

War Department Builds Giant 5-in-1 Headquarters



Four buildings within a building form War Department's new headquarters, under construction at Arlington, Va. Pentagonal in shape, structure will be largest office building in world.

Have You Heard?

After six months at a new factory, the superintendent developed feeling that he wasn't popular, so he called aside an old worker, "Bill," said the superintendent, "how is it the men don't seem to like me? Why, at the last place they gave me a silver teapot when I left." "Only a silver teapot?" said the candid worker. "If you'd only leave here we'd make it a whole silver tea service."

Jack: "That lawyer chap you told me of is not a man of his word." Mac: "Why, what's happened?" Jack: "Well, he told me that I could talk freely to him, and this morning he sent in his account."

An East London man who had been advised by his solicitor upon the matter of making everything over to his wife in case he was killed in an air raid, later wrote to his legal adviser thus:

"Dear Sir—Having as you advised, put all my possessions in my wife's name, regret to say I now have no money to pay you for your services."

Mother announced that a prize would be given each Saturday to the most obedient member of the family during the week.

Almost with one voice the five children protested: "Oh, that isn't fair. Daddy will win every time."

After much thought, an Aberdeen couple decided to adopt an orphan boy.

"I wonder, Mrs. McFie," remarked a neighbour, "that ye didna choose a lassie. Now you're up in years she would have been helpful ta ye."

"Maybe," replied Mrs. McFie; "but, ye see, we had a guid glengary bonnet in the house."

Something went wrong in the kitchen and the pie-crust was as hard as a brick. The mess wag sent it back with a message:

"Give us the tools and we'll finish the job."

And so the gay suburbanite, Expanding his last nickel, Proceeds to carry home at night One hoe, one rake, one sickle.

His garden is well under way; And if he keeps on working He'll have on some summer day One beet, one squash, one gherkin.

Doris: "Mother! what did you do when a boy first kissed you?"

Mother: "Never mind." "That's funny; I did the same thing, mother!"

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Predicts End To Shortage Of Beef

Packers' Head Cites Reasons For Optimistic Outlook

Mr. James S. McLean, president of Canada Packers Limited, declared last week that the crisis in the beef situation had been reached.

New policies instituted last week by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board will have the effect of easing the beef shortage and the situation will show immediate improvement, Mr. McLean asserted.

Reasons for his optimistic outlook were:

1. Absence of any beef scarcity in the country.

2. A lowering of the ceiling price, enabling civilian needs to compete with the military market.

3. Resumption of business by drovers, who had stopped buying for a brief period because of the confused situation.

Mr. McLean could not produce a similar bright picture regarding the pork situation which, he said, would probably remain a scarce commodity until war's end. Exports to Great Britain under Government contract have cut deeply into pork products remaining for Canadian consumption, he asserted.

"The sale of beef to the military authorities had been a big factor in keeping up the price and causing a shortage for civilian needs," said Mr. McLean. "Under the new arrangement of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, the military contracts have brought to the ceiling level which has been set at 16 1/2 cents per pound.

"This is a long step down, because at one time, prices paid to farmers to fill military contracts were a full cent above the ceiling of 19 1/2 cents," Mr. McLean continued. "Three weeks ago the price started to come down and recently it dropped to 18 1/2 cents. The final price set is at 16 1/2 cents."

Packing plants had lost money on beef bought above the ceiling price, Mr. McLean asserted.

"The reaction to bringing down the price has been bewildering to the farmer," he stated. "He had been selling all along at a price above the ceiling, and I don't blame him for doing that because those were the prices offered to him. However, the new price is still a good one for beef.

"Last week, drovers bought cattle at higher prices than they could sell them for," said Mr. McLean. "This caused them to lose money, and they stopped operating. The present extreme shortage is caused by this fact. However, they are operating again and the situation will soon be back to normal. There is plenty of beef in the country and conditions will soon be relieved."

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HOW CAN I?

Q. How can I kill dandelions?
A. An ice pick dipped in gasoline and thrust into the heart of the dandelions will kill the weeds with little damage to the surrounding grass.

Q. How can I keep the teeth and gums in good condition?
A. Try using salt occasionally on the tooth brush, instead of the usual toothpaste. It invigorates the gums, and if used with cold water, is an excellent mouth wash or gargle.

Q. How can I prevent spots on the surfaces of mirrors?
A. Be sure to protect the mirrors in your home from receiving the direct rays of the sun, which cause spots and other blemishes.

Q. How should a linen suit be pressed?
A. When pressing a linen suit, dampen with a cheesecloth which has been dipped into water; then press the linen on the wrong side.

Q. How can I make tender doughnuts?
A. Doughnuts will toughen if handled or kneaded too much. Roll out only a small quantity of dough at a time and cut it into doughnuts before rolling out more. Fashion the holes in the doughnuts with the fingers, without re-rolling.

Modern Etiquette

1. When a verbal invitation has been extended to a person, isn't it rude for this person to say, "All right, I'll come if I can"?

2. If the wedding is to take place in church on a summer morning, is it permissible for the men of the bridal party to wear dark blue coats and white flannel trousers?

3. When a man meets a woman on the street, with whom he is well acquainted, should he offer his hand?

4. Which is better, to have a dozen real friends, or be like some people who seem to be friends with everyone?

5. Is it ever permissible for the parents of a young man who is to marry, to announce the engagement?

6. When a man is the guest of another man in a restaurant or hotel dining room, should he leave a tip for the waiter?

Answers

1. Yes, this indicates a lack of good breeding. One should say, and without hesitation, "I shall be delighted to come," or, "I am very sorry, but it will be impossible for me to accept your kind invitation." 2. Yes. 3. No; this is the woman's privilege. 4. It is preferable to have a dozen real genuine friends. The old proverb says, "A friend to everybody is a friend to nobody." 5. No; only the parents of the girl are entitled to do this. 6. This is not necessary; it is the duty of his host.

Aussies Capture Museum Specimen

When the Australians were in Tobruk, recalls Australian Press Union, men of a famous R.A.A.F. fighter squadron spotted a fast super-streamed saloon car scuttling along below them. Their bullets killed the driver and the ground troops captured the passenger—a Nazi general.

An A.I.F. photographer whose car had been shot under him, claimed the car as a replacement, but later the authorities decided that even with its bullet holes it was too good for him and that it should go to the War Museum in Canberra.

So the car arrived in Australia and here the authorities decided it was too good for the War Museum so the staff got it after all. Now it is showing 95 m.p.h. paces to Northern Australia. It was ducced in the desert, dressed with sand and ducced again to fix the sand. It will go to the War Museum later.

Production Affects Canada's Income

The Dominion's war effort gathered tremendous momentum last year, says The Edmonton Journal. Mr. Hsley's balance sheet for 1941-42 provides the following demonstrations of how the national income has been affected by the harnessing of the Dominion's powers of production, all increases being a comparison of 1941 with 1940:

Direct income taxes paid up 18%; other forms income tax up 111%; all forms Dominion revenue up 70%; total Federal expenditure up 50%; general employment up 22%; manufacturing employment up 30%; retail sales up 20%; sales tax receipts up 32%; exports, mostly war supplies, up 50%; agricultural subsidies, etc. up 46%.

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What Science Is Doing

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A related problem was to give a better supply of cooling air to the engine gear-boxes of tanks operating in hot climates. The model of the after part of a tank was erected in the laboratory, and by making various alterations in the circulating fan and the air ducts, an improvement of 90 per cent. was achieved. The results of these experiments may be used in future tank designs.

The research department has recently devised another novelty rather like a pistol, with which pins that have been recovered from old correspondence are picked up magnetically in exact pack-ettuffs by a pull on the trigger. Seven cwt. of pins, clips and fasteners were recovered in the first year.

Most of the work of the Company's scientific staff is directly concerned with the war effort, either on the Railway's own war problems or for Government Departments. Substitutes have to be continuously sought for as regular supplies become unobtainable, and a good example has been the discovery that the wool grease retrieved from the sewers at Bradford can be used in lubricating oils in the place of fatty oils previously imported for this purpose.

The research department's instrument shop has also been carrying out investigation on barbed-wire entanglements, steel helmets and armor plate.

The introduction of spray painting has been accelerated, enabling a wagon to be painted in six minutes as against 40 minutes required by brushing. The work has been so simplified that it has been quickly mastered by women who have taken the place of painters called up to the Forces.

The 100 odd painters in the painting department of a Canadian aircraft plant use 18,000 gallons of paint per month, or enough to coat the hull of the Queen Mary half a dozen times.

Reserve Army To Be Fully Trained

The Reserve Army will not be "found wanting" if called on to defend Canada, Major-General Beverly W. Browne, director-general of the Reserve Army, said in a broadcast address last week.

"If and when we are called upon to face the enemy forces on this continent, General Browne said, "we will be fighting as the people of Russia have fought from houses and ditches in forest and mountain, battling the enemy every foot of the way with everything at our disposal.

"This is the sort of warfare which needs ingenuity as well as courage. I believe that if we are called upon to meet this final test, the men of the Reserve Army will not be found wanting."

The Reserve Army has a vital role in this war—a war different from the "old fashioned wars we used to read about in the history books." The Reserve formed a link between professional soldier and civilian, served as liaison between military authorities and "the pulse of the nation."

Equipment Promised
"I'm proud of the men in the Reserve Army," he said, "and quite apart from their importance from a military point of view, I believe they are doing a great deal to maintain and mould the morale of this country."

War had brought new and greater responsibilities to Canada's second-string fighting force. A direct and large-scale attack on the Dominion was no longer a remote possibility. The Reserve Army traditionally lacked equipment but modern fighting equipment has been promised.

"I am glad to be able to report, as a result of a recent tour of Reserve Army camps, that this flow of equipment has begun in considerable volume," he said. "I have seen Reserve troops training with motors, Bren guns, with ample mechanical transport available—weapons beyond the fondest dreams of the old militia days."

Watch Russia

Watch Russia for the key to the future of the draft, says Newsweek. If the Soviets hold, it may be unnecessary to draft many family men. If they don't then all bets are off and the Government may have to take almost everyone able to carry a gun—except those engaged in vital war work—to raise an army of 12,000,000 to 15,000,000.

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