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**EDITORIAL**

**Youth of To-Day—Men of To-Morrow**

This is Boy Scout Week and although Scouting has been an accepted fact locally for over twenty-five years it seems that, as we recall, this has been the first attempt to acquaint the general public with the merits of the youth training program. In spite of the fact that another event next week is taking most of what might be the editor's leisure time, this attention for the youth movement is so compelling that it has to have its place this week.

Too long we feel have the public taken this work among the young people for granted. We do not for a moment imagine that the youth of to-day need any particular assistance of an older group, other than the interest and audience of that group. They may require the experience of older folk to guide them from the pitfalls that hinder any movement. But the youth of to-day have training for leadership, have ability and can do the work, but they do need just as every other organization—the sympathetic understanding and the applause to show that their efforts are in the right direction.

We like these organizations that realize that youth has energy and a desire to tackle the world problems. We like them because they do not try to suppress that energy, but rather to direct it in the course where it will accomplish real good in this world. We hear a lot about post-war problems. Many of the solutions come from men who have made a life-study of these problems. We believe they may have the theory in these carefully prepared documents. It will however require the energy and daring of the younger men to carry them through. It is fitting that even in these war times we should take more than a week to get-together with these youth of to-day and men of to-morrow who will solve these world problems.

**The Book of the Month**

The task of issuing ration books is nearing completion. Locally the job was finished yesterday and it has been a well handled and a heavy consignment. For five days and all one evening volunteer workers were on the job at the Town Hall. Compilations at the time of writing this article are not available, but it appeared to be quite a common occurrence for a worker in a three hour period to issue about an hundred applications.

When it is considered that every man, woman and child has a book it can be said to be the one issue that covers Canada and each community completely. It is estimated that in Canada 12 million copies are being issued. Weighing 170 tons the books would fill nine box cars. Piled singly the books would reach 11 miles in the air and their 144,000,000 pages would form a ribbon more than 3 1/2 inches wide stretching five times across Canada. The ration book just issued is in all sense of the term "the book of the month."

**Stick To Your War Savings Certificates**

No better interest rates are paid on any Canadian war financing securities than on War Savings Certificates—if you hold them until full maturity.

They are meant to be held, not cashed. Canada promised that it would cash the certificates under certain circumstances, but this was done to avoid hardship in special cases, not because cashing a Certificate before-maturity was anything but bad for the owner and bad for Canada.

That promise will be kept of course, as Dominion of Canada financial obligations have always been kept—to the letter. But too many thoughtless owners of War Savings Certificates are asking Canada

to give them back their cash now—without any good reason except that they want to spend the money—and at a time when the money is badly wanted to fight the Battle of Freedom.

Every person who buys a Certificate does a patriotic action, and at the same time gets himself a good investment and a cushion against post-war hard times.

Every person who cashes in a Certificate unnecessarily, does an unpatriotic action, cheats himself of part of its value, and weakens the shock absorber which may save him from nasty post war blumps.

The Certificate for which you pay \$4 now, is worth \$5 if you keep it to maturity. If you cash it in after six months you only get \$4 for it. Net loss \$1!

And actually you lose more than that, because by spending your \$4 at present high prices you get less value per dollar than you will when prices are back to normal.

Farmers have learned all about the differences in the purchasing power of money, by painful experience! That is one reason why they are among the least offenders in this matter. The group which shares this honor with farmers is the financial group—the men who each year buy the maximum amount of War Savings Certificates allowed by the regulations.

The financiers to whom one-tenth of 1% means a lot of money—who understand the exact value of money and interest in terms of what it is really worth, hang on to their War Savings Certificates like grim death! It is the best paying thing they can find in Canadian war investments. It is so good in fact that in order to prevent them buying huge amounts of War Savings Certificates instead of Victory Bonds, the Government limits their purchases to \$480 per head, per year.

**Too Great Value To Discontinue**

Commenting on the Fall Fairs of the province, The Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin says: "While here and there in the province there is the suggestion that the local fall fair might be dropped for 1943, it is not by any means a prevailing opinion. This is fortunate. Unless there are out and out local situations which cannot be overcome elimination would appear to be a grave mistake. The annual fair has too great value in its community to be let fall by the way, though for but one year. For one, the annual meeting of the Great Northern Exhibition has made a wise decision. At its annual meeting it determined to proceed as usual, complete its organization and lay plans, even unto fixing dates for the event in September next.

"Situations the directorate may have to contend with include a possible curtailment of electric "juice" for the midway, and the bearing the gas and tire regulations may have on the attendance. As to both, it is too early to worry. Nine months hence conditions may be easier with corresponding benefits all around. The only and right course now is that decided upon, to wit, go ahead and be a hundred per cent. ready when the time is reached to hold the fall fair. Its educational value, its fine influence, and not to be overlooked, its splendid war work, make it almost imperative that there be no withdrawal. Collingwood and Nottawasaga without the Great Northern fall fair could well count 1943 a year lost.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

The rise in temperature and the consequent drop in the snowbanks were indeed bright indications that even a severe winter must have an end.

With the commodity ration books completed there will be all of next month to secure the ration books for gasoline purchases.

The drop of 1.7 in the cost of living index means that until mid-summer at least there will be no change and that price-control is functioning successfully in Canada.

Next month the Red Cross annual drive for funds will be the major war endeavor on the home front. If you have any doubts about the work this great organization is doing just inquire from those who have relatives who are prisoners of war or from the sick and injured.

"Looking over the men who to-day are giving their services to this country as experts assisting the government in the administration of our war effort, I say it would be very difficult to find in any country a body of men rendering a finer service."—Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

Those in charge of issuing ration books found that it would have been helpful if the instructions in the old books had been more thoroughly read by the applicants. Perhaps it would be well if the new ones were more closely studied. After all it isn't a very big volume and the instruction pages are few.

Do you know that over 3,000 persons read the newspaper every week, read the news and advertising, the feature articles, and in most families this paper is kept in the home and read and re-read until the next issue arrives. That's a fact not to be overlooked by people engaged in all lines of business who wish more trade would come their way, but who are doing nothing about it.

**WAR 25 Years Ago**

German 1918 Offensive Planned to Isolate British in Flanders and Bring About Collapse of French Army

BY H. H. GORDON  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Two famous generals promised the German Reichstag at a secret session 25 years ago that their armies would achieve outright victory on the Western Front by the autumn of 1918. They were Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg and his right-hand man, Gen. Erich Ludendorff.

Their strategy was sound, the approval of the Reichstag was obtained and a new wave of confidence swept over Germany. But the High Command underestimated the courage and initiative of the British, the strength of the re-organized French army and the liability of the Allies to successfully transport a huge American army into France in that final year of the First Great War.

Ludendorff planned to bring about the isolation of the British army in Flanders and then throw the whole weight of the German army against the French who would collapse before the strength of the attacking force. He believed United States forces would be in no position to participate in any real strength until the summer of 1918 and by that time their efforts would be too late. The record of the German offensive in the spring of 1918 shows how close Ludendorff came to fulfilling his promises.

German preparations for the great offensive did not catch the Allies off guard, but the counter measures, or lack of them, were the subject of much criticism. Prime Minister Lloyd George early in the year declared that the collapse of Russia as a fighting force and the Italian defeat at Caporetto had completely changed the situation on the Western Front. Release of enemy troops from the Eastern Front and the sending of 11 Anglo-French divisions to Italy had given the Germans numerical superiority in France and Flanders.

Legislative proposals made by the Prime Minister for increasing British manpower were postponed until a later session and when introduced were described as inadequate. There was also criticism of the Allied military council created after the Italian disaster.

In addition the British front in France had been weakened by its extension south of St. Quentin although at the time military authorities believed the German attack would be directed against this part of the front. Throughout the winter approximately 300,000 troops were kept in Britain and the Allied High Command apparently had settled on conducting a defensive campaign while it awaited the decisive entry of American forces.

On the other hand the beginning of 1918 found Great Britain shouldering a tremendous burden. The army had been increased during the previous year by more than 800,000 men and some 1,500,000 men and women placed in organizations for war work. British shipping replacements had reached 624,000 tons during 1917 and great quantities of guns, ammunition and aircraft were turned out.

In view of these and other achievements on the home front and the fact that the operations on the Western Front in the latter part of 1917 had cost 400,000 casualties it is not surprising that the British government moved cautiously even though aware of the impending German offensive.

**For Many Years First in Many Things**

Impressive, but little known to the general public, is the list of welfare fields in which the Young Men's Christian Association has pioneered during the ninety-eight years that have passed since its founding in London, England, by Sir George Williams. During that period the Y.M.C.A. has been first in many things. In welfare work with soldiers and sailors which began as far back as the American Civil War. In regularly established outdoor camps for boys and young men. In physical fitness and in night school education. In the establishment of the first Christian movement for High School students—the H.Y. Movement. The Y.M.C.A. plan was the first organization to launch organized welfare work for colored men and boys, and it pioneered in similar work for railroad men.

**ROD-RIDING HEN**

REDBURN, England, (CP)—The hens of this Hertfordshire town are bus-conscious. One of them ran under a bus, hopped to a perch underneath but couldn't be located. When the bus stopped at Markate, 12 miles away, Biddy walked out calmly and laid an egg.

**How to Prevent Colds**

Three doctors in Minneapolis, Donald Cowan, Harold Diehl and A. B. Baker, have been conducting large-scale experiments among students at the University of Minnesota to see whether colds can be prevented by taking substantial doses of vitamins. Their conclusion is that they cannot. It is true that the students who took a multiple-vitamin preparation reported a decrease of more than 60 per cent. in the number of colds during the winter. The trouble is that when a similar group of students were given pills of no therapeutic effect whatever; they also showed an almost exactly parallel reduction. The doctors say that this effect is noticeable with almost every sort of experimental treatment to prevent colds among large numbers of people. Whatever you give them, even if it is only bread pills, the number of illnesses is much reduced. Is this be-

cause many colds are psychological in origin, and something about the experiment aids the psychology? Is it because people under observation take better care of themselves than is normal? Are they perhaps ashamed of catching cold and do they, part of the time, conceal the fact that they have done so? Here is an interesting problem of medicine.—The New Republic.

**Girl Cowpuncher Now Gas-Fitter**

LONDON, (CP)—Mrs. Margaret Barnes Swinton, Yorkshire, a widely travelled woman who was once a cowpuncher on the Mexican plains, is satisfying her wanderlust while the war is on by working as a travelling gas fitter with the L.M.S. Railway. She finds this outdoor task "great fun and thrilling at times."

**POPULAR PATRICIA**

A program that won popular favor two seasons ago is back on the network again and so is lovely Patricia Bailey. She is singing "Time On My Hands," which revolves into a most attractive ensemble of string and wood-wind and vocal highlights, under the state and experienced baton of Eric Wild. The whole program is specially arranged and comes to CBC Southern Ontario listeners Mondays, at 8:05 p.m. EDT.

**CARROLL'S**

**Stamp Sale!** FEBRUARY FOOD

**OLIVIE'S OATS** 1 lb. 17c  
**"TONIK" Wheat Germ** 1 lb. 50c  
**WHEAT HEARTS** 1 lb. 10c  
**MONARCH FLOUR** 2 1/2 lb. 84c  
**V.V.V. CEREAL** 1 lb. 29c

**CHEESE** Brookfield 2 lb. 67c  
**Tomato SOUP** Van Camp's 2 tin 15c  
**COCOA** COWANS 1 lb. tin 24c  
**PEP** and FREE SHOPPING BAG 2 1/2 lbs. 24c  
**Black Figs** 2 lb. 37c  
**Princess Soap** 3 Soap Boxes 33c  
**Palmolive Soap** 3 Giant Cakes 23c

**AYLMER BEAT GREENS** 2 1/2 lb. tin 21c  
**Our Roman COFFEE** 1 lb. 35c  
**Red River Cereal** 1 lb. 15c, 25c  
**Aylmer BABY FOODS** tin 7c

**Silver Ribbon Pie Pumpkin** 2 No. 2 23c  
**To Take the Place of Coffee—NO-CA** 1 lb. 25c  
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**Ford Dog FOOD** 2 pgs. 29c  
**Lipton's Noodle SOUP MIX** 2 pgs. 25c  
**Windsor SALT** 1 1/2 lb. 5c  
**2 in 1 Soap POLISH** tin 10c  
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**Electric Light Bulbs** ea. 15c

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 Daily, except Sunday ..... 6.38 p.m.  
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 Sunday only ..... 8.19 p.m.  
 Flyer, at Georgetown ..... 9.24 p.m.  
 Flyer, at Guelph ..... 8.55 p.m.

Going West

Daily, except Sunday ..... 1.06 a.m.  
 Daily, except Sunday ..... 8.50 a.m.  
 Saturday only ..... 2.29 p.m.  
 Daily, except Sunday ..... 7.24 p.m.  
 Sunday only ..... 11.54 p.m.

**GRAY COACH LINES**  
 CHANGE OF TIME TABLE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 25

**COACHES LEAVE ACTON**

Eastbound

6.46 a.m.; 9.16 a.m.; 2.06 p.m.; 6.26 p.m.; 9.16 p.m.; 10.41 p.m.

Westbound

10.53 a.m.; 2.38 p.m.; 5.08 p.m.; 7.53 p.m.; 9.28 p.m.; 11.53 p.m.

a—To London.  
 b—Sundays and Holidays only.  
 x—To Guelph daily, to Kitchener, Sunday and Holidays.  
 y—To Kitchener.  
 z—To Stratford.

**KNIT BY THE TON**

LONDON, (CP)—Ten thousand London women and their friends have knitted 2 1/2 tons of wool into 200,000 pullovers, socks and other comforts for the 20,000 members of the staff who are with the British forces or are prisoners of war.