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EDITORIAL

A Day in June

"What is so rare as a day in June?" And the first of the month started off brilliantly. Here in Ontario the weather was perfect, fields were green, there was evidence of good growth and promise of a splendid yield of the land. The country roads had just a little traffic—one could go anywhere at will. There was peace and freedom on every side.

Sunday was a day in June in France and Belgium and Norway, too, but what a difference in the surroundings! Here the countryside was overrun with invading armies of Hitler and defended by the Allies. Even the cemeteries were torn up by bombs from airplanes. Here the quiet countryside was broken and strewn with the wreckage of war machinery and dotted with the bodies of invaders and defenders.

What a difference the selfish desire and the will to attain that desire, regardless of the suffering of others can make. Europe could be enjoying a summer day in June, too, if it were not for the mad ambition of a Hitler, backed by his mob following of Germans, with similar ambition to dominate all free people and trample them underfoot. Days of peace will come again to Europe when these German people have learned to respect the rights of others. But until that lesson is learned, June days will not be beautiful in that war-torn country.

Was It a Guess?

It is rather difficult to understand on what basis Halton County Council arrived at figures submitted for equalization purposes at the last meeting. Perhaps there wasn't any basis. The figures give that impression, anyway. Let's make a few comparisons, just to see.

It is proposed to increase Acton's equalized assessment by \$142,757. In 1934, when Acton's equalized assessment was at the present figure, the figures used for local purposes were \$628,878. In 1938 these figures had dropped to \$792,250, a decrease of \$36,628. The 1940 figure is \$3,701 lower. Yet it is proposed to increase the equalized assessment.

Now let us look at Milton. It is proposed to decrease Milton by \$199,193 for County assessment purposes. In 1934 Milton's assessment for local purposes was \$1,077,122. In 1938 the local assessment in the County Town, \$1,082,870, an increase of \$5,748. These figures are from the Municipal Statistics, and 1938 are the latest figures available.

It is proposed to reduce Nelson Township's equalized assessment by over \$1,000,000. The difference between the 1934 and 1938 local assessments in Nelson is about \$1,000.

We might go on making similar comparisons but these seem sufficient to substantiate the conclusion that no basis was used to compile the new figures.

Equalization court is expensive, but if such an unfair change is to be made it will be in Acton's interests to have the issue settled in court.

These Mean More Than Thrift War Savings Certificates!

The Government could have called them "National Safety Certificates."

For that, in stark truth, is what they are. War Savings Certificates are what, in peace days, we might call a "fringe investment." They make for thrift, lay a foundation of security, appeal to the spirit of self-respect and self-reliance. On these grounds, as well as upon the grounds of democratic responsibility of a wider devotion to the democratic creed of voluntary citizenship, they merit a need.

But, far more than these things, and more ter-

ribly vital, War Savings Certificates are a challenge to patriotism. They are a call to all of us, and provide the means for all of us, to answer the challenge of war service; a dictate of war duty which no one can ever expect to be forgiven for ignoring.

War Savings Certificates are OUR share in this war. They ask us whether, in this terrible conflict, with all that we are or ever hope to be at stake, we are content with lip-loyalty to our cause; content with abuse of Hitler; unwilling to make even moderate sacrifice for the sake of all our future.

In war-racked France to-day the soldiers of democracy are dying for its defence. Are we willing to back them up? To deny ourselves things we can yield easily for their sakes? Are we willing to contribute something to feed and arm them, to sustain their strength, to tell them that back at home their peoples are supporting them?

This . . . this above all else . . . is the challenge of War Savings Certificates.

Over in Old England across the seas men and women and little children, workers and farmers, old and young, rich and poor, humble and obscure, are yielding their all for victory. Giving up in taxes, subscribing to loans, buying war savings certificates, they are giving a testimony of devotion to democracy and liberty as noble as anything that history has seen. It is for us here in Canada to show whether such devotion is ours, whether democracy and freedom mean as much to us as it does to them.

Let us in these coming weeks give proof of such devotion. Let us make this War Savings Certificates campaign a crusade; telling our Government and men on land and sea and in the air that we fight behind them. It is the least, God knows, that we can do.

Meaning of the Fifth Column

Much is being heard these days about the "Fifth Column" which has aided Germany in its successful attacks upon "neutral" countries.

What is a "Fifth Column?" In his "An A B C of International Affairs," compiled for the Penquin Political Dictionary, Walter Thiemer writes:

"Fifth Column, a term originating from the Spanish war 1936-1939, when the Nationalists under General Franco attacked the Republicans in four columns from the outside, while their adherents organized uprisings, espionage and sabotage within the Republican ranks. These secret fighters behind the front were styled the 'fifth column'."

EDITORIAL NOTES

It has been suggested that Provincial Highway between Acton and Milton is to be used as a testing place for tanks and army trucks.

Farmers' intentions to plant indicate that the wheat area in Canada for 1940 will be 28,245,000 acres, as against 26,756,500 acres in 1930.

Canada's production of leather footwear in the first three months of 1940 totalled 6,595,846 pairs, compared with 5,586,003 pairs in the corresponding period of 1939.

A bundle of 200 clippings recently received are articles or comments published originally in THE FREE PRESS that were re-published in other Canadian newspapers. They were used in points from across the Dominion.

Federal grants to Class B Fairs have been discontinued this year. This decision will not affect Acton Fair, since it has never enjoyed any Federal grant. Brampton is the only fair in this immediate district affected.

Citizens of other lands who are enjoying the privilege of living in Canada would do well to show evidence of enjoying this privilege and in their conversation and action show unflinching loyalty to the land of their own adoption.

A couple of men selling a patriotic window card and claiming to be selling to assist war veterans were checked up in Acton by Chief Harrop last week. They were manufacturer's agents for a novelty company in Trenton. Most of these door-to-door salesmen tell a story that is not borne out when investigated.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Ten Walkerton dog owners were summoned to court for not obeying the town by-law which says dogs must not run at large. We fear there are too many people who love their dogs more than they do their neighbors.—Chesley Enterprise.

Fifty-one per cent of United States opinion believes that country will go into the war, according to results of a poll recently made public by the American Institute of Public Opinion. Now there should be a poll to determine when this great event will take place.—Hanover Post.

Ontario News of the Week

By Muriel McDonald

The conduct of Ontario people during the most grave crisis in the history of the British Empire affords a large measure of satisfaction. While we have a little less cause for panic than those members of the Empire who face imminent danger of an invasion of their shores by Hitler and his Germans, the events of the past month have been for us, too, a test of courage and ability.

The fact that the German thrust has only served to spur this province and the other sections of Canada into a tremendous new war effort is at least a comfortable situation. With the temper of the average Canadian citizen as it is now, there is no longer any limit to the size of our contribution toward the salvation of the British Empire, our Allies and democracy.

When the detestable German bombed and machine-gunned fleeing women and children from Belgian towns and cities in order to get them out into the roads and block the military forces of the Allies, he provided more than enough incentive to bring the Canadian fighting spirit to the boiling point. When the stupid German deliberately blasted to bits Canada's Vimy memorial to her sixty thousand dead, and then returned to plow up the sacred cemeteries with bombs, in the spirit of a mad man's revenge, he steeled hearts in the Dominion to be punished as he has never been punished before.

There is a certain type of criminal who cannot respond to the humanitarian idea of prison reform. He is so warped, mentally and morally, that only harsh treatment in close quarters will keep him under control. Hitler and the German is of this type and a sadly-awakened world will know how to deal with them, when they have killed the last baby and cried "Kamerad."

Towards this end, leadership is now coming from the people themselves as never before. From all sides, the government is feeling the pressure of citizenship, for more and more effort, regardless of the consequences to our economic well-being. The common view-point is crystallizing into something close to this: Why try to keep a balanced budget, if by doing so we run the danger of losing the country?

So Ottawa keeps on increasing war expenditures to a scale that makes the last Canadian war effort seem small by comparison, and none turns a hair. Individual contributions of money are pouring in for the purchase of war material. The Department of Defence opens up recruiting and young men蜂eagle the recruiting offices. Hundreds of veterans of the last great war apply for membership in the Home Guard. Canadian imitators of Hitler and Mussolini and the staffs are tossed in jail. The public clamors for the suppression of communists.

Any question of the urgent need to deal with fifth column elements in Canada was dispelled last week, when a Communist was caught trying to cut Hydro wires and National Socialists under Parr and Arcand were discovered to have uniforms and emblems and thousands of pamphlets ready for distribution.

As predicted by Attorney-General Conant, the three Ottawa communists convicted by Mr. Justice Clench as enemies of the state have appealed against the judgment. Mr. Conant contends that people guilty of subversive acts should be interned. He feels that with appeals and other methods of delay, the war might be lost or won before such persons were put under necessary restraint. Under the Defence of Canada regulations, the Minister of Justice has the power to intern such persons, and in that case appeals against convictions in law would make no difference.

ONE GALLON OF PETROL LASTS 150 MILES

On Britain's War Time Roadsters

Bicycles in Britain have recently taken unto themselves tiny air-cooled engines of one horse power. More than 10,000 of them were made last year and when war broke out a dozen British manufacturers producing these motorized bicycles were flooded with orders from overseas.

These economical infants of the war time roads are improved pedal cycles, rather than inferior motorcycles, and are officially known as "autocycles," although they are often nicknamed "Wilfreds."

Their extreme economy does not make so strong an appeal abroad as in Britain, but people overseas have been quick to realize their other good points such as ease in handling. They can be propped against curbs, parked in potting sheds, pushed through narrow doorways and lifted up steps.

Yet they are certainly not toys, for they carry a 170-pound rider up a gradient of 1 in 15 without pedal assistance. Travel up to 30 miles an hour, and achieve up to 150 miles to one gallon of petrol and lubricating oil mixture.

The power unit used in most makes is produced in an imposing model factory which has made more than 500,000 two-stroke engines, now giving good service to men and women in all five continents.

Some of the best overseas markets for British autocycles are India, Borneo, Australia, New Zealand and Kenya, while before the war they made alone sold large quantities to Poland and Norway. Machines have also been sent to Canada, South America, Ceylon, Ceylon, Palestine, Malaya, South Africa and Nigeria.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



Gray Paint, Skipper Turn Fisher Craft into Naval Unit

When the deck's covered with fish scales the gas powered fish boat looks useful but not beautiful. But dress her up with a coat of grey paint, give the commander the rank of "Skipper" and she becomes one of the units of the Royal Canadian Navy and is proud of it! From a drab she becomes a lady with a certificate of character. . . . Proudly she flies the naval ensign and with her engine beating its slow explosions over the tide, she breaks the waters of a coastal port on her way to do a little job for His Majesty.

Up the sharp indented but lengthy fords of the Pacific Coast she noses over deliberate way, to see all if possible, to hear all and report "All's well" to headquarters. Every fishing village, Indian village, lumber town, mine centre and logging camp knows her now. The skipper's white-topped naval cap will gleam in the sunshine, his normally uniform crew in the smart uniforms of regular naval ratings will "tie her to the wharf," gaining new and unaccustomed prestige from their familiar of other days, when they were merely "hands."

That's what a war can do. It can turn the sloopy—used in no depreciatory sense—craft of the fisherman into smart naval units, an analogous procedure on the sea to that on land, by which the peaceful toiler is turned out, in battle dress, as a soldier. And as the landmen can be made to complete his military evolutions smartly and efficiently, so the fishermen's boats can manoeuvre together on the water. In line abreast, in quarter line, in line ahead, these vessels chug-chug their way on order, emulating as smartly and as proudly, their bigger sisters of the service. They can scout, manoeuvre, sweep for mines or lay depth charges against submarines. Their Lewis guns or rifles will shatter the drifting menace of a hostile mine or take care of their own defence.

"Fisherman's Reserve" that is what they become in official terms. Each has its number and its job. War called them from peace to a job they could do for the country, and there they are, spread from Cape Plattery in Alaska, alert and resourceful. Not wishing it out loud perhaps, but inwardly hoping that if there is any dirty work by the enemy,

they will be there to cope with it.

In the boats with which they are familiar, for in most cases they own them, the skippers set out. That is their rank, "Skipper" and officially their boats are "reserve boats." Their crew usually includes a petty officer and two three or four seamen depending on the size of the vessel. These may be reservists with naval experience, but generally they are the hands who have been accustomed to working with the "Skipper" and his boat in peacetime. They all receive as much training as is possible to give them. But this is incidental. Their great value lies in several other qualities of which may be cited, mobility, manoeuvrability in shallow coastal waters, the knowledge of the personnel of the coast, bays and harbors and their familiarity with all that pertains to the sea.

The Fisherman's Reserve was an inspiration and its utility in this war is no less pronounced than the pride of the men in being able thus to serve their country.

ENGINE ROOM, STROKEHOLD MEN WANTED BY NAVY

In the past, entrance into the Royal Canadian Navy has been restricted to youth, but now comes a chance for those of maturer years. The middle-aged man can now see service with the Navy providing he meets the necessary physical requirements and has had Marine, Engine Room or Strokehold experience. It has been said that the Royal Canadian Navy can be likened to a select club because of the long waiting list and difficult entrance requirements. But the great expansion of the Naval Force is changing such conditions. The many vessels under construction will need men, and in particular, trained men with Engine Room experience. Candidates for this latter class, if accepted, will be made Petty Officers with the pay and allowances of rank. Those interested should communicate directly to the Naval Secretary, Naval Service, Ottawa, and should send full particulars as to their age and experience. Men of an age under 45 are preferred but particularly well qualified men up to 55 may be accepted.

PLANE PRODUCTION EXPANDED

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Sunday only 8:19 a.m.
Flyer, at Georgetown 8:41 p.m.
Flyer, at Guelph 8:15 p.m.

Going West

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