SAVING THE SACKS

Thousands of sugar, flour and salt sacks, collected from army service depots across Canada, are being converted by the Post Office Department into mail sacks carrying letters to the armed forces overseas. Hon. J. T. Thorson (left), Minister of National War Services, whose department has charge of the National Salvage Campaign, congratulates Hon. W. P. Mulock, Postmaster General, on the saving.

Have You Heard?

A steward stood at the gangway of the liner and kept shouting for the benefit of the passengers:

"First class to the right, second class to the left."

A young woman stepped daintily aboard with a baby in her arms. As she hesitated before the steward, he bent over her and said in his chivalrous way:

"First or second?"

"Oh!" said the girl, her face as red as a beetroot. "Oh, dear, it's—it's not mine!"

On a little service station away out on the edge of a western desert there hangs a shingle, bearing this strange legend: "Don't ask us for information. If we knew anything we wouldn't be here."

Willie had been sent out into the garden to look after his baby brother. Suddenly mother was aware that the baby was crying.

"Do stop baby crying, and give him what he wants," she called out.

Almost immediately came an anguished scream from outside.

"Willie, I told you to give baby what he wants!" shouted mother.

"I did mother; but the bee stung him!" replied Willie.

Elsie: "My husband is an efficiency expert in a large office."

Naomi: "What does an efficiency expert do?"

Elsie: "Well, if we women did it, they would call it nagging."

Even the usual inside indications aren't much help to young soldiers these days when it comes to speculations as to where they'll be sent on active service.

A local father wrote his son at military camp, asking where he expected to see duty.

Came the reply:

"It's anybody's guess. So far, we've been innoculated for yellow fever and given fur hats."

I wish that I could make a rule
That every Moth must go to school,
And learn from some experienced Mole
To make a less conspicuous hole.

The minister had preached for an hour and a quarter on the prophets—all the greater prophets and then the minor ones in turn. "Now we come to Habakkuk," he said. "Where shall we put him?"

"He can have my seat," said a wearied listener, "I'm awa' hame!"

Sonny: "Dad, what do you call a man who drives a car?"

Dad (a pedestrian): "It all depends on how close he comes to me, my boy."

Jones: "Here's that last pair of trousers you made for me. I want them re-seated. You know, I sit a lot."

Tailor: "Yes, and I hope you've brought the bill to be receipted. You know I've stood a lot."

"Has your baby learned to talk yet?" "He has. We're teaching him to keep quiet now."

Vancouver A Flying Day From St. John's

St. John's, capital of Newfoundland, will be only one day away from Vancouver, on the Pacific Coast, in flying hours when Trans-Canada Air Lines commence their familiarization flights on April 1. A month later, on May 1st, it is anticipated that regular passenger, express and air mail service will be established on regular schedules.

Announcement to this effect was made by D. R. MacLaren, superintendent of passenger service.

Mr. MacLaren stated that a tentative flying time of four and a half hours had been decided upon from Moncton to Torbay airport, the flight terminus close to the capital city of St. John's. He pointed out that the distance covered by the airplane in four and a half hours sometimes takes the same number of days, by steamship and rail, when present ocean transport conditions are considered. He spoke of the desirability of establishing a speedy and regular air service to Newfoundland, and stated that not only would the airliners span the breadth of the continent from Vancouver to St. John's in 24 flying hours, but that Winnipeg would be brought within eighteen flying hours of Newfoundland, Toronto 11 hours, Ottawa nine hours, and Montreal eight hours.

Operations Superintendent F. M. McGregor emphasized the vital importance of Trans-Canada in speeding up Canada's war effort and pointed to the tremendous increase in all three branches of T. C. A. services available to the public, passenger, express, and air mail, and stated that during the past year the airline routes had been increased by 10 per cent. A total of almost 7,250,000 miles was flown by T. C. A. airliners during 1941.

Asks Motorists To Save Anti-Freeze

Chemicals Controller J. D. Lorimer of the Munitions and Supply Department said "hundreds of thousands of gallons of industrial alcohol" may be saved if Canadian motorists will drain and store their anti-freeze for use again next winter.

Replacement of alcohol used this season would involve upwards of 2,000,000 gallons next year if no attempt at economy were made, Mr. Lorimer said, stressing that industrial alcohol is "sorely needed in the manufacture of explosives."

Illustrating, he said that the manufacture of the propellent for a single shot from a 16-inch gun requires enough alcohol to keep more than twenty automobiles in operation for the winter.

Glass containers, tightly capped to prevent evaporation, were recommended as receptacles for draining purposes

Modern Etiquette

1. Is it all right for an unmarried woman to attach the title of "Miss" to her name when signing a letter?

2. Who provides the ushers and best man at a wedding with their ties and boutonnieres?

3. Is it necessary, when taking leave of a group to which one has been introduced, to bid each one "good-bye" separately?

4. What is a good rule to remember in regard to a well-set dinner table?

5. Is it proper for a young woman to rise when an elderly woman leaves the room?

6. What are the hours for formal calling?

Answers

1. Only if the title is enclosed in parentheses, as "(Miss) Ruth Thompson." Generally, if the writer signs her name merely "Ruth Thompson," it is taken for granted that she is unmarried. However, if she wishes to be sure that the reply to her is addressed properly, she will include the title as above. 2. The groom. 3. No. A cordial "Good-bye" or "Good-night" with a smile that includes everyone is all that is necessary. 4. That the well-set table bears the least number of pieces possible. The over-burdened table that is cluttered with all sorts of appointments is in very poor taste, as is also the table that is over-decorated. 5. Yes; this indicates good breeding on the part of the young woman. 6. Between three and four-thirty, except when calling on a woman who announces a day at home during other hours.

What Science Is Doing

HEALING AGENTS

Chlorophyll, the green coloring matter in plants, along with barberry roots, cod liver oil and sulfanilamide, are the newest answers to quick healing of war and other wounds, says World Wide News Service.

The use of sulfanilamide or one of its derivatives for the prompt treatment of wounds by a wounded soldier himself has already been recommended to the War Department. If the recommendation goes through, every soldier will carry in his first aid kit a small bottle containing five grams of sulfanilamide with instructions to break it and pour the powder directly into a wound. The department is also now 'contemplating equipment of every soldier with sulfanilamide tablets which he can take after injury.

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Chlorophyll is being used directly in wounds, is given by mouth and injected into the veins to stimulate wound healing. The substance, readily obtainable from grass or any other green plants, cleans up wounds and stimulates rebuilding of tissue, Captain Bewers declared. "It has had extensive clinical trial in such cases as wound infections, pus pockets, fistulas, deep abscesses and acute infections of the nose, throat and ear."

In the same class is the barberry plant, which the United States Department of Agriculture has tried to eradicate for years because it harbored the fungus of one form of rust in wheat. The effective material in the barberry plant is barberine, long used by the Indians to treat surface infections. This, the scientists have found, will, even in a one per cent solution, kill the streptococci which cause erysipelas within eight hours. It has also been used with considerable success in the treatment of ulcers, mouth infections and bed sores.

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HOW CAN I?

Q. How can I make a cement for pipe joints?

A. A cement for steam and water pipe joints can be made by mixing 10 lbs. of yellow ocher, 4 lbs. ground litharge, 4 lbs. whiting, ½-lb. of hemp, cut up fine. Mix together with linseed oil to about the consistency of putty.

Q. How can I make a good substitute for a ring mold?

A. Fill a glass jar with chopped ice, seal, and set into a bowl. Pour the mixture to be molded around the jar. Remove the jar when the mixture is well frozen.

Q. How can I make glass opaque?

A. If it is desired to make some glass surface opaque, rub over it with a lump of putty. Apply evenly and carefully, rubbing one way only.

Q. How can I remove ink spots from wall paper?

A. By applying a weak solution of water and oxalic acid. It should be applied with a paint brush and pressed with blotting paper, as the acid might effect the color of the paper. It might be necessary to repeat this process a second or third time.

Q. How can I make smelling salts?

A. You may make your own smelling salts by breaking one ounce of rock volatile into small pieces, covering with eau de cologne, and allowing to stand for a few days before using.

When you are putting away an ice cap, rubber gloves, or rubber bag, fill with rolls of paper. This will prevent rubber from sticking.

To Restrict Railway Travel For Pleasure

It was intimated in Ottawa that restriction of travel by rail for purposes of pleasure may soon be applied. There is now the intimation that trips may be limited to one hundred miles. There would always be, of course, opportunity for necessary travel but the whole may be regulated by permit.

The question is not new to the railways. They have been considering it. All the lines are "full up" with trains running between many points in two or more sections. They are carrying troops and munitions and civilians. To do it, only so much rolling stock is available. When steel is so greatly in demand for war purposes, it is not the easiest to get for other purposes, though wartime transportation is one of the priorities.

The Canadian Pacific will not open some of its smaller summer hotels this year and the Canadian National may follow the same policy.

Any restriction on unnecessary travel would be quite in line with the policy of restricted consumption of civilian services as well as goods, enunciated repeatedly by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board in statements and by addresses by the chairman, Donald Gordon.

U.S. Will Reduce Tea Consumption

The War Production Board has ordered the nation's tea supply cut in half to conserve dwindling tea supplies.

The order was intended, the board said, to stretch the stocks of tea on hand in this country on January 1—which it was said would have lasted six months unless restricted—to a full year's supply.

The order does not take into account tea received at a normal rate from the Far East during January and February, and W.P.S. said there was "reason to believe" that tea would continue to enter this country in ships returning from voyages taking military supplies to the Western Pacific.

Jap 'Chute Dress In Easter Parade

A silk dress made from the parachute of a Japanese aviator will be the Easter parade finery of June Ottley, 17, of Springfield, Mass. June seized the parachute from a Japanese plane after it plummeted to earth beside her Pearl Harbor home during the December 7 attack.

No Honors

Usual honors due a flag officer when he boards a warship were absent when an admiral commanding a convoy was rescued after his ship was torpedoed. Two able seamen dragged him feet first from the water.

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