

THURSDAY, APRIL 17th, 1941

THE LITTLE TOWNS

The people in the little towns—they have such kindly ways, they do so many thoughtful things—however full their days, they surely know the secret of a busy, helpful life, and have no time for all the ill with which the world is rife.

Now when a body's sick and ill, they think what they can do, and when they do their baking, make an extra roll or two; and then they hurry with their work and take a little walk, and call upon the sick one, with the gift, and have a talk.

Or they go down in the cellar, and they view their cupboard over, and they choose some jars of jelly or some jam from out their store, or they choose from off the bookshelf, books so cheery and so wise, and they take these offerings with them as they call with friendly eyes.

Oh, the people of the small town are so very nice to all, that I wonder if they're nice because they're in a town so small, or is the town so nice because it's full of folk so grand? And would I be so nice if I there bought house and land?

Twenty Years Ago

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Saturday's ice storm was most unwelcome. Three inches of snow fell on Sunday.

The fine new residence of Mrs. Stephen Hornby, Mill Street and Wallace Avenue has been sold to Mr. John H. Smith, Kenny Bros. store on Main Street has been sold to Kennedy & Son, Georgetown.

Mr. D. D. Campbell, claims agent at Winnipeg for grain shipments, has perfected a new grain car door which is calculated to carry grain safely without loss by breakage, to its destination.

Mrs. Christopher Swackhamer has received word from Vancouver of the death of her last remaining sister Mrs. James Green. Of a large family of twelve sons and daughters, all born at Acton, Mrs. Swackhamer is the only one living.

Great sorrow came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hodgins yesterday morning when their little daughter, Annie Alma, passed away from pneumonia.

Ontario endorsed prohibition of all intoxicating liquors by a majority of over 150,000. Acton's majority in 1919 was 231 on Monday it was 235.

MARRIED
NELSON-SUNLEY At the Baptist Parsonage, Guelph, on Tuesday, April 19, 1921, by Rev. T. J. Hurl, Dr. Elford John Nelson, Acton, son of the late ex-mayor and Mrs. E. K. Nelson, Guelph, to Nellie Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sunley, of Guelph.

DECEASED
ROSS In Acton on Thursday, April 14, 1921, Thomas Ross, aged 63 years.
GIBBONS At the family residence, Frederick St., Acton, on Monday, April 18, 1921, Peter Gibbons, in his 86th year.

Easter Brings Ruffly Effects In New Clothes

Feminine Touch Is Order of the Day. With Veils, Flowers and Other Trifles Smothering Tailor-Maides

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NEW YORK, (AP) This is one Easter when "the tailored look" won't have a chance. Even costumes with basically man-tailored lines are smothered in veils, flowers, ruffles and other feminine knickknacks.

The suit that last spring would have stood firm on its stark simplicity, this year is buttoned up with butterfly, topped with a blouse of frail marquisette. New York successes of the moment show that all-out femininity is the order of the day.

In coats, there's great elegance. Coats of black or navy faille, have jeweled buttons, dolman sleeves, and white lingerie touches.

Dark silks sprigged with flowers, and quilted, are fashioned into jackets and capes, and even into full-length princess line coats. They have a quaint 1890 charm that goes beautifully with new hats. Such coats as these you could wear right through the summer, daytime, and evening.

Dressmaker costumes wool dress with matching cape or jacket are runners-up to suits for spring basics. They allow great femininity in detail ribbon bindings, trapezoid work at hem and sleeve.

Things To Watch
Hats and blouses compete for the title "most fragile." Ruffles appear everywhere at hemlines, peeping out under suit sleeves, turning all the way down the front of slim evening dresses, besides, of course, being practically a must at the throat. Little peplums give a ruffly effect to slender-line dresses.

Femininity extends to feet with cut-out sandals in red, blue, green and pale beige, trimmed with bows, flutings, perforations.

Under all the froth and furor of spring, the silhouette is gradually changing, carving out a new shape for itself.

The Week at OTTAWA

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OTTAWA, (CP) — The shadow of events abroad hangs heavily over the capital this week, and for Prime Minister Mackenzie King and his chief cabinet ministers, in Ottawa or elsewhere, the Easter recess has brought little respite.

The Commons is deserted, but in government offices the work goes on, with anxious attention directed towards development in the Balkans as well as to the war effort in Canada. It was the situation overseas that caused the Prime Minister to delay his departure to visit President Roosevelt.

While a number of ministers are out of the city, most of them are on official business. Agriculture Minister Gardiner is in Western Canada, where he will address a number of meetings on details of the 1941-42 wheat acreage reduction policy. Millions Minister Howe has been in Washington, presumably to discuss cargo shipbuilding or the acquisition of ships. Navy Minister Macdonald plans to visit United States naval construction yards in connection with shipping matters and may confer with United States naval authorities.

Members of the House are busy in their ridings. Most are giving an account of seasonal activities to their constituents and helping to organize the National Salvage Campaign which began Monday.

Expect Budget Soon

And Cabinet ministers and members alike are giving some thought to the business to be dealt with when the session resumed April 28.

The wheat acreage reduction plan and the budget will be principal issues before the House, but the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Basin power and waterway agreement may come up for ratification. Discussion was continuing on the wheat policy when the House adjourned April 3 and the \$35,000,000 estimate to finance the proposed bonus payment has not been approved.

The major money bills have been disposed of, thus clearing the way for Finance Minister Isley to present his budget later after the recess.

The power and waterway agreement will not be presented to parliament for ratification until it has been approved by Congress and there is no indication when Washington will complete action on the measure.

Big Money Bills

Little actual legislation was passed between resumption of sittings Feb. 17 and adjournment for Easter, but the money bills authorized the government to spend more money than any other Canadian government has had granted at one time. Authorization for war expenditures for the fiscal year which began April 1 and the rest to cover additional war costs, of 1940-41.

South American affairs are receiving growing attention in the capital. Latest concrete move is the agreement ensuring reciprocal exchange between Canada and Venezuela of "most favored nation" treatment in tariff matters. A provisional agreement between the two countries which remains in force for one year with the option of renewal was signed at Caracas, the Venezuelan capital, and announced officially last week.

The Canadian Trade Delegation expects soon to resume its trip to South American countries, halted last December by the illness of Trade Minister MacKinnon.

Fears there could be a butter shortage in Canada have been allayed. Wartime Prices and Trade Board announcement says it seems certain the season of heavy production will be reached before stock runs out. During the last three months the position has improved with a steady increase in production and cutting down of waste following the Board's appeal last winter to prevent needless use of the commodity.

Want Minimum Price

Late last December, when the supply was low, the board set a maximum wholesale price for butter, 35 cents a pound, basis Montreal. Actual market prices have been below this level for some time. Butter producers have asked for a minimum price to protect them from a heavy summer price slump, but while the government has approved the principle there has been no announcement of minimum price at the week-end.

Also awaiting a department announcement were fruit growers in British Columbia. Representatives of the fruit interests conferred with officials last week regarding marketing of the 1941 apple crop, but no decision was reached immediately.

The agriculture department, with an eye to the necessity of producing 600,000,000 pounds more milk this year to fill United Kingdom orders for cheese and evaporated milk and still meet home demand, is calling on farmers to improve pasture lands.



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World News Summaries

The Free Press is also a subscriber to The Canadian Press Service which secures for these columns, summaries of War News, Ottawa doings, and many special articles each week.

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