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EDITORIAL

While Rome Burns

Housewives who are called upon to abide by rationing restrictions; motorists who must curtail travel by gasoline and other restrictions and citizens in every walk of life meet this curtailment gladly but find it difficult to understand why the sale of intoxicating beverages has free rein—yes even seems to be encouraged. In 1941 Canada's liquor bill was \$232,000,000 and indications are that the 1942 expenditure will show an increase of about 25 per cent. over that figure (exclusive of bootlegging) or approximately \$290,000,000. Every year since 1938 has shown an increase from the \$173,000,000 spent then. How many airplanes, boats or war materials that will buy could readily be calculated.

If Canada is in the war on an all-out basis surely it is time that governments stopped passing the blame from one to the other and made a serious attempt to lower the amount spent on intoxicating beverages. Steel can be converted from non-essential industries. Industrial alcohol is useful in making smokeless powder and as a basis for synthetic rubber. Motorists are warned to retain their anti-freeze as there may be a shortage next winter.

Recently the Canadian Temperance Federation made an appeal to Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King and the members of the Dominion Parliament through a full page advertisement in The Ottawa Citizen. In this page of facts it was pointed out that since the manufacture of liquor is under government control, materials for its manufacture could be rationed as has been done in Britain and Australia.

While the advertisement was published on June 20th and copies put on the desk of every member we have heard nothing of any discussion of the subject. Surely the facts presented deserved more attention. Surely all Canadians and not just a few are expected to take the war and its needs seriously. Money that goes into liquor doesn't go into war savings certificates or bonds. "A sober Canadian people can make a greater war effort. Just how close to total effort are Canadian leaders prepared to lead Canada? Or is leadership only given by empty words.

Since writing the above the increased sale of intoxicating beverages has been brought to the attention of the House of Commons by Hon. Mr. Hanson. Keep at it Mr. Hanson, it's constructive and a greater part of the war effort than the government seems to realize.

May Their Exit Be Hurried

Hamilton is one of the places in which the owners and operators of slot machines did not believe that Attorney General Conant was serious in his announced determination to put the machines out of use, and continued to have them in operation. They have reason to believe otherwise. Recently under the direction of Inspector Dwyer of Toronto \$50,000 worth of machines, ninety seven in all were seized. Eric Liebman, one of the big shots of the gambling business, given a month in jail, and required to pay a fine of \$18 and costs of \$50. It is now apparent that machines are owned by wealthy individuals or corporations and leased to private operators. The business is said to be very profitable. Certainly it is not a money maker for the young people who invest their money in the one in a hundred chance of winning. Good work is being done by the Attorney General's officers in their effort to remove the gambling devices from the province.—Barrie Examiner.

To Be Complete, We Need Help

How many from Acton and district are enlisted in the active service forces? How many from this community are serving overseas? These are but two of the questions which are often asked. We made an attempt to keep a list of all these, with the addresses and from time to time published the list. We found however that this was contrary to censorship rules and it was discontinued. The explanation is that publishing such addresses gives the information as to what units are overseas and those still in Canada.

But we do feel that a complete list should be made of all those who serve in the Army, Navy and Air Force from this community. With that in mind we are preparing a second list, discarding addresses and simply giving names and numbers of those in the Active service forces. We know the first draft of these names will not be complete when published.

We would like the help of every reader of THE FREE PRESS and everyone in the community in making it complete. If you know of a name omitted write it on a slip of paper and drop it in our letter box or mail it to us. If you know of someone joining the active service forces send in the name and the unit they are with for the weekly list of "Acton Boys Enlisted," which appears on page one each week. In this way the complete list can be kept up-to-date. Some day after the war Acton will have an honor roll of all who served. The list compiled now will help in making that final list complete. May we have your help? The first draft appears in this issue. If a name is omitted give it to us with his number. If a correction should be made, tell us about them.

All Serving The Public

Sometimes persons in official capacities are subject to criticism, and sometimes, too, these persons cannot take it as well as the newspaper. Oftentimes it is the job of the newspaper to quote what the officials have said, and in so doing, invite the wrath of these persons also. They forget that they, too, are serving the public; they forget that what they say in public is public property. They sometimes hint that what they say should be glossed over and softened down so that it will not be as hard as they said it. Sometimes it is hinted that the press should be excluded from public meetings, so that officials can say things which they would not like the public to know about. Yet the public has a perfect right to know of these things. These officials are serving the public in the same way that the newspaper is serving the public, in many cases they are more responsible to the public than the newspaper, because they are directly handling property and matters belonging to the public. The newspaper is merely reporting the proceedings and happenings and has no real direct responsibility to the public other than as a news gathering agency.—The Gleaner, Huntingdon, Quebec.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"As for the inconveniences, discomforts and hardships that you and I will have to endure—why, we haven't even got to the foothills yet."—Donald M. Nelson.

It's surprising how savings accumulate when made regularly and with the present plan of having War Savings Stamps available in every store, every one can participate.

Canadian manufacturers employed more workers and paid them more in wages at May 1st this year than at any previous time in the country's history, according to Dominion Bureau of Statistics index.

Overheard one parent say that the curfew law was one of the finest things council had done. Also heard some comments from those under 16 years that weren't in accord with this viewpoint. But surely parents know best.

I am a Canadian; and by Canada I mean every part and every Province of Canada. I mean Vancouver, Halifax, Winnipeg, just as much as I mean Quebec."—Air Minister Power, declaring support for conscription in the House of Commons.

It is said that a move is on foot to persuade the Dominion Government to publish a government-owned, government directed tabloid newspaper, paid for of course by the public, out of taxation. If it is as dry and worthless as a lot of the other so-called government information sent out, the order for big wastebaskets should go along with it. Surely it will never get any serious consideration. Not in a democracy anyway.

The days of liquor advertising which marked Army Week did not contribute to the war effort in any sound way. The money was merely diverted, in contravention of Ontario liquor legislation, in regulations against advertising from government income and surplus profit taxes into newspaper and typographic and pseudo-patriotic sentiments. People who push liquor sales either in time of peace or in time of war are not serving their country well, and when such people advise the public concerning the war effort they bring bona fide patriotic advertising into discredit.—Newmarket Era-Express.

British Farmer Must Grow More To Assure Food

Warning Given that Essential Supplies Must Come More and More from Within Britain Itself

BY FOSTER BARCLAY
Canadian Press Staff Writer
LONDON, (CP).—Unless Britain's 300,000 farmers, striving to keep the nation's food bins stocked, increase agricultural production, the British housewife will find her housekeeping problems increased, and Britons generally will have to give their already tightly drawn belts another yank.

Essential food supplies at present are greater than a year ago, but whether the public will have to adopt a "more rigid" "austerity" diet depends on the current home-grown crop because imports may be further restricted through urgent needs of the fighting services.

"Grow for Victory" was the theme of a message R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, gave farmers as he warned them the government would have to make further demands "owing to changes in Allied strategy." He did not elaborate his reference to strategy, but observers believed he was hinting at the possible opening of a second European front. For such an operation every available ship in Britain and the United States can spare will be needed. In this event it is likely importation of food would have to be curtailed for a time.

Ships Needed
The Minister's forecast of intensification of agricultural production "contained something more than the consequences of the Battle of the Atlantic," commented the Daily Telegraph and Morning Post. "It would be reasonable to assure that our agricultural policy is to make use of ships for something more than the bringing of food to these shores."

Farmers already have been asked to produce this year all the milk used in Britain; at least half the beef and mutton consumed; all the wheat used to make flour, bread and cake and all the necessary vegetables, oats and sugar.

If this target and whatever new demands the government may make are attained, the farmers will be feeding four of every five persons compared with one of three in peacetime. Increased food production, coupled with rationing, has saved an estimated 8,000,000 tons of shipping—equal to handling over about 1,600 ships for fighting purposes.

Farmers Alert
"I feel the farmers are on their toes and can see their way clear to meeting the demands," Mr. Hudson said. "But they may have to do a bit more in the bargain. A fifth of the country's farms are producing almost the maximum of which they are capable. Another fifth are classed as 'efficient' producers who can provide five per cent. more food. Of the remainder, half must increase production by 15 per cent. and the other half by 20 per cent."

To help reach the government's goal more land will have to be reclaimed and plowed and rabbits, rats and rooks which have created havoc among crops will have to be destroyed.

SLIMMING NO FACTOR

LONDON, (CP). The report of a committee which inquired into conditions in the Auxiliary Territorial Service says the girls are so robust and have gained so much in health since they joined that many of them are "simply bursting" out of the uniforms which fitted them when they were enlisted.

Useful Hints On Pruning Shade Trees

One result that will follow when newly-planted maples have had their tops clipped off eight or ten feet from the ground is that bad crutches will develop, and decay set in to cause the tree to be ruined in a storm says R. W. Oliver, Division of Horticulture, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Trees like children require careful training and feeding in their youth to build a strong frame in order to stand the blows of time. Pruning has two main objects; first to improve the structural strength of the tree by preventing the formation of bad crutches between main limbs and second to improve the appearance by promoting good balance.

In all young shade trees the ideal structure consists of a single straight leader or trunk running up the full height of the tree with lateral branches commencing a few feet from the ground and evenly spaced around and up the trunk at regular intervals of one to two feet.

If the tree has been well grown in the nursery, only minor pruning will be necessary. Small branches springing from the trunk between the main limbs should be removed, and any large lateral which is growing out of bounds should be headed back to a side branch growing in the right direction. Also occasional small branches need removal to create balance and openness. When the young trees have been properly formed only an occasional light pruning will be necessary to help it retain its good shape.

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ROAD DEATH DECREASES

LONDON, (CP). Road deaths in Britain totalled 505 in May, compared with 701 a year ago. Blackout facilities were reduced from 150 to 60. The number of children killed was 110.



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Presented to the R.C.A.F. by policemen of Canada, this new Spitfire is being piloted by Pilot Officer Gordon Hoben, former Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer, shown in the cockpit. P. O. Hoben had been a bomber pilot but at the request of the officers who raised the Spitfire fund he was sent to an Operational Training Unit for a special course as a fighter pilot. P. O. Hoben served with the R.C.M.P. in Toronto, Saskatoon, Regina and Windsor. Presentation was made by Sir Philip Game, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police of London, standing nearest the cockpit. Air Vice-Marshal Harold Edwards, Air Officer in Chief, R.C.A.F. Overseas (RIGHT) accepted the aircraft.

TIME TABLES

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS AT ACTON

DAYLEIGHT SAVING TIME

Going East

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| Daily, except Sunday | 6:19 a.m. |
| Daily, except Sunday | 9:19 a.m. |
| Daily, except Sunday | 6:42 p.m. |
| Sunday only | 8:19 p.m. |
| Express at Georgetown | 9:13 a.m. |
| Express at Guelph | 9:16 p.m. |

Going West

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| Daily, except Sunday | 8:50 a.m. |
| Saturday only | 12:29 p.m. |
| Express at Guelph, except Saturdays and Sundays | 6:19 p.m. |
| Daily, except Sunday | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sunday only | 11:14 p.m. |

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON (Eastern Daylight Saving Time)

Westbound

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| 12:15 p.m. | 2:38 p.m. |
| 4:15 p.m. | 7:14 p.m. |
| 8:15 p.m. | 8:54 p.m. |

Eastbound

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| 6:15 a.m. | 11:21 a.m. |
| 1:15 p.m. | 6:16 p.m. |
| 9:01 p.m. | 9:01 p.m. |

a. Daily, except Sunday
b. Sunday and Holidays
c. Daily, except Sunday and Holidays
d. Sat., Sun., and Holidays
e. To Kitchener Only
y. To Stratford Only