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At No Extra Cost

With higher tax rates noted in neighboring communities Acton citizens may indeed feel gratified that this municipality has found it feasible to carry on with the same rate as last year. But there is more than the rate for which residents here may feel very pleased. The same tax rate is providing additional services to all its residents, and a bouquet is due Acton Council for their management of the town's affairs, which might be partial compensation for a few of the midnight sessions.

The first snowstorm came on Friday and shortly after dinner on Saturday every street had been gone over with the new snow plow and cleared for traffic. There was no stalling of transports to our industries and no bogging down in local delivery service as has been the usual case after such a storm.

The garbage collection system is working smoothly under the town direction, and pick-ups are made regularly. The new truck is completely paid for and these extra services have not cost the ratepayer an additional fraction of a mill in the rates.

In addition all the usual municipal services have been maintained. The school rates are higher and provide for improvements at the school property which have been made and are continuing to be done over a period of years. Acton is fortunate indeed to have these services and the services of men who give careful attention to details which have made them possible at the present rate of taxation. A helpful factor is sharing the load and everyone paying their taxes promptly. It's your community. Sharing the load cheerfully will maintain it as a good community and maintain the services you enjoy but sometimes overlook.

And Crime Grows

We hear a good deal these days about the delinquency of juveniles and young folks, and we have written on several occasions that we believe the blame should be shared by the parents. We have on occasion too pointed out that the courts often dealt too leniently with the culprits and placed too heavy a burden on enforcement officers.

Looking at some recent cases which have come under our notice we are more convinced that too often the police officer is placed more on trial than the accused, and quite frequently the sentences or lack of any sentence is not in keeping with the crime. In our connection with the courts as a justice of the peace some years ago we never found an enforcement officer attempting to make cases against any individual, but only a desire to bring law breakers to justice and suppress crime. We had however numerous incidents of leniency toward the accused which were not in our opinion justified and were certainly discouraging and unfair to enforcement officers.

It would appear that this same procedure continues and as such this attitude must take a large share of the blame for the increase in crime and our present juvenile delinquency. We contend that a point of law is not nearly as important as the just punishment and correction of an individual who is headed for a life of crime unless corrected so severely that there will be no repetition.

If this present attitude continues we will find it more and more difficult to secure good enforcement officers and an incentive for crime to increase.

Annual Boy Scouts Week Next Week

Once again Canada's 90,000 Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs are observing their annual Boy Scout Week, from February 20 to 26. The purpose of this yearly observance is to bring to public attention the work the Boy Scouts Association is endeavoring to do in raising up amongst us a group of citizens who are morally, spiritually and physically virile.

Perhaps never before in Canada's eventful history was the task of building good citizenship more pregnant with meaning. The young people of this generation will have to face the tremendous problems of reconstruction when the drums of war have ceased to beat. Theirs will be the duty to carry forward the peace and to implement the ideals of the new world laid down in the Atlantic Charter. It will be their task to maintain a peace which is in reality a peace, and not just the uneasy quiet before the dawn of another world conflagration. Faced with these tasks it is a paramount concern of Canada that its youth be imbued with the ideals which make for peace and progress.

Scouting here in Canada, in every part of the Empire and in more than 40 other countries is doing more perhaps than any group outside of the Christian church, to extend the ideal of international goodwill and fellowship.

The boyish mind harbors no resentment because another boy has a different racial origin, a different religion, or a different colored skin. Scouts correspond with Scouts around the world. They learn of the problems and peculiarities of other lands, and what is more important they learn on just how wide a front the peoples of all lands agree on the fundamentals which make for peace and progress.

Boy Scout Week is not a money raising event. It is simply a week for Boy Scouts, with the aid of their good friends in the newspaper world, to parade their purposes and program before the country so that people might have an opportunity to see and learn what the movement is and what it stands for. Summed up in the promise a Scout makes on his investiture into the movement is a simple philosophy which transcends mere nationalism or narrow denominationalism. "On my honor, I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and the King, to help other people at all times, to obey the Scout law."

Since Scouting "broke out" in Canada back in 1903 (the same year as in England) some 710,000 boys have passed through the movement. There can be little doubt that their Scout philosophy of life, their Scout daily good turn, their loyalty to God and country, has played a proud part in the development of this country as a sovereign nation in the great Commonwealth of British nations.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"The Germans can't be underestimated. It's a great mistake to do so."—General Montgomery.

Ash Wednesday next week and the start of the Lenten season.

With all the relaxation from duty that the snow shovels have had this season it would seem that sidewalks should be diligently kept clean for the short period that winter can have.

It is the wish of most citizens, and especially the young folks, that the arenas may have completed their wartime jobs this season and be turned back again to the purposes for which they were intended.

Last week we wrote of the unusual weather for winter this year. This week it isn't so unusual. You can put it down in the records that winter did not come this year until February 11th, and it's still coming.

Expert predictions of an early end of the war this year are now just as plentiful as they were a little while back that Germany would overrun Russia in short order. The only thing to do is to keep on plugging until the unconditional surrender is officially announced.

"It is time there was some plain speaking about alcohol and its effect on venereal diseases. Alcohol has perhaps more to do with illicit love-making and more to do with venereal diseases than any other agency. It is the greatest of the health problems we have to face to-day. It is not a food, it is not a stimulant. It is a depressant and a poison."—Dr. Charles Hill, B.B.C. Radio Doctor.

Through larger volume of low-priced goods and services, business and its 15 million investors must seek adequate return on capital—not by making a large profit on each item, and selling only a few, but on making a small profit on each item and selling a vast quantity. Under this principle everyone benefits—the consumer, the worker, the investor, the enterpriser.—Clarence Francis, Chairman General Foods Corp.

Recently Ontario Liquor Commissioner Hon. St. Clair Gordon is reported to have told the Hotelmen's Association that, while there is still as much beer as in 1942 there is so much drinking that the supply will not go around. In addition, he added, former moderate drinkers have become beverage room "sitters" or "gulpers." Surely a sufficiently sorry comment on these places that might well arouse authorities to discourage, rather than encourage, their operation. Unfortunate indeed, must be the cities and towns with such "joints," adds the Collingwood Enterprise.

Wool Trade Sought By South Africans

Factory Proposed to Manufacture Knitting Wools, Tweeds and Flannels

JOHANNESBURG (CP)—Legislation will probably be introduced in the South African parliament providing for the establishment of a wool factory in the Union. It will have a capital of 500,000 pounds (\$2,500,000).

The factory will be designed to manufacture knitting wools, tweeds, flannels, and full advantage will be taken of the valuable by-products. It will have to face, not only normal overseas competition, but also that of synthetic textiles and yarns developed during the last few years.

The new venture focuses attention on the importance of the work of the Wool Research Laboratory at Onderstepoort. Dr. Victor Bosman, senior wool research officer, told the Johannesburg Star that there were no research tests which could not be carried out in the Union to-day.

South African merino wool had been proved to be of particularly fine fibre, with good tensile strength and felting power and was eminently suitable for the worsted industry. It was estimated that every 100 sheep produced wool grease (lanoline) worth about 1 pound (\$4.50) and seven shillings (\$1.55) worth of potash salts a year. About 60 per cent. of that grease and almost all the potash could be recovered. For both there were important industrial uses.

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LOCOMOTIVE MILEAGE BIG MONTHLY TOTAL

How many miles does a locomotive travel during the month? That question is frequently asked, but, like many of the 364 queries, the answer depends on various factors, including the particular service and the type of locomotive. For example, out of the 2370 engines in use on the Canadian National Railways, there are nearly two score, each of which builds up a total monthly mileage in excess of 10,000 miles, and some of these powerful units may total up to 16,000 miles during thirty days operation. This is an achievement because wartime conditions have greatly increased the weight of both freight and passenger trains.

Eggs, Poultry Face Competing Products

Other foods may increasingly compete with poultry products for the consumer's dollar, warned Dr. G. S. H. Barton, Deputy Minister of the Department of Agriculture, when he opened the National Poultry Conference recently held in Ottawa. Those responsible for the achievement of the poultry industry must plan its ordered progress on the most sound economy and with the most efficient methods, he said.

Dr. Barton observed that poultry products enjoy the greatest demand from people who have the privilege of good living. Better living for more people means a bigger job for the poultry industry. But that bigger job will be shared widely. Competition will not disappear; it is likely to increase. So the job must be well done and stand the test of economy if those who want to do it are to prosper.

Volume of business in itself, while it brings advantages, is also likely to bring complications and hazards and rapid expansion may develop weak salients. We must see to it, he reminded the delegates, "that in our enthusiasms and in our ambitions the great values that poultry holds for so many are not jeopardized or exploited by ignorance, carelessness or selfishness."

DONKEY TRANSPORT

CANBERRA (CP)—Donkeys are the new means of transport for supplies needed by isolated army units in the north-west of Australia. They can take heavy loads over country that defies mechanized transport.

The Week at OTTAWA

By DOUGLAS GREEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—Finance Minister Hiley has told Canadians their government intends to spend \$4,352,399,000 in the 1944-45 fiscal year and of the amount \$3,650,000,000 will be for war purposes—\$240,000,000 less than was voted by parliament for the same purpose last year. Last year's all-purpose estimates were \$4,500,800,494.

In addition, parliament must make allowance for any mutual-aid allotment which, however, is expected to be less than the \$1,000,000,000 voted last year. The reason for the pacing of the war estimates, the finance minister said, was because the United Nations have reached, or nearly reached, the end of the process of catching up with the enemy in total war preparations.

Navy estimates were down \$79,000,000 to \$410,000,000, the army down \$229,000,000 to \$1,325,000,000 and the air force down \$130,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000. The munitions department estimates, however, are up \$17,000,000 to \$183,000,000.

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family allowance in the government's social security program.

Labor organizations have for some time registered opposition to the government's wage policy, under which national and regional war labor boards are empowered to authorize increases only where "gross inequality or injustice" is shown, and forbids the calling of strikes to obtain increases under the order.

Presentation of the C. C. L. brief followed closely a speech given at Quebec in which William L. Bait, vice chairman of the United States War Production Board, said before the 38th annual meeting of the Engineering Institute of Canada that maximum employment can be achieved only through freedom of labor and encouragement of capital.

He said both labor and capital want an opportunity to work, an opportunity to earn more, in return for effort and initiative, and some reasonable security, and that how both interests are to obtain them is the challenge before management, labor and government.

Predicts Greater Deaths

The prediction that "greater deaths" are in store for Canada's civilian population if the Dominion is to play her part in meeting the requirements of the armed forces and the peoples of the occupied countries when they are freed from enemy domination was made by Dr. G. S. H. Barton, deputy minister of agriculture, in addressing the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies annual convention at Toronto.

Demands of war industry and the armed forces have drawn agricultural workers to urban centres to the detriment of Canada's food output, and Dr. Barton warned that the countryside "will have to be reinforced" if it is to maintain its institutions and services and if agriculture is to be fully manned.

He also advanced the suggestion that boys brought up on farms should be the logical persons to carry them on, and that some means whereby they could meet the cash outlay required to continue on farms would enable them to stay on the land.

The federal government already has set up machinery to enable war veterans to take up land on favourable terms should they wish to farm after the war, but Dr. Barton suggested that boys brought up in rural surroundings should not be neglected.

LONDON (CP)—The Red Cross has been notified that the Germans have agreed to allow British prisoners of war in Germany to see up-to-date movies.

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Going East Dally, except Sunday ..... 6:49 a.m. Dally, except Sunday ..... 9:56 a.m. Dally, except Sunday ..... 6:50 p.m. Sunday, only ..... 8:19 p.m. Flyer, dally, Georgetown 9:25 p.m. Flyer, dally, at Guelph ..... 8:50 p.m.

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CONSCRIPT KENYA WOMEN

NAIROBI (CP)—Women up to the age of 25 have been conscripted in Kenya Colony and demands for more manpower are so great that it now is proposed to call up women between the ages of 25 and 40, for war work.

ALLIED WAR CHIEFS MEET IN TUNISIA



On the morning after Mussolini resigned war chiefs met at a Headquarters in Tunisia to consider future plans for Allied operations. All services were represented. General Eisenhower presided at the meeting. Picture shows: General Alexander (Deputy C-in-C. Allied Forces) and General Eisenhower.

German Prisoners Row Themselves Back



During the hours of darkness on October 14-15, 1943, the Fifth Army launched its big attack on the Volturno River. So several bridgeheads were in Allied hands and armor began to make the river crossing. Picture made in the early morning light just after the launching of the attack on the Volturno shows "padding their own canoe." First German prisoners captured helping to ferry themselves to the southern bank of the river, where they were interrogated.