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Appreciate Work Of Welfare League

The Flesherton Welfare League has been doing a splendid work in supplying the boys from Flesherton who are overseas with a monthly shipment of 300 cigarettes. Besides that they send The Advance to each of the boys when they go overseas. The following letters received by Mrs. John Nuhn, secretary, will reveal the pleasure they receive when the gift box arrives:

Feb. 5th, 1944.

Thanking you very kindly for the cigaretes and begging to be remembered to all who make these contributions possible, as well as to all the folk of the old home town.

—Carl Teeter.

Italy, Jan. 14th

Just received your welcome cartons of cigarettes. They have been a long time catching up and the cigarettes here are tough. The weather is fine now, but not saying how bad it was. Hope every one is fine in the old home town. My health is fine.

—Fred Patton.

Jan. 28th

May I thank you and through you the eople of Flesherton for the cigarettes which arrived today.

—Geo. A. McFadden.

Feb. 2nd

Thanks very much for cigarettes which arrived tonight. They came at a very appropriate time, as the mail has been slow lately.

—Don McMillan.

England, Feb. 5

For the past two weeks I have been on leave in Glasgow and neighboring towns and had a wonderful time. A couple from Greenock took me to a swell circus and a young couple from Bargettie took me to their home. All Canadian soldiers are used well by the Scottish peple.

When I returned to camp I was very much pleased to receive 600 cigarettes. The mails coming from Canada have been slow since Christmas, but they always come eventually. Bill Welton, Fred Gorrell and others will be a longer time in receiving theirs, but I know they all will appreciate them as much as we do here. Thank you for mine, and thanks for the time you spend to make these gifts possible.

—Milford Piper.

Italy, Jan. 30

Please accept my sincere thanks for parcels received, one on Christmas Day mailed Sept. 8th. Our Christmas mail has just started to come in and it is really nice to get it. One time it seemed as if we were not going to get any.

We had a very good Christmas and were fortunate in having some turkeys to help put it over. We are all hoping this is our last Christmas away from home.

Have been very fortunate lately. We have been out of the mud and even went so far as to rustle some shoe polish and the shoes shined again. Don't know if they will be able to stand the change or not.

It is certainly grand the way the people at home are doing so much to help us out here, and we greatly appreciate it. Sometimes in the last two months it has been a little difficult to write, but with longer days and warmer weather coming that will be changed.

I haven't been fortunate enough to meet any of our home district fellows yet, but there is a chance of running into them at almost any time.

—Emerson Thomson

England, Feb. 14

I sincerely thank the Welfare Leagu for the gifts of cigarettes which I received recently. I know that every Canadian in England will agree with me that the Welfare League and other institutes are doing a wonderful job for us.

I expect there will be plenty of snow in town now, there usually was when I was there and I don't think it would change in that respect. Although we haven't had any snow here where I am stationed, I don't seem to miss it at all. I haven't had a chance to meet any of the boys from home yet, but I'm writing to several of them and expect to see them soon, but leave seems to be a long way off. Best regards to you and John and my sincere thanks to the Welfare League.

—Bob Banks.

North Africa, Feb. 7

I received your very welcome parcel of cigarettes the 1st of Nov., just before I left England, and they were really the best present that I could have received at that time. So thanks a million. I was sorry that I had to leave Bill Welton in Italy, but will be going back in a month or so and that will call for a little celebration.

At present I am down on the edge of the desert and it really is cold in the evenings. All we need is a foot of snow and I would feel just like home. I am on a conversion course, but I can tell you very little about it at present.

How are all the gang around Flesherton. My, what I would have given to have been over there for the festive season, but here's hoping next Christmas will see the termination of the war.

So far none of our gang has received any parcels, but still have hopes that some day they will arrive.

Africa has orange orchards, just like we have apples in Ontario. They are a marvelous sight at this time of year. Their methods of cultivation are quite primitive. Quite often it is usual to see eight oxen and one horse on an old-fashioned plow. Why the one horse I have never been able to find out. Lately I have seen the camel caravans coming in from the desert, and the Arabs, as whole, are quite a dirty lot and are dressed mostly in rags.

Italy is a muchc nicer place to be stationed, especially for the scenery angle. There are miles of vineyards, olive trees and hazel-nut orchards, although right now it is very cold, wet and muddy.

Thanks once again for the gift of cigarettes and please excuse writing on both sides of the paper, but it is very precious here.

—Fred Gorrell.

England, Feb. 12th

This letter can only partly convey to you just how much I appreciate the cigarettes. They certainly are appreciated. They were posted on Nov. 28th and Jan. 1st. I saw Carl Teeter a couple of months ago and he told me that he had received some.

This country isn't too bad; it could be a lot worse. There are thousands of old historic things to see around the country. I spent my first leave in Scotland and saw Holyrood Palace and Edinburgh castle. Most of the boys here seem to go to Scotland on their leaves. The people there seem much more friendly. They really do try to give us a good time.

The only ones I have seen from around Flesherton over here so far have been Carl Teeter, Rhesa McLean and Wilfred and Allan Springgay, formerly of Feversham. In the near future I hope to get around to seeing more of them. Some of the boys from the Grey and Simcoe Foresters are only about 20 miles away, but we don't get much time off to run around.

I have been on this same station since I arrived. The city is very nice. It is right on the south coast and the weather is almost like summer all the time. We have had one little snow fall and that was gone in a few hours.

The mail service is not so good between Canada and here. I received the first mail today that I have had for about three weeks. Sometimes it comes quite regular, but at other times it is terrible.

Thanks again for the smokes and thank the rest of the folk at home who have helped to send them.

—Jim Thurston

The Late Mrs. Fred Spofford

Mrs. Fred Spofford, the former Christina Gamey, and widow of the late Fred Spofford, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, at 11.30 noon, at her residence, 299 Maple St., Collingwood, after a lengthy illness. She was in her 78th year.

Mrs. Spofford spent nearly all her married life on the Eighth Line, Osprey Township. She was predeceased by her husband by seven years. She is survived by one son, Harold, of Uxbridge and by one daughter (Tollie) Mrs. Ross VanZant of Collingwood, also five brothers and four sisters, namely: John of Marquette, Jim and Will of Toronto and Joe of Sudbury, (Mary) Mrs. Short of Marquette, Lizzie and Anne of Toronto and (Flora) Mrs. Fred Hopper of Glen Huron.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, with a short service at her late residence, Maple St., conducted by Rev. J. R. Greig and Rev. Mr. Trotter, then proceeded to the Presbyterian Church, Feversham, where Rev. Mr. McNichol took charge and Rev. and Mrs. Dean sang "It won't be long and it may be soon." Interment was made in the Bethel Cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. Fred Hawton, Geo. Ross, Wilbert Poole, Fred Hale, Garnet Magee and Fred Tyler.

The flower bearers were three nephews, Keith and Oscar Hopper and Bert Bowerman, also Jim Fawcett, Frank Wiley, Dougald Stephens, Milton Roberts and Clinton Magee.

The floral tributes were beautiful and were from a wide circle of relatives and friends, among them being tokens of sympathy from the community, the Shipyard, Egg Grading Staff at Uxbridge, Feversham Presbyterian Church and the Gospel Workers' Church.

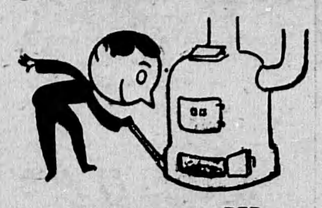
BEWARE OF SMOOTH TONGUE DEADBEAT

It is nothing new for Tara merchants to get trimmed by dishonest persons, but we have in mind one individual who in recent weeks has set several of our merchants back to the extent of many dollars in good merchandise, and their chances of being paid for the goods is practically nil. The approach of this individual is not new, it has been worked before and no doubt will be again. This person buys some goods and asks for a few days credit, after which time a small amount is paid on account. The merchant feels the customer is honest and allows the party to run a large account. Then when settlement is demanded, he finds the account is uncollectable and is left holding the bag. So we say to merchants in Tara and Allenford, beware of this slick individual who deliberately sets out to get something for nothing.—Leader.

One of the things that destroys man's peace of mind is woman's piece of mind.

Patrons of English pubs are being annoyed these days by beer glasses falling apart in their hands. From what returning travellers tell us of the insipid British wartime brew, we can believe that even the glasses can't take it any more.

LAST-MINUTE TIPS ON HEAT-SAVING



When you see RED —stop shaking

Red always means STOP. And that's what it means when you see that first faint red glow in the ash pit—STOP. Shaking it even one second more simply wastes good coal. And coal is hard to get.

A friendly reminder from your 'blue coal' dealer

F. W. DUNCAN
Hardware FLESHERTON

More and More Cream Wanted

There is a great demand for butter now. The price being paid to the producer, plus the 10 cent subsidy, makes the returns to you worth while. You wll benefit by feeding your milch cows extra grain or concentrate.

Bring you cream to the Flesherton Creamery for best results and quick service.

A WORD TO THE WISE

Our meat lockers are fast being rented.

Flesherton Creamery & Produce Limited
Phone 66 Angus Avis, Manager

For The Coming Spring

NEW "SUNWORTHY" WALL PAPERS
CRETONNES
DRAPERIES
LACE CURTAINS
WINDOW SHADES
CURTAIN RODS
CONGOLEUM RUGS
CONGOLEUMS, 3 yards and 3 yards wide

"Pioneer" Poultry Foods
Hatching Ration Chick Starter

F. H. W. Hickling
General Merchant - FLESHERTON

Motorists!

Apply NOW for your New Gasoline Licenses and Ration Coupon Books

On March 31, the present gasoline licenses and ration coupon books will expire. After that date no gasoline will be sold except on the presentation of a 1944-45 ration book.

In his own interests, every vehicle owner is asked to apply *at once* for a new license and ration coupon book for each of his vehicles. Application forms must be completed *in detail.*

Commencing April 1, under the 1944-45 rationing plan, the operation of which will be basically the same as that now in effect, all non-commercial vehicle owners will again be allowed a basic "AA" gasoline license and ration coupon book, containing 40 units for a passenger car, or 16 for a motorcycle.

Similarly, owners of vehicles eligible for a "Special" category, who can prove their need, will be granted an extra vocational allowance, fixed in advance for the year ending March 31, 1945. In determining the extra allowance — which will be measured to individual needs — the previous category and mileage of the car will not necessarily be an important consideration.

The extra vocational coupons will again be issued in books labelled "Special", and each book will contain not more than 60 units. To permit constant review of the needs of each category applicant, only one "Special" book, or portion thereof, will be issued at a time. The Oil Controller also has the right to refuse any application for a "Special" category, or to suspend any ration coupon book for an infraction of the regulations.

The shortage of gasoline is still acute. Do not apply for a "Special" category unless your need is urgent.

Gasoline for commercial vehicles will again be rationed. To assure themselves sufficient gasoline to carry on normal business activities after March 31, operators of commercial vehicles are urged to complete *at once* and *in detail* the required application for each of their vehicles.

On and after April 1, service station attendants will not accept gasoline ration coupons unless the license plate number of the motor vehicle for which they were issued is *written in ink* on each coupon. Every motor vehicle must also display on its windshield a 1944-45 sticker indicating the category of the coupon book submitted at the time of the purchase.

If the owner of a motor vehicle sells, transfers or disposes of it in any way, it is his obligation to see that the gasoline license and ration coupon book for that vehicle is returned immediately to the nearest Regional Oil Control Office.

To obtain a gasoline license and ration coupon book, secure an application form at your nearest Post Office. Study the form and follow carefully the instructions contained therein.

When you receive your 1944-45 gasoline ration book, guard it carefully. Do not leave it in your car. If, because of your negligence, it is lost or stolen, it may not be replaced.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY
Honourable C. D. HOWE, Minister

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CANADA IS SHORT OF GASOLINE · USE YOUR COUPONS SPARINGLY