CANADIAN NURSING SISTERS IN ITALY

Canadian nursing sisters stationed at a Casualty Clearing Station on the Italian front. Front row, left to right: Lt. A. Halabuza, Willowbrook, Sask. Lt. Dorothy Dent, Ottawa, Ont.; Capt. Dorothy Machan, Toronto; Capt. Constance Winter, Ottawa; Lt. Elizabeth Cleland, Toronto; Lt. Bernice Bigley, Montreal. Back row, left to right: Lt. Aurdey Auger, Toronto; Lt. Irene Henderson, Quebec City; Lt. Evelyn Galbraith, Renfrew, Ont.; Lt. Mary MacDonald, Saint John, N.B.; Lt. Mary Angus, Victoria, B.C.; Lt Eyelyn Pepper, Ottawa; Lt. Elizabeth Crothers, Kingston Ont.; Lt. Maxime Fuller, Edmonton, Alta.

CHRONICLES of GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

I went down to the barn just now and Partner said — "Well, I guess we haven't got enough cows, so the horses came in to be milked this morning." He meant that when he brougt the cows in from the field the horses came ahead and walked into the cow stable instead of their own. Funny how contrary dumb animals can be when they are so inclined.

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But for contrariness hens and chickens take first place, if I know anything about them. And I'm beginning to think I know plenty. Of course a lot depends upon the breed of fowl one keeps. We have Plymouth Rock birds and that means fighting broody hens all summer. We have a special movable pen for cluckers in which they can only eat, drink, walk around, or roost. Every night I go into the laying pens and take any cluckers there may be off the nests. Picking them up the first night they go broody means that they are back in production in a day or two. But let them them develop a definite broody streak and you have real non-profit boarders on your hands. I think, too, that the maternal instinct must be catching because there is hardly ever just one clucker but several. The broody pen is never unoccupied for more than a day at a time all summer. Nor are my hands and arms ever quite free of scratches and small bruises as a result. But still, no matter how annoying broody hens may be they naturally should not be ill-treated And some methods used to break up broodiness are extremely cruel. Better to sell the hens and be done with them unless one can take time and patience to treat them decently.

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Now I am wondering what kind of a merry chase my chickens will give me in a few days. We have separated the sexes, putting the cockerels into a new pen, where they must be shut up for a few days until they get used to it. Even so, the first time they are let out the chances are they will all come back to the brooder house—and my work will start all over again! There are times when I think eggs are worth a dollar a dozen and chickens fifty cents a pound.

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Spring crops are looking just fine around here these days and prospects for a good harvest appear promising. Prospects for help for haying and harvest are not so good. But we will worry about that when the time comes.

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In the meantime we are trying to catch up with the odd jobs and to keep pace with the weeds and the grass. But I am afraid the weeds are winning. I often wish we had a nice, friendly grandpappy living with us. One old enough to be past real hard work but active enough to like puttering, doing the little odd jobs that we haven't the time for and yet which make so much difference to the appearance of a farm home. I wonder if families where there is such a grandpappy realize how much he does for them? If the family is away and late getting home, they know that grandpa will see to the chickens. And it is generally grandpa who fixes the window-screens and cleans up the chip yard. When there is an extra rush of work—which seems to be all the time now—mother often comes in from the barn and finds the kettle boiling for tea. Grandpa likes to keep busy—and to rest when he feels like it. The other day we saw a grandfather busily working up the flower beds. It was somewhere around 85 in the shade and we thought it was awful he should be working out in the heat. But then we realised he was probably working because he wanted to; that he was getting a lot of pleasure in doing it and would quit when he felt like it.

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Yes, we would like a grandpa around here, but I'm afraid that will never be—unless we adopt one—and so far there doesn't seem to be any Grandfather's Aid Society. Perhaps someone will say—"You don't know what you are talking about—an old person is an awful charge." Maybe so, but then we should also remember that if we live long enough we shall be old people too and perhaps the love and tolerance we show now may be as bread upon the waters. Here's to the old people anyway—and remember, this world still needs you and wants you.

Education In India

A national system of education for India has been planned, in which all children of India will be given a good basic education. It provides for a school for artisans, technical high schools, and a three year diploma course for engineers.

PIN-UP BOY

British Boy Scouts are in training to follow the invasion and aid victims of the Nazis. Assistant Scoutmaster Baden Powell practices with Philip Walker, 14 months, on how to be helpful at one task.

OTTAWA REPORTS

That It Is Now Possible For Old Age Pensioner To Receive $425 Annually

Changes in the act governing pensions for the aged and blind were announced last week in the House of Commons by the Minister of Finance, Hon. J. L. Ilsley. Most important change is that an old age pensioner may now receive an outside income of $125 instead of the former $65 limit. As the maximum pension remains at $300 a year, it is now possible for a pensioner to receive $425 annually.

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Elevation of the Chilean legation in Ottawa to the rank of embassy makes the Seventh embassy in Ottawa. The others are United States, Belgium, China, Brazil, Soviet Union and Peru. Other countries represented by diplomatic missions in Ottawa are: legations,—Poland, Norway, Greece, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Argentina, Turkey and Netherlands; High Commissioner's offices, — United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa and Ireland. Delegate with the rank of ambassador,—French Committee of National Liberation.

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National Selective Service has announced that greater use of prisoners of war will be made to combat the manpower shortage. About 5,500 are now used in farming or lumbering, and it is expected that the number will be increased to 8,000 during the summer.

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A new cheese contract with Britain, by which 125 million lbs. will be supplied from Canada during the 12 months commencing May 1 this year, has been announced. The price is 20 cents a lb. f.o.b. cheese factories.

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Cost of production will ultimately determine the whole course of the Canadian poultry industry, according to poultry experts of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Here are some of the costs which they advise cannot be justified:

Continued use of inferior stock.

Preventable chick losses, and losses in growing stock.

Waste in heat units, cold housing poor insulation, slow feathering, bare necks and premature moulting.

Waste in feed, poor hoppers, rats, spillage, sparrows.

Toll of lice, mites and other vermin.

Carelessness in maintaining adequate clean water supply.

Failure to keep birds in good condition and in good feather.

Slowness of pullets to start laying, and inability to maintain commercial production in the fall of the year.

Idleness, overfeeding and filth as contributing factors in reducing health and vigor.

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Effective June 5, chuck roasts and other front quarter beef cuts come about four cents a pound cheaper under Prices Board beef ceilings. Retail cost of hind quarter cuts will increase about four cents. Aim of the adjusted prices is to bring about a better balance in consumption since the removal of rationing. Another new Board order, now effective, prohibits the slaughtering of lambs weighing less than 60 lbs. live weight.

"Ike's" Band To Lead March Into Berlin

A United States army band which followed Gen. Dwight Eisenhower on his victory path through Africa and Sicily has now reached London and Director Thomas D'Arcy announced it had come "to do the same in Europe — lead parades through Paris and Berlin."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE POWER IN SIMPLE LIVING

JUNE 25

(Temperance Lesson.)

Daniel I: 8-16, 19, 20.

GOLDEN TEXT. — But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's dainties, nor with the wine which he drank. Daniel I:8.

Memory Verse: Children, obey your parents. Colossians 3: 20.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time. — The first capture of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, which resulted in Daniel and others being taken to Babylon, occurred in 607 B.C. Therefore, the events of our lesson may be said to fall somewhere between 607 and 604, or perhaps 605 B.C.

Place. — Babylon, The great capital of the Babylonian Empire, on the Euptrates River.

Daniel's Decision

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's dainties, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself".

Daniel shows his character, even at an early age. The Jewish law forbade him to eat the blood of fowl or beast or any heathen sacrifice. These things were included in the provision for the king's table. Daniel was resolved not to defile himself, whatever the consequences.

"Now God made Daniel to find kindness and compassion in the sight of the prince of the eunuchs." We should note it was not Daniel's beauty or goodness which brought him into favor, but God who moved in the heart of the prince of the eunuchs.

The Prince's Fears

"And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear the lord the king, who hath appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces worse looking than the youths that are of your own age? so would ye endanger my head with the king."

The prince was sure that if Daniel and his companions carried out their resolve, they would look so weak and pale that the king would charge him with neglect of duty and endanger his head.

"Then said Daniel to the steward... and as thou seest, deal with thy servants". Daniel knew that his simple diet with the blessing of God would do more for his bodily appearance than the king's dainties. The man or woman who lives simply and abstains from alcohol will certainly be healthier in body and brighter in countenance then those who have allowed the appetites to master them and are slaves to self-indulgence.

Result of Daniel's Plan

"So he hearkened unto them in this matter, and proved them ten days. And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer, and they were fatter in flesh, than all the youths that did eat of the king's dainties. So the steward took away their dainties, and the wine that they should drink, and gave them pulse."

Daniel was determined to please God and to live so that his life might be one of strength and purity, and that his physical appetites should remain under definite control. In other words he determined, of his own will, to descipline himself and to do those things that the law of God ordered, even in a strange land.

Daniel's Wisdom Recognized

"And the king communed with them... he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his realm."

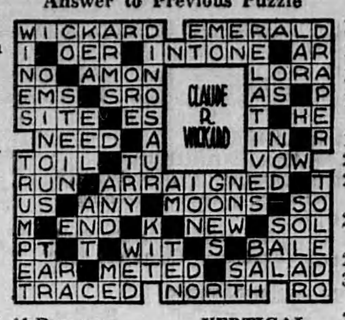
Such was the wisdom and understanding of Daniel and his companions that in comparison the wise men of Babylon knew very little. Daniel had honored God by his fidelity to His laws and now God in fulfillment of His promise (1 Sam. 2:30) honored him by exalting him in the eyes of the king.

FOOTBALL MENTOR

HORIZONTAL

1 Pictured late football coach
11 Vixen.
12 Evades.
14 Important metal.
15 Sister (abbr.).
16 Tree.
17 Drunkard.
19 Part of foot.
20 Laboratory (abbr.).
21 Mediterranean island.
24 Life (prefix).
25 Coarse hominy (pl.).
28 Solicitude.
29 Universal language.
30 Note in Guido's scale.
32 Everything that grows.
33 Part of "to be."
34 Theater sign (init.).
36 Like.
37 He graduated from ——.
41 Pronoun.
44 Company (abbr.).
46 Over (poet.)
48 Type of architecture.
50 Half an em.
51 Look askance.
52 Similar.
53 Awesome.
58 Spain (abbr.).
59 He made two noteworthy ——s at the expense of Notre Dame.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL

1 Impede.
2 Either.
3 Squander.
4 Exchange premium.
5 The teams he coached won five —— games.
6 The state of being envious.
7 Earthenware jar.
8 Stupefies.
9 Editor (abbr.)
10 Til.
11 Six (Rom.).
13 Thus.
14 Tropical plant species.
18 Trials.
22 Sloping way.
23 Tellurium (symbol).
26 Avenue (abbr.).
27 Supplicate.
31 English street car.
35 Fetid.
38 Biblical name
39 War flyer.
40 Honey gatherer.
42 Obliterate.
43 Frozen dessert.
45 Unit.
46 Medley.
47 Twenty quires
49 Demon.
54 Prefix.
55 Musical note.
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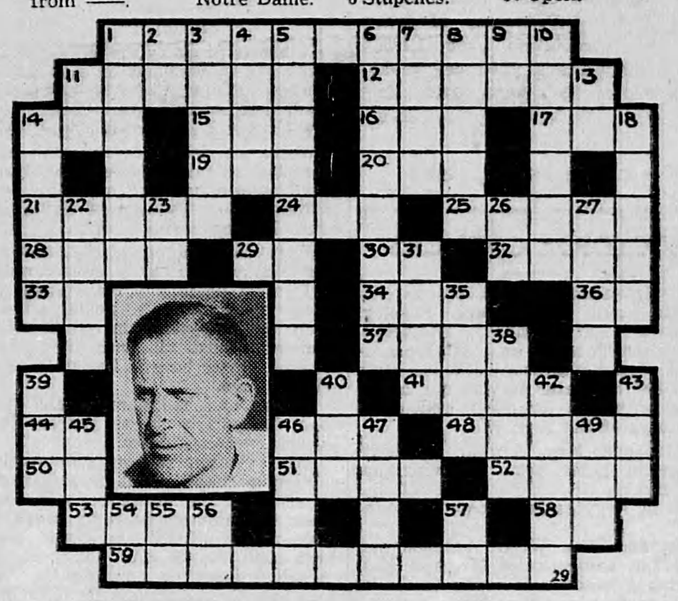


VOICE OF THE PRESS

UNSEASONED SLEEP

Sleep can be induced by reducing the amount of salt in the diet, scientists say. One would imagine this would "freshen up" the system to a point which would make slumber impossible.

— Windsor Star.

THE SPRING GARDENER

An 82-year-old lady is in the news for spading her garden. We are a mere 41, but felt 82 the day after spading ours. In fact, we were all doubled up!

— Ottawa Citizen.

NO STOCKINGS

A California banker says there are not as many stocking banks these days. This might come under the heading of bare facts.

— Guelph Mercury.

PENNY STOCKS

Warning has been issued against a boom in penny mining stocks. Those are the stocks that are bought because they are "near" some other big and profitable property. A corner news stand can be right up against a bank but there is usually quite a difference.

— Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

ADOLF AS A FIRE-BUG

It is rumored now that to stall off the invasion, Hitler will set fire to the English Channel. He's the guy who thought he could set the world afire, and got all that smoke in his eyes.

— Ottawa Citizen.

HAT TRICK

The man who talks through his hat all the time usually ends up by having to pass it around.

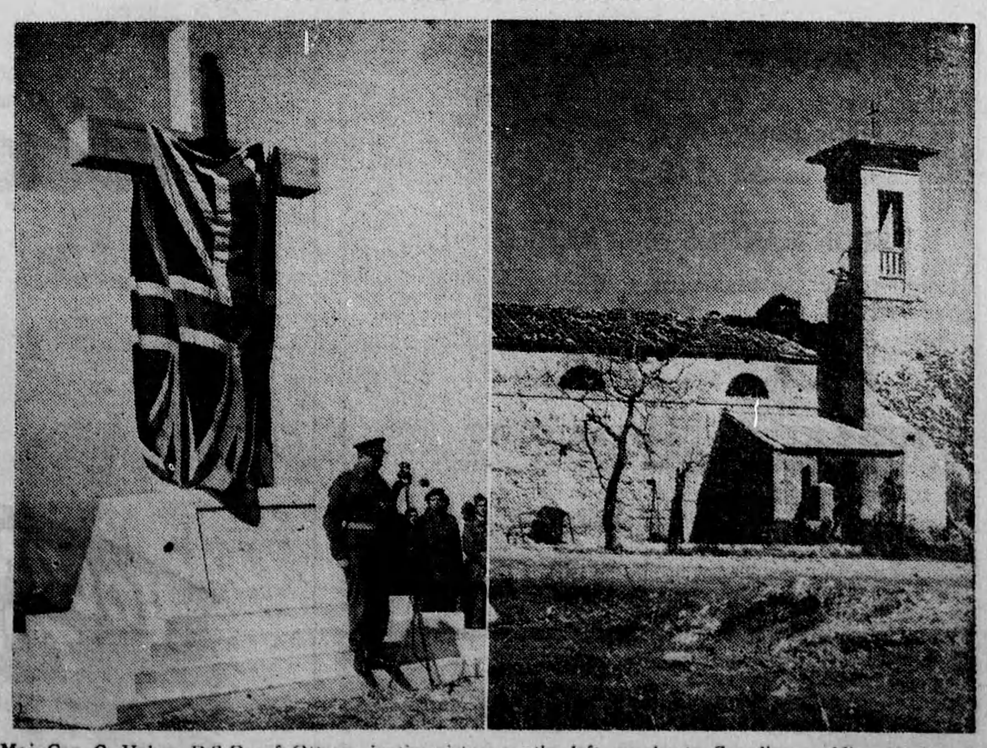
— Fort Erie Times-Review.

Money In Banks And Life Insurance

Many Canadians have saved money and put some away in the savings banks or invested it in life insurance, writes W. L. Clark, in Windsor Star. It is their way of putting by for a rainy day or creating an estate. Much of this money has been set aside by depriving themselves of pleasures and even going without what others deem necessities.

We would like to know how many of these people want nationalization of the banks and life insurance companies. We don't think many of them want to see their hard-earned savings made the political pot for any party seeking to dole out funds to job-seekers and ward bosses.

DEDICATE CANADIAN CEMETERY IN ITALY



Maj.-Gen C. Vokes, D.S.O., of Ottawa, in the picture on the left, speaks to Canadians soldiers during the dedication of a Canadian cemetery in Italy. The chapel, shown on the right, was bombed by the Germans but will be restored and used as a shrine to the Canadians who fell in Italy.