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EDITORIAL

Mothers' Day 1944

Another Mothers' Day in wartime comes on Sunday. This is the fifth one in which millions of mothers the world over have hoped that before another May rolls around the war would be over...

It will not be possible for those on the fighting fronts to wear a flower in her honor, but the outward token is not necessary in times like these, as long as the ties of love are in the hearts of mothers and sons and daughters everywhere...

The years have seen many of these ties broken. Sons have paid the sacrifice and will not return to the home again. Other sons who will return will find mother's place vacant and she will not be on hand to welcome their home coming...

Mothers and sons and daughters can hope this year with great expectation of fulfillment than in any of the other of these five years, that before another Mothers' Day rolls round there will be those happy re-unions and once again the home can be the gathering place of the family in a world at peace...

Next Sunday is Mothers' Day. Honor her or her memory.

Opportunity has Almost Passed

The last days of the Sixth Victory Loan period are with us. Only a few more days and the opportunity for sharing in it will be over. It may be the last loan and there may be many more. But until the goal is reached and you have satisfied yourself that you have participated to your limit your share of the job is not done.

Our desk is littered with material that we have hesitated to discard believing there might be some thought in it that would bring home the importance of all sharing in the task. Time will not permit us to go through it again and sift it out. But we do know that next week's edition of the home paper that the boys overseas get will tell them whether we have backed them up or failed. Make no mistake about it the boys from Acton and district are watching to see if the home town came through. They are not as much interested in what some big city or some province did to back them up. They will want to know what Acton—their home town did in the Sixth Victory Loan. You know how you would feel if you were miles from home fighting it out for the folks back home and you received the news that your home town didn't seem to care enough to meet its objective. You are the one who can give that encouragement to them. But you have to do it now or face the question when they come back. "What happened to you folks in the Sixth Victory Loan?" Can you tell them you did your best?

Self-Reliant Small Towns

Many small-town weekly newspapers report that local organizations have set up post-war committees. These committees try to find out how many jobs will be available for the boys when they get out of uniform.

So far, it has been noticed, few small towns are proposing that local problems be settled by having the Dominion and provincial government spend money locally to provide jobs. Perhaps the small

towns realize they haven't the political influence to exert sufficient pressure on Ottawa and provincial capitals.

This is in pleasant contrast to the great cities, where there are organizations which are asking, or intend to ask, that the Dominion come forward and help in a big way. The bigger and richer these cities are, the more certain they are that the taxpayers in smaller places should help them out.—The Printed Word.

Plan a Holiday

Not because the war might be coming to an end, but because it is not, Canadians at home should plan some holidays this year. This is a year when many sacrifices will be asked of those on the home front, a year when there will be tragic news from overseas.

This prospect will temper any thoughtless inclination to unnecessary rest and relaxation. At the same time its realization should move Canadians at home to permit themselves vacations that are economical and necessary.

No one is going to do his job well by sacrificing his normal rest period to his own sense of importance. Even our most active soldiers and statesmen take time off for the rest they know is necessary for continuance of the pace at which they work.

This year promises to make a sterner call than ever on the sustained strength of body and nerve in the industrial and farming populations. That call cannot be met by worn out workers. So plan your holiday this year within the mild war-time restrictions applying in Canada. Get away from everything for a period in the summer or fall—even from shaving or housekeeping if you can—and build up the strength you will need later.

There's no need to spend money that should be saved. Advance planning of economies can make a vacation as cheap as staying at home. Pick your fishing or loafing spot now and enjoy looking forward to it. Of course you should limit your travel severely and journey wherever practicable in mid-week. Spend your holiday at home if you can get the same rest and relaxation there as you would in the country.

Yes, take that holiday—in a way that doesn't impede the war effort. Make it strengthen it with a renewal of your vigor.

The Onion's Comeback

The clumsy stride of war topples many an established value—but now and again it stumbles on a long-forgotten idea or habit and kicks it out of the shadow of neglect. Discipline came with war into every home. Sheer bravery became almost commonplace. The horse trotted back into transportation. Simple eating was a habit again. And the onion came into its own.

Isolated from the market garden of Europe, England madly planted onions in 1941 after a year of dull unseasoned eating. Now every cottage small has its onion patch. General Wingate, leading his jungle raiders against the Japanese in Burma, chewed raw onions on the march.

Loyal onion-chewers from away back, the Russians, found new health and life in the tear-jerking fumes of the biennial. They discovered the fumes healed wounds, brought amazing recoveries to amputation cases. From Burma to Bermuda, the poor relation of the lily is back in favor. The factory worker packs a bunch of tender green shoots for his midnight lunch. The housewife who put down no preserves two seasons ago serves pickled onions each night at dinner. Even the pert young lady who used to call onions unromantic now reaches for one of the bulbous roots almost as fast as her aromatic escort. That made the onion's comeback complete.

We might add a gardening note. Sown as soon as the soil is ready, sets will grow to table size in five to six weeks.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Well the spring rains are helpful in postponement of garden backache. You just can't dig and plant in the rain.

One of the home problems now is, will those few lumps of coal in the bin keep the chill off the house until summer temperatures come to stay.

A friend cheered us the other day by giving the information that the "boss" is not to be affected by the eight-hour day regulations. Now isn't that a relief.

When we hear anyone talk of the "coming" invasion we wonder what they think the nearly four weeks of pounding from the air has been that the Allies have poured on Germany and the countries under its control. There has certainly been an air invasion underway for weeks and one that if it were being heaped on England would lead us to think that the island was being invaded.

Prof. C. F. Thiele, leader of the Waterloo band, believes that the study of music for youth will help to combat juvenile delinquency. "Music, in the formation of orchestras, bands, glee clubs, etc., can help fill the time voids," he says. We agree that the juveniles who are encouraged in music certainly have less time to get into trouble. Every town gives encouragement to local musical organizations.

JEEP LOOKED GOOD TO ENGLISH FARMER

LONDON (CP)—While an average of two U.S. Army vehicles a week are lost or stolen from an infantry division, most of which are recovered within 48 hours. The biggest headache was a jeep missing for seven months.

It was given up for lost. "Then one day the civilian police got in touch with us," said the provost marshal. "A farmer saw the jeep parked in front of his house for several days. When nobody called for it, he put it in his barn. Said he figure he'd use it to run around in after the war."

A CAT'S CHANCE

LONDON (CP)—Discouraged at trying to find a flat in London, a man inserted this advertisement in a London paper: "Twice bombed cat, excellent manners, requires unfurnished self-contained flat or small house for himself and two owners. What offers?"

KNITTERS BUSY AT CAMP SHILO

SHILO CAMP (CP)—Soldiers with their knitting in the latest addition to the list of hobbies at the training centres here. Two sergeants and a lance-corporal form the nucleus of a select group which makes socks, gloves and scarves. Sgt. Alfred Knott of Fort Frances, Ont., introduced knitting to the centre.

"It started in the First Great War," he explained. "It may be a bit interesting to see a soldier knitting in the sergeant's mess, but it's a good hobby requiring patience and care." Associated with him are Sgt. Dan Clarke of Barwick, Ont., and L.-Col. George Montelth of Brandon.

IMPORTANT ISLAND

COLOMBO, Ceylon (CP)—Not only is Ceylon an island of vital importance to the Commonwealth because she produces tea, rubber, plumbago and coconut, but she was a fortress against the Japanese drive toward west, when Japan took the role of the aggressor in 1941.

OF THINGS TO COME



John Fisher (left), and Morley Callaghan, Canadian author, talk things over just before a broadcast in the CBC discussion series, "Of Things To Come."

Mr. Fisher is producer, and Mr. Callaghan chairman of the nationwide forum in which Canadians from every walk of life debate the kind of post war world the people want. They are heard on Tuesdays at 8.30 p.m.

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