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EDITORIAL

Along
 Those who would see the days of the old barroom and who know that it is a total prohibition in Canada before the war was won, know too, that Canada and Canadians cannot give a total war effort as long as the barroom's successor—beverage rooms—are allowed to carry on their traffic.
 Last week two of Acton's largest industries asked that council have the beverage rooms closed at an earlier hour, pointing out the serious effect they were having on employees and on war production. We hope earlier closing will have the desired effect, but we doubt it very much. It is only a patch on this evil where a major operation is necessary.
 Housewives and average citizens wonder why it is that gasoline, sugar, tea, coffee, etc., can be rationed and the liquor traffic go uncurbed. Everyone knows that governments derive plenty of revenue from the sale. But surely the control of a beverage that impairs the efficiency of its people is more important than the revenue from the sale of intoxicating beverages. Plenty of battles have already been lost. As long as the sale of intoxicating beverages is permitted and encouraged most folks won't take very seriously the constant clamoring for an all-out war effort. How many more battles will we have to lose before we find out that we can't stagger our way to victory?

For the Good of the Children
 Monday night the curfew rang in Acton for the first time in our recollection. Back in the days before daylight saving and a multitude of night attractions many grown-ups as well as children went to bed before nine o'clock and a curfew was unnecessary. To-day it is definitely necessary.
 It might be well to draw attention to the fact that it is the duty of parents to see that the curfew is observed. Chief Harrop is making every effort to assist parents, but parenthood has duties as well as the law. In case parents fail it will be noted in sections quoted last week that the fine falls on the parent and not the child, although regular evasion provides for caring for the child through institutions. Parents should have sufficient pride and sense of duty in their children to give every assistance in maintaining the curfew. It's not fair to lock the door and leave the child on the street. If you go out take the children under 16 years with you.
 There is another mistaken viewpoint taken. A registration card of a boy or girl over sixteen does not make them an adult. The act says children under sixteen may not be out after nine o'clock, unless accompanied by his parent or guardian or an adult appointed by the parent or guardian to accompany such child.
 Acton children will be the better of the curfew. It is no hardship in these days of school holidays when play can run for fourteen hours before nine in the evening. Acton parents will be doing their children a great good in helping to enforce the curfew. May its ringing bell be not only a reminder to children but a reminder to parents of their duty to their children.

Down in the Park
 The war has certainly brought changes and they are most noticeable among the activities of the young folk. Down at the park these nights the bathing beach is popular with many parents and children. Over on the diamonds where there was always a ball game in progress or where the boys

practised nightly for the Saturday games you don't hear the wail of the ball and bat.
 The activity is centred around the armory. Out in the ball field you'll find several squads of the reserve army going through drilling exercises, getting ready against what everyone hopes won't happen but of which none are sure will not happen.
 Most of the boys who used to play on the hall diamonds are in the army. Many of them are overseas. The reserve army comes in most cases from that reserve group who used to be spectators. There isn't the fun of a ball game—but war is a serious matter. While aggressors threaten our lands preparation must be made to see that the bathing beach remains safe for children. Acton park is just one of the peaceful spots in Canada. It is peaceful because the boys who formerly played here now fight to keep aggressors across the oceans. May the day soon return when they lay their games again and may most of them be spared to enjoy again their sport each evening as the drill of the army give place once more to the crack of the ball and bat and the cheer from the reserve benches.

Lives or Property
 In spite of the fact that it is two years since the editor resigned as a Justice of the Peace, we still have callers every week asking information and help with the things that used to come within the jurisdiction of that office. One of the things we have had most lately is the calls from mothers who have boys several years under the legal age who are getting drunk and said to be securing their intoxicating beverages in an Acton beverage room. Not being an officer of the law we tell these mothers there is nothing we can do about it. In fact we question if any officer of the law could do much about it. When law and revenue are so badly mixed together as in this traffic the point of division becomes hard to discern. If all those who appear in public places in a drunken condition were locked up, as the law says they shall be, there wouldn't be room in the average town cells to house them until time of trial. We have been good faithful police officers—arrest some of these individuals and although the guilt was admitted the culprit was more often than not allowed to go without paying a fine. You see fining these drunks would be bad for business.
 On the heartaches some of these mothers tell about, of old fellows standing outside the beer parlor and coaxing the boys under age to go on in. Of boys well under 21 years getting drunk and staying away from home for days. Of younger boys, finding cases carefully stored away where the law (?) says they shouldn't be.
 Failing law enforcement to deal with liquor we can only see one hope for homes, mothers and fathers. The barrooms of other years brought on a Cary Nation and her hatchet. If our governments won't enforce the law its time for a return of Cary Nation to oust the beverage rooms that outdo in every way the old barrooms as dispensers of intoxicating beverages. Surely its not as harmful to smash up property as it is to smash the lives of young Canadians.

Try, Try Again
 Examination results of Acton Schools are given in this issue and show the results of the year's effort by the pupils. To those who have been successful congratulations are in order. To those who have failed a word of encouragement may be needed. Failure in the one effort should not bring discouragement but rather a determination that such a failure will not occur again.
 Through our failures of life we learn our weaknesses. If we take the time and make the effort, these weaknesses can be overcome and the failure of this year turned into a glorious success next year. And so as students, study the results of the year. May you learn in your first tests in life that the way to succeed is to make these failures the stepping stones to greater successes.
 If you didn't pass this year make a determination in your own mind that such will not occur next year. If you just passed this year be determined to win honors in your next year's results. The world has no place for those who are easily discouraged.

EDITORIAL NOTES
 The rains ceased for a few days during the week after a season that had the dry days few in number.
 And this is Army Week. There's a multitude of ways you can help the army and the boys in it but be sure your kindness is helpful.
 "Tank In Furious Struggle in Libya" reads a headline. We've seen 'em doing the same thing outside beverage rooms at closing time.—Smith Falls Record-News.
 "The essence of democracy must be a balance between the organizing power of the state and the driving power of the free individual, and we must foster both."—The Times, London.

With the last issue of The Mount Forest Confederate, Mr. A. W. Wright completed forty years as its editor. May he continue for many more years at the helm and his work in giving Mount Forest and district splendid newspaper service.

Moscow Defeat Grimest Film

LONDON, (CP)—Some of the grimest scenes shown on the screen are contained in "The Defeat of the German Army in Moscow," a 40-minute film now being shown in Britain. It can scarcely be described as entertainment but critics reported it was a picture everyone should see. "A graphic lesson in Nazi brutality, with many thrilling moments."
 Fifteen Soviet cameramen helped make this record of Hitler's defeat before Moscow and the film takes its viewers into the very heart of the fighting. At close hand, you see the capture of an inflated post, the rout of the Germans at the point of the bayonet and the long trail of defeated prisoners.
 Most impressive scenes, hardly something for the squeamish, are pictures taken after the battle for Moscow subsided. They reveal all the atrocities perpetrated by the Germans—tortured prisoners, women hanged, children put to death, prisoners blown up or burned alive in locked houses.

New Stamps for Those Who Pay On Monthly Basis

Employers of insurable workers who operate on a semi-monthly or monthly pay period will be able to buy insurance stamps in higher denominations than have in the past, been obtainable.
 Mr. H. G. Saffield, Manager of the Local Employment and Claims Office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, said today that the Commission is putting into circulation through the Post Office four denominations of semi-monthly stamps valued respectively at \$1.00, \$1.11, \$1.24, and \$1.37.
 These stamps, said Mr. Saffield, will be used by employers to record contributions in insurance books of employees in the following earning categories:
 Those earning \$26.00 but less than \$32.50 in a semi-monthly; (\$1.00 stamp); employer contribution 5 1/2%, employee contribution 4 1/2%.
 Those earning \$32.50 but less than \$43.33 in a semi-monthly; (\$1.11 stamp); employer contribution 5c, employee contribution 25c.
 Those earning \$43.33 but less than \$56.33 in a semi-monthly; (\$1.24 stamp);

employer contribution 5c, employee contribution 6c.
 Those earning \$56.33 but less than \$70.00 in a semi-monthly; (\$1.37 stamp); employer contribution 6c, employee contribution 7c.
 It was pointed out by Mr. Saffield, that these stamps will be obtainable from Post Offices in the same way as stamps of lower denominations. They will not be available at local Post Offices until June 2nd and only the larger Post Offices will carry them. Employers in smaller centres desiring to use these stamps will have to make a specific request to their Post Office to stock them.
 As for the affixing of the stamp by the employer in the employee's insurance book, Mr. Saffield said it should be placed in such a way that it covers the space for the last day of the pay period for which the contribution is made. It was felt, he added, that the circulation of these stamps would be a convenience to employees who operate on a semi-monthly or monthly pay period.

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TIME TABLES
CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS AT ACTON
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Going East	
Daily, except Sunday	6:41 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	9:49 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	8:32 p.m.
Sunday only	8:19 p.m.
Flyer, at Georgetown	9:49 a.m.
Flyer, at Guelph	9:54 p.m.
Being West	
Daily, except Sunday	8:50 a.m.
Saturday only	2:29 p.m.
Flyer, at Guelph, except Saturday and Sunday	4:46 p.m.
Daily, except Sunday	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Only	11:43 p.m.

GRAY COACH LINES
 COACHES LEAVE ACTON (Eastern Daylight Saving Time)

Westbound	
10:18 a.m.; 11:43 a.m.; 2:38 p.m.; 4:53 p.m.; 8:58 p.m.; 7:33 p.m.; 8:28 p.m.; 8:38 p.m.; 9:19 p.m.; 11:53 p.m.	
Eastbound	
6:46 a.m.; 9:16 a.m.; 11:51 a.m.; 2:06 p.m.; 4:36 p.m.; 6:16 p.m.; 9:01 p.m.; 11:35 a.m.	

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OLD-TIMER ON AIR
 LONDON, (CP)—Eighty-year-old George MacDonald, a former trumpet major broadcasting to the forces is reported to be the only living member of Queen Victoria's escort on the occasion of her silver jubilee in 1867.

"Spearhead of Victory"

AN ARMY EVERY CANADIAN MAY WELL BE PROUD OF

Crushed and poised, with disciplined impatience, waiting to pounce on the enemy, is Canada's great army which will form the spearhead of that decisive offensive just about to be—"a dagger pointed at the heart of Hitler."
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 And the great Canadian Army which has, as our Minister of National Defence says, "a larger proportion of armored troops than any army in the world," will be a decisive factor in hastening the day of victory.

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