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#### Off the Fence

as little as possible and the hope for a good share of of us who can-buy these certificates." what they both have aspirations to divide.

year, provided that "If contrary to the wishes and giving everything - are having everything taken hopes of the contracting parties it should happen from them, including their liberty-to win this war. that either of them should become involved in mili- Are we capable of less? Are we of weaker fibre? all his military resources, on land, at sea, and in the parison to what we ask of those who go to fight and ling changes in the European situation. air." That is Article III of the Italian-German die for us. At this hour, there is a poem which

It is apparent then that Hitler has seen the need of support from Italy. It is evident that his job in France is proving one that he cannot handle alone! and he has called on Mussolini to come to his aid. But the Allies have been expecting this clause of the treaty to be invoked and have made preparation ac-

cordingly. True, these are days in which the silver lining! may be difficult to see. But other wars have had dark days, too, and faith has been maintained, effort redoubled and the task has been gloriously completed with victory. Such will be the case again for when the cause is just and right, we cannot fail.

## Good Neighbors

June 10th will be a date long remembered in Canada. In the afternoon came the news of Italy's entry into the war, to be followed later with the flash that Canada's Minister of Defence, Hon. Norman Rogers, had died in an airplane crash.

Then in the evening came the message from President Roosevelt, and applauded by our neighbors to the south. In it was torn aside any pretence of neufrality and given a program of two-fold action. "We will extend to the opponents of force the material resources of this nation, and, at the same time, we will harness and speed up the use of those resources in order that we ourselves in the Americas may have tour. Signs and signals call for speed - full ahead." for some time. Parents and children are duly ap-

Evidence has never been lacking of the direction preciative. of sympathies of our neighbor. Mussolini's stab in lini and the Italian people will regret with Hitler and words and "Carry On." his hordes the move that made for the United States the decision uttered by President Roosevelt on June

dreary day.

## Will the Two Year Term Be Adopted?

If citizens desire municipal elections to be held annually after this year, it is necessary that they tors. The matter is in the hands of the 1940 Council. at least for one day in the year.

Milton Council-has decided to submit the question at the election this year and no doubt many Councils will let the ratepayers decide on whatever plan may be desired. If Council does not submit a by-law, the two-year 'term' automatically becomes effective and the municipal bodies elected for 1941 carry on for a two-year term. If a vacancy occurs during the tenure of office the remaining members of the Council or Board choose the person for the position:

#### Silver Bullets

Mr. Lloyd George, in the Great War, spoke of the House of Commons. "silver bullets.".

He was thinking of the savings of the people, of Cabinet are seeking to secure the privilthe money they could give to provide food and guns out conforming to the regulations applied and shells for the Allied armies.

Canadians to-day in all ranks and walks of life, and of all ages, get the opportunity to provide "silver bullets." It comes through War Savings Certificates. holders of the new bank by any provi-

Under this War Savings Certificates plan-des- sion of the Bank Act are to be exercised cribed in Government advertising-a five dollar certificate may be purchased for four dollars; a ten emption from certain responsibilities dollar certificate for eight dollars; a twenty-five dollar certificate for twenty dollars; a fifty dollar certificate for forty dollars; a one hundred dollar certificate Alberta Bank, if the Bill were to go for eighty dollars. A gilt-edge security, and with provisions for redemption before the date of maturity (they mature in 71/2 years) they are an admirable the sale and transfer of shares contrary investment: simple, safe, profitable, fitting the smallest of budgets.

But the real argument for War Savings Certificates is the opportunity they afford for war service. In the Great War we spoke of people "doing their bit." Here, now, all of us are given the chance to do "our bit." People of small incomes, artisans, for person or to corporations. In other people too old for active war duties, even childrenall can strike a blow in this struggle by investing in actually manage the bank. Any busithese securities.

ately. Only by money, by what it can raise in taxes, by loans, and by these-War Savings Certificates, can After watching from the fence top like a vulture it help win the war. Therefore, if we believe the to see which way in his opinion the most is to be things we profess, if we are sincerely anxious to gained, Mussolini has hopped off and decided to give strike a blow for freedom, if we want, in short, to Hitler some practical aid. Just how much remains to save Canada from the "night of barbarism" of which the Labor Party was clamoring to have be seen, but true to Italian principles it will likely be Mr. Churchill has spoken so solemnly, we must-all

In Britain they are giving of their last farthing Of course his agreement with Hitler, made last to help win this war. In Nazi Germany they are

tary entanglements with one other power or with. After all, a good investment-good interest on other powers, the other contracting party will imme- and security for our savings-is a small thing to be trial concern!" diately rally to his side as ally and support him with asked in this crisis. Small, pitifully small, in comshould have a poignant appeal to us:

> "What have I given, bold sailor of the sea, On Earth or Heaven, that you should die for me?

"What can I give. Oh soldier leal and brave,

Long as I live, to pay the life you gave? "What tithe or part can I return to thee.

Oh! Stricken heart that thou should'st break for me?

"The Wind of Death for you hath slain life's flowers. It withereth. God grant, all weeds in ours."

## EDITORIAL NOTES

Milton will vote this year on changing municipal election dates to early in December. The early election an efficient organization, and from tion date gains in popularity.

Employment returns from 11,970 Canadian establishments show 1,117,547 persons at work on May 1st. 1940. On the same date a year ago 11,607 firms reported 1.030.718 workers.

Judith, Robinson's place in the Globe and Mail now occupied by that of Dorothy Thompson, recent sharp reduction in relief payment getting enough help. Quite an, improvement we would say .- Page Six might now come in for some improvement.

equipment and training equal to the task of any Again the Y.M.C.A has given community leaderemergency and every defence. All roads leading to ship and the swimming classes at Fairy Lake, under the accomplishment of these objectives must be kept the direction of Supervisor W. J. Benson and his asclear of obstructions. We will not slow down or de- sistants, are filling a need that has been felt in Acton

the back has ended any pretense of neutrality and Canada has suffered a great loss in the death of cut any diplomtic red-tape. True, there has been no Hon. Norman Rogers. His life needs no eulogy. He declaration of war by the United States, but with a served his country well. To his wife and children go good neighbor going "full speed ahead." great ret the profound sympathy of every Canadian and the sources are made available to the Allies and Musso- renewal of a vow that we, too, will obey his parting

The Halton Conservative party is to be congratulated on choosing for the key positions two Acton The President's address was a bright spot on a men. Mr. Amos Mason is the President and Mr. C. F. Leatherland, the Secretary. Both are men who are an acquisition to any organization which may have the benefit of their guidance.

Surely we may make a note in these columns to intimate this to the Council. The Council may decide remind all and sundry that Sunday is Father's Day. to put the decision for the longer term up to the rate Being of a practical turn of mind, most dads are not payers. If they do not do this a petition from five so fussy on flowers but have no objection to being per cent. of the ratepayers obligates the Council to remembered with a little wearable or useful recogpass the by-law and submit the question to the elec- nition. Yes, most dads appreciate special recognition

## **Ontario** News of the Week

Confirming a forecast made in this column recently is news from Ottawa that the Alberta Government is making application, for a provincial bank charter. The bill has been placed in the hands of printers for introduction in

As hinted previously. Aberhart and his eges, accorded to Canadian banks withto other banks. With capital stock of five hundred thousand dollars, issued to and vested in the Provincial Treasurer. the powers conferred upon the shareby the Executive Council of Alberta, but at the same time, the Bill asks for exwhich shareholders in other banks have to accept. Some thirty-six sections of the Bank Act are not to apply to the certain liabilities of shareholders and certain offences and penalties respecting

to requirements. Perhaps the most interesting feature of the Bill is the fact that the proposed Alberta Provincial Bank would leave with the Aberhart Cabinet the duty of fixing the amounts of discounts or loans which may be made to the Government of the Province of Alberta, or to any one firm words, the government would not only undertake to run the Province, but to ness firm which might want to get a Our Government needs money, needs it desper- loan from the bank, would have to apply to the Aberhart Cabinet. And the firm's executives would think twice before making such a request. If their politics were not Mr. Aberhart's brand.

It is interesting to note how the circumstances surrounding this Alberta application parallel those in England when the shares of the joint stock banks taken over by the Government for the control of credit.

Violently opposing this, the ardent socialist, Lord Snowden, said at the time, "The members of the next Labor Government will apparently have so little else to do they will act as Directors of the one Joint Stock Bank and decide every application for credit from the small shopkeeper to the biggest indus-

With the country now so intent on a national war effort, in view of the startthere is much specuration at Ottawa as to how much time Parliament will devote to this Alberta Bill. But should it be advanced to a point where it is debatable in the House, the proceedings will likely be enhanced by some strong criticism of Aberhart's intentions. . . .

The action of the Ottawa government in outlawing a number of subversive organizations should have the desired effect of driving their disloyal members out into the open. In the past, these groups have attained their maximum results by boring from within. Now, halls where these enemies of the Dominion have met under various guises have been ordered closed and any attempt at plotting will invariably lead to internment

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police now on. Canada should be able to concentrate on its grim task of fighting fering Hitler without the annoyance of groups who would set up in Canada the type of government in imitation of Hitler's.

Predictions made earlier in the year take up the unemployment slack are are feeling the demand for war goods. coming true. In all sections of the coun- and it will not be surprising if when try, lack of work constitutes but a very harvesting time comes around, the Canminor problem. And as a result, the adian farmer will have a real problem in

## THE OLDEST KHOWN PIECE OF PAPER IM EXISTENCE IS A SCRAP SNOWY OWL

DATING FROM HE CHINESE .

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

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#### MINES FIELD PROGRAM

MATIVES

OF MALABAR

Thirty-seven geological and topo and the Northwest Territories.

bearing on the war effort. The work is been continuous from the Thetford Dislargely directed toward the extension of trict since 1878, the reserves of asbestos- Hours: 9 a. m. until 6 p. m. Evenings the geld mining industry which provides bearing rook are still enormous lungsten, which are of particular impor- Japan. United Kingdom, tance in the production of arms and France, Asstraha and Italy.

the geological parties, three will be in and also for aspestos paper. British Columbia, five in Alberta, one in Saskatchewan, two in Manitoba, two in VISITORS BARRED FROM Ontario, four in Quebec, one in New! Brunswick, one in Nova Scotia, one in Yukon, and three in the Northwest Terone in British Columbia and Yukon, and ed visitors once a month.

the other in the rest of the Dominion. The topographical mapping program ODLUM TO INSPECT for 1940 will be devoted entirely to surveys in the foothills district of Alberta Ten topographical parties, one control party and two supervisory parties will operate in this district.

The building trades have been hard Canadian Division. pressed in attempting to keep up with the demands not only from industry for additional factory space, but from private citizens for the construction of that Canada's part in the war would soon homes. All kinds of industrial activity

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By R.J.SCOTT

WAS CAPTURED

graphical survey and exploratory parties. Canada maintained her practice, as the comprising a force of about 170 men world's seading producer of assesses in have been assigned to field work this 1939, when the contout totalled 364 472 year by the Mines and Geology Branch, tons, valued at \$15859,212 compared Department of Mines and Geology with 289,793 tons, valued at \$17,890 195 Branch, Department of Mines and Re- in 1938. With the exception of a small sources. Ottawa. These parties, most of quantity from northern Ontario, the which will be leaving Ottawa in the Canadian output of askertes comes enimmediate future, will map and inves- tirely from areas of serpentinized rock tigate areas in every mineral producing in the Eastern Townships of Coeper province in the Dominion and in Yukon where the producing centres are Thetford Mines. Black Lake, East Broughton, In view of the wartime requirements Vimy Raige and Asbeston According to f the nation, particular attention is the Department of Mines and Resources being given to investigations in connec- these deposits are the largest known in tion with such minerals as have a direct the world, and although production has

foreign credits now so essential, and to- In Quebec, the asbestos-bearing rock ward an evaluation of resources in is mined both in open pits and underpetroleum. An increased domestic supply; ground, and most of the asbestos produc of petroleum is necessary for wartime tion is experied in the unmanufactured needs, and also to limit Canada's depend- state. The United States is the world's ence on foreign sources. Investigations largest consumer, and Canada's proximwill be made also of deposits of many ity to this market is a distinct advantage of the so-called war minerals, such as to the industry Other countries to chromium, manganese, molybdenum, and which large exports are made include

A-bestos is used chiefly for the manu-Twenty-six parties will be engaged in facture of automobile brake linings and geological surveys and investigations, and chitch facings; as asbestos cloth and heat eleven in topographical mapping. In insulation materials; as packing and addition, two topographical parties will building materials such as roofing shingbe employed on supervisory work. Of ies, corrugated sheeting, tile and paping

Among other measures taken by the ritories. In addition, one geological Canadian Government to curb subversive party will operate both in New Bruns- activities in Canada is the suspension of Auctioneer and Representative Comm wick and Nova Scotia. Two other par- visiting privileges to Internment Camps ties will be employed on the general in- at Petewawa. Ontario, and Kananaskis. vestigation of deposits of war minerals. Alta. Previously, internees were allow-

## AFTER SURVEY OVERSEAS

which is now of such importance as a Back from a recent voyage to England potential source of petroleum supplies and France, where he studied at first hand organization methods of the First Canadian Division and British divisions, Major-General Victor W. Odlum, C.B., C.M.G., DS.O., General Officer Commanding Second Canadian Division, is conducting at present an inspection tour of formations and units of the Second

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Canadian Airmen Grimly Resolute on Arrival in London



There is determination stamped on the faces of these | from Ottawa that Canada is rushing all available aircraft and pilots to the assistance of the Mother Country. Canadian, sirmen who are pictured as they recently ar-

rived in London. Air Minister Power has announced