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Houde, Back from 'Pilgrimage', In Mayoral Running -- Adds Zest To Montreal Municipal Elections

Campaign Outshades General Interest in Quebec on Federal Conscription Issue

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Quebec, Dec. 5 (CP) — The political spotlight turned a bit away from Federal and Provincial affairs during the last week, to shine more directly on the forthcoming municipal elections in Montreal.

Chief reason for the interest in the Montreal elections — particularly the mayoralty contest—was the reappearance of Camillien Houde, seeking public office again after four years of internment.

Mr. Houde is running again as candidate for Mayor of Montreal—the position he held when he was interned in 1940 after urging citizens not to comply with National Registration regulations. The stormy petrel of many a municipal and provincial political campaign injected a note of deep interest in the results that had been lacking for the past few years.

The former mayor is opposed in a straight two-way fight by Adhemar Raynault, present incumbent, who is seeking his fourth two-year term as the city's chief magistrate. Mr. Houde also has served three times as mayor, plus part of a fourth.

The campaign loomed as a battle of giants, with most political forecasters agreeing that Mr. Raynault was the only person who could run against Mr. Houde with any chance of success; and conversely that Mr. Houde was the only candidate who could run against Mr. Raynault and hope to beat him.

There are 66 council seats to be filled as well as the mayoralty chair, of course, but the interest outside the city is confined largely to the campaign for the Chief Magistrate's position. Under the Montreal council system, 33 members of the 99-man council are chosen by public bodies, while the other 66 are elected — 33 by property-holders only and 33 by the vote of all residents.

Mr. Raynault has yet to hold his opening meeting although he has twice addressed electors over the radio and has recalled steps taken by his administration during the last four years. Mr. Houde started his campaign with a public meeting Sunday that drew an estimated 10,000 persons.

Throughout his two-hour speech Mr. Houde referred jocularly to his "exile," "imprisonment," "internment," and "pilgrimage" when mentioning his internment. In more serious vein, he said that "if I could avoid the shedding of blood and anguish to a mother or a fiancée or a wife by going back there, I'd gladly do it."

He said the "initial" mistake of the government had been in declaring war in 1939, "but now that we are in it, we must win it." While continuing his opposition to conscription, he said he condemned the tearing of British flags as "unwise" and called upon the people of Quebec to remain calm.

Body of Farmer At Calumet Found Frozen in Snow

On Tuesday, near his home five miles north of Calumet, the body of Philip Garland, 52-year-old-farmer, was found almost buried in snow where he had been shoveling near a creek in the proximity of the farm buildings.

Discovery of the body was made by Dougal Trineer. Another neighbor of the dead man, named Ablowski, had gone to the farmhouse the previous day to deliver a message, and finding the home deserted, he advised Trineer. Philip Garland, who lived with his sister at the farm, was alone at the time of his death, his sister being absent from home. Trineer, on searching around the premises, discovered the man's body Tuesday near the creek. He immediately went to the village to notify Garland's brother, Richard.

Provincial Police were informed of the circumstances, and investigation was made by Det. S. Brasseur from Montreal and Traffic Officer H. Jones of Calumet. The district coroner, Dr. A. R. Coté, of Brownsburg, summoned a jury, who heard evidence of Dougal Trineer and of Wendell Trineer, 21, who had been the last to see Philip Garland alive, at the home of Mrs. Norman Young, on November 29. It was concluded the man had met his death on Friday, December 1; having previously suffered from a weak heart, it was presumed he had taken a seizure while in the exertion of shoveling snow. The verdict was death from natural causes.

There's no use being free from things we don't like, if that just makes us a slave to things we do like.

R.C.A.F. Promotion To Warrant Officer

Flt. Sgt. Walter Sugars, serving with the R.C.A.F. in England, was promoted recently to the rank of Warrant Officer II, according to information given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Sugars, of Westmount, Que.

Walter Sugars, who spent his boyhood days in St. Andrews East and Lachute, enlisted with the R.C.A.F. in 1942. He graduated from the Mont Joli bombing and gunnery school as a Sergeant Air-Gunner and went overseas the following February. Due to slight injuries he returned to Canada, but after convalescing, again went overseas. He was promoted to Flight Sergeant, and latterly to the Warrant Officer's rank . . . His wife resides in Montreal.

Youngster Veteran Of Italy and France

Vancouver (CP)—Four years ago 15-year-old Tommy Woods joined the army. Before army officials found out his age and sent him home, Tommy won his corporal's stripes. At 16 Tommy slipped into the army again unnoticed.

He went overseas in 1942 and today his name appears on a casualty list as wounded in France. His mother, Mrs. W. Y. Woods, has the Purple Heart which the Americans awarded him. The boy who insisted on being a soldier now is a seasoned paratrooper and a veteran of the war in both Italy and France.

Tax Rates, School And Municipal, Are Set for 1945

The regular session of Lachute Town Council was held yesterday. Aldermen R. A. Dumais, J. R. Paquette, Armand Rochon, Wilfrid Morissette, Alex Bothwell, Henri Trichard and Arnold Scott were present, with Pro-Mayor Arcade Ethier as chairman.

Lionel Rozon appealed to the Council, on behalf of Ernest Deslauriers, for approval of subdivision of a piece of land in the East Ward. The question involving technicalities, it was left in abeyance.

The Bell Telephone Company was granted permission to erect poles on Millway Street.

Communication was given to the Council that in future the Municipality of Chatham will not assume the responsibility of payments for the service of the Lachute Fire Brigade for fire calls in their municipality. The fire chief and the fire brigade were therefore strictly forbidden to answer fire calls in Chatham unless guarantee in writing is given by responsible interested property-owners before answering the call.

The valuation roll for 1945 was homologated for the sum of $2,523,450 of assessable valuation.

All arrears of taxes for 1942 and previous years were ordered to be handed in for immediate collection.

The tax rate for 1945 was established as follows:

Municipal General	$1.00	per	$100
Catholic General	1.10	"	"
Catholic Special	.30	"	"
Protestant General	1.10	"	"
Protestant Special	.10	"	"

Plans for the improved lighting of Main Street were presented for the consideration of the Council.

GLENGARRY MAN DIES AT AGE 105

Maxville, Ont., Dec. 3, (CP) — Alexander J. Campbell, reputed to be 105 years old, died at his home in Maxville on Saturday. Mr. Campbell was born on the Isle of Skye, Scotland, July 21, 1839, and came to Canada as a boy of 16. He leaves three daughters.

LAST CALL FOR BLOOD DONORS, CLINIC TUESDAY

Prospective volunteers for Lachute's seventh blood donor clinic next Tuesday, December 12, are requested to see that their names are listed so that appointments may be booked and the day's schedule carefully arranged.

. . . Those physically fit who are NOT prospective donors, are urged at this time to view the matter conscientiously and change their minds. The giving of a blood donation is no ordeal; in comparison with the hardships and sufferings of those whose lives it may help to save, it is no sacrifice at all.

NOW, with a community record to break at the coming blood clinic, send in your name as a donor. Notify the particular organizer in your community. If in Lachute, call Mrs. H. Rigg (phone 337-w); in Brownsburg, Mrs. N. Somers (phone 652) or Mr. Frank Hazel.

Postmasters Urge Early Despatch of Christmas Mail

A most critical Christmas mailing period will soon confront the post offices, and an appeal for early mailing, issued by Postmaster H. M. Gall of Lachute, applies equally to all centres in this district — for the mere dropping of mail into a mail-box, or the placing of a parcel on the wicket counter, is by no means the end of the procedure as far as postal employees are concerned.

With Christmas falling on a Monday this year, it is essential that posting of local mail be completed by December 19, and for outside places, proportionately earlier. December 10 is given as the deadline for mail directed to the United States, in order to ensure delivery on time.

Brownsb'g Group Affiliates in Radio Adult Discussion

(By Our District Correspondent)

Brownsburg — Following the lead of the "Lighted School" advocates, a number of Brownsburg men have started to enquire into the work of the Adult Education schools and have formed a group to discuss among other subjects the CBC organized approach to the subject embraced by the title "Of Things to Come."

This consists of a radio broadcast of a round table discussion on a selected subject, followed by a report of the progress of various affiliated clubs. The Brownsburg group was mentioned on the radio Tuesday, being welcomed in the growing circle of clubs. It is generally felt the enthusiasm displayed by the group should carry them to fruitful results.

The modern way for groups of interested citizens to inform themselves regarding questions they desire answered is to form a discussion or study group. These discussion groups meet at regular intervals and carry on according to the technique described by a national association in pamphlets and periodical papers.

Provided suitable source material can be secured, this method has been found to be very fruitful in developing an informed public opinion as a basis for some practical action. Indeed, a surprising number of practical projects for community betterment have arisen from the activities of such groups.

The group's discussions take place in the school at 8.15 each Wednesday night and membership, which is without ties or fees of any kind, is gradually increasing.

PASSENGERS SNOW-BOUND IN MONTREAL

(By Our District Correspondent)

St. Andrews East — Wednesday, November 29, was the day of the bus excursion to Montreal, but owing to the heavy snowstorm which occurred, a number of the passengers had to remain in the city and return by train the following day.

Brunelle Acquitted on Charge of Manslaughter After Four-Day Trial at Assizes in St. Jerome

Dramatic Scenes, Tense Moments During Hearing; Jury's Verdict Causes General Surprise

After a trial which lasted four full days and evenings, a jury chosen from the counties of Argenteuil, Terrebonne and Two Mountains, and composed mainly of farmers, acquitted Ernest Brunelle, from Lost River, of having committed manslaughter in shooting Hugh Miller, Dieppe veteran. The verdict of "Not Guilty" came as an anti-climax after the jury deliberated for three hours, for after the Crown attorney had won a hard-fought legal battle which lasted a day, to have Brunelle's confession admitted, many had expected that the jury could not do otherwise but return a verdict of "Guilty".

The trial was replete with dramatics. At one session, the mother of the victim protested so loudly at the form of cross-examination by the Defence attorneys, that she had to be warned by the Court. Later, at the request of the Crown attorney, the accused was ordered to be held under guard, and when the accused took the stand to testify on his own behalf, and displayed the gun before the jury and endeavored to explain his confession, the crowd was tense.

Explaining his written confession, Brunelle told the jury that after going down to his cellar to fire a shot in the air and scare those who were doing some loud and injurious talking on the road opposite his hotel, he placed the cocked gun on empty beer cases under his verandah, and as he came to pick up the gun to shoot in the air, it went off accidentally. He stated that he had no intention to shoot anyone.

Crown witnesses all testified that the whole affair had not lasted more than 15 minutes, that there had been some very loud talk, and one Crown witness, Roddy Chisholm, stated that insulting words had been uttered at the accused. It was also brought out that both Miller, the victim, and Bates, his companion, were on crutches, with one of Miller's legs in a plaster cast.

The Defence attorney, J. P. Lanctot, stressed in his address that Brunelle was an excellent citizen, that he had no intention of killing Miller, and that he had acted to protect the property of his son-in-law, and to prevent Miller from possibly setting fire to the gasoline tanks which had been filled the day before. He explained Brunelle's confession and his testimony, and how one completed the other. He asked for clemency and justice, and besought the jury to send Brunelle home a free man. Mr. Lanctot spoke for an hour and 20 minutes.

Crown attorney Georges H. Héon then spoke to the jury for an hour and 45 minutes. He painstakingly reviewed the evidence adduced by the Crown, and ridiculed Brunelle's version, which

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Citizens Appoint Group for Soldiers' Rehabilitation

An adjourned meeting for the purpose of forming a Citizens' Rehabilitation Committee in Lachute was held Monday evening in the Victoria Hall, with an attendance, numbering around 50 persons.

J. A. Lalonde, district organizer on behalf of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Ottawa, who had been present to address the previous meeting on November 23, again outlined the main provisions of the government's re-establishment program for ex-servicemen and women. He discussed the aims and functions of citizen groups now being formed in populated centres across the Dominion, namely to assist the veterans through a personal contact and interest beyond the capabilities of a government organization.

The pro tem chairman, Clement Tremblay, introduced Mr. Lalonde to the gathering, and later called for nominations to the local citizens' committee. Jas. W. Gall was selected to head the group as president, with Gaetan Valois and Dr. W. F. FitzGerald as vice-presidents, and Miss Lulu Miller secretary.

It was decided to name a "contact committee" comprising a representative from each of the social organizations in town, this group to ensure a personal welcome to every returning veteran on behalf of the community, and to maintain contact during his re-establishment in a civilian role. A similar representation of one member from each club, group or church, would be named to the advisory board to work in collaboration with the Citizens' Rehabilitation Committee, and the executive were empowered to add to their number as required.

Mr. J. R. Charron, manager of the local Selective Service office, was present and described procedures followed by the Commission in placing servicemen into employment.

Mr. Lalonde's explanation of government policy through the Veterans' Affairs Department drew certain comment and conclusions from the chairman. Following are extracts from Mr. Tremblay's remarks:

"When civilians join the Armed Forces special arrangements exist for showing them the ways of the particular service which they join, and for generally softening the impact of the change to military status.

When men and women are being discharged from the Forces, it is essential that something of a similar nature be provided.

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ST. JEROME BOYS HELD IN ROBBERY

St. Jerome, Dec. 4 — Three youths — one 17 years old and the other two 19 — were arraigned in court on Monday before District Recorder Charles Ed Marchand to answer charges following their arrest last week-end in connection with a $569 safe robbery at the Rex Theatre in St. Jerome. Police predicted a fourth arrest likely in connection with the same case.

Police, who said they had recovered $533 of the stolen amount, listed the 19-year-olds as Pte. Robert Ouellette and Roger Deschene, both of St. Jerome.

The safe was looted in the early hours of Sunday morning, but showed no signs of having been forced.

Urgency in Call for Red Cross Workers

Officers of the community Red Cross group in Lachute direct to the attention of women residents in this town and district an urgent appeal sent out from Montreal headquarters, for an immediate increase in the output of local work-rooms.

Red Cross branches have received a communication from the National Women's War Work Committee, from which the following paragraphs are cited to stress the urgency of this need. It is pleaded that women readers act NOW upon this alarming situation, and contact their nearest Red Cross sewing centre . . . .

During the past two years there has been a steady and serious decrease in the production of all Red Cross supplies. Within the past four months the decline has been so rapid that today production figures for this province are at the lowest point in the past five years.

Production in Quebec last year was the lowest in four years. This year our production figures are 71,000 pieces below the 1943 figures.

Quebec Red Cross, in 1943, supplied 140,000 knitted articles. So far this year we have supplied only 84,000.

More than 30,000 pounds of wool — 15 tons of it — are still in the hands of Red Cross women workers waiting to be knitted into articles urgently needed for shipment overseas.

These are only a few statistics which prove the point that the women of Quebec, generally, have become apathetic towards Red Cross. We feel, therefore, that it is our responsibility to give you these facts, unpleasant though they are, so that we can combine in a determined effort to get more workers.

It is imperative that each branch and group give individual thought to this problem.

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Our navy grows constantly and needs more and more warm woolens if it is to accomplish its tremendous task. Our Airforce flies at great heights where the cold is intense at all times of the year. Surely you who have always responded before so magnificently, will not fail our men in the Services in this their most critical winter.

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This appeal is sent to you at this time as the reports on the progress of quotas for nine months of this year are causing us, here at National Headquarters, grave concern. It is evident that great numbers of our workers are still insisting on making the articles they most like to make. This is proved by the fact that helmets and sleeveless sweaters have been overshipped, whereas, to quote just one instance — of the 55,000 long-sleeved khaki sweaters asked for, only about 13,000 have been shipped to date.

We urge you to go to your nearest Red Cross Branch. Take whatever work is most needed and do it as quickly as possible. It is your own personal responsibility. You ARE the Red Cross. You are the only ones who can do it.

Two Rail-Crossing Tragedies in Week At Ontario Village

Calumet — Isidore Leduc, 63, of Bourget, Ont., near Pendleton on the Ottawa south shore, was instantly killed last Wednesday when struck by a C.P.R. passenger train at the railroad crossing half a mile west of Bourget Station.

Cst. Rene Labrosse of the Ontario Provincial Police, who investigated the accident, said that Leduc had left home with a wagon for Bourget to fetch grain and at the railroad crossing, which was 500 yards from his home, was struck by an eastbound train from Ottawa to Montreal, at 10 a.m. His wagon was smashed but the team of horses escaped unhurt.

Dr. H. H. Kirby, district coroner for Prescott and Russell, held an inquest and returned a verdict of accidental death.

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A fast Canadian Pacific passenger train knifed into a motor car at a fog-shrouded level crossing at the same village of Bourget on Monday, and killed three men almost instantly.

The victims, all from Ottawa, were Roland Lafontaine, 39, his brother, Boris Lafontaine, and Mery Dupuis, 29, believed to be formerly of Montreal.

Witnesses said the men, driving from Ottawa to work on a plastering job at a school in the village, apparently did not see the train because of the heavy fog.

The car, owned by Roland Lafontaine and believed to have been driven by him, slowed down as it approached the level crossing and then speeded ahead. Struck squarely in the middle by the speeding train, bound for Montreal from Ottawa, the car was carried nearly a half mile before the locomotive could be brought to a halt.

Ten men worked to release the twisted wreckage from the front of the engine and then the bodies were placed in the baggage car and taken back to Bourget Station for examination by Coroner Dr. H. H. Kirby of Hawkesbury, pending an inquest.

Authorities said that the impact of the crash was so great that for a time they could not determine how many had been killed.

Soldier Missing Is Listed Prisoner

Word was received last week by Mrs. Ernest Kennedy, of Brownsburg, that her son, Pte. Stanley Brown, reported missing since July 28, is now a prisoner-of-war in Germany. Pte. Brown was in the Black Watch Regiment. Before being captured by the enemy, he was slightly wounded in action.

Sgt. George Powell Home to Write Up Canada for Troops

Sgt. George Powell, member of the staff of the Maple Leaf, Canadian Army soldier newspaper, is home from Italy on a job which suits him to the ground. He has been commissioned to write stories on homeland conditions, for publication in the Maple Leaf and direct consumption of the troops. Together with Powell on this assignment is Maj. Royd Beamish, of Port Arthur, deputy assistant director of Army Public Relations.

The stories they write on Canada will be impressions any Canadian would be interested in after years on foreign soil. They will cover the whole sweep of national life, politics, rationing, sport, changes in industry — in short, anything they see as news to the men still overseas.

Sgt. George Powell went overseas in 1939 with the Signal Corps. After serving for some time in Italy he was transferred to Public Relations on the staff of the Maple Leaf. He will be remembered here as a former High School pupil, and reporter of school doings and functions for the columns of The Watchman. His home was then at Ste. Agathe. His brother, Sqdn. Leader Lee Powell, also a former writer for this paper and later on the staff of the Montreal Gazette, is with R.C.A.F. Public Relations and now stationed in Belgium.

STILL OR CHICKEN FEEDER?

Montreal (CP) — R.C.M.P. officers said it was a liquor still, but Wilfrid Brochu of nearby Pont Viau claimed the contraption discovered on his property was an invention of his own for feeding and watering chicks. Mr. Justice Lazure confessed he couldn't say offhand who was right when the case came before him, and took it under advisement.

ARSON CHARGE

Vernon, B.C. (CP) Won Fat, 75-year-old Chinese, was sentenced to two years imprisonment when convicted of arson. Evidence revealed he set fire to the Women's Institute building here.

At Local Bell Telephone "Central"



"Soldiers of the Switchboard" has been the name applied to telephone operators who keep the wartime flow of oral communication moving smoothly in every centre, large and small. Theirs is a war job, indeed. Pictured are the Lachute traffic women who were on duty when the cameraman called the other day at the local exchange. Left to right: Miss R. E. Dawson, chief operator; the Misses A. Gagné, Y. Lahaie, H. I. Hodge, S. H. Dion, M. J. Laurin and G. M. Gagnier . . . . Other local operators not on duty when the above photograph was taken — Mrs. E. B. Menzies, Mrs. C. Staniforth, the Misses P. Lafleur, V. St.-Eloi , S. Stewart and L. Gagné.

Seasonal

FARM TOPICS



32,000-Egg Incubator For Poultry Co-operative

A new poultry co-operative has just been incorporated at St. Marcedes-Carrières and is made up of 26 farmers of Portneuf County. Some have been raising chicks for a number of years, others specialize in turkeys.

An automatically controlled incubator having a 32,000-egg capacity has been purchased. This machine is convertible and may be used to hatch out either young turkeys or chicks, as the case may be.

The poultry co-operative of St.-Marc will also specialize in raising pullets for table use and they will be sold at four to eight weeks old.

Poison Bait for Rats

Relatively harmless to human beings and domestic animals, finely ground red squill is one of the most satisfactory materials to use in home-made poisoned baits for rats. Chopped fresh fish, canned fish, freshly ground meat, and cereals, such as corn meal or bran, are recommended as baits. In preparing the fish or meal baits, mix one and one-half ounces of powdered red squill with enough water to make a thin paste without lumps and add it to one pound of fish or meat and mix thoroughly. In making a cereal bait, mix one and one-half ounces of dry red squill with one pound of cereal and then add one pint of sweet milk or water, stirring thoroughly to a mushy consistency.

Second in value only to red squill, is barium carbonate. Although less poisonous than arsenic, it should be handled with care as it is fatal to chickens, dogs, cats and larger animals if eaten in sufficient quantity. It is inexpensive, odourless, and tasteless. Baits may be prepared by mixing one part of the poison to five parts of food, such as meal or flour, adding sufficient water to form a dough.

Arsenic is used in many rat poisons. It is more deadly than barium carbonate.

Phosphorus is a common ingredient in rat poisons, but it is too dangerous to use in home-made poisons owing to its inflammability. Strychnine, a virulent poison and widely used against rats, has been found unsatisfactory in home-made poisons. Thallium is reported to be very effective but is too dangerous to be recommended for home-made mixtures.

Every precaution should be taken to avoid exposing baits where they may cause accidental poisoning to human beings, pets or livestock.

"Blessed Event"

Fort Erie, Ont. (CP) — A "blessed event" was the unusual cause for delaying a Grand Trunk freight train of stock cars recently near the International Railway Bridge. A cow en route to the United States gave birth to a calf just as the train reached the station at Fort Erie.

FINE ACHIEVEMENT

Word that British Columbia junior beef judging team, composed of two boys of the district, has placed first in all Canada in contests . . . at Toronto was received here with enthusiastic satisfaction. This paper has long acclaimed the splendid work being done through the boys' and girls' livestock clubs, and . . . we believe it is one of the soundest factors in the steady progress of the industry.

— Kamloops (B.C.) Sentinel

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Milk Heals Wounds

Soviet scientists have developed a paste of pressed milk which is effective in curing wounds. In a Novesibrisk hospital were several men whose wounds healed very slowly, novocaine blocking, ultra violet ray treatment, antiseptics, and permanganate baths not proving of much value. The special milk paste was applied and the wounded were soon well again. During the Leningrad blockade, this paste was used in all the Leningrad hospitals.

Eire Would Improve Dairying Industry

Dublin (CP) — Recommendation that breeding policy in Eire be directed more specifically to producing cattle of higher milking strains has been made in an interim report of the Committee on Post-War Emergency Agriculture Policy.

The committee said it is satisfied that exploitation of the capabilities of the dual-purpose Shorthorn affords the best prospect of improving the dairying industry.

Whether the industry was to cater to export demand or provide only for the home market, the necessity for reduction in production costs was important and it could only be achieved by increasing the average milk yield of dairy cows.

Trade View on Bacon Imports to Britain

London (B.U.P.) — H. R. Davidson, a prominent British meat authority, said that the United Kingdom bacon curing industry is being jeopardized by imports from Canada.

Davidson criticized a recent statement by Anthony Hurt, an adviser to the ministry of agriculture that Britain could use more of Canada's bacon. Davidson said Canada is already supplying such a large percentage of bacon to Britain that an increase would be unfair to the United Kingdom and Eire curers.

Davidson said Britain's pig industry must be given a chance to recover from wartime curtailments.

"OF THINGS TO COME"



Tannis Murray, recent appointee to the CBC Talks and Public Affairs department, looks over a script for the "Of Things to Come" series with Neil Morrison, CBC Supervisor of Talks and Public Affairs. During December the topic, "Canada as a Nation," will be discussed. Mrs. Murray is in charge of arrangements for the programs, a series of round table discussions on the vital topics of the day as they affect Canadians.

PESSIMISTIC OUTLOOK

Charlottetown, P.E.I. (CP) — H. K. S. Hemming, retired Charlottetown businessman, said recently that 20 years before 1941, livestock of P.E.I. farms declined by 41 per cent. "At this rate," he said, "in another 50 years we will be without milk, butter, cheese or meat — and presumably without people."

TOUGH COMPETITION

London, Ont. (CP) — Of the 35 members of the "500-bushel potato club" who entered a recent competition, only one, William P. Stephenson, 18, upheld the name, growing 524 bushels of potatoes to the acre. The other 34 had less productive crops.

HENRI DAIGLE, Lachute
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Citizens Appoint Group for Soldiers' Rehabilitation

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Conditions in the country, in the communities, in the jobs, in the mental and physical fitness of each individual, will have changed during the years of war. While the Government policy appears to be very reasonable and is said to be a model of its kind among the Allied Nations, any law at best is a theory and gaps will be found in putting the various provisions in actual practice, as it is impossible to foresee all contingencies.

Demobilization can be the means of bringing about complete chaos, or it can be made the greatest help in an orderly reconversion to peace-time conditions

This is why the authorities are so anxious to establish Rehabilitation Committees in the various communities so they may greatly aid, through intimate knowledge of their own local situation, in the reinstatement of any worker who left to enter the service — to a job of like seniority and pay. . . . Our committee may be asked to help in the placement of handicapped veterans to ensure that every opportunity for employment be given to discharged persons. While the first out, first in, will be the rule of preference for the veterans as regards reinstatement to jobs, there will be the others, and there will be the state of employment in Canada to be considered when demobilization comes into full swing.

To the best of their ability, employers of labor will do everything to smooth the way for returning service men but it is certain that there will be demands exceeding possible limits and the Department is responsible for rehabilitation generally. Its functions, as you have heard Mr. Lalonde explain, include recommending people for vocational training, grants under the Veterans' Land Act and generally controlling the various benefits which have been provided by the Government for persons discharged from the Armed Forces.

A study of the discharges which have been carried out in recent months indicates that approximately 50% of the people being discharged do not require any particular service from the Government.

Of the remainder, from 10% to 15% require further medical treatment, take vocational or educational training, settle themselves on small holdings or take advantage of the provisions of the Veterans' Land Act.

This leaves from 35% to 40% who want jobs, and it is with these that the Unemployment Insurance Commission is directly concerned.

On the other hand, this is only very partial demobilization and there will be a much more severe test when hundreds of thousands of service men and women are being demobilized.

Employment Procedure To Be Followed

In order to insure that the discharged persons who want jobs be suitably placed, the Employment and Selective Service Office at each point where military discharges will be carried out, will have one or more officials stationed in the District Depot. These officials will interview persons being discharged and will obtain full particulars of their capabilities and desires as regard employment. At the conclusion of the interview, the dischargee is given an introduction to the manager of the Employment and Selective Service Office nearest to the place where the discharged person intends to take up residence and a form setting forth his particulars is forwarded to that office by mail. This is where Mr. Roméo Charron, as manager of the Selective Service Office here, will come in the picture for discharged persons coming back to their jobs in Lachute and district. As a result of this procedure, Mr. Charron will have information in advance about the arrival of the discharged persons and will be able to plan tentatively for their employment. It would then be proper for him to also give this information to the executive of our Rehabilitation Committee to help, if necessary. This is also where the Contacting Committee of citizens will be informed in advance, so they may prepare to meet the veterans, give them the warmest reception and organize some tangible presentation, as was done for the veterans of Warld War I, in appreciation of their splendid services as fighting men and women.

These details concern us as a Committee, to follow up from there. They should make it clear that the executive committee should be composed of men who will be active when necessary, have understanding and tact in their relations with those concerned, as it will be an agent of liaison, or a link, so to speak, between the returned veterans and their source of employment as well as the citizens generally.

Not only should this executive of the Citizens' Committee have the burden of good will and kindness with our fighting sons and daughters but the employers should take the initiative as well, as the key to successful resumption of relations with separated workers coming back from war service is sympathy and understanding. This does not mean making the veterans feel that they are in some way "different", but it does mean dealing with them in a tactful and friendly manner. In most cases, a representative of the employer should get in touch with the man before the worker requests an interview or reinstatement. This will be clear demonstration of good intention and will be vitally important in the future attitude of the worker when he is back on the job. Psychological understanding often helps to place an employee in the most suitable spot.

Veterans of World War I were far from satisfied with what was done for them by the Government and all along the line of endeavor. The Government has come out with what appears to be a reasonable policy to start from, this time, so WE should not fail on this job."

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OBITUARY

Late D. Touchette Widely Known in Rural Community

The funeral of the late David Touchette took place in the United Church, Lachute, on Saturday afternoon, December 2.

Mr. Touchette was a well known and respected resident of this town for the past 14 years. Born in St. Augustin in 1859, in his early manhood he took over a farm in East Settlement; he married Miss Janet Bigras, of Harrington, and worked the farm successfully for 55 years until his retiremen 14 years ago.

Those left to mourn are his wife, four daughters and two sons — Mrs. W. Ewins, of Melfort, Sask., Mrs. S. Rider, of Lake Megantic, Que., Mrs. A. Hutchinson, of Lemesurier, Que., Mrs. J. Wilburn, of Huntingdon, Sam, of Montreal, and Felix, of East Settlement, on the home farm,

Service was conducted by the Rev. Claude De Mestrel, of Belle Riviere and of Bethany Church, Verdun, and the Rev. W. B. Rosborough. Six of his nephews, Messrs. Geo. Speck, Eddie, Rene, Ernest and David Laurin, and Edmond Bigras, were pall-bearers. The remains were afterwards taken to Belle Riviere for interment.

Bereavement to Arundel Family

Arundel — There passed away in the Children's Memorial Hospital, Montreal, on November 30, Nancy Gail, dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bennett, of Arundel. Nancy, aged four years, was the youngest of three children. Her illness was of short duration.

Besides her parents she is survived by two sisters, Joan and Fern, and her grandparents, Mrs. Clermon Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. John Godin, all of Arundel. Her grandfather, Mr. Bennett, predeceased her by two weeks. The sympathy of the community goes out to the sorrowing family.

The funeral service on Sunday afternoon, December 3, was conducted from the residence of Mrs. Bennett by the United Church pastor, the Rev. A. E. Wilfong.

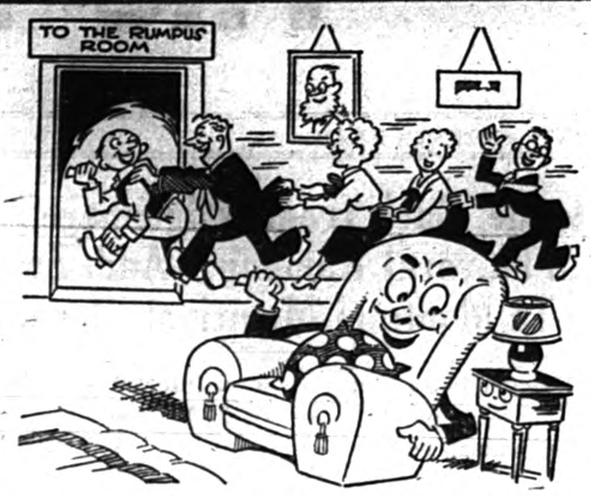
We cannot think of them as dead
Who walk with us no more
Along the path of life we tread;
They have but gone before.

The Father's house is mansioned fair
Beyond our vision dim;
All souls are His, and here or there
Are living unto Him.

DAYS OF GUNGA DIN ARE OVER IN INDIA

New Delhi (CP)—An Indian army order has been issued stating that the traditional Indian water carriers are no longer authorized for active units and the hundreds of carriers — symbolized by Rudyard Kipling's Gunga Din — are to be given the option of transfer to combatant status or retirement.

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The Pas, Man. (CP) — A Royal Canadian Air Force plane completed a 1,000-mile mercy flight from Nottingham Island on Hudson Strait to bring a five-year-old Eskimo girl to hospital here for treatment for severe burns.

CIGARETTES FOR CHRISTMAS

Fredericton, (CP) — Pramier J. B. McNair has announced that the provincial government is sending more than a million cigarettes to New Brunswickers serving in the armed forces overseas as a Christmas gift.

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The Life of A Child

IF THERE ARE parents who have successfully instilled in their children a sense of self-preservation, deep enough to resist the challenge of daredeviltry — such parents might confer a boon to others by making their methods known. . . . We have in mind, of course, the first skating tragedy here this season, in which a 13-year-old lad crashed through thin river-ice and drowned.

It requires little imagination to conceive the utter despair this incident might cause in any happy family. Less simple to conceive is — a remedy. This youngster had been warned by his father the very day the accident occurred. Warning, evidently, is not enough. Nor, according to our scant ideas on child psychology, would it be wholesome to implant a sense of fear and dread in the child's mental outlook. . . . We do not know; but if others do, a Letter to the Editor on this subject, written in plain prose, might avert more personal anxieties than many lengthy essays to the press on obscure, irremediable problems.

The adventurous spirit of a child — the desire to be first in doing this or doing that — to slightly excell his playmates, while utterly disregarding his own safety — this is the root of many disasters. But how to subdue that impulse sanely and wisely, is another question — a question on which many parents would welcome sound advice.

The Soldier's Viewpoint

YOU'VE HEARD IT before, but repetition may serve to impress you that it's really true. — Our fighting-men would literally gobble up the small-town incidents you forget to tell them in your letters!

". . . They can't seem to get enough news of the neighborhood type and they all ask the same question — why don't the folks at home fill in the little interesting details we want to know and why don't they write more often?

"Just because they've been away for a long time, their friends at home shouldn't get the idea they are no longer interested in little items of neighborly news and gossip— about changes such as the new grocery store or new paving on Green street or who is president of the local bowling league."

— Those are the sentiments of Joseph W. G. Clark, "director-in-chief of public relations for the armed forces", who, in spite of this ponderous title, evidently knows a thing or two about fighting-men.

And here is another opinion voiced by Mr. Clark, who recently returned from a tour of the European battlefronts. The thought gives weight to an expression heard at one of our recent "rehabilitation" discussions — that, when it comes to re-establishing our servicemen in civilian life, it is WE, not THEY, who will be the problem. . .

"Some of them have been away six Christmases. They have mingled with the people of other countries, they have travelled half the globe, they have faced death and they have learned to make great decisions.

"They are used to close comradeships — many of which are international and inter-Empire in scope — and they don't understand narrow and parochial mentalities.

"In truth they are citizens of the world with broad horizons and we must be prepared to bring ourselves up to their level when they return. That is the understanding they will rightly expect."

The Siegfried Line

MANY PEOPLE, reading of the Siegfried Line, seem to treat as literal truth the soldier's ditty, "We'll Hang Our Wash On The Siegfried Line" — says the Carleton Place Canadian. Such people picture the Siegfried Line as a long thin chain of fortifications, stretching across the frontiers of Germany. In reality, this famous outpost of defence is something much more complicated and formidable than that. The Siegfried Line is really a section along the frontiers of Germany, staggered in depth, from nine or ten miles in some spots, to as high as sixty-seven miles in others. Even the terrain is part of the defences. There are high hills along the frontier, and these are utilized in the building up of the defensive zone. There are forts manned by big guns; there are concealed gun emplacements in the hills; there are pill-boxes, and there are mined areas staggered all along the section.

Far from feeling discouraged with the progress of the United Nations forces since they have reached the area of the Siegfried Line, we should rejoice that they have had the bravery and persistence to pierce the line at all, as they have in several places. And they will penetrate its full depth, before they will once more take up their sweeping march through the open country which leads to Berlin, and the end of the war.

Our Fighting Forests

THE PRODUCTIVE forests of Canada, covering more than 770,000 square miles, have always been one of her greatest assets. In peace, lumbering and associated industries made an immense contribution to the economic life of the Dominion and placed her high among the wood and wood-product exporters of the world. In war they contributed greatly to the striking power of the Allies in many different ways.

Hundreds of millions of board feet of Canadian lumber have been used in construction of boats, barges and emergency training structures since war began. From Canadian red pine came the famed all-wood Mosquito bomber which is over Germany nightly. Pulpwood and cellulose, both used extensively in war, came from the Canadian woods.

Canadian forests have truly gone to war. And with science discovering new processing methods for wood, a great era is promised for timber stands and lumbermen after the war. Perfection of wood plastics, substitution of wood for certain metals, wider use of prefabricated building and plywood will add to the peacetime demands Canada's lumber industry can expect.

But first the Dominion must continue to meet the war-born emergency of a manpower shortage and increased overhead that has arisen in lumbering as in other wartime industries.

Production of lumber in Canada dropped more than 300,000,000 board feet during the period from 1941 to 1943 and steps were taken to provide more woodsmen. Special labor priorities were granted the lumbering industry. Farmers were urged to go into the woods in winter. Even prisoners of war were put to work and the lumber price and subsidy structure was revised.

All these factors helped greatly in keeping the Dominion's wood production from falling to a dangerous low. But we are not yet over the hump and new appeals are at present being made for men in the woods. It is expected that during 1944, requirements of the United Kingdom and the combat areas for Canadian timber and wood products will increase greatly and every effort is being made to 'hold the line' on the timber front at home.

Men who now go, new and unskilled, into the forests to help lumbering over its wartime difficulties, will be aiding a vital industry to do its full war share and to keep in competitive trim for post-war years.

"Super" but Uninteresting

THE EDITOR of the Richford Gazette puts forth a good suggestion in advocating that highways should be laid out for their scenic beauty, that is, to follow lake shores, or the higher ridges to get broad views.

He mentions the trip from St. Albans to Burlington where in a distance of about thirty miles, the road borders Lake Champlain, probably not more than a mile away at any given point, yet there is only one glimpse of the lake in the whole distance.

There are many other roads which border scenic delights, yet just miss them, and they are not confined to Vermont or to any other state.

The natural beauties of Quebec are widely advertised yet the highways in most cases miss them.

The worst example of this may be found in Mr. Bouchard's new route from Montreal to Quebec. After asking tourists to come to see the beauties of Quebec, the government has built a road in a direct line between the two cities which is the most uninteresting journey which could possibly be found in the entire province.

Tourists who follow this road will go away with an exceedingly poor impression of Quebec province, whereas if they follow the old number one highway they will find delightful scenery nearly all the way. — Granby Leader-Mail

Amazing Man

Man is still the world's most miraculous mechanism. In seventy years of life, a human being eats 1,400 times his body weight, over 100 tons of food, and he spends five full years putting the food in his mouth. If his weight is average, every day of his life his heart beats 103,680 times, his blood travels 168,000 miles, he breathes 23,040 times, he inhales 438 cubic feet of air, gives off 85 deg. of heat and moves 750 major muscles; his nails grow 0.000046 inches, his hair 0.01717 inches — and he utters 4,800 words. The average person blinks 25 times a minute, and scientists say each blink takes one-fifth of a second. Thus, if he averages forty miles an hour on a ten-hour motoring trip, he would drive over 25 miles with his eyes shut. The body can take a lot of punishment and still keep functioning. Man can get along fairly well, apparently, without his gall-bladder, spleen, appendix, and bladder. He can dispense with one kidney, two quarts of blood, one-half his brain and all his teeth and still live. And when he dies the brain survives ten minutes; ears one hour; blood molecules eighteen hours; bones three days and skin five days.

Perils of Idleness

(Kingston Whig-Standard)

A normal man becomes mentally sick through prolonged unemployment. He loses self-confidence and self-respect, and the actual physical benefit that comes from congenial work. He thinks himself a failure and often looks about for a scapegoat on which to fasten the cause for these fancied shortcomings. Multiply such thinking by millions and you have fertile ground for the growth of isms and racial and religious bigotry, of unrest and violence.

Pop to the Rescue

There's a very human touch in a letter from a Canadian officer, written from Scotland.

He was at a church service at which King George, Queen Elizabeth and the two princesses also were present. "Apparently," says the writer, "Princess Elizabeth had forgotten her collection, so the King passed a two-shilling piece to the Queen and she passed it on to her."

Well, what else would you expect? High or low, Dad's always ready to come to the rescue.

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4-SECTOR CAMPAIGN AGAINST V.D. BESPEAKS FULL CO-OPERATION FROM ALL COMMUNITIES

"Weekly Editor Looks at Ottawa"

By Jim Greenblat

The fight against venereal disease has been brought into the open in Canada — as it should be. The V.D. problem is considered such a serious one that the Dominion and provincial governments have sponsored an educational campaign to impress on Canadians the need for co-operation.

This week we summarize some of the main factors stressed by the Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa.

At the outset, one can realize how serious the problem is by an authoritative estimate that more than 300,0000 Canadians have syphilis; that more than 200,000 of this number are unaware of the infection because of the insidious nature of the disease which often shows no outward signs for many years. The number of new cases of V.D. exceeds most reportable diseases, including poliomyelitis, typhoid fever, diphtheria, cancer and tuberculosis. Approximately 10% of insanity is due to syphilis, and about 15% of deaths from heart "disease" are caused through the same infection. Not a pretty picture, is it?

Unless the public is enlightened — and that means you and me, all of us — the immediate post-war period might produce near-epidemic proportions, a condition which occurred after World War I — as a result of highly disrupted social and economic conditions in every country. During the first five years of the present war more than 50,000 of the Canadian armed forces personnel in Canada contracted V.D. This, it is said, reflects the comparative civilian picture. Nothing pleasant about that, is there?

Going into statistics again, 75% of all V.D. infections are acquired by the 15-to-30-year-old group, with the peak — and this should be marked carefully — in the pre-marriage age. The danger, of course, extends to the family group. Frequently, it is pointed out, the bread-winner, mother and child are caught in the web of infection. The tragic infection of babies with syphilis is still a worrisome problem in Canada. Loss of physical and mental capacities for productive work from this disease causes economic wastage. That is apparent.

V.D. can be held in check and brought to near-disappearance if known personal and community control measures are applied. They urge Dominion-wide adoption of what they call the "four-sector front" against V.D., based on an application of four community forces — health, welfare, legal and moral; but it is completely necessary that every citizen link himself with one or more of the sectors.

1. — Health sector: Is led by health departments, physicians, nurses, etc. This includes health education and an ending to the conspiracy of silence on V.D.; medical care; pre-natal blood testing; pre-marital blood testing; getting rid of "quackery" and seeing that cases get a reliable physician's care; contact investigation. This last means that careful search must be made for all who have been contacts to known V.D. By bringing such people under medical care, the network of V.D. is reduced.

2. — Welfare sector: The struggle of the community against V.D. resolves itself to a fight against squalor, over-crowding, neglect and insecurity. Social security would doom V.D.

3. — Legal sector: Contribution of the courts, legal profession and police agencies. Lieutenant-Colonel D. H. Williams of the Department of National Health and Welfare emphasizes: "Enforcement of laws against illegally-operating, disease-dispensing commercialized prostitution, suspension or cancellation of licenses of certain hotels, beer parlors, dance halls, taxicab companies which facilitate the spread of V.D."

4. — Moral sector: This is the responsibility mainly of home, church and school. It means: "The moral fibre of the nation and individual character being strengthened and the sanctity of marriage upheld. This can be done if the moral wisdom of the ages is applied in personal, community and national life," health authorities point out.

That, then, is the situation facing the nation. About a year and a half ago the federal government established a division of V.D. control to mobilize and co-ordinate national resources against this social scourge and to assist provincial health departments by direct grants, materials, services, etc.

One of the important things stressed is the necessity of the enlightenment of youth, through high schools and youth groups, on the subject of V.D. and its control. Wholesome discussions, it is advocated, will contribute much to increasing awareness of personal and community responsibilities.

Each community, no matter what size, should be counted on to eliminate unwholesome conditions which facilitate the spread of V.D., and in this provision of attractive, wholesome recreational opportunities is vital. 'Teen age centres, for instance, like those being increasingly launched everywhere, would definitely belong to the "moral sector" of the four fighting weapons.

A more effective action against prostitution is suggested by discontinuing the practice of fining prostitutes, which literally permits a community to profit by an unsavory exploitation of young women, and, in the absence of practical rehabilitation measures, forces her to resume operations to pay for the "licensing" fines; also mandatory jail sentences for third party facilitators, including those who rent premises for that purpose. These are all anti-social conditions which a wide-awake community can do something about.

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END OF TIRPITZ FREED WARSHIPS FOR OTHER SEAS

Sinking of Last Big German Dreadnought Nov. 12 Was Result of Careful RAF Planning

London (CP) — The 40,000-ton Nazi battleship Tirpitz probably was the best protected and best hidden of the world's capital ships. When she keeled over and sank bottom up in Tromso Fjord, Nov. 12, with a loss of perhaps 1,200 men, it meant that Britain's hard hitting air force had gained new "know how."

Three direct hits and two near misses did the job. The five 12,000-pound exploding "earthquake" bombs used were designed by an aircraft builder, B. Neville Wallis, a non-smoking vegetarian who won't talk about his work. He also designed the Vickers-Wellesley bomber which flew 7,162 miles non-stop from Egypt to Australia in 1938 to set a record.

Wallis' streamlined bombs, biggest in use, were designed long after the Tirpitz was launched on April 1, 1939, probably with the sinking of "unsinkable" ships such as the Tirpitz in mind. Wallis also designed the special bombs used on the historic Mohne and Eder dam-busting by the RAF.

This accomplishment on Nov. 12 ended a three-year chase of the last big Nazi dreadnought during which she was struck a total of eight times, once at sea and seven times in hideaways.

The last three attacks — Sept. 15, Oct. 29 and Nov. 12 — were by Lancasters lugging their big earth-shakers. The RAF knew it had the proper weapon, but it required two tries to make the third blow successful.

Weather Big Factor

The formula that brought victory was perfect weather forecasting, an approach at the medium altitude of 5,000 feet, and a flexible attack plan.

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The blow was swift and the Germans had no time to lay the usual protective smoke screen around their giant. The first bomb silenced all her guns, and within a few minutes her keel pointed toward the heavens and her eight 15-inch guns, 12 5.9 and 16 four inch guns and numerous anti-aircraft weapons stuck their muzzles in the mud on the bottom of Tromso Fjord.

Thus ended a warship whose principal value was to pin down British sea forces. She had made only two operational sorties of consequence — the shelling of Tallinn in the Gulf of Finland in August, 1941, and a raid with Scharnhorst against Spitsbergen in July, 1942.

During those three years she kept capital ships of the British home fleet on watch and required hundreds of hours of reconnaissance flying to make sure she was safely in her hideouts at Narvik, Kaarfjord, Alten Fjord or, at the end Tromso.

A Special Services squadron under Wing Commander J. B. Tait, formed to blast the Mohne and Eder dams in Germany and perform other specialized bombing feats, finished off the Tirpitz.

Details of their preparation have not been made public, for the Nazis still have two pocket battleships, the Scheer and Lutzow; two heavy cruisers, the Hipper and Prinz Eugen, and four light cruisers which may need attention later.

MAKING HISTORY IN ARGENTEUIL

(From The Watchman Fyles)

20 YEARS AGO

Friday, December 5, 1924

The barns and stables of Mrs. Mitchell, North River, were burned to the ground during threshing operations.

Mayor Wm. H. Scott has suffered a fractured thigh, resultant from a fall on the slippery sidewalk.

The fire brigade are holding a public euchre, to raise funds for new equipment. Official opening of the new fire station in the town hall, Main Street.

Mr. Roy P. Fraser has been appointed Customs Officer for this district. The position was made vacant by the resignation of Mr. John Hope, who held the office since the inception of a Customs station here 13 years ago.

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40 YEARS AGO

Friday, November 25, 1904

The Lachute Literary Club met Tuesday night and completed organization.

Council authorized the Mayor to purchase the Victoria Hall at a price not exceeding $1300, and to interview Mr. Peter Cruise, to get an option on the adjoining lot.

Mr. R. McFaul, of Avonmore, spent a few days here in town.

F. Howard Wilson, president of the J. C. Wilson Company Ltd., was presented with a grandfather clock by employees of the Montreal, Lachute, St. Jerome and Winnipeg branches — on the occasion of his approaching marriage.

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Brunelle Acquitted After Four-Day Trial at St. Jerome

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he stated "was ridiculous and unbelievable." Mr. Héon reproached Brunelle for his behavior after the shooting, for not having sought to help the victim as the other Lost River residents had done, for having carefully hidden the gun, and for having first told the police officers that he had not heard the shot and did not know what had happened. If Brunelle was innocent, which Mr. Héon said he could not bring himself to believe in view of the evidence adduced, then Brunelle had deported himself as a guilty man. Mr. Héon terminated his address by saying: "No innocent-minded man will leave his bedroom on the second floor of his hotel, go down to the first floor, pick up his gun, go to the tavern to get a cartridge, then go down to the cellar to shoot in the air. If he wanted to shoot in the air why go down to his cellar? Brunelle may say, to save himself, that the shot went off accidentally, but if he had premeditated the affair for a week — taking into account that the shot was fired at 35 feet and struck the victim in the heart and left breast — he could not have hit the victim in a more vital spot, had he taken most careful aim, in full daylight."

After the verdict was rendered, Defence attorney Lanctot shook hands with the jurors, and Brunelle's friends gathered around him to congratulate him, whilst Crown attorney Héon after having expressed his view that the verdict was "to say the least, queer", stated that he would recommend to the Attorney-General that the verdict be immediately appealed.

FIVE MONTHS ON BRIDGE

Regina, Sask. — Living on a bridge over water without touching dry land for five months was one of the experiences recalled by A. J. Rothwell, bridge and building master, C.N.R., at Regina, on his retirement from service. He was helping build a 32-mile bridge for the Southern Pacific across Salt Lake, Utah, 40 years ago. The bed of the lake was so soft, he remembers, that at one point enough gravel was used to complete a fill 700 feet deep.

In Memoriam

DENSMORE — In loving memory of our dear wife and mother, Mrs. James Densmore, Jr., who departed this life December 8, 1940. — Ever remembered by her loving husband, James Densmore, and B. Noble.

DEWAR — In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Fraser, who passed away December 8, 1941. — Loved and longed for by his mother, dad and sisters.

"What would we give to clasp your hand,
Your dear, sweet face to see,
To hear your voice, to see your smile —
That meant so much to us.
You left behind many broken hearts
That loved you most sincere,
We never did, nor ever will
Forget you, Fraser, dear."

DONALDSON — In loving memory of our dear father, John Donaldson, who passed away December 10, 1936. — Ever remembered by Sarah and Jim.

"We often sit and think of him,
When we are all alone,
For memory is the only friend,
That grief can call its own."

DISTRICT NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Mabel

Pte. Alvin Connelly is spending a leave with Mrs. Connelly and little daughter, Heather, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Murdoch.

Mrs. Walter Murdoch and little daughter, Judith Anne, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Boyd at Dunany.

The sympathy of this community is extended to the family of the late Mrs. W. Murray in their bereavement.

The Farm Forum meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Clark. Owing to road conditions the attendance was small, but the discussion was enjoyed by those present. Next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Warwick.

Rawcliffe

Mrs. George Nevers visited her sister in Montreal last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkin, of Montreal, were week-end guests of Mrs. J. Hopkin, at the home of Wm. MacGillivary.

Miss Minnie Rainey, of Buckingham, visited her home over the week-end, also Mr. Edward Rainey.

Mrs. Samuel Rainey has returned home from the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. Friends and neighbors wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Beauchamp and family, of Grenville, were visitors of Mrs. J. Cousins and family. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. Littleton and family, and Miss Evelyn Chamblin, of Poltimore, Que.

St. Andrews East

Mr. Arthur W. Gates, of Ste. Therese, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mrs. Leo Roback, of Montreal, is at home with her father, Mrs. C. S. Wales, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Burry spent part of the week in Montreal.

Last week Miss Elizabeth Hamilton was in Montreal, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Shipman.

The Misses Buchan, of Ottawa, were guests of Miss Hopper on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. Entwistle and Messrs. Kenneth and Jack were in Montreal on Monday.

Oiler Robert Dorman, who has been on active service for the past four years, is at his home here on furlough.

Brownsburg

Mrs. J. Suthern and little son spent part of this week visiting relatives in Montreal.

Miss H. Boyd, of Ottawa, is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Boyd.

Miss Marjorie Prosser spent the week-end with friends in Montreal.

Mrs. E. McLeod and family, of Montreal, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Townsend.

Mrs. Hector Mason and children, Reggie and Helen, were in Montreal last week.

P/O Ed ThackRay and Mrs. ThackRay are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Peter MacQuaig.

Harrington

Mr. Thomas Bennett, of Montreal, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bennett.

Miss Isabel Fraser, of Lachute, was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. J. D. Shaw.

The people of this community extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. E. Mathews in the loss of her mother, Mrs. W. Murray, of Grenville.

The Farm Forum held their meeting this week at the home of George Bennett, with 10 members present.

The Harrington Farmers' Club presented their prizes to the winners of the fall plowing match last Friday evening at the home of J. D. Shaw. An enjoyable evening was spent by those present.

Grenville

Miss Evelyn McCallum, of Montreal, spent the week-end here with her mother.

Mrs. Fred McNeill and Miss Selina McKay were guests of Mrs. McCallum on Wednesday.

Miss Vera Gauley, of Montreal, was home for a brief visit with her father, Mr. John Gauley.

Friends of Mrs. Sam Rainey extend best wishes for her recovery to health.

Mrs. John Crooks, who has been a patient in the Notre Dame Hospital, Hawkesbury, for the past month, has returned home after undergoing two serious operations, and is well on her way to recovery.

Sympathy of this community is extended to Miss Bessie Cummings in the death of her eldest brother, Harry, which occurred recently in Hibbing, Minn. He was born in this village, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cummings, and spent many years of his life here.

Flying Commentator



Cpl. Don Fairbairn, of the R.C.A.F., interviews a Spitfire pilot on a broadcast to CBC listeners back home. Formerly the original Ontario commentator for CBC's Farm Broadcasts Department, Fairbairn joined the airforce in the spring of 1942. Since then he has continued to combine his farming and radio interests in discerning accounts, broadcast to Canada, of agricultural conditions in Europe both before and after the invasion, in addition to talks he has given from the battlefronts. Fairbairn was heard recently over CBC in an on-the-spot description of a Gestapo dungeon in Belgium.

NEW TYPE HATCHERY

Red Deer, Alta. (CP) — A new type of automatic hatchery with a capacity of 65,000 eggs is to be established here, according to E. G. Learmond, proprietor of Red Deer Hatchery.

100 YEARS OF LIFE MAY BE A REALITY

Oxford, England (CP) — Life expectancy of 100 years may become a reality, if experiments being conducted by a Russian scientist, Dr. V. Korenchevsky, at Oxford University are successful.

"Living to 50 or 115 isn't any rule-of-the-thumb affair, it is entirely pathological," said Dr. Korenchevsky, conducting research on senility under terms of a £2,000 gift from Lord Nuffield.

When research in biology and bio-chemistry has advanced further, doctors and other scientists will know fully what it is in the makeup of individual bodies which kills one person in middle-age and allows another to become a centenarian," the scientist said. "When we have found the pathological reasons it will be perfectly simple to ensure normal life to well over 100."

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Referendum

The referendum taken by the Brownsburg Council on November 22 just succeeded in getting "over the top" of 25% of property owners, after an energetic canvass. The purpose of the referendum was to secure a loan of $25,000 to repair and asphalt some of the streets in the village. The loan is redeemable in 15 years and bears interest of 4% per annum. It is issued in bonds of $100 and multiples thereof with coupons attached payable half yearly. The cost of the financing of the loan amounts to approximately $6,500 which amount together with the $25,000 will be repaid by an imposition on all taxable property of the municipality.

The transaction now awaits sanction by the Minister of Municipal Affairs at Quebec and the signature of the Lieutenant Governor, before being effective.

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Fire

What might have been a very serious fire was promptly got under control by the efficient work of the local firemen, when an outbreak occurred in the Arcade Theatre. This building is an old wooden structure and a veritable hazard if fire should get under way when filled to capacity. Fortunately there was no one present in the theatre when the fire was discovered. The adjoining buildings are also far from modern in construction, and as in the conflagration of last year nothing could have saved them from complete destruction. Defective heating equipment was given as the cause. The fire was discovered during the day on Saturday.

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X-Ray

The Montreal Anti-Tuberculosis League, Inc., in conjunction with C-I-L, held a general X-ray examination of Brownsburg citizens last week. You can "feel swell" and still have tuberculosis. An X-ray picture will tell long before you are aware of having contracted this disease.

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Snow Storm

The recent unexpected snow storm caught many organizations off balance when it came to providing snow removal equipment. The Brownsburg Corporation is to be congratulated for the prompt measures it took to put the streets in condition; very little inconvenience was caused to pedestrians or cars by the heavy fall.

AUSTRALIA STUDIES FUTURE MIGRATION

Canberra (CP) — Representatives will be stationed at key points in Europe as soon as possible to assist in selecting migrants for Australia. Meanwhile, the Australian government will decide on the assistance to be given to attract desired Europeans.

Acting Prime Minister Francis Forde, says that with planned immigration and a higher birthrate Australia could develop a population of 20,000,000 people. Child welfare, Mr. Forde said, would be an important factor in raising the Australian birthrate and in influencing post-war immigration.

The adult people of the Old World would undoubtedly prefer to migrate to countries offering the best opportunity for their children. Considerable progress had already been made on migration plans, but the government could not announce its policy on British migrants until agreement was reached with the British government.

SMALLEST SOLDIER

Niagara Falls, Ont., (CP)—Standing just four feet, 11 inches in his stocking feet, Pte. Verno A. Gregoire, 19, of Niagara Falls, is reported to be the smallest man in the Canadian Army. Attached to the R.C.A.M.C. he is stationed at Camp Borden, Ont.

THOROUGH JOB

London (CP) — Safe crackers not only failed to get into the safe at the William Heaman and Son coal yard here recently, but they fixed it so nobody else could either. Their efforts succeeded only in smashing the handle and now the coal yard operators can't open the safe door.

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Died of Wounds On Western Front

Word has been received that Craftsman Francis Kenneth Black, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Black, of 3801 Melrose Avenue, N.D.G., died of wounds received in action on November 26.

He was 28 years old, and was educated at West Hill High School and Montreal Technical. At the time of enlisting, in June 1942, he was instructor-foreman at the William Lunn Arts and Crafts School. He went overseas in June 1943 with the R.C.O.C., later transferring to the R.C.E.M.E., and was attached to the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders. His young wife, formerly Marguerite Bailey, and two small sons, Steven, 3 years, and Kenneth, 1½ years, also reside at 3801 Melrose Avenue, N.D.G. His other relatives are two sisters, Mrs. Clive Sproule and Mrs. Verne LeRiche. No further details are available.

OBITUARY

Last Rites for Drowning Victim

Late George E. Dorion

The funeral of the late George Earl Dorion, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Kenrick Dorion, was held Saturday afternoon from St. Simeon's Anglican Church, Lachute.

Two hymns were sung, "There's a Friend for Little Children" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus", the Rev. C. R. Lang conducting the service.

Pall-bearers were six of his young friends — Bobby Reynolds, Wesley Brown, Kenneth Dawson, Victor Shearsmith, Maurice Genest and Kenneth Morrison. The body was laid to rest in the vault at Lachute Cemetery.

The service was to have been been held at Christ Church, St. Andrews East, on Tuesday, but arrangements were changed as a result of last week's storm. Numerous friends from St. Andrews and Cushing were unable to attend due to bad road conditions.

Many at Funeral Of Grenv'l Citizen

The Late A. V. Gaudry

Grenville — The funeral of the late A. V. Gaudry took place on Thursday, November 23, a quiet service at his home being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Simmons, Baptist minister at Thurso, assisted by the Rev. S. T. Burman, of Cushing. Mrs. R. Owens played the hymns "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me", which were feelingly sung by those present. A large number of old friends were gathered to pay their last tribute of respect.

The late Mr. Gaudry was in his 74th year, having attained his 73rd birthday on May 24 last. He is mourned by his widow, the former Jennie Josephine Prentiss, two sons, Weymouth, of Montreal, and Victor, at home, also six grandchildren.

The remains were laid to rest at the Presbyterian cemetery. Beautiful flowers were tokens of esteem from relatives and groups with which he had been associated. Pall-bearers were Messrs. Walter Murray, John Heatlie, Thos. and Harry Cousins, John Gauley and M. McCullough.

Those attending from a distance were — the Rev. Mr. Simmons, Mr. Sandy Campbell and Mrs. Hews, of Thurso, Mr. R. Y. Lyon, of Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Weymouth P. Gaudry and daughter Sylvia, of Montreal, Mrs. Fred McNeill and Miss S. McKay, of Avoca, Mrs. Ed. Matthews, Mr. Scott and Mr. Allan McKay, of Kilmar.

Voters Only

A former Winnipeg alderman states that when he was in office and citizens called on him to complain about something or other, he always asked them one question. "Did you vote in the last civic election?" If the answer was "No," he showed the complainer the door with a courteous "I'm sorry, I can do nothing for you. I do not represent you on the city council."
— Winnipeg Tribune

St. Boniface, Man. (CP) — Two teen-aged youngsters found a treasure while digging in the silt of the Red River. The tin box they dug up contained a damp wad of dirty paper — $1,000 in bonds and $465 in war savings certificates, which police took over, saying it had been stolen last June from J. R. Empson, of Letellier, Man.

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— G. A. CLUNIE,
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lachute, November 28, 1944

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AMONG THE CHURCHES

$20 Voted on Behalf Of Bombing Victims In Great Britain

Y.P.U. Hear Selling-Points of Official Church Paper

The program of the Y.P.U. of Lachute United Church last evening was under the leadership of the Missionary convenors, Miss Vivian Rick and Miss Norma McClenaghan. During the devotional period, a passage from St. Luke was read by Mrs. Jack Gorman, and the prayer was offered by Miss V. Rick. A current event with a high Christian moral was read by Miss Dorothea Graham, showing the exemplification of the brotherhood of man to our enemies while under the stress of war.

During the business period, the president appealed for "pen-pals" for the personnel of the Corvette "Lachute". After a spirited discussion as to what should be done with some of the surplus funds of the Y.P.U., it was voted that a cheque of $20 be sent to the Queen's Canadian Fund for the bombed victims of Great Britain.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mrs. J. A. McGibbon. As the local representative of the United Observer, she gave the many excellent qualifications of that journal, and appealed for a greater number of steady readers of the Observer among church members.

The last meeting of the year will be held next week, and a social committee — Misses Bernice Gordon, Mildred Thompson and Marian Maxwell — were appointed to look after the refreshments. The program will be under the direction of Miss Doris Leroy and Mrs. J. Gorman.

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.
Subject, "A Word for the Weary"
7 p.m. Evening Worship.
Subject: "Forgiveness."
11.00 a.m. East Settlement.
Y.P.U. Wednesday, 8.15 p.m.
Candle-lighting Service by C.G.I.T. Girls, Sunday, December 17, at 7 p.m.

MARGARET RODGER MEM'L PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
"He Serves Who Prays".
3.00 p.m. Brownsburg.
7.00 p.m. Evening Worship.
"The Physician's Fee."
N.B. Preparatory Service:
Friday, December 15
Communion Service, December 17.

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. H. Charlton
10.00 a.m. Bible School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Service.
7.00 p.m. Evening Worship.
Young People's Tues. 8 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed., at 8.00 p.m.

BROWNSBURG UNITED
Rev. S. J. Pike, Minister
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Y.P.U. Monday, 7.30 p.m.
Senior Ladies' Auxiliary Bazaar Saturday, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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

BROWNSBURG	
Bible School	10.00 a.m.
Church	11.00 a.m.
Young People's, Mon.	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.
Prayer, Wednesday	8.00 p.m.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CRURCH, BROWNSBURG
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Speaker, Mr. F. S. Hoskin, of Montreal.
No evening service.

LAKEFIELD SERVICES
Rev. C. W. P. Baugh, Rector
11.00 a.m. Morin Heights.
Mille Isles
Sunday School 2 p.m.
Service 2.30 p.m.
Lakefield, 7.30 p.m.

Young People's Group In Active Season at Lachute Baptist Church

The current season's activities of the Young People's work connected with Lachute Baptist Church are in full swing and are proving to be most interesting, instructive and helpful. Attendance at the weekly meetings is good, and a keen interest is being evinced in the distinctively spiritual character of the programs. Every member of the group has acquired the ability to participate individually in any phase of the proceedings, and this is done with marked facility. Hearty singing is an outstanding feature, this being enjoyed from the group's own special hymn books — the latest volume of "Christian Service Songs."

For several weeks the group has been studying under the direction of the Rev. H. Charlton, a series of questions, submitted by its own individual members, pertaining to Christian conduct; this feature has proved to be most constructive.

The Young People have adopted Toronto Baptist Seminary as their particular "missionary" interest, and make a special offering at one night's meeting each month for the support of the work of that school.

The current year's officers are— President, Miss Muriel B. Boyd; vice-president, Miss Ethel Young; secretary, Miss Sybil Brown; and treasurer, Miss Ivy Young.

The presence of the Rev. H. Charlton at every meeting is appreciated by the members.

Senior C.G.I.T.

The regular meeting of the C.G.I.T. was held Saturday last in the basement of Lachute United Church. The meeting opened by repeating the C.G.I.T. "Purpose". The minutes were read and approved. Seventeen girls were present.

Different projects were discussed by the girls for the coming year, also entertainment for the Christmas Tree gathering. The meeting was adjourned by Ruby Ward.

The girls afterwards rehearsed for the coming "candle light" ceremony to be held on December 17.

Junior C.G.I.T.

The Junior C.G.I.T. group held their meeting Saturday afternoon in the United Church hall, opening the proceedings as usual by repeating the C.G.I.T. "Purpose". There were 16 members present. Three new members joined the group — Lewina Bradford, Claire FitzGerald and Shirley Ward.

The Juniors have decided to hold a tableau in the United Church, both Juniors and Seniors taking part. Practice was held for the "candle light" service.

Respensibility for "delivery on time" of Christmas greetings and gifts in a large measure rests with individual citizens. The post office cannot commence its work until the greetings and gifts have been mailed.

Cushing, Calumet and Grenv'l United Charge

Cushing — The winter schedule for the United Church at Cushing, Calumet and Grenville will go into effect on Sunday, December 10, with services at Calumet at 11.30 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of each month; at Grenville at the same hour on the first and third Sundays. Service at Cushing every Sunday at 7.30 p.m.

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TRAINED HOUNDS HELP TO CLEAR ROAD TO BERLIN

Dogs Do Amazing Work in Mine Detection on Battlefronts; Best Sniffers Sometimes Mere Mongrels

London (CP) — One of Britain's most closely guarded secrets is the method used in training dogs to detect German mines. Since diabolical contraptions were first sprinkled by the Nazis along their trail of retreat, the Army has been finding means of counteracting them.

Months ago, specially trained dogs — their scent sharpened by months of schooling — were sent to the front. They have proven highly successful in sniffing out mines. Thousands of lives and millions of dollars worth of material have been saved by this comparatively simple way of detection.

Mine scenting is just one of the new important jobs of protecting and saving lives that is being tackled by the dog army. Recently when a hotel was hit in southern England, "Darkie" a German police dog was credited with finding the spot where several children were buried. Rescuers dug them out in time.

Several hundred mine scenters are now in action on the fronts in France, Belgium and Holland — helping clear the road to Berlin. Many dogs flunked out of school during their secret training period, for they could smell nothing but the meat for their dinner.

Trainers, who teach the dogs, explain that keen scent is the individual characteristic of the dog and not the breed. Therefore, German police, collies, bull terriers, airdales and other fine animals get their mine smelling degrees as well as mongrels.

Mongrels Are Smart

Some of the best dogs are ordinary street hounds which have sharpened their olfactory organs on garbage cans and lamp posts.

Out at the front they know better than to scamper off across the fields, sniffing indiscriminately. It is not until their master buckles a collar and leash around their necks that they realize they are ready for work — just like a horse knows it's work time when he is harnessed.

The dog usually lies down or sits down when he comes within a few feet of a mine. The sapper does the rest. Some breeds of hunting dogs are so highly specialized that they stop dead in their tracks and point to the buried mine just as if they had spotted a covey of grouse.

There has been no report of a dog being killed while on a mine hunt. They may stop only a few inches from the explosive, but they always stop in time.

Some 200 dogs have been used for patrol duty at ammunition dumps and air fields to help guard against attempts at sabotage. These animals were selected for their viciousness and were put through a "commando" course to intensify their dislike for strangers.

After the war many of the dogs will be kept by their Army masters, whose sole duty is to keep their charges groomed, fed and cared for. The soldier is required to write a letter once a month to the dog's owner telling of the animal's welfare.

The British Government already is making plans for demobilizing its dog army after the war. According to health regulations, the dogs which have left the country must go into quarantine for six months before returning, to prevent rabies being brought into England.

The government realizes it will have a terrific problem when it coops up thousands of hounds which have seen service and are itching to get back home and hunt for their buried bone instead of mines.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Ethel Taylor left today to visit friends in Rivington, Que.

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Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tattersfield spent last week-end visiting in Almonte, Ont.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Gow and daughter Marion, of Montreal, spent the week-end as the guests of Mrs. Peter Cruise.

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Miss J. Valpy left last week for Montreal. Miss Valpy had been on the staff of the Bank of Montreal for the past 18 years. Before leaving she was entertained by numerous friends; and the Guild of St. Simeon's Anglican Church, of which she was a member, made the presentation of a prayer and hymn book combined.

Mrs. John Cruise has gone to spend the winter months with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Hodge, at Niagara Falls.

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Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Silverson were — Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hynes, Staff Sgt. F. J. Fletcher, R.C.O.C., and Mrs. Fletcher and daughter, Lynne, of Montreal.

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Sto. George Dorion, of the R.C.N.V.R., stationed at Halifax, N.S., spent a few days this week visiting with his mother, Mrs. Joan Gordon.

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Mrs. Richard MacAdam is at present a patient in the Royal Victoria Hospital, after undergoing a tonsil operation.

Wren Shirley Leggett, of Ottawa, and Miss Marjorie Leggett, of Montreal, spent last week-end visiting at their home in town.

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Miss Beryl Underhill, of McGill University, and Mr. Gordon Simpson, of Montreal, were week-end guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Underhill, Grace Street.

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Visits After 30 Years' Absence

Mr. Thomas Fulton, a former business man of this town, paid a short visit here last week renewing old acquaintances. It is thirty years since Mr. Fulton left Lachute and he was naturally surprised at the growth and progress of the old town. He is now living in Portage la Prairie, Man.

"White Army" Receives Arms from R.A.F.



A Belgian Army officer and men of the "Armée Blanche" take arms and supplies from the cannisters which were dropped for them by R.A.F. Stirlings. Like their brothers in the F.F.I. and Netherlands resistance movement, the Belgian "Armée Blanche" has given valuable assistance to the Allied advance.

'Gone With the Wind' Popular in France

American Civil War Novel Was Most Sought Book During Occupation

Paris (CP) — Passed from hand to hand until the covers were torn and the pages dogeared, sold "under the counter" for three and four times its original price, and American romantic novel of the Civil War was the most sought after book during the German occupation of France.

Worth 65 francs before the war, you were lucky to pick up a copy of "Gone With the Wind" for 500 francs. The story of Scarlett O'Hara became not only a best seller but a symbol of freedom.

Germans were everywhere. Only at home by his cold fireside could a Frenchman be sure of privacy and escape from the Nazis, lost in the escapist world of romance, in the story of somebody else's struggle for freedom.

Restrictions on paper; bans by the Germans on "undesirable" authors and the virtual cessation of cheap book publishing turned the book trade into black market. Anything by Sinclair Lewis, Winston Churchill and Emil Ludwig reached peak prices, but anything by a British or American would sell.

During the occupation, paper could be bought in the black market for fabulous prices. In order to exist, however, publishers had to print expensive limited and luxury editions as the only way to make any money. The French people, more used to cheap paper bindings than Americans or British, became ardent collectors of rare books.

UNIQUE CASE

Montreal (CP) — Mr. Justice Louis Cousineau recently reserved judgment on an application for a writ of habeas corpus by which Marcel Boissy asks his discharge from the Army. He claimed to be unfit for service and that army doctors had erred in placing him in a fit category. It is believed to be the first case of its kind.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Regina (CP) — A program of co-operative industrial development in Saskatchewan, estimated to cost $2,500,000, for the utilization of farm crops and for the production of commodities used on the farm, was approved by delegates of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Producers Limited here.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Avoca

Mr. and Mrs. Dona Currie and Miss Jean MacLeod spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. MacLeod.

Miss Vivian Waite visited her mother at Pte. au Chene over the week-end.

Mrs. Douglas Smith, and two little friends, of Montreal, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bates.

Mrs. George Kelly left Saturday evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bates of Lachute, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McPhee visited Mr. George Higginson and family at Calumet on Thursday last.

Mr. Edward Smith visited his parents over the week-end.

Calumet

Miss Evelyn Darlington and Miss Audrey Williamson, of Montreal, were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Martin.

AC-2 Stephen Brigden, of Toronto, visited his father, Mr. W. E. Brigden, last week-end.

Mrs. M. R. Robinson entertained a few friends last Friday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. P. O'Shaugnessy and family, of Montreal, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. P. O'Shaugnessy, of Halifax, were recent visitors at their cottage here.

The ladies of the United Church held a home-cooking and fancy work table on Saturday afternoon in Foreman Bros' store. Mrs. T. Farrara, assisted by Mrs. John Mahon, was in charge.

Miss Joyce Prophet, of Montreal, was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Prophet.

Mr. Grant Robinson, of Montreal, spent the week-end at his home here.

Miss Elsie Graham, of Montreal, was the recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Harris and daughter, Betty, of Brownsburg, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. MacIntyre.

Little Miss Heather Anne Lessard, who recently had her tonsils removed in hospital in Montreal, is out and around again.

Arundel

Dr. Ward, of Montreal, was a week-end guest of his mother-in-law, Mrs. May.

Mrs. Hugh Cooke has returned home after a visit in Sudbury with her daughter, Mrs. S. Bennett and Mr. Bennett.

Master Bert Champagne spent the week-end in Morin Heights visiting his grandmother, Mrs. James Kerr.

Miss Laura Davis spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. Douglas Cooke and little daughter, Judy, returned home after a week's visit with friends in Montreal.

Mrs. Ross Dey of Morin Heights spent Sunday here at her home.

Miss Dorothy Kerr spent the week-end at her home.

Miss Janie Morrison spent the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Larose in Weir.

Miss Betty Moss spent the week-end here at her home.

This community was saddened to hear of the sudden death of little Nancy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bennett. To the bereaved family we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy.

Britain's New Transport Plane



The Avro York is a civil transport version of the famous Avro Lancaster bomber. Externally, the main points of difference between the York and the Lancaster are the shape of the fuselage (which has been specially designed for passenger or freight carrying) and the introduction of a triple-fin tail unit in the former. The design of the individual fin and rudder is similar, and the wings and engine nacelles of the York were designed originally for the Lancaster. The York's wing span is 102 ft. and its overall length 78 ft. It is powered by four Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin engines. When employed over comparatively short distances it is capable of carrying more than 50 passengers, but it may be used for either short or long journeys, and can be adapted readily to take either passengers or freight alone.

Junior Red Cross Shawbridge Event

Shawbridge — The members of Junior Red Cross raised $15 by a social evening held in the school on November 24. Games were played and refreshments served. The decorations were attractively arranged. Vincent Thorburn is president of the group, Daphne Hicks secretary, and Rita Knott treasurer.

Morin Heights

The W.A. of the United Church held an enjoyable social evening in the church hall on Wednesday, November 29.

Mrs. Wm. Rolland spent a few days in Montreal recently.

Amedée Vaillancourt has received his commission as Pilot Officer. On service with the R.C.A.F. overseas, he was sent home on furlough to Canada.

The sale and tea under auspices of the Guild of Trinity Church, which was to have been held in Boyd's Restaurant on Thursday afternoon, had to be postponed on account of the bad weather.

Cpl W. R. Bell spent the week-end with his family.

Cushing West

Mr. Franklyn Keatley, of Montreal, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. W. Usher.

AW. Eileen McKinnon, on leave from the R.C.A.F. Elementary Training School at St. Eugene, spent the latter part of the week with her mother, Mrs. Ida McKinnon, at Grece's Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Larose, of Montreal, were week-end guests of Mrs. Larose's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Desforges, at Grece's Point.

Messrs. Jack and Douglas McKinnon spent the week-end at their home in Grece's Point.

Mrs. Usher left Sunday evening for Ottawa, where she will be the guest of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dowd, and will later go on to Belleville to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Wishart and family.

Miss Dorothy Barron is spending two weeks' sick leave with her mother, Mrs. E. Barron, at Monalea. Friends wish her a speedy recovery.

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PATRIOTIC MUSIC FOUND EXPRESSION IN OCCUPIED FRANCE

French Patrots Recorded Works of Great Composers, Despite Gestapo Persecution

London (CP) — Patriotic music flourished in France all through the occupation, and recordings made by the underground National Committee of Musicians despite German forces now are being heard over the BBC.

These records, turned out under the noses of the Gestapo, were brought from France and their first hearing came on a Sunday night when they made up the BBC weekly feature "Music Magazine". And during the program Herman Moyens, who helped organize the clandestine meetings that produced the records, told the story.

In the middle of the night, he said, the underground musicians, led by the famous conductor Roger Desormieres, would take possession of the research studios of the Vichy Radio Stations.

With guards to warn them should the Gestapo approach, they played and recorded the works of Bliss, Prokovief, Mendelssohn and Milhaud. This they did repeatedly despite raids and persecution.

It was a tremendous undertaking, Moyens said. "Think of the number of people involved. Not only did we need musicians, but hundreds of other people, down to the watchman who let us in, were involved.

"We had to have men to write the scores — and we had to steal the paper for this. We had to have engineers to do the recordings — and it wasn't easy to get hold of discs either.

"But we never had a traitor or a faint heart — we even published our own musical magazines and critical papers."

Moyens said that much of this work was possible because of German "stupidity".

"We gave public performances of banned works," he pointed out, "and the Germans were too stupid to realize. For instance, in the summer of last year we gave a very successful public performance of Darius Milhaud's "Scaramouche."

"We called it 'Mous-Arachee' by Hamid-ul-Hasuarid, which is an anagram both of the title of the piece and the composer's name."

Public reception of the program was reportedly good, while critics said the calibre of the work was equal to any turned out in the most favorable circumstances.

NAZI PRISONERS CONDEMN HITLER

London (CP) — For the first time since the war began anti-Nazi activities are being encouraged by the British government in prisoner-of-war camps here and already officers, non-commissioned officers and men in one such establishment have passed a resolution condemning Hitler's war.

Part of the program includes radio shows beamed to their homeland and each night some six prisoners speak to Germany. Some of these are pre-war anti-Nazis, forced into the Army, while others are Nazis who have changed their views since being captured.

Their favorite radio work is commenting on the news. Their remarks are bitter. When Hitler failed to make his customary "Beer House" speech on the anniversary of the Nazi party recently the commentator for the night said: "See, in the hours of Germany's greatest need the Fuehrer is silent."

"What can I do for my country?" is the spirit which brings victory.

"What can I do my country for?" is the spirit which turns victory to defeat.

"This Town Is Ours"

On Friday last, Louiseville, Que., was host to a group of provincial and public health officials, to mark the premiere showing of a new film produced for the health ministry.

"This Town is Ours" was produced to illustrate the work of local health units in preventative medicine. To provide realism to the picture, fictional treatment is given episodes from the life of a small town physician who is anxious to have a health unit established in "Our Town." Although handicapped by opposition from those who would leave matters "as they were in grandfather's day," the doctor's triumph is achieved, a unit is established in the town. From this point on, the picture shows how the unit operates, how immunization protects the population from epidemics, how tuberculosis tests and treatments are carried out and how other measures protect the health of the town folk.

"This Town is Ours" took more than a year to complete and has a cast of over 150 — most of them citizens of Louiseville, where the premiere was staged. Motion picture cameras went into Louiseville homes and institutions to make a realistic record of the work of the health authorities, under supervision of the health ministry. The picture was produced under guidance of Dr. Jean Gregoire, deputy minister of health and social welfare, Quebec; Dr. A. Delcourt, physician in charge of the health unit at Louiseville, acted as technical adviser.

Courage is just fear that has said its prayers.

LIVES FOUR YEARS AS FRENCH WORKER

Walthamstow, Eng. (CP) — Pte. George Buisson, 37, of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, is back in England after living for four years in a French town occupied by the Germans.

Disguised as a French worker he saw almost the entire population of a village wiped out in retaliation for the derailment of a Nazi troop train by the French forces of the Interior with whom they had no connection.

Finally he married the daughter of a French family who sheltered him for two of his four years in France, after he rejoined the British army following the liberation of that country.

Buisson's adventures began after he missed evacuation at Dunkerque. Once while he was hiding in a bakery he had to lie on top of a furnace while the Gestapo searched the building. His face still carries scars from burns he suffered during that ordeal.

The Daily Mirror said two Gestapo agents who posed as British secret service agents told Buisson about British plans for the Dieppe attack of August, 1942, five weeks before the attack took place.

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WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Hints for Homebodies

By Jessie Allen Brown

SEND CANADIAN BOOKS

There is quite a demand down here for Canadian books to send overseas, and I presume it is the same in other parts of the country. Men stationed in Canada want to send books home about the country, and Canadians want to send them as gifts to people overseas who have been hospitable to their boys. Bruce Hutchinson's 'The Unknown Country' would be suitable. Gwethalyn Graham's new novel 'Earth and High Heaven' which is deservedly winning high acclaim, has Montreal as its locale, and is well worth reading. Maria Chapdelaine gives the French Canadian scene. Where could you do better than Stephen Leacock's 'Sunshine Sketches'? Any of Peter McArthur's books give a picture of life in rural Ontario. Clara Dennis' books on Nova Scotia would be a good choice. Kathleen Strange has written of the West in 'With the West in Her Eyes', and 'Never a Dull Moment'. Then there is Gwen Cash's 'I like British Columbia'. There are many others but these are the ones which have occurred to me. Mary Grannan's 'Just Mary' books are being bought in great numbers for English children. Charles Clay's 'The Young Voyageur' and his just published 'The Young Fur Trader', would be an excellent choice for the ten to fourteeners. If your own children haven't these books they have missed something. They should be in every school library in Canada. It certainly is a good idea to send books on Canada abroad, to give an idea of our country and incidentally to encourage our Canadian authors. We do not value them highly enough.

TEA

A good cup of tea is not hard to make but judging from some of the tea dished up you would think it was. You have heard the expression 'she doesn't know how to boil water'. That is only too true, and most of the time that is what is wrong with the tea. The water must come to a fresh boil. It musn't have boiled once and then be re-heated. Then it must come to a boil. So many women seem to think that when a kettle sings it is boiling. Not necessarily so. Sometimes a kettle will sing for quite a little while before it actually boils. The only safe way is to take off the cover of the kettle and take a peek. If the bubbles are breaking at the surface and the water is dancing it is safe to make the tea. Before the water actually boils put a little in the tea-pot to warm it. There is sense in the old rule, always bring the tea-pot to the kettle, because if you bring the kettle to the tea-pot the water will stop boiling. Then after your tea is made, give it time to steep.

MINCE MEAT

2 Lbs. raisins, 1 lb. currants, 1 lb. ground suet, 3 lbs. apples, 1 teaspoon salt, 1½ lbs. brown sugar, ¾ lb. mixed peel, 1 lemon, 2 oranges, ¼ oz. mixed spice, ½ cup of cider.

Put raisins, currants, apples, lemon and oranges, through the grinder. Add the remaining ingredients and mix well.

PLUM PUDDING

2 Cups bread crumbs, 1 cup of brown sugar, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup currants ½ lb. suet, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, ½ lb. suet, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, ½ teaspoon nutmeg, ½ lb. peel, juice and grated rind a lemon, ½ cup corn syrup, 3 eggs, ½ teaspoon soda, 1 cup flour.

Sift the flour, soda and spice, add the bread crumbs, suet and fruit. Add the beaten eggs, syrup and lemon juice, and mix well. Put in buttered dish and steam for three hours. This mixture is rather dry but when steamed it makes a delicious, rich, moist pudding.

"GHOST" SHOPPERS

Halifax (CP) — Local housewives are hot on the trail of what they describe as "phantom shoppers" — those who have time to buy war-scarce commodities while women tied to their homes by the help shortage get nothing. Transients are believed partly to blame.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS TOY SUBSTITUTES

By Jessie Allen Brown

This year toys are harder to come by so it would be a good year to concentrate on books for the children. The time to make readers of children is when they are very small. Start reading to them before they really understand what it is all about. They love the sound of words. Poetry has a great appeal to the small child, as they like the rhythm of it. I have heard women complain bitterly that their children never stayed in and read a book. Yet these same women had done very little to encourage reading. Children must own books. They will read them over and over. Libraries are a necessity from which to borrow books, but nothing can take the place of the books which a child has for his very own. There are so many good books which are the heritage of every child. There never have been as many juvenile books coming off the presses as at the present time. The illustrations of some of them are very beautiful, and if you haven't noticed children's books lately they are well worth examining. Make this a year for children's books.

WON'T GET STALE

("Britain" Magazine)

One thing to look forward to after the war is bread that won't get stale. It will stay fresh for two weeks — just as fresh as when it came out of the oven.

Girls in the British Army are already making this new kind of processed bread. In fact, it was supplied to invasion troops who landed in Normandy.

SHE WAS STARVING

(Hamilton Spectator)

A wife asked for a divorce because she discovered she was married to a genius. A genius has been well described as a person who can do almost anything but earn a living.

LOVE IS NO CRIME

Vancouver (CP) — The British Columbia Court of Appeal has ruled that R.C.A.F. Corporal Joseph Theriault, who broke into the Tofino post-office in search of letters he expected from his bride, committed no criminal offence. The court quashed a two-year sentence for attempted burglary.

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Need Is Urgent, Women Workers For Red Cross

Every Canadian Red Cross branch workroom is desperately shorthanded. For some time there has been a steady decline in volunteer workers; this decrease has been so rapid that production of all kinds of supplies, vital to the well-being of our troops and civilian war victims, is lower than at any other time during the past five years.

It is difficult to ascribe a reason. Perhaps the military success attained by our armed forces in Europe has given rise to a widespread belief that because the end of the war is drawing near, there is now little need for the services of the Red Cross Society.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Although present successes indicate the likelihood of an early peace, we have the assurance even of Prime Minister Churchill himself, that it will be spring or summer before the enemy collapses in Europe. And then we must beat Japan.

It is obvious there will be much heavy fighting before peace returns. A greater proportion of our Army, Navy and Airforce are now in battle than ever before, and over a wider area. To supply these men through the long winter months will require an all-out effort here in Canada.

Heavy fighting means casualties; casualties need hospital supplies, comforts. Warm woollen garments must be shipped to our servicemen. The robot bomb and the V-2 are still falling on Britain, leaving hundreds of civilians destitute; and these people need warm clothing, which Britain cannot provide.

Even after hostilities cease in Europe, we must think of the people of occupied countries who have sacrificed so much. Their hospitals must be equipped and supplied, their bodies must be clothed; and the Red Cross Societies of Canada and the Allied Nations must share these responsibilities.

Unless there is an immediate increase in the number of Red Cross women workers, shipments of vital supplies must be curtailed, to the deprivation of our armed forces and civilian war victims. This is a challenge to the spirit of every Canadian woman. No service could be more worthwhile than that given in the Red Cross workroom.

Beautiful Assistants

(The New Yorker)

It is impossible to think very deeply in the dentist's chair (the open mouth is, after all, the classic posture of imbecility), and this may be the reason we have never figured out how it comes about that dentists' assistants are invariably beautiful. Every dentist we have known has had a goddess caddying for him, a beauty of the calm majestic type usually found only in bad statuary and large, gilt-framed oil paintings. Why dentistry attracts these creatures is a mystery, though fortunately not a pressing one. We just thought we'd mention it.

Travelling With Children — Every Stranger A Possible Hazard

The natural place for a child to be is in its own home. That is where it can grow up, thrive on a well balanced diet, avoid dangers of contagion and live in peace. For these reasons, people should avoid travelling with their children as much as possible, particularly in wartime, when railway coaches and autobuses are overcrowded.

In a crowd, every stranger is a possible source of contagion to your child. Everything a child touches may be contaminated. This should never be forgotten. A neighbor's candies are tempting, but they may carry infection, or cause indigestion. Finally, everything a child eats or touches should be clean: milk, water, food, surroundings. Over 70,000,000 persons travelled in trains last year. When people undertake a trip with children, it is well to remember this.

Dental Health

Devitalized Teeth

Q.—Why is it imperative that devitalized molars be extracted rather than filled? What effect on the system does this type of tooth have if allowed to remain?

A.—If a pulpless tooth can be satisfactorily treated so that it can be kept from bacteria indefinitely by the use of a satisfactory filling, the tooth should never become a source of trouble. However, the treatment and filling of some molar root canals is so delicate and intricate that sometimes it is physically impossible, no matter how carefully done, to render the pulp canal and dentin completely sterile or to keep it so. If infected teeth are allowed to remain in the mouth, the primary infection may be carried by the blood stream to other parts of the body where it may infect other organs such as the eyes, heart, kidneys and joints. Since the majority of pulpless teeth are caused by dental decay, the best method of preventing infected pulps and preserving the vitality of the teeth is to prevent or at least completely remove decay when it first starts and fill the cavity with a suitable filling material.

MISPRINT

Isn't it amazing what one missing letter can do to a word or phrase! Our staff has been on the jump this week preparing financial statements for the surrounding municipalities and one little item was supposed to read "John Doe, repairing bridge." Just in the nick of time, the proofreader found that a "g" had eluded the linotypist's touch, and that sentence read "John Doe, repairing bride."

— Prescott Journal

FIDDLERS COMPETE

North Sydney, N.S. (CP) — The voice of the fiddle was heard in the land during competition for the old-time fiddler's crown at the Cape Breton county exhibition. The laurels were carried off by Mrs. Mary MacDonald, who outfiddled five male competitors.

Winnipeg Woman's Salvage Club Has Big Possibilities

Something-Out-of-Nothing Club Makes Over Salvage Goods into Articles for Resale

By ENID NEMY, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Winnipeg, (CP) — A club that may well provide jobs for hundreds of returned servicemen and women was organized here early this summer by a Winnipeg society woman.

The Something-Out-of-Nothing Club is not the first brain child of Mrs. G. Konantz. Several years ago she originated the Winnipeg Patriotic Salvage Corps, which has served as a model for countless other corps throughout the Dominion and the United States. Winnipeg's Central Volunteer Bureau, which handles the placing of thousands of the volunteers in various auxiliary services, was also her idea.

Mrs. Konantz' contribution to the war effort doesn't end with ideas. She is an indefatigable worker in half a dozen organizations and carries her ideas through to completion. This summer, for the first time since the war began, she decided to spend several months at the lake. But it was no vacation — before she left she rounded up a group of women who also planned to vacation out of town, and expounded her theory to them — that something could be made out of literally nothing. Thus was the club born.

Full Time Project

Membership, originally of girls and women who wanted to do something useful while on their vacation, has increased by leaps and bounds. Now, an old candy warehouse has been taken over and the project has become a full time one.

Using salvage culled from Winnipeg homes, the women start their cleaning, painting and mending, and eventually turn out articles that can grace any residence. Glass containers, painted over, become bed-side flower holders. Trays, once ready for discard, are re-done with paint and applied patterns. Cigar boxes, cold cream jars, jam tins, broken mirrors, and hundreds of other articles that were once regarded as useless, have been given new life.

And this is one club with a future. Work that now is being done by volunteers will become paid jobs for war veterans, says Mrs. Konantz. Thousands of dollars have been realized by the club in its few short months of existence; proceeds that now go to war charities will instead provide salaries for ex-servicemen and women when hostilities cease, if present plans materialize.

Q.W.I. Executive to Meet in Montreal

Arrangements have been made to hold the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Committee of Quebec Women's Institutes in Montreal on January 13. Various phases of the work will be discussed, among them the allocation of the Self-Denial Fund which has been contributed by the members for war work during the past year. The nominating committee for the choosing of officers for the next two years will be selected at this meeting.

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The eager voices of our men and women in uniform, calling home at Christmas and New Year's, will crowd the wires again this year. Help to make sure that every one of these calls goes through . . . that all those on duty away from home hear the voices of their loved ones.

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Curlers Play in Caledonia Spiel

At Caledonia Curling Club last evening two teams from Lachute competed in the preliminaries for the Caledonia trophy.

The rink skipped by Jas. MacKimmie and comprising Geo. F. Calder, Geo. Muir and A. Ogilvie met a Caledonia quartet under E. B. Fatterson, winning with a score of 12-7.

Another team skipped by J. R. Charron, with Wm. J. Deacon, S. S. Campbell and W. K. McArthur, met W. F. B. Henry's Lachine rink, to whom they lost in a count of 10-14.

COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL BAZAAR

The Ladies' Guild of St. Simeon's Anglican Church, Lachute, will hold their annual bazaar on Friday, December 8, in the hall of the Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church. Fancy work, home-cooking. Afternoon tea will be served from 3 to 6 o'clock. -1c

BAZAAR

The Senior Ladies' Auxiliary of the United Church, Brownsburg, are holding their annual bazaar and sale of home-cooking on Saturday, December 9, in the church hall. Afternoon tea will be served. Doors open at 3 p.m. -1c

CHRISTMAS TREE

A Christmas Tree entertainment will be held in the Grenville Consolidated School, Friday, December 22. Good program. -1c

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

A Christmas entertainment will be held in Ogdensburg School on Friday evening, December 22. Admission, adults 25c, children 15c D14-2c

DANCE

A dance will be held at MacIntyre's Hall, Grenville, on Saturday, December 9. Modern and old-time dancing. Good music. Admission 40c a person. -1c

SOCIAL EVENING

The members of L.O.L. No. 2231 are holding a social evening in the L.O.B.A. lodge room, 8 Hope St., Wednesday, December 13, to welcome one of the members who has returned from active service overseas. All members and brethren are cordially requested to attend. -1c

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the members of the Argenteuil Agricultural Society will be held in the Court House, Lachute, on Tuesday, December 12, at 2 p.m.

— J. H. Black, pres.
1c Alex Bothwell, sec.

TENDERS INVITED — The Council of the Town of Lachute is inviting tenders for the sale of a mortgage of $7,0000 payable by annual instalments of $1,000, with interest at 3% per annum. Particulars may be obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer. Tenders will be considered at Council meeting of January 3, 1945. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

—Germain Filion, sec-treas.,
D21-3c Lachute Town Corp

'GIRL CRAZY' FILM NATURAL SETTING COMING REX SHOW

Favorite melodies by Gershwin, including "Embraceable You", "Bidin' My Time" and "I Got Rhythm," and the popular team of Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland are featured in the Metro film "Girl Crazy," announced for the Rex Theatre bill next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The one factor that may be considered unique in this film, according to Herbert Whittaker, is its use of natural settings. Most musicals, when they got out-of-doors (which is rather rare), unravel in front of painted clouds and property trees.

For "Girl Crazy", Metro took cast and crew into the desert, to reconstruct the small cow-college, in which it is mostly set. The result is refreshing.

Particularly effective is this in one of the musical numbers, which has the two stars singing as they drive a jaloppy across a desert road. The song is "Could You Use Me", and it's a highlight of the show because it is real movie stuff, on the stage.

Girl Crazy, which was a hit show on Broadway back in 1930, has been switched around a little, to allow Rooney to play a typical Rooney part of the playboy who goes west and raises the mortgage on the cow-college. Miss Garland is the inevitable daughter of the dean. Rooney saves the skin of dear old Cody by staging a combined rodeo and beauty contest.

Miss Garland takes honors with her smooth singing. Her comedy is excellent too. Rooney gives his standard performance of a dynamo. There seems to be a deliberate attempt to dwarf the small star in the opening night-club scenes by teaming him with tall show girls, making him look like a stand-in for Charlie McCarthy.

Dorsey's orchestra is featured in "Fascinatin' Rhythm," with Rooney coming in as solo pianist.

Public Notice

The water rate-payers of the Town of Lachute are hereby notified that request for credit notes on water tax will not be considered in the future unless notice is given to the Secretary at the start of the credit period.

—Germain Filion, sec-treas.,
Lachute Town Corporation
D14-2c

Public Notice

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D14-2p —W. L. Dawson

NOTICE — A new beauty parlor is now open in St. Andrews. Miss Paulette Fournier is just back from the Art Institute of Hairdressing in Montreal, and invites the ladies to pay her a visit. -1p

Boy Scouts The World Over



One of four British farmers to go to the United States to demonstrate wartime farming in Britain, Elwyn Jones, is Scoutmaster of a group at Hay, Radnorshire.

SCOUT GUARD OF HONOR

For the second successive year Boy Scouts were selected to form the Guard of Honor at the opening of the Saskatchewan Legislature at Regina. Two Scouts accompanied the speaker to his chair.

TRIPLETS ARE BOY SCOUTS

Charles, Edward and Henry Mansell, Scouts in the 44th Windsor, Ontario, Troop at Tecumseh, are unique in Canadian Scouting. They are the only triplets in the 100,000 Scouts and Cubs in Canada. They were born in 1932.

WOLF CUB'S PATRIOTISM

Ever since he started to have pocket money, nine-year-old Teddy Pazder, a Wolf Cub at Mount Carmel School, Edmonton, has been saving to buy a bicycle. When he finally accumulated a sufficient sum, he decided instead to buy a Victory Bond in the recent campaign.

HELP EUROPE'S SCOUTS

When Miss May Hickling, Lady Cubmaster of Hawarden, Saskatchewan, died recently, her family requested that instead of flowers, gifts of money would be given to charity. Half of the gift money was given to the Chins-Up Fund of the Boy Scouts Association to aid stricken Scouts in Europe, and half to her church.

EXPLORER'S DESCENDANT

Four Boy Scout Leaders from South America are to visit Canada during December. They are Sr. Claudio Jars, Sr. Carlos Santos P., of Ecuador, Sr. Salvador Fernandez and Sr. Lorenzo Ponce de Leon. The latter is a direct descendant of the Spanish explorer, Ponce de Leon, who discovered Florida while on a purported search for Bimini, the Fountain of Youth. They will visit Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. The four have been attending a youth training project conducted by the Boy Scouts of America in co-operation with the Inter-American Youth Leaders Training Project of the U.S. Government.



Start young, and prosper. Children too are enrolling in the War Savers' "25 Club".

REX

FRI., SAT., DEC. 8-9
NELSON EDDY,
Charles Colburn and
Constance Dowling in
KNICKERBOCKER HOLIDAY

FIBBER McGEE and MOLLY,
EDGAR BERGEN and
CHARLIE McCARTHY in
HERE WE GO AGAIN
"FOX NEWS OF THE DAY"

SUN., MON., DEC. 10-11
FRED MacMURRAY,
BARBARA STANWYCK and
EDWARD G. ROBINSON in
DOUBLE INDEMNITY

Tim Holt, Cliff Edwards and
Ann Summers in
FIGHTING FRONTIER
"FLYING GUNNERS"

TUES., WED., THURS.,
DEC. 12-13-14
MICKEY ROONEY,
JUDY GARLAND
GIRL CRAZY

Preston Foster, Victor McLaglen,
Lois Andrews in
ROGER TOUHY GANGSTER
"IN THE GARDEN"

CAPITOL

THURS., FRI., SAT.,
DEC. 7-8-9
RAY MILLAND,
RUTH HUSSEY and
Donald Crisp in
THE UNINVITED

Johnny Downs,
Vivian Austin and
Leon Errol in
TWILIGHT in the PRAIRIE

PARAMOUNT NEWS

SUN., MON., TUES.,
DEC. 10-11-12
CARY GRANT,
JANET BLAIR and
James Gleason in
ONCE UPON A TIME

CLAUDETTE COLBERT
RONALD COLEMAN in
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— G. Scudamore, sec.-treas., Protestant School Commissioners, D7-2c Brownsburg.

FOR SALE — Snowmobile, Ford 1936, in excellent condition, $450. — MacRae Motor Sales, Main St., Lachute. Phone 220. D14-3c

TENDERS — are hereby called for an assistant Secretary-Treasurer to the Lachute Protestant School Commissioners. Applicants state salary expected. Duties involved may be known by applying to the undersigned, Secretary-Treasurer. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be in the hands of the Secretary by December 23, 1944.

— Dr. G. A. Clunie, Sec.-Treas. D14-2c

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D14-2c E. M. Jones, Sec.-treas.

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Montreal Municipal Election Shows 46% of Eligible Electors Cast Vote

Previous Ballot 22%; Uptrend Attributable to Houde Support; Old Campaigner Wins Mayoralty

By HAROLD FREEMAN,
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Montreal, Dec. 12 (CP) — Four years of internment hasn't dimmed the sway that silver-tongued Camillien Houde holds over Montreal electors, it was demonstrated Monday when the fiery veteran of a score of municipal and provincial political battles was elected mayor of the Metropolis for the fifth time.

In returning to the municipal picture four months after his release from internment, Mr. Houde beat down determined opposition from Adhemar Raynault, three times mayor of Montreal, to win by some 14,000 votes with a total of 62,000.

Mr. Houde received his mandate for a three-year term. Along with the civic ballotting went a referendum in which residents decided by a comfortable margin that they wanted municipal electees to hold office for three years in future instead of the former two-year term.

Fifty-four councillors were chosen from 98 contestants in the aldermanic fight, with 12 seats going by acclamation. Under the Montreal system, 33 councillors are elected by the people at large, 33 by property holders only, and 33 are chosen by public bodies.

The Monday election saw some 46% of the eligible voters cast their ballots, a much greater proportion than in 1942 when only 22 per cent registered their choice. Aside from the personalities involved, the election created a greater interest this time than in recent years because it was the first municipal election since Montreal regained its financial autonomy.

Financial control of the city passed into the hands of the Quebec Municipal Commission in 1940, a few months before Mr. Houde was interned, when Montreal failed to meet a bond payment. Autonomy in money matters was restored to the city early this year by the Provincial legislature.

Blood Donor Clinic Postponed Due to Stormy Weather

Bad travelling conditions were responsible for postponement of the blood clinic here Tuesday, and after elaborate organization for the day's schedule, the secretary and committee were obliged to notify all volunteers, cancelling their appointments.

A date for this seventh clinic will be set for sometime early in January; donors will be duly advised.

Montreal Red Cross officials in charge of the mobile blood donor unit were advised Tuesday morning that the highways to Lachute were passable, but on account of the drifting snowfall there was no assurance the truck would be able to return to the city that night. In the case of delay, the blood donations taken here would become useless. For this reason it was decided to call off the clinic.

Programs of Special Note to Committee On Rehabilitation

Attention of the local Rehabilitation group members is directed to the series of radio broadcasts on this subject sponsored by the Department of Veterans' Affairs in collaboration with the CBC. The Lachute chairman, J. W. Gall, urges the special interest of contact committee and advisory committee members in these topics, which will doubtless have bearing on local cases and problems which may arise. The programs, stations and times are as follows:

CBM. "Honorably Discharged". Thursdays, 10.15 p.m.
CFCF. "The Serviceman's Question Box". Wednesdays, 8.15 p.m. Saturdays 7.15 p.m.
CKAC. Tuesdays, 10.30 p.m. and Saturdays, 6.15 p.m.
CBF. "La Boite aux Questions". (French). Tuesdays and Thurs days, 10.15 p.m.

Relative Receives Decoration Won by Late Flying Officer

At an investiture held Tuesday afternoon at Government House, Ottawa, Mrs. Charles Walker of Lachute was present to receive from the Governor General the Air Force Cross, non-operational award won by the late F/O Chas. Cyril Drew, during his service as an Air Force instructor in Canada. F/O Drew, later going overseas, met his death on April 13 of this year following operations over enemy territory.

At this function a number of decorations were presented to Air Force personnel or next of kin.

Mrs. Walker was accompanied by Mr. Winston Drew, brother of the dead officer, and by her son Jackie. Following the investiture they were the guests of the Governor General and Lady Athlone at an afternoon tea.

Prot. Ratepayers Hold Discussion on School Revenue and Education Costs

Other Matters Dealt With; Principal Urges Parent Supervision in After-School Hours

A meeting of the Protestant ratepayers was held in the Lachute High School Friday evening, to discuss the school finances and other problems of the school. The chairman, E. K. Wilson, in his opening remarks stated that the tax rate had been raised 30c as a result of the increased expenses and the decreasing revenue of the school. An estimated budget for the next school year was discussed item by item, and an opportunity was given to any who so wished to ask questions about the various details.

Considerable discussion arose over the revenue from direct taxation, and it was explained that the tax from incorporated companies was distributed through the neutral panel to the two educational systems of the province in proportion to the number of children of school age each had in the municipality. It was also noted that considerable revenue is lost each year through property transfers.

The chairman explained that yearly government grants are anticipated, but that the amounts are variable, consequently the Board is never sure of how much money will be forthcoming. It was the opinion of the meeting that larger grants would have to be given by the Provincial Government, and that Federal aid should likewise be given to the provinces, if the standards of modern education are to be maintained.

The increased expenses of the school are due to the higher cost of maintenance and operation, the increase in the number of teachers and the paying of better salaries. The question was raised as to why more teachers were necessary with the number of pupils in attendance remaining about the same. It was pointed out that although the total number of pupils in the school might be the same, more were actually registered in a certain grade, which made the class too large for one teacher to handle. Three years ago the grade one class numbered 60 pupils, so that the grade had to be divided, resulting in an extra teacher during this time. Also at the recommendation of the Department of Education an extra teacher was added to the High School grades, and this year through the co-operation of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Education an experimental agricultural course has been instituted. This latter is, however, financed entirely by the Government.

The principal, C. Howard Bradford, discussed some of the problems of the school and particularly asked for the co-operation of the parents in ascertaining that the pupils did their home-work regularly. It was pointed out that parents are too apt to criticize the teachers and the school, when in many cases the parents do not realize that the faults may not be within the bounds of the school but rather from outside causes and distractions of the after-school hours.

After listening to a lengthy discussion, the ratepayers present went away with the feeling of satisfaction that they had a clear picture of the educational problems of the community. Furthermore, many expressed the belief that it would be necessary for the taxes to be raised even more another year in order to meet the needs of the community — especially since the proposed budget of the Board for the next session is still showing a deficit with the new increase of 30c in the tax rate.

Lachute Man "In the Thick of It"

Inspects V-2 Bomb Mechanism



Somewhere in Belgium, Pte. Percy M. Wilson, of Lachute, inspects parts of a wrecked V-2 rocket bomb. Pte. Wilson, of the Perth Regiment, is the eldest of five brothers now overseas, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, North River. Another brother, Stuart, who was also in the sevices, has been discharged as medically unfit and is back at his civilian job.

The above scene shows something of the construction of these deadly missiles. On the left is the fuel pump and to the right the liquid oxygen pump with distributor just in front of it. The turbine is in the centre, with the mixture line for power to turbine in front. The mixture line is wrapped with asbestos to guard against the varying temperatures. Despite their ingenious mechanism and disastrous effects, the V-2 bombs on account of their inaccurate aiming are described as "of little military value".

Rehabilitation News

Questions and Answers

(The Watchman offers this weekly service to returned veterans, their families and citizens' rehabilitation or contacting committees — to assist them with their problems and provide them with expert advice on the many questions confronting service personnel on their return to civil life. Correspondence should be addressed to Mr. M. V. Trayers, % Watchman Office, Lachute, Que.)

"Canada's rehabilitation program is the most comprehensive of any country on earth. This is not said in a boastful spirit, it is a plain fact, and should be stated in fairness, not only to those who serve, but to the Canadian people who are 'paying the shot'. That program however, cannot succeed in full measure unless it is rounded out by the co-operation of the community. It has taken every segment of Canadian life, and the strength and influence of every club, organization, group and citizen, to prosecute the war. It will take the same united effort on the part of all of us to accomplish successful rehabilitation".

As a soldier, sailor or airman, a Cwac, a Waaf or a Wren, comes out of the service they are met by counsellors representing the Department of Veterans' Affairs. These counsellors discuss their future with them and assist them in making up their minds, provided their future has not already been planned, to decide what they will do. The rehabilitation program is described to them in detail, and they are handed a booklet explaining the provisions of this program.

Under an Act of Parliament which was passed recently, known as the War Services Grants Act, they are paid a gratuity, except in the case of those who have not volunteered or been drafted for active service anywhere in the world, comprising $7.50 for every month of service in the Western Hemisphere, and $15. for every month of service overseas. In addition to this gratuity, for every six months of service overseas, they are given seven days' pay and allowances, including dependents' allowances. In addition to this, they are given a rehabilitation grant of one month's pay of their rank and a clothing allowance of $100.

Take the case of a boy who serves three years in Canada without going overseas — he will receive a gratuity of $270; a rehabilitation grant of one month's pay, an additional $45; a clothing allowance of $100, making a total of $415.

After the last war a man with this service received $245.

(Continued next week)

Wounded Soldier Arrives Home



Pte. Roland Elkington

Pte. Roland Elkington, Lake Superior Regiment, who was wounded by shrapnel at Falaise, France, on August 17, arrived last Saturday evening in Montreal. He is home in Lachute until after the holidays, when he will report again for medical treatment.

Despite the blustery weather hereabouts, the old home-town looked good to this 21-year-old soldier. Roland, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Elkington, has an older brother, Maurice, now serving in England.

His wound, caused by shrapnel, has left the nerves of his shoulder affected. His wrist in a cast, and it will probably require an operation before the use of his arm can be restored.

Pte. Elkington crossed from England on the "Letitia", making her maiden voyage as a hospital ship with 700 casualties from the European battlefronts.

AUSTRALIA BASE FOR NEW BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET

War Commentary by Canadian Press

It was disclosed at mid-week that a newly-created British Pacific Fleet is to be based in Australia. An Allied naval spokesman said that heavy demands would be made on Australia for the support of this fleet and he referred specifically to port facilities and food supplies. It is estimated that by next June, about $41,000,000 will have been spent on services and supplies for this fleet and in addition, completed projects costing another $41,000,000 will be available for the British Naval Units.

These disclosures were the first semi-official indication of the breadth of Britain's planned contribution to the Pacific War against Japan. The commander of the British Pacific Fleet, Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, has already arrived in Melbourne and he indicated that his country's contribution in the Pacific will be mainly sea and air support. Sir Bruce plans to confer soon with Admiral Chester Nimitz, under whose overall direction the Pacific sea forces will operate.

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American Forces continue to inflict heavy losses on the Japanese in the continuing battle for Leyte Island in the Philippines. An entire Jap division has been wiped out just south of Ormoc where the enemy garrison has also been annihilated. However, the Japs are still entrenched on the north-western part of the island, which is a mountainous sector affording good defensive positions. It may be some time before the Allies are able to announce the complete capture of the Philippine Island.

There are increasing indications that the Jap warlords at home are becoming alarmed at the Pacific situation. The German radio has broadcast that Tokyo is to be evacuated — apparently because of the recent B-29 bombing assaults on the Jap capital. However, this has not been confirmed by Tokyo itself. It is also disclosed that the Japs are taking drastic steps to boost war production.

Farmers' View on Road Plowing

(By Our District Correspondent)

Cushing — With the early arrival of snow disrupting many plans, the farmers hereabouts are all agreed on one point — that it is unfair to them to have the snow plowed out of the roads, unless those responsible mean to keep them open all winter. Plowing once or twice throws up high banks and makes it difficult to keep good for the remainder of the season, as this leaves cuts to fill up quickly during the next period of storm.

In Brownsburg

Specially contributed to The Watchman

Great difficulty has been experienced by the committee of the Boys' Bugle Band in finding suitable equipment with which to inaugurate the project. A number of bugles have been unearthed after a diligent search, but there are still some lacking. Where have all the bugles gone, that one time decorated the stores along the ways in old Montreal? The committee would like to know.

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Christmas Shopping

Among the joys of the festive season, shopping is not included. To judge by the comments of the numerous shoppers who went "to town" to buy "the Christmas" it was something quite the reverse of joy. The Wartime Prices and Trade Board may have done a good job, but Santa Claus kept his sack away from their prying noses when price control was being arranged. Being such an elusive spirit he had no fear of appearing before the courts, so thumbed his whiskers at the laws of Donald Gordon.

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"Holy Night"

With the advent of Christmas comes the music of the lullaby. One of the classical examples of this form of music is the tenderly beautiful hymn "Silent Night", which seems to embody so much of the spirit of Christmas. Away back in the year 1818 in a small Catholic church, the parishioners were preparing for the midnight Mass to be held on Christmas Night. A raging blizzard was blocking all the roads to the little village when the church organ went out of commission. The nearest city was several miles away, and no means of communication connected this backward village with a competent repair man. The organist was distressed with grief, and unable to effect repairs himself, called on the assistant priest for help. The priest was an accomplished guitarist, and with the help of the organist set a few simple verses which he had previously written to music for two voices with guitar accompaniment. At the Mass that night in the little village of Oberndors, Germany, Father Mohr and his organist sang the few simple verses which have echoed down the years and have been translated into almost every language in the world—and which we reverently join in singing during this holy season. "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Vote of Confidence Given after 13-Day "Crisis Session"

By DOUGLAS GREEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Ottawa (CP) — Granting of the mandate sought by Prime Minister MacKenzie King through a vote of confidence which the House of Commons passed last week by 143 votes to 70, climaxed a 13-day special house sitting which began November 22 and, because of its tension, was dubbed the "crisis session".

The vote of confidence received by the administration assured Mr. King that a majority in Commons would support the maintenance of a "vigorous war effort", and, too, the dispatch overseas of 16,000 home defence army draftees under an order-in-council authorizing Defence Minister McNaughton to send them.

Mr. King had said earlier that unless he had adequate support from his own followers in the House he would not seek to carry on. Divisions show that enough government members backed the administration to exceed any combined opposition.

The calling of the special sitting stemmed from the suggestion made by Col. J. L. Ralston, former defence minister, soon after his return from an over-seas tour, that the 60,000 effectives in the home defence army be made available for overseas service in light of the need for additional infantry reinforcements.

When Col. Ralston's recommendation for overseas conscription was turned down by the cabinet he resigned November 1, and was succeeded by Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, who upon taking office said he believed the need for reinforcements could be met through voluntary enlistments.

However, on November 22 the cabinet approved an order-in-council authorizing the defence minister to send overseas 16,000 men who had been called for compulsory military service.

The submission by Col. Ralston of his recommendation that draftees be made available for overseas service brought about a vigorous public controversy regarding the pros and cons of conscription, with Progressive Conservatives calling for total conscription and C.C.F. members moving that all distinction between draftees and volunteers be eliminated. The Progressive Conservative amendment to the confidence motion was defeated and the C.C.F. motion declared out of order.

Notable Ceremony Staged by Local K. of C. Council

In one of the most brilliant and colorful ceremonies ever witnessed in K. of C. history in these parts, 97 new members were initiated to the three degrees of the Order last Sunday, at Lachute Auditorium.

In the morning, the members and candidates held a church parade to Ste. Anastasie Church, where they received Holy Communion. The sermon on "Knights, without Fear and without Reproach", was delivered by the Rev. Father Lacourse, parish priest.

In the afternoon, before a large attendance, the first and second degrees were conferred by officers of the local Council, headed by P.G.K. J. E. Dumais, P.G.K. Henri St-Onge, and W. Trustee Lionel Rozon. The particular feature of the second degree was exemplified by P.G.K. Georges H. Héon.

The third degree was conferred in the evening, before a capacity crowd by District Deputy E. Desroches and Colonel J. A. Boivin, M.C., assisted by Grand Knight Albini Lamarche and past-Grand Knight Georges-H. Héon.

Large delegations from Montreal Cornwall, Buckingham, Hawkesbury, St- Eustache, St-Jerome, and St-Jovite councils attended.

Millwright Is Seriously Hurt By Circular Saw

While working in the machine shop at Ayers Limited on Wednesday afternoon, Henri Tessier, 66, had his right arm almost severed by a swing saw. The mishap occurred at 1.30 o'clock. The victim was immediately taken to the Providence Hospital nearby, where he was given first aid by Dr. F. W. FitzGerald and later conveyed by ambulance to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. His arm was cut just below the elbow.

Henri Tessier, a millwright by trade, has been employed at the Ayers Limited plant for many years.

Christmas Aid to Bombed Children

The Queen's Canadian Fund has cabled a further gift of £500 to Sir Frank Alexander, Lord Mayor of London, to provide Christmas cheer for the bombed children of Britain.

This second instalment makes a total of £1,500.

Sir Frank is the sixth Lord Mayor to act as chairman of the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund. A cable just received by the Queen's Canadian Fund from Sir Frank states that evacuated children are returning steadily to London and these increased numbers mean that grants to the Mayors of London's boroughs will have to provide Christmas cheer for more children than last year.

A world in which people try to get the best of each other has never worked. A world in which they bring out the best in each other, has never been tried.

LISTEN IN

Over the Trans-Canada network at 10.15 p.m. December 20 — Group Captain S. N. F. Chant, acting director general of rehabilitation: "The Soldier's Return".

Also regular radio programs mentioned elsewhere on this page.

BRITAIN PLANS NEW HIGHWAYS

London (CP) — Great new highways cutting straight across the country for fast-moving streams of traffic are planned for Britain after the war. They will be 100 feet wide and first plans call for more than 1,000 miles of them.

"Motors only will be the rule," an official of the British Road Federation said. "Pedestrians and cyclists will be banned and there will be no sidewalks. The roads will run side by side, one for up traffic and the other for down."

One of the first roads probably will run from London to South Wales across a new Severn bridge.

TWO HELD IN $3,500 THEFT FROM ASSALY STORE, STE. AGATHE

Two men were in custody of Provincial Police in Montreal, to be arraigned yesterday at St. Jerome, and a third man is still being sought in connection with the robbery of about $3,500 worth of goods from the store owned by Alec Assaly, general merchant at Ste. Agathe des Monts, on the night of December 3. The proprietor is a brother of M. G. and Joseph Assaly, storekeepers in Lachute.

The two men now in custody are Rolland Samson and Rolland Smith, each 22 years of age, no given addresses.

Capt. Det. A. Quenneville said that Sgt. Det. Alcide Caron, who arrested the two men, had recovered about $2,000 worth of the stolen goods. Some of the stolen articles worth about $1,500, were recovered outside the city, while the remainder were found in Montreal.

OPTIMISTIC OF FUTURE

Toronto (CP) — A recent survey in this city revealed that 300 Toronto business firms believe employment will increase here in the first year after the war. They are confident the change-over from war to peace can be made without special government or financial assistance.

Seasonal

FARM TOPICS



To Form Federation Of Certified Hatcheries

It was decided at the poultrymen's meeting held recently in Montreal, that the project of having a federated provincial association would be developed. Three study sessions were held before definitely adopting the idea. Deliberations were directed by C. E. Benoit, Chief of the Poultry Division in Quebec. Apart from the delegates from different hatcheries, several agronomists and poultry instructors were present.

This Federation will come under the law covering "Co-operative Syndicates of Quebec". A Constitution and Rulings have been adopted. Head office will be located in Quebec. The R.O.P. Breeders' Association will also adhere to the Federation.

Orchardists Join in Lectures at Oka

At the instigation of the Reverend Father Fernand, O.C.R., in charge of the Trappist orchards at Oka, and of Gérard Tremblay, agronomist of Two Mountains, orchard proprietors of the district recently joined the pupils of the Institute in attending a few lectures on the pruning, the cultivation and the fertilization of orchards. The showing of a few films and a musical program were features of the evening's activities.

Proper Diet for Dairy Heifers

W. D. Davies, Production Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture, says the most exacting task of the dairy farmer is to grow good dairy heifers. Dairy heifers, to give best results as mature animals should be fed in such a way that they will obtain all their growth without carrying any excess fat.

As calves they should be fed moderate amounts of whole milk during the first three weeks of their lives. This diet is generally changed to a skim milk ration by the time the calves are six weeks old. Good legume hay should be fed from the time the calves begin to nibble. This diet is designed for growth — rather than to build fat — and will keep the calves in a healthy, active condition. A heifer that has been properly raised in the first few months of its life will develop into a good useful cow.

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Grain Transportation Subsidies to Quebec

The Province of Quebec received through the Federal Assistance Plan for Grain Transportation, $10,919,431.26 from October 1, 1941 to March 31, 1944. During the same period, Ottawa paid all Canadian farmers $30,654,667.67 in subsidies of this kind. By this Plan, transportation is paid on all grains grown in the West and feed rations derived from western wheat going from Fort William or Port Arthur to points east, in Canada, going from Calgary or Edmonton, to British Columbia. This policy, which has been in force since October 1941, has been prolonged indefinitely.

Quebec Directors for Holstein Association

C. L. Goodhue, Vaudreuil, W. A. Hodge, St. Laurent, and Hon. Antonio Elie, La Baie, were re-elected to represent Quebec on the Board of Directors of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, according to word received from G. M. Clemons, Association Secretary, of Brantford, Ontario. They were chosen by means of a mail ballot conducted among the members resident in Quebec. All are widely known in livestock circles, and Mr. Goodhue is the first vice-president of the Association.

Directors to represent Ontario will be elected at the annual meeting of the Association to be held in Toronto on February 14, 1945.

For Sake of a Nail, Prize Bull Lost

The hazards on the farm were again demonstrated by the death recently at Chicago of the famous Canadian Holstein bull, Montvic Renown, which sold for the Canadian Record price of $14,000 two years ago at Brantford, Ont. A nail killed him. He had swallowed it, and died following an operation for its removal from his stomach.

Many of the accidents on the farm are preventable, but in wartime with the shortage of labor it is not possible to cope with all the possible causes. Less time is now available for keeping the farm yard spic and span, and still less time to ensure that the pasture is free of danger, but time spent in cleaning up to clear the precincts of loose nails, bits of metal, broken bits of lumber, discarded pieces of machinery hidden in long grass, and all other articles which should not be there, would prove profitable and prevent such an accident as happened to Montvic Renown.

Live stock are liable to pick up any odd article that may have found its way into the feed or in the pasture. A board with a nail in it lying about the yard or anywhere, a projecting nail on a step, on a field gate, on the side of a barn or anywhere at all is a constant menace, but more insidious are loose nails inadvertently dropped around the yard or in the pasture. Cattle seem to have a peculiar relish for them.

Apart from machinery which is responsible for the most serious accidents on the farm, everyday causes of mishaps are numerous, such as the careless handling of tools or of a gun, the cover off a well, hay hiding an open trap in the loft, an exposed electric wire, a broken step, a faulty flue, or a ricketty ladder. The farmer must be to a great extent, his own safety engineer.

DEER ON HIS DOORSTEP

Fort Frances, Ont. (CP) — While Norman Freeburg was hunting, deer, one chashed through the kitchen window of his home and kept his wife and young children penned in a bedroom until a neighbor arrived 30 minutes later and shot the animal. Freeberg came home without even sighting a deer.

London View on Canada's Crisis

(From the Daily Express)

The political crisis in Canada should be seen in its true proportions — not as a wrench thrown into the works of war against Germany, but as a racial squabble which is not difficult to understand.

We have in Eire an island, or half of the island, which is really bound up in the British Empire but is perpetually taking a divergent line. Canada, the great Dominion, has such an island within itself.

Quebec Province is chiefly peopled by Canadians of French extraction. French, in a provincial form, is the current language, and British characteristics are largely foreign to it.

But the population of Quebec is only 3½ million of Canada's 11½ million, and, just as tens of thousands of the men of Eire fight now in the British Army, so thousands of French Canadians are serving overseas.

It would be foolish to ignore the troubles through which Canada will have to fight her way.

But it would be absurd to magnify them, or to suppose that the French-Canadian move against conscription for the war fronts is a serious mutiny against Canada's war effort.

Shawbridge Farm Subject of Address

The Shawbridge Boys' Farm and Training School, in its efficient methods of training boys, is "comparable to the very best of institutions in England", Major J. Alex Edmison, a former member of the staff of the adjutant-general of the Canadian Army overseas, told the General Alumni Association of Queen's University in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Montreal.

The Shawbridge centre takes second place to no other organization of its kind, Major Edmison declared, adding that "we should have many more Shawbridges in Canada."

Major Edmison is in Canada prior to taking over a new overseas post with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. He also is honorary legal cousel to the Prisoners' Aid and Welfare Association.

Describing the British penal system as the most progressive in the world, the speaker said prison personnel in England consisted of trained and educated men, ranking as civil servants and not affected by "political influence". "I hope," he said, "that some day in Canada we may have such a system, for until we have it, we shall not have what is needed for a prison — happy and contented staff."

Everything Goes by Air in Burma



There are more headaches to a campaign in the jungle than in any other kind of warfare. Burma, rich in most things, lacks lines of communication. There is only one railway to serve the front line troops, between Kolima, Imphal and the coast. Most of the few roads are rough and little better than farm tracks, and wind through the jungle and over mountains in long roundabout routes. For four months of the year they are made impassable by the monsoon rains. However, troops need no longer rely on land lines of communication as they move forward. The answer to their supply problem is R.A.F. Transport Command. R.A.F. Transport Command have hit hard at the Japanese by dropping supplies to isolated units and enabling them to carry on the fight. . . . Picture shows a jeep going on board one of the air transports.

British Veterans Get Farm Training

London (CP) — Practical training in agriculture is being arranged in England and Wales for men and women released from war service who plan to take up farming, Agriculture Minister Hudson has advised the House of Commons.

Details are being worked out with the farmers and workers' unions. Successful applicants with previous agricultural experience will be placed on carefully-chosen farms, market gardens or similar establishments for up to 12 months' training.

They will be government trainees, not paid workers, and will receive standard maintenance allowances, including dependents' allowances, from the state.

WANTED TO STAY

Moncton, N.B. (CP) — Steven Labrador burned his breeches behind him, as well as all his other clothes and a cot from the city police cell in which he was lodged on charges of drunkenness. Police said Labrador, after being placed in his cell, disrobed and set fire to his clothes, throwing in the prison cot as a final touch to his personal camp fire.

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R.C.M.P. BAND PAYS VISIT TO SHAWB'GE TRAINING SCHOOL

One hundred and eighty bright-faced youngsters of the Boys' Farm and Training School at Shawbridge sat spellbound in the farm's high-gabled Chapel Friday afternoon as they gazed at the scarlet tunics and glittering instruments of Ottawa's crack Royal Canadian Mounted Police band while musicians treated them to a feast of melodies and martial music.

Sponsored by the Boys' Work Committee of the Montreal Rotary Club, the Mounties appeared by courtesy of Commissioner S. T. Wood, C.M.G.

Midway through the concert, bandleader inspector J. T. Brown raised his hand to quell applause, asked if any boy had ever led an orchestra, then invited one of them to lead the band in Colonel Bogey.

Up shot a dozen eager hands. Selected for the honor was dusky, crinkly-haired Edward Paris, a drummer in the school's band.

Up on the rostrum he bowed once, accepted the baton from bandmaster Brown.

Tubas surged, drums rolled, and piccoloes trilled while Ernest beat a lively pace.

As the last cymbal crash echoed through the Chapel, Master Paris returned the baton, bowed again, then stepped down from the platform amid cheers and envious glances of his schoolmates.

At the concert's close, bandsmen were conducted on a tour of the farm by the boys.

HISTORIC RELICS BARED BY BLITZ

London — German bombing has not only revealed the traditional qualities of the British character but has brought to light hitherto unknown remains from Britain's historic past, it was announced recently by the Ministry of Works.

The only complete Norman chimney in England has been laid bare by enemy action. A bombed house in Plymouth was found to contain an extraordinary number of eighteenth-century fire-places of beautiful design hidden under countless layers of varnish.

Tessellated Roman floors came to view under bombed almshouses in Exeter. As another result of the bombing, fire and water washed clean the wall of what had been St. George's church, Exeter, before that was pulled down a hundred years ago. Under the grime was discovered a Saxon doorway.

NO CRIME

Gore Bay, Ont. (CP) — Here it's a case of no criminals, no jail. Lack of criminal activity in the Manitoulin district has prompted the Ontario government to close the Gore Bay jail. In future, prisoners, if any, will be sent to the district jail at Sudbury.

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"War of Attrition"

FOR MONTHS NOW, Allied gains along the Western Front have been small and hard-won, as Gen. Eisenhower's armies at many points fought for each blood-stained yard against some of the most determined and effective opposition the German army has ever offered.

All along the front the seven Allied armies now in the line are gaining or at least holding firm ground previously gained. But nowhere is the advance rapid enough to satisfy the hopes of many on the home front.

There is belief in many quarters that the present war of position means just so much costly effort with little tangible gain. That is an erroneous conception. Actually, although recent territorial gains are reckoned in yards rather than in scores of miles, the battle of attrition now being waged is winning the war against Germany just as effectively as would manoeuvres more visible on a map.

The enemy is estimated to be losing some 9,000 casualties a day — a figure which by present German standards represents almost a division. He no longer can afford losses on this scale.

Already his forces are spread thinly along the front from the Netherlands to Switzerland. He has perhaps 1,000,000 men in the line — many of whom by the Allied yard-stick are totally unfit for combat — and behind that he has few large reserve units.

The Allies have considerably more than 1,000,000 men in the line now, by recent estimates, and behind them reserves of well-trained, hardy replacements.

Allied air and armored superiority no longer is in question in Europe. Only the undeniable ability of the German fighter, coupled with natural advantages accruing to the defending side particularly in such weather as the continent has experienced lately, is keeping the front relatively static.

But the enemy has no further reserves to draw upon, and as he loses his present forces daily, his efficiency must wane too. The defending forces are being spread thinner and thinner; Allied pressure is not relaxing.

Not by great sweeping territorial gains, it seems, but by the brutal business of killing Germans, will military victory be achieved. When the line is drawn taut enough, it will snap, and then will come the spectacular march on Berlin.

Know Your Neighbor

NOW AND AGAIN you run into a person who is forever criticizing other folk. If you bother to talk to a misanthrope like this — which you shouldn't — you ought to ask him whether he really knows the people he finds fault with. Has he dined with them, chatted over the back fence, or gone fishing with them? Usually you'll find he hasn't.

The same goes for nations. Nine times out of ten when one nation blasts the pants off another (barring enemy countries, of course, which makes it proper) it is due to ignorance. The other time it is probably due to sheer cussedness — looking for trouble.

Ignorance, prejudice and lies cause enmities between folks on the same street or in the same office. And they cause wars between nations. If people would sit down and talk friendly-like — or even just listen — there would be mighty little bad blood. The same goes for nations.

That is why this move for world-wide freedom of news may be a real help in trying to corral the Lasting Peace that is always eluding us. The idea is that nations should be able to exchange their news without interference and that no government of big interest should be allowed to get control of a nation's news.

It is a big order to put this into effect but it's worth a real try. Canada and the United States have a free press and no two countries know each other more intimately — or get along better. Britain has a free press and so have a few other nations — but not one of the countries we are fighting has.

If the Germans and the Italians and the Japs knew what we were like — without a dictator-controlled press distorting the picture — they might not be so anxious to argue with explosives. Maybe they would find they could get along with us. It is really worth a try.

Fundamental Issues at Stake

THE EYES of the whole nation and much of the world have been centred upon Ottawa these last days on what a parliamentary correspondent called "the most dramatic sitting which this historic Chamber has ever witnessed or is ever likely to witness".

For a spectator it was an emotional experience beyond the power of words to convey. There wasn't much talking in the long queues that day after day lined the corridors of the Parliament Buildings. The gravity of the situation was written on the faces of these people waiting and hoping for a chance to get into the spectators' galleries. For them, whether they realized it or not, the issues were far more fundamental than the question that was being decided on the floor of the House. All the arguments and cross questioning were only eruptions — the symptoms of something much more, going on underneath.

The immediate issue facing the members in the House was the need for reinforcements for our fighting men and this issue had to be met. But the stark staring fact that burnt itself, almost with a physical pain, into this writer was our failure since 1919 to build a nation. This is the issue that confronts every thinking Canadian today. For that failure could not have been more clearly evident if it had been emblazoned on a streamer and hung from the rafters of the Commons Chamber itself.

Why did it happen? Well, that's a question that each person must ask himself and answer for himself.

Now is a good time to take honest stock of ourselves. For what has been going on in the House of Commons in Ottawa only magnifies the lack of responsibility and deep failure of each one of us over the last twenty-five years. What sort of nation builders were we between 1919 and 1939? Where did most of our energies go? To build a nation? Or to build a bank balance, a reputation or a business?

These days emotions are running high. Racial bitterness, prejudice and hate smoulder and burst into flame. We blame the other fellow. Yet by giving way to these emotions we only pave the way for the complete breakdown of confederation and the end of Canada. The issues at stake are greater than the deepest personal feelings of any living Canadian. For they concern the future of every Canadian.

Not long ago a great British philosopher, Dr. Streeter, of Oxford, said, "A race that has grown up intellectually must grow up morally or perish." Is that the place in history where Canada stands today?

THE MAIN THING now is to combat that growing feeling that the extra effort is no longer needed to win the war . . . . This feeling was shown recently by the unfortunate words of a Cabinet minister speaking in this province, when he said that the war had already been won. It can yet be lost if too many people believe what he said.

WHAT THIS COUNTRY needs is not a five-cent cigar nor a lot of new political isms, but a return to the principles of honesty and decency which will inspire us to work together for the common national good. The only "ism" we need is good old solid Canadianism. False thinking and a failure to accept our responsibilities as citizens, both individually and collectively, have contributed to the shattering of the foundations laid by the Fathers of Confederation.

— Powell River (B.C.) News

Tells Horror Tale Of Jap Sea Murder

Fleetwood, Eng. (CP) — Robert Holgate finished his tale of horror and his mouth hardened as he added:

"Those people who still doubt stories of Japanese atrocities would not need much convincing if they had seen what I saw."

Holgate is a young Royal Navy gunner who took to a lifeboat after his ship was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. He survived a firing squad and spent 43 days afloat in an open boat with a cargo of death.

Holgate told newsmen the underwater craft surfaced after sinking his ship and took the ship's captain aboard. Then the submarine's machine gun opened up on the survivors in the lifeboat. At the same moment, he jumped overboard, swam under the submarine and came up on the other side.

When the firing stopped Holgate again dived under the submarine and clung to the far side of the lifeboat until the enemy craft submerged. He climbed in among his dead shipmates and under cover of night rowed away. A few hours later he was joined by a young naval officer and four Indian seamen — survivors from another ship.

They decided to head for Madagascar — 1,200 miles away. After 43 days the small boat was spotted by a naval vessel, only five miles from its destination.

Don't put brakes on the enthusiasm of youth. Give it a break by gearing it into a plan.

Nazi Kultur

One statement, published in a leading weekly review, was an analysis of the ignorance of German youths "educated" by Nazism, an analysis confirmed by an examination of German prisoners captured on the Russian front.

Of these prisoners, only the eldest, a man 37 years of age, could say who the last German Emperor had been, or had any notion who Goethe, Beethoven, and Schiller were. Most of the others believed that Hitler and Goebbels were the greatest German writers.

They had all been trained in cruelty and bestiality for its own sake, and had been taught to obey any orders they might receive. One young fellow admitted in reply to a question: "I did see women and children killed, but I did not pay any attention to it. I have no opinion. I obey." They are the products of the deliberate fulfilment of Hitler's boast that he was liberating Germans from the degrading superstition known as conscience. — Granby Leader-Mail

THE HEAVENLY JERK

Camp Shilo, Man. (CP) — Hot off the press, here is the first edition of an appropriately-named newspaper, "The Heavenly Jerk," new, breezy organ of the A35 Canadian Parachute Training Centre. The paper's name derives from the sensation when a paratrooper's chute opens in mid-air with a jerk.

Regina (CP) — Coupon rationing of beer is effective in Saskatchewan, a maximum of 12 pint bottles of beer a month being allowed each person.

THE WHITE FEATHER

Halifax (CP) — White feathers, symbols of cowardice in the First Great War, made their appearance here when four women began handing them to civilians in the downtown section. Among those handed the feathers were five British members of the merchant navy — one of whom had been torpedoed five times — and a Canadian army veteran who lost an arm in this war.



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A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada

By Jim Greenblat

Department of Labor report brings out an interesting fact, that union membership in Canada has increased by more than 85% since the beginning of the present war.

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The consumer branch of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board took time off this week to tell us about the new Christmas ornaments which most folk will see displayed for sale, made of lucite—plastic shavings from airplane windows. As fancy as any tree trinkets, the lucite shavings are twisted into stars and icicles that spin and whirl when suspended. Yards of red ribbon for the gifts, candles for table and mantle as well as wreaths, crackers and spun glass balls will gladden the hearts of Canadian children during the festive holiday season.

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And here are a few more items relative to the coming Christmas season: A special order will simplify hiring of extra workers by retail stores and the Post Office Department for the seasonal rush. From December 1 to January 10, 1945, for the Post Office and from December 4 to January 5, for the retail trade, students and teachers on Christmas vacation and any woman or man who has passed his 59th birthday may be hired without obtaining National Selective Service permission.

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The Prices Board continues its 1943 policy regarding farm sale of turkeys. Primary producers may charge retail prices for turkeys of their own raising when sold directly to industrial firms for employees' Christmas gifts or to purveyors of meals or to consumers themselves.

Ensuring that Christmas mail arrives on time in the navy, Wrens and sailors who work in fleet mail offices have to be conversant with huge index and filing systems which show where every member of the naval service is at the moment.

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Because smoking is such a common practice, it is interesting to know something of the history of tobacco in our country. Tobacco was grown in Canada along the banks of the St. Lawrence by the Indians when Jacques Cartier arrived in 1535, and commercial production dates back to 1720. In that year about 48,000 pounds was produced, and most of it was devoted to pipe varieties in the province of Quebec. More than 166,000 pounds was produced in 1734, and the next year the French government began encouraging production in New France for export. In 1944 Canada's production of leaf tobacco was 102,104,750 pounds. In 1943 we produced 13,591,320,000 cigarettes alone valued at $155,931,000, not counting other varieties of tobacco.

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It is not generally known, but the Australian system of price control is patterned after Canada's. By March, 1943, when the Canadian plan was introduced in Australia, the cost of living in that country had increased during the war by 22½%. Up to that time Australian price control had been based on an adjustment of prices to unavoidable increases in costs, with profit margins kept down. An over all price ceiling was introduced in 1943, and since that time the position has been maintained by the use of subsidies. A policy of linking wages with living costs has been in force in Australia for 25 years and is strongly endorsed by labor.

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Helping Russia: The second Congress of Russian-Canadians which met in Toronto pledged itself to raise $100,000 during the month of December to buy seeds to be sent to Russia for spring planting.

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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics states that the savings resulting from advancing the expiry date of butter coupons in March, June, August and October having been more or less offset by the increase in the domestic disappearance, for consumers are using a greater number of the butter ration coupons. Butter production seems to be improving, as shown by figures for October — about 24,500,000 pounds, a decrease of 2% from the same period last year. The decline in September was 7%, so the picture is somewhat brighter. The domestic disappearance of creamery and dairy butter combined for September was 31,600,000 pounds or 2.64 pounds per person.

V-2 Adventures

(London Express)

A policeman had every button blown off his tunic, and his helmet and torch blown away yet he was unhurt. Two men who had climbed a tree to trim its branches were blown out of it and stunned.

When they came to they found they were beside a huge crater but they were uninjured though one had lost his trousers. Neither of them heard the explosion.

It was not for some days after V-2 had begun to arrive that anyone saw one. Then a Mrs. Phyllis Turner did.

She was feeding the ducks at her country cottage when her eye caught something brilliant in the sky.

"It was silver", she said, "and glittered in the sun. It was going very fast. Behind it something white trailed. It was just like a torpedo tearing through the sky."

The rocket passed out of sight, and two and a half minutes later Mrs. Turner heard the explosion.

People who have picked up fragments of rockets have had their fingers burned, not by heat, but by extreme cold. Some fragments have been coated with ice more than an inch thick. This may have been due to liquid oxygen being used with the propellant fuel.



FARM PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR 1945

Agriculture Officials Optimistic About Vital Feed Situation

Ottawa (CP)—Dominion and provincial agriculture department representatives met this week with organized farmers at the Dominion-provincial agriculture conference here with the assurance that continued high farm production probably can be maintained in 1945.

While none may say how the crop season may develop, officials noted that the vital feed situation is good. On feed is based, to a major degree, the production of bacon, beef, cheese and other foodstuffs required by Allied Nations abroad and by the busy Canadian war plant at home.

Feed supplies have been constantly in mind as Dominion government economists and statisticians assemble information on the needs of the armed forces, the civilian population, the Red Cross for parcels for prisoners of war, export commitments to Britain, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and other expected export demands.

Having ascertained the requirements, these officials then suggest how the Canadian production program may be revised to meet the need. The objectives were laid before the conference and the opinions of Dominion and provincial officials dealing with production matters obtained.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics said that the supply of feed in relation to livestock numbers is adequate to maintain a continued high level of production of meats, dairy products and eggs in 1944-45 and the supply of high protein supplements also appears fairly adequate.

During the war feed grain reserves have been built up to a much safer level than existed in the pre-war period. The maintenance of these reserves has been made possible by the large volume of wheat which has moved into feed channels in the last two years. The numbers of live-stock and poultry on farms, with the exception of hogs, have shown an upward trend this year, with cattle up seven per cent, poultry eighteen and sheep eight at the summer census. Hog numbers have shown a decline and this factor will likely mean a reduction in the domestic utilization of wheat and barley for feeding purposes.

In one category of feed, supplies are limited. Yields of hay and alfalfa were below average in Ontario this year while the animals requiring this feed have been above average. A hay price ceiling has been set and the issuance of permits for export to the United States has been discontinued.

THE WEEKLIES SAY...

WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS

We think the time has come for all our editors to stress the value of their own weekly newspaper, setting forth what it means to their community. It has been the experience of many publishers that the war has made the people acutely conscious of the value and importance of their weekly newspaper and this is evidenced by the greatly increased circulation and by the comments and attitude of the public in general.

— Humboldt (Sask.) Journal

CASE FOR DOBBIN

Deloraine this year will have a winter without a feed barn for the horses of those who drive in to do their trading. It may be remarked that with the country so filled with cars a barn would not be a paying proposition, and anyway when the barn was operating not so many patronized it. This may be true to a certain extent, but Deloraine is going to lose much paying business unless stabling facilities are provided. Farmers still have horse drawn outfits, and the majority want to give their horses the best protection and feed possible.

—The Deloraine (Man.) Times

UNITY ESSENTIAL

The eyes of our Allies are upon us and our most valuable asset at the moment is our national unity. Canada has done magnificently so far and we must not convey the impression to our Allies of placing our obligation to the cause of freedom as inferior to our concern with domestic matters. Our men stand united against the common enemy and we at home must stand united behind them.

— Perth Courier

S.O.S. Sea Surgeon Does Unique Work

Deal, England (CP) — Deal's S.O.S. sea surgeon — Dr. James Hall — recently put to sea in an open boat to take urgent medical assistance to a Dutch ship. It was his 130th such trip.

Early in the war he made more than 100 trips in all weathers and in the face of all war hazards in response to S.O.S. medical calls performed all sorts of operations at sea. He does his own Morse signalling to the coastguard station with a flashlight when he wants a case taken to hospital.

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ROGERS—At the Providence Hospital, Lachute Mills, December 8, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogers, a son.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

MURRAY — Mr. Walter Murray and family wish to thank all relatives and friends for sympathy shown during their recent bereavement; also to Canadian Refractories Limited, at Kilmar.

IN MEMORIAM

ANDREWS—Lyall MacLeod, who passed away December 13, 1937.—Always remembered by Mother, Dad, Family, Bill and Stella.

"We can never forget his smiling face,
His carefree, happy ways,
The smile that won so many friends
In bygone happy days."

ANDREWS — In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Lyall MacLeod, who entered into rest December 13, 1937. — Always remembered by Dad, Mom, Elmer, Claude, Pearl, Louise.

"The dearest brother the world could hold,
A cheery smile, a heart of gold;
Of those who knew him, all will know
How much we lost seven years ago."

McFAUL — 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.

"A nature we could not help loving,
A heart that was purer than gold,
For those who knew her and loved her,
Her memory will never grow old."

ROGERS — In loving memory of Russell, who passed away December 19, 1942. — Ever remembered by Father and Mother.

"Memories are treasures no one can steal,
Death is a heartache no one can heal.
Some may forget you, now you are gone,
But we will remember, no matter how long."

WERT — In loving memory of a dear son and brother, Gerald, who was killed in the battle of Ortona in Italy on December 18, 1943. — Ever remembered by his mother, dad, brothers and sisters.

"In a lonely foreign grave you lie
Across an ocean wide,
But in our thoughts, dear Jerry,
You are always at our side."

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INDUSTRY TESTING NEW INSECTICIDE TO DETERMINE USE

DDT, Used for Malarial Mosquito Control in War Areas, Not Yet Ready for Sale to Civilians

Washington (CP) — DDT, the wonder insect-killer of this war, is not yet ready for civilian use. There's no indication when it will be.

There are two good reasons: Because military needs are so large, there is not enough for civilians now; the government still is experimenting to determine DDT's poisonous effects on man, insect and plant.

Industry is doing a lot of experimenting with it, too, for use as an insect killer in homes after the war. For instance: Fly sprays, moth proofing, an insect repellant in paints, and protection for pets. DDT had been in use for months before its development was announced. Early last summer it was credited with having checked typhus. The use of DDT was pushed and extended. It is used for malarial mosquito control in combat areas and in some hospitals for veterans and war prisoners in this country.

But in those cases it is used by men who know how to handle it. Government officials say it is not practical for civilians to attempt malarial mosquito control with DDT.

The War Production Board says its producers agree that it should not now be released for commercial use. They suggest further experiments on agricultural crops, dip sprays for livestock, and household insecticides.

This is what was said at WPB:

How long after a fruit or vegetable has been sprayed by DDT can it safely be eaten by a human? Government agencies are trying to find out.

Use In Agriculture

How extensively can it be used in Agriculture? DDT still is the best insect-killer found, killing a larger variety than any other material yet tested.

But there are quite a few varieties, apparently, which it won't kill. And that's the hitch.

Suppose two different kinds of insects destroy apples. Suppose DDT kills only one of those insect types and doesn't bother the other. A way should be sought to make it deadly for both. Or — suppose there is one kind of insect which destroys apples and another beneficial kind which destroys the destructive type. If DDT kills both types, then farmers lose the benefit of the helpful insects.

And experiments have found just those problems. And they have found this: Some trees treated with DDT dropped foliage and fruit prematurely. One of the top research men of the public health service said recently that certain tests — for instance, in dusting clothes — offer no serious health consequences.

He also said that other tests — with dusting powders and mists containing DDT — on mice, rats, guinea pigs, dogs, monkeys and human beings revealed a marked difference in the susceptibility of different animal species to DDT.

DISTRICT NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Brownsburg

Mr. and Mrs. John Connelly spent Saturday in Montreal.

Word has been received by relatives, that George Hamilton and Wm. Birch have arrived safely overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McCullough spent the week-end with friends in Montreal.

Miss C. MacPherson, of Shawbridge, spent the week-end with friends here.

Mrs. T. G. Pasco and son, George spent Saturday in Montreal.

Miss Edith Cousins, of Montreal, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wheeler.

Miss Lida Gilmour spent the week-end in Montreal.

The Misses Mildred MacAllister and Winnie Seary spent the week-end in Montreal.

Pre-Christmas services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. will be held at the United Church next Sunday. The evening service will be under the direction of the Y.P.U., when Mr. Arthur Watson, of Montreal, a student at the Theological College, will be the speaker.

Mission Circle

The Senior Mission Circle of Maple Avenue Baptist Church held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. Harold Mason. The topic, "Medical Work in Bolivia", was given by Mrs. H. Graham. Plans were made to send Christmas gifts to a needy family.

Baptism Service

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Golphin was recently baptized at the United Church by the Rev. S. J. Pike, receiving the names Sandra Anne.

W.I. Meeting

The W.I. meeting was held in the C-I-L club rooms on Thursday last — cookies were sent to the military hospital at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, and plans made to send parcels to those serving overseas from Brownsburg. Contests were enjoyed, the winners being Mrs. G. Ball and Mrs. J. Mason.

Church Bazaar

The Senior Ladies' Auxiliary bazaar at the United Church on Saturday afternoon, was again a great success. The large variety of fancy and useful articles were quickly disposed of, while the table of home-cooking proved popular. About $200. will be realized in the proceeds. Tea was served at the bazaar.

TO USE FLYING BOATS

Vancouver (CP) Stranraer flying boats which have been patrolling the B.C. coast may soon be on commercial runs in northern Ontario and the West Indies. A Montreal Air Transport firm plans to buy 20 of the ships which the R.C.A.F. has replaced with another type of flying boat.

Airborne Division Commander



Major General R. N. Gale (right), in command of an Airborne Division in western Europe, with General Montgomery in France.

London — British railways now employ more than 135,000 women in 320 different capacities.

Harrington

Mr. Wm. Fox and his daughter, Gertrude, who have been visiting relatives in the East, left on Monday for their home in Dunblane, Sask.

Miss Glena Bennett, of Ottawa, spent the week-end at her home here.

Miss Eileen Holt, of Lachute, visited friends in Harrington over the week-end.

Mrs. H. Bennett has been spending the past week in Montreal.

Bell Falls Red Cross group are holding their meeting on Wednesday of this week.

The National Film Board will show pictures in Campbell's Hall on Friday of this week.

The Misses Lois and Francis Bennett attended the Ice Follies in Montreal over the week-end.

Start young, and prosper. Children too are enrolling in the War Savers' "25 Club".

Morin Heights

Mrs. H. Steele has returned after spending a couple of weeks in Montreal.

Mrs. M. Dey and three children were in Montreal for a few days recently.

Capt. Lorne Brown, who recently returned home from overseas, with his wife, Mrs. Brown, of Toronto, spent a few days here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seale.

Mr. Chas. Campbell is spending a few days in Montreal this week.

Mrs. S. Watchorn and Miss Barbara Watchorn were in the city last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Davis and Mrs. Wm. Dougherty were in Shawbridge attending the funeral of Mrs. S. Stevens.

Mrs. Roddis is spending a few days in Montreal this week.

Miss Olive Boyd and Miss Betty Lacken, of Montreal, spent the week-end here.

Mrs. Ronald Boyd spent a couple of days in the city last week.

Little Miss Margaret Davis entertained a number of her young friends at a birthday party on Friday last.

A social evening is to be held by the W.I. on December 19, at which soldiers' wives are being invited to attend.

Mission Band Social

Members of the Mission Band held a social evening in the United Church on Wednesday evening last under direction of Mrs. C. Jamieson. Senior girls had a sale of fancy work which netted $13.85, and the boys displayed their scrap books, which later were sent to the Children's Memorial Hospital, Montreal. Later, refreshments were served, after which Mrs. Jamieson presented each with a gift and candy. A hearty vote of thanks was given by the Rev. S. Rowe, who also paid tribute to Mrs. Jamieson's untiring efforts in the children's interest.

Girl Guides

The Girl Guides held their first meeting at the school, under the leadership of Mrs. R. Boyd, Mrs. D. Anderson and Miss J. McLennan.

St. Andrews East

Miss Eileen Bryson, of Montreal, spent a day at her home here last week before leaving for Washington, D.C., where she has accepted a position with the British Embassy.

Mr. Clifford Nussey, of Bryson-ville, visited his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bryson, last Tuesday.

Miss Marjorie Gates spent the week-end at her home here.

Mr. Clyde Hopper was in the city over the week-end.

Miss Audrey Eaton is spending the week in Montreal; while there, she will be the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Lalonde.

OBITUARY

Old C-I-L Employee Dies in Lachute

Late Wm. H. Lonsdale

Mr. William Hargraves Lonsdale, Sr., passed away Wednesday morning at his residence here in Lachute. Mr. Lonsdale was in his 80th year.

Those left to mourn his passing are his loving wife, two sons, Gresham Lonsdale, and William Hargraves, and a grandson, Gresham Lonsdale, Jr., all of Hartford, Conn., also a granddaughter, Mrs. J. M. Shatford and her husband, F/O Shatford, of Winnipeg, and a brother Mr. R. A. Lonsdale, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Lonsdale was employed with the C-I-L at Brownsburg for many years, retiring in 1942 and taking up residence in Lachute.

Girls Manning Barges On Canals in Britain

London (CP) — It's not a glamor job by far, but some 40 women now are manhandling canal boats carrying vital war supplies from Midlands production centres to London and back, and more are being enrolled by the Ministry of War Transport.

Using girls on these 70-foot barges with 25-ton cargo capacity started as an experiment and has proved successful. The round-trip of 300 miles takes about three weeks and wages range from $9 to $13.50 a week. The girls must sign up for at least a year.

"You've got to be pretty nimble at this job," says the girl skipper of one barge, a 22-year-old former secretary. "You've got to have good balance and you've got to persevere through your training, no matter how you ache. It either kills or cures you.

"Before moving off we have to sheet up the cargo — a pretty stiff and grimy job of fixing planks as supports for the tarpaulins which have to be tied down tightly. The diesel engine has got to be charged and light repairs done.

"There's the tricky job once we are underway of handling the lock wheels. Some days there are dozens of rusty lock gates to coax open and shut and it isn't too kind on your hands."

There are three girls to every two boats, the skipper works the engine in the forward boat and the other two girls work the tillers.

One of the girls interviewed was an art student, the other a former machine hand, and the third a Cambridge graduate.

Personal

Gnr. Donat Rioux of Noranda and Tpr. Don Roberts of Seven Isles, who arrived back from France on Saturday last, spent the week-end as guests of Miss Florence Elkington at her home here.

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PEAS STANDARD 2 20 oz. tins 21c
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PURITY OATS ROLLED 5 lb. Bag 24c
BLACK TEA NECTAR INDIA & CEYLON lb. 63c
OXYDOL Giant pkg. 63c
PASTRY FLOUR Sunnyfield 7 lb. Bag 24c
NEW CHEESE MILD lb. 25c
GRAPE JUICE NIAGARA MAID 16 oz. Btl. 23c
PUMPKIN CHOICE 2 2½'s tins 23c
CORN FLAKES Quaker 2 pkgs. 15c
CORNSTARCH Benson's 2 pkgs. 19c
MACARONI CATELLI 2 1 lb. pkgs. 17c
CUT PEEL MIXED ½ lb. Pkg. 14c
QUAKER OATS Large pkg. 19c
OLIVES AYLMER STUFFED 9 oz. Btl. 34c
PLUM JAM WITH PECTIN 24 oz. Jar 25c

CHRISTMAS CANDLES 3 for 14c.
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A & P Choice PEAS No. 4, 20oz. 11c.
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AMONG THE CHURCHES

Ordained to Priesthood Of Church of England

Fredericton — Ordination of the Rev. Horace G. Baugh, of Doaktown, N.B., to the priesthood of the Church of England, took place on Sunday, December 10, in Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton.

Mr. Baugh was presented to the Rt. Rev. W. H. Moorhead, Bishop of Fredericton, by Very Rev .S. C. Gray, dean and rector of the Cathedral. The sermon was delivered by Rev. H. E. Dysart, B.A., of Devon, N.B., while others assisting in the service were Canon W. J. Clarke, B.S.E., B.A., S. Th., of Fredericton, and the Rev. F. Holmes, of Halifax, N.S.

The son of the Rev. C. W. P. Baugh, of Lakefield, Horace Baugh received his early education at the Gault Institute, Valleyfield, later entering McGill University Diocesan Theological College. He became well known in this community during the three years he held charge of the combined parishes of Morin Heights and New Glasgow, Quebec. He assumed charge of his present parish on August 1, 1943, and was ordained Deacon in Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, by Bishop Moorhead on December 5, 1943.

He has enjoyed success in his parish, considered one of the largest in area and in church membership in the Diocese of Fredericton.

At the evening service the newly ordained priest was the preacher in the Cathedral, taking as his subject "The Importance of the Bible in the World Today".

Among those attending the services were many parishioners from Mr. Baugh's parish, also Mrs. C. W. P. Baugh, of Lakefield.

A reception is being held on Friday, December 15, at Saint Andrew's rectory, Doaktown, in honor of this occasion.

Church Services

MARGARET RODGER MEM'L PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn

10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
"Concerning the Covenant"
7.00 p.m. Evening Worship.
"Secret Sin and Public Shame".
N.B. Preparatory Service:
Friday, 8 p.m.

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. H. Charlton

10.00 a.m. Bible School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Service.
7.00 p.m. Evening Worship.
Christmas Tree and entertainment, Wednesday, Dec., 20, 8 p.m.

LACHUTE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. B. Rosborough, B.A., B.D

10.00 a.m. Sabbath School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
"Ladders which Reach to Heaven"
7 p.m. Christmas Candle Light Service, conducted by C.G.I.T. Groups.
2.30 p.m. East Settlement.
Christmas Tree and Concert, Wednesday, December 20th, 7.30 p.m.

ST. SIMEON'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Rev. C. R. Lang, L.Th., Rector

Sunday, December 17, 1944
Sunday School, 9.45 a.m.
Morning prayer and sermon 11 a.m.
(First Sunday of each month, Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Other Sundays, morning prayer and sermon at 11 a.m.)

BROWNSBURG UNITED
Rev. S. J. Pike, Minister

Pre-Christmas Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Evening service under auspices of Y.P.U. — Mr. A. Watson, Theological student, of Montreal, speaker.
Wednesday, December 20, S. S. Christmas Tree.
Y.P.U. Monday, 7.30 p.m.

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

BROWNSBURG
Bible School 10.00 a.m.
Church 11.00 a.m.
Bible School Christmas gathering Monday, 8.00 p.m.
Prayer, Thursday 8.00 p.m.

DALESVILLE
Bible School 2.00 p.m.
Church 3.00 p.m.
Prayer, Wednesday 8.00 p.m.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CRURCH, BROWNSBURG

10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Speaker, Mr. F. S. Hoskin, of Montreal.
No evening service.

LAKEFIELD SERVICES
Rev. C. W. P. Baugh, Rector

10.30 a.m. Lakefield.
2.00 p.m. Shrewsbury.
3 p.m. Morin Heights
4.00 p.m. Louisa.
7.00 p.m. Dunany.

Vesper Ceremony Annual C.G.I.T. Rite

The Senior and Intermediate C.G.I.T. groups of Lachute, will observe their annual candle-lighting service in Lachute United Church on Sunday next, at 7 p.m.

These groups, under direction of Miss Yvonne Bedard and Miss Mae Gordon, during the past few weeks have been devoting their meetings to the preparation of this special ceremony.

Christmas carols will be featured during this vesper service, and the story entitled "Christmas Guest" will be read by Miss Joan Percival, of the senior group.

This candle-lighting observance of the C.G.I.T. is being held throughout the entire country, and an estimated 40,000 girls will participate in the national gesture of Christian fellowship.

Young People's Union At Brownsburg United

Brownsburg — The Young People's meeting was well attended on Monday evening with Mr. Russell Graham as guest speaker. Mr. Graham gave the history of ammunition, or munitions, from the sling used by King David in the slaying of Goliath, to the robot bomb of the present war.

Mr. Graham who has been transferred from Monteal where he was in charge of a wartime department, interjected some practical features of modern munitions. It was not only, however, in implements of war that great battles were won, in the opinion and estimation of Mr. Graham, for while King David used the sling to great advantage, he also "found in God his refuge and strength".

The minister, Rev. S. J. Pike, introduced Mr. Graham and he was thanked by the president, T. Carpenter, for his helpful and inspiring address.

Among the business matters considered were arrangements for next Sunday evening, when Mr. A. Watson, of Montreal, will be the speaker, and the meeting on Monday evening, closing for the Christmas holiday, when Mr. McCutcheon, of Lachute High School, will be the speaker. This will also be a social gathering.

Christmas Program at Lachute United Y.P.U.

The Young People's Union of Lachute United Church held its last meeting of the year on Wednesday evening; there was an excellent attendance.

The Christian Culture convenor, Miss Doris Leroy, arranged the program, which was appropriate for the Christmas season. A suitable scripture reading was given by Miss Dorothea Graham and the prayer was taken by Miss Doris Leroy.

After the business period, the president, Jack Gorman, thanked the officers and convenors for their co-operation throughout the year, and expressed the hope that the new officers for 1945 would have continued support.

A current event item was read by Miss Mae Gordon, and carol singing was led by Miss Yvonne Bedard, with Earl Morrison at the piano.

Three brief stories based on Christmas tree legends were read by Miss Bertha Graham, Mrs. Clark and Miss Margaret Hammond.

A period of recreation was enjoyed, under direction of Harold Deacon. An efficient committee composed of the Misses Mildred Thompson, Bernice Gordon and Marian Maxwell, supplied tasty refreshments, after which the meeting closed with "God Save the King".

If we were more concerned with people's needs, we would be less critical of their lacks.

FIRING SQUADS TAKING PLACE OF GUILLOTINE

Old Form of Execution Will Again Be Used in France When Normal Conditions Re-established

Paris (CP) — Wartime conditions prevent use of France's guillotine. Hundreds of death sentences have been legally imposed in France in recent months — by shooting.

Most of those put to death were convicted of war crimes which call for shooting. But even those condemned for civil murders have faced the firing squad. No one has been guillotined for more than a year.

"It's impractical to use the guillotine in these times," an official of the ministry of justice said. "First there is the question of its maintenance and then there is the transport situation."

France has only one guillotine. It is kept in a secret place in Paris, stored in 40 wooden cases. In normal times these cases were shipped to the scene of an execution. After the job was done the guillotine was repacked. It has an electrical system which makes the blade fall with the pressing of a button. And two baskets — one for the body and one for the head — go with it.

Shooting Substituted

Substitution of the firing squad for the guillotine was made possible by a 1939 decree. Previously death sentences used the words: "X X X to be beheaded in a public place."

In that year guillotining of Eugene Weidman, convicted of killing six persons including an American girl, Jean de Koven, attracted so great a crowd it took on the aspect of a circus. Publication of photographs showing Weidman's head dropping into the basket added to the indignation of those who believed execution should be dignified. The government decided guillotinings would no longer be public and death sentence phraseology was changed to "X X X to be put to death".

This allowed the ministry of justice not only to hold guillotinings privately but to select other means of carrying out the sentence.

Suspension of guillotining is no loss to France's executioner, Monsieur Desfourneaux, who inherited the job from his father-in-law, Antoine Deibler. The post has been held by the Deibler family for generations.

He remains on call and comes every month to draw his pay. Even the paymaster does not know Desfourneaux's first name. And Monsieur Desfourneaux couldn't be asked. He receives no strangers.

Christian Science

"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 17.

The Golden Text is from John 1: 1 and 3. "In the begining was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made."

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Let Israel rejoice in him that made him; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation". (Psalm 149: 2, 4).

The Lesson Sermon also includes the following passage taken from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy: "Because Mind makes all, there is nothing left to be made by a lower power. If God, the All-in-all, be the creator of the spiritual universe,including man, then everything entitled to a classification as truth, or Science, must be comprised in a knowledge or understanding of God, for there can be nothing beyond illimitable divinity." (Pages 520 and 127).

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hamilton, of St. Johns, Que., were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Strong.

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Mrs. J. H. Mason left on Tuesday to spend the winter months with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs. Allan Biggar, at Cowansville.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dixon and daughters, the Misses Marion and Grace Dixon, and Mr. and Mrs. Foster Campbell and daughter, Eleanor, of Dalesville, were in Montreal on Saturday last.

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LAC. Bob Dance, of the R.C.A.F., and Mrs. Dance arrived in town last evening from Charlottetown, P.E.I., and are visiting with Mrs. Dance's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ward.

Mrs. W. C. LeCras, of Montreal, was the guest of Mrs. Robert Miller for a few days.

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Mrs. Jack Brown and Miss Annie MacRae spent last week-end visiting with the latter's sister, Mrs. C. Munroe and Mr. Munroe, at Belleville, Ont.

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Mr. Winston Drew, who is back from the Pacific Coast, and now visiting at Sutton, Que., has been a guest this week at the home of Mrs. C. Walker, Elizabeth Street.

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Mr. C. Howard Bradford was in Montreal on Saturday to attend a meeting of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers, of which Mr. Bradford is on the committee for the convention program. Mrs. Bradford accompanied him to the city.

Week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Cook were Mrs. L. Pine and Mr. William Champ, of Montreal.

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Mrs. Floyd R. Seekins returned Friday after spending a few weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harold Gallagher, in New York City.

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Mr. Fraser Morrison, of Shawbridge, has been spending a few days at his home on Bethany Street.

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Lady Curlers in Montreal

A team of lady curlers were guests on Tuesday at the Royal Montreal Curling Club, taking part in a friendly bonspiel and being entertained at a luncheon marking the 50th anniversary of the ladies' branch of this club.

Those who represented the Lachute ladies' club were Mrs. E. H. Wilson, Mrs. J. R. Charron, Mrs. Wm. J. Deacon and Mrs. W. K. McArthur. Other rinks attended from Quebec, Three Rivers, Shawinigan, Hawkesbury, Buckingham, Montebello and Ormstown.

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St. Jerusalem Couple Feted by Friends

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Strong, St. Jerusalem, on Saturday evening in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. About 70 friends and neighbors were present.

After congratulations had been extended to the happy couple, music and dancing were enjoyed, and later, dainty refreshments were served. The table was centred by a beautiful two-storey wedding cake.

The honored couple received many lovely gifts of silver, also a sum of money. Later Mr. and Mrs. Strong expressed their sincere appreciation for the kindly thoughts and the useful gifts.

Miss Blanche Theoret, of Montreal, visited her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Theoret, over the week-end.

FOR THE FORCES



Supplying Canadian News and entertainment to the Dominion's troops overseas is one of the current responsibilities of CBC's rambling reporter, Gerry Wilmot, who is attached to the London office of the CBC Overseas Unit. The programs under Mr. Wilmot's supervision form part of the series of broadcasts presented by the BBC as an Allied Expeditionary Forces program. Since going to Britain in 1940, Wilmot has been associated with some of the most popular programs produced for service personnel, including the variety, "Johnny Canuck's Review", and "Starlight".

FOR RECRUITING, AND DISCHARGEES' GRATUITY FORMS

Readers in Lachute and Brownsburg are advised that a recruiting officer from M.D.4. will be in attendance at the Gatineau Power office all day Friday, to give information regarding enlistment for both men and women in the active services.

Those who have been discharged from active service are requested to make application here for their gratuity forms.

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Railwayman Milks Travelling Cows

Sarnia, Ont. — A railwayman has to be a versatile chap. Take Stanley Smith of Sarnia, for example. He is in charge of the Canadian National freight sheds here. He is an alderman. The other night he responded to an emergency call and assumed a new role. Twenty cows which had just arrived by train hadn't been milked for 24 hours. Somebody had to do the job before morning. Alderman Smith climbed into the stock car, rolled up his sleeves and, sitting on a small box, went to work. Shortly after 1 a.m. he had milked the 20 cows, single handed.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Cushing

Mrs. W. Y. King, of "Ingleside", spent Friday with friends in Montreal.

Mrs. C. Grece, of Grece's Point, visited friends in Montreal on Thursday.

Mrs. John Owens and daughter, Joan, are spending some time at Frelighsburg with Mrs. Owens' mother, Mrs. Tait.

St. Mungo's Ladies' Association held their last meeting for the year at the home of Mrs. John Canning, Stonefield, on Friday.

Cushing ladies held an all-day quilting in the club room on Wednesday of last week — one quilt was Red Cross work, two others on behalf of Ladies' Aid funds. Mrs. W. Y. King kindly entertained the quilters at luncheon.

W.I. Christmas Meeting

The delayed Christmas meeting of Frontier W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. James Murdoch, Mabel, on Friday night, December 8, and was much enjoyed by the children who entertained with recitations and songs and received their usual treat of oranges and candy.

Q.W.I. DELEGATION WAITS ON PROVINCIAL GOVERNM'T

Mrs. Charles S. Smallman, president of Quebec Women's Institutes, headed a recent delegation of members of the Q.W.I. to wait upon the Department of Agriculture, Quebec, to confer on various matters relating to W.I. work. The delegation was cordially received and the matters in question taken into consideration by the department.

Mabel

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Ferris, also Mrs. Morris Davis, of Aylmer, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Murdoch.

Miss Shirley Heatlie, of Montreal, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Heatlie.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Townsend, whose marriage took place on Saturday of last week. A welcome is extended to Mrs. Townsend, the former Miss Violet Gain, Dunany.

The Farm Forum meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Warwick, with an attendance of 17. The topic was "Rural Communities Can be Attractive", which presented a most interesting subject for discussion.

Morin Heights

Mr. W. Rolland, of Montreal, was here over the week-end.

Mrs. Ronald Boyd spent a few days in Montreal recently.

Cpl. W. R. Bell, of Ottawa, spent Sunday with his family.

The afternoon tea and sale of aprons and fancy goods, held under auspices of the Guild of Trinity Church in Boyd's Restaurant on on Thursday afternoon, was a success. Proceeds amounted to over $30.

The Mission Band, under leadership of Mrs. Jamieson, had a Christmas party in the United Church hall on Wednesday evening. An enjoyable time was spent by those present.

The December meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Rolland on Tuesday evening, with Mrs. Morgan as joint hostess. It was decided to hold the Christmas party on the evening of December 19.

Avoca

Mrs. Thos. J. Young and Miss Lilian Steele spent the week-end with Mrs. Chas. Steele at Grenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Carson and Miss Ethel Arthurs, of Ottawa, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Arthurs on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Farrara attended the funeral of the late Mr. Beauchamp in Calumet on Friday.

Mrs. Tomachevsky was in Montreal last week visiting friends.

The sympathy of this community is extended to Mr. Horace Bates and family, also to Mr. Frank Garland, in their recent sad bereavement.

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Returns from Overseas

Cpl. Donald Storey, R.C.A.F., has returned from overseas where he has been serving for the past five years, and is at present the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Schippel.

Able Seamen Clifford Mountain, R.C.N.V.R., from Newfoundland, is spending a furlough at the home of his mother, Mrs. C. Mountain.

Mrs. K. Hale with her son, Ronald, of Verdun, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Davis.

Mr. E. J. Craig was home from Chandler to spend the week-end with his family here.

Mrs. Henry Williams with her small daughter, Joan, returned home on Wednesday after spending a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Philips, in Montreal.

Mr. Herbert Dubeau, of Montreal is spending a few weeks at his home here.

At the annual meeting of the W. A. which was held in the church hall on Thursday afternoon, all the officers were re-elected by acclamation for the coming year.

Mr. A. Coxen, of Montreal, is spending a few weeks here.

To Montreal



R. S. (Bob) Bryden, who started his CBC career as junior news editor in Toronto two years ago last September, has been transferred to Montreal to take over the position of senior English news editor.

100 ATLANTIC FLIGHTS

Montreal (CP) — Capt. W. L. Stewart of British Overseas Airways Corporation became the first pilot to fly the Atlantic 100 times, beating out Capt. L. V. (Buddy) Messenger by a few hours. Capt. Stewart took first honors when he landed at Prestwick, Scotland, just a short time before Capt. Messenger put down at Dorval airport here.

Boy Scouts The World Over



AID IN REFORESTATION

Saskatoon's Exhibition Boy Scout Troop, made up of the city's outstanding Scouts from all Troops recently undertook to collect hundreds of thousands of maple seeds to be used by the Provincial Department of Agriculture in its prairie reforestation scheme. The Scouts netted $200 for Scout charities through their effort.

WIN NAVY COMMISSIONS

In an address in Montreal, Capt. Paul W. Earl, RCNVR., revealed that of 40 Montreal district Sea Scouts to enlist in the Royal Canadian Navy, 28 are now commissioned officers. Three have reached the rank of Commander and three others Lieut. Commander. "One of the first questions we ask on application for a commission is whether or not he has been a Boy Scout", Capt. Earl said.

OLD SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION

An "Old Scouts' Association of Ontario" was formally launched recently. Membership is limited to men who were former Boy Scouts and who wish to give active support to the development and welfare of the Boy Scout Movement. Ray McLaughlin of Oshawa is the first president, and William Irving Hearst, K.C., the vice-president. Dr. Kenneth Rogers, Canadian head of the Big Brother movement, is one of the directors.

INVESTITURE IN A GARDEN

When the parents of a Vancouver Boy Scout were unable through illness in the home to witness their son's investiture at Troop headquarters, the Troop visited the home where the boy was invested on the lawn where his parents could witness the ceremony. The father was himself a former Boy Scout and possesses a Certificate of Merit presented to him by Lord Baden-Powell personally in recognition of meritorious work in connection with a disastrous fire at Portage la Prairie in 1922.

TO EXPAND SCOUTING IN CANADA

Presidents or Commissioners of nearly all Provincial Boy Scout Associations gathered in Ottawa on December 9, 10, 11 to plan for expansion of the Boy Scout movement after the war. The plan will include the recruiting and training of hundreds of new leaders, the increasing of Scout membership, increased camping activities, and the development of a larger staff of full-time workers in the movement. His Excellency the Governor-General, Chief Scout for Canada, attended the afternoon session on December 11.

Men full of anxiety have little room left for affection. And vice versa.

FIBRE MILL TESTS TO START IN 1945

Federal Project Will Seek Uses for Manitoba Straw and Flax Seed

Portage La Prairie, Man. (CP) — A Dominion pilot fibre flax mill to carry out flax research work in an effort to find every possible means of utilizing flax seed and straw will swing into operation here in 1945.

Dr. E. S. Archibald, director of experimental farm work for the federal government, announced experimental work will run at least five years with equipment and laboratory, in charge of E. Mackie of Ottawa, suitable for commercial production later.

A study of yield of fibre for spinning purposes, yield of straw for spinning and for fine papers such as cigaret paper, and use of woody waste materials in the manufacture of papers, building board wall board and other articles will be undertaken.

Other possible materials to be made from flax include gums and resins.

In 1944 flax strains, including Bison, Red Wing and Crown linseed flax, and Lyril, Dominion and Stormont Gossomore fibre flax were grown under various culture methods and experiments were carried out in harvesting

When the Portage La Prairie plant opens next spring, work will include technique in handling and storing.

At present strong twines are made in Eastern Canada from flax fibre with a twine mill at Kitchener, Ont. Canada also has one spinning mill at Drummondville, Que., and a weaving mill at Iroquois, Ont.

Mechanical pullers will be used in Western Canada to prevent waste of that portion now cut off by a combine machine. This equipment and special de-seeders to comb flax seed from the grain without causing damage to the straw, also were brought to the Manitoba plant.



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ANNUAL PANCAKE TREAT

Sudbury, Ont. (CP) — More than 125 school children at Williamsville, Birch Island and Whitefish Falls were given their annual Deagle treat of pancakes recently. It was the 10th successive year that J. Deagle of Whitefish Falls has sponsored a pancake party, the menu consisting of buckwheat pancakes, butter and honey, and cocoa.

LEGAL, AFTER ALL

Victoria (CP)—It was discovered that a marriage ceremony performed for two Americans at Dawson Creek, B.C., by a U.S. Army chaplain was not authorized in this province. But all is well, because government officials waived the requirements and pronounced the marriage lawful and valid.



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WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Hints for Homebodies

By Jessie Allen Brown

CHRISTMAS WRAPPINGS

Wrapping the Christmas parcels has become quite an art. The use of simple things can be quite effective. Have you ever tried wrapping some of the smaller things in shelf paper? Paper doilies are good on some of the little gifts, and some of the jars of home goodies look very smart with a paper doily frill and a perky bow. Do you like to have an extra little gift on the Christmas tree for the chance caller? Such small things as a powder puff, a lip-stick, or a little vial of perfume, may be tied on a sprig of evergreen with a sash of crimson ribbon. Reserve one of the nicest boughs of your greens for just this purpose. Instead of ribbon have you ever tried broad strips of organdy? Yellow is a cheery color to contrast with the green. Wool from your work-basket may be used to good effect in a bow of many loops. Christmas shopping is done earlier than it used to be, so maybe we can find time to add some of the extra touches to our parcels. Let the children help even if it is only putting their finger on the knot when the bow is tied. Some of the lucky people who have deft fingers and a touch of imagination make such attractive parcels, one is almost reluctant to open them.

SALTED ALMONDS

Cover almonds with boiling water and let stand until the skins loosen, then remove the skins. Melt a little butter in a pan, add enough almonds to cover the bottom of the pan and stir gently to coat with butter. Two tablespoons of butter is about right for a half-pound of almonds. Place them in a slow oven of 300 degrees until gently browned then sprinkle generously with salt. Let cool in the pan. I find pie plates suitable pans for browning the almonds.

NOEL CAKE

1 Cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 4 eggs, beaten separately, ¼ cup of milk, 2 cups flour ⅛ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla, ½ teaspoon each almond and lemon, 1 teaspoon baking powder, ¼ lb each of citron peel, almonds and cherries, 1 lb. sultana raisins.

Cream the butter and sugar and add the well beaten egg yolks and the flavoring extracts. Sift a little of the flour over the fruit, then sift in the dry ingredients and stir until mixed then stir in the fruit. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour half of the batter in a tin lined with brown paper and buttered. Sprinkle half the blanched almonds, add the remaining batter and sprinkle the remaining almonds on top. Bake in a moderate oven of 325 degrees.

Dental Health

A "Bleeder"

Q.—What preventive measures should a person take who is known as a bleeder before having a tooth removed ?

A.—Bleeders or people whose blood does not clot properly have existed for ages. Consequently, many different drugs have been suggested for their relief, most of which are ineffective. A ray of hope for these unfortunate people has recently been developed by research workers. Studies indicate that hemorrhages and prolonged coagulation time are due to a deficiency in or lack of vitamin K. It was recently reported that treatment with vitamin K of bleeder patients, prior to operating, eliminated the risk of bleeding as a consequence of the surgical operation. Caution regarding the prospective care of bleeders is strongly recommended. If the patient's history or physical condition is such that doubt is entertained concerning his ability to respond properly to an operation, blood studies should be made. If a bleeder must have a tooth extracted, it is most urgently advised that a careful history be taken and that the co-operation of a good physician be secured.

Budget Gifts May Be Gay

By The Canadian Press

Christmas shopping can cause bleary eyes and ruin your budget but if you keep in mind that you have only so much to spend for each gift and examine only things within that price range the exchequer won't go haywire, and the shopping time will be cut down considerably.

When making your gift selections, however, take into consideration the recipients' ages, dispositions and general preferences. An old maiden aunt who doesn't like to cook wouldn't be happy with the rarest cook book in the world. A mousy looking colorless girl would probably be repelled by an exotic, heavy perfume. And Granny would probably like any one of a number of things instead of a compact containing vivid lipstick.

Here are a few suggestions that might fall within your budget:

A makeup kit of saddle leather with zipper, roomy pocket for nightie; sachets that are hand sewn for scenting lingerie and wardrobe; perfume in a distinctive bottle; nail kit with polish in plaid fabric case and handy tab fastening.

GREAT FOOD STOCKS FOR ALLIED ARMIES

Army Girls Help to Manage One of World's Biggest Grocery Stores

A Supply Reserve Depot in Western England (CP) — Girls of the Auxiliary Territorial Service—two officers and 60 other ranks—help manage one of the biggest grocery stores in the world at this Royal Army Service Corps base.

Items such as 1,000,000 pounds of bacon, 4,000,000 pounds of potatoes, 400,000 tins of salmon are among the 380 commodities always in stock to supply the Allied armies in Europe and elsewhere.

War Office orders average 1,500 tons of food a day for overseas customers.

This "mail-order" store is in a large converted mill. Each department comprises warehouses stocked with provisions. Most of the food is tinned and special tests are made on samples of consignments to tropical climates.

Pte. Sheila Bagot of Manchester, because she's a non-smoker, works with the War Office analysts as a food taster. A 25-year-old former assistant manager in a grocery chain — Subaltern Muriel Gillam of South Shields, Durham, is assistant provision officer while Subaltern Winnifred Booth of Shroud, Gloucestershire, a store cashier in civilian life, is in charge of accounting.

Q.W. Inst. Remembers Boys Overseas

Almost every Women's Institute in Quebec Province has remembered the local boys overseas who are in the Armed Forces, with substantial boxes of Christmas cheer. These are now on their way, having been sent in time to reach their destination before December 25.

Prisoners of war are not forgotten, as parcels of food and comforts are regularly sent to them from the W.I. in the Canadian home town.

Playthings for the Pre-School Child

By Jessie Allen Brown

There is a great deal of money wasted in the buying of toys, first because too flimsy toys are purchased, and secondly, because the wrong kinds are chosen. Toys suitable for the age of the child should be chosen and this is specially necessary for the pr-school child. Do not expect a small child to spend more than a few minutes at a time with any one toy, but as they get older they will gradually increase that time. Blocks are always a favorite. A nest of blocks is a good toy for the smallest child as they enjoy fitting them together. They seem to be hard to get this year, but there is a substitute in blocks of graduated sizes which fit on a round stick. Children will get a lot of fun out of blocks as large as 4 by 4 by 8 inches and planks 2 inches thick cut in to various lengths. Clay or plasticine will provide them with plenty of occupation. You can get boxes with sticks of various colors but these soon get mixed up and a pound of plasticine in one color is a more profitable investment. Provide the child with a flat board to work on and a can in which to keep the clay. Large colored wooden beads of various shapes and colors to string are good. They can be strung on a shoe string or on a string attached to a bodkin. A small child should not be asked to choose shapes or colors to string but should do it at random. A light hammer and pieces of soft wood and nails will keep a child busy. Those children's sets of tools are a waste of money — even a good carpenter could not use them. Every girl must have a doll, and boy too for that matter. The unbreakable doll about 12 inches long with painted hair and immovable eyes is the best choice for the nursery-school-age child. Often instead of doll's clothes, they will have more fun out of squares of bright colored cloth to wrap their baby in. The toddlers love a toy on wheels which they can pull after them — if it has a bell so much the better. Every child loves a train, but most people make the mistake of buying the wrong kind. Dad should wait for his electric train until the child is really old enough. A sturdy train which can be pulled on a string is the best choice for the small child. Children like paints but the boxes of paints are not satisfactory for the child under five. Poster paints in the primary colors, large brushes, and paper at least 12 by 18 inches, are much better. Crayons provide pleasurable occupation, but it is a mistake to buy the five or ten cent box for the small child as they bear down too heavily and soon break them. The large crayons will cost a little more but will last much longer and are much easier for the child to grasp. This year, more than ever, when good toys are difficult to get, it will pay to spend a little thought as well as money on your choice of toys for the pre-school child.

RAG DOLL MARATHON STAGED IN HOSPITAL

Durham, N.C. (CP) — Mrs. H. F. Seay, of Norfolk, Va., a patient in Watts hospital here, has made 325 rag dolls as a hobby during the two months she has been undergoing treatment.

Most of the dolls are given as presents to children patients at the hospital, including babies born in the Watts maternity section. Some comic character dolls are sent overseas for mascots to the men in the armed forces.

MERIT RECOGNIZED

Mrs. Edward McGinn has obtained a bonus for successful teaching in O'Neil School, St. Anicet, Que., it being her fourth bonus in fourteen years of teaching in Quebec Province.

— Huntingdon Gleaner.

OBITUARY

Late Grenv'l Lady Was Good Neighbor And Churchwoman

Late Mrs. Walter Murray

Grenville — In the passing of Mrs. Walter Murray, formerly Miss Agnes Heatlie, on December 4, this community lost another highly respected resident. She had reached the age of 76 years in August, and was still very active although she had known much sickness and had suffered leg fractures several times.

She was a devoted wife and mother, and well loved among her family. Her sisters, Jessie, Sarah, Lizzie and Maud, passed away several years ago. One sister, Mabel, survives, in Billings, Montana; also three brothers, James and John, residing in Chatham, and William, at Lachute.

To her husband, her two daughters, Mrs. Eddie Matthew (Jessie), of Kilmar, Lillie, at home, and her only son, Fred, a host of friends extend heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. She is mourned also by her granddaughter, Mrs. R. Bennett (Frances), her grandson, Walter Matthew, and two great grandchildren.

A member of the Baptist Church, the late Mrs. Murray was converted to the faith in 1887 during revival meetings held by Dr. A. J. Vining, at that time a student minister, and, with many other relatives and friends, was baptized by the Rev. P. H. McEwen; she was one of the charter members of the present Grenville Baptist Church and remained a staunch and devoted member to the day of her death.

The funeral service, held at her residence on December 6, was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Simmons, pastor of Thurso Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. H. Peddle, Pentecostal minister of Harrington. Hymns sung were "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee" — Mrs. Russell Owens accompanying.

There were many beautiful flowers from relatives and friends, and from the Red Cross group at Kilmar.

The remains were laid to rest in the family plot at Ogdensburg Cemetery. Pall-bearers were John and Willie Heatlie (brothers), Eddie Matthew (son-in-law), of Kilmar, Willie Murray, (brother-in-law), John Mc Dougall and Ted Murray (nephews), of Ottawa.

Items for W. Inst. Exhibit at Fair

Following is a suggested list for handiwork to be exhibited at next year's Lachute Fair, in the Argenteuil County Women's Institute display. The list is submitted by Mrs. Theodore Murdoch, W.I. county convenor for this department:

Afghan.
Pieced Quilt.
Pieced appliqued quilt.
Appliqued quilt.
Fancy socks (men's).
Mitts (women's).
Gloves, plain, crocheted or knitted (children's).
Luncheon or bridge sets (embroidered).
Braided mat, 2 x 3 feet (conservation).
Adult's garment.
Child's garment.
Miscellaneous.
Baby's sweater, 1-3 years.
Child's sweater, 4-8 years.
Handicraft — novelty.
Doilies, 7-inch (crocheted).
Guest towel (tatted).
Apron (kitchen).
Table-cloth (crocheted).
Shopping, knitting, or hobo bags.

TOYS for a Happy Christmas

Children's Sleighs, Skis, Wagons, Furniture, Toys.

USEFUL GIFTS FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Smoking Stands, Footstools, Coffee Tables, End Tables, Sewing Cabinets; Table, Bridge and Bed Lamps.

TESSIER Furniture Shop

Main Street, Lachute (near Bank of Nova Scotia)

PHONE 449

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HOSIERY & UNDIES — CARPENTERS' TOOLS
BOUDOIR ACCESSORIES — PEN & PENCIL SETS
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES — STATIONERY BOXES
COSTUME JEWELRY, etc.

Leonard Bedard, Prop. — Main Street, Lachute

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.

FOR SALE — Man's bicycle, $25. — Apply Omer Beauchamp, near Lachute Creamery. -1p

FOR SALE — Snowmobile, Ford 1936, in excellent condition, $450. — MacRae Motor Sales, Main St., Lachute. Phone 220. D14-3c

FOR SALE—Five rooms of furniture, practically new. — Apply 103 Main Street, Lachute. Call after 6.30 p.m.

FOR SALE — Grade Holstein cows, to freshen first of January —Wm. J. McKale, R.R. 1, Calumet, Que. -1p

FOR SALE — Baby sleigh, with hood, excellent condition. — Phone 249, Lachute. -x.

HOUSE FOR SALE — Situated centrally on Foundry Street. Brick, with four bedrooms and all modern conveniences. Occupation May 1st only. Apply Watchman Office. x

WANTED — An electric heater.— Phone No. 27, Lachute. x

WANTED — Cook-housekeeper, for small family in Lachute Town. — Apply Watchman Office, phone 27.

TENDERS — Tenders are hereby invited for 2,000 feet of Hemlock lumber as follows: 1,000 3"x8"x14', 1,000 3"x8"x16' — to be delivered on our lot in rear of Elmert Berry's, near Thomas White's, on or before May 1, 1945. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Municipal Corporation of the Parish of St. Jerusalem
D14-2c E. M. Jones, Sec.-treas.

TENDERS — are hereby called for an assistant Secretary-Treasurer to the Lachute Protestant School Commissioners. Applicants state salary expected. Duties involved may be known by applying to the undersigned, Secretary-Treasurer. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be in the hands of the Secretary by December 23, 1944.

— Dr. G. A. Clunie, Sec.-Treas.
D14-2c



Lachute Watchman Publishers

CAR STORAGE — Dead storage at $5 a month. — Apply MacRae Motor Sales, Main St., Lachute. D21-3c

TO RENT — single room, with board; also will serve meals to visitors, casuals — Apply 6 Clyde Street, or phone 542-W. -1c

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS — Pot plants and cut flowers on display and for sale at — R. McArthur & Son, Main Street. — Lachute Nurseries, Albert Ogilvie.

TENDERS INVITED — The Council of the Town of Lachute is inviting tenders for the sale of a mortgage of $7,000 payable by annual instalments of $1,000, with interest at 3% per annum. Particulars may be obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer. Tenders will be considered at Council meeting of January 3, 1945. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

—Germain Filion, sec-treas.,
D21-3c Lachute Town Corp.

Auction Sale

At the residence of —
ARTHUR MONDOU
Staynerville, Que., on Tuesday, December 19, comencing at 1 p.m.:

12 Milch cows (7 freshened since October, 3 to freshen in January), 7 2½-year-old heifers to freshen in spring, 5 1½-year-old heifers to freshen in spring, 2-year-old bull, 4 pigs, express wagon etc.

Terms: Over $10, nine months' credit.

—W. J. Boyd, lic. auctioneer

Buy War Savings Stamps!

Dover Reaction

(London News Chronicle)

There has been more illness in Dover, attributable to war strain, since the enemy cross-Channel guns were silenced than there was at any time during the four years the town was under shell-fire.

Doctors' surgeries are filled daily with people who complain that they are suffering from sleeplessness, lack of energy, a feeling of impending disaster and general malaise.

"During the really bad times", said a leading doctor, "it was remarkable that there was an almost complete lack of such symptoms among our patients.

"I have prescribed more bromide during the past month than I did during the whole of the preceding year."

He thought the present troubles arose from reaction following the great strain Dover people underwent just before the fall of Calais and Boulogne.

Too Many "Traps"

(Christian Science Monitor)

How many traps have really been sprung; how many pincers have really pinced shut; how many pockets have been buttoned up over the doomed enemy hordes? A few, but not many. Nor have the military commanders, except as an outside hope, ever expected that many would. While newspaper readers thousands of miles away watch expectantly for the jaws to snap, the Germans or the Japanese concerned are not blindly fighting on, oblivious to the danger like the villains in the adventure strips.

COMING EVENTS

Notices of Entertainments. Concerts or Meetings, etc., 10 cents per line each insertion. Minimum 50 cents. If billed, 60 cents.

ARGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The adjourned annual meeting of the members of the Agricultural Society will be held in the Court House, Lachute Town, on Tuesday, December 19, at 2 p.m.

— J. H. Black, pres.,
-1c Alex Bothwell, sec.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

The Maple Avenue Baptist Sunday School, Brownsburg, intend holding their Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening, December 21. Program to start at 8 p.m. Silver collection. N30.D14.2c

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

A Christmas entertainment will be held in Ogdensburg School on Friday evening, December 22. Admission, adults 25c, children 15c D14-2c

CHRISTMAS TREE

A Christmas Tree entertainment will be held in the Grenville Consolidated School, Friday, December 22, at 8 p.m. Good program. Admission, adults 25c, children free. -1p

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

A Christmas entertainment will be held in Louisa Orange Hall, Friday, December 22, at 8 p.m. Refreshments. Admission 35 cents. --1p

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The regular monthly meeting of Argenteuil Branch No. 70, Canadian Legion, will be held in the Victoria Hall, Main St., on Tuesday, December 19, at 8 p.m. Members are requested to keep this date in mind; a large turnout is expected at this important meeting. A social evening will follow and refreshments will be served. -1p

DANCE

A dance will be held at MacIntyre's Hall, Grenville, on Saturday, December 16. Modern and old-time dancing. Good music. Admission 40c a person.

Disappearing Ships

(London Daily Mail)

At least one of Britain's most famous shipping companies is planning to scrap all first-class accommodation in its future ships, in the belief that after the war passengers who once paid for first-class tickets will want to travel by air instead.

The company in question hopes itself to supply the air liners for them. Its surface ships of the future will cater almost entirely for cargo.

Limited passenger accommodation, to be offered at relatively low rates, will be intended for people who like sea travel for its own sake.

Coming by The Montrealer from Pennsylvania, 18 cartons and five kegs of mushroom spawn were recently shipped by Canadian National Express to Waterloo, Que., centre of the mushroom industry in the Eastern Townships.

McGees in Film Replete with Gags

"Heavenly Days", showing this week at the Capitol Theatre, in Brownsburg, is a light-hearted portrayal of Jim and Marian Jordan in their characterizations of Fibber McGee and Molly.

These two comedians, out of vaudeville and radio, come pretty close to being the best purveyors of solid American humor now available. Most humor nowadays stems straight from Broadway, being slick, wise-cracking and sophisticated. That of the McGees has a rare old touch of homespun; with careful handling they can easily become the Nation's No. 1 Home Folks, on the screen as they are on the air.

"Heavenly Days" pulls enough gags out of the hat to keep the McGee fans, both radio and screen, happy for about an hour and ten minutes. In one scene there is the noble gesture which had them step off the train to give their seats to some soldiers, only to find themselves stranded in the middle of a prairie. The encounter with the service communications in the Washington mansion provides a good moment for Molly and there's a neat touch in the introduction of a crowd of assorted European refugee children.

OVER $37,000,000 BET IN 1944 AT RACE TRACKS

At 35 race meetings in Canada in 1944, with 298 days' racing, a total of $37,068,199 was wagered, which was $3,923,186 or about 12 per cent more than was wagered at 32 race meetings with 283 days' racing in 1943, according to a statement issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, which supervises betting at the race tracks.

The amount wagered in 1944 was the largest since 1930 when 332 days' racing rang up $38,007,146 in the pari-mutuel machines, but the record year was in 1921 when a total of $75,110,551 was wagared on the races.

Prize money paid at all the 35 race meetings in 1944 was $1,427,582, an increase of $249,032 over 1943.

Public Notice

The water rate-payers of the Town of Lachute are hereby notified that request for credit notes on water tax will not be considered in the future unless notice is given to the Secretary at the start of the credit period.

—Germain Filion, sec-treas.,
Lachute Town Corporation
D14-2c

Public Notice

Having purchased the saw mill of D. Pharand, we are in a position to do custom sawing, also to purchase logs and lumber of all kinds. For particulars apply 78 Robert Street.

AVIS PUBLIC

Ayant acheté le commerce de D. Pharand, nous sommes en mesure de remplir vos commandes de sciage. Nous achetons également les billots et le bois de toutes sortes. — Pour renseignements, adressez-vous à 78 rue Robert.

D14-2p —W. L. Dawson

"Uncertain Glory" At Rex This Week

"Uncertain Glory", on the Rex screen tomorrow and Saturday, is a story staged in modern-day France, although it introduces no Allied invaders and very few Nazi ones. Apart from that, its most interesting feature is perhaps the romantic scope it restores to Errol Flynn. The film is a drama of two vastly different men who find a common interest in thwarting Nazi plans.

To compose its plot, the authors have apparently taken the introduction of Jean Gabin's "The Imposter", introduced a major theme from "Les Miserables", then developed it in the popular tradition of the Underground film — writes Herbert Whittaker, film critic.

This makes Mr. Flynn a criminal and Paul Lukas the detective who has hounded him for 15 years. Mr. Lukas gets Mr. Flynn to the steps of the guillotine, but an air-raid miraculously kills off everybody except the accused, who, naturally, escapes. Tracked down again by this Javert, Mr. Flynn then manages to work on the detective's feeling as a Frenchman to allow the condemned man to die an honorable death and set 100 hostages free.

Although the story lacks originality, there is interest in the handling of the two characters. The murderer is depicted as an unscrupulous, murdering enemy of society. "In short," as John Alden Carpenter once wrote of quite another character, "he is meaner than anything, and his complex is cats."

Mr. Lukas really hasn't much to do but to demonstrate that the Sureté is carrying on business as usual despite invasions. That talented Quebecker, Lucille Watson, is in the role of a militant matriarch. Of the two young ladies who share Mr. Flynn's interest in the fair sex, Jean Sullivan looks like a comer as the sweet young thing, while Faye Emerson, as the rather fast bit in the beginning, is quite fancy.

SUBMARINE WELL

Charlottetown (CP) — Prospects that oil will be discovered near here are brighter than for some time, according to a spokesman for a company now engaged in drilling. A well has been sunk in the middle of Hillsborough Bay, making it Canada's only submarine oil development.



REX

FRI., SAT., DEC. 15-16
ERROL FLYNN, Paul Lukas and Jean Sullivan in
UNCERTAIN GLORY

Una Merkel, "Parkyakarkus" and Donald Novis in
SWEETHEARTS OF THE U.S.A.
"FOX NEWS OF THE DAY"

SUN., MON., DEC. 17-18
SIMONE SIMON, James Ellison, William Terry in
JOHNNY DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANY MORE

GENE AUTRY, SMILIE BURNETTE, Judith Allan in
GIT ALONG LITTLE DOGIES
Also "THE LONE STRANGER"

TUES., WED., THURS., DEC. 19-20-21
RAY MILLAND, RUTH HUSSEY
THE UNINVITED

Bonita Granville, Kent Smith
YOUTH RUNS WILD
Also "FLICKER FLASHBACK".

CAPITOL

THURS., FRI., SAT., DEC., 14-15-16
Francis Lederer, Sigrid Gurie and J. Edward Bromberg in
VOICE IN THE WIND
FIBBER McGEE and MOLLY PROGRAM
HEAVENLY DAYS
PARAMOUNT NEWS

SUN., MON., TUES., DEC. 17-18-19
Alan Marshall, Laraine Day
BRIDE BY MISTAKE
Robert Livingston, Ruth Terry
GOOD NIGHT SWEETHEART
Also:
One Ham's Family



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His Majesty to be Heard in Empire Christmas Program

Messages from Empire and Liberated Countries

Once again on Christmas Day the magic of radio will circle the world in the short space of one hour, to bring the peoples of the British Empire, the liberated countries and the United Nations close together in a harmony of greeting. "The Journey Home" — a long Christmas journey from home to home, from Britain to Europe, from Europe to Asia to America, and then to the Dominions and colonies, will begin in the Empire Capital, London, at 9 a.m., E.D.T., broadcast in Canada over the National network of the CBC.

Greetings will be sent to and received from Norway, Holland, Belgium, Poland, Denmark, France, the United States, Russia, China, and from all parts of the Empire . . . . Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Newfoundland and India. Each country will have time for a brief message of greeting to the Empire and to the King and the Royal Family.

Canada's contribution to the Empire Program will originate in Montreal. The participants will be Captain Duncan McLeod, M.B.E., Captain of the S.S. "Cornwallis," and Madame J. Croteau, whose son was recently wounded in Holland. Captain McLeod was decorated in the King's 1943 Honor List for effecting repairs and navigating his ship into port after it was torpedoed. He will speak from an outdoor vantage point overlooking Montreal harbour, while Madame Croteau will be interviewed at the entrance of her parish church.

At the conclusion of the greetings, at 10 a.m., His Majesty the King will return the expression of good will sent to him, to the Queen and the two princesses, and wish to all those listening in the comfort of their homes, and those waiting patiently for freedom to reach them or fighting the enemy still in their midst, God's blessing and a Happy Christmas.

Brethren Greet Orangeman Home From Overseas

Lachute L.O.L. held a "welcome social" on Wednesday, December 13, to greet one of their members, Pte. Andrew Cleland, R.C.R., who is home on 30 days' leave after five years of service overseas.

The members of the L.O.B.A. also joined is this gesture of welcome, which took the form of an informal social evening at the L.O.B.A. lodge room. Mrs. A. Pollock and Miss Holt played selections at the piano, and later the ladies spread the tables for an enjoyable lunch. The W.M., Bro. A. Pollock, acted as chairman.

The guest of honor, Pte. Andrew Cleland, at conclusion of the meal, spoke to the gathering on some of his experiences. He had been one of those evacuated from Brest at the time of the Dunkirk withdrawal. After that he was in the defence guard of the English coast for a considerable time; then he was sent with the 8th Army under Gen. Montgomery. Pte. Cleland saw service in Africa, Sicily and Italy, receiving two wounds. In his remarks he stated several times how the men appreciated parcels and letters. Mail is one thing they are always looking for. After a spell of heavy fighting there are certain things the boys seek first and foremost, on coming out of the line; they are "mail, a wash, and a sleep;" these things count immeasurably to revive the spirit of the fighting man. "Andy" is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and among his valued possessions is a small booklet of advice, prayers, scriptures, etc., given him by his church; he mentioned that the chaplains of the various churches are doing a "man's job" overseas on the battlefront.

Regarding his plans for the immediate future, Pte. Cleland could say nothing definite. Those who have been overseas have developed a warm affection for their buddies in the line. These men are like brothers, and will do anything for each other, "whether officers or men of the ranks.." He explained the meaning of his various badges; he wears the "red patch", a mark of the 1st Division; he carries above that the name of his regiment, and on the shoulder, the crusader's cross of the 8th Army. These insignia are prized by every man, and each 8th Army member dislikes to sever contact with his chums, he claimed.

The W.M. expressed to Bro. Cleland the appreciation of those present to see him home again, and wished him all success in the future. The meeting closed with the singing of the national anthem and prayer by the Rev. G. T. Spriggs.

Season's Greetings

To all our readers, correspondents and advertisers — sincere wishes for happiness this Christmastide, and a New Year rich with many blessings.

The Watchman Publishers

3 Prisoners Escape St. Jerome Jail

St. Jerome — Constables of the provincial and traffic police in this area are watching for three prisers, who struck down their lone guard and escaped from jail yesterday afternoon.

The three prisoners are Paul Champagne, 28, Gerard Levesque, 28, and Lucien Turcot, 22.

Champagne and Levesque were awaiting sentence on charges of breaking and entering the bank at St. Remi d'Amherst, on which they were convicted after trial. Turcot was serving a sentence for grievous assault on his mother.

The prisoners overpowered Zenon Dagenais, 52, their guard, struck him to the ground and made their escape in their prison clothes.

According to police and to other information available, they had no car and made their escape on foot, and police were convinced they were still in the vicinity.

Raoul Latour, Chief of St. Jerome police, and provincial officers, were convinced it would not be long before the men were recaptured. They escaped in weather registering five degrees below zero Wednesday night.

Champagne, five feet two inches tall, weighs 122 pounds, with black hair, blue eyes and dark complexion. He was wearing a cream colored windbreaker, blue trousers with white stripes and black shoes.

Levesque, five feet seven inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, and has brown hair, blue eyes and a fair clear complexion. He was wearing a black sweater with the blue, white-striped pants and black shoes.

Turcot is five feet, 8½ inches tall, weighs 145 pounds and has blond hair and blue eyes. He was wearing a black sweater with the white striped blue trousers and shoes.

BADGER FEAST

One of the strangest surviving Christmas customs is the badger feast held at Ilchester, Somerset. It was started by poachers in Norman times, says the Montreal Herald, and has continued without a break. The lads of the village catch a badger, kill and dress it some time before the feast. On Christmas eve it is strung on a spit over a huge fire at the inn and cooked slowly. When it is ready the party attack it with fingers and jack-knives; no cutlery other than this is allowed.

Returned Men Guests at Legion Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of Argenteuil Branch No. 70 of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., held Tuesday evening in the Victoria Hall, Lachute, veterans of the present war were in increasing evidence, and among them warm recognition for the work of this organization on behalf of servicemen was very apparent.

Three men still in the services were guests of the group on this occasion, Pte. Georges Belanger and Pte. Roland Elkington, both wounded on overseas service, and Pte. Andrew Cleland, on leave after five years' service abroad. These men spoke of their experiences on the various battlefronts, and voiced appreciation for the Legion's war service activities and representations for the soldier's post-war welfare. Three other ex-servicemen were enrolled in the branch membership.

The president, R. A. Giles, occupied the chair, and the election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the following appointments:

President, E. M. Jones; 1st vice-president, F. E. Earle; 2nd vice-president, John A. MacKimmie; treasurer, W. M. Steeves; secretary, Geo. Leggett.

Sgt.-at-Arms, Chas. Rapson; color bearers, G. Shearsmith and Chas. Rapson.

Executive, G. F. Calder, Wm. Blakely, R. P. Fraser.

Relief and Sick Committee, H. St. Onge, F. E. Earle, Geo. Graham.

Auditors, R. P. Fraser, C. L. Duncan.

Publicity, R. A. Giles, Geo. Leggett.

Social and Refreshment, C. L. Duncan, T. Iddon, Wm. Blakely, Mac Walker.

The installation of officers will be held January 16.

High School Closed Dec 22 to Jan. 3

Pupils and teachers of the Lachute High School will commence their Christmas and New Year's holiday on Friday, December 22, and the school will re-open for the new year on Wednesday, January 3.

Directors Set 1945 Fair Dates June 13 to 16

Agricultural Society Meeting Was 120th Annual

The 120th annual meeting of the Argenteuil Agricultural Society was held in Lachute on Tuesday. There was a large gathering of members present to hear the reports of the last Lachute Spring Fair, presented by the secretary-manager, Alex Bothwell. The financial report showed the Society to be in a sound financial condition and that the June Fair of this year was the largest in the history of the organization, both from the point of attendance and number of exhibitors. The President, Mr. J. H. Black, occupied the chair.

The election of 15 directors to form the board for the year 1945 resulted in the following appointments:

Harvey Barlow, Warden of Argenteuil County, J. H. Black, Clement Tremblay, E. K. Wilson, James McKenzie, Erskine Rodger, James McKimmie, Simon Wilson, Ross McAdam, Amedee Maisonneuve, Theodore Murdoch, Gilbert Arnold, Stewart Armstrong, Albert Stewart and W. M. Cottingham.

It was the opinion of the members present that the 1945 Fair be held on June 13, 14, 15 and 16.

Prisoners of War Cable Greetings

Toronto, Dec. 18 (CP) — Nearly 200 Canadian prisoners of war in Stalag 344, German prison camp, in a cable message through the Canadian Red Cross Society have sent Christmas greetings to relatives and friends at home.

The message said in part, "Please accept our sincere thanks for all you have done on our behalf. We would wish our people at home to have our most heartfelt greetings and good wishes for the coming season and have them know that we shall be with them in spirit and hope that the future season shall see us reunited."

BACK FROM THE "DEAD"

Truro, N.S. (CP) — Reported as missing some months ago, WO W. B. MacPherson, Truro flier, came home to a family that believed him dead. Shot down over enemy territory, MacPherson reached Canada before official notification that he was safe. Details of his escape were kept secret.

How to Improve Brownsb'g, Topic Of Discussion

(By Our District Correspondent)

Brownsburg — The "Lighted School Group" here held their weekly discussion meeting Wednesday night. The subject for discussion was the all-important question of "What can be done to improve Brownsburg?" and considerable interest was evinced by the large number of members attending.

Mr. Russell Graham was in the chair. Also present were Messrs. Wyman Hazel, Rolly Moncrieff, S. Harris, C. Moseley, J. Roberts, T. Anderson, John Mason, Geo. Prosser, W. Prosser, John Connelly, Harold Mason, Roy Chambers, Ted Patte, D. Atkins, C. Prosser, M. V. Trayers, secretary.

The proceedings opened with a sing-song, after which the minutes of the last meeting were presented.

As has been already outlined the purpose of "Discussion Groups" is to form a more awakened public opinion, to provide more co-operation in community effort and develop leadership with a greater consciousness of civic affairs. It is recognized we are too apt to criticize and do very little constructive thinking. When a group of civic minded citizens come together and discuss the affairs of their community they soon come to realize that their pet peeve has another side, that there is a pro and con to all questions, and a greater realization of the difficulties or opportunities of their elected representatives becomes apparent to them. Discussion groups in themselves have no elected mandate, their aim is purely educational and they have become recognized as a national institution where training and experience which befits them to take their place with intelligent zest in public life, can be obtained. An informed public opinion can become the basis for some practical action and a surprising number of practical projects for community betterment have arisen from the activities of such groups.

Several projects were suggested under the heading of improving Brownsburg, and towards the end of the meeting it was generally felt that time did not allow of all these questions being adequately dealt with. It was felt that some of the suggestions will have to be taken up at a future date, when all available facts will be at the disposal of the group.

It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that the naming of the streets in Brownsburg was an urgent necessity, and should be carried out without delay. Individual action has been taken in this matter with the result that some streets have more than one name, and others none at all. It was suggested that a prize might be offered for the most informative selection of street names with due regard to their historical associations.

The general opinion of the meeting with regard to the question of whether an amusement park for children would be an improvement, was mixed. It was felt that the natural beauties of Brownsburg were in themselves so far outstanding from anything that could be achieved in an artificial manner, that providing and maintaining a park would be a civic blunder.

Building a swimming pool was, on the other hand, well received and considered almost a necessity.

There were some doubts in the minds of the members as to what authority was responsible for the enforcement of traffic laws in the village, but there was no doubt that a considerable laxity prevails in their enforcement. Accidents and near accidents are of common occurrence, and the dangers to life and limb would be greater but for the sense of anticipation which has been developed among citizens by the continual hazards. It was decided to get an opinion, on whose responsibility devolves the enforcement of traffic laws.

That the village be divided into wards for the purpose of municipal elections was favorably received, but the question was adjourned to learn the legal provisions.

A campaign for the purpose of increasing membership in the group was declared a necessity and it was felt that an effort should be made to attract a number of French-Canadian citizens to participate in the discussions.

On the question of a mixed group it was thought that opportunities for ladies' get-togethers were much more favorable in Brownsburg than similar opportunities for men. In fact, such clubs were not in existence for men until the formation of the present one. If a ladies' discussion group was to be formed in affiliation with the Citizens' Forum sponsored by the CBC, the initiative would have to come from the ladies themselves.

Among other matters discussed were the strewing of rubbish on the streets; the replacing promptly of broken street lights; the removal of unsightly fences, with a movement of cultivating a civic consciousness towards their ultimate removal; the offering of a prize for the best kept lawn and property frontage other than one professionally landscaped; commending the council for the lead given in providing sidewalks, and suggesting some action towards their clearance in winter.

The group joins the CBC Citizens' Forum in discussing next week's subject "Canada, one country or four regions". Source material was distributed.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of the national anthem.

Wife and Daughter Arrive from O'seas

Mabel — Recently arrived from England to join her husband on this side, Mrs. Harry Murdoch, with her infant daughter Diane, seven months old, is spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Jas Murdoch at Mabel.

The former Winnifred Freeman, of Westminster, London, she was married in April, 1943, to Harry Murdoch, who after four years' service in the forces overseas, has since been discharged. He is now working in Montreal, where they will make their home after a visit here with the husband's parents.

The newcomers made the voyage aboard the vessel Mauretania. Both were unwell during the crossing, and their first impressions of this country, in consequence, were not the very brightest. However, they are now reported well and in cheerful spirits. Mr. Harry Murdoch will be with them here for the Christmas season.

Pupils Donate to Queen's Fund

Pupils in Grades VI to XI inclusive of the Lachute High School have contributed the amount of $25.52 to the Queen's Canadian Fund.

This is the second consecutive year in which this course has been followed by the higher grades, instead of giving gifts to the respective teachers. The pupils are to be commended on the fine spirit of this gesture.

Mathewson Upholds Financial Record Of Godbout Regime

By HAROLD FREEMAN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Quebec, Dec. 19 (CP) — The argument about the financial record of the former Liberal Government is still going on, with former Treasurer J. A. Mathewson replying to the Courtois special report on finances, and Mr. Duplessis in turn answering Mr. Mathewson.

Mr. Mathewson made his answer via a statement, while Mr. Duplessis replied at his regular weekly press conference at Montreal. The Premier said he had no copy of the previous statement before him and that he spoke from memory in answering it.

In substance Mr. Mathewson said that the Duplessis government was attempting to build up a fictitious case in lieu of a promise to abolish the sales tax.

"The stark reality is that during the August elections the Union Nationale made an irresponsible electoral promise that they would abolish the sales tax," said Mr. Mathewson. "This represents $12,000,000 of the provincial revenue. Any man with even elementary knowledge of public finance knows that this source of revenue cannot be dispensed with unless other equivalent taxation is concurrently imposed."

Mr. Mathewson reiterated former statements that there were overall surpluses in provincial accounts in 1942-43-44. He claimed that the facts stated August 24, on handing over the administration, were accurate and have not been challenged.

Mr. Duplessis, on the other hand, said the same thing about his side of the argument. "The net result of Mr. Mathewson's long statement," he said "is that he does not reply to the essential allegations of the Courtois report. . . . Specifically," he said, "the former Treasurer had not denied that the Godbout government had taken in $239,000,000 more during its lifetime than had the previous Union Nationale administration."

He said the former Treasurer also had not denied that the taxes imposed by the Godbout government, and the increase in the proceeds of existing taxes due to "temporary and illusionary" prosperity, represent $32,000,000 more a year of revenue. "The Godbout government did not reduce the debt one cent, but increased the debt by more than $39,000,000. Mr. Mathewson does not deny that."

THE VISION . . .

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace".

IN THE YEAR 758 B.C., the Prophet Isaiah beheld a great truth and set it down in his scripture, which appears in the Old Testament. And the words which recorded his vision have rung a stirring message down through the ages, they have become the rallying theme for a Christian order.

Since that time mankind has had many forms of government — monarchies, dictatorships, democracies — and history reveals that all have fallen short of the great ideal.

Though Christians may disagree on certain theological beliefs, the simple truth remains, that Christ brought one pre-eminent message to this earth — namely, that all men love one another.

When our leaders learn this truth . . . when everyday people dedicate their lives to this end . . . only then will our social order and government be "upon His shoulder".

Seasonal

FARM TOPICS



Not An Illusion, Just A Haystack

Atkinson, Neb., Dec. 20 (CP) — It's no optical illusion if you see a haystack moving down an Atkinson street, nor if you see another "sliding" across a field.

This "hay centre of the United States" hasn't the manpower to use in pitching hay the old way. Now ranchers move the entire haystack.

Using "underslung hauling," they can move a stack anywhere they wish. The haystacks are pulled by wire cable or winch to the low-slung wheeled platform, built so that it can be slightly tipped for loading or unloading.

To haul the stacks within a field the ranchers throw a wire cable around the stack, fix the ends to a tractor, and "slide" the haystack where they want it. The stacks slide easily over good meadows but sometimes there is difficulty on rough ground. Manpower is saved. The new method is much quicker, and the hay can be moved in a high wind.

Not Easy to Restore Dutch Agriculture

The physical features of the Netherlands are ideal for a grassland economy and for market gardening. These two branches of farming are typical of the country's agriculture. In few other countries in Europe is so large a proportion of the total area in natural pastures as in the Netherlands, where well over one-half the farming land is permanently in grass, according to "Foreign Agriculture". Nor is there any other European country where vegetable, fruit, and bulb growing is carried on so extensively. Also cropping and live-stock raising are both pursued along intensive lines, and as a result production is on a high level. The quality of farm products has enhanced the good reputation of Dutch agriculture.

With the coming of the industrial era and the growth of a market for live-stock products in the surrounding areas of Europe, the Netherlands developed a specialized farming enterprise which, while depending upon cheap feed imports from overseas, produced and exported important quantities of meat, cheese, butter and eggs.

The backbone of Dutch agriculture has been its live-stock, but the agriculture of the country does not supply fully the food requirements of the population. The circumstances of war have forced the Dutch population to rely almost entirely upon domestic food resources. This has resulted in a reduction in the level of consumption which supports the peacetime preference of the Netherlands for specializing in the type of farming that makes most of the country's natural advantages and for supplementing its requirements of foodstuffs on the foreign market.

The reconstruction of Dutch agriculture on the pre-war basis is not likely to be easily achieved. In the first place, it was part of a complicated economic system extending beyond the borders of the country and inter-dependent with the economic life of other countries. In the second place its agriculture was based on a technical system whose re-establishment will take time and effort. A revival of foreign demand for relatively high-priced products is one essential; the renewal of imports of feedstuffs is a second condition, and the restoration of productivity of the soil is a third. This will involve not only the return of ploughed land to pasture, the rebuilding of the fertility of the soil through the intensive addition of plant food over a period of years, but also the drainage and reclamation of areas flooded before the retreat of enemy forces.

53 SUNDAYS IN YEAR

According to the Gregorian calendar, every year has 53 days of the one it begins on. Generally speaking, the year contains 53 Sundays every five or six years. This occurred in 1928, 1933, 1939, 1944, and again in 1950,1956,1961, 1967, etc. The United States naval observatory points out that in any continuous series of 28 years, five have 53 Sundays, unless the series includes a year whose number ends in two ciphers without its being a leap year, as in 1700, 1800, 1900. When leap year begins on Saturday, two of the six-year periods fall consecutively.

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Co-operative Shipment 30 Tons of Poultry

The co-operative societies of Maniwaki, Gracefield and Messines, County of Gatineau, shipped and sold on the Montreal market during the month of November more than 30 tons of killed fowl, mostly chicken and turkeys.

The fowl, carefully prepared according to market requirements, were sold at a profitable price.

These co-operative sales have contributed greatly to the expansion of the poultry industry in Northern Gatineau County during the past few years. District agronomist J. W. Delaney opines that next year several other groups of farmers will take advantage of the facilities offered to dispose of their poultry products.

Quality of Quebec Butter and Cheese

From November 28, 1943, to October 28, 1944, an 11-month period, 375,640 boxes of Quebec butter were classed 93.52% as first quality butter. Thus, Quebec leads all provinces on the percentage of No. 1 butter. The closest contestant is the Province of New Brunswick, with 92.66% of No. 1 on a total of 96,797 boxes. For cheese, Ontario is ahead of all other provinces, not only in quantity, but also in quality. From December 1, 1943, to November 1, 1944, this province carried 93.63% first quality on 1,035,351 boxes of cheese. Quebec comes second, with a percentage of 92.20 on No. 1, with 645,355 boxes classified by the Federal Department.

Ontario Competition For Improvement In School Grounds

A new competition to encourage the improvement of rural school grounds is announced by J. A. Carroll, Director of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. This competition is on a township basis, with a view to selecting the school in each township which, during the period from September 1, 1944, to August 1, 1945, makes the greatest improvement in its school grounds.

Provision for this competition was made at a meeting of an inter-departmental committee representing the Departments of Education and Agriculture, under the chairmanship of Mr. Carroll, and the Ontario Horticultural Association is lending its co-operation in the awarding of certificates to the school selected in each township by the school inspectors. A score card was developed at this meeting, and the responsibility of scoring the schools in each township is placed in the hands of the district school inspector. The score card allows points as follows:

General care: Clean-up, including removal of waste, eradication of weeds, mowing of grass, cultivation of all plants, trimming of trees and pruning of shrubs, and acquisition of equipment for care of above. . . . 35 points.

Improvement: Enlargement of grounds, repairs and painting of buildings, fences, flag-pole, pump, walks, grading of grounds and boulevards . . . 35 points.

New Planting: Suitability and arrangement of trees, shrubs, vines, flower beds, lawn and garden . . . 35 points.

People who only look out for number one never add up to much.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS
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A Package for Corporal Morgan

It was hot and dusty along the Via Appia. A few feet back from the old Roman highway, a soldier sat under a pine tree writing a letter. Behind him lay Naples; ahead, Rome. But Corporal Morgan cared little for the grandeur of ancient cities. He was hot and he was homesick.

You could have Italy. You could have all of Europe. Corporal Morgan would take home, and his job as a telephone lineman, any day. He glared unseeingly at the distant, misty mountains, shimmering in the sunlight, then turned back to his letter.

In the normal course of events, Bob Morgan would probably never have written any letter to the vice president of his company. Certainly he would not have discussed an intimate matter. But he'd gotten a gift from his company, and wanted to thank someone. Besides, war changes things. So the corporal wrote quite unself-consciously to the man he had never seen, "I would give anything I have to call home and hear my wife's voice. It would be like hearing the angels sing."

A few weeks later, many hard-fought miles nearer the Eternal City, the corporal got his wish. Mail call produced a flat package marked "Fragile," containing a phonograph record. Since a telephone call was out of the question, the vice president had had a recording made of Mrs. Morgan's voice for her husband.

It was a couple of days before his company reached a Red Cross clubroom, and the corporal carried his precious disc gingerly as they advanced. When, late one afternoon, they came into a town with such a clubroom, he unwrapped his package and hurried off in search of a phonograph.

There was one in a far corner of the room. Corporal Morgan elbowed aside a sergeant in his haste to put his record on the machine. Then he leaned against the wall and waited.

Suddenly, he heard his wife's voice — but not confined to his secluded corner. The phonograph was attached to a loudspeaker and the message was audible all over the room.

It was a personal message—the kind a woman would send to her soldier-husband. There were a few knowing smiles and perhaps a snicker or two among the men. But Corporal Morgan didn't care.

He didn't even hear, because for two minutes there was no dust, no separation, no war. He was Bob Morgan, back home, and his wife was talking to him.

It lasted just two minutes. When the record finished playing, he straightened. Still oblivious to the amused expressions around him, Corporal Morgan carefully removed the record from the machine, put it under his arm, and went back to war.

BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR

Various dates were used in different countries, for the beginning of a year, but America followed the English custom of using the date of most early Christian countries — about the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The Gregorian calendar, establishing January 1 as the beginning of the year, was adopted by England and her colonies in 1752.


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The Magic of Christmas

HOME for Christmas! In the treasury of the mind few thoughts have a deeper meaning.

In the minds of thousands of our fighting men overseas, Christmas and home have become virtually synonymous and the thought constitutes a challenge to Canadians. It is the peace and good will of Christmas that these heroic men are thinking of today — of Christmases of the past, of childhood, family gatherings, gifts and church bells.

The story of the Babe of Bethlehem weaves a magic spell that grows more mystical each succeeding year. In this year of 1944 it is the lodestar for straight-thinking men who press the fight for freedom against the very walls of Hitler's fortress.

Paradoxically, it is the theme of peace and good will — the sanctity of family ties — enshrined in the heart of the Christmas story, that has been the dynamic behind the bitter warfare waged by the United Nations during the last five years. It was to ensure peace and security for those nations that have suffered from the rapacity and cruelty of the Nazi lust for power that free Canadians crossed the Atlantic to fight for the democratic way of life. tide season after spending five Christmases away

Some of these men are at home this Yule- from the Dominion. Home for them has taken on a richer, fuller meaning and they will return to the battlefront with a renewed incentive to fight for the security that Canadians hold so dear.

Home — for a brief respite, surrounded by loved ones, friends and acquaintances, they are attempting to obliterate from their minds the din of battle, the mud, the stench, the destruction and all the horrors of war. It is hard to say "Merry Christmas" to these gallant men, but their fellow Canadians wish them the true joys that lie hidden under traditional observances of Christmas Day.

The Christmas Answer

CHRISTMAS in the middle of war is one of the greatest paradoxes of all time. There are stories in this war and in the last, which tell of the fighting being stopped and exchanges made between the opposing armies. In some cases, management, often for the only time during the year, becomes considerate of the employees. Families not on speaking terms with each other get together on the common meeting ground of Christmas.

Thank God we can still do that! Thank God Christmas still creates that response in the hearts of so many people. But if we continue to abuse the spirit of Christmas for 364 days in the year, then how much longer will December 25 mean anything to us?

Christmas, this year, will be celebrated most of us against the background of the recent crisis in Ottawa and of what is happening in the liberated countries of Europe. The message of Christmas has very much to do with these two issues. And it is not just wishing that the people of Europe could get as good a Christmas dinner as most of us hope to. It is all that and much more.

In Europe they are faced with a great choice. We in Canada have the same choice to make too, but we can still have a certain leeway in which to make sure that the right decision is made. The choice takes a political form, but is actually a moral and spiritual one. It is, very simply, what way of life is to get control? Is it to be a rehashed form of fascist dictatorship of the right, a communist dictatorship of the left, or is it to be a much more virile form of militant Christian Democracy than has ever been tried before?

There is no middle way any more. It is the right or the left or the God-inspired alternative that comes from above. You live out the Christmas message and you have it.

DEMOCRACY must make sure that its educational system is so designed and motivated as to produce good citizens. The dictatorship can design and motivate its educational system so as to produce not the cultured, happy man or woman, but the human beast — and unfortunately it is much simpler to produce the latter than the former.

— Cochrane Northland Post

The Noon Nap

A WRITER in that bright little publication, "The Printed Word", may or may not be correct, in favorably comparing the leisure time of the small-town dweller with that of the city man. It is a question we have often debated, at such periods when our every waking moment seems a rush. . . The writer's particular source of envy is that noon-hour siesta which is supposedly our happy privilege here in the "quiet countryside" — and, seen as a factor more or less influencing one's success in life, we quote his opinions on the matter for others to consider. . . .

"One of the advantages of living in a small town is that you can get home for luncheon and have a nap afterwards. City people usually live so far from their work that they can't get home at noon. They have to spend the mid-day period standing in line at a restaurant or eating at their desks or on their laps. Only a few very resourceful city folk manage to get a nap after luncheon. Usually there are too many other people around, and, anyway, the general bustle discourages sleep.

"Small towns have tended to decline in population during the war, unless they have had an airfield or some such war operation nearby. The cities have grown, some of them vastly. With gasoline rationing and the crowding of street cars and buses, the city dwellers' chances of getting home at noon have worsened. That noon nap, which appears more important as the national heart ailment curve mounts, has become for many nearly an impossibility.

"It is an old saying that the bigger the town the smaller the people. Whether this is the case or not, the records do show that the majority of leaders in present-day North American life come from small towns. Of course when they get to be leaders they usually move into a city and presumably fail to contrive their noon nap. This is probably one more of nature's compensations, giving the younger people from the back country a chance of capturing the big jobs."

The Navy Protests

ENLISTMENTS for the Royal Canadian Navy were suspended for a time, but, according to Ottawa advices, a modified recruiting is to be resumed after the first of the new year.

Overlooking the temporary suspension, an issue of the Montreal Gazette contained an item last week which caused embarrassment to Navy personnel stationed in the city. Here, in the publishers' words, is how it all happened:

" 'Canada Calls — Join the Navy'. This trite little filler, which appeared at the bottom of a news column has caused the silent service to break its silence.

"It must be explained here, and hastily, that the filler appeared in error. It was one of several hundred that were cast by a patriotic operator who believed that he was helping his country and providing fillers. But that was some time ago, and since the lines were cast the navy has ceased recruiting — at least for the present.

"The majority of the little lines were thrown back into the melting-pot, but one, apparently, got away. It may have been mixed in with the special fillers that tell of the price of rice in China or the pungency of prunes in Patagonia, or it may even have sought a haven among the shrdlu's.

"However, up it popped, in The Gazette, and was read and acted upon by at least a half-score of would-be naval ratings.

"How do we know? . . . Well, you see, Lt. Christopher Ellis, of the suave voice, called this office. His voice was still suave, but a bit weary. He had explained to the 10 stalwarts that a linotype had causeed their difficulties, and that despite the fact that some had waited as much as a half day for the word — it was still 'No'."

The Gazette publishers here add that, in common with the experience of other newspapers, the ranks of their staff are depleted — some of their best men are in the Navy!

IN ALL likelihood there's a proof-reading job open on the Superior, Wis., Evening Telegram. Reporting the christening of a ship, it describes the wife of the mayor as "taking the bottle of champagne in both hands and swigging it like a veteran." — Lakefield (Ont.) News

THE WEEKLIES SAY . . .
BY THE CANADIAN PRESS

MAY IN NOVEMBER

Pansies are reported to have bloomed in Timmins on November 28. What was that old crack about the "Frozen North?"

— Pembroke (Ont.) Bulletin

THIS PECULIAR WAR

General Montgomery received a shipment of Missouri goldfish the other day, sent by one of his United States admirers. And somebody else, perchance, wonders why he can't send the local newspaper to his boy overseas. Quoting General Sherman, war is not only hell, but rather amazing and peculiar. —Durham Chronicle.

CALL TO WOMEN

Unless there is an increase in the number of Red Cross women workers, shipments of vital supplies must be curtailed, to the deprivation of our armed forces and and civilian war victims. This is a challenge to the spirit of every Canadian woman. No service could be more worthwhile, and no service is more appreciated, than that given in the Red Cross workroom. —Granby (Que.) Leader-Mail

A SWEETER CHRISTMAS

This Christmas will be the sixth which Great Britain has experienced since the start of the war and it seems probable that with the exception of the first — that was the period of the "phony" war — it will be the brightest. Not only will Christmas lights again shine in many parts of the British Isles where, last year, they were blacked out, but there will be richer Christmas fare.

— Campbellton (N.B.) Tribune

EASE THE BURDEN

Establishment of dormitories in high schools in such communities as Kamloops . . . should be considered by educational authorities. From a wide territory served only with public schools, boys and girls must come to the city for secondary education. Cost of this puts a severe burden on rural families and difficulties of securing proper accommodation has meant that some have been unable to proceed with class room education.

— Kamloops (B.C) Sentinel

NOW YOU TELL ONE

Tall sunflower stories have been given considerable space in the columns of Maritime weeklies, but to rate space in The Courier, sunflowers must be really tall. Here those that do not end up in the lumber mills go for pulpwood and firewood. Digby (N.S.) Courier.

TARIFFS

Manufacturers who have been content to produce at high profits behind the tariff wall . . . have retarded the growth of the nation . . . While the tariffs bring some benefit to a few communities, they exact a terrible toll from the rest of the country and interrupt the flow of normal trade.

— Pictou (N.S.) Advocate

CYCLISTS TAKE CARE

Too many bike riders are forgetting traffic rules . . . riding two on a bike, three and four abreast and wandering about on the highway . . . Careless riders are constantly flirting with danger and the law.

— Powell River (B.C.) News



A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada

By Jim Greenblat

Here is welcome news for the mother whose boy in the services can get home for the odd week-end and once in a while on furlough. Providing him with those pastries and cakes he loves is fun, but it certainly is hard on the family rations. Realizing this, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board has provided short-leave and long-leave ration cards. For any leave of from 48 to 96 hours' duration, the serviceman can secure a short-leave ration card with his leave pass. With this card, the serviceman's hostess can apply at any Local Ration Board for coupons to purchase a two weeks' supply of any rationed commodity for every nine meals she serves. She has a choice of one preserves, one sugar or two butter coupons. On the long-leave ration card, coupons are attached and may be used either while the serviceman is at home or at any other time. These coupons have no expiry date.

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Savings on deposit in Canadian banks on October 19 amounted to $2,489 million. Just about a year ago — to be exact on October 31, 1943 — savings stood at $1,961 million. It is a tribute to the Canadian people that while victory loans take money out of savings accounts, those accounts seem to be mounting in spite of it.

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The Royal Canadian Navy has ended its temporary suspension of recruiting and has started to accept enlistments for an average of 300 male ratings a month after the first of the new year. Mostly recruiting will be for seamen for general service, communication training, cooks, supply assistants and stewards. Wrens are still being accepted at the rate of 150 a month with particular need for mess women and wardroom attendants.

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The coal controller at Ottawa has just issued another warning that less anthracite will be available to Canadian householders compared to 1943-44 and has appealed for coal conservation in every way possible. The householder is asked to examine his heating equipment periodically throughout the winter. "In addition to removing soot from the furnace and pipes at regular intervals, he should make sure there are no furnace leaks which might waste fuel and permit the escape of noxious gas. A limited supply of free booklets published by the Department of Munitions and Supply, telling the proper method of firing soft coal or mixtures of soft and hard, is available for distribution through fuel dealers.

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Scientists at War: Analysis is being made by the Wartime Bureau of Technical Personnel, of its 33,000 individual records of Canadian engineers and scientists. This study will determine the numbers and classifications likely to be available in various fields of post-war activity. More than 10,000 of Canada's science graduates are now on active duty with the armed forces, while at least twice that number are employed in war production or essential civilian work.

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Under a new order the Wartime Prices and Trade Board has clamped down on rent racketeers, such as those who try to make prospective tenants buy furniture at excessive prices or pay special commissions, bonuses or rewards, or several months' rental in advance. The public is asked to report any deal which does not appear legitimate. One month's rent in advance is the limit under the new order. This latest ruling will be welcomed by service men and their dependents whose duties call them to move from place to place.

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Pot-Pourri: In October cheques cashed at clearing centres reached a record total of $4,932,000,000. . . In Germany, Canadian prisoners of war are entitled to two blankets in winter, as well as one or more private blankets which they can take if they are transferred to another camp . . . there were 2,340 dairy factories operating in Canada at the end of 1943 . . . wheat fed to live stock on farms in the Prairie Provinces during 1943-44 crop year estimated at 46.5 million bushels. The Canadian Red Cross is now packing food parcels for prisoners of war at the rate of 140,000 every week.

Speak to the point, but never with an edge.

CHRISTMAS WEEK OFFERS CHANCE TO PREDICT WEATHER

Weather prognosticators have found means of forecasting most of the coming year's weather by cocking an eye at the sky during Christmas week. You may not believe them, but here are a few of the varied — and conflicting — beliefs about Christmas weather:

If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas day, there will be a good crop the following year.

If ice will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse afterward.

Thunder and lightning Christmas week means much snow in the winter.

Wet causes more damage than frost before than after Christmas.

If it snows Christmas night, the hop crop will be good next year.

At Christmas meadows green, at Easter covered with frost.

If windy Christmas day, trees will bring much fruit.

Christmas wet gives empty granary and barrel.

A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard.

A warm Christmas, a cold Easter.

A green Christmas, a white Easter.

RATS AND MANPOWER

It is no use talking, Salford (Eng.) takes no civic pride in rats; Salford wants to get rid of them and is able despite the extraordinary demand for manpower in Britain to put 18 men to work. No stronger commentary on the need for getting rid of them could be made, . . . just as here in Canada and in the States, rats are on the increase in England because of war conditions. But they are fighting them in Britain and with success . . . It shows that when a job must be done in the interest of city and country, it can be done, manpower shortage or no manpower shortage. Flin Flon Miner

RECOGNITION MERITED

A precedent in provincial magisterial circles was set a few days ago in the appointment of Brigadier O. M. Martin as a magistrate in York County, Ontario. It is believed that this is the first occasion upon which the Attorney General's Department has given a position carrying such responsibility to a full blooded Indian. Brigadier Martin has proved his ability. Born at Osweken, he is a native of the Six Nations Reservation. Professionally, he was a teacher and in educational spheres met with great success. His recent retirement from the active military field ended a splendid term of service.

— Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin

London — The first UNRRA training course to be held in Britain for people who are to help with the repatriation of displaced persons in Europe has opened at Reading. There are 45 members in residence, drawn from a number of Allied countries. Some have been in Europe during the war.

Passed by Censor

Reminiscent of that old story about the girl who received — not the letter she was expecting — but a note from the censor saying "Your boy friend still loves you, but he talks too much", is a story about a Montreal C.W.A.C. sergeant who received a similarly censored piece of mail but without original comment. Received in the mail was only the addressed side of the envelope, (the rest had been torn off) heavily marked with rubber stamp slogans to the effect that the "letter" had been passed by the censor and that it came from a number of Army Post Offices en route. There wasn't a sign of any letter, and according to the dates on the postmarks it had taken a very long time to come. The sergeant and everyone else who has seen the epistle are very curious as to what the contents could have been.

NEW WEEKLY

Quebec (CP) — An official organ of the Liberal party is to be published here. The weekly paper will be named "Le Canadien".

Compliments of the Season

TO ALL MY FRIENDS AND CLIENTS

HENRI J. LEJOUR, O.O.D.

Optometrist - Optician Eyesight Specialist

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Free Enterprise FEEDS CANADA

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APRES une longue période commerc'ale de quarante-deux années au milieu d'une population de différentes nations, tous les honneurs qu'on a dû me rendre, la grande confiance et la plus cordiale estime qu'on m'a toujours témoignées si généreusement, je me fais un devoir de vous dire du fond du coeur — Merci, oui, merci; aussi de vous offrir bien cordialement, à tous et à chacun de vous — Un Joyeux Noël, une bonne, heureuse et prospère Année.

After forty-two long years in business among friends of different race and tongue, during which time I have been honored with your generous confidence and esteem, I take this occasion to say from the bottom of my heart, "Thank you, sincerely". I also wish you, one and all, the cordial season's greetings. A Happy Christmas, — Health, Prosperity and Contentment in the New Year.

A. E. Ladouceur
ST. ANDREWS EAST, QUE.

To the Constituents of Argenteuil County



James W. McGibbon, M.P.

To the gallant men of the Canadian armed forces, my sincere wish that Christmas heralds complete victory in 1945 and safe return to Peace and Happiness.

TO those at home, let us realize that Good Will to each other was never more important to the security and happiness of everyone.

FRIENDLY GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL.

AUX vaillants soldats de l'Armée canadienne, mes souhaits les plus sincères que Noël soit le signe avant-coureur d'une victoire complète en 1945 et de leur retour au pays, à la Paix et au Bonheur.

POUR nous, au pays, puissions nous réaliser que la bonne entente n'a jamais été aussi nécessaire à la sécurité et au bonheur de chacun de nous.

Mes souhaits les plus sincères, à tous et chacun.

- Jas. W. McGibbon

GOOD-WILL GESTURE --- GREETINGS

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

We'd like to clasp your hand, and spread the spirit of good will. Our best to you, at Christmas time and all year 'round.

Romeo Roussel
(Successor to A. Ethier)
Butcher Bethany St.

How often, in the bygone 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.

Graham's Dairy
Geo. Graham, Prop. Grace Street, Lachute

Here, in the small-town business, one meets the true spirit of community fellowship . . . Our wishes greet you now, as both a customer and a friend.

Pariseau Bros.
Meat & Provisions Lachute & Brownsburg

Every transaction brings a friendliness to make this daily round a pleasure. — In the same friendly spirit, our thanks and greetings at this time.

H. D. Graves
Groceries, Flour, Fresh Vegetables
Maple Ave., S. Brownsburg

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.

Russell Rodgers
Farm Implements Lachute, Que.

With the Compliments of the Season and all good wishes
Avec les compliments de la saison et les meilleurs souhaits

Bélanger Bros.
Painters, Decorators Telephone 243

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!
Thanks for your patronage. . . . Merry Christmas. We have endeavored to serve you loyally . . . We trust for the privilege of filling your future needs.

P. E. Lafleur.
Cabinet Maker Factory, Robert St.

Our sentiments, like our business, are in keeping with the times. — So now, good friends, it's a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!

Leonard 5c — $1 Store
Leonard Bedard, Prop. Main St., 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
Léo St-Onge, Proprietor Telephone 78
Main Street, Lachute

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.

Geo. Y. Deacon
Tinsmith, Hardware, Auto Repairs, Lachute Mills

The Year Wanes
But our purpose remains — to merit your satisfaction in considerate service . . . Our thanks and sincere good wishes to all.

Farmers' Supply Co.
84 Foundry St. Telephone 334

While striving to serve you with 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.

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

Thanks again for your loyal support.
We trust we have "filled the bill" in courtesy and service.
Our best wishes!
A Merry Christmas!

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.

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

Our appreciation . . .
Your patronage is warmly appreciated; we hope for your continued approval of our services. Thank you, and good luck.

Cousineau Regd.
Wholesaler Phone 592

Thanks!
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 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

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.

Lowe Bros' Dairy
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May the Christmas Season bring you deep and abiding peace.

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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!

G. I. McFaul
Merchant Brownsburg, 312

Happy Days!
We wish you the best Christmas yet, and may the New Year be full of all your desires.

Edgar Pollock
Garage Brownsburg

Improvements in our establishment this year are merely in keeping with our aim — to give good service to our customers. . . And to those customers, one and all, we extend our appreciation.

H. M. Lavigne
General Merchant Lachute Mills

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.
With wishes warm and true — for your pleasure this Christmastide and your welfare till the next!

Deslauriers & Rozon
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Fellowship
Each day brings fellowship with you, our neighbor citizens . . . We greet you, one and all, with a hearty hand-shake and a Merry Christmas!

J. W. Kennedy
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Telephone 343 - J. 14 Elizabeth St.

Neighbors!
As we share with you the daily exchanges of this town — the fellowship; the charity, the business, we share alike the social adjuncts of community work . . . Our wishes greet you now, as both a customer and a friend.

John McFaul & Son
Hardware, Clothing & Sports Outfitters

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

Accept herewith our sincere greetings and grateful thanks.
Veuillez agréer les souhaits les plus sincères et nos remerciements de votre patronage.

Leger Garage
H. C. Leger, Prop. Lachute, Que.

With the Compliments of the Season and all Good Wishes.
Avec les compliments de la saison et les Meilleurs Souhaits.

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

Assuring the public of our best service, and an attractive range of stock in our new store, at all times — also wishing our friends and customers the season's best in health and happiness

P. Nadon, Jeweller
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Merry Christmas . . . Happy New Year!
To our friends we wish both health and joy, and may prosperity bless you all. Thanks for your business . . . we solicit your trade in the coming year.

Fernando Carrière
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Thanks again for your loyal support
We trust we have filled the bill in courtesy and service
Our best Wishes

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Sam Ross
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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

Our Aim
is to merit your confidence in reliable and courteous attention. If we have achieved that end, we thank you for the opportunity of having served you. And we trust this pleasure will continue through the coming year.

Dominion Stores
E. Miron, Mgr. Main Street, Lachute

Not in the ledger — not in cold figures — but in our hearts, we value the finest asset of our inventory, the good will of our neighbors and patrons.

McFaul Brothers
Drygoods, Clothing, Provisions
Main Street W. Lachute Mills

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.

Oscar Hotte
Building Contractor Lachute Telephone 564

Good health, good friends, good fortune!
Thanking our customers for past favors, and anticipating a mutually pleasant relationship in the year ahead.

W. L. Dawson
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FROM COMMUNITY BUSINESS MEN

We count each client as a link in the fellowship of this community — we appreciate the friends who favor us with their patronage. Our thanks and good wishes.

Gall & Jones
Insurance Phone 491-W

We wish you luck, and the spirit of this Christmastide continuing through every day of 1945. So may happiness be yours.

G. R. Campbell
Merchant Bell Falls
Phone, Arundel 24-r-12

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.

Lido Restaurant
Provincial Transport Bus Terminal
Main Street 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.

Alcidas Laurin
Building Contractor Phone 599-J

To all our friends within hailing distance — and to their cherished sons, brothers and sisters serving with the Forces — our sincere good wishes at this season.

J. A. Campbell
Lumber Merchant Dalesville

Fellowship

Each day brings 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!

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

We have continued our business on progressive lines. And on the keynote of good service we treasure still those friendships we have enjoyed for many years.

Assad's Store
Phone 177 Main St.

We trust the dawning year will be rich in the repetition of past associations. We thank our customers and friends.

Gordon's Garage
Service & Repairs Brownsburg, Que.

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Fresh Supplies Courteous Attention
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Every day brings pleasure in our privilege to serve you.
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J. B. Menard, Proprietor — R. Menard, Director
Funeral Parlors — 70 Foundry St.
Telephones 106 and 101-J

A Christmas Wish!

Here's to the charity and good cheer of the festive season; may you share its joys in generous measure!

A. Lacasse
Dairyman Brownsburg, Que.

The privilege of serving you has brought great pleasure. In our dealings we hope that sentiment has been mutual — and we add, at this season, our warm gratitude.

Farmer Brown's Service Station
Phone 472 Brownsburg Rd.

Accept herewith our sincere greetings and grateful thanks.
Veuillez agréer les souhaits les plus sincères et nos remerciements de votre patronage.

Joseph B. Dion
Plumber Lachute Phone 37

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.

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

Year in, year out, there's Friendship, to make life pleasant. —We greet our friends sincerely at this festive season.

Gatineau Power Co.
Main Street Lachute

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 —

Here's a joyous confidence, of Better Days ahead! 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!

With confidence we commend our goods and 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.

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 & Door Factory Building Materials
Chatham St., Lachute Mills

Old Memories

Many happy Yuletides have we shared with our good neighbors and customers. We hope this festive season may be the symbol of brighter days in the Victory and Peace to come.

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.

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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

To our fellow townsmen, the best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

The Mayor and Council of Lachute Town

A tous nos concitoyens, nos meilleurs souhaits de santé, de prospérité et de bonheur.

LE MAIRE ET LES ECHEVINS DE 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

For the pleasant relations that lighten our daily dealings, we thank you with all our heart.
Season's Greetings!

A. D. McGibbon & Sons
Lumber Merchants — Lachute Mills

This old custom of greeting one's friends with a cheery sentiment — we cannot pass it by. So here's a hearty Christmas greeting — to you — and you — and all our old acquaintances.

W. M. Scott
Main St. Monumental Masons Lachute

Health and Happiness! We cannot wish you more — for wealth, without either, would be a tasteless morsel. . . . . Our sincere Christmas Greetings.

R. McArthur & Son
Plumbers, Heating Experts 144 Main Street

Good wishes to all friends in Lachute and district, and our sincere thanks for their support. In the quality of our service and accessories, we assure keen consideration to the needs of car drivers in all seasons.

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J. Ed. Bourbonniere, Proprietor
Plymouth, Chrysler Service — Main Street, Lachute

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Reg. Courtien
Bakery Agent for Harrison Bros.' P.O.M.

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.

Roger Lamarche
Furniture, L'Islet Stoves & Ranges
Phone 313, Res. 319. Main Street

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.

Lachute Bakery
J. A. Menard, Prop. Phone 106

Season's Greetings — and sincere thanks to all my customers.
Souhaits de Noël — et sincères remerciements à tous mes clients.

Armand Raymond
Butcher West End

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.

Lachute Electro Mechanic Service
E. Boivin Water St. 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

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.

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Chatham Street Lachute Mills

From Argenteuil's Representative in the Quebec Legislature



Hon. Georges-E. Dansereau

Once again I take this occasion to express my good wishes . . . deeply conscious of the sorrow which shadows many of our homes this Christmas time . . . yet confident that the coming year will bring its recompense of Peace.

The agriculture and the industries of this County have labored on — contributing, in no spectacular way perhaps, but consistently and faithfully, to the production of supplies to achieve our ultimate victory. . . . All those engaged in the pursuit of these activities — those whose men and womenfolk are serving their country under arms — and those who, beyond their daily tasks, give time and labor to voluntary organizations in our war effort — I value them as friends and neighbors in this good old County.

Here at home, let us "carry on" — working together to suppress the enemies of decent, Christian living — working together for Peace and a brighter future.

Sincerely,
Your servant in the public interest,
GEORGES - E. DANSEREAU.

Une fois encore, je saisis l'occasion de formuler des voeux . . . sans oublier les foyers que l'épreuve a visités, je demeure confiant que l'année nouvelle nous apportera une paix réconfortante.

L'agriculture et les industries de ce comté, par un labeur persévérant ont apporté, sans éclat peut-être mais constamment et fidèlement, leur apport à la production des fournitures qui nous assureront la victoire ultime.

Tous ceux qui prêtent main-forte à cet effort, ceux qui ont des parents sous les armes, les services féminins de l'armée inclus, ceux qui en plus de leur tâche quotidienne donnent de leur temps et de leur travail aux différentes organisations bénévoles pour les oeuvres de guerre, tous ceux-là je suis fier de les réclamer comme des amis et des voisins dans notre comté d'Argenteuil.

Toûs chez-nous, demeurons à l'oeuvre, travaillons de concert à la défaite de l'ennemi de nos idéaux chrétiens et notre labeur en commun nous vaudra la Paix et un avenir meilleur.

Votre serviteur,
GEORGES - E. DANSEREAU.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

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 réjouissances 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
Sash & Door Factory BROWNSBURG Builders' Supplies

At the Year's End

MUCH HAS HAPPENED since last we extended Christmas Greetings to our readers, and as the Festive Season breaks upon us once more we are constrained to speak in hushed tone, for the great conflict that has been going on during the past five years, with its consequent death toll, hardly allows one the thought of festivity. To many, this Christmas will mean heart-ache; to some a happy re-union; and to others a wistful longing for the return of those who have been engaged in the great struggle for freedom.

The men and women of our active forces have assumed their responsibilities as Canadian citizens to the fullest degree. They have given up their home life, have endured the rigors of long months of training and the hardships of battle, in the full knowledge that it may be their lot to pay the supreme sacrifice. No sacrifice of ours can match theirs, but we too must bear our share of the responsibility which rests upon every citizen of a free country. And that responsibility is, first and foremost, to see that the future be so ordered that their sacrifice shall not have been in vain.

When Berlin falls and Hitler signs on the dotted line of unconditional surrender (which, God grant, may be soon) a great tidal wave of humanity will surge homeward. Not only the soldiers, but millions of civilians in Europe alone will return to war-devastated lands that once were home.

We are all hoping and trusting for peace, but our fighting forces dare not take Victory for granted until the enemy is completely beaten, and we must be ready to make any extra sacrifice or extra effort to make Victory possible.

TEN NAVY NURSES THE ONLY WOMEN ON ATTU ISLAND

Find Recreation on Remote Aleutian Island; Are Far Outnumbered by Men

Attu Island, Aleutians (CP) — The only women on this barren Island at the western end of the Aleutian chain are 10 United States Navy nurses who recently celebrated the first anniversary of their arrival with the observation that on the whole they didn't mind it a bit.

"We've been busy with the job we came here to do," said Lieut. (jg) Judy N. Wilson, of Clarkesford, Ind., the head nurse. "We have comfortable quarters and enough recreation, such as bowling, hiking and fishing to keep the days from being monotonous."

Men outnumber them thousands to one but a question concerning the social demands on the little group of nurses brought a frown from Miss Wilson. She said that even if they were the only women on the island, they were first there as navy officers and nurses.

The nurses, when they first arrived, adopted a rule of accepting only group social engagements. This united front policy was later relaxed to some extent and romance did edge in.

Lieut. (jg) Elaine Gallagher of Plainview, Minn., one of the original eight, and Lieut. (jg) Phil Brady of Shrewsbury and Red Bank, N.J., a Navy flier, announced their engagement last summer.

The 10 nurses have quarters in the navy hospital area on Massacre Bay, one of the points at which amphibious forces swarmed ashore in May, 1943 to wipe out Jap invaders in 20 days of some of the grimmest fighting of the war.

Only one white woman had lived on Attu before them. She was Mrs. Foster Jones, school teacher and wife of a weather station observer. She and her husband were on the island when it was invaded by the Japs and both are believed to be prisoners in Japan.

Erin Go Bragh

The scene is a muddy shell-hole in Holland, where the immortal twins, Pat and Mike, (now wearing the British uniform), after cursing Adolph Hitler, their sergeant and their sergeant-major, turn to the discussion of home politics. Says Pat:

"We missed the last election, Mike. D'ye think we'll be home for the next?"

"Sure, Pat, and why not? There's nothing like an election to make things interesting."

"An election's a grand thing," agreed Pat. "Lots of free fighting, free argument, free liquor, and free tobacco."

"And who would you be voting for at the next election?" asked Mike, as he wiped a gob of mud from his chin.

"Why, for De Valera, of course," replied Pat.

"But why vote again for De Valera?" asked Mike.

"Well, after all, didn't he keep us out of this damned uncomfortable war?"

— Owen McGillicuddy of the Toronto Globe and Mail

DOES HIS BIT

Portage la Prairie, Man. (CP) — William Ferris, pioneer farmer of the Holland district, celebrated his 97th birthday by purchasing a $1,000 Seventh Victory Loan bond. He has 11 grandsons in the armed forces, five of them overseas.

London — To save a matter of two years in production time, the Rolls Royce Merlin aeroplane engine has been adapted for use in the new British Cromwell tank. This land-version of the Merlin is the most powerful engine fitted to any British or American tank at present in production.

SLEEPLESS PROFESSOR

Vancouver (CP) — Professor J. A. Irving is looking for an ivory tower without a telephone. Some prankster put an ad in a paper under his name saying: "Modern three-room suite — completely furnished, washing machine, radio, etc." Needless to say, with the housing shortage what it is, the Professor's phone rang night and day.

Is There A Santa Claus?

Back in 1897 a queer letter came to the editorial desk at the old New York Sun. It was a simple query from a little girl who quite obviously had experienced the chill of disillusionment in her faith in Santa Claus, and wished the matter settled finally, positively.

The letter was turned over to Francis Pharcellus (Frank) Church to answer. And Church bristled and pooh-poohed . . . but he took the letter and turned with an air of resignation to his desk.

He did not know that all the weighty words that he had written would be forgotten, and that his claim to remembrance would rest on a simple message written in kindness to a troubled little girl.

This world-famous Santa Claus editorial has been reprinted in The Sun annually at Christmas time ever since, and has been quoted by hundreds of newspapers and in a score of languages. It should be read every year, and at times such as these when doubt and scepticism assail and trouble you. Here it is:

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We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor — I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

—Virginia O'Hanlon

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain, and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else more real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay ten times ten thousand years from now he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Tropical Christmas on The Islands in Hawaii

It's asking a lot to expect people born in temperate latitudes to get steamed up about Christmas in the tropics. But to children born on islands in the middle of the Pacific, Christmas is still — Christmas, writes Armine von Tempski in Cosmopolitan.

On the outlying islands in Hawaii, Christmas is carried in on horseback, and the jingle of paniolos' spurs replaces the imagined tinkle of Santa's merry sleigh bells. On Christmas eve some inner part of me waits and listens all night for the tramp of horses' hoofs, the ringing of spurs, rich Hawaiian voices singing above resonant guitars and gay ukuleles; for cowboy serenaders, riding from ranch to ranch.

Like cadenced meles, which put an everlasting spell upon you, memories of Christmases spent on the sixty-thousand-acre cattle ranch my father managed on the slopes of Haleakala, the extinct volcano on the island of Maui, persist with undying vividness. A fair number of persons, representing different races making up the sum total of humanity, participated in them. Americans, Hawaiians, Japanese, Chinese, Portugese and their crossings assembled under our roof on Christmas eve. Each group brought a flavor peculiarly its own to add to the Birthday of all birthdays.

Police Chief — What, you mean to say this fellow choked a women to death in a cabaret in front of 200 people and nobody interfered?

Cap — Yes, Chief. Everybody thought they were dancing.

Prime Minister Inspects Cromwell Tank



The Cromwell tank, which made its debut in Normandy, is one of the latest types of British Cruiser tank. It incorporates a 75 mm. gun and a high capacity British engine. It is proving a most reliable and effective addition to British armour on the western front. This picture was taken during a visit of Mr. Winston Churchill to British troops in Britain and shows the Prime Minister inspecting one of the new Cromwell tanks.

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Chewing-Gum in Sacred Precincts

To show something of how the towns of Southern England — the communities that have suffered most from bombing — have lived during the years of war, and how they accepted American occupation, we present an article by "one who was there", taken from "Local Government Service".

Although only a small urban district, our town is well known throughout Britain. Set in splendid isolation amidst glorious scenery on one of the best parts of the South Coast, it attracts in peace-time many holiday-makers, including visitors from the other side of the Atlantic.

Apart from the withdrawal of our young people to the Forces, and the stringency of rationing and other associated discomforts, war did not reach us to any serious extent for the first three years. A few holiday seekers still visited us, but were slowly replaced by men in uniform —A.A. gunners, sailors, and the R.A.F.

In 1942, and for many months afterwards, came our first big shocks in the form of tip and run raids, with resultant loss of life and widespread damage.

Our next surprise, which turned out to be a pleasant one, was the complete encircling and semi-occupation of the town by American troops. At first they were regarded with suspicion, for our residents have always jealously guarded the natural beauties and the privacy of their little town. The first few months of the "occupation" were a nightmare to the council and the officials, with reports pouring in of slight damage to fences, gates, houses, roads, and other property, and trivial complaints of actions by our visitors which did not please the residents, or which were contrary to our conservative English customs. Then the friendliness of our allies, coupled with their charming frankness, melted most hearts. Our young women teamed up with them, our children were shown generous hospitality, the residents turned blind eyes to the worn-out roads, the accumulation of cigarette packets and rubbish on our footways and open spaces, and chewing gum became the chief diet of the town.

The task of our surveyor was a heavy one. The first difficulties arose out of the heavy military and naval traffic on the roads, which in this town are narrow and winding and were never intended for such use. Holes appeared in them, and in the built-up areas some unmade highways became impassable even for pedestrians. Whole areas near the camps were transformed into seas of mud, and American bulldozers were brought to the rescue. After all obstacles had been cleared away, graders levelled the roads to an even surface — but without regard to manhole covers, gullies, hydrants, and sluice valve covers. These were all swept away, or covered over, and any exposed chambers were covered with earth. It is rumored that the surveyor spent Whit Monday looking for valves and hydrants.

Water presented another difficulty, since, in addition to the supplies needed for camps and requisitioned hotels and houses, big demands were made for the naval craft being assembled for the invasion. Consumption rose to four times its normal peace-time level, exceeding the capacity of the reservoir and mains, and at one time the level in the reservoir was only enough for a few more hours' constant supply. After urgent and frequent consultations between the council's officers and the American Navy, and a frantic economy appeal to the public, the situation was saved by the installation of a pump by the Americans.

Refuse collection and disposal created another headache. The amount of refuse and discarded goods placed outside American premises each day was colossal. Tidiness and war-time economy in food scraps and clothing could not be said to be American virtues. Just before the great day, the U.S. Forces had a spring clean, and trucks were queuing up to unload their cargoes on the council's refuse dump. There were wooden boxes of all sizes, lifebelts, helmets, respirators, boots, shirts, trousers, and clothing of every description. As soon as the word passed round of this rich hoard, members of the public, smarting under our English restrictions and rationing, launched an offensive in great strength. As each lorry tipped its load, they attacked, and the heap was turned over at surprising speed. The surveyor was brushed helplessly aside to view with mortification the stream of barrows and four-wheelers of all kinds, mostly manned by children armed with helmets, lifebelts, etc. Far into the night barrows filled with boxes to overflowing moved in and out, and on the surveyor's ears descended the music of hammer and saw as the boxes were transformed into chicken-runs, rabbit-hutches, or firewood.

The council and the officers gave assistance in many other directions to the American Forces — such as the formation of a scheme for one-way traffic for Service vehicles in the narrow streets, the clearing of quays, the release of requisitioned premises for Service use, and co-operation in civil defence matters. Public conveniences had to be demolished and new buildings erected to meet Service requirements. The town-planning experts have had to swallow their indignation at the temporary structures built for the occasion. The chief burden has been on the surveyor, while to the chief financial officer has fallen the lot of intricate calculation over compensation claims for damage, recovery of water charges, etc., and the clerk has dealt with legal problems arising and general co-ordinating work.

On the Sunday after "D-Day" I stood on the cliff edge overlooking the water, now deserted of its vessels, with the moorings, the only reminder of the past week. I could picture it as it was, filled with naval craft of all descriptions, and echoing with the friendly shouts and good humor of the Americans. Only a few days before, I had watched a baseball and a football game played with great vigor on the sands; now perhaps the same young men were assaulting other beaches with the same determination.

The town is strangely quiet and comparatively deserted, as though the war had vanished for the time being. But we know that we have played a humble part in the preparations for "D-Day," and we have been proud to be hosts in a small way to our American friends. We miss them; the clerk, who lives near the sea-front and has "enjoyed" the strains of "Pistol-Packing Mama" from the ships' gramophones cheerfully for many weeks at six in the morning, now complains that the silence is too much for him, and he cannot sleep!

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Let us have a — party —, Miss — said to her — children from —, who had — to visit her. All agreed with Miss — that that was a — idea, all but —, who said that a — party was a — idea and only for babies.

However Miss — set the table with —, and on it put — to make it bright, — napkins with — pictures, a — plant in bloom, some — tomatoes, roast — , — potatoes, — salad, scalloped —, jellied —, — jelly, — peaches, — cake and ice —.

"What a feast, Miss —!", the — said, when they had eaten all they — and perhaps more than they should. "We are so — filled up that we will scarcely be able to sing —". But they did, and when they went home Miss — gave them some — to — home to her — with her best wishes for a Merry —.

(See solution below)

The Star Still Shines

They walked by night and watched the shining star,
Its brightness gleaming 'gainst a blue-black sky
While angel anthems to the world proclaimed
He comes to earth, leaving His throne on high.
Today the skies are scanned by anxious men
Who see grim shapes of bombs and ships of war —
But still the ageless story we repeat
Of "peace on earth" when wars shall be no more.
For evermore Christ lives — is born again,
He shines to set the course of storm-tossed men.

—Dorothy Sproule

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Hints for Homebodies

By Jessie Allen Brown

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Christmas is an occasion that will be celebrated in all the Christian world even in war time. This year it cannot be a joyous occasion, but the children, at least, deserve a good Christmas. Each family should have their own Christmas traditions, their own particular way of doing things, the same way each year. When children grow up it is doubtful if they will remember the presents they received but they will remember with pleasure the family traditions in their home. If you happen to have had no special ways of doing things, then start them for yourself, for your children, your family, and your friends to remember.

FESTIVE TOUCH

A few Christmas decorations help along the festive spirit. Many may feel that it is a grim time to bother with such things. The boys who are away from home think longingly of Christmas as it was at home, and I believe they would like to feel that things were being done as usual. Evergreens are always a part of the Christmas decorations. A wreath for the door or even a spray tied with a gorgeous red bow for all the world to see is a good place to start. A bow of red oil-cloth stands up to the wintry weather. Candles are a part of the Christmas picture. For a mantel decoration nails may be driven in a length of flat board and the candles stuck on them. When the board is buried in greens the candles seem to rise from among them with no visible means of support. Bright colored balls are attractive in so many ways. Some of us may be lucky enough to have some left from pre-war years, and I have seen a few silver ones in the shops. Piled on a mirror they make an attractive table decoration. Fastened to a spray of evergreen and placed under a wall bracket they are very effective as the light adds to their gleam. It is nice to have your old decorations which have become a part of your Christmas traditions, but it is nice to add something and have something that is just a little different each year. After all, even Christmas can get in a rut.

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

This year there are many who are living in rooms or small apartments away from their usual homes, where a large Christmas tree simply would not fit. They can still have one though, made just to size. Get some evergreen boughs then take a pointed one of the height desired for the centre and place shorter ones around until it is thick and bushy. Tie it firmly in place and put in a jardeniere with a little water, and there you are with a little Christmas tree that will stay fresh until after New Year's.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Most of us like to have something just a little extra special for Christmas breakfast. Muffins and sausage are our choice. Time is too precious to spend much in preparation and I find this a very easy one to manage. The muffins and the sausages are popped into the oven and they cook in the same length of time and require no watching. The day before Christmas, I get the muffins ready for quick finishing. Instead of creaming the butter and sugar, I sift the sugar with the dry ingredients and then rub the shortening in as for biscuits. All that needs to be done in the morning is to add the beaten egg and milk, and mix. I even have the muffin tins buttered the day before, or else use paper ones. This is one time I sacrifice vitamins to expediency and I prepare the grapefruit the day before Christmas, putting the sections in a screw-top bottle and adding the sugar. Then in the morning it is quick work to put the sections back into the skins for serving. Usually we have guests for Christmas breakfast and we find it a bright spot in the day.

SUGAR COOKIES

½ Cup granulated sugar, ½ cup butter, 1 egg, ½ teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon cream of tartar, dash of salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1¼ cups pastry flour.

Cream the butter and sugar and add the beaten egg and vanilla. Sift in the dry ingredients and mix will. Chill, then roll as thin as possible on a floured board. Cut with various shaped cookie cutters and decorate as desired. Bake in a moderate oven of 350 degrees.

CREAM CHEESE TURNOVERS

⅓ Cup butter or shortening, ½ cup cream cheese, 2½ cups pastry flour, ½ teaspoon salt, ⅝ cup of water (about), tart jelly.

Sift the flour and salt, chop or rub in the shortening and cheese. Add enough cold water to make a firm dough. Chill for a short time. Roll out on a floured board to one-eighth inch thickness, cut into rounds about three inches in diameter. Place a small spoonful of tart jelly on each, fold over, press the edges together with a fork, and bake until brown in a hot oven of 375 degrees.

SOME STAR RECIPES FROM SANTA CLAUS

By Betty Barclay

Here are some special recipes from the gift bag of Santa Claus. Try them during the holiday season and you'll have delightful surprises.

Grape-Nuts Wheat-Meal Stuffing

2¼ Cups ¼-inch bread cubes, 4 tablespoons butter, 4 tablespoons minced onion, 1 tablespoon finely chopped celery leaves, 2 tablespoons chopped parsley, ½ teaspoon sage, 1 teaspoon salt, ⅛ teaspoon pepper, 1 cup thinly sliced celery, 1 cup wheat-meal, 1 egg, well beaten, ¼ cup hot water.

Toast bread cubes in slow oven until lightly browned and crisp. Melt butter in saucepan. Add onion, celery leaves, parsley, sage, salt, pepper, and celery; mix well. Combine with bread cubes and cereal. Add egg and water and toss together lightly with fork until thoroughly mixed. Makes enough stuffing for a 5-pound fowl.

Note: If more moist stuffing is desired, add more water.

To stuff a 14-pound turkey, increase recipe to 2½ times, using 2 eggs.

Holiday Pie

1 Box (16-oz.) quick frozen cooked squash, thawed, ¾ cup light brown sugar, firmly packed, ¼ cup granulated sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, ½ teaspoon ginger, ½ teaspoon nutmeg, ½ teaspoon salt, 2 eggs, slightly beaten, 1½ cups of milk, 2 teaspoons melted butter, ½ recipe pie crust.

Combine squash with remaining ingredients in order given; strain. Line a 9-inch pie plate with pastry rolled ⅛ inch thick, allowing pastry to extend 1 inch beyond edge. Fold edge back to form standing rim and flute with fingers. Fill with squash mixture. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) 20 minutes; then decrease heat to moderate (350°F.) and bake 30 minutes longer. Quick-frozen squash is cooked and pureed before quick-freezing seals in its farm-fresh flavor. It is delicious not only as a deluxe "pumpkin" pie filling, but also heated, seasoned with salt and pepper, and served as a vegetable.

Mincemeat Flakes Pudding

1 Package (9 ounces) mincemeat, ½ cup water, ½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed, 2 tablespoons flour, ¼ teaspoon cinnamon, 3 tablespoons butter, 1½ cups Grape-Nuts Flakes.

Break mincemeat with fork; add water and bring to a boil, stirring well. Turn into greased pan, 8x8x2-inches. Combine sugar, flour, and cinnamon. Cream butter, add sugar mixture, and blend. Mix with flakes. Crumble over top of mincemeat. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 20 minutes. Serve warm with plain or whipped cream. Serves 6 to 8.

ANSWER TO CHRISTMAS PARTY CONTEST

Filling in missing words all beginning with "C". — Example follows:

Let us have a Christmas party, children, Miss Cora said to her cousin's children from Cushing, who had come to visit her. All agreed that that would be a capital idea, all but Catherine who said that a Christmas party was a crazy idea and only for babies.

However, Miss Cora set the table with care and put on it candles to make it bright, cheery napkins with Christmas pictures, a cactus plant in bloom, some canned tomatoes, roast chicken, creamed potatoes, cabbage salad, scalloped carrots, jellied cranberries, crab-apple jelly, canned peaches, Christmas cake and ice cream.

"What a feast, Miss Cora!" the children said, when they had eaten all they could and perhaps more than they should. "We are so completely filled up that we will scarcely be able to sing carols." But they did, and when they went home Miss Cora gave them some cake to carry home to her cousin with her best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

SHE WORKED IN A FACTORY . . .

She worked in a factory,
But her soul spent happy hours
Where Nature's wandering witchery
Traced pathways 'mong the flowers.

It chuckled with the laughing brook
O'er pebbles and bright sands.
Altho' precision-balanced wheels
Were guided by her hands.

Above the din of turning lathes
And saw's protesting scream,
She sensed the beauty of the earth,
The thrill of life supreme.

She worked in a factory
But her soul was free as air
And the smile it printed on her face
Sweet, as an angel's prayer.

— Janet Pollock Graham
Cushing, Que.

Faulty Nutrition Proved Cause of Animal Deformities

New York, Dec 20, (CP) — A number of deformities in animals, due to lack of vitamins, are reported in Nutrition Review, a monthly publication of the Nutrition Foundation, Inc., New York City.

Some of these deformities are common in human beings, others not. Whether similar vitamin deficiencies account for any of the human deformities is not known. It should be noted that humans probably seldom or never are subjected to as severe vitamin deficiencies as cause the deformities reported in animals.

Pigs whose mothers lack vitamin A have been born without eyeballs, with harelips, with cleft palates, extra ears, misplaced kidneys and missing legs.

Cows fed poor quality roughages low in Vitamin A sometimes give birth to blind calves.

Hens on a diet lacking something unidentified in wheat germ, liver and whey, lay eggs which hatch into chickens with shortened skulls.

Deficiency of riboflavin, a B vitamin, causes reduced size in the embryos in eggs laid by hens with this deficiency.

Among rats, lack of riboflavin results in cleft palates, shortening of some bones, and fusion of fingers and toes.

SUGAR AND WATER STOPS FALL OF NEEDLES FROM THE CHRISTMAS TREE

It's easy to stop the fall of Christmas tree needles. Saw off a portion of the tree's base — enough so the fresh wood will be exposed. Set a shallow pan of water beneath the base of the tree, in which the base should be immersed. A teaspoonful of sugar should be added to the water. The water provides needed moisture and the sugar nourishes the needles, giving them strength to hold on longer.

NEW FACILITIES FOR WIVES AND BABES FROM OVERSEAS

Montreal — New facilities for the convenience of wives and children of Canadian sailors, soldiers and airmen overseas, coming to Canada and en route through Montreal, have been established by the Canadian National Railways at Bonaventure Station with the co-operation of the Red Cross. They include a nursery, a special rest room and a "welcome canteen".

The nursery, decorated in pink and blue, has been furnished with cribs, play-pens, high-chairs, rocking-horses and other toys, and tables for bathing and dressing the babies. The special rest room has four hospital beds, comfortable chairs, and bathing facilities. These rooms are in charge of members of the Voluntary Nursing Auxiliary Corps of the Red Cross, who care for the babies while the mothers go shopping, sightseeing, are resting or eating.

The welcome canteen has been set up in the Bonaventure Station dining room, which has not been in use since the opening of the new Central Station. The Red Cross supplies the food, and members of its Voluntary Food Administration Corps serve the meals. Special diets are prepared for the children.

The National System has operated 20 special trains since the arrival of the first party in April, 1943. During this time it has been host to 3,000 British war brides and their 1,500 children. The trains, referred to as "homes on wheels", even have clothes lines strung up for the babies' washings.

USE FLASHLIGHT TO TEST CHRISTMAS TREE BULBS

If you are doubtful about certain lamps in your Christmas tree string, here's an easy way to check for those that are burned out.

Remove the regular lamp from a flashlight torch. Then screw in the lights one at a time. While they will not burn brightly with such low current, they will glow if still good. Burned-out lamps will not glow at all.

LEAGUE APPROVAL GIVEN PRINCIPLE OF PRE-MARITAL EXAM

Montreal — The principle of pre-marital and pre-natal examination, including a Wasserman test, was reaffirmed in a resolution approved at the recent 25th annual meeting of the Health League of Canada.

In this connection it was decided by the League to open at once an educational campaign throughout Canada. The preamble to the resolution stated that it had been proven frequently that syphilis had been transmitted from one marriage partner to the other.

Regarding milk pasteurization, the League resolved to conduct a plebiscite of all medical practitioners in Canada to determine the proportion for and against provincial measures for the general pasteurization of milk throughout the nation. And, all governments will be asked to take measures to ensure clean milk from healthy herds before pasteurization.

It was pointed out that Ontario is the only province with a compulsory pasteurization law. The preamble to this resolution said that pasteurization of milk is approved and strongly recommended by medical faculties of all Canadian universities and that pasteurization offers invaluable protection against communicable diseases carried by raw milk.

Another resolution advocated a continuous educational program directed towards immunization against diphtheria and whooping cough, it being stated that the incidence of both is still far too high in the Dominion. It also was decided to call to the attention of the provinces the possibility of compulsory legislation in connection with one or both of these diseases.

ONE FOR RIPLEY

Troubled by a family of mice, our better seven-eighths resorted to the old mouse trap idea in order to rub out the family. Two mice were caught at the same time in one of the traps and this has been considered good enough to forward to that fellow Ripley.

— Deloraine (Man.) Times

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Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of "Peace on earth good-will to men".

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Now roll along
The unbroken song
Of "Peace on earth good-will to men."

Till ringing, singing, on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime,
Of "Peace on earth good-will to men."

But in despair I bowed my head,—
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of "Peace on earth good-will to men."

Then pealed the bells, more loud and deep,
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!
The Wrong shall fail, the Right prevail,
With "Peace on earth, good-will to men."

H. W. LONGFELLOW

"Glad Tidings"

There surely are good grounds for honest merriment even in a world torn asunder by the ravages of war. "When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law." Herein is the wonder and beauty of the purpose of Heaven toward men. This verily is an entrancing theme. It is good news, is it not? that can be flung to the four winds that blow, until December's chill may be made as pleasant as a sunlit summer. Its anthems resound across the wintry lands and echo where the flowers blossom.

"In Christ there is no East nor West,
In Him no South nor North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole round earth."

Christ knows no caste and no prescribed ranks. In recounting the preciousness and magnitude of Christmas blessings, it should be remembered they are bestowed on the basis of a human democracy. Heaven's glad tidings of great joy are for all people. Throughout the centuries, strenuous efforts have been made by man's perverseness to destroy the divine order by instituting and maintaining aristocracies. There was first the distinction of brute force. Then followed the extraordinary honors paid to prowess in war, to station, to blood, to wealth and to various traits of achievements supposed to denote superiority.

Christmas takes no note of these. It ignores titles, possessions and paraphernalia. It places all souls on a level for God's service. Its Gospel scorns even to discuss current standards by giving the Christmas precedence to humble shepherds, though lest this eminence should be unduly marked and unwarrantably applied, the wealthy Magi are next introduced into the forever sacred narrative.

Whole nations, peoples of all creeds and tongues feel the compulsions of Christmas time. Commerce is jostled by it. Industry is regulated by it. Great forests yield it allegience. Families broken by death are reunited in sacred memories and families yet unbroken are drawn to Christmas reunions from the far circles of the earth. Banks, armies, post offices, universities, prisons, railways are obedient in its sway.

It is a fitting time to pause and think of the children of the bombed-out areas of England and the children in Europe whose playgrounds are among the charred and broken ruins. It is a time to think of our own children, of the friends that love us. It is a time to bury dislikes and enmities and to open the heart's door to let the Christ Child in. The Infant, meanly wrapped in the crude manger, is the focus of history and experience. His birth marks the departure of an old order that made room for hatred, violence, oppression, savagery, slavery and war. His birthday is a universal fete-day, the king of festivals. No burden of care or grief, no experience of catastrophic world disaster, no newly made grave can wholly shut out its sunshine. The glory of His name increases, and now after two thousand years the nations pause to do Him honor. The birthday of Jesus comes whether men laugh or sob, not to mock, but to bring glad tidings to a needy world. Only one cloud can obstruct its splendour, and that is the cloud of sin.

It is eminently fitting that all who name His holy name should celebrate Christmas following hard after the star-led wizards of the Eastern Road to lay their gifts and incense at His blessed feet; to join their voices to the angel choir, singing glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will. — Selected

Smiles and Sorrows in the Year's Recollections

Highlights of the Local News — From Fyles of The Watchman

Jan. 13 — 180 Blood donations taken at third blood donor clinic held in Lauhute.

Jan. 20 — Elevated crane at Dominion Shuttle Company crashes 45 feet, injuring operator.

Jan. 27 — In the 12 months since January 1943, Lachute Fire Department had not laid a single foot of hose in anything except practice operations. Just 18 hours short of the all-year record, the fire brigade went into action January 21 at an outbreak on Bedard Blvd.

Jan. 27 — Kilmar School razed by fire.

Jan. 27 — Dr. R. A. Dumais elected councillor in centre ward; Aldermen O. Laurin, A. Bothwell and W. Morrissette re-elected.

Feb. 3 — Recreation Hall closed at Brownsburg.

Jan. 27 — Presentations to the Rev. B. J. Thorpe, Anglican rector, on leaving parish to join the Army chaplain service.

Feb. 3 — Senator Arthur Sauvé died at St. Hermas.

Feb. 10 — Six Wilson brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, North River, now in the armed forces, five overseas.

Feb. 24 — Brownsburg employees win highest award in C-I-L No-Accident Plan.

March 2 — Council grants recommendation to Intercity Airlines Ltd. to operate helicopter service in Lachute.

March 9 — Grenville C.P.R. station destroyed by fire.

March 9 — Two-year-old child, Diane Copeland, Lachute, victim of poisoning mishap.

March 16 — Hon G. E. Dansereau, Minister of Public Works, officially named Minister of Roads to succeed Hon. T. D. Bouchard.

March 23 — Lachute first among "Class D" municipalities (up to 5,000 population) in Fire Prevention Week activities. Record of Merit awarded.

March 23 — Sum of $5,882.98 subscribed in Lachute district Red Cross drive. Objective $5,540.

March 30 — Civic reception for Hon. G. E. Dansereau held at Lachute Auditorium.

April 6 — 15 'Teen-age boys arraigned before Justice of the Peace in connection with robberies at Geo. Staniforth's sugar camp.

April 13 — Donation of original oil paintings received by Carillon Museum, the gift of Mrs. Edith M. Seipp, New York.

April 20 — 187 Blood donations given at fourth blood donor clinic here.

April 20 — Fierce blaze destroys Brownsburg business centre; estimates of loss range from $200,000 to $300,000.

May 11 — Drowning verdict given in the death of Lillian R. Crozier, Ottawa, whose body was found in the Ottawa River at Pte. Fortune.

May 18 — C.W.A.C. Day staged in Lachute.

May 18 — Major Paul Triquet, V.C., spending a brief visit in these parts.

May 18 — Rev. C. R. Lang, new rector, inducted into Anglican parish.

June 1 — Annual convention of County Women's Institute held here. Mrs. N. E. Smillie elected new president.

June 1 — 14% Over-subscription in Sixth Victory Loan campaign for this county. Objective $1,195,000.

June 8 — Successful barn rally held by Ayrshire men at East Settlement.

June 22 — Results of annual Spring Fair highly encouraging; some records established.

June 22 — Election of Mayor and Councillors at Morin Heights, contested in court, is upheld and declared legal by judgment of District Magistrate.

June 29 — Launching of corvette, H.M.C.S. "Lachute", at Quebec on June 24 attended by representatives of this town.

July 6 — 67-Year-old Montrealer, Frank Charlton, drowned at Long Lake, Lakefield.

July 6 — 196 "Bloods" taken at Lachute's fifth clinic.

July 13 — 61-Year-old Joseph Dubord decapitated by C.P.R. freight train near Calumet.

July 13 — Wm. Chas. Louttit, assistant manager of C-I-L Plastics plant, Brownsburg, succumbs to burns received in accident.

July 13 — W. M. Cottingham, Dr. F. W. FitzGerald newly elected members of Protestant School Board. . . . E. K. Wilson later appointed chairman, successor to Geo. Y. Deacon.

July 20 — LAC. Geo. W. Stroud, Hamilton, aged 23, drowned at Lake Hughes, Lakefield, while on 48-hour leave from Air Force.

July 20 — $200,000 Fire burns church and school at Alfred, Ontario.

Aug. 3 — Rate reduction to consumers put into effect by Gatineau Power Co.

Aug. 10 — Florence Beland, 22, and Diane Houle, 22, of Montreal, victims of double drowning tragedy at Lake Dauphin, near Dalesville.

Aug. 10 — Hon. G. E. Dansereau (Lib.) re-elected to Quebec Legislature, defeating Joseph Belanger (U.N.) and Gaston Laurier (Bloc Populaire).

Aug. 17 — Heavy loss by fire at farm buildings of Fred Allmen, Carillon.

Aug. 17 — Two-house blaze at Grece's Point, caused by kerosene stove.

Aug. 24 — Rev. T. J. H. Rich leaves Baptist charge of Brownsburg, Chatham W. and Grenville.

Aug. 24 — Death of 31-year-old Hugh Miller, wounded Dieppe veteran, in shooting affray at Lost River, causes stir through countryside.

Aug. 31 — Conference of Anglican clergy held at Beaven Lake, Arundel.

Sep. 7 — Town Council passes measure to acquire Hammond mill property and water rights.

Sep. 7 — First Red-and-White show held by local Ayrshire men, at Ste. Scholastique.

Sep. 14 — Hector Archie Boyd, 17, drowned in North River near Dawson's Mill.

Sep. 14 — Agriculture course inaugurated at Lachute High School.

Sep. 28 — Highest number of donations to date — 216 — at sixth blood clinic September 21.

Sep. 28 — Group of 25 U.N.R.R.A. delegates, attending conference in Montreal, visit dairy farms in this area.

Sep. 28 — 125th Anniversary observance held at Christ Church, St. Andrews East.

Sep. 28 — Fourth annual invitation tournament at Lachute Golf Club drew high ranking pro and amateur golfers.

Sep. 28 — District schools represented in Laurentian Interscholastic Sports at exhibition grounds.

Oct. 5 — Brownsburg Village Corporation loses lawsuit to J. A. Auclair, contractor; assessed $5,000 damages.

Oct. 5 — Criminal Assizes opened August 3 at St. Jerome.

Oct. 5 — Lachute Lions Club observes tenth anniversary.

Oct. 12 — $1,200 Robbery by safecrackers at premises of Lachute Creamery Ltd.

Oct. 19 — Boys' and girls' calf club show held at exhibition grounds.

Oct. 19 — Willing helpers speed distribution of new ration books in all county centres.

Oct. 19 — Council grants permit for erection of fuel oil tanks in west ward.

Oct. 19 — 103rd Anniversary of congregation observed at Brownsburg United Church.

Oct. 26 — Semi-annual convention of Argenteuil Women's Institutes held at Local High School.

Nov. 2 — Thieves lift $1,200 from safe of Lachute Lumber Company on Chatham Street.

Nov. 2 — Accidental death verdict in drowning of Napoleon Lanthier in canal at Grenville.

Nov. 9 — Officers and crew of H.M.C.S. "Lachute" entertain friends at commissioning party in Quebec City.

Nov. 9 — Old Crozier property, Main Street landmark, sold as prospective business site.

Nov. 16 — Shipwright Geo. E. Duncan, one of six brothers serving in the forces, receives mention in dispatches.

Nov. 16 — County of Argenteuil subscribes 111.6% of $1,270,000 objective in Seventh Victory Loan campaign.

Nov. 23 — Legion branch No. 70 makes representations to Ottawa on overseas service.

Nov. 30 — Citizens' Rehabilitation Committees organized in Brownsburg and Lachute to assist returning service personnel.

Nov. 20 — Geo. Earl Dorion, 13-year-old youth, drowned in skating mishap on North River, November 28.

Dec. 7 — Acquittal for E. E. Brunelle, charged with manslaughter in shooting of Dieppe veteran at Lost River.

Dec. 7 — Calumet farmer, Philip Garland, 52, found frozen in snow near his home.

Dec. 7 — Alexander J. Campbell, early Argenteuil settler and later resident of Glengarry County, died at Maxville at the age of 105.

They Gave Their Lives

(Deaths on Active Service reported during 1944)

ANDERSON, Sgt. Norman, R.C.A.F., of Lachute — reported missing December 4, 1943, later "presumed dead".

DREW, F-O Chas. Cyril (Air Force Cross), R.C.A.F., of Lachute — died April 13.

MURDOCH, Sgt. William McKenzie, R.C.A.F., of Brownsburg — killed in February.

DORION, Pte. Lester, of St. Andrews East — killed May 26.

ROBERTS, Pte. Alvin Chas., Black Watch (R.H.R.), of Brownsburg — killed July 28 in Normandy.

BENNETT, Pte. R. L. Borden, Black Watch, of Weir — killed July 25 in France.

MAY, Cpl. Hector (Black Watch), of Montreal and Arundel — killed in France, month of July.

GALL, Lt. Hugh, Black Watch, of Montreal and Lachute — killed August 22 in France.

FISH, Sgt. Garth, Black Watch, of Montreal and Dunany — killed in France, during July.

WARD, Pte. Russell, of Lachute — died July 25 in France.

CRUISE, Pte. Lloyd, Black Watch, of Lachute — killed July 25 in France.

MacVICAR, Flt. Sgt. Donald Irwin, R.C.A.F., of Lachine, formerly of Lachute — killed July 29.

STRONG, LAC. Wm. G. M., R.C.A.F., of Montreal and Mille Isles — (Uplands Ont., killed accidentally September 6).

DAVIS, Wesley, son of Mrs. Wm. Davis, Arundel.

McCALLUM, Maj. Douglas, R.C.E., of Montreal and Ottawa, son of Mrs. D. Ernest Cooke, Beech Ridge.

RIDDELL, Cpl. Gerald, Duke of York's Hussars, of Lachute — killed August 24 in France.

BELAIR, Cpl. Gaetan, Chaudiere Regt., of Lachute — killed during August.

JONES, Cpl. William D., Princess Louise Dragoons, of Montreal, formerly of Thos'. Gore — died September 1 in France.

NICOLL, Pte. Harold M., 1st. Royal Regt., of Lachute — killed August 29 in France.

FOX, Pte. Evan, of Harrington — killed September 2 in Italy.

BELANGER, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Belanger, Brownsburg — killed overseas in October.

TOWNSEND, Pte. Warren E., R.C.E., of Chatham Twp. — killed October 6 in France.

BARRON, Pte. Wm. Patrick, Hastings and Prince Edward, formerly of Grenville — killed August 28.

CRAIG, Tpr. Norman Roy, Canadian Armoured Corps, of Arundel — killed October 15 in Holland.

COUSINS, Spr. Clifford, R.C.E., of Rawcliffe — died October 16 in France.

GREIG, Pte. Wm., Black Watch, of Grece's Point — killed in France, month of October.

POULIN, Sgt. Jules, Maisonneuve Regt., of Lachute — died October 7 in Holland.

Honorable Mention

WHITE — (Feb. 3) Charles White, Cushing, celebrated his 91st birthday last week.

McOUAT — David McOuat, of Brownsburg, 93 years old on February 9.

MORRIS — Mr. and Mrs. James Morris, Lachute, 50 years married on February 27.

BEDARD — Mrs. Jos. A. Bedard, Lachute, 94th birthday on March 10.

GUNN — Mrs. John Gunn, Mount Maple, 96 years of age March 18.

WILLIAMS — Golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Williams, Arundel, on May 16.

WALFORD — Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walford, of Montreal and Cushing, 50 years married on June 5.

PAQUETTE — Mr. and Mrs. George F. Paquette wed at Dunany 50 years ago May 11.

MOUNT — Rev. and Mrs. Allan Edgar Mount, Lakefield, celebrated golden wedding July 23.

ARTHURS — Mrs. Joseph Arthurs, Sr., celebrated her 97th birthday at Avoca, September 14.

THOMPSON — Mrs. William Thompson, Arundel, believed oldest resident of Argenteuil, 98 years old on October 12.

BARCLAY — Mrs. Geo. A. Barclay, Pte. Fortune, 91 years old September 30.

DAVIDSON (Oct. 12) Mr. and Mrs. William Davidson, Grenville, recently celebrated 60th anniversary of their marriage.

AERIAL RESOURCES

Edmonton (CP) — Existence of a parachute search and rescue division for operation over the R.C.A.F.'s northwest staging route between Edmonton and Whitehorse, Y.T., was announced by the Northwest Air Command, the only unit of its kind in the air force. The "para-searchers" are specially trained in first aid and are equipped to administer blood plasma.

LEFT CALLING CARD

Toronto (CP) — It didn't take any Sherlock Holmes to figure this one out. Toronto police were called to a Toronto home from which a diamond ring, wedding ring, wrist watch and bracelet had been stolen. They found the clue of all clues — the thief had dropped a card with his name, address and telephone number. The rest was simple.

Traveller's Tale

Anyone familiar with the difficulties of travel in wartime and the confusion a person is likely to meet in getting the right train or bus in a seething terminal, will appreciate an incident that happened recently in Washington. Servicemen, whose government-ordained travel is augmented by feverish attempts to get home on occasional leave, should be particularly touched.

Two young American soldiers boarded a bus which carries commuters out of the U.S. capital to surrounding communities. They sat near a very attractive young lady, obviously alone. She happened to be a former Montrealer now working in Washington. Shortly after the bus passed the city limits one of the soldiers slipped quietly into the seat beside her. He smiled and asked where she was from. "I come from Canada," she replied.

"Holy smoke!" he exploded, jumping up and grabbing his buddy by the arm. "We got the wrong bus!"

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Church Services

ST. SIMEON'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Rev. C. R. Lang, L.Th., Rector
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Sunday, Dec. 24th, 1944
Sunday School, 9.45 a.m.
11 a.m. Morning prayer.
11.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
(Midnight Service)

MARGARET RODGER MEM'L PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
"Shineth Still the Everlasting Light"
3.00 p.m. Brownsburg.
7 p.m. "The Second Mile — "A Christmas Meditation"

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. H. Charlton
10.00 a.m. Bible School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Service.
7.00 p.m. Evening Worship.
Prayer Meeting, Wed., at 8.00 p.m.

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. Evening Worship.
"O little town of Bethlehem"
Special Christmas music will be rendered by the choir at both services.
11.00 a.m. East Settlement.

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

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

Bible School	10.00 a.m.
Church	11.00 a.m.
Prayer, Thursday	8.00 p.m.

Christmas services and special music at both churches Sunday.
DALESVILLE

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

Bible School Christmas gathering Friday, (tomorrow), at 8 p.m.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CRURCH, BROWNSBURG
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Speaker, Mr. F. S. Hoskin, of Montreal.
No evening service.

LAKEFIELD SERVICES
Rev. C. W. P. Baugh, Rector
Sunday, December 24
Morin Heights, 10.30 a.m.
Baptism, 11.30 a.m.
Mille Isles, 2.30 p.m.
Lakefield, 7.30 p.m.
Christmas Day
Lakefield, 10.30 a.m.
Louisa, 3 p.m.
Dunany, 7 p.m.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES

Annual Ceremony Observed by C.G.I.T.

Christmas Season Inaugurated at Lachute United Church with Candle-lighting Service

The season of Christmas as expressed in the service of dedication by the Lachute group of the Canadian Girls in Training, was beautifully observed in the traditional candle-lighting service, held at Lachute United Church on Sunday evening last. A large congregation was present to share in the service.

The senior and intermediate groups of the C.G.I.T., under the leadership of Miss Yvonne Bedard and Miss Mae Gordon, respectively, gave a splendid example of the training of these girls in Christian culture, which is the basis of this Canada-wide organization.

The girls' choir led the singing of Christmas carols, and during the offertory rendered an anthem, "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child". The scripture lessons were read by Miss Glenys Bradford and Miss Catherine Gauley, and the announcements were given by Miss Betty Brown.

Following the custom of previous years, an appropriate story, entitled "The Christmas Guest", was read by Miss Joan Percival, who told the narrative with splendid enunciation and expression.

Prior to the candle-lighting ceremony, the group publicly dedicated themselves to the ideals of the C.G.I.T. by quoting the "Purpose" of their organization, as follows:

"As a Canadian Girl in Training, under the leadership of Jesus Christ, it is my purpose to
Cherish Health
Seek Truth
Know God
Serve Others
and thus, with His help, become the girl God would have me be."

The leaders then started the chain of candle-lighting, as the group spread out on both sides of the church and passed the symbolic "Light of the World" from one member to the other. During this ceremony, an appropriate effect was added, in the focussing of a spotlight upon the beautiful stained glass window illustrating "The Light".

The church organist, Miss Ruth Todd, played for the service, and Christmas melodies were offered for the prelude and postlude.

Activities in B'burg United Church

Brownsburg — Pre-Christmas services were held last Sunday at the United Church. A brief song-alogue of carols by the choir prefaced the morning service. This feature will be observed again next Sunday morning. The evening service was under the auspices of the Young People's Union. The president, T. Carpenter, conducted the service, and was assisted by Pte. Clifford Louttit, who led in prayer, and Sgt. Stephen Pike, who read the scripture lesson. Mr. Arthur Watson, a student from the United College, Montreal, the guest speaker, took as his topic "The Challenge of Giving." Mr. Watson made a fine appeal to the young folk, and all others, to go beyond material gifts and "give ourselves, our fellowship, our Christian fellowship, in our sad, confused and torn world. . . .

"Not what we give but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare.
He who gives himself feeds three —
Himself, his hungry neighbor, and ME.

"— This was the challenge as coming from the Master of men. Why should we be unlike our brothers and sisters in Arms, who are not thinking their lives dear unto them, only to the service of giving for Freedom, Truth, Honor and Christian civilization. Our giving must be with Love, Hope and Courage. We must have iron in our blood to go out and pull down the resistance of those who have not yet found the Christ Child, thus giving ourselves to the task" . . . Mr. Watson brought greetings from the Union of the Montreal Presbytery as well as St. Luke's United Church Union, of which he is a member.

The Y.P.U. continued its pre-Christmas gatherings on Monday evening, the closing for the Christmas and New Year season, when Mr. McCutcheon, of Lachute High School, was the guest speaker. Mr. McCutcheon gave a very instructive address on Bee-Keeping, bringing in the principles of organization and co-operation which may be so aptly applied to the human side of life. A social hour followed when games were played and refreshments served.

Next Sunday evening members of the Union will, as in former years, visit various homes for carol singing, following the evening service at 8.30 o'clock.

Christmas Services At Brownsburg

Brownsburg — The Young People's Unions of both the United and Maple Avenue Baptist Churches will join in the Watch-Night service at 11 p.m. in the Maple Avenue Baptist Church. Last year this service was held in the United Church.

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A carol service will be held in the United Church next Sunday evening commencing at 7.30 o'clock, when the various organizations of the church will participate.

St. Andrews East

Our sympathy is extended to the relatives of Mrs. Brown L. Yorke who passed away on Friday, December 15. She was the mother of Dr. J. W. B. Yorke and Mr. Leighton Yorke, and the sister of Mrs. E. L. Larmonth.

On Sunday evening, December 24, the Rev. W. MacMillan, D.D., will conduct a Christmas service in the United Church.

Calumet

Mrs. T. G. Foreman, who has been spending the last four months in Winnipeg, returned home this week, having spent a few days in Port Arthur on her way home, where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Eames Foreman.

Miss Iris Ammond, of Montreal, visited at the home of Mr. W. E. Brigden for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas and small daughter, Linda, of St. Philippe, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Druce.

Mr. Stephen Brigden has been discharged from the R.C.A.F. and is now at his home here.

Mrs. R. C. Whinfield and little daughter, Rosemary, spent a few days in Montreal last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Murphy and little sons, Jeffrey and Graham, spent Tuesday in Montreal.

Master Jeremy Druce entertained his little friends last Friday, on the occasion of his second birthday.

Mrs. H. Jones entertained a few friends last Wednesdoy.

The Badminton Club reopened last week in Mr. Reeves' hall. The playing nights are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

FIREMEN'S BALL, FRIDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 29th.

Friday night, December 29, is the occasion of the Firemen's 23rd Annual Ball — highlight of the community's social gatherings. Plan to attend, and meet your friends from far and near. Lowe's Orchestra, favors, fun and the usual good time.

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Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

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In Brownsburg

Specially contributed to The Watchman

(Continued from page 1)

Here and There

Turkeys are selling around the district at 40 cents a pound dressed. Some sellers are asking 50 cents, while still others win them at 25 cents a time! The Christmas spirit is very scarce, or very dear — or both. The taverns are bare of beer or vice versa. It might be a dry Christmas; it won't be a green Christmas; let's hope your Christmas will be a happy and peaceful Christmas. If you have forgotten the boys overseas, say a prayer for them on Christmas morning, won't you? And remember, a parcel for the New Year will be just as welcome as the one you didn't get round to sending for Christmas.

A woman was knocked down by a car coming from church on Sunday. No, she wasn't injured.

The kids are asking a dollar for a Christmas tree; the prices are going up and the trees are coming down.

LADY RESIDENT DIES AT AVOCA

Late Mrs. Horace Bates

The funeral of the late Minnie Proudfoot, beloved wife of Horace Bates, of Avoca, was held from her late home to St. Andrew's United Church, Avoca, on Friday afternoon, December 8.

Mrs. Bates had been unwell for some time, but was apparently recovering satisfactorily and able to carry on her home work and other community interests. However, on the Wednesday evening when playing a game with the children, she was stricken and in a few minutes succumbed. She was in her 49th year.

The funeral service was conducted Friday afternoon by the Rev. S. J. Pike, of Brownsburg, and was largely attended despite inclement weather and bad roads. Interment was made in the Avoca cemetery.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the husband and family.

CITIZEN MOURNED IN HARRINGTON

Late Roderick McCulloch

Harrington lost an honored and valuable citizen in the passing of Roderick McCulloch, whose funeral took place on Friday last from his late residence to the Lost River cemetery.

Mr. McCulloch had been in failing health for some time. Of late, however, he was able to be around — up to within a few days of his death which occurred Wednesday morning, at the age of 77 years.

The funeral service was held on Friday afternoon, the Rev. S. J. Pike, of Brownsburg, officiating. Favorite hymns were sung.

Pall-bearers were four of his sons, Duncan, Murray, Perley and Roland; J. D. Shaw, a nephew, and John Dobbie. Interment was in the cemetery at Lost River.

The community extends its sympathy to his wife and family in their bereavement.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss J. Sproule, of Vankleek Hill, is visiting with Miss Bessie McOuat, Lachute Mills.

Miss Mae Elizabeth Parker, of Outremont, was the week-end guest of Mrs. J. D. Campbell.

Mr. Wm. Painter has left to visit his daughter, Mrs. C. Finnimore, at Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mrs. Maxwell C. Montgomery, of Rome, N.Y., is spending a few weeks visiting with her sister, Mrs. W. M. Hooper and Dr. Hooper.

Mr. Fred Walker, of Jonquiere, Que., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Robert McGibbon and Mr. McGibbon, and friends here.

Mrs. Boyd, of Dunany, was the guest of her son, Mr. Nat Boyd and Mrs. Boyd, for a few days this week.

Miss Katie Read spent Sunday with relatives in Montreal.

Miss Lila Giles is leaving to spend the Christmas holiday with her brother in Ottawa.

Mr. Douglas McOuat, of Montreal, spent Tuesday here on business.

Wren Jean Millett, of Ottawa, was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Leggett.

Major W. S. Jones, Royal Rifles of Canada, is spending a short leave with his family in Brownsburg and parents in Lachute.

Mrs. W. H. Heustin and infant son, Ian, of Hopewell, N.S., are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Walker.

Mrs. James MacConnachie and son, Bobby, of Vancouver, B.C., are visiting with the former's mother, Mrs. James Morrison.

LAC. Douglas MacLean, of the R.C.A.F. at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan MacLean.

Sto. Bernard Jenkins, R.C.N.V.R. of Halifax, N.S., is spending the Christmas leave with his wife at their home in Lachute.

Mr. Robt. S. MacArthur left this morning to spend the holiday Christmas season with his son, Robert, at Georgetown, Ont. Mrs. MacArthur, Sr., and daughter, of Montreal, are already visiting at Georgetown, where the family will enjoy a Christmas re-union.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

BIRTHS

BRANEY — At the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on Sunday, December 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Braney (née Leola Belanger), a daughter, both well.

ROBERTSON — At Lachute, Que., December 18, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson, a daughter, Margaret Jean.

MARRIAGE

DIXON-McOUAT — Mr. and Mrs. A. Erskine McOuat, of "Maple Grove," Brownsburg, Que., announce the marriage of their daughter Lillian Robson, to Sgt. Douglas Albert Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dixon, of Brownsburg, on Monday, December 18, 1944, the Rev. S. J. Pike officiating.

DEATH

MACKRITH — At the Royal Victoria Hospital, December 18, 1944, John Ernest Mackrith, age 58 years. Funeral held Wednesday, December 20, from St. Simeon's Church, Lachute.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

MacCULLOUGH — Mrs. Roderick MacCullough and family wish to thank all relatives and friends for sympathy shown during their recent bereavement, also to the Canadian Refractories Limited at Kilmar, Mr. Delbert MacTavish and friends at Lost River, Que.

TOUCHETTE — The family of the late Mr. David Touchette wish to thank their many friends and relatives for sympathy and kindnesses extended in their recent bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM

SUGARS — In loving remembrance of a dear husband, Kenneth Sugars, who passed away December 25, 1943. — Ever remembered by his wife, Mildred.
"God must have a beautiful garden,
For He always takes the best."

(In Memoriam Notices also on page 10.)

It is men of faith who have saved the world, not men of knowledge.
— Sir Wilfred Grenfell

REX
FRI., SAT., DEC., 22-23
JOEL McCREA, BETTY FIELD,
THE GREAT MOMENT
Leo Gorcey, Huntz Hall,
Gabriel Dell and Billy Benedict in
FOLLOW THE LEADER
"FOX NEWS OF THE DAY"
SUN., MON., DEC. 24-25
EDDIE CANTOR
JOAN DAVIS in
SHOW BUSINESS
Richard Arlen, Jean Parker
ALASKA HIGHWAY
WHAT'S BUZZIN' BUZZAR?
TUES., WED., THURS.
DEC. 26-27-28
SPENCER TRACY
IRENE DUNNE
A GUY NAMED JOE
Also: AN ALL-STAR CAST IN
ROMANCING ALONG
"THREE SMART GUYS"

CAPITOL
THURS., FRI., SAT., DEC. 21-22-23
George Murphy,
Ginny Simms and
Charles Winninger in
Edgar Barrier,
Stephanie Bachelor and
C Aubrey Smith in
SECRETS OF SCOTLAND YARD
PARAMOUNT NEWS
SUN., MON., TUES., DEC. 24-25-26
Ed Bracken, Ella Raines
HAIL THE CONQUERING HERO
Sidney Toler,
Frances Chan in
BLACK MAGIC
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A POOR EXCUSE

(Guelph Mercury)

Poor sermons may furnish the excuse for many (who do not go to church), but a poor one is better than none at all. There are many attractions in this modern age that lure folk away from worship. This is one of the problems of the modern church, and the cause may prove to be more closely identified with the pew than with the pulpit.

In Memoriam

BARKER — In fond and loving memory of dear mother, who passed away December 18, 1937.—Ever remembered by Myrtle and Victor.
"Beautiful memories are all that are left
Of one we loved and shall never forget."

MacGILLIVRAY—In loving memory of our dear mother, who passed away December 21, 1943. — — Ever remembered by Willie and Grace.
"One year has passed, dear mother,
Since that dark and dreary day,
Since Jesus came and took you
To a home so far away.
No one will ever know the pain
That hides within our hearts
But we hope some day to meet again
Where we'll never have to part."

O'BRIEN — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, James O'Brien, who passed away on December 27, 1941. — Ever remembered by his wife and family.
"Three years ago you left us.
How we miss your loving face,
But you left us to remember
None on earth could fill your place."

PERKS — In loving memory of Beatrice Mable, who died December 19, 1937, in her 21st year. — Inserted by "The Family".

"I'll lend you for a little time a child of Mine", he said,
For you to love the while she lives, and mourn for when she's dead;
It may be six or seven years, or twenty-two or three,
But will you, till I call her back, take care of her for Me?
She'll bring her charms to gladden you, and shall her stay be brief,
You'll have her lovely memories as a solace for your grief.

"I cannot promise she will stay, since all from earth return,
But there are lessons taught down there I want this child to learn.
I've looked the wide world over in My search for teachers true
And from the throngs that crowd life's lane I have selected you.
Now will you give her all your love, nor think the labor vain,
Nor hate Me when I come to call to take her back again?"

I fancied that I heard them say, "Dear Lord, Thy will be done!
For all the joy Thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run.
We'll shelter her with tenderness, we'll love her while we may,
And for the happiness we've known, forever grateful stay;
And shall the Angels call for her much sooner than we've planned,
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand."

YOUNG — In loving memory of a dear wee son and brother, Delmar, aged 19 months, who died November 29, 1939. Ever remembered by his mother, father and little sisters.
"Sadly we miss him and try not to grieve,
A little while longer and we too must leave,
To meet him again on that beautiful shore
Where parting's unknown and life ever more."

RED CROSS SOCIETY TAKES ON 'OTHER PEOPLE'S TROUBLES'

In the overseas office of the Canadian Red Cross the old adage about "not borrowing trouble" is being disproved every day — and with very happy results.

The people whose great delight it is to take over the troubles of others are the women who work in the Canadian Red Cross relief and welfare department.

One of their main concerns is the happiness of British wives of Canadian soldiers. To date more than 5,500 cases involving these "new Canadians" have been handled.

Types of cases vary. A mother needs a layette for her baby. A bride wants to follow her husband when he is posted back to Canada. A wife's allowance has stopped. . . why? A child's mother has been killed and the father is overseas. Who will look after it?

Such are the problems which come to the Red Cross every day. And here is how they are dealt with.

When clothing is wanted — 98% of the cases have been given clothing — the welfare department workers head for their big stockrooms in the overseas headquarters building. Here they sort and size garments and make up parcels according to coupon values. A layette is ready for every Canadian baby born here, but sometimes infants' clothes are not needed. In such cases a gift of clothing is sent when the child is older.

When investigation is required, as happens when allowances stop, the Red Cross channels the information through to the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association or to Canadian Military Headquarters, and follows the case through until the solution is reached.

The way is smoothed for wives going to Canada and they are looked after in Canadian Red Cross clubs if they stop in London en route.

Another service done by this department is to arrange to get hospital rooms for confinements. Homes are also found for orphaned children of Canadian soldiers.

But it isn't only the women who bring problems to the Red Cross. Canadian soldiers in hospitals, overseas, and in Canada, write to ask for help. During the buzz bomb blitz the department received hundreds of requests from men wanting to make sure their wives and families were safe. Wives evacuated from the south were traced "all over England."

RUNS IN THE FAMILY

Ottawa (CP) — If medals were given for hitch-hiking, pretty Bernice Reynolds, 17, and and her brother, John, would probably win them. For almost five years Bernice has hitch-hiked 15 miles from her rural home into Ottawa each morning to attend Lisgar Collegiate classes and she's seldom been late. John, who hitch-hicked his way to an education at Ottawa Tech, now is at sea with the Royal Canadian Navy.

L.O.B.A. North Star Elects Officers

Harrington — At the regular monthly meeting of North Star Lodge, No. 503, of the L.O.B.A., a successful year was reviewed — the secretary reporting a substantial increase in membership and the auditors showing a gratifying surplus of funds.

Officers of the Lodge installed for the coming year are —

Mrs. Laura McVicar, W.M.; Miss Hilda McCullough, D.M.; Mrs. Merl McMahon, P.M.; Mrs. Greta Fox, chaplain; Mrs. Violet McCullough, rec. sec.; Mr. Victor McVicar, fin. sec.; Miss H. McDonald, treasurer,; Mrs. C. McLean, director of ceremonies; Miss Freda McVicar, 1st lecturer; Mrs. N. McCullough, dep. lecturer; Mrs. Mary Page, 1 st. committee; Mrs. Sarah McRae, guardian; Mr. N. McRae, outer guard; Mr. D. McCullough, inner guard.

Annual Meeting Of Lakefield W.A.

Lakefield—Holy Trinity Church branch of the M.D.W.A. at Lakefield, held their annual meeting on December 6, at the home of Mrs. L. H. Legg. The members on that occasion had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Bedford-Jones, Diocesan Dorcas secretary, who gave an enjoyable and instructive talk on work undertaken by the W.A. for the spreading of Christ's kingdom. The fact that a number of Indian girls from the Residential Schools are now taking further training after finishing their courses, and that several are now on the staff of the various schools, was considered particularly encouraging. A new venture is the founding of hostels for boys and girls of white parents in isolated districts, who wish to go to High School. There are now two hostels, one for boys and one for girls, in operation at Athabasca, where the project is now successfully established.

At this meeting the presentation of four life memberships was announced, to Mrs. C. W. P. Baugh, Mrs. L. W. Dawson, Mrs. Geo. Peet and Mrs. Wm. Dunn.

After the routine business of the meeting the Rev. C. W. P. Baugh took the chair while the officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Miss Bedford-Jones' visit, and her clear and lucid picture of the work, afforded pleasure and encouragement to all present.

Weir

Cpl. Bradley Morrison, R.C.O.C., of Montreal, is spending a furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Owen with their small daughter, Diane, left Tuesday to spend the holidays at the home of Mrs. Owen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Beavan, at Bathurst, N.B.

Mrs. A. Coxen spent Saturday at St. Jerome.

Miss Reta Staniforth returned home to Rouge Valley last week after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams.

Mr. Roy Smith, of Montreal, spent the week-end at his home here.

Miss Gayle Hurtubise, of Albert's College, Belleville, is spending the holidays at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. M Schippel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Charter and family spent a few days in Montreal last week.

Christening

The christening took place on Friday evening, December 15, of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt Bates. The child was given the names Gloria Hester. The Rev. Frank R. Hughes officiated at the ceremony. Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. B. Beaven were also present at the christening.

This Christmas Season

brings new hope for the return of Peace. May that day come very soon !

And for our immediate friends in this community, we wish good health and happiness to gladden the New Year.

Our thanks and warm greetings.

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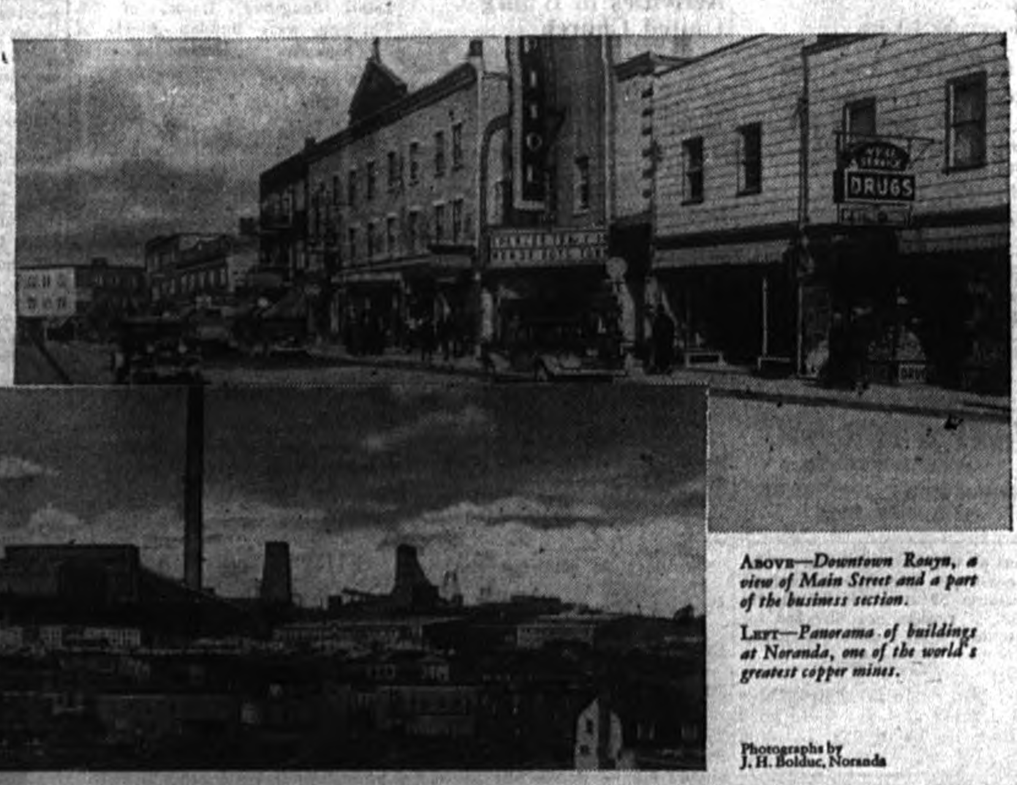
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CERTIFICATES NOT NEEDED FOR FURNACES

Essentiality certificates are no longer required for the purchase of new hot air furnaces, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board announced. Use of the certificates heretofore has saved sufficient of these furnaces to meet essential requirements, and the order requiring them has now been revoked and available supplies will be permitted to move in the normal way.

KEEP THE BOYS HAPPY

London, Ont. (CP) — Police here have formed a boys' club for the promotion of sports and musical education — and incidentally to keep the youngsters out of mischief. They purchased $8,000 worth of instruments, tools and equipment and now have 100 boys in a band.

LEFT, RIGHT

Those who have argued that the present war is essentially a revolutionary war, receive fresh support for their views in the recent developments in Belgium and Greece. The conflict between right and left, represented during the years of German occupation, flames violently throughout Europe wherever the breath of freedom touches it. Cochrane (Ont.) Northland Post

WOMEN DEBATE BIRTHRATE DECLINE IN GREAT BRITAIN

Delegates to Maternity Conference Urge Better Housing, Nurseries

London, Dec. 20 (CP) — Representatives of 3,000,000 British women, debating the falling birthrate at a national conference on Maternity and Child Welfare, said what the potential mothers of Britain want are nursery schools, houses and domestic help.

Miss Elizabeth Denby, a Yorkshire expert on "cosy homes," urged local councils to concentrate on four-bedroom houses for large families and not on flats. She urged seven cupboards as well as draught-proof windows.

Miss Elsie Hall of the College of Midwives said: "Women should have their babies in their own homes, surrounded by their own possessions and with their husbands by them." She added:—

"We need what in 1919 I called 'ladies in waiting' — women who will run the home while the mother is confined.

"Local authorities must get down to the question of providing domestic help in the homes of expectant mothers."

And Miss Florence Hawtrey spoke up for nursery schools: "I believe that a generous provision of nursery schools is essential if parents are to meet the growing demands of civilized society, and if all children are to have a fair start in life."

Committee Opposes Jewish Settlement

Canberra (CP) — A committee of Commonwealth officials has advised the government against permitting establishment of a Jewish settlement in Northwestern Australia.

There will be no discrimination against Jewish immigrants under conditions encouraging assimilation with the native-born population.

Prime Minister John Curtin and other ministers are known to oppose establishment of any large foreign communities anywhere in the Commonwealth on grounds they would tend to create foreign-speaking racial minorities.

Flying-Bomb "Incident"

"Londoner", a writer in the journal "Local Government Service" (England) tells in part the splendid service which municipal staffs and civil defence workers have been rendering, in lessening the terrible effect of "flying bombs".

"Twenty minutes ago, it was," I heard the woman collector say as I passed the barrier at my suburban station. What *it* was I had no need to inquire. The quiet road fronting the station was barred. Behind the barrier, lined up under the trees, stood a long row of N.F.S. trailers. Beyond them, a knot of wardens, some rather dishevelled-looking householders, and a party of troops. At the distant hospital gate, a couple of ambulances.

As I hurried home, by a roundabout route, household parties were already sweeping up glass, picking out the jagged bits left in shattered windows, unscrewing splintered doors. On one roof a man in white shirt and grey striped trousers, his coat and brief-case lying at the foot of the ladder, was gingerly replacing tiles. My own house had a rakish, dissipated appearance, with two bedroom windows leaning outwards, another lying on the ground, leaded lights bulging fantastically, and the roof looking as though some giant fingers had been stroking it the wrong way. Inside, my wife was sweeping up soot, glass, and plaster.

"The hospital, it was," she said. "Hit the out-patients' department. I hope that nice Sister is all right."

Order Out of Chaos

It was an hour or two before I went out to see — summoned by a loud-speaker van announcing that all who wished could collect window-repairing material from the Incident Post opposite the hospital gate. I was astounded. Not by the tangled pile of bricks, concrete, planks, and beams where the out-patients' department had stood, not by the fantastically leaning walls, the hanging balconies of the main block, the slateless roofs, the gaping windows of the flats opposite. They had been familiar sights three years ago. What astounded me was the speed with which chaos was giving place to order.

Though it was now 9 p.m., scores of workmen swarmed over walls and roofs, adjusting tarpaulins, tacking linen over window spaces, replacing doors. Broken glass was arranged in neat piles along the pavement. Soldiers with fixed bayonets stood on guard outside the garage and shops. The last ambulance was removing the last of the hospital's patients. At the Incident Post, under his blue flag, the Incident Officer was explaining that his first supply of window material had all gone — snapped up in a few minutes — but there would be more in the morning. Casualties ? I dared scarcely ask, looking at the pile of wreckage and thinking of the out-patients who normally thronged it, and of the way the glass must have shot like a million silvery daggers through the wards, the nurses' home, and the rooms of flats and houses. "Three killed — fifteen hurt," said someone. He was wrong, I learned later. Two only were killed.

Returning home, I was met by a warden taking details of my own slight damage. It was still less than three hours after the "incident" and, since I was almost at the limit of the blast area, I must have been one of the last on his list. As he left, the loudspeaker van came round again. "Breakfast will be served for those who want it in the British Restaurant at 7 a.m., and a mobile canteen will be in Smith Street all day," announced the woman driver.

Next morning's activity dwarfed that of the evening. By nine a.m., notwithstanding another "incident" during the night, the place was alive with workmen. A Ministry of Works Flying Squad had arrived, a company of Pioneers and more private builders than I had ever imagined my small borough to contain, even in peacetime. Outside the hospital hung a long list of patients evacuated — most, I was glad to see, to hospitals far out of the range of wandering "doodlebugs." By evening, the street was looking almost its usual tidy self again, most of the windows neatly covered with white linen or black waterproof paper, many of the tiles replaced, the glass and plaster swept away, women gossiping in the shops, perambulators returning from the park. Would Dr. Goebbels could have seen it!

That is a typical flying bomb "incident" as I saw it. It is being repeated all over Southern England, wherever the "terror weapon" designed to "dislocate the life of London", to "hold up the Anglo-American invasion" and to "spread panic among the Anglo-Jewish warmongers" has fallen.

YANKS CREATE NEW WANT IN AUSTRALIA FOR CANNED FOODS

Aussies Canning Many New Things, American Soldiers Bring New Demands Dehydration Plants Also Active

Canberra, (CP) — Australian canners are canning a lot of things they never canned before because United States fighting men have created a demand for them. Later, it is hoped, Australians and Australia's overseas customers may come to enjoy some of these delicacies.

Take chili con carne, for instance. It's very popular in America, whether made in the home with special trimmings or bought in a can.

Then there is sauerkraut, quite popular here in fresh form, but which hitherto has been unknown as a cannned product. There is probably a future for the canned variety in Australia. Roast beef with gravy, pork luncheon meat, canned pork sausages, are other specialties demanded by American supply authorities as special rations. To date none are on the market for civilians.

The greatest producer and consumer of canned foods in the world, the United States has some 12,000 canneries against Australia's 100 or so, and in the last 25 years has overcome the problems now facing operators here. Consequently the assistance which can be given by American food technologists is of grat value to this country now and may be of even greater value later.

Vegetables and Fruits

The output of canned peas has become a large specialty of four or five concerns working with lend-lease machinery. Sweet corn, produced in unimportant quantities before the war, is now put out on a large scale from at least four factories. Carrots and other vegetables in canned form have increased enormously in output. Australian canned pineapple juice and asparagus won a high reputation before the war.

To the array of canned fruits and syrups previously available have been added apple juice and whole apples; tomato juice and whole tomatoes; lemon, orange and grapefruit juice and a palatable blend of orange and grapefruit juices. Sweet potatoes have joined the canned vegetable menu together with apple butter which may become a variant for the Australians' lemon butter.

Canning is not the end of it all. Dehydration plants are turning out dried carrots, onions, potatoes, beets, parsnips and turnips, where practically no dehydration was done before the war.

HERE A CWAC, THERE A CWAC

CWAC Santas

Following up reports from all over Canada and CWAC concentrations overseas that the girls were busy making Christmas gifts, it was decided to take a look at some of the finished products made at Montreal handicrafts classes. Accordingly, we attended an exhibition and were greatly impressed with the variety of beautifully tooled leather goods and attractive, stuffed animals. Bright colored ski sashes were decorated with a variety of felt decorations; picture frames, purses and book covers in leather — looking as though they'd just left the hands of professional leather craftsmen — and a stuffed menagerie complete with "Wacky Wabbit" to delight the hearts of even the most exacting of children. Many of the masterpieces had already been sent out in the Christmas mail, but there are still a number of things around and in the process of being finished in time to fill somebody's stocking come Christmas Eve.

Sports

Pte. Barbara Henderson just about broke the persistence record when she went down to Farnham as a member of the Montreal rifle shooting team who were competing with the Farnham girls the other night. After the shoot was over, and scores had been tallied up — Farnham won by a 14 point majority — it was impossible to pry Barbara loose from her position on the range. Long after everyone had left, she continued to draw a bead on the target, and finally, after a good three-quarters of an hour, emerged, proudly displaying several perfect hits. She'd had a wonderful time, but was terribly disappointed that she had to give up "so soon".

Buy War Savings Stamps!

IT WAS A MOUSE

Truro, N.S. (CP) —C. O. Doyle couldn't figure out what was stopping his truck engine each time he started it. Every time it stopped investigation disclosed tufts of wool clogging the gas line. After the third try Doyle took the gas tank off, shook it — and out dropped a dead mouse.

A VITAMIN A DAY

Vermilion, Alta. (CP)—Vermilion public school children now are getting vitamin pills at school and will continue to receive them until next April. The school board hopes thus to prevent coughs and colds and so keep the attendance up during the winter months. A check will be made of results.

Christmas in Sweden

Sweden celebrates her Christmas December 24 with fish and rice porridge.

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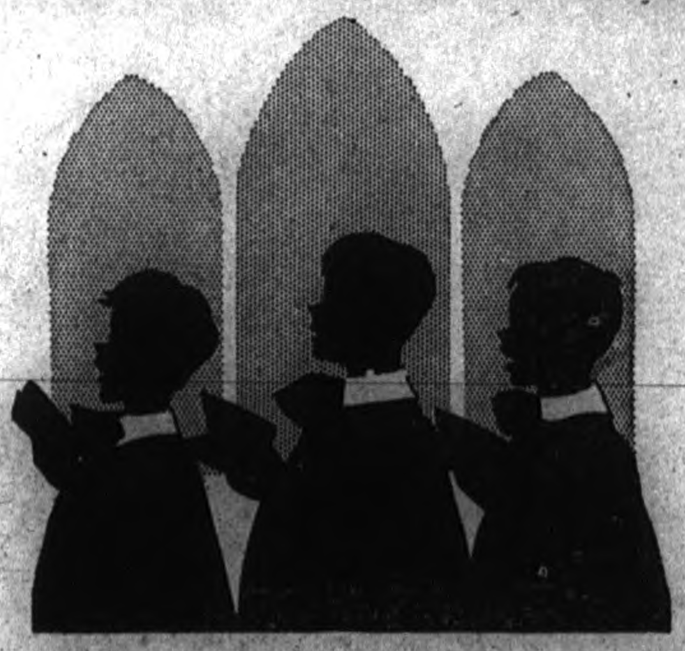
TO OLD FRIENDS

Just to thank you in an old-fashioned way for your co-operation and cordial support in times past.

Wishing one and all a very Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

ERNEST J. ROGERS

(late of Lachute Town)



Merry Christmas to All

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. . . but we didn't have our rifles

". . . Spring is here and the snow is going very fast. Gramp and I saw a ground-hog today. It was an easy shot but we didn't have a rifle with us. He says I can use your .22 rifle this summer. I hope he can teach me to shoot as well as you do . . ."

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Letters like this to sportsmen overseas must awaken memories of great days in the open country. Those days are coming back . . . . and the hunting should be better than ever.

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We hope that conditions will soon permit a relaxation of these restrictions.

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Division of Quebec House Suggests Uncomfortably Narrow Margin for U.N. Government in a Critical Vote

"The Week at Quebec"

By HAROLD FREEMAN, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Quebec (CP) — Premier Duplessis made announcement last night that the first sitting of the new legislature will be opened on Wednesday, February 7.

Reports in political circles have it that when the House does convene, Alexandre Tache, K.C., of Hull, will be chosen Speaker of the Assembly, and Hon. Alphonse Raymond will be Speaker of the Council. Mr. Tache was chairman of the public accounts committee which investigated previous Liberal administrations following election of the Union Nationale government of 1936-39; and Mr. Raymond was Speaker of the Council during the same period.

Mr. Duplessis has 47 Union Nationale members for the opening of the House, while opposition leader Adelard Godbout has a following of 38. There are also four Bloc Populaire members, one Nationalist and one C.C.F. member; and these six representatives are expected to support neither the Union Nationale nor the Liberals on all measures. It is thought likely they will support the government on some bills, and oppose it on others.

Those six members could conceivably make the vote uncomfortably close for the government in the event they joined a solid block of Liberals in voting against any government measure, but the combined opposition strength would not be enough to upset the government unless there were some Union Nationale bolters.

Subtracting the one man who must be appointed Speaker from the Union Nationale ranks, the government musters 46 votes. That still gives them a two-vote margin over all possible opposition unless there were any Union Nationale absentees — or bolters.

Included in the non-government members are Andre Laurendeau, youthful leader of the Bloc, who will be making his first appearance in the House. He is supported by Edouard Lacroix, a veteran of Federal politics but also new to the Quebec field, and by Albert Lemieux and Ovila Bergeron. Rumors are current that Mr. Lacroix intends to return to the Federal field at the first opportunity.

Rene Chaloult, firebrand of previous sessions, is the lone Nationalist, and David Cote is the single C.C.F. representative, hailing from the new riding of Abitibi.

St. John's Night Celebrated Here By Masonic Order

C. L. Duncan Installed as Master of Lodge

The regular meeting of Argenteuil Lodge No. 67, A.F. & A.M. was held last evening, celebrating the festival of St. John's Night. There was a good attendance of Masons, despite the snowstorm which added to the difficulties of travel from outlying districts.

The meeting opened with the retiring Master, W. Bro. W. B. Rosborough, in the chair, and after the business period, the ceremony of installation was exemplified by Rt. Wor. Bro. H. M. Gall.

New officers for 1945 are as follows: Worshipful Master, C. L. Duncan; S.W., Bro. Geo. Rodger; J.W., Bro. A. G. Talbot; Chap. Bro. L. J. King; S. D., Bro. Geo. Connelly; J.D., Bro. Geo. Leggett; treas., W. Bro. R. P. Fraser; sec., Rt. Wor. Bro. H. M. Gall; I.G., Bro. Alex Gordon; D. of C., Wor. Bro. F. A. Brennian; Stewards, Bros. L. Cruise and W. Gordon; Tyler, Bro. W. R. McFaul.

After the installation, Rt. Wor. Bro. H. M. Gall presented to Wor. Bro. W. B. Rosborough a Past Master's Jewel, and commended him on his splendid year's work.

A period of silence was observed in memory of those who, during the year, have passed to the "higher lodge."

After the St. John's Night banquet, the members toasted The King, the Grand Lodge, Argenteuil Lodge and the Visitors.

CREDIT UNIONS POPULAR

Charlottetown (CP) — Membership in the credit union movement in Prince Edward Island now exceeds 7,500, it was announced by J. G. Dennis, inspector of the unions. He said in the eight years the assets of these unions have grown to more than $300,000.

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

Lachute: Beston's Pharmacy, Lachute Medicine Store.

Lachute Mills: Harbour Drugstore.

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

W. Inst. Meetings Held in Month Of December

Jerusalem-Bethany W.I. meeting was held December 6, with an attendance of 17. A joke was told by each member in responding to the roll-call. It was decided to send six boxes to boys at Ste. Anne's military hospital for Christmas; $5 was voted to the Salvation Army. It was decided that this branch join the hospitalization movement. The county president was a visitor at this session. Christmas presents were exchanged, and a contest was held.

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Lachute branch held its meeting on December 5. The hospitalization plan was discussed, also the discontinuing of dental clinics since the new government came into power in this province. The Salvation Army sent a letter of thanks for gifts received. Donations for Christmas were approved as follows— $10 to Grace Dart Home, $10 to the Salvation Army and $10 to Ste. Agathe Sanatorium. On January 9 a debate will be held between four High School teachers. A Christmas carol was sung, led by Mrs. A. Taylor.

Miss Janet McOuat gave an instructive demonstration of handicrafts, including finger weaving, loom weaving, and smaller crafts, such as leather and shells, earrings from tatting, jewelry made from peach stones, Indian slippers, chip carving, rug making, leather belts, linoleum block printing, and drawing from snapshots.

Miss McOuat was thanked by Mrs. A. Bothwell for her delightful demonstration.

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Upper Lachute-East End held a meeting Friday, December 8, with an attendance of seven — in the form of a social evening, with the exchange of Christmas gifts by the members. Plans were made for Red Cross work during the winter months.

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The delayed Christmas meeting of Frontier W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. James Murdoch, Mabel, December 8, and was much enjoyed by the children who entertained with recitations and songs and received their usual treat of oranges and candy.

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Lakefield held no meeting, due to stormy weather.

INQUEST ON THREE KILLED AT BOURGET C.P. RL'Y CROSSING

Jury Recommends Bell and Flash Signal Warning

Bourget — A strong recommendation that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company install an alarm bell and flash signal without delay at the level crossing immediately east of the station at Bourget, on the railway's south shore line, was made by a coroner's jury inquiring into the deaths of three Ottawa men on Monday, December 4, when their car was struck and demolished by a morning Ottawa-Montreal passenger train.

The victims were Roland Lafontaine, 35 Mona avenue, Eastview; his brother, Doris Lafontaine, 44 Baird St., and Mery Dupuis, 240 Cumberland Street.

The jury, under Dr. H. H. Kirby, coroner of Hawkesbury, found there was no negligence either on the part of the driver of the car or members of the train's locomotive crew. They advised, however, that until such time as the signal device is installed, trains be instructed to slow down to 10 or 15 miles an hour while passing the crossing.

War, like charity, begins at home. And must end there, if we want peace to last.

1945

"THE GOAL IS STILL BEFORE US"



ENTERING upon another year, it behooves us to set our course upon an ideal. In such manner may we grow in stature, and contribute a mite to the progress of our times.

We can find no more inspiring thought to offer our readers, than one brief paragraph in the message broadcast by His Majesty on Christmas morning:

"Though human ingenuity can show us no short cut to that universal charity which is the very heart of the Christmas message, the goal is still before us — and I, for one, believe that these years of sacrifice and sorrow have brought us nearer to it".

The goal is still before us. . . Reckoning in personal terms, surely our initiative toward that goal has lacked something in zeal and ardor? For charity — even universal charity — starts right here at home. Have we so broadened our conceptions, so ordered our estimates, that we can even make a start? Have we sincerely endeavored to understand our neighbors, our fellow townsmen, our fellow countrymen?

There are no short cuts. . . . Busily engaged at war, suppressing by force of arms the saboteurs of universal friendship — it is likewise, by the hard way, that we must eradicate the roots within ourselves, eliminate the prejudice, the antagonism, the misunderstanding; these attitudes which by thought and word we instil in younger minds — these must inevitably bear fruit tomorrow in unkindliness and intolerance within our own boundaries. And of such are the elements of international hatred. . . . Truly, beneath our own roofs, at our own firesides, begins this long journey to a great ideal.

Is it not worth trying?

With this simple question we close another chapter. And with the old untarnished wish, The Watchman dedicates its humble influence to the goal to be attained — charity and understanding.

To one and all —

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Late A. Kains Was Hon. President of Historical Society

Archibald Chetwode Kains, 79, a retired American bank president and member of several social and fraternal organizations in the United States, died Tuesday in an Ottawa hospital.

Mr. Kains was honorary president of the Historical Society of Argenteuil County from its formation. He was one of the founders of the Society, took a great interest in its development, and was the donor of many articles in the Carillon Museum.

Mr. Kains, a native of Hamilton, Ont., returned to live in Ottawa in 1925 when the Federal International Bank of New Orleans, of which he was president, was dissolved.

He began his banking career in London, Ont. He went to Vancouver in 1900 to assist in the amalgamation of the Bank of British Columbia and the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and later went to the United States, serving in banking posts in San Francisco, New York and New Orleans.

Airman Home From Overseas



P/O John K. Dixon

Among R.C.A.F. personnel who arrived in Montreal yesterday morning from overseas, was P/O John K. Dixon, of Lachute and Dalesville. After reporting to the repatriation depot at Lachine, Dixon was expected to arrive home in Lachute today, according to his sister here, Mrs. Chas. Walker.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Dixon, of Dalesville, P/O Dixon — who was educated at Lachute High School and later employed at Ayers Limited — has seen service in India, Ceylon and the British Isles. It is more than three years since he went overseas.

CENTENARIAN TWINS

New Glasgow, N.S. (CP) — The twin MacKinnon brothers, Daniel and Neil, have just celebrated their 100th birthday. Daniel lives at Thorburn, N.S., and Neil resides at Forest Hill, P.E.I.

January 11, Date Of Blood Clinic

The date of Lachute's next blood donor clinic is set for January 11 — two weeks from today. It is recalled the clinic, the seventh to be held in this community, was postponed from earlier this month due to bad travelling conditions. All voluntary donors registered with the secretary will be reminded concerning their appointments, and it is hoped that in the meanwhile others will submit their names to make a record list.

In Brownsburg

Specially contributed to The Watchman

One night during the Christmas festivities as I was walking in the village I heard a lusty voice singing the words of the old Scottish ballad:

You take the High Road
And I'll take the Low Road
And I'll be in Scotland afore ye,
For me and my true love will never meet again
On the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond.

This song brought back a question which had often troubled me. I could never straighten out to my own satisfaction why the two people undoubtedly featured in this song could not go the same road together if they were bent on reaching Scotland. And I always thought it strange that the fellow who took the Low Road and got there first should never again be able to meet his true love beside Loch Lomond. If he got as far as Scotland, surely there was nothing to prevent him going to the bonnie banks and seeing as much of her as he liked. . . .

With this thought in mind I turned into one of the stores and it so happened that two Scotsmen and a Welshman were "Bith, a bhi na d bhial." I posed this question to the two sons of the heather and although one wanted to sing the song and the ther offered a couple of explanations, neither could give the sense of the words of the old chorus. It wasn't the way I heard it.

Away back in the early teens of the present century I heard the story from old Jock McCosh beside a pub fire in Dalbeattie. If I remember right, old Jock told me it happened two centuries ago (after the Forty-Five) when the border between England and Scotland was being raided by the remnants of the Scottish clans.

Two clansmen were captured and conveyed to London for trial. One was sentenced to death and the other escaped. The night before his execution the condemned man penned the words of "Loch Lomond."

When he wrote that he would take the Low Road and be in Scotland before his soldier friend, he was referring to the old mystic belief that the soul of the clansman who died beyond the borders of Scotland would wing its way

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Last Member of Pioneer Family Dies at Thurso

The last member of a family closely linked with the lumbering industry of this county, Alexander (Sandy) Campbell died Tuesday morning at his home in Thurso, Que., in his 89th year.

Born at Dalesville of Irish parentage — his father was Joseph Campbell, who pioneered the mill and homestead at Dalesville which are still in the Campbell name— Sandy in his early manhood moved to Papineauville, on the Ottawa River. Here he was married to Miss Suzie Hughes, who survives him. All his life he had spent as a lumberman, being an expert scaler, and was well known along the Lower Ottawa Valley and in this county. He came back to Dalesville frequently, working with his brother John in the woods and mill. He was widely related in these parts.

Left to mourn him, besides his wife, are four daughters — Mrs. W. Dunning, Gray, Sask., Mrs. Victor Hughes, Falconbridge, Ont., Mrs. Chas. Cavers, St. Catharines, Ont., Mrs. Fred Mutter, Ottawa — also his son, Clayton Campbell, in military service at Port Arthur.

The funeral rites were held today, Thursday, at Thurso.

FORMER BROWNSB'G MAN DIES IN ACTION

Brownsburg — Word has been received here that Lieut. John (Bud) Lambertson, formerly of Brownsburg, was killed in action on November 21.

Edmonton (CP) — Claims to more than 545,000 acres of Alberta oil lands were filed in the form of exploration reservations in a one-week period. The applications were filed for various regions of the province.

German Prisoners at Dieppe



Dieppe Harbour has now been in working order again for several weeks. Considerable damage done by German demolitions and Allied bombing had to be repaired, and first pictures of this work in progress are now released. . . . Picture shows the prisoner-of-war camp.

War Plants Expected to Continue At Peak for First Quarter of 1945, Ammunition Now Most in Demand

"The Week in Ottawa"

By DOUGLAS GREEN, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Ottawa (CP)—The likelihood that export restrictions gradually will be eliminated was seen in the announcement by the trade department last week that restrictions covering a number of commodities, notably chemicals, have been relaxed.

This announcement followed an earlier one detailing the lifting of restrictions on a large number of commodities, and the department said the exemptions were in line with the policy — announced on December 1, by Trade Minister MacKinnon — of keeping the export control schedule under constant review so that it might be relaxed in accordance with the changing supply situation.

It is hoped a gradual elimination of export restrictions, consistent with general improvement in the domestic market, will encourage manufacturers and shippers by facilitating the flow of shipments.

The announcement at Montreal that the Verdun, Que., plant of Defence Industries Limited will be entirely reconverted between now and March for the production of 250,000,000 rounds of .30-calibre ammunition ordered by the United States government, followed an appeal by Munitions Minister Howe to Canadians working in gun ammunition and explosive plants to "stay on the job" throughout the holiday season in view of the need for a steady flow of ammunition.

It is expected here that Canada's war plants will continue at peak output for at least the first quarter of 1945, and that any slackening due to lighter demand for equipment such as ships and probably motor vehicles will be offset by orders for ammunition.

The employment of massed artillery concentrations in the latter part of this year resulted in new and larger orders for heavy ammunition, and the size of the order received by D.I.L. indicates also the demand for small calibre cartridges.

Aids Rehabilitation

The part the labor department is taking in the implementation of legislation regarding veterans was emphasized with the announcement by Labor Minister Mitchell that Byron F. Wood, formerly of the University of Toronto staff, has been appointed associate director of national selective service and assistant to the deputy minister of labor, Arthur MacNamara.

The labor department now is responsible for providing for the return to their former civilian jobs of discharged members of the forces through its administration of the Re-establishment in Civil Employment Act.

Through its training branch the department also will supervise much of the work of trade training for veterans, whose placement in employment will, it is planned, be handled largely through the employment service.

Veterans' Minister MacKenzie announced during the week-end that the payment of war service gratuities will be begun soon after January 1, and also announced the appointment of Lt.-Col. J. E. Hogan of Prince Edward Island and Ottawa as assistant director of re-establishment credits and Maj. E. A. Dunlop of Toronto, a blinded war veteran, as chief of the disability training and placement branch.

Four Injured on Grenv'l Bridge by Unknown Motorist

Hawkesbury — Shortly after midnight on Saturday a hit-and-run car struck and seriously injured four pedestrians on the interprovincial bridge between Grenville and Hawkesbury.

Those injured were Pte. Leo Mallette, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mallette, of Hawkesbury, Ont., who was on Christmas leave — Mallette suffered a fractured leg, facial and head injuries; Rosario Desjardins, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Desjardins, who sustained head injuries, a badly mangled left hand and severe shock; his sister, Florence, 18, who suffered a broken leg, severe head injuries and possible internal injuries; and another sister, Gilberte, 19, with a fractured leg, cuts about the face and hands and internal injuries.

Police said the four victims had been to the Century Inn at Grenville, and were walking home to Hawkesbury when an automobile overtook them on the bridge and after hitting them drove on without stopping.

A passing motorist arrived shortly afterwards and found them lying in the road, semi-conscious and bleeding badly. He took them to the Notre Dame Hospital at Hawkesbury, where they were treated by Drs. C. E. Lafrance and L. P. Beaudoin. They said the condition of the patients was serious.

Cst. J. Honore Giroux, of the Hawkesbury Police, aided by Csts. George Naud and A. H. Ferguson of the Ontario Provincial Police, made an investigation.

Suspected Hold-Up 'Misunderstanding'

'Twas the night after Christmas — when, admittedly, anything is liable to happen.

Two young men after a festive evening were in search of a taxi to take them home, around 2 o'clock in the morning. Meeting an autobus driver on the Main Street, and mistaking his uniform for that of a taxi man, they accosted him and stated their case—maybe in confused terms, for the bus man misunderstood them. In fact, having money on his person, he scented a hold-up and took to his heels, with the youthful pair chasing after him.

The bus driver made for a telephone and called the town police to the scene. Cnst. Villeneuve later took the two men in charge. At the police station, however, they convinced him of their harmless intentions, and they were duly released.

Capture Enemy Ship In 12 Minutes Flat

London (CP)—Light coastal forces of the Royal Navy have revived the old practice of boarding and capturing enemy supply ships and escort craft.

Lt.-Cmdr. T. G. Fuller, D.S.C., of Ottawa, a member of the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve, recently set some kind of record when his motor torpedo boat crew boarded, captured and took a ship in 12 minutes flat.

The British craft were cruising along the enemy-occupied coast when they intercepted a small supply ship and two small schooners. The supply ship turned out to be a wreck and firmly aground.

Each British ship was ordered to seize a schooner. Neither had any trouble although the schooners were armed with machine guns and hand grenades and one had a deckload of 20-millimeter cannon.

FILLED THE BREACH

Toronto (CP) — Sixteen-year-old Ralph Kyle, newsroom copy boy at the CBC's key radio station, CJBC, filled the gap when Toronto's recent crippling storm prevented staff members from reaching work on time. He arrived early and no newswriters appeared, wrote a newscast for the first time in his life. Then when no announcers arrived, he went on the air and read the news.

Seasonal

FARM TOPICS



Now Make Cheese Any Size or Color

Orders requiring all cheddar cheese manufactured in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec to be large, white and unwaxed and disposed of through licensed exporters for shipment to the British Ministry of Food, have been rescinded, the Dairy Products Board states. Cheese factories may now manufacture cheddar cheese of any size, either white or colored, and dispose of them on the local market. The board also rescinded its Order limiting the amount of cheddar cheese which a factory may sell to its milk suppliers.

With winter weather prevailing in the cheese producing areas of Ontario and Quebec, it is expected that the make of cheese will drop rapidly from now on and, in order to supplement stocks for the domestic market, it was considered advisable to rescind the Order at this time requisitioning cheese for exports, states the Board.

Britain Grateful For Canada's Help

While the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference held in Ottawa December 4 to 6 was in session, Hon. James G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, received a cable from Colonel, the Right Hon. J. J. Llewellin, British Minister of Food, which read in part:

"I am deeply grateful to you and all concerned in Canada for the splendid help given to the United Kingdom in sending food supplies. They have been of utmost value to this nation throughout the long years of war.

"I am particularly anxious that my grateful thanks should be expressed for the most helpful manner to the response to the appeal which I made last year in regard to the supply of bacon from Canada to the United Kingdom in 1944. I hope that all those who are cooperating with you in Canada will take whatever steps are required to enable bacon exports in 1945 to reach the figure of not less than 600 million pounds. We shall need these supplies from Canada if our small ration of 4 ounces per week is to be maintained throughout the year.

"I am also very glad that arrangements are now going forward for the conclusion of contracts for 1946 for bacon and meat, and trust that contracts which should provide producers in Canada with assured market and enable them to maintain production on a level required for both home consumption and export will shortly be completed on lines satisfactory to both our countries."

CORN BIG HELP IN WAR EFFORT

United States Farmers Raise Largest Crop in the Nation's History

Washington (CP) — An army of 4,500,000 men — without uniforms or guns—were enthusiastically engaged this year in helping the United Nations advance against the Axis.

These men do not live in barracks or take military training. Mobilised voluntarily, they live at home, working from sunup to sunset. They are the army of corn farmers.

Responding to the call of the Army and the War Food Administrator, this army of agrarians raised this year what promises to be the largest corn crop in the nation's history. The Crop Reporting Board estimates it at 3,196,977 bushels.

It seems to be a far cry from the corn field to the battle field, but the War Department, War Production Board and War Food Administration consider corn a critical war material. Corn products are used in making explosives and important parts for airplanes, airplane engines, gun firing mechanisms and a wide range of other war materials.

So critical is corn considered by war manufacturers that when a shortage was in sight last April, the W.F.A. temporarily "froze" the grain on farms in 125 counties and permitted its sale only to the government for industrial purposes or to feeders under government certificate.

On The Record

Here is part of the corn farmer's war record:

From June 1 to Sept. 1, a total of 670,000,000 pounds of corn products, made from corn sold to the government was distributed for war and industrial purposes.

During that period 75,000,000 pounds of crude and refined corn oil were produced, 660,000,000 pounds of high protein feed and 875,000,000 pounds of food. They were byproducts of making corn materials for war.

During the same period, 45,000,000 pounds of corn products went into core binders for casting of parts for B-29 bombers, airplane engines and firing mechanisms for big guns, and into plastics for airplane windshields and a wide range of other articles for the forces.

Another 622,000 pounds went into serbitol and manitol, chemicals used for making detonating caps which explode bombs, artillery shells and small arms ammunitions. Some 46,000,000 pounds were used in medicinal products.

Some 85,000,000 pounds were used in connection with textile manufacture, and these textiles included bandages, parachute cloth, uniforms and tents.

Six million pounds of special dextrine went into oil-well drilling and ore flotation, 20,000,000 pounds of starch into V-board, a war product made from wood pulp and more than 76,000,000 pounds into the manufacture of paper.

Then too, 13,000,000 pounds went to the leather industry for use in connection with tanning leather, much of which made Army shoes.

Most of Canada's fish oil and meal used in agriculture comes from British Columbia reducing plants. These establishments reduce fish and fish waste to meal and oil.

BOY SCOUTS OF NETHERLANDS ARE BACK IN ACTION

Germans Attempted to Abolish Movement During Occupation

By Maurice Desjardins, Canadian Press War Correspondent

Breda, Holland (CP)—Boy Scouts of this town lost no time in resuming their good work after liberation. When Polish troops of the 1st Canadian Army entered Breda last month, the scouts donned their uniforms again and helped direct traffic.

The scout movement had been outlawed during the German occupation and their headquarters here were occupied by the Netherlands version of the Hitler youth movement.

Before the war the movement thrived. There were about 30,000 scouts in the country, half Roman Catholic and half Protestant. They served notably during the short-lived battle against the Germans in 1940, especially when Rotterdam was battered by German planes. The scouts acted as couriers for Netherlands forces and, travelling by bicycle, brought news to isolated towns.

Rev. J. V. Besouw, the local scout head, said that the Germans threw all the scoutmasters into concentration camps for several weeks in 1941 when the enemy decided to abolish the movement. In Breda, Father Besouw said, the Germans confiscated everything they could find at scout headquarters and burned religious pictures.

But the scouts "went underground," meeting in cellars and using an abandoned factory. Father Besouw also took them into the nearby woods on hikes. On one of these hikes they were caught by a Netherlands policeman who heard them plow their whistles.

"We were scared for a minute," the priest said, "but the policeman turned out to be a scoutmaster himself and he subsequently rendered us valuable services."

Now, many of the 1939 boy scouts have grown up and have been deported by the Germans as slave workers. Enough remain, however to form the nucleus of a strong group. The problem of obtaining uniforms is acute but Prince Bernhardt, royal scout commissioner in Holland, promised to look into the matter.

DEFEATING A DROUGHT

London (CP)—A summer drought threatening the country's food production was partly alleviated by the National Fire Service which pumped millions of gallons of water into ponds. In one eastern region 120 miles of hose were laid to rivers and streams from which the water was pumped.

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CBC OVERSEAS UNIT ON THE JOB WITH REPORTS FROM BATTLE-FRONTS

Equipment Made by Engineers Rolls into Battle for Broadcast Reports to Canada

The CBC Overseas News Service was set up with one idea — to bring interesting first hand reports from the battlefronts and the European capitals to Canadian listeners.

And it has succeeded. That's no boast, for the CBC walked off with the Columbus award this year for "war reporting in CBC News Roundup."

The overseas staff numbers nearly twenty. The headquarters is London, England, where John Kannawin directs the correspondents and engineers and arranges facilities for short-waving the talks to Canada.

The war correspondents work in teams with their engineers. They use a recording van or a jeep to get around the country. Sometimes the equipment is of the portable type, which means that two huge suitcases, heavy enough to stagger a small elephant, are loaded into the jeep, and carted off to the spot where the correspondent wants to broadcast. Then, on the roadside, in the battleline, or an observation post, the engineer pulls the suitcases off the jeep, and sets up his recording unit.

One of the suitcases holds a turntable, which, by the way, has to be absolutely level for recording — a mean job on a battlefield. The other suitcase holds the amplifier, microphone, cable and other paraphernalia. The power source is the battery of the jeep.

It was just such equipment that engineer Alex McDonald used at Carpiquet in France, when Matthew Halton counted off the the seconds before the Canadian barrage opened up on the Germans.

Made in Workshop

The equipment was made in the CBC's workshop in London. New equipment was impossible to get on the other side, so the engineers took a piece of this and something out of that, and ended up with the portable equipment.

The CBC men use a van in Italy, and it has been places. Matt Halton had it at Ortona early in the year. Inter Peter Stursberg wheeled it into Vatican City and ran wires from it through the windows of Pope Pius' private study for the first broadcast His Holiness made over a microphone other than that of the Vatican radio station.

Every one of the war correspondents has chalked up something special in broadcasts from overseas. Bill Herbert often tells of the lighter side of life in the front lines. Andrew Cowan, for the past few months in Paris, ably covered the meeting of the Empire's Prime Ministers in London.

A. E. Powley short-waved the first recorded sound of a buzz-bomb and earlier recorded a colorful, if noisy, broadcast of the rocket-guns in action against German planes over England.

John Kannawin made a special trip to Vimy Ridge and described the memorial and the Canadian troops visiting there.

Marcel Ouimet did a counterpart of the Carpiquet story for the French network, Benoit LaFleur recorded a message in French to Canadians by the Pope, and Paul Berrette described the buzz-bomb in London.

Those are just a few of hundreds of talks by CBC's overseas men which are short-waved to Canada for use on CBC News Roundup (Monday to Friday, 7.45 p.m. EDT, on the Trans-Canada network) and for special programs.

Flown to London

All of the recorded reports are routed through London. Most of them go by short-wave from the Agriculturol Conference held in transmitted to Canada. Sometimes the records are flown to London and played from there. Eventually though, all records find their way to the big library of the BBC, a special corner of which has been set aside for CBC material. The record library has outgrown itself so often that the radio people in London have a permanent headache over it.

The CBC discs help to fill that library and the CBC engineers who had a hand in it are Art Holmes, Lloyd Moore and Cliff Spears, all in Belgium; Joe Beauregard in Italy; Harold Wadsworth and James Marshall in England; and Paul Johnson and Alex McDonald now home on leave in Canada. Fred McCord of Ottawa is leaving immediately to help add a few more records to the library.

Overseas Library



CBC correspondent Peter Stursberg (left) with engineer-in-charge A. W. Holmes and record librarian Miss M. R. Bridgman, listen to the playback of recordings in the CBC Overseas Unit Library in London.

New Zealand Seeks British Immigrants

Belfast (CP) — G. A. Holmes, one of three New Zealand agricultural experts touring Northern Ireland, says that he believes there should be room in New Zealand for at least 3,500,000 settlers.

While immigration was a matter of government policy, he said he is "sure" that after initial difficulties of the post-war period are overcome, the policy will veer toward emigrants from the British Isles.

Overseas Workshop



CBC engineer-war correspondents, Paul Johnson (left) and H. Wadsworth, check equipment in the Overseas Unit Workshop.

TO ASSIST AIRMEN

Winnipeg (CP) — Members of the Wartime Pilots and Observers Association of Winnipeg have made plans to assist repatriated airmen of the city to organize as a veteran unit. Men who have returned to Winnipeg after service overseas were guests of the association at a special meeting.

RUBBER SWAP

Rio de Janeiro (CP) — Unconfirmed reports circulating here have it that the United States and Brazil are soon to sign a new rubber accord whereby Brazil increases its shipments of crude rubber to the United States in exchange for a like amount of synthetic from American warplants.

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Minister Stole 'The Lions' Meat

Cape Town (CP) — The ravens fed Elijah, but the lions of the Kruger National Park provided meat for H. G. Lawrence, minister of welfare and demobilization.

While he and Mrs. Lawrence were driving through the park with Mrs. Stevenson-Hamilton, wife of the warden, they came upon a pride of lions who were beginning to feed off a fresh kill. Mrs. Mrs. Stevenson-Hamilton drove the car right up to the animals, which retreated into the bush.

A flock of vultures immediately made for the temporarily abandoned kill, but the minister's party got there first. Mrs. Stevenson-Hamilton carved several steaks off the choicest part of the buck with her hunting knife before leaving the remainder of the meat supply to the beasts and birds of prey.

A DEMOCRATIC DUTY

Eligible civic voters of Flin Flon will have the privilege of choosing by ballot a mayor and three councillors and it is fervently hoped there will be a better voting record established this year . . . It is unfortunately true that democratic rights and privileges are appreciated most when they have been taken away. While we have them within our grasp we tend to abuse them by abstention . . . It is urgent therefore that all eligible voters troop to the polls to cast a ballot. Flin-Flon (Man.) Miner

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Damage by rats in the United States is estimated up to two and a half billion dollars every year.

FREEDOM FOR A NIGHT

Summerside, P.E.I. (CP)—Seventeen-year-old Erville Essery told a jury how he and a fellow prisoner let themselves out of a country jail here with a key, spent the night on a drinking spree and then returned and locked themselves back in. It evidently was much more comfortable inside the jail than out.

QUEBEC DRAFTEES RETURN

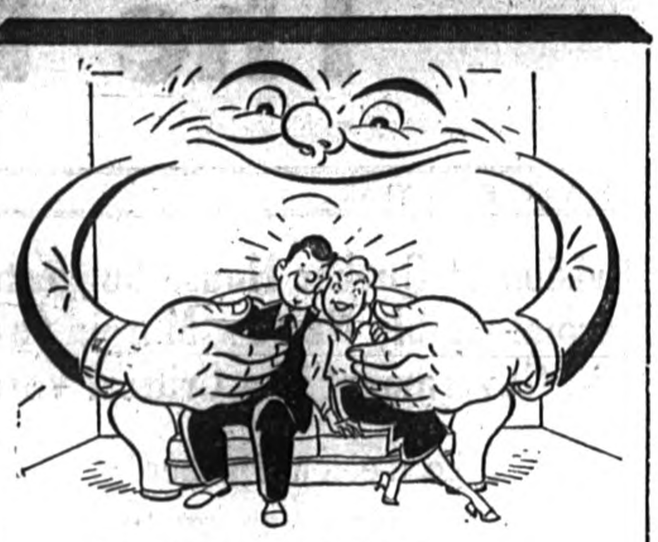
Montmagny, Que. (CP) — The Montmagny military training camp, closed a few months ago, has been re-opened. The Sorel training camp also has been re-opened to accomodate Quebec province home defence units returned to Quebec from other parts of the country.

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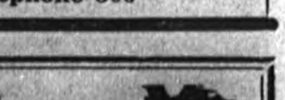
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Happy New Year !

SO WE say good-bye to the old year, close the door upon it and turn to face 1945. No miracle occurs at midnight; we are a little older but probably no wiser; we lack even the power to say we will be happier or better men and women in the coming months. The conditions that shape our lives stare at us blankly from the dates of the new calendar.

For most of us, January 1 is no more a day of momentous decision than, say, July 2 or September 4 were or will be. Individual crises — the points that all men reach where they must stand and decide which way they are going to turn — come regardless of dates.

But there is something in the year-end that bids us pause; it is a time for calm review of what has passed, and for a prayer that we will meet what is to come with honesty and courage.

In days of war no man can live unto himself alone, so to a great extent our New Year hopes and recollections are shared with our countrymen. With them we have seen 1944's swelling promise of victory bog down in the mud of the Western Front, and had our sky-high summer dreams blown to ribbons by the harsh winds of reality. We have survived that. With them we now face 1945, labelled far more confidently than ever 1944 was as the victory year. Although we consciously brace ourselves for the disappointments and setbacks that must come, we still believe tenaciously in final victory.

We could look at our personal lives in much the same way. Each new year — each new day, for that matter — promises to be one of individual victory, be it worldly or moral. Most of us are rueful when we sit in honest contemplation of our records, dubious when we look ahead. But we still can believe there are goals for us to achieve, and that confidence enables us to say, and to mean it—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Front Line Appraisal

THREE MONTHS ago, this was to have been — some optimists said — the Christmas the Allies would celebrate in Berlin. Instead the boys from Canada and Britain and the United States and their French, Polish, Czech and Belgian comrades on the Western Front were fighting grimly, mired in mud and fog, facing heavy snow in some regions, battling to counteract the fiercest German onslaught encountered since the Caen fighting.

Field Marshal Von Rundstedt picked his moment for counter attack wisely. Rarely has the vile weather with which the Allies have been consistently plagued been worse; and the Allied air forces which could win the present battle of Belgium with several days' consecutive flying time, have — until the last day or two — been grounded almost since it began.

Also the moment hardly could have been chosen better from the political standpoint. With hints of Allied misunderstanding arising over Greek and Polish problems, the sharp setback which the U.S. 1st Army has received — and accompanying havoc wrought in Gen. Eisenhower's time-table — has redoubled the weight to be borne by the United Nations' home fronts.

With his depleted reserves and in view of the multiple-front war which he must fight, it is obvious the enemy does not intend his latest stroke as an attempt to win the war, but merely as an effort to delay its outcome in western Europe. The play for time — partly in order to allow German scientists to develop further refinements of their V-weapons, and also to allow a space in which Allied differences might conceivably grow to disagreements which would render a compromise peace acceptable — is an obvious move.

But it has given the Allies an opportunity such as usually comes but once in a war. The very magnitude of the German effort bears with it an accompanying danger; Von Rundstedt has committed such a weight of men and armor to his offensive that if his gamble fails the war will be considerably shortened, rather than lengthened.

The Allies have the men, material and generalship in France and the Low Countries to deliver the coup de grace to the Germans.

So Christmas, 1944, found the Allied armies pressing a vicious battle in the snow, fog and mud of the Western Front, trying to halt the first major German push since D-Day. Allied leaders do not doubt that they will — the enemy drive has now been slowed down considerably — but on just how long it will take the Allies to get back on the offensive in the Belgian sector may depend just how long it will take to beat the Nazis.

What About 1945 ?

PROBABLY a hundred trains come into the Windsor Station, Montreal, every day. One of these last week carried men returning from four or five years overseas on a thirty-day Christmas leave. The reunion of these men with their families was something that literally tore at your heart.

Let's hope that there will be many more such trains coming in during this New Year — but for some of us no train will ever bring back the ones we wait for. If, however, we decide to be different this year, we will be able to play OUR part in helping to cure the things that make all this necessary.

The answer is not complicated. We have heard it over and over again. It's how we live — and what we do about it — that matters.

Over the last thirty years we have tried nearly everything else. We have tried political changes and new parties. We've experienced tremendous booms and deep depressions. We've written new peace pacts and any number of alliances.

But fundamentally, world problems remain the same because the root problem — human nature — remains unsolved. Until we deal with human nature drastically, remove all selfishness and permit our lives to be God-controlled, the wider affairs of governments and nations will follow the same historic road of violence.

Making this work will need something more than good resolutions which we forget in a couple of weeks. It means making decisions that will last a life-time.

War Inventions

POST-WAR ships will not have to dodge enemy torpedoes and mines, or ward off air attacks, but they will find good use for certain of the protective devices invented under the spur of war necessity. One of the major products of wartime invention is asdic. . . In times of peace, the asdic can be used to locate the position of wrecks, rocks, sandbanks and other obstructions. . . Radar, the mysterious invention with the mysterious name, now ferrets out enemy surface ships on the darkest nights and through the densest fogs. In peacetime it can be adopted to reduce collisions at sea to a minimum.

—Flin Flon Miner

We Think We're Badly Off

"NOTHING in the shops", people say. Well, perhaps not; but before we begin pitying ourselves, or thinking how badly off we are, let us try to consider the trials of other people. They are greater than ours. Before us as we write is a piece in the London Economist telling of conditions in London. One of the things it says is that out of more than 800,000 homes damaged by the robot bombs less than 180,000 would be repaired by Christmas, this meaning open windows and leaky roofs in the case of tens of thousands of them. To make matters worse, there is a shortage of coal; and the Economist says grimly that an extra eightpence worth of meat and extra supplies of margarine and sugar will hardly compensate for leaking roofs and empty cellars.

That is the British position, on the eve of this Christmas. Yet bad as it is, it is as nothing compared to that of millions all over Europe who on this Christmas Day will know or experience little other than hunger and cold and life as refugees on the roads, or perhaps death from war or pestilence.

Nothing in our shops! No silk stockings! A shortage of gifts! Thus we talk; with the very nature of our complaints telling how fortunate we are, and how remote in our thoughts from the real tragedies of this war.

Instead of complaining it is on our knees we should be in prayer for those who are truly suffering, and in gratitude for the things vouchsafed to us.

— Ottawa Journal

On A Forward Airfield in Holland



Pilots of an R.A.F. Tempest Squadron in Holland pass the time at dispersal while waiting for the 'ready'.

BRITAIN ALONE

(New York Times)

The British were fighting Hitler, part of the time almost alone, for two years before the Japanese bombed us into the war. If we are tired of practice blackouts, food restrictions, casualty lists and high taxes, what of them? The British people have stood up magnificently against every weapon Hitler could throw against them. On that tight little island, that "fortress built by Nature for herself", our British cousins have fought the good fight, held the line, contributed their full share to victory.

Cheerfulness keeps up a kind of daylight in the mind, filling it with a steady and perpetual serenity.

— Addison

London — The loss of 2,978 lives by enemy action in the course of 10,000,000 movements of British Army personnel by sea up to the end of September, represents only .0028 per cent of the total. This achievement was due not only to the safeguards maintained by the Royal Navy and the R.A.F., but to good planning work carried out by "Q" movements at the War Office.



A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada

By Jim Greenblat

Canadian Auxiliary Services have completed plans for collecting skates and boots for Canadian troops in France, Belgium and Holland. Y.M.C.A. branches are also working on this project. Anyone having a set of skates and boots, is asked to send them to any Y.M.C.A. or write the nearest office of the organization for details. The boys "over there" will be grateful, because it gives them homespun recreation and keeps them in touch with a great Canadian sport.

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All quiet on the labor front: Time lost through strikes and lockouts in the first 10 months of this year showed a decrease of more than 82 per cent from the same period of 1943. There were no strikes carried over from September. There were 12 work interruptions during October, but eight were settled The rest resumed work pending final settlement of the dispute. Figures show that 485,924 man working days were lost to October 31, 1944, in 172 strikes involving 73,391 workers. This is contrasted with the same period last year when 885,282 days were lost in 358 strikes involving 165,866 workers.

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Reflecting the general better prosperity of the primary producer this year is the record of country general stores sales for October which increased six per cent in dollar volume over the same month a year ago. General store sales were 74.6 per cent higher than the average for the five years 1935-1939. Aggregate figures for the first 10 months of 1944 are 10 per cent higher than for a year ago.

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Times are good but net collections in the Income Tax and Customs and Excise divisions of the department of National Revenue totalling $141.7 millions for the month of November were down by over $63 million in comparison with November 1943. In line with this the collection of income tax alone took in a net of $99.5 millions in November, against $117.6 millions in November 1943.

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The total value of all field crops in Canada in 1944 is now estimated at $1,319 millions, compared with $1,134 millions, with wheat constituting about one-third of the whole. This is a new high figure, being $185 million above the 1943 estimate, and almost double that of 1939, which in itself tells a story of the splendid war effort on farm fronts. Saskatchewan topped all provinces in order of magnitude, with total value of all field crops estimated at $457.2 millions. Following in order are Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, New Brunswick, British Columbia, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

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While the airforce is releasing a limited number of its service women over a three-months period, the Canadian Army is seeking 5,000 new recruits for the Canadian Women's Army Corps, and thus a close liason is now being maintained between the two services to allow a dischargee if willing to be medically boarded interviewed and assessed by the Army so that a decision can be made on how best to employ her in the C.W.A.C.

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Over 70 per cent of Canadian men and women with overseas service who have been discharged for medical reasons and cases ruled on by the Canadian Pensions Commission have been granted pensions. To the end of October this year 11,305 had been granted pension out of 15,335 cases. Of these 10,405 got their pensions on first hearing. Total annual liability on pensions so far awarded for this war was $9.3 millions at end of October.

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Odds and ends: During the first nine months of this year Canada produced 2,231,690 fine ounces of gold. . . If digging or ploughing for the 1945 Victory Garden wasn't done in the fall, the work will have to be undertaken in the early spring as soon as the ground is dry enough to be proprely worked. . . . Soviet scientists have developed a paste of pressed milk which is effective in curing wounds . . . Persons residing in Canada can now make personal remittances to France with the approval of the Foreign Control Exchange Board.

Rehabilitation News

Questions and Answers

(The Watchman offers this weekly service to returned veterans, their families and citizens' rehabilitation or contacting committees — to assist them with their problems and provide them with expert advice on the many questions confronting service personnel on their return to civil life. Correspondence should be addressed to Mr. M. V. Trayers, % Watchman Office, Lachute, Que.)

We recently dealt with the case of a boy who had served three years in Canada withoutout going overseas and we found he obtained a total of $415 on leaving the service as against $245 which was granted to a boy in similar position during the last war. Now, let us take the case of a boy — and we have many of them — who served one year in Canada and four years overseas. He would receive $810 as a gratuity, $154 being the seven days' pay and allowance for each six months of service, $45 for the month's rehabilitation grant, and $100 clothing allowance — a total of $1,100 as compared with $455 which was the maximum he could receive at the end of the Great War.

I am speaking in both cases of a single man and a private soldier.

A married man would receive more because the month's rehabilitation grant and the seven days' pay and allowances for every six months of overseas service are governed by his domestic circumstances, that is, dependent's allowance enters the picture. A Major General would receive more because his month's rehabilitation grant and the seven days' pay and allowances for every six months of overseas service are pay and allowance for his rank, but so far as the basic gratuity is concerned —$7.50 for each month of home service and $15 for each month of service abroad — this applies alike to single and married, Private and General — they all get the same gratuity.

This, however, is not all. If the discharged man does not wish to avail himself of the very generous provisions that have been made for him to take vocational training or university training, or settle on the land, he can obtain a re-establishment credit which we shall deal with next week.

During the week one boy returned to Brownsburg and was re-established in his former employment. This young man joined up in June 1942, and was discharged last week.

In answer to J.B's and R.G.'s questions we have a release of December 12 by the Hon Ian A. MacKenzie. "Over 70% of discharged veterans with overseas service have been granted entitlement to pension." Of 15,335 such cases ruled on, 11,305 were granted. Of course these men and women were discharged for medical reasons, and any receiving an unfavorable decision from the Commission have the right to further hearings.

"Where service was in Canada only, the percentage is not so high, Mr. MacKenzie said", but more than 45 % of all those discharged for medical reasons, for whom a decision has been rendered, have been granted entitlement."

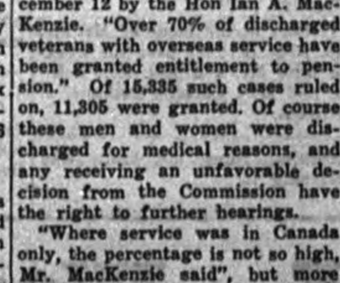
In answer to Legionaire who asks "are service men and women whose service is in Canada only and who suffer from disabilities during service which are not due to their service, entitled to a pension?" Yes! Under a special section of the Pension Act there is a provision for just such men and women. Should the circumstances of these people become necessious, a pension may be paid, and so far a total of 8,212 have been given such entitlement.

Listen In

T. C. M. Taylor, director of personnel selection, on "The Soldier's Return."

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PLAN CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE

Saskatoon (CP) — Joseph Lichstein of Toronto, secretary of the Health League of Canada, and Saskatchewan health officials are promoting the first Canadian conference on marriage and the family, to be held here probably next May.

More than 300 delegates may attend, including sociologists, welfare officials, social workers, and representatives of national organizations, churches, government, educational bodies and the medical profession.

Mr. Lichstein said in a Saskatchewan address that family life education — education for marriage and family life or sex education in its largest sense — embraces instruction concerning the family relations of men, women and their children from the biological, mental and social standpoints.

There are now thousands of schools, elementary and chiefly high schools in the United States, Britain, European countries and in Canada giving family-life education and the number is increasing, he said. The universities of British Columbia and Manitoba now are preparing courses on marriage and the family.

London — British Restaurants, inaugurated during the war to serve meals at popular prices to war workers, may continue after the war. At present 622,000 people are fed daily at an average cost of 26 cents for a three-course meal.

London — A subscriber making a long-distance telephone call in Britain pays for each three minutes' conversation and is warned at the end of that time by the sound of three "pips" (three staccato warning notes). This system is exclusive to British telephones, and is an automatic arrangement. It safeguards the speaker from being overcharged, or from continuing his conversation for longer than he intended.

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POLAND MAY GET SILESIAN PRIZE

Rich in Mining and Industry, Silesia May Go to Poland After the War

New York (CP)—Russian armies, nearing the borders of Silesia, focus double-barreled attention on the district's intrinsic wealth and its possible political future.

Second only to the Ruhr valley in its concentration of mining and industrial activity, Silesia is one of Europe's leading prizes. It is expected to be the "compensation in the west" presented to Poland in return for eastern territory which Russia claims should be part of the U.S.S.R.

On the record, Poles are not inclined to look their gift horse in the mouth, but they cannot fail to foresee some problems. While the Poles have always wanted the return of Upper (Silesia racially Slavonic) lower Silesia is ethnologically German and antagonism and problems of assimilation will be considerable.

With the loss of eastern Poland, the nation loses its only oil wells and must import oil from Russia.

Silesia was divided three ways after the Great War. Germany retained agricultural lower Silesia, which had become a stronghold of the Junkers, and portions of industrial upper Silesia. The rest of upper Silesia went to Poland and Czechoslovakia in major and minor shares respectively.

Poland gained coal, iron, zinc and lead sufficient not only for her own smelting, coke ovens and chemical plants, but had sufficient left over for profitable export. The coal produced alone was 40,000,000 tons annually. And from its Silesian holdings, Czechoslovakia got more than three-fourths of its coal supply.

When the Nazis overran the whole territory in 1939, it seemed a district remote from the threat of enemy damage and offered not only additional sources of war-useful minerals and manufacturing facilities but also what appeared to be a working substitute for bombed-out areas in the west.

In addition, Silesia is served by a thick network of railways and highways. Water transportation is offered by the Oder river, which rises in upper Silesia and flows to the Baltic Sea, and by the famous Moravian Gate, centuries-old passageway for traffic through central Europe.

Men and women who lead sedentary lives up to the ages of 50 and 60 cannot, with safety, and certainly rarely with benefit plunge into vigorous exercise.

OBITUARY

OTTAWA RESIDENT RELATED HERE

Late John Newton

The funeral of the late John Newton, who died suddenly on December 12 at his residence in Ottawa, was held from the George Rogers Funeral Parlor on December 14.

Surviving are his three sisters, Mrs. J. G. Murray and Mrs. M. Parker, of Ottawa, also Mrs. C. Hamilton, of Kenaston, Sask., and a niece, Miss Milly Davis, of Ottawa. His wife, the former Charlotte Williams, died some time ago.

In Memoriam

MacNAUGHTON—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Thomas MacNaughton, who passed away December 29, 1943.—Always remembered by Eleanor, Ruth, Clarence, and Sgt. Albert MacNaughton, R.C.A.F. (Overseas).

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In our hearts you're always near,
We who loved you sadly miss you
As it dawns another year."

MONCRIEFF — In loving memory of a dear mother who passed away December 28, 1942; also a dear father, who passed away January 21, 1926. — Ever remembered by Mabel, Archie and family.

"There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore;
And bright in heaven's jewelled crown
They shine for evermore."

MORRISON — In memory of a beloved husband and father, Thomas Barron Morrison, who passed away December 29, 1936. — Sadly missed by his wife and family.

NICHOLS — In fond and loving memory of our dear mother, who departed this life December 29, 1940.—Ever remembered by Mabel, Muriel and Ruby.

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.

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DISTRICT NEWS
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Cushing

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dougall, of Verdun, spent the week-end and Christmas Day with Mrs. Dougall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Graham.

Miss Dorothy Weir, of Montreal, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Weir.

Miss E. M. Graham, of Verdun, arrived home Friday night and will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Graham, until after New Year's.

Mrs. W. Y. King, also the Misses Alberta and Leila Cleland, spent Christmas Day with friends in Montreal.

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Graham were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scott and Mr. Thos. Pollock, of Lachute.

Sto-1 H. V. Elliott, of H.M.C.S. Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, spent Christmas here in Cushing with his wife and small daughter, Marion.

St. Mungo's Church service on Sunday, December 31, will be held at three o'clock in the afternoon.

LS. Alexander Gray, at present of Digby, N.S., was the guest of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Gaston, and accompanied them to the home of Mrs. J. Little, of Little Rideau, Ont., to spend Christmas Day.

Frontier W.I. will meet at the home of Mrs. Basil Clark on Tuesday afternoon, January 2. Short talks by members. Roll call, "What Pa thinks of the Institute."

Lost River

Miss Flora McLeod spent the week-end visiting her mother, Mrs. Wm McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. H. MacDonald, of N.D.G., spent the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Williams.

Week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dewar were the Misses Melba and Marjory Dewar and Mr. Mervin White, of Montreal.

Mr. John Dewar, of Montreal, is spending a week with friends in Lost River and Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McTavish spent Christmas week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rory MacTavish.

Mr. James A. Dewar, of Fort Qu'appelle, Sask., spent a few days visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dewar.

Mr. Alex Beaton and son, of Montreal, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Beaton.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bethune over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bethune and Miss Christie Bethune, of Montreal.

Nothing ruins the truth like stretching it.

Rivington

Miss Hannah Smith, of Ottawa, spent the Christmas holidays with her mother in Rivington.

Miss Annie Meyer, of Rouge Valley, and Miss Tena Meyer, of Thurso, spent the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer.

Cushing West

Miss Catherine Cooke is here from New Carlisle to spend the Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. C. L. Cooke. Miss Muriel Cooke, of Montreal, also spent Christmas at her home here.

Miss Dorothy Weir, of Montreal, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Weir. Miss Helen Weir and Mr. Sandy Stalker were also guests of Mr. and Mrs. Weir on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watson and daughter, Ora, were guests of Mrs. Watson's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dawson, at Stonefield Heights for Christmas.

Mr. E. and Miss M. Whelehan, also Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Robert and little daughter, were Christmas guests of Mr. W. H. and Miss Tessie Robert at Monalea.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Robertson, of Hudson, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Edwards at Monalea.

Mr. C. Grece, of Grece's Point, spent Christmas in the city.

Lieut. Kenneth Hartley, on leave from Brockville at his home is Montreal, also Miss K. Whelehan, of Montreal, were guests of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Miss Whelehan, Saturday evening.

St. Andrews East

Pte. Donald Burns, of Fredericton, was the week-end guest of Mr. Jack Entwistle.

Messrs. Lloyd and Russell Bryson were at their home for Christmas.

Miss Helen Rayson has returned to Montreal after spending two weeks' vacation at her home here.

Cpl. Joyce Rayson, of Uplands, Ont., AC-1 John Rayson, of St. Johns, Que., and Vernon Rayson, of Montreal, spent the Christmas holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rayson.

Mr. Roy DeWitt, of Ste. Agathe, spent the Christmas holiday with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. John DeWitt of Ottawa, were here also.

Miss M. J. Taylor, of Wakefield, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Calder.

Pte. H. Lenoue, of Alabama, spent a week's vacation at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. O. Giroux. Mrs. Lenoue has been at home with her parents for some time.

Pte. Kenneth MacAllister was at his home here for Christmas.

Miss Pat Liddell, of Montreal, spent a recent week-end as the guest of Miss Audrey Eaton.

Christianity is not a theory or speculation, but a life; not a philosophy of life, but a life and a living process. —Coleridge

Brownsburg

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Mabee have returned after visiting relatives in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Wallace and family spent the Christmas holiday in Granby, Que.

The Young People's Unions of both the United and Maple Avenue Baptist Churches will hold a joint Watch-Night service at 11 p.m. on Sunday next in the Maple Avenue Baptist Church, members of both Unions taking part.

Miss Phyllis MacAdam is visiting with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Warwick and family spent Christmas visiting in Montreal.

The service in the United Church next Sunday morning will be prefaced with a songalogue of hymns for the New Year season, beginning at 10.45 o'clock.

Mr. George Warwick, of Ashton, Ont., is visiting relatives and friends in Brownsburg.

A number of young people from the United and Maple Avenue Baptist Churches visited several homes after the Sunday evening service, and on behalf of shut-in friends, sang Christmas carols.

Mabel

Mr. and Mrs. David McDonald, also Miss Agnes Leduc, of Verdun, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Murdoch for the holiday week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Warwick and family, also Mr. Dave Black and daughter, Sybil, of Brownsburg, spent Sunday with Mrs. R. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murdoch and daughter, Judy Anne, spent the holiday in Montreal.

Mr. Geo. D. Murdoch, Messrs. Geo. and Douglas Clark, also Mr. Bazil Clark, attended the funeral of the late Robert Cunning at Vankleek Hill on Tuesday.

Mrs. Kenneth Murdoch, of Montreal, visited Mr. and Mrs. Archie Murdoch during the holidays.

Miss Jean Nason, of Brownsburg, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Clark on Tuesday.

Pte. Alvin Connelly, stationed at Camp Borden, spent Christmas with his wife and daughter, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Murdoch.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Townsend spent the holiday week-end in Dunany.

Mr. Harry Murdoch, of Montreal, spent Christmas with Mrs. Murdoch and daughter Diane, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Murdoch. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Madden, of Kilmar, were also guests at the Murdoch home.

We need expanding friendships in this contracting world.

Men on Postponement Working in Industry

Civilian men who have been granted postponement of military training while working in industry, will be replaced wherever possible by qualified men whose services are being dispensed with by the R.C.A.F. because they are surplus to requirements and are not suitable for recall for service in the Army, according to on announcement made by Arthur MacNamara, Director of National Selective Service.

It is stated that Industrial Mobilization Surveys carried out by Selective Service over a period of more than a year, have reduced the number of civilians on postponement in war industry to very small numbers of men in key positions, some of whom are actually of low medical category. However, those who may be available for military training will be called up just as soon as demobilized men can be secured to take over the civilian jobs.

A protest was recently received from the United Automobile Workers-CIO, Local Union No. 382 at Weston, Ont., alleging that men on postponement in the Massey-Harris plant at Weston constitute "a source of manpower that is available which has not been followed up according to Government policy that pertains to deferrees." This protest was supported by the Toronto Council of the Canadian Legion, who also alleged that ex-servicemen were being laid off from some Toronto plants although men on postponement of military training were being "unjustifiably retained in employment."

In reply Mr. MacNamara, dealing particularly with the Massey-Harris case, wrote, "There are only 32 men in the plant at present on deferment, out of a total of 2,069 employees. I have gone over the report in respect of each of those men on deferment and find they are all key men in production. The report I have indicates that to withdraw any of them at this time would seriously cripple production."

Mr. MacNamara then explained that R.C.A.F. personnel from the disbanded training schools would be secured to replace the 32 men as soon as men with the particular qualifications required could be secured.

Mr. MacNamara added further: "All will agree that production of essential war supplies must not suffer. When lay-offs occur, men under postponement of military training are called up where their services can be spared at all by industry. Whether men on postponement are to be laid off or not, we see to it that they are called if in our judgment war production will not suffer. However, we have combed out industry so carefully that we do have to be cautious about taking away the few men on postponement who still remain in civilian work, because their qualifications alone have caused a continuance of postponement."

Australia to Pare 1945 Wool Output

Drought Effects to be Felt Most in 1945

Canberra (CP) — The full effect of the present drought in southern parts of Australia will not be felt until next year according to Director-General of Agriculture Frank Bulcock. Livestock and grain production have suffered most, but fortunately the position is better in the dairying, vegetable and fruit industries. In Western Australia recent rains have improved the situation.

Commenting on the reduced wheat yield, Commerce and Agriculture Minister William Scully said there will be sufficient to meet Australia's needs. He gave an assurance that, while export shipments would have to be reduced, Australia would meet all commitments to Britain.

Estimates from New South Wales are 20,000,000 bushels, compared with a normal yield of 45,000,000 to 55,000,000. The entire Victorian crop, estimated at between 3,000,000 and 5,000,000 bushels, will be required for seed and feed for stock. In South Australia the crop will probably total 5,000,000 bushels, compared with an average of 30,000,000, while in Western Australia the yield will be about 12,000,000.

Wool authorities forecast a reduction in next season's wool clip as a result of the drought. Present indications are that the 1944-45 clip will be 3,500,000 bales, or 300,000 less than the average for the past five years. Even if seasonal conditions improved the number of sheep for shearing next season will be less than in recent years, and a few years may elapse before the clip again reaches 3,500,000 bales.



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Regina (CP) — Measures to prevent spring flooding in the Brandon, Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg areas as well as agricultural land and smaller towns along the Assiniboine River, are being considered by Prairie Farm Rehabilitaton Administration engineers. Surveys are being made for post-war flood-control construction at the request of the Manitoba government.

POST-WAR PLANNING

Montreal (CP) — Capt. Jean Duclos of a Quebec regiment is a prisoner of war in Germany, but internment hasn't dampened his optimism. A post-card from him reached a Montreal automobile dealer asking that he be placed on the list for a car "for delivery with the least delay after the war." The dealer said Duclos would be "first on the list."

World Church News



The Rev. W. J. Gallagher, M.A., B.D., D.D., secretary of the recently organized Canadian Committee of the World Council of Churches, is shown here at a CBC microphone in Toronto as he broadcasts his weekly budget of "World Church News." He is heard Monday, at 4.30 p.m. EDT over the Trans-Canada network. Dr. Gallagher reports on everything from Church conferences in this country to the part Christian youth is playing in the resistance movement of occupied lands, using only current, topical material for his fifteen minutes on the air.

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.
"New Year Resolutions"
7.00 p.m. Evening Worship.
"Light Upon the Path"
Both services will be appropriate to the closing of the old year and the opening of the new.

ST. SIMEON'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Rev. C. R. Lang, L.Th., Rector
Sunday School, 9.45 a.m.
11 a.m. Morning prayer.

MARGARET RODGER MEM'L PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
"Are you Ready ?
3.00 p.m. Brownsburg.
7 p.m. Evening Worship.
"Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us."

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. H. Charlton
10.00 a.m. Bible School.
11.00 a.m. Christian Fellowship Service.
7.00 p.m. Evening Worship.
Prayer Meeting, Wed., at 8.00 p.m.

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.
Sunday, Jan. 7,—
Communion at 11 a.m.

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

BROWNSBURG	
Bible School	10.00 a.m.
Church	11.00 a.m.
Prayer, Thursday	8.00 p.m.
DALESVILLE	
Bible School	2.00 p.m.
Church	3.00 p.m.
Prayer, Wednesday	8.00 p.m.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, BROWNSBURG
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Speaker, Mr. F. S. Hoskin, of Montreal.
No evening service.

LAKEFIELD SERVICES
Rev. C. W. P. Baugh, Rector
Lakefield, 10.30 a.m.
Mille Isles, 2.30 p.m.
Morin Heights 8 p.m.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

Timely Message from Commissioner of the Salvation Army

With Christmas fresh in our memory, the following message by Commissioner Benjamin Orames, of the Salvation Army, finds a very practical application. Of all noble ideals, the perpetuation of Christmas charity commands uppermost attention as the New Year brings its opportunity of resolve. . . .

"Once again, at this season, people want to give or share not only their worldly goods, but the many small happinesses of life that make this, of all seasons of the year, the most unforgettable.

"Unfortunately for many people, the sharing stops with the Christmas season. We hear many stories these days, from the occupied countries. They say themselves, that many of them for the first time know what it is to share — their daily bread — the small luxuries that may, once in a long while, come their way — but most of all, the small incidents of daily living and companionship.

"In this the sixth Christmas of a world at war we, of the Salvation Army, pause to offer a special prayer of thankfulness that, in the coming year, we may look for Peace, and that this bond of fellowship may be one of the cornerstones. We recognize the gigantic tasks we have to make this a lasting Peace and, with the spirit of the Christ Child ever before us, we cannot fail."

Christian Science

"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon to be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 31.

The Golden Text is from II Peter 1:21 "The prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered. And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other." (Luke 6:6, 10).

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: "Christian Science, as demonstrated by Jesus, alone reveals the natural, divine Principle of Science." (page 272)

IN BROWNSBURG

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back to its native heath and the bonnie banks. The old Gaelic mythology had all it heroes who died in foreign lands return after death by the Low Road. He would never see his "true love" again; but he would get back to Scotland before his friend who took the High Road — the wild and rocky road over land. I never hear "Loch Lomond" without thinking of Jock McCosh and Dalbeattie and the two clansmen.

Concert by Brownsburg School Pupils

At the Consolidated School building on Tuesday night the pupils of the advanced grades presented a program of songs and music which was enjoyed by their parents and friends. The various items were arranged by the pupils themselves, and with the most meager equipment of props and scenery and a minimum of lighting effects, a very pleasing presentation was arranged. The principal, Mr. D. Staniforth, acting as M.C. reflected a pride which he ineffectually concealed at the appreciation which the audience displayed.

The Victory Polka by the pupils of Grade VII was very neatly executed. As an encore "He's A.1. in the Navy" was equally well received.

"Lilli Marlene," a tableau in which Marjorie Vowles played the feminine lead, was well applauded; as an encore Marjorie was very pleasing with "Silver Wings in the Moonlight."

A piano duet by Marjorie Vowles and Clarice Mason was very well played. Stuart Vary in a recitation, "Little Baptiste," was a gem. In response to prolonged applause little Stuart had to do it all over again. "Down by the Old Mill Stream" was picturesquely rendered by the full chorus of the higher grades. "Silver Threads among the Gold" as an encore was well applauded.

A recitation by Isobel Low was nicely received, as also was "Swinging on a Star" by the pupils of Grade VII.

Elaine MacAdam in a Highland Fling, dressed in Scottish costume, was very pleasing. The first part of the program concluded with the backstage singing of Christmas carols, which wrapped a Christmassy feeling over the audience.

Opening the second half, Claude Lavoie gave a rare treat in a piano selection, "Star of the Sea". A playlet, "Uncle Hiram's Cold", with Mason MacAdam as Uncle Hiram and Jean Jackson as his wife, was one of the best items of the evening. A seasonal treat was presented by Kay Moseley in her rendition of "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas".

"Why Is It?", a recitation by Marion Dixon, was very good. Ringuet's "Valse Venitienne", a piano duet by Olive Trayers and Beverly Martin, showed evidence of careful training. It was well applauded.

The concert concluded with a Salute to the Nations by the whole chorus and cast. Miss Velma Hosgoode was an accomplished accompanist.

The proceeds, for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross, reached a goodly sum.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Beryl Underhill, of McGill University, is spending the holidays with her parents in town.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. Howard Bradford are spending the holidays with their parents at Granby, Que.

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Mrs. R. Keatley, of Portage du Fort, Que., spent Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell, Dalesville.

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Coder Albert Marshall, of St. Hyacinthe, and Miss Jean Holden, of Montreal, were Christmas guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. Percival.

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Miss Jean Damont is spending her holidays visiting Miss Glenys Bradford.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Steele and daughter, Peggy Ann, of Niagara Falls, Ont., spent a few days this week with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. David Steele.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tomalty and family, of Waltham, Mass., are spending the Christmas holidays with friends here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pollock spent the Christmas week-end in Montreal, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pollock.

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Misses Alice Meyer and Ethel Taylor, and Mr. Donald Boa, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer at Rivington.

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Miss Milly Davis, Mr. Lloyd Ailsby, of Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Davis and daughter, Margaret, of Morin Heights, and Wren Louise Deacon, of St. Hyacinthe, were the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Deacon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ira F. Strong and daughter, Virginia Ruth, of Shawbridge, Que., were the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Strong.

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L-AW. Marjorie Kettyle, of the R.C.A.F. (W.D), Trenton, Ont., Mrs. Gordon Townsend, of Westmount, and Miss Edna Kettyle, of Lachine, were the Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kettyle.

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Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell at Dalesville on Christmas Day included — Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stephens and family, and Miss Enid Campbell, all of Montreal, and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Freeland and daughter, of Brownsburg.

Mr. Thomas MacKimmie, of South Haven, Mich., is visiting relatives and friends here in town.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Graham spent Christmas visiting with friends in Montreal.

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Miss Joan MacKimmie, of Montreal, spent last week-end at her home in North River.

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Cpl. John Dixon and Mrs. Dixon were the holiday guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Carson.

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Miss Eileen Steeves, of Queen's University, Kingston, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Steeves.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Rigg spent the Christmas week-end as guests of Mrs. Rigg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bailey, at St. Johns, Que.

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Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Blore and Miss Margaret Graham, of Verdun, were the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Graham, Grace Street.

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Pte. Ernest Boyd, of the R.C.A.-S.C., Camp Borden, spent the Christmas week-end with his wife in Lachute.

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Mr. Floyd and Mr. Russell Bradford, of Macdonald College, are spending the holidays with their parents.

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Mrs. J. A. MacGibbon spent Christmas at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Montreal, accompanied by Miss Edith Morrison and Mr. Robert Johnson, of Pembroke, Ont.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. K. McArthur and Miss June McArthur spent the Christmas week-end visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne McArthur in Ottawa.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Cook and Miss Gertrude Taylor spent the Christmas week-end visiting with Mrs. Cook's daughter, Mrs. Herman Morgan and Mr. Morgan, in Montreal.

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Chief Petty Officer Kenneth Falconer and Mrs. Falconer and daughter, of Quebec City, are visiting with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Falconer, Lachute Mills.

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Mr. S. S. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell and Mrs. Jas. MacKenzie are attending the funeral of the late J. Alexander Campbell, held today at Thurso, Que.

Mr. Bob Bradford, of Montreal, spent last week-end at his home in North River.

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Pte. M. Theoret, of Montreal, is visiting with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Theoret, Bedard Blvd.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McEntyre and daughter, Gloria, spent Christmas visiting with relatives in Montreal.

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Mr. Wm. Snuggs, of Montreal, spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ward.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duffy, whose marriage took place on Friday of last week. Mrs. Duffy was formerly Miss Amy Gauley, of Lachute.

N.B. CHIEF JUSTICE HEADS SCOUTS

Chief Justice J. B. M. Baxter of Saint John has been re-elected as President of the New Brunswick Boy Scouts Association. The total number of Scouts and Cubs reported in the province is 4,547.

Persons in "sheltered" occupations get most colds and other debilitating diseases. To keep healthy, it is necessary that they spend part of their lives outdoors.



Refuelling on airstrips in France, Allied planes are smashing at the flow of enemy reinforcements to the North. In this artist's impression a convoy of German Panther tanks is seen en route for the battle area. Two of the tanks have plunged off the roads into fields in a vain attempt to escape, and are being attacked by a rocket-firing Typhoon. Overhead other planes of the Squadron are manoeuvring into position for the attack.

BIRTH

HELMER — At the Catherine Booth Hospital, on December 26, to AC-2 and Mrs. George Helmer, a son.

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Christmas Cartons or Wrapping Papers

Members of this community are urged to salvage all Christmas cartons, paper containers, brown wrapping paper and other waste paper.

The need for more waste paper is still urgent.

When we concentrate on income, there is small outcome to our lives.

NO HOPPER SCOURGE

Winnipeg (CP) — Manitoba grain crops which for years have suffered plagues of grasshoppers, will not be seriously menaced in 1945. A meeting of entomologists of the Dominion Research Laboratory at Brandon, Man., reported the lightest grasshopper egg infestation in 10 years.

Preston Ellsworth Koentop, 12 year old farm boy, is the 12,000,000th boy to become a member of the Boy Scouts of America

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DISTRICT NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Harrington

(Intended for last issue)

The Red Cross held their meeting on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. H. Bennett.

The Farm Radio Forum was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dobbie.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Peddle have left to spend the holidays in Glace Bay, N.S.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray McCulloch and Mr. and Mrs. P. McCulloch, of Renfrew, were here to attend the funeral of their father, the late Mr. R. McCulloch. Mrs. A. McRae, of Renfrew, were also here for the funeral.

Arundel

(Intended for last issue)

Mrs. Percy Gordon and Miss Lois Gordon visited friends in Lachute and Montreal recently.

The monthly meeting of Grace Church W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Wesley Thompson.

Little Joan Bennett is at present a patient in the Children's Memorial Hospital. Friends are glad to hear she will be home soon.

Mrs. Gordon Cooke recently underwent an operation in the Royal Victoria Hospital; we wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Melvin Cooke and Mrs A. E. Wilfong were hostesses of the Ladies' Aid which met at the manse recently.

F/O Leslie Cooke, R.C.A.F., spent a few days' leave at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Graham spent a week in Montreal, visiting with friends.

Mrs. J. C. Veit spent a few days in Montreal last week.

Miss Mary MacArthur spent a recent week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. MacArthur.

Mrs. F. Hughes recently spent some time in Montreal, visiting at her home.

Morin Heights

(Intended for last issue)

Mrs. Wm. Rolland and son, Jimmy, spent a couple of days in Montreal recently.

Mrs. J. D. Davis, who has spent some time in Montreal, returned home here on Sunday. Mr. Davis was also here for the week-end. Wren Patricia Davis, of the R.C.N., Halifax, is spending a few days with her parents. Her friends gave her a surprise party prior to her departure.

Cpl. W. R. Bell, of Ottawa, was with his family over the week-end.

Flight Sgt. Allan Vaillancourt, R.C.A.F., Halifax, is spending the Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Vaillancourt.

Trinity Guild

The December meeting of the Guild of Trinity Church was held at the home of Mrs. R. Moss. Election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. R. Moss was returned president; the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. F. Pang, and the vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Green, were both re-elected.

Grenville

AC-1 G. Moncrieff, R.C.A.F., of Uplands, Ottawa, spent Christmas Day at his home here.

Mr. L. S. Campbell, of Clova, Que., is spending the holidays with his family here.

LAC. Keith Canning, R.C.A.F., of Uplands, was with his family here for Christmas Day.

Mr. Beverly Cole, of Montreal, spent the week-end with his mother.

Miss Inez Dewar, of Montreal, spent Christmas week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Dewar.

Pte. Ronald McLean, of Ottawa, spent the Christmas week-end with his family here.

Weir

Cpl. R. G. Bowie, of the Canadian Provost Corps, was home from Camp Borden to spend Christmas with his wife and little daughter, Carole, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Larose spent Christmas in Montreal at the home of their daughter, Mrs. K. Cowan and Mr. Cowan.

The Misses Jessie and Lorna Bennett, of Montreal, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williams, with their son Royce, of Montreal, spent the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Weldon.

Mr. P. Cantin spent Christmas in Montreal, visiting friends.

Mr. Albert Woods, of Montreal, spent the holidays at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Cox, of Montreal, were holiday visitors at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. E. R. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rumbolt, of Montreal, were the holiday guests of Mrs. D Labrosse.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Booth and Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Kerr, all of Montreal, spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kerr.

Mr. Elwin Beaven, of Hull, Que., spent the week-end here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Larose.

Pte. Jas. Bates, of Ste. Anne de Bellevue, spent the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bates.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Williams spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. S. Craig and Mr. Craig, at Arundel.

Miss Lorraine Labrosse, of Montreal, spent the holiday at her home here.

The Christmas Tree entertainment held in the church hall on Friday evening was a decided success and largely attended. Much credit is due to Mrs. S. Swail for the splendid way in which the children were trained for the program.

Erwin Craig, R.C.A.F., of Saskatoon and Port Hope, visited friends in Weir on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ralph Hurtubise, of Montreal, was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. E. M. Schippel and Mr. Schippel.

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Education Advances

By Professor JOHN HUGHES, McGill University

SOME TIME ago three men were seen at work outside a little red schoolhouse. The steps needed repair. Labor was hard to get. These men were the school board members. All of them had children of their own at the school. The work needed doing; so one of them collected the others in his car, and they did the job, making the "rough places plain" for the feet of youth on the threshold of knowledge. Good for them!

Yet, that very same week the Canadian editor of a widely-read magazine wrote an editorial entitled, "The Little Red Schoolhouse Debunked." He pointed out that although the little red schoolhouse had served Canada well in pioneer days, it broke down when faced with the needs of the twentieth century. The nineteenth century demanded elementary education for all: the twentieth century, rightly or wrongly, demands more. It demands some kind of post-elementary education for all; either in the school or in industry, or by the joint efforts of the school and industry. The little red schoolhouse cannot meet the need for proper high school education of the youth of the countryside.

Here then is one need, one problem, and one line of educational advance. The Province of Quebec for instance has recognized that "all the children of all the people" should go beyond the elementary grades, and have free schooling, with free tools in the form of text books, up to and including Grade IX. There you have — in outline and in prospect at least — an elementary school education *plus* a junior high school education for every boy and girl in the province.

So it is that the more intelligent school board members and educational leaders everywhere in city, town and country are thinking in terms of larger areas, and larger units of school administration. They are right. In no other way can adequate educational facilities be planned for the needs of today and tomorrow. Where this plan has been tried — and it has been well tried and proved in many parts of the world — it has worked so well that nobody would dream of going back to the old way. This is one of the main recommendations of the Canada and Newfoundland Education Association Survey report — "Larger units of administration should be set up in order to give greater opportunities for education to children in rural communities." Nor is this need by any means confined to the countryside. The same need is urgently emphasized by the more alert and well-informed leaders in urban education. It will be a happy day for the children of Montreal and the adjoining areas when the education of the island is placed under the single Island Board now envisaged. Experience has amply proved that such a framework opens the way to all kinds of improvement in educational provision.

What other advances are recommended in the afore-mentioned survey report? (Before going further, I should say that if any reader would like a copy he or she can get one free by writing Dr. Charles E. Phillips, Ontario College of Education, Toronto.)

Now for the recommendations:

First and foremost is placed the physical basis — Health, and health education: a thorough survey to find out at once the areas and schools where health conditions are not right: the school authorities and public health boards are urged to get together: all schools should have proper medical, dental, nursing and immunization services: not only medical examination but also medical care, for what good is diagnosis without treatment? Adequate health instruction, provision of school lunches to correct diet deficiencies, and the integration of nutrition with the general health programme of the school — these round off the plans for school health. Health, then, comes first.

The report also recognizes that the human factor in the school situation is all important. The vital factor is the quality of the educational personnel. "Teaching is so important an occupation for the betterment of the nation that only the most capable and most promising young people should be attracted to the profession. The present salaries paid to teachers are not sufficient to attract the right kind of person in adequate numbers. Improved salary scales would attract to the teaching profession more people with the qualities needed, and induce them to stay longer in the profession.

The report urges the need for more men teachers (and more university graduates) in the profession. It also calls for complete high schools located in advantageous locations so that more children may benefit from the diversified curricula such as college preparatory, commercial, agricultural, industrial and home economics. Pupils living at a distance from the school should be provided with transportation, or with living accommodation in hostels or boarding houses. An equalization fund should be established to aid the weaker school districts to offer better educational facilities. Road departments should co-operate by maintaining in good condition roads that lead to central schools.

The need for satisfactory guidance to pupils is urged. Another reform demanded is a system of scholarships to enable gifted children to continue their education. An important proposal is that one hundred and fifty junior colleges or advanced secondary schools be set up in centres where universities are not available. These new colleges are to provide education for pupils who will stay in school till they are 18, 19 or more years of age.

"Special educational facilities should be set up for returned men and women to enable them to make a living. For entrance to higher institutions the criterion for these persons should be their ability to perform the work required. Teachers should be demobilized at an early date after hostilities close so that they may be ready to train men and women as they are discharged.

Sir Richard Livingstone in a very notable recent book called "On Education" published by the Cambridge University Press enters a strong plea for a vigorous development of adult education. All intelligent citizens would assent to this, for the care of the mind, like that of the body, should be lifelong, and should not end abruptly at 16 or 18 years of age.

The Canadian Survey report is in hearty agreement, calling for extension and development of this type of education, as "the change from a wartime to a peacetime economy will precipitate many urgent problems in adult education." The Canadian Association for Adult Education should be extended continued support for its excellent work.

As a part of this movement, the report concludes that "one of the most urgent needs is for Dominion-wide public library service", and that a minimum sum of a million dollars is required to extend library service over the whole Dominion. The survey also advocates a similar vigorous development within the schools of "central and classroom libraries set up to care for the expanding reading needs of pupils." The cost is estimated at a million dollars per annum for an initial period of seven years — a total of seven million dollars. This would prove an excellent investment for Canada.

The Survey Report also pleads for "full use of the newer tools of education such as the film and the radio." In the development of visual education the Province of Quebec has already given the lead.

The question of financial support for education received the careful attention of the Survey Committee, which came to the conclusion that "taxation levied on property assessment only, for school purposes, is no longer adequate. The money spent on a child's education should be the best investment that can be made in him. All children should be entitled to a sound education without regard to race, creed, personal wealth or social position."

School monies should be secured from all sources where all present-day wealth is found, not only from levies on real property.

The Report reveals some grave and perturbing facts. Many thoughtful Canadian citizens will be shocked to learn that about 75 per cent of Canada's teachers actually receive less than $1,223 per annum. Equality of educational opportunity is far from being realized. For example, one province spends $31.70 per child per year, as compared with $83.38 in another province.

The Report presents a sound case for its view that present annual expenditures for education should be doubled. A careful reading of the situation revealed in the report will leave the fair-minded and public-spirited citizen with the impression that this demand is, in very truth, moderate and conservative. The abolition of all fees (where still levied) in elementary and secondary schools is advocated. "The practice of apportioning legislative grants according to need should be continued and extended." The Committee expressed its concern regarding the plight of those school districts that are burdened with debts on capital expenditure. It suggests that measures should be taken to free school boards from capital expenditures, so that their annual revenues may be devoted to such essential purposes as teachers' salaries, equipment and maintenance. This, the report states, would solve one of the most vexatious school problems.

The Committee estimated that "in addition to the present yearly school expenditures of $146,832,642 throughout the Dominion, an additional added expenditure of $144,000,000, and an additional capital sum of $59,260,000, a total of $203,260,000 should be secured to make the moderate advances outlined in their report. Though all the money named may not be available at once, the sooner it is forthcoming the sooner the reforms recommended can become effective.

The citizens of Canada, and especially those who are anxious for her future welfare, are thankful to Principal F. Cyril James of McGill University for initiating, and to Dr. W. P. Percival for guiding, this valuable survey of the Dominion's chief educational needs. If enlightened and energetic action is taken to implement the report, future generations will have every reason for gratitude to the Survey Committee for their labors.

It is useful to recall, as we think upon the return of the ladies and gentlemen of His Majesty's armed forces, that the Dominion government has made provision for their education. The tuition fees of these students will be paid in full for them, and single students will be given a further grant of $60 per month, and married ones $80 a month, with further allowances for children.

About 40,000 men and women in the services have declared their intention of taking advantage of the above offer. The University authorities of the Dominion are busy with plans for the education of these men and women. The opportunity is a wonderful one, both for the ex-service students and for the universities.

Finally, we should all remember that all the foregoing plans and proposals, important and promising as they are, are mainly concerned with educational *machinery*. There is something far more vital — the spirit, the guiding principle that gives the whole educational system its meaning and direction. However well devised the framework of education may be, what ultimately matters is the kind of ideal that dominates the whole activity of our schools and colleges and universities. Sir Richard Livingstone has reminded us that our civilization is drawn from the twin fountains of Greece and Judea. We shall do well to remember our gratitude to Hellenism and to Religion, as well as to the achievements of science and invention.

The children in school today can well look forward to sharing in the celebration of the Christmas of the year 2000. Our schools will do their best work if they pay careful heed to their spiritual foundations; for "except the Lord buildeth the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Sterilization for Mental Defectives

Regina — Sterilization of mental defectives should be given careful consideration, it was stated in the report of the Saskatchewan Health Services Survey Commission which was released recently.

"Much experience has been gained in this field during the last 50 years in America and Europe," the report said. "One should not be deterred by the fact that Nazi Germany has practised sterilization in a brutal and wholesale manner, but should study the results obtained in such countries as the Scandinavian countries, Switzerland, and some of the American States where sterilization has been practised humanely and cautiously with good results."

Plan Road Network For County Dublin

Dublin (CP) — A £5,000,000 ($22,500,000) road network scheme for County Dublin has been prepared and will be submitted to the Eire government for approval in the New Year. The post-war proposals are designed to accommodate estimated traffic volume 50 years from now — nine times more than in 1928.

The roads, on which different types of traffic will be segregated, will be engineered for speeds of 70 miles an hour on the level, 60 in rolling country and 50 in mountainous areas.

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Dental Health

Impacted Teeth

Q. — Do impacted third molars (if x-ray shows them to be in good condition) need extracting, especially if the side of the face, eye, ear and neck show a tendency toward neuralgia and susceptibility to cold?

A. — Instead of classifying neuralgia as a disease it should be regarded as a reflex manifestation of a local or general disturbance. Some of the general causes are disturbances that lower resistance such as anemia or such diseases as diabetes, malaria and typhoid fever. Some of the local causes of facial neuralgia are reflex irritations from the eyes, ears, sinus and teeth.

The facial neuralgia may be caused, among other things, by a crowded arch; pressure from malocclusion; secondary dentin; exposed sensitive cementum where gums have receded and impacted and unerupted teeth.

Drilling A Cavity

Q. — Is it advisable to use an anesthetic for drilling out the average dental cavity?

A. — The use of a local anesthetic to prevent the pain or discomfort caused by most cavity preparations is advisable. Local anesthesia has a particularly important place in dentistry, since almost all dental procedures can be carried out under its influence. If patients are to accept a program of regular dental supervision, when minor pathologic processes are corrected before they progress to major defects, they must be assured that their dental visits will be pleasant and painless. Otherwise they will postpone the visit until it becomes unavoidable and the disease process has made serious inroads. For this reason, therefore, successful local anesthesia, in assuring freedom from pain, undoubtedly may be one of the most potent forces in bringing about the public health ideal of regular dental care.

Even though x-ray pictures indicate that the impacted teeth are apparently healthy they may be causing pressure on the nerves; and thus be the causitive factor of the neuralgia. In this event, they should be removed.

Chinese New Year's Greeting

The Chinese New Year's greeting is "Sui-hi," or "May joy be yours."

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Hints for Homebodies

By Jessie Allen Brown

PEACE ON EARTH

Peace on earth, good will to men, are words which have come down through the centuries. We can have the good will and hope for the peace. Individually most of us can do little for world peace, but we can do much for peace at home. People are getting very tired and consequently a bit irritable. Let us remember that, when we understand why people act as they do it is so much easier to forgive. Let us determine that we ourselves will be peaceful and have good will. Most of us are working in much closer contact with outsiders in our volunteer war-work, than we ever have before. Other people's opinions and ways may not be ours but let us just hold our tongues about it. Who only knows — they may be right. Even one member of a family working for peace in the house can go a long way in getting it. Every mother knows that when she is irritable it doesn't take long for the rest of the family to get upset. Even a very small child senses mother's moods and responds. Mother sets the pace, but it should not all be left to her.

CHRISTMAS PLANTS

Plants for Christmas are a favorite gift but too often their loveliness does not last beyond the day itself. Poinsettias have come to be considered the Christmas flower and will last well if properly cared for. It is one of the plants that will stand a 70 degree temperature if it is kept cool at night. A cool pantry or closet is a wise night place for the poinsettia. It should be kept well watered but water should not stand in the saucer and it should be kept out of direct sunlight. The Cyclamen should be kept in a temperature well under 70 degrees, and it should have some direct morning sun. It requires considerable water, and enough should be supplied so that the soil is damp and there is a lingering of water in the saucer. The Azaleas are of a shrubby nature and are well-suited to a cool room or sunroom where the temperature may drop as low as 45 degrees at night. They should be kept in a light window, and watered freely once or twice daily, and the pot immersed in water once a week. The Christmas Begonia will stand a temperature of 70 degrees provided it is moved to a cooler place at night. It should be placed in a South or East window and must not be overwatered, the soil should be kept barely moist and no water should stand in the saucer. The Jerusalem Cherry must have a cool temperature and be kept well watered. The leaves should be sprayed or washed off once a week. After it has finished blooming it can be cut back to within three inches of the main stem, kept in a cool place, watered occasionally, and then buried in the garden pot and all, in the Spring, and it will thrive and grow better than ever. The African Violet is a great favorite and well it might be as it is such a prolific bloomer. It needs plenty of water and should be watered from the saucer, pouring off any that is left after three hours. During the blooming period I dissolve fertilizer in the water about once every two weeks.

SPREAD THEM OUT

The average child gets a good many toys at Christmas, and after they have played with them for a few days, it is a good idea to put some of them away, safely hidden, for the time when the child has to spend some time in bed, or when an occasion for a special treat arrives. A small child gets confused with too many toys, and even the older child gets more thrill out of a few at a time.

LIGHT DESSERTS

Christmas is a time for hospitality, but sometimes after all the rich foods we have eaten, we like to find something that is lighter and easier to digest, but will still be good. The two desserts which follow will fill the bill and both have the advantages of being able to be prepared well ahead of time — even the day before.

MARACHINO SPANISH CREAM

1½ tablespoons gelatine, 3 cups milk, 3 eggs, 10 tablespoons sugar, few grains salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla, ½ cup finely chopped marachino cherries.

Soak the gelatine in the milk for five minutes, then scald and add the sugar. Beat the egg yolks and pour the milk mixture on to them while stirring. Return to the double boiler and cook until the custard is slightly thickened. Remove from the heat and add the salt and flavoring, and pour on to the stiffly beaten egg whites. Add the cherries with 2 tablespoons of their juice. Pour into a mould and chill until set.

TOKAY JELLY

1 package lemon or pineapple jelly, 1 tablespoon sugar, 2¼ cups hot water, 1 tablespoon sugar, ½ cup tokay grapes.

Add the sugar and water to the gelatine and stir until dissolved. Chill until the mixture begins to thicken, then add the grapes, halved and the stones removed. Chill until set.

Faith is the vision of the heart. It sees God in the dark, as in the day. — Young

RUSTLERS SNATCH CHRISTMAS TURKS

Poultry Thieves Steal Hundreds of Gobblers for Britain's Black Market

London (CP) — Turkey-rustling was the newest thing in England this Christmas.

Gangs of poultry thieves, racing by night through country lanes in trucks and cars, stole hundreds of turkeys and sold them to black market agents who kept them in cold storage and resold them at fabulous prices for Christmas dinners.

Police attempted to counteract the situation by mounting special guards around turkey-raising farms, but the birds continued to disappear. One farmer told newspapermen: "My entire stock of turkeys has been stolen during the past week."

Indication of how serious and widespread was the "rustling" was the fact that the major legitimate markets had few, if any, birds for sale, while in taverns around them turkeys were being sold at high prices.

OLD-TIME NEW YEAR SERIOUS MATTER

Old-time New England was serious on New Year's as witness the title of a book published there in the year of 1702 by one Richard Standfast: "A New Year's Gift for Fainting Souls, or, a little handful of cordial comforts scattered through several answers to 16 questions : As also doubting Christians invited to Christ."

ORCHID CRAZE HITS SYDNEY

Women Wearing Clusters; Orchid Charity Shows Break Records

Sydney, Australia (CP) — An orchid craze has hit Sydney and women are wearing not one but clusters of them.

Displays of orchids are being held for charity and have broken attendance records. Some 35,000 people paid £750 (about $2,625) to see one nine-day show and 27,412 attended another three-day display.

At one show £1,000 worth of blooms were exhibited by 40 growers.

For many years the idea had been that tropical jungles were the natural home of orchids, one authority explained. Around Sydney however, orchids grow under bush-house conditions and at the base of deciduous trees.

NEW YEAR, NEW DISH

By Betty Barclay

Resolved: To let the New Year feature new and unusual tasties, week after week. That's a resolution worth while, and here are some recipes to start you off properly:

Whipped Sweet Potatoes In Orange Shells

8 Oranges, 4 cups boiled or baked sweet potatoes, 2 teaspoons of salt, 2 tablespoons melted butter, 8 marshmallows.

Cut off tops of oranges and remove pulp and juice with a sharp knife and spoon. Whip sweet potatoes with salt, butter and orange juice to moisten to desired consistency. Use juice secured in preparing shells. Fill orange shells and top each with a marshmallow. Brown in moderate oven until heated through. (Serves 8.)

Wheat-Meal Chicken Loaf

¼ Cup finely diced celery, ½ cup finely chopped onions, 2 tablespoons finely diced green pepper, 1 teaspoon salt, 1½ cups boiling water, 1½ cups chicken broth, 1 cup Grape-Nuts Wheat-Meal, ½ to 1 cup diced cooked chicken or giblets.

Add vegetables, salt, and chicken broth to boiling water and cook until vegetables are tender. Drain; measure liquid and add water to make 3 cups. Bring liquid to a boil, add cereal gradually, and boil gently 3 minutes, stir constantly. Add cooked vegetables and chicken. Turn into greased 9x4x3-inch pan. When cold, slice and sauté in small amount of fat until lightly browned. Serve with chicken gravy; or serve with onion, celery or mushroom sauce. Makes 6 servings.

Note: Three cups boiling water and 3 bouillon cubes (chicken flavor) may be substituted for 1½ cups each chicken broth and boiling water.

Spicy Holiday Froth

1 Cup evaporated milk, ½ teaspoon vanilla, cinnamon or nutmeg. 4 cups freshly made, hot decaffeinated coffee.

Chill evaporated milk thoroughly. Then whip rapidly until stiff. Add vanilla. Place in serving cups, filling half full. Sprinkle with cinnamon or nutmeg. Fill cups with decaffeinated coffee. Makes 8 servings. Remember to percolate decaffeinated coffee from 15 to 18 minutes to bring out its rich coffee flavor. Everybody can relax taut nerves over toasts in this Holiday Froth to the New Year without worrying about sleeping problems.

HUMAN HAIR SAVED SOLDIERS' LIVES

Four Strands of "Keepsake" Locks Used in Warfront Emergency Operation

Beckenham, Kent (CP) — Four strands of hair from the head of Mrs. Eva Such has saved the lives of four soldiers in France, said a letter from her husband, Lieut. William Such.

The soldiers, the letter said, were admitted to hospital with nerves in their head severed by shrapnel and bullets. The only way to save them was to sew up the nerves — but the surgeon could not operate because the very fine needles and thread needed were not available.

Lieut. Such, whose peacetime hobby was the repair of miniature watches, solved the first part of the problem by making the right type of needles available, but how to get the thread was a poser.

He wrote: "Now silk is far too thick and irritates the nerves, so it had to be human hair. The hair of all the sisters was measured and found too thin.

"The hair had to be black and 1/5,000th of an inch thick and it looked as if we were stuck, when I suddenly remembered your lock of hair in my pocket.

"Well, it was the right size, so four strands of your hair were fixed on four of my fine needles (took me hours) . . . and today there are four men walking around with your hair in their heads."

On Babies

The title for Dr. R. H. Wright's radio talk on Thursday, January 4, will be "What Use is a Baby?" He will be heard at 10.15 p.m. EDT, over the Trans-Canada network of the CBC. This is the third of a series of four addresses by Dr. Wright, who is on the staff of the University of New Brunswick.

HOUSING STORY

Vancouver (CP) — Rev. Andrew Roddan of First United Church here told of a man who took his wife and six children to a cemetery and left them there while he searched for a house. A landlord asked if he had any children and he replied he had six "but they're all in the cemetery." He got the house.

A reminder to housewives: All coupons in Ration books No. 3 and No. 4 expire on December 31.

Q.W.I. Demonstrator Tenders Resignation

Quebec Women's Institutes are deeply regretting the fact that their demonstrator-secretary, Miss Barbara Fletcher of Lennoxville, with headquarters at Macdonald College, has severed her connection with the Institutes, her resignation to go into effect the first of the New Year. Miss Fletcher's capable grasp of her work and her ability to carry it out have made her a valuable assistant, and one whom it will be difficult to replace.

School Lunches

Country teachers who prepare a hot beverage or serve sandwiches to their pupils at noon in winter can register as quota users to get extra sugar and butter rations, states the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Application should be made to a branch of the Ration Administration by the school principal or one of the teachers. Arrangements will be made only for those who cannot get home at noon because of distance, bad roads, or weather conditions.

ROMANTIC FARMING

Petham, Eng. (CP) — Mrs. Vera Kennedy of the Woman's Land Army did such good work on the 200-acre farm of Sidney Van den Bergh, former managing director of a big margarine firm, that the place began to pay. Now they are planning marriage.

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MIDWAY IN BOWLING SCHEDULE, UNITED CHURCH GROUPS

Keen Interest in 13-Team Line-up, United Church

For the third consecutive season, the Lachute United Church Bowling League is showing keen contest, and thirteen teams are in the running for the championship.

The Ladies' Aid team which were runners-up in the finals last year, are away in the lead with a good margin, having won all of their seven games to date. This team is skipped by Mrs. G. Mitchell. Second is the Y.P.U. (B) team, skipped by Harold Deacon, and next the Y.P.U. (A) which was the champion unit last year, with Allan Hammond as skip.

Though there are only two girls' teams this year, the boys' team is a new entrant, along with the (C) teams of the W.M.S. and the Y.P.U. Other units are original members of the league.

Eight teams will enter the play-offs when the regular season closes and the schedule will be resumed early in the new year.

The league standing to date is as follows:

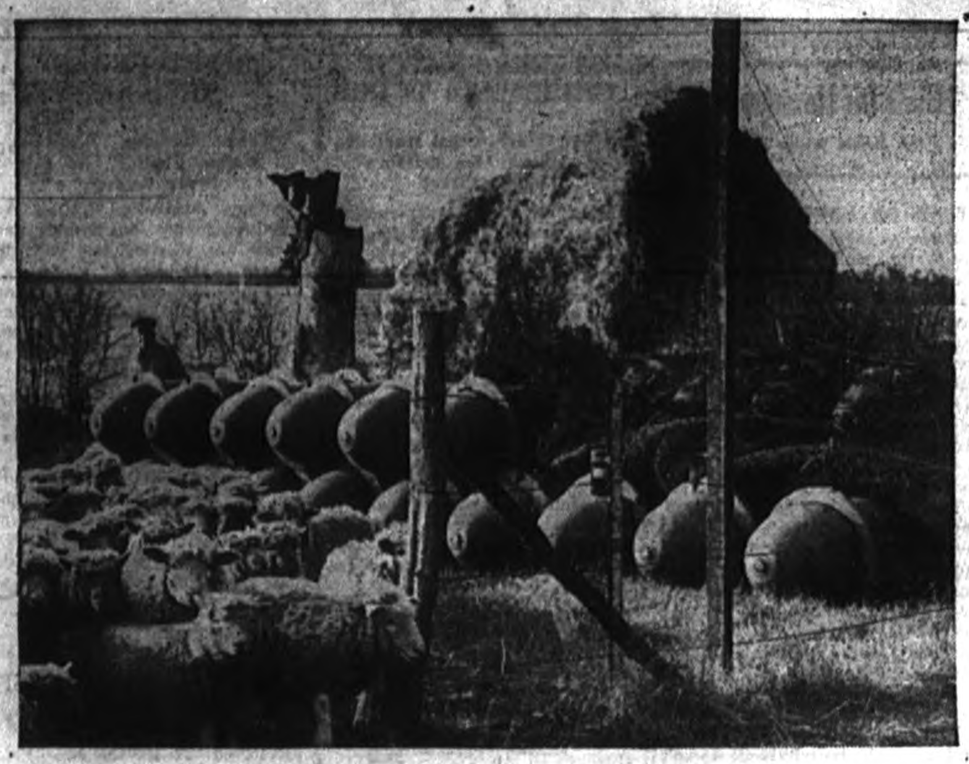
Team	Skip	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Ladies' Aid	— Mitchell, Mrs. G.	7	7	0	0	55	34	14
Y.P.U. (B)	— Deacon, Harold	7	5	1	1	68	42	11
Y.P.U. (A)	— Hammond, Allan	7	4	1	2	55	34	9
S.S. Teachers	— Morrison, Earl	7	4	0	3	59	51	8
Choir	— Todd, Owen	6	3	1	2	37	40	7
Session	— Armstrong, Stuart	7	2	2	3	51	44	6
W.M.S. (B)	— Rosser, Grace	6	2	2	2	36	35	6
Girls (A)	Bennett, Lois	7	2	1	4	42	57	5
Boys	— Bedard, Frank	6	2	1	3	35	32	5
Y.P.U. (C)	— Gorman, Jack	6	2	0	4	44	52	4
W.M.S. (A)	— Jacobsen, Mrs. H.	6	2	0	4	40	45	4
Girls (B)	— Percival, Joan	6	1	1	4	30	43	3
W.M.S. (C)	— Deacon, Mrs. W.	6	1	0	5	29	55	2

Afrikander Cattle Thrive in Arizona

Johannesburg (CP)— A cable from Texas to the United States Office of War Information in Johannesburg describes the interesting results obtained in experiments with Afrikander cattle imported from the Union 13 years ago. These Afrikanders have been crossed with Herefords, Durhams and Shorthorns and the results have been promising.

The Afrikander crosses show to best advantage under extreme conditions, having a resistance which enables them to bear up well during times of scant forage and hot weather. In Texas and Louisiana, where Gulf Coast conditions prevail, they do not develop the same amount of beef as other breeds. But in the hotter and drier inland states of Arizona and New Mexico, where they have been tested under extremely adverse conditions, they have grown into smooth beef animals and put on fat when Herefords and Shorthorns have been unable to do so.

U.S. Bombs in Britain



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Urges Higher Wages For African Natives

Pretoria, S. Africa (CP) — Major E. W. Hunt, president of the Transvaal Agricultural Union, speaking at the annual conference said that farmers realized that higher native wages must be paid to compete with the labor demand in other industries. Consumers would consequently have to pay more for farm products.

At a special meeting of the union to discuss native farm labor, the minister of native affairs, Major Piet van der Byl, said there was such a shortage of labor in South Africa that great competition naturally resulted. The minister emphasized that he was opposed to anything that savored of labor conscription. The native, like other people, had the right to sell his labor in the best market.

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IN THE GROOVE

Alvinston, Ont. (CP)—Jitterbugs, note! The old-time square dances are no back numbers when it comes to fast footwork. During a dance here, one girl suffered a fractured skull when she lost hold of her partner, slid across the floor and struck her head on a chair.

Dominion Studies Breeding of Sheep

Research on Wool Production To Be Started at Lethbridge, Alta.

Lethbridge (CP) — The Dominion government will establish a laboratory here in 1945 for conducting research on uses and scientific handling of wool with the object of ultimately meeting the Dominion's wool demand. In recent years the Dominion has imported as much as 70,000,000 pounds of wool while producing only 20,000,000 pounds.

Dr. E. S. Archibald, director of experimental farms in the Dominion, said the farms at Lethbridge, Mannyberries, Alta., and Swift Current, Sask., along with University of Saskatchewan, will concentrate on sheep breeding in 1945.

This program has been going on quietly for a number of years and Western Canada now has three flocks of Rambouillets, which have short fleece, and two new breeds — Corriedale and Romneydale — longer fleece sheep.

Feeding and determining sheep suitable for range land and other areas of the west will be studied in the campaign to improve mutton and fleece qualities, Dr. Archibald said.

Up to the present, manufacturers have not been pleased with Canadian wool and this, Dr. Archibald said, was due to carelessness in handling sheep, feeding, shearing, improper tagging and skirting of fleece. "We are interested in preparing and having fleeces properly graded in order that the maximum value can be returned to the farmer."

Some sheep from the western flocks also will be sent to the Dominion central experimental farm at Ottawa where they will be fed under uniform eastern Canada methods in a study of fleece production.

FOOLPROOF SYSTEM

Victoria (CP) — The B.C. Liquor Control Board has what it hopes is a foolproof rationing system requiring a signed application for a permit, after which a postcard is mailed telling the applicant to call for his permit. Many cards have been returned marked "no such person."

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Boy Scouts The World Over



BRITISH BOY SCOUTS RAISE $150,000.

It is reported from England that British Boy Scouts raised $150,000 in a one day campaign when every Scout was asked to earn one shilling to provide funds for sending Scout relief parties to liberated Europe. The relief groups of ten people work as a medical stores and transport unit.

GUY GIBSON, V.C., MISSING

Wing Commander Guy Gibson, V.C., D.S.O. and bar, D.F.C. and bar, the British Boy Scout who visited Canada last year, has been listed as missing following a raid on Germany. Guy Gibson led the attack on the Mohner and Eder dams in 1942 to earn him the title of "The Dam Buster" and the V.C.

SCOUT SAVES TWO LIVES

Prompt action on the part of Bruce Weir, a 14 year old Toronto Boy Scout, saved the lives of two Toronto children recently. Bruce fought through dense smoke and flames to reach two small children who had been trapped in their blazing home. "But for the heroic action of this 14 year old Scout, Eddie Johnston aged 4, and his two year old brother, Lorne, would have been burned to death or suffocated" District Fire Chief Percy Taylor said. Recognition of Weir's act was made at a meeting of the Toronto City Council.

SAINT JOHN SCOUT IS DECORATED

His Exellency the Governor-General, Chief Scout for Canada, has awarded Scouting's highest decoration, the Cornwall Decoration, to Scout Robert Oke, Moncton, N.B. Robert, despite the fact that he ras been confined to bed for several years, and is forced to lie at all times on his stomach, became a Scout, passed his Tenderfoot and Second Class tests and is working on his First Class tests. He also does his school work at home and passed into grade 8 with a high standing. His bedroom is hung with numerous model airplanes he has made. He is suffering from a diseased hip bone which requires that he wear a cast all the time.

Spooky Doings In Ancient Inn

Great Leighs, Eng. (CP) — Believe in ghosts? Well, this is the story of a haunted bedroom in Queen Anne's Castle, a 12th century inn in this Essex town.

"Whenever anything is put in the room it is thrown about and smashed," says A. J. Sykes, cheery proprietor. A four-poster bed stands in the middle of the room and all around it is the wildest confusion. The curtains have been torn down, all electric lights have been smashed, a grandfather clock has been overturned, a wardrobe has been ransacked and clothes strewn all around.

Sykes said that use of the bedroom had to be given up after guests invariably complained of being awakened by "something that looked like a woman dressed in white."

He reports that a body called the Hornchurch Psychic Circle examined the room before the war and decided it was "haunted."

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Spirits Visit Mulrooney On New Year's Night

"Mr. Mulrooney's New Year Party" is the title of Len Peterson's drama to be presented on New Year's night, Monday, January 1, at 10 o'clock over the Dominion network of the CBC.

Mulrooney is an unpleasant old man, a regular Scrooge in his dealings with his fellow workers and friends, gruff and ill-tempered. On New Year's eve he sits down in his room in a boarding house with a bottle to have a party all by himself.

Out of the bottle and the past come old friends, men he had worked with, relatives, a member of the French Maquis and a woman who recites that part of Tennyson's "In Memoriam" which deals with the New Year Bells . . . "Ring out the old, ring in the new."

Mulrooney argues with the falseness of the poem's sentiments, pointing out that all the bad of the old years remains . . . race prejudice, greed, Fascist ideas . . . and that nothing new really comes into the world at the turn of the year, without the individual effort of every person concerned.

John Drainie, who has been heard on many CBC dramatic productions from Toronto and formerly from Vancouver, will play the title role. Lt. Austin Willis, R.C.N., will do the narration. The production is by J. Frank Willis.

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