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NATIONAL UNITY

We hear a great deal these days about unity in Canada, between all parties and factions, for the successful prosecution of the war. Just what is this unity business? We have observers all over the country decrying the fact that more should be done in producing the machines and implements of war so that our Army, Navy and Air Force will be equipped with sufficient equipment so that an offensive can be started against the enemy. They want more men in the various armed forces being trained efficiently for the great tasks we have to assume. On the other hand we have those who claim that Canada is doing all it can in the way of production at the present time and bitterly berates the critics for their criticism that is destroying national unity. We have high officials in the Province of Quebec preaching and publicly working against conscription of man-power for duty outside Canada. Aren't their words destroying national unity. We have failed to see any record where public servants in Quebec have denounced the anti-conscription element for their disunity. The enlistments from that Province have been only about half of that from Ontario, and records do not show what percentage of those were English-speaking. By all means we want national unity and a vigorous prosecution of the war by all sects and creeds in Canada, but we fail to see any unity where the English speaking section of this country is accused of disunity, while the French-speaking section is apparently providing all the unity. We await the outcome of the plebiscite vote on April 27th with interest and the final outcome of the vote. If there is a small majority for releasing Premier King from his commitments in regard to conscription, or if Quebec is totally against the release, what will be the action of the government? Time will tell. We sincerely hope, though, that Canada will have a united front in prosecuting the war to a victorious, end, and it will certatinly take an united Canada.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A call has gone out for farmers to increase the maple syrup crop this year. The warm weather last week brought the sap into the trees, but owing to the changeable weather very few of the producers have tapped, although they are all in readiness for opportune moment.

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While the war has not been progressing favorably for the United Nations we must keep our chins up and wait for the day in the not too distant future when the Allies will open an attack of their own accord and open a new front in aid of the gallant Russian armies that have been steadily pushing the Germans towards their own country.

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Tuesday we heard the cheery notes of the Robin proclaiming that he had arrived in our midst and that spring was at last here. We hope that he will not have too many cold days to endure before he commences building his nest for the raising of a family. It must a shock to his nervous system to come from a warm climate to the cold and wet of a northern spring.

Even a tombstone will say good things about a fellow when he's down.

Has Mussolini gone into retreat to look up something about Caesar? We haven't heard a peep out of him lately.

PRICEVILLE

Mr. John McVicar and Miss Anna McVicar of Toronto spent the week end at their parental home.

Pte. Bob Meads of Camp Borden visited last week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meads.

L.A.C. Farquhar McKinnon of St. Thomas visited last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKinnon.

Messrs. George McTavish and Dick Richards of Flesherton canvassed Priceville for the Victory Loan.

On Friday night last, the Y. P. S. of St. Columba and St. Andrews held a skating party on the Flesherton arena. A good crowd of young people turned out to enjoy a couple of hours of skating. They all returned to the home of Mr. Peter Muir where they had been invited to have lunch. All report that they had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McArthur and Mrs. Dan Campbell and Miss Nellie McLean spent Thursday in Toronto. Mrs. Campbell remained for a few days.

Mrs. T. Nichol and Eleanor McArthur spent Thursday at the home of Mr. J. A. Nichol.

Mr. Sam Scheuerman is hired for the summer with Allie McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fisher entertained some neighbors and friends Friday night to a euchre party, the proceeds being for war work.

A week ago Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan, in town, had a progressive euchre party, when 14 tables were in play. Miss Violet Stonehouse and brother, Percy, were the winners.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Reiley, Mr. Innis McLean, Miss Anna McLean and Mrs. E. Shantz of Toronto spent the week end with relatives here. Mrs. Reiley remained for a week's visit.

Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McLean entertained the euchre club when 16 tables were in play. Miss Violet Stonehouse and Mr. Jim Sturrock were the winners.

Mr. Jack McArthur of Guelph spent the week end with his parents on the townline.

Miss Mary McDonald, teacher on the north line, visited on Sunday with Miss V. Stonehouse.

Mr. A. L. Hincks, Shirley and Betty visited on Sunday at the home of Mr. Dan McCannell, Proton.

Miss Aileen Karstedt of Toronto spent the week end at her home.

Pte. Lorne McArthur of Guelph spent the week end at the home of A. McArthur.

Mr. John Ritchie made a business trip to Kitchener on Thursday.

Jack McConkey spent a few days with his brother and sister in Toronto.

Congratulations to L.A.C. Thos. Aldcorn, who graduated as a wireless-air gunner last week from the school at Guelph.

The W. I. will hold a progressive euchre on Friday night, March 20, at the home of John Stothart.

PORTLAW

Mr. Robert Fisher has been suffering from a severe case of neuritis for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Clarence Londry and daughter, Patsy, of the Valley spent a few days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sheardown spent a few days in Toronto.

The Fourth Line branch of the F.-A Red Cross had another social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Chard. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all and the proceeds amounted to $15.25.

Despite the stormy day, a very enjoyable meeting of the Mt. Zion W. A. was held in the home of Mrs. John McKee, when six members and six visitors were present. Mrs. R. J. Fisher occupied the chair in the absence of Mrs. F. Lyons and Mrs. Harry Fisher as secretary, in the absence of Mrs. Osborne. The meeting was carried on in the usual manner, with another fine display of sewing, three quilt tops and six aprons were sold. The April meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Fred Plantt.

The annual meeting of the Fourth Line Red Cross was held at the home of Mrs. J. J. Boyce on March 12th, for the purpose of electing officers and to conduct other business. The officers for the year 1941 were re-elected. Two quilts had been completed in Mrs. Boyce's home last week and handed in, also two quilt tops and several more blocks. Mrs. John McKee offered her home for another social.

Mr. Harry Fisher received a very interesting letter this week from Dvr. Wildon Lougheed, who is at Aldershot Camp, Nova Scotia.

It may be poor etiquette for a husband to walk between his wife and the shop windows, but it is good economy.

"Canada at War"

TOUR OF LARGEST AUTOMATIC GUN PLANT IN ONTARIO

An automatic gun plant in Eastern Canada, is now the largest single producer of machine guns in the British Empire today.

In the spring of 1938 the Canadian Government decided to make Bren Guns for the Canadian Army. Now the plant consists of some 19 buildings, covering more than a million square feet of floor space. At the outbreak of war, the working personnel consisted of slightly over 400 persons. Today, more than 4,500 are employed on war production, and in another nine or ten months, that number will be increased to around 9,000. Nearly 40 percent of the employees are women, and they can handle the machine tools with all the dexterity of men. More women will be used as men are called to other types of war work.

Production of a Bren Gun is an intricate job, and requires literally hundreds of operations. There is a total of 161 different parts in each gun, requiring 3,000 separate operations. In the plant, there are more than 4,000 machine tools and over 17,000 different gauges.

100 Per Cent Canadian

When the Government let the contract for the construction of these guns, it stipulated that where possible only Canadian materials were to be used. As a result these guns are one hundred per cent Canadian, with the exception of the walnut, imported from the United States, used for the gun stocks.

Bren Guns are as nearly fool proof as it is possible to make them. They cannot be assembled incorrectly. If one part fits into another, that must be the correct way, otherwise they would not go together. They weigh just 22 pounds.

Each gun is equipped with a spare barrel, and twenty-four magazines, each magazine holding thirty cartridges. It is a simple operation requiring only a few seconds.

Details of the construction of any type or ordanance cannot be given. It is possible however, to mention a few pertinent facts of guns, which will give one some idea of the tremednous amount of work involved in their production. The body of a Bren Gun starts along the machine line as a rough forging weighing 45 pounds. The body is the part of the gun which houses the firing mechanism. This forging passes through 269 separate operations before it is teeemoclptete een hou sesU etannn completed. As many of these operations require more than one handling, and must be gauged following each operation, it means that literally several hundred persons have had a hand in the production of the gun body. By the time all operations are completed, what had originally weighs only five and one half pounds.

Guns For Airplanes

Browning machine guns are also produced in this plant. These are the guns used in our fighting airplanes, six or eight being housed in wings of Hurricanes and Spitfires. A Browning gun is capable of firing more than one thousand rounds per minute, and a blast from one of our fighter planes' six or ieght guns, will practically cut an enemy plane in two.

A Browning Gun while not quite as intricate as a Bren Gun, requires a great deal of care and detail in its production. There are 178 different parts requiring 2,500 operations for its construction. The weight of a Browning, 35 pounds, is somewhat greater than that of a Bren.

This plant also produces the Boys Rifle. It is used for an entirely different purpose than the other two guns mentioned. It is a heavy sturdy gun, firing a single bullet. These bullets are armour-piercing however, and the Boys Rifle is used extensively in action against light tanks and armoured vehicles.

In the course of the next few months, production will be doubled So perfect has become the system of mass production of automatic gun equipped in this plant, that the United States has sent representatives to study the details.

The same firm is also turning out marine engines on a large scale. Triple expansion engines to power Corvettes are built here, and now production is under way on the engines that are to be used to power the Tribal Class Destroyers, Canada is now building for the British Navy.

CENTRE LINE

We have had a few nice spring days, but it is windy and raining some this Monday morning.

Mr. Lloyd Little, who has been working in Toronto since last fall, starts training in the Navy this Monday. Lloyd has been awaiting his call since last harvest.

Mrs. Wm. Little, Mrs. Florence Lyons and Mrs. Robt. Osborne spent a day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Badgerow and Inez.

Mrs. Emerson Gallagher and Keith have returned home after a week's visit with friends near Beaverdale.

Miss Jean Lyons spent the week end with her cousins, Irene and Velma Davison.

Congratulations and very best wishes of a host of friends here are extended to Pte. Joe Little, who was married on Saturday to Miss Doris Magee of Eugenia.

The East Group of Wareham Red Cross met at the home of Mrs. Menzies Thursday afternoon and completed another quilt. Their meeting this week will be at the home of Mrs. Allan Davison. The West Group met the same day at the home of Mrs. Wm. McCutcheon and finish-piecing one quilt and started another. Their next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Arnott Menzies.

(Intended for Last Week)

Mrs. Florence Lyons and Jean spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Magee and family, near Eugenia.

Mrs. E. Gallagher and Keith are holidaying with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jack, near Beaverdale.

Miss E. Oliver spent the week end at her home near Priceville.

Pte. Victor Osborne of Camp Borden spent his week end leave here.

Messrs. Russell and Fred Linton have started buzzing their wood on the McNevin place.

Mr. John Osborne of Brampton was home for a short time at the week end.

Mr. Stanley Little has been cutting wood for Mr. Fred Taylor at Portlaw for the past few days.

Church service seems nearly a thing of the past around here. Wareham and Mt. Zion have only had two or three services since New Year's, owing to the illness of our pastor, storms and bad roads. We hope that when spring comes we will get back to the regular services.

The Red Cross (west) group held their meeting last Thursday at the home of Mrs. E. Gallagher, when another quilt was finished.

Miss Bernice Plantt went to Toronto last week, where she has accepted a position.

The crows arrived back here on the 1st of March.

Mr. Sam Arnott is visiting with his daughter and family in Toronto.

CEYLON

Mrs. Alex. McDonald and Mrs. Vernon Stewart and son, John, of Toronto, who spent last week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, were joined on Sunday by Mr. Vernon Stewart, Mr. A. McDonald and son, Ross, and all returned to Toronto later in the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McLeod and Marion, Mr. Harry Huston, Ruth and Archie of Oshawa spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Muir. Miss Alice Muir returned with them to Oshawa for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Coleman of London, and Mr. and Mrs. David Coleman and Murray of Wheatley, returned to their homes Friday. Mrs. D. R. Craig of Lebret, Sask., who came East for her mother's funeral, is with her sister, Mrs. J. F. Collinson, and Mr. Collinson.

Douglas and Donald Sinclair visited over the week end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sinclair, Dundalk.

Mr. A. C. Muir was in Toronto the first of the week visiting Mrs. Muir, who is a patient in a hospital there.

Friends of Claude Chislett, son of Mr. Fred Chislett and nephew of Mrs. Anna McMillan, were pleased to hear his voice in the broadcast over CBL recently.

Messrs. Geo. Arrowsmith, Henry Tucker, Allie Muir and Stewart Muir attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Thos. Coleman in Owen Sound on Tuesday of last week.

Sugar ration note — Folk with a sweet tooth should cap it.

Are there any others who incline to the belief that we have had almost enough speeches, addresses and pep talks in Canada?

KIMBERLEY

Signs of Spring are here: sugar-making, crows, robins and wood bees.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgar McConnell of Berkeley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. McConnell on Sunday.

Friday night the Kimberley Badminton Club played the return friendly games with Thornbury.

We are glad to report Mrs. Geo. Hutchinson is home from the hospital much improved in health.

Rev. Mr. Brown of Clarksburg had charge of the service Sunday in the Baptist church. Next Sunday Mr. H. Hall will have the service.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Glen Jenkins in the death of his father, Mr. V. Jenkins, of Clarksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Weber spent a few days at their home here during the week.

Sergt. H. McMullen and Mrs. McMullen of Camp Borden visited the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McMullen.

(Intended for Last Week)

A number of people are ill with 'flu and some cases of measles.

Miss Alma Wickens spent the week end at her home here.

Mrs. Dan Ferguson, Mrs. Andy Fawcett, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wiley and Merton and Alex. Gilray were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. John Wickens.

Mr. H. Thompson of Barrie spent a day with his mother and Mr and Mrs. N. E. Burritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Myles moved on Thursday to their new home on the "Kenny" farm in Quiet Valley.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Weber, who were married on March 4th. They spent the week end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Weber.

The W. A. met at the home of Mrs. J. Gibson Tuesday afternoon, with a good attendance.

Rev. Wm. Brown took the service in the Baptist church for Mr. Richardson, who has been ill. He will also have charge next Sunday or until Mr. Richardson recovers.

Everyone who can is taking out wood where Mr. G. Cornfield is taking out logs. He is only charging 25 cents a cord for the tops.

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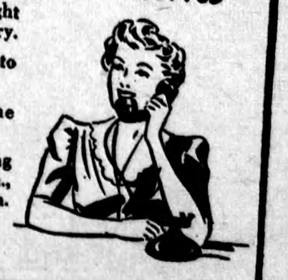

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