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EDITORIAL

Not Spectacular Perhaps

Some times-folks feel that the only things that are helping win the war are the spectacular things.

But staying on the job is mighty important these days, and buying War Savings Certificates or Victory Bonds with every cent of available cash makes those who perform these tasks which seem to lack color a very important factor in winning the war.

In these days when industry is straining to overtake the five year lead that Germany had on war materials, when the demand for men in the armed forces is making serious inroads into the available manpower, is no time to create demands for unessential products.

It is not spectacular to just work and put all savings on loan to your country, but its mighty important to you and your country. Never mind the rumors of what the other fellow is getting away with or of inefficiency or waste.

Ontario's Premier at Fergus Dam Opening

While we thoroughly enjoyed the special issue of The Fergus News-Record published prior to the official opening of the Fergus Dam, the one which followed last week had much of interest when the opening ceremonies were recorded in story and picture.

Premier Hepburn's speech, which took close to an hour to deliver, has aroused much comment. There is nothing unusual about that. His speeches, when he lets himself go, usually arouse comment.

One of the favorite questions around here during the week-end was, "What did you think of Hepburn's speech?" Most of those who heard it have been asked that. Some of them, Conservatives first, are pleased at the attacks on Mackenzie King. Others, Liberals first, were disgusted.

"We have been asked what we thought about it. That doesn't matter, of course, but it did recall an event when we were much younger and were sent to report a presentation out in the country. A prominent man was leaving the farm and one of those who came was a well-known politician, long since dead.

ever saw. The stranger, asked to come to a presentation attended by neighbors who were there because of the goodwill they bore the farmer, without regard to politics, so far forgot himself as to mount an imaginary political platform, make both halves of his audience uncomfortable, just to suit his own egotism.

"The cases are not parallel but they are similar. Politicians are a strange race, greatly over-estimated by themselves."

Along the Road

Our thanks to those who have tendered congratulations and made kindly comments regarding the awards won by THE ACTON FREE PRESS in the contests of Canadian Weekly Newspapers this year.

Our thanks also to a competent staff and to correspondents and contributors who help make Acton's paper representative of this community. When the mark of 7 out of 10 for district news, which was the highest obtained by any papers in the class is considered we again say that to our correspondents must go much of the credit.

A few months ago Printer and Publisher issued their fiftieth anniversary number, a very splendid and interesting edition, especially for those who have been in the publishing business for some years. It was recalled in that number that in July, 1892, Canadian Printer and Publisher made this statement. "The model country weekly of Canada is THE ACTON FREE PRESS."

There's always joy and progress in striving to attain the excellence which is never reached. Down through the years of the past there has been that endeavor to provide a good newspaper for Acton and district. Up through the years of the future will continue that endeavor. Prizes or evidence of some progress along the way give encouragement and spur on the hope that some day some newspaper team will attain the goal for Acton. It can never be attained individually but the community can make it possible.

Getting Ready for The Fair

That big event and what appears to be the only one that has thus far survived from the many sports and celebrations which used to wipe away holidays and Saturday afternoons in years of peacetime, Acton Fall Fair is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 18th and 19th.

Like all other events the war will have its effect here too. Exhibitors will have difficulty in the rush to prepare exhibits, but oh there's no point in enumerating the difficulties. Better to look at the advantages, because they are many. Now and after the war Canada is and will be expected to provide from its fertile lands much that will be required to feed the world. Agriculture needs to be prepared to fill this need and Fall Fairs can by competitions give encouragement and help.

Canadians too, need some diversion if only for an afternoon or evening from the strenuous grind of war production. Coming on the week-end this year Acton Fair will provide that outing. An opportunity for soldiers and civilians to meet, a chance for re-union that may not occur again for some time.

There are other features in connection with the war effort that the Fair will provide and of which announcement will be made later. In spite of handicaps it appears the attractions will be on a par and perhaps surpass those of other years. You may not be able to attend many fairs this year and if you came from or live in Acton and district, plan now to take part in the event, either as exhibitor or as visitor.

Perhaps with a Saturday event we might see a rejuvenation of those times when former residents in Toronto used to come by special coaches on the train and attend the Fair. It would make a fine re-union because we are told that there are four or five hundred residents of Acton now residing in Toronto. With no Toronto Exhibition why not make it Acton this year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Commencing September first wage earners will have income tax payments deducted from their envelopes. While the employee will find this method easier those who compile wage rolls will have an additional job on their hands. Its just another of the inconveniences caused by Hitler.

The trouble with the production of synthetic rubber seems to be the decision as to what variety will be produced. President Roosevelt said, recently there are more "experts" on synthetic rubber than there are varieties of pickles. In the meantime salvage of all old rubber is how everyone can help.

The Week at OTTAWA

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by ALLAN HARVEY Canadian Press Staff Writer

September promises to be as eventful a month for Canada's military forces in general as it may be fateful for one particular branch — Lt.-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton's invasion spear in Britain.

By that time, spectacular new methods of army training may be far enough advanced to permit appraisal of their possibilities. The two pioneer types of training are proceeding at Fort Benning, Ga., where the instructional cadre of Canada's 1st Parachute Battalion, is learning tricks of warfare new to Dominion forces, and at Helena, Mont., where Canadians are in uniform side by side with Americans as members of the 1st Special Service Force of Canada and the United States.

The Royal Canadian Navy, already contributing a solid punch, in the Battle of the Atlantic, will take 1,000 new recruits in September and Navy Minister Macdonald says this means its total strength will exceed a previous estimate of 4,000 for the present fiscal year.

The first autumn days may also bring word from Air Minister Power on Canadian air personnel serving in the United Kingdom and with British air forces aboard. Maj. Power now is in London discussing formation of a distinctive Canadian bomber group, facilities for commissioning Royal Canadian Air Force personnel overseas and Canadian participation in the control of the movements, promotion and general well-being of Canadian personnel.

An Air Force statement issued in Ottawa shortly after Maj. Power arrived in London said the air minister will study "the situation of Canadian air personnel in the Middle East, where it is estimated some 2,000 Canadian air personnel now are serving, some with the R.C.A.F. fighter squadron stationed in that theatre, and the remainder serving with Royal Air Force squadrons."

But it is the navy, participating equally with Britain and the United States in Atlantic convoys, which faces the future with greatest expectations. Mr. Macdonald told a press conference here that about 100 ships of war are being built in Canada for the Royal Navy, and that the British government will likely make some of them available to the United States.

The Canadian Navy, Mr. Macdonald disclosed, already has won praise from Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty. He made this the basis for a remark that the Navy had enjoyed "good" summer training during recent weeks, but did not elaborate. He added that the Navy, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Quebec police had been unable to find any evidence to substantiate rumors that Nazi submarine crews had landed on Canada to obtain supplies and fuel.

On the home front, farmers awaited announcement of a new bacon agreement being negotiated with the United Kingdom. First information said the contract would call for 700,000,000 pounds of ham and bacon, greatest in Canadian history and 100,000,000 pounds above the present agreement which expires in October.

"Britain wants all the bacon we can give her," was the word at the agriculture department. Meanwhile demands for Canadian bacon increased from other sources. The United States would like Canada to supply Alaska with bacon, to avoid long hauls that would be required if the bacon came from the United States. There is a heavier demand from Newfoundland and the United Kingdom is asking that Canada supply British warships as they come into Canadian ports, rather than provide supplies on the other side in accordance with previous practice.

Farmers, girding for an even greater production effort, had one consolation: crops used to fatten hogs are uniformly good.

These Girls Enjoy Australian Climate

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA, (C.P.) Nurses were not the only American women brought to Australia after the start of the war.

Secretaries Ruth Cunningham of Berkeley Springs, W. Va., and Ruth Anderson, of Bibbon, Neb., have been here since early March. Long-Time government employees brought south by Brigadier General Arthur R. Wilson, they had the distinction of being the only War Department employees of their sex to be sent to Australia.

"How do they like it?" "Fine," said Miss Cunningham. "The people are very kind, and the climate after Washington is warm and better."

MISSING IN LIBYA

MISSING IN LIBYA — Lt.-Col. Desmond Young, M.C., Indian Army public relations officer in the Middle East, has been missing since June 5, during the fighting at Ajdabiyah.

Used Bags Needed, Must Be Returned

Used bags made from all kinds of textiles that found numerous uses in households throughout the country, especially during the depression era, must now be returned for re-use according to an order of War-time Prices and Trade Board. Shortage of materials caused by war demands, sources of supply no longer available, and shipping difficulties, will have to be met by re-use of the various types of bags.

Headquarters urges the earliest possible return to the trade of all available supplies in town and country homes.

Bags returned must be of sound and clean material. Cotton, heavy twill, jute and sisal are all included in the order, which makes it an offence to cut or destroy or use for any purpose any of these types.

If turned in to a local salvage committee, funds for war charities will result. Or, surplus to which returns may be made are dealers from whom goods in bags are purchased, or local salvage dealers. Scrap bagging should be salvaged. It's needed in the manufacture of roofing.

Waste and Frills Are Out of Fashion

Waste and frills are out of fashion! The ruffles you omit from your next pair of curtains will help spread the available supply of cotton, which will become growingly scarce because of the increased demand for war purposes, as well as shortage of labor and materials for manufacture.

Those who make their own curtains and slip covers can contribute to the war effort by sticking to the simplest styles—straight-hanging, tailored curtains that stop at the window sill, and slip covers without a pleated apron. Considerate care of household fabrics is just as important as careful buying. Buy washable fabrics whenever possible. Dirt is the enemy of fabric life. Wash or clean curtains and slip covers before they get so dirty that harsh cleaning methods must be used.

T. B. ON INCREASE

LONDON, (C.P.) — War strain and fatigue caused by standing in queues may have caused an increase in pulmonary tuberculosis among Glasgow housewives, investigating doctors report.

LOOK OUT, ADOLF, HERE HE COMES



Symbolizing the offensive spirit of the Canadian soldier, a drawing by Grant Macdonald, Toronto artist, shows an infantryman with a Sten carbine at the firing position. The new Sten sub-machine gun, now being manufactured in Canada, can be fired from the shoulder or the hip and is well adapted for use by shock troops and paratroopers.

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