners endured the pain of the pillory and the humiliation of the stocks.

Assault and battery, committed with much frequency, was punishable by fine, sometimes of not more than a quarter and occasionally of as little as a penny. For larceny of any degree, bread and water imprisonment was the verdict. Blasphemy called for the whipping post and three months on bread and water. The luckless settler who had committed no crime other than that of being deemed a public nuisance was condemned to the stocks for the edification of his neighbors.

Croil, in his history of Dundas, states that parties convicted of serious crimes were summarily banished to the United States. Whether this was in the nature of a punitive or expedient measure we can only surmise. It would imply, however, rather facile immigration conditions at the border. Croil tells of the strange case of a man named Church. This man was assaulted near the village of Maitland and in defending himself killed his assailant with a bottle.

Church gave himself up to the sheriff, who placed him in the custody of a settler named Hodge until the next sitting of the court at Cornwall. Church remained with Hodge during the interval, helping him to clear his land and being in return hospitably treated as a member of the family. When the Court met, Church was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to have a red-hot iron run through his hand, his ears cropped, and thus branded, to be banished from the country.

—Aurele Coté in
The Tracer, Brownsburg

Kenya Development Planned by Britain

London (CP) — The colonial office is examining a plan of development for Kenya involving the expenditure of £2,000,000 ($9,000,000), all of which except a £500,000 loan would be granted under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act.

The plan, already approved by the government of Kenya, encompasses soil conservation, housing, water supplies, agricultural and educational projects, reforestration and reclamation of tsetse fly areas.

Fines for Price Infractions in Laurentian Area

Twenty-four people were convicted of violating Wartime Prices and Trade Board rulings during the past month, in the Montreal region. The violations included the following:

Four cases involving the sale of bananas at prices above the maximum were heard before Judge Regnier in St. Jerome. Armand Clouatre and Godfrey Lapointe, both of St. Jerome, paid fines of $25 and costs and A. Lepage, of Val Morin, was fined $15 and costs, when found guilty of this infraction.

Raoul Dufour and Joseph Martel of Ste. Agathe paid $25 and costs and $20 and costs respectively for violating the price ceiling on pork; E. P. Rochon of St. Jovite paid $35 and costs.

The purchase of meat without coupons cost Azaire Denis of Brownsburg $10 and costs, and the sale of meat without coupons cost Patrick Giroux of the same village $25 and costs.

$50 and costs was the fine imposed by Judge Regnier when he found Jos. Mailloux of selling sugar without coupons, and the illegal use of ration coupons cost Romeo Giroux of Lachute Mills $25 and costs.

Oscar Guilbaut, charged with having employed marked gasoline in a private automobile was fined $25 and costs by Judge Lalonde in Mont Laurier and the illegal possession of gas coupons cost Raoul Lortie of St. Therese $15 and costs.

COINCIDENCE SEEN IN SUB SINKINGS

Portsmouth, Eng. (CP) — This is the story of a coincidence in the Atlantic as told by Warrant Officer E. S. Fawcett, of Portsmouth.

In May, 1918 he was serving aboard a submarine which sighted a U-boat in the Atlantic. The British submarine sank the U-boat with a torpedo. Iu May 1943, the frigate in which he was serving sighted and sank a U-boat at approximately the same time and the same place.

HEALTHFUL — YET DELICIOUS

By Betty Barclay

Far too often we find ourselves placed in a position where the foods we crave do not agree with us and the healthful foods furnished in their place are not particularly appealing. Sad but true!

Well! Here are a couple of recipes — one for a "company surprise" and one for a lunch-box treat. Filled with healthful foods, especially delicious, and not too hard on the ration coupons. Now that the easy-to-slice, easy-to-peel and easy-to-eat seedless Navel oranges are once more on sale, you'll want to try them in both these dishes:

Orange Waffle Shortcake

2 Cups all-purpose flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, ½ teaspoon salt, 3 eggs, 1¼ cups milk, 4 tablespoons melted shortening, orange slices, Ice cream (vanilla or orange).

Sift flour; measure; sift again with baking powder and salt. Beat egg yolks, add milk and melted shortening; mix well; add to flour; beat until smooth. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake in hot waffle iron about 4 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 6 waffles. To serve spread orange slices on waffle and top with ice cream.

Orange Nut Ring

½ Cup shortening, 1 cup sugar, 2 eggs, 1 tablespoon grated orange peel, ⅔ cup orange juice, 2 cups all-purpose flour, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon soda, 1 cup dates, ½ cup nuts.

Topping

Combine: ½ cup orange juice, ½ cup sugar.

Let stand while cake is baking.

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs and grated peel. Continue blending until very creamy. Sift flour, soda, and salt. Add to the creamed mixture alternately with the orange juice. Add dates and nuts. Bake in a greased tube pan (9 inches wide, 3 inches deep) or a greased ring mold, at 350 degrees F. for 1 hour. When cake comes from oven pour topping over at once. Remove from tin after 20 minutes. No icing is necessary.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Hints for Homebodies

By Jessie Allen Brown

A WAY OF LIVING

The country is full of plans and dreams for a brave new world after the war. It is time we sat down soberly and studied just what they may mean to us. Plans are being suggested at a great rate for what the various Governments can do after the war, Dominion, Provincial and Municipal. Some are necessities and all would be fine to have, but let us not lose sight of the fact that they all have to be paid for. Too much emphasis is being put on Government work, and not enough on private enterprise. This Country has been built and developed chiefly by small business, and ways should be made to let people help themselves. Certainly, we never again want to go through another depression period like the last, but the Governments should only take up the slack. You are tired of paying high taxes now, but are you prepared to continue them after the war is over? Are you ready to work and pay in order to provide for your next-door-neighbor who lacks the desire to work and has not developed any sense of thrift? Health facilities may well be undertaken by Governments to a greater extent, but other than that, how far are you prepared to work for the person who is always ready to take something for nothing? Think it over. There are plenty of complaints over Government regimentation now, but these are nothing to what we would have if the newer parties do what they say they plan to do if they get into power. Our men are fighting for freedom of action. Let them come to it. The movement which is centred in Antigonish County in Nova Scotia has the right idea. They have literally lifted themselves by their own bootstraps by Work, Study, and Co-operation. Observers think an election is in the offing, and we will be required to vote for not only a candidate, but for a way of living.

FOOD COSTS

Did you ever try to figure out how much it costs to feed a child? One of the Insurance Companies has done that very thing, and reports that the cost of food is the largest single item in bringing up a child. The cost for the first two years is a little more than $80 a year, then it increased gradually. It costs more to feed a boy than a girl — they don't have those hollow legs for nothing. Up to six years the cost is about the same for boys and girls, but after that the boys become more expensive. They have even figured out the total cost. At pre-war prices, it cost $2,360 to feed a boy, and $2,180 to feed a girl, up to the age of eighteen. So you see, children are worth more than their weight in gold.

GRAPEFRUIT FOR DESSERT

If grapefruit and oranges are available, they are a good choice for desserts at any time, but especially now after having more hearty meals than usual. There is no law that says we must eat our citrus fruits for breakfast. A half-grapefruit or an orange will supply us with three-quarters of the amount of vitamin C we need each day. They also give us some vitamin B and the orange has some additional vitamin A. Canned tomatoes and tomato juice as orange juice. Tomato juice has the added value of being a good source of vitamin A. Vitamin C loses its potency when in contact with air, so it is a mistake to get citrus fruits ready ahead of time. If there is half-grapefruit left over, turn it up-side down on a plate to exclude the air and keep it in a cool place. When you are using grapefruit for dessert try adding a tablespoon of marachino cherry juice and three Malaga grapes, halved and stoned, to the sweetened grapefruit.

EXTRA DRESSING

Additional dressing may be served with stuffed meats to extend them. The dressing may be formed into balls and baked with the meat for about twenty minutes or it may be put in a baking dish. A bread-crumb dressing is good used this way but many prefer one with a potato foundation.

POTATO STUFFING

3 Cups hot mashed potatoes, 1 cup bread crumbs, ⅓ cup bacon fat or butter, 1 finely minced onion, 1 teaspoon sage, 1½ teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper, 1 egg.

Mix the ingredients, put in a greased dish and bake a half-hour. This is a good stuffing for Goose, if used for this purpose it should be cold before using it to stuff the goose.

Women's Institutes and Their Pen-Friends

Many of the Canadian Women's Institutes have been carrying on a correspondence with members of Institutes in other lands. These are designated "pen-friends", and the being instrumental in creating a friendship and a better understanding between the rural women of the British Isles, Australia and South Africa, as well as in other distant parts of the British Empire.

This friendly correspondence has been given a practical touch by gifts of garden seeds from the Canadian Women's Institutes to Great Britain and Australia for several years past. These have been greatly appreciated and have in no small measure assisted in the making of war gardens in these countries.

BLITZ ORPHANS FIND GOOD HOME

Elderly Spinster Lavishes Her Love and Care on Nine Babies

London (CP) — Fate has brought together in wartime England an elderly spinster who always longed to have children, and nine babies who were orphaned by the blitz.

Dorothy Kerin, a wealthy woman, has taken into her spacious suburban home, Chapel House, in Ealing, five little girls and four boys, the youngest is 14 months, the oldest, three years. Miss Kerin will not discuss the tragic past that left these children parentless and homeless.

"God has sent them to me," she said. "They are entirely mine. I always wanted children to love and care for — and through faith they came to me".

The children have been given her surname and are receiving the most scientific of care in their new home.

DOUBLE-FEATURE SALAD, EASY TREAT FOR BUDGET MENU

By Betty Barclay

You can combine foods that are rationed with extenders that aren't rationed, for example, so that you will get added dividends of appetite satisfaction and nutrition for every point involved.

Here's one "extender" idea; buy a package of work-free quick-frozen spinach which is all ready to cook, and turn it into a meal-in-one salad for six by the addition of macaroni and celery.

Quick-frozen vegetables mean extra time dividends for the chief cook, because all tasks of preparation were done before quick-freezing sealed in their full quota of vitamins, minerals and farm-fresh flavor. A quick-frozen spinach ring is another excellent stretcher.

Double-Feature Salad

1 Box (14 oz.) quick-frozen spinach (thawed), 2 tablespoons chopped pickles, 1½ teaspoon minced onion, ⅔ cup broken macaroni, cooked, ⅓ cup thickly sliced celery, ⅓ cup tart French dressing, 1 teaspoon prepared mustard, 4 tablespoons mayonnaise.

Drain thawed spinach and chop coarsely. Add remaining ingredients, except mayonnaise, and mix lightly but thoroughly. Let stand in refrigerator about 20 minutes to marinate. Add mayonnaise. Serve on crisp lettuce. Garnish with raw carrot sticks. Or heat mixture and serve as a vegetable. Makes 6 servings.

Note: Mayonnaise may be omitted from mixture and served as a garnish, if desired.

Spinach Ring

1 Box (14 oz.) quick-frozen spinach, 1 cup boiling water (salted), dash of pepper, ½ teaspoon salt, ¾ teaspoon minced onion, 2 tablespoons melted butter, 1 egg, slightly beaten.

Drop frozen spinach into briskly boiling salted water. Bring again to a boil and boil 4 to 6 minutes, or until just tender, separating leaves with fork during cooking. Drain and chop. Add seasonings, butter and egg and mix very thoroughly. Turn into small well-greased ring mold. Place in pan of hot water and bake in moderate oven (375° F.) about 30 minutes, or until firm. Unmold. Fill centre with mushroom sauce, creamed celery, carrots, or other vegetables, or creamed fish. Serves six.

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Women Prove Successful in Part-Time Work

Older Workers When Trained Require Less Supervision Than Younger Ones

Ottawa, Dec. 29 (CP) — Women going to work in war plants and at other jobs for a few hours every day are making a valuable contribution to the relief of tight labor situations in many industrial areas, Mrs. Rex Easton, associate director of national selective service said.

The number of women now working on a part-time basis is expected to be revealed in an industrial survey now being made. In a recent registration of women available to take work, 2,500 indicated they could take jobs on a part-time basis.

Many of the women in part-time jobs are wives or women with other responsibilities which prevent them from spending a full work day away from home. Reports reaching the labor department indicate that, particularly where careful preparations have been made in advance, the use of part-time workers has proved very successful, although in many cases employers had been hesitant to accept the scheme until faced by acute labor shortages.

In an article on planning for part-time workers, the Labor Gazette, publication of the labor department, said this month that while special provision has to be made for the satisfactory training of older women it has been found that once they are fully acquainted with their job they require less supervision than younger women.

METAL RELEASED FOR BOBBY PINS

Women will welcome the news that more bobby pins and hairpins will be available next year. The Wartime Prices and Trade Board has announced that an improvement in the domestic wire situation will enable the Canadian producer to manufacture two-inch invisible hairpins, two-and-a-quarter-inch metal hairpins and two-inch bobby pins, for the 1944 market.

NAZIS IMPRISON PREMIER'S WIFE

Action Taken as Reprisal Against Polish Government Leader Now in London

London (CP) — Mme Cecilia Mikolajczyk, 43-year-old wife of the Polish prime minister in London, has been sent to the most notorious concentration camp in Poland on the personal orders of Heinrich Himmler as Nazi reprisal against her husband.

At the Oswiecim camp, she has been subjected to "the most cruel treatment", the Polish Telegraph Agency here said it had been informed. It added that Himmler's henchmen who carried out the orders will be treated as war criminals.

Mme. Mikolajcsyk had been under arrest for 18 months before her removal to the camp.

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Grenv'l Red Cross Elects Officers

Grenville — The local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society held its annual business meeting and election of officers on December 15.

Following are the officers elected for 1944: Mme Leo Clement, president; Mme Fred Lemay, vice-president; Mrs. George Lloyd, treasurer; Mrs. A. H. Clark, secretary.

During the year the Branch completed 1,072 articles, consisting of 305 pieces of knitting and 767 of sewing.

London — The girls of the N.A.A.F.I. — the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes — are selling savings stamps to the troops across canteen counters at the rate of 4,000,000 a year. This high average has been helped by the recently introduced scheme whereby customers in N.A.A.F.I. grocery shops are invited to spend their discount — which is at the rate of 10% — in savings stamps.

Fighting Sons Deserve Fighting Mothers

Here is a New Year's program that a mother with four sons overseas outlines for all the mothers of Canada.

"Another year is here and our sons are still away fighting for freedom. We can picture their slow progress in Italy, bogged down by mud and rain and the bitter cold of the mountains. Others are in nightly combat over Germany or the occupied countries and many more are keeping watch over our convoys whipped by the stinging gales of the North Atlantic.

"What about us, their mothers? What can we do to deserve such gallant sons? They are struggling against a tyronny that would overwhelm the world. Ours is the battle to make Canada a land worth fighting for. We can be an inspired army on the home front fighting for a new spirit in the country. We must have clear objectives and be ready to sacrifice all we have and are, to win them, before our sons come back.

1. Let us fight for sound homes for the whole nation.

2. Let us fight for the schools that will produce the best possible citizens — men who will put their country's welfare before their own selfish interests.

3. Let us fight for the healing of all the bitterness that exists in industry, that management and labor may work and build together for the benefit of all.

4. Let us fight for a real understanding between all the races of Canada.

"You may say, 'Where can I begin?' and the answer is just where you are. You can start by creating the sort of home your son will want to find when he returns, where the family get on with one another, where there is plenty of fun and laughter and where his friends are welcome.

"Why not a million women in Canada starting to fight on this basis Perhaps the men who are serving us with such devotion would find that we had also done our bit at home in their absence.

"Let us begin to fight now. There is no time to be lost."



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SHORE-TO-SHORE AIR PROTECTION FOR ATLANTIC CONVOYS



The introduction of "pocket" escort carriers has ensured a whole-time air cover for Allied convoys. No longer is there a mid-Atlantic "happy hunting ground" where German U-boat packs can operate in comparative freedom from air attack. . . . Picture shows "ground man" flagging a Hurricane on the flight deck of a British escort carrier — one of the Navy's pocket carriers which are playing a major role in defeating the U-boat pack.

BBC GIVES EUROPE LESSONS IN ENGLISH

The BBC conducts a series of five-minute broadcasts to Europe with the aim of helping Continental listeners to improve their knowledge of English. The programs are conducted entirely in English, and are written and spoken with an ingenuity that makes clear and simple the essence of the English idiom. Five minutes, for example, may be devoted to such phrases as "put up", "put out", "put in" "put by", and "put down", which are examples of the often equivocal nature of the language.

It has been estimated that there is in Europe a potential audience of five million people capable of following a news-bulletin in English. There are many more with a "smattering" and it is to this wide class that the lessons are mainly addressed.

There are two themes for the programs. "How Good Is Your English?" aims to clarify the colloquialism and the common English idiom, and to acquaint populations with the kind of thing that they may hear when the forces of liberation arrive. "What's the News?" explains words and phrases in the current news-bulletins and enables listeners to follow them more easily.

Lions' Bonspiel Ends Tonight at Curling Club

Stag finals were played at Lachute Curling Club on Wednesday evening, when a team from Vankleek Hill was beaten 14-6 by a local quartet comprising L. Morris, W. S. MacKimmie, James MacKimmie and R. Todd (skip). The winners were presented each with an overthrow rug, with the compliments of Ayers Limited.

Tonight, Thursday, two mixed teams skipped by R. Todd and W. J. Deacon, respectively, will play off for honors, bringing to a close this most successful bonspiel which was sponsored by the Lions Club for the overseas cigarette fund.

"What's repartee, Dad?"

"Repartee, my son, is what a man thinks of on the way home."

COMING EVENTS

FIREMEN'S BALL,

The annual Firemen's Ball will be held as usual on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31, at Lachute Auditorium. Lowe's Orchestra will provide the music, and plans are complete for a big-time community celebration. Plan to attend!

LACHUTE RED CROSS

The annual meeting of the Lachute Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society will be held at the town hall on Wednesday, January 5, at 2.30 p.m. Election of officers.

LACHUTE W.I.

The monthly meeting of the Lachute W.I. will be held in the High School, on Tuesday afternoon, January 4. Convenor, Mrs. W. E. Honsberger. A luncheon demonstration will be given by Miss Janet McOuat.

Mrs. Geo. McGibbon, pres.



Boy Scouts The World Over

Canada's Wolf Cubs, the Junior Boy Scouts, earned 13,863 Proficiency Badges last year.

Nearly 1,400 Canadian Boy Scouts earned their Ambulance Badge, equivalent to the St. John's Ambulance Badge, in 1942.

Lord Peter Baden-Powell, only son of the Founder of the Boy Scouts is a Cubmaster in Africa.

In the scrap metals campaign in the United States, 431,769 Boy Scouts took part and collected 292,008,406 pounds of needed metals.

A Scoutmaster at Courtney, B.C., has as his senior Patrol Leader a 16-year-old Scout who stands 6 feet 3 inches tall.

Boy Scouts, of Halifax, have distributed nearly 30,000 posters and pamphlets for government agencies during the past few months.

SCOUT SPIRIT SURVIVES

That the spirit of the Boy Scout movement cannot be suppressed is shown by the fact that in many liberated towns in North Africa the Scout Flag was the first to be flown. One of the first requests made to allied leaders after the conquest of Tunisia was for 15,000 Scout Badges.

THE ONLY ONE TO HELP

While a crowd of people stood by, unable to do anything, a sixteen-year-old boy drowned at Avon Beach, England. The only person to attempt a rescue was a 15-year-old Patrol Leader Donald Strange, of the 3rd Perivale Troop. He dived several times but was unable to locate the lad. He has been awarded the Certificate of Merit by Lord Somers, Chief Scout.

"The Youngest Profession" Shows Youth and Stars

It is a pity the children in this province will not see "The Youngest Profession", for the picture is designed mainly to entertain the kiddies — writes Thomas Archer, Montreal film critic. The picture is booked for next Sunday and Monday at the Capitol, Brownsburg.

The idea is that young people, particularly young girls, live, eat, sleep and dream movies and that the heroes and heroines are exclusively Hollywood stars. Joan Lynns, the heroine, ably played by Virginia Weidler, is head of a fan club, the requisites for membership being the ability to secure autographs and signed photos from the stars.

Jean and her friends make life a burden for her father, Burton V. Lynns, a prosperous lawyer, particularly when the old family nurse and housekeeper gets it into her head that Lynns is eloping with his pretty secretary and the imaginations of the youngest profession are let loose on the situation.

One of the features of the film is the introduction of a number of "guest stars" who move in and out of the picture to the rapture of the youngest profession. They include Lana Turner, Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon, Robert Taylor and William Powell. Miss Turner and Powell are seen on a film within a film. Mrs. Miniver has the girls to tea at her hotel and Mr. Miniver drops in. Taylor borrows the apartment next door and drops over with a message from Papa Lynns. Neither of the Minivers seem at ease, possibly because they are completely out of character. Taylor does a neat bit.

Best acting in the film is that of Edward Arnold as the lawyer and Maria Linden as his long suffering wife. Agnes Moorehead is well cast as his wife.

Six hundred and fifty Boy Scout leaders in Toronto have enlisted since the outbreak of war. Thirty of these have been killed, a number have been decorated, and 12 per cent have earned commissions.



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Stories of Nova Scotia Enrich Queen's Fund

From Halifax, N.S., comes word to the Queen's Canadian Fund of a gift of $594. This is the proceeds from donations sent to the Fund in return for autographed copies of Major W. C. Borett's new book entitled "More Tales Told Under the Old Town Clock."

Last year the Fund was enriched by over $1,100 from the sale of this book's predecessor, "Tales Told Under the Old Town Clock."

When this latest book was published it was announced over the air that one hundred autographed copies were available to each person who sent direct to the station a contribution of $5.00 for the Queen's Canadian Fund. Donations came in quickly. The total received for the Fund amounted to $594, which shows an average of $5.94 per book.

Immediate ancestor to these publications is the radio program of the same name broadcast over Station CHNS by Major Borrett. Every Sunday for the past two years lovers of Nova Scotian history gather around their radio to hear a leisurely voice relate the adventures of the province's romantic past. Requests for copies of these flooded the studio and it was then decided to publish them in book form.

Delicacy !

"Bully beef" is still the bane of the soldier's existence, according to reports from Italy, where there are "inexhaustible quantities of it." That same corned beef would look like a delicacy to civilians just now, since many haven't seen a speck of it for two years.

—Ottawa Citizen

"Victory Bell" Saves Bronze for War Needs





RAILWAYS are among the largest contributors to Canada's scrap drive. The Canadian National Railways, for example, has established a systematic year-round collection. In wartime, scrap becomes valuable because half of every tank, gun, ship and submarine is being made from steel scrap. Since the outbreak of war, the National System has salvaged 695,163 tons of various types of scrap metals. In addition, 20,565 tons of brake beams, couplers, draft gears, track bolts, spikes, tie plates, rail anchors and hundreds of other miscellaneous items were reclaimed for further use. This latter figure does not include repairs made to material in National Railways shops. Also, 34,538 tons of rail were reclaimed for further service in sidings and branch lines. The collection and disposition of the Railway's scrap is handled by its Stores Department.

The Company's Mechanical Department is carrying on a programme of conserving metals such as bronze, brass and copper by substitutions. The latest motive power accessory to undergo a change in its metal make-up is the locomotive bell. To free cast bronze needed for essential war products, the Canadian National Railways has substituted ⅛ in. thick steel plate in the manufacture of bells. After three steel sections are cut and welded together, a die is used to shape the bell. These bells are being made in the Railway motive power shops where the men call them the "Victory Bells" because they save bronze for war purposes. A large amount of brass and copper is also being conserved in the company's shops by using substitute metals in piping, casting and sheeting and by a new design of journal bearings for freight and passenger cars.

The photographs: Above—Ovila Cuillierier, engine preparer at Turcot Roundhouse, proudly displays the new "gong" on a locomotive assigned to the run of the "Continental Limited." Upper right—J. Nicholson is marking a piece of steel to form part of the bell. Lower right—With an acetylene torch; J. J. Hilton trims the base of one of the new bells.

BELONGS TO BRITAIN

London (CP) — The National Trust, has acquired three more of Britain's beauty spots — 27 acres of the summit of Lewesdon Hill, Dorset; seven acres of cliff lands and fields west of Portlee, Cornwall, and ground adjoining the Glastonbury Tor property.

WEST AFRICA BUSY

Lagos, Nigeria (CP) — To aid the war effort, West Africa has become a great producer of tin, manganese bauxite, iron ore and chrome, as well as valuable agricultural products.

WATCH RATION BOOKS

Dublin (CP) — A census was taken in Eire in December to stop trafficking in ration books.

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