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EDITORIAL

Easter 1944

The fifth wartime Easter bears the same hope that it has held and heralded through the ages. The religious festival of resurrection coincides with the season of renewal in the world of nature. Though we have watched the progress of as many springs as we have years, each recurrence brings its own wonder and newness. The dormancy of nature gives way to new life and the cycle of seedtime, growth and fulfillment begins again.

Victory will come—"that at least is sure," Prime Minister Churchill declared unequivocally in his recent address. The statement is the culmination of the sober confidence and progressive optimism he has unceasingly entertained since he became first minister May 10, 1940, just before the collapse of France.

Implicit in such a declaration of surety is not only ultimate victory over forces of evil, but also the freeing of men's spirits from the darkness and hopelessness of dictator ideologies and their infamous deeds. There will be a new beginning, another spring as it were, in the history of civilization. Self-delusion must not permit the thought that the brave new world of the post-war period will come as easily and unprompted as spring. The plans of far-seeing humanitarian statesmen and economists will remain plans unless we are prepared to expend ourselves for peace as we have had to do for mere survival.

The western hemisphere, mercifully spared the physical ravages of war and the degradation of occupied countries, is the hope of suffering peoples who are straining to hear the clarion call of emancipating invasion. When the tyranny that has sought to halt the progress of mankind has been battered out, the revivification of human decency is exhausted lands will be the most welcome spring ever to come in the history of mankind.

Convenience of Friendship

In a nearby town of not much greater population than this town it is felt that mail delivery should be secured. City folk and rural folks have delivery to their doors or farm lane, so why shouldn't the folk in the medium sized places have the same service in part of the argument put forth. Sidewalks are very treacherous and in the winter many older people cannot walk to the post office to get the mail. There are no young people in the home to send, and so forth.

All this may be very true. The old cracker barrel is gone from the small town store. The barber shops are invaded by the women. Why should the only remaining place, the post office give way to city ideas and be only a centre for mail couriers to meet. Who wants to lose this meeting place where every night time you are sure to meet friends, hear of the incidents from every district and pause for a moment for a friendly greeting.

Think of the loss of friendships mail delivery would mean at Christmas time when the lobby is jammed with folks from every section of the community to get the Christmas cards or parcels. Every day those who look for overseas mail meet and even if the expected letter doesn't come they may hear of another friend who has had word and perhaps the writer has met another from the home town overseas.

Delivery of mail to your door has its advantages but going to the post office for your mail in the smaller community is a part of friendly community life that we believe outweighs the seeming hardships of getting there. It provides a break in the morning we would miss very much.

A Busy Market Place

Some folks are feeling deep concern over the number of farm auction sales throughout the coun-

try these days and they tell us that city folks are concerned lest so many leave the farms that there may not be sufficient on the markets for their larders. There have been more than the usual auction sales but we see no cause for alarm.

The other day we discussed the question with one of the local auctioneers and went over a list of sales he had booked to see if there was all this cause for alarm. We read the bills that more than filled the regular space on the office walls and he told us why each man was having a sale.

Many of the cases, the vast majority, were men who were getting on in years and could not manage the farm work alone. They could secure no help and it seemed an opportune time for them to sell out and seek lighter employment they were physically able to do, and let younger farmers take their places on the land. Farm prices are now attractive to young men and many who desire some independence and a place of their own were able and willing to take on the onerous farm work.

Under present prices the sale of the land and the stock and implements would give the older man a fair stake for investment, a home in town and he could take life a little easier. In every case reviewed some one else was going on the farm. In no case was the land being abandoned.

The stock and implements were being sold to other farmers. So it all seems to add up that it's just part of this period of changing when some of those on the land are perhaps a bit weary of the toil and remember too vividly the days when prices were not so good and those in other vocations feel they would be more secure tilling the soil instead of looking for jobs that weren't available in these same days of other years.

It's simply a case of young men with energy and a strong back exchanging places with older men, perhaps very much overtired and lacking the physical ability to keep going and judging the market for their investment to be opportune. The result is that the market place (auction sales) is a busy one.

Post War Planning

What do you hope for in the post war period? These days our mail seems flooded with proposals for the grand and glorious days that will follow the conclusion of hostilities. Some want social security at no cost to themselves. Others want to be protected against a period in which they feel they will be unable to compete with others in a scramble to gain quick wealth. Others, more confident of their ability to meet all comers, want an era of no holds barred and every man for himself.

We believe if the fighting forces were asked their opinion it would be a desire to get back home and assurance of employment at wages required to meet a decent standard of living and with some leisure moments for recreation and to spend quiet days with loved ones again.

We have a lot of planners of this post war period, official and unofficial. Just as many planners as there are ideas of the kind of post-war world we should have. In view of all this conglomeration of ideas is it any wonder that governments who represent all these folks go through a difficult period in bringing forth plans for the Utopia of the post-war period?

It is well to plan, but just as the war has not gone always according to our human plan, it is well too to be prepared for some elasticity in our plans and to be assured if they are selfish they are not liable to succeed. Just as in the past these plans will be carried into effect only at such a time as they are ready for acceptance by the majority. It is well too that the plans of man are always possible only if they coincide with the plan of a higher authority. While the way may not seem clear to us we muddle along and in the end the plan of the right will prevail.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We never did expect much from March, but even April weather hasn't been very promising in its early stages.

The slogan of the Sixth Victory Loan in the campaign just around the corner is "Put Victory First." Remember it when you are tempted to buy some unessential thing at a big price.

Ration books have been issued minus the page for renewal, but the assurance is given that the step was only to conserve many tons of needed paper. Most folks hope that's only propaganda.

From the Chesley Enterprise we learn that the electors of Norfolk-Haldimand were promised a million-dollar highway expenditure in the by-election and the Enterprise comments that "We ought to have a by-election in this riding and wangle something out of the government." We who live in the north end of Halton hope there will be something left over for us too.

Attorney-General Blackwell states that "standards of operation" (of beer and wine parlors) "must be established which will be approved by a large section of the people." Something that would meet with the approval of a large section of the people would be to abolish beer rooms for women or at least mixed drinking by the sexes in these places. —Barrie Examiner.

IMPORT SWEDISH EXPERTS

STOCKHOLM (CP)—Twelve Swedish chauffeurs, who are experts at driving motor cars equipped with wood or charcoal gas generators, have been invited to Argentina, where they will serve as instructors.

FOOD PRODUCTION UP

NAIROBI (CP)—Kenya is making a big effort to produce more food. In the European areas the colony has under cultivation this year nearly 70,000 more acres of wheat, corn, rye, barley and oats than in 1942.

RENEWAL OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOOKS

To All Employers:

All Unemployment Insurance Books for the year ending March 31st, 1944, must be exchanged for new books.

Kindly communicate immediately with the nearest Employment and Selective Service Office if you have not already exchanged your employees' books.

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To All Employees:

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