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Canada has ever known is launched and well under way. Great progress has been made to date, and the program is being carried out entirely in accordance with the prearranged and pre-arranged schedule.

We know Alex McLaren, editor of the Barrie Examiner quite well. Perhaps that is the reason his article satisfies us. The present is not the only war in which secrets have had to be kept. Washington, having been asked by an officer on the morning of a battle what were his plans for the day, replied in a whisper, "Can you keep a secret?" On being answered in the affirmative, the General added, "So can I."

Ontario News of the Week
By Muriel McDonald

Once a trusting group of people, tolerant with agitators, kindly disposed toward the foreigners who were making his name in a new land, many Canadian citizens are changing their attitude. With a bitter lesson before them, in which Hitler has gained his ends through the use of a well-organized spy system in enemy countries, residents of the Dominion everywhere are backing up government plans to eradicate any "fifth column" in this country.

In British Columbia within the past ten days there has been a vigorous demand to limit the freedom of certain people on the coast whose sympathies might be with the enemy. In Kitchener or Ontario where there have been indications of a recently subversive element the Mayor has taken prompt action against organizations under suspicion.

Most interesting however is the frenzied reaction against Communism throughout Canada. Following the ruling of Mr. Justice Clouston of the Ontario Supreme Court that the Communist Party is an illegal organization, there has been a heavy demand for action that will give the country better protection against those who would undermine the country in wartime either to seize control of the government or assist in such a move as securing the resistance of Canada against aggression.

There are some who profess to be in an antagonistic attitude of Communism to appear. Mr. Justice Clouston's decision that there does not seem to be any lack of money to law costs. They also read into the action a strong attempt to halt action against their organization by drawing out court proceedings.


In some instances the Courts have been slow in dealing with such appeals, but it is hoped that in wartime, short shifts will be given to subversive agitators. Attorney-General, Connors, for Ontario, has stated that if the Federal Department of Justice would make the Department of Canadian Regulations to apply to subversive elements throughout Canada and intern such persons, appeal against their convictions under the regulations would make no difference.

In Toronto Mayor Ralph Day is moving to have an outspoken Communist ousted from the Toronto Board of Education.

While on the subject of Communism, the death of Emma Goldman in Toronto recently should be noted. One year ago she was quite enough to displease the Department of Canadian Regulations. Prior to that she was ready for any overt act against constituted authority. The conduct of the Communist almost cured her. On her return to America she renounced allegiance to the Soviet. The only vestige of Communism left at the end was the fact that her funeral was of a non-religious character.

It might be a wise course to try the Goldman cure on some of Canada's leading Reds. A few years residence in Russia might make decent citizens of some of them.

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EDITORIAL

The Y. in the Community

Some idea of the part that the Y.M.C.A. plays in the community life of Acton might be gathered from the annual meeting this week. The annual financial report showed that the institution was paying its way and meeting its obligations and had a balance on the right side of the ledger.

But, while important, finances are not all important in such a work. Supervisor W. J. Benson in his report, gave some idea of the use to which the building was put. Even then his report could not begin to cover all the uses since the building has other tenants who use it freely. But his report showed that during the year there were over 9,000 participants in the Y.M.C.A. part of the building alone. The membership was well over the 200 mark the past year and under the very capable supervision of Bill Benson, the Y in Acton is a real community centre.

But not all the activities are confined to the building proper. This year will see camps for boys and girls in operation, track and field and swimming activity are on the summer program. Plays and other items were on the winter program. Annual meetings can be dry, but when they contain so many features that are going into the upbuilding of the young lives of the citizens of to-morrow they have an inspiration.

There have been misgivings about the ability of towns of the size of Acton to carry on a Y program. Through the beneficence of the late J. A. Murray in providing the building and much of the equipment, the plan was made possible. Through those that follow in positions in the Y the use of the building fulfils a great place in the community. The officers from President George Mason down, have rendered a worthy service, as shown in this year's report.

War Secrets Not New

There are a lot of things we would like to know about Canada's war effort. Ignorance of what is happening is apt to make us like others, very critical. The gigantic proportion of the effort makes it impossible that we could, if given the opportunity, see all these things ourselves and so often we have to rely on others.

And so we refer again to what the editor of the Barrie Examiner had to say after he heard at first hand from government officials of Canada's air training. Here it is:

As was pointed out by J. S. Duncan, Deputy Minister of Defence for Air Services, speaking to the Directors of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association in Ottawa recently, the British Empire has fully recognized that air supremacy is the key to success in equipment and in morale are essential if we are to be successful in the tremendous struggle in which we are engaged against Nazism.

It was to ensure the supremacy that the first Empire Training Plan was launched. And it was for the purpose of bringing Canada's share to the highest state of efficiency that Mr. Duncan was induced to relinquish, for a time, his highly important industrial work as Vice-President and General Manager of the Massey-Harris Co. to assume the directorship of the part of our Dominion's war effort.

"The British Commonwealth Air Training Plan is a program which embodies the spirit of a united British Empire," said Mr. Duncan, "a plan which, if all the details of it were known, our enemies might catch them to believe who failed a plan which, when sufficiently understood will inspire the people of the great Dominion our Mother Country and the British nations beyond the seas with a feeling of unshakable confidence in the ultimate outcome of this mighty struggle."

But Mr. Duncan said that some critics have complained that progress had been slow. Answering, he declared:

"Work is proceeding actively, methodically according to a carefully worked out plan. Every Province of the Dominion is playing its part as will be called upon to do so." In a word, the greatest single enterprise

Just Patience

War news has overshadowed everything else this past week. The long-expected German offensive and the defence of the Allies has excluded thought on any other events. Unless the comment one makes is read within a few hours on that same-day, rapid changes make such comment out of date.

If there ever was a time when we must have faith in our leaders it is the present. Idle gossip can create no good but can distract a lot from the effort of others. We know full well that in this day when we have so many means of securing news that it is difficult to be patient. Sometimes to meet that demand news is given out that may not be authentic.

Did you ever try to place yourself in the position of someone whose job it was to produce a feature news item at a certain moment when actually there had been nothing to give such an item? And like the man in other industries who must be a producer sometimes the boss expects production and takes no excuses, no matter how reasonable. That is the position of many of those engaged to-day in giving the war news. The general public are largely to blame for this situation. Surely everyone wants to play his or her part in this titanic struggle. One little part that is helpful on the home front is just patience, yes and faith.

How Many Can Swim?

With the time fast approaching when full use will be made of the bathing facilities here and when folks go to the bathing beaches, we wonder if some effort cannot be made to teach the children of Acton and district how to swim? Each year a number of them learn by themselves at Fairy Lake. Council has provided facilities and supervision which have been a real asset to this sport. Perhaps it would be an imposition to request Council to provide further.

Here it seems is an opportunity for an organization desirous of doing community service. Perhaps an opportunity for several to co-operate. The service is undoubtedly one that has merit. Every child should know how to swim. There are times when it is more important than education. Acton has all the facilities and perhaps with a little effort competent instruction could be arranged.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Those who anticipated making money out of the present war are a bit disappointed to date. Perhaps that is the reason for some of the criticism of Canada's war effort.

Carlton Place has awarded the contract for a new fire pumper, complete with Chrysler chassis, at a cost of \$3,696. The equipment must be approved by the underwriters.

A new feature of THE FREE PRESS while Parliament is in session will be "Glimpses of Parliament" written by Halton's member, Mr. Hughes Cleaver. The first article appears this week.

"Food for Health" is the title of a very interesting booklet recently issued by the Canadian Medical Association. It tells how the family budget should be spent for the greatest benefit of the family.

Mount Forest and Dundalk residents were puzzled a week ago by a mysterious beam of light, revolving in the sky. If they haven't heard yet, the source was a travelling circus that was camped in Guelph.

Judith Robinson and the Globe and Mail are still evidently ignorant of the fact that the people of Canada have entrusted the Government of Canada, and Canada's war effort, under the leadership of Prime Minister Mackenzie King. Criticism is easy, but leadership as this journal found out is more difficult. Might we ask where has the Leadership League gone? The Globe and Mail ought to soon realize it doesn't lead for the Dominion.

BRITAIN'S 400 CLOSED COAL PITS

One half of the miners of Great Britain, who were unemployed at the outbreak of war, are now at work as a result of the Government drive to increase the peacetime output of 240,000,000 tons a year by 40,000,000 tons.

Lord Portal, Chairman of the Coal Production Council, is now leading the high capacity in steel production up to the full 2,000,000 tons required to meet the enormous world demand created by the blockade of Germany's exports. When war began Germany was selling abroad 2,000,000 tons a year and produced 1,400,000 tons, almost half of which was exported. It is estimated that she would have had more if it were available.

It is possible that the Government will now begin to reopen many of the 400 mines which for economic reasons have been shut down since 1929. These and other measures are now being discussed with the coal owners and miners' leaders by the Coal Production Council.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

The conquest of Denmark may look like moral turpitude but it must be admitted that the Reich never violates a non-aggression pact until the ink is perfectly dry. —The New Yorker

We boast of free speech and a free press in Canada. That means say the Listowel Banner, that as long as an editor writes nothing to offend the advertisers, the churches, the judges, the unions, the subscribers, or the wife he can fearlessly print anything he pleases.

Worth While Shrubs

Experiment in Eastern Canada has introduced many shrubs and trees from the United States and Canada, and many of them are worth while. One of the most interesting is the "Worth While" shrub, which is a small tree or large shrub, with a very attractive foliage. It is a native of the United States and is very hardy. It is a very good shrub for the garden, and it is very easy to grow. It is a very good shrub for the garden, and it is very easy to grow. It is a very good shrub for the garden, and it is very easy to grow.

Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ontario. They have more attention than other shrubs, and are probably the most common of the garden.


For 300 spots at the Farm, the most interesting shrub has been used for a long time and there are 100 fine leaves of the family "Lonicera" seen but much more ornamental. *Lonicera* is a variety of the tree growing in the garden and has been cut light green foliage and a gradually arching habit that makes it very interesting through the season. The dwarf pea tree, *Caragana* *pyramica*, with a little attention from the shrub forms a neat low ball of the green, misty foliage all year and a wealth of deep yellow flowers in early June.

Another shrub with delicate foliage is *Tamarix*. Most varieties have killed in winter but *T. Pentandra* is pretty hardy and very attractive. Shrubs of this sort are particularly useful in small areas, as their fine foliage creates the illusion of distance.

While on the subject of finely cut foliage, the cut leafed variety of the red *Elaeagnus* should be much more commonly used. When planted in a group so that it will fruit well this shrub has everything, gracefully arching branches, purple feathery foliage in spring which remains attractive all season, large panicles of creamy flowers in early summer and gorgeous clusters of elder fruit in fall. It needs to be kept in vigorous growth by feeding and an occasional still pruning.

Other good shrubs for fruit effect are the various members of the *Cotoneaster* and *Elaeagnus* families. Neither have attractive flowers and consequently they have been little grown in Canada. However, they have excellent foliage and are frequently but there are a dozen other species and hybrids whose floral display is lovely and whose foliage adds interest to the shrubbery all season. Several of these hybrids have been produced at the

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Daily except Sunday	6:28 p.m.
Sunday only	8:19 a.m.
Plyer at Georgetown	9:41 p.m.
Plyer at Guelph	9:15 p.m.

Going West

Daily except Sunday	8:48 a.m.
Saturday only	1:29 p.m.
Plyer at Guelph	5:46 p.m.
Daily except Sunday	7:00 p.m.
Sunday only	11:43 p.m.

GRAY COACH LINES

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Standard Time

EASTBOUND — To Toronto


8:58 a.m.	9:01 a.m.	11:31 a.m.	2:06 p.m.	3:31 p.m.	5:31 p.m.	8:46 p.m.
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WESTBOUND — To Kitchener

8:53 a.m.	10:24 p.m.	8:23 p.m.	8:42 p.m.	8:18 p.m.	8:33 p.m.	11:53 p.m.
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