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G. ARLOP DILLS, Editor.

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EDITORIAL

"Hello Canada"

How often, long and loud that cry is coming from our returning soldiers as they stand on the decks of troopships bringing them home to Canada from years at the wars. It is pregnant with all the longing for home that these men have felt in their years away with the army, the air force or the navy.

Now Canada, big and sprawling and rich in luxury in these days of war as compared to countries of the Old World, is lying before them as returning troopships nudge up to our shores. From there on it is up to us, the people of Canada, to make the welcome of these men the thing they have dreamed of. To them we should be ever thankful, even while sorrowing that all who went away are not coming back.

But even if we are properly grateful to them, it is even more important for these young men coming back to their own land that we should be patient with them. This Canada to-day is so different from the tightly-ratoned Britain they trained in and the countries they fought through.

They have lived, in these past years—three, four, perhaps even five years—through urgent, dangerous times. And after the first flush of "welcome home" has worn off they may find Canada, much as they love it and its people, somewhat tedious. This life on the home front indeed is tedious compared to what they have known—the young infantrymen who stormed ashore in Sicily or France and the young airmen who, in his big Lancaster, rode throbbingly through the flake filled skies of Germany.

So we must bear with them. There's been a great responsibility and a life packed with daily excitement and action which can't be found at home. Now their big job is the readjustment to the Canadian way of life where even after five years of war restaurants serve meals such as these men have not seen for years and the shops and stores are filled with things they can barely remember.

It may look to them all too easy here in Canada. But we must think, always, of the fact they still are surveying the home scene through the eyes of men who have been fighting abroad in countries of war-zone scarcity and hardship. And, if our young men, gradually readjusting themselves to this life seem a little too intense on life "over there" and find it dull here, remember yet again that they did their big job over there alone. Now we can play along with them by a sincere, patient effort at helping them become Canadians at home again.

Neighborhood

The war has restored to its former vigor one of the casualties of the mechanical age—the spirit of neighborhood and community interdependence which was the foundation of social and business life in the pioneer days of Canada. That spirit was first snuffed out in the cities. Then towns, villages and even rural areas began to feel the blight as individuals became more and more self-sufficient through the development of mechanical labor-saving and other devices.

There was a time when every major task on a farm was a community enterprise. All the farmers in a neighborhood would get together, exchanging help among themselves. But the advent of tractors and combines and other modern machinery had to some extent in the years prior to the war lessened this community helpfulness.

But the war changed the picture. It drained men from the farms for the armed forces and for war industry. Farmers then found they had to return to the old custom in order to achieve the record agricultural production which is the pride of the nation. The lack of gasoline for travel revived the old custom of dropping in to a neighbor's home: the literary clubs and the quiltings and other social gatherings.

The countless individual tragedies of war have

done much to bring Canadians closer together. The long casualty lists which tell in human lives the cost of victory develop a fellow-feeling. This renewal of the spirit of fellowship and mutual assistance is something we may be able to salvage from the terrible wreckage of war.

What Makes a Town?

Here is an editorial which we clipped from an exchange and which is applicable in any community. What makes a town anyway?

Is it the wealth evidenced by the homes and splendid store buildings? These may attract the stability and the thrift of certain people, but they offer no great inducements to commercial and moral progress. Is it the spirit of good order and law observance? That is a factor only. The sloppiest old hamlets that dot the country may have this spirit in rank abundance. Is it the schools and churches? May their number ever increase; but they don't make a town—they only culture it. Is it the geographical location, the location of the country surrounding, the shipping facilities, the natural advantages? None of these are essentials.

Well, what is that makes a town anyway? Just one thing—the unity of the people, the existence of a common bond which causes business and social enemies to put aside all differences when it comes to boosting the town. No town ever made real progress in the way of substantial success without the get-together spirit unanimously adopted. It has rejuvenated old hulks of towns that were yawning their way into endless sleep. It has infused new life blood into the heart of commercial life and made thriving cities out of paralytic villages. Natural advantages count for much and prosperity cannot be built upon the shifting sand, but any town with half a chance can be made to grow and expand and thrive when its citizens join with one accord in the boosting program.

All One Unit

The Financial Post makes very appropriate comment under the caption "No Time for Crying." The item says in part: "Petty crowing over the appointment of Field Marshal Montgomery to command all allied armies north of the Belgian bulge is out of place. When he decided to split the field command after the German push, General Eisenhower simply turned to two of his generals who had contributed biggest victories in this war. The fact that one was a Britisher is beside the point. From the instant that he took command, Eisenhower has stressed the fact that there are no American, British or Canadian troops in this war, all are United Nations' soldiers fighting a common battle. Civilians at home in Britain, Canada and the United States would do well to heed that excellent lead.

When American soldiers are pushed back, the loss is just as serious for Canada and Great Britain as it is for the United States. And the same holds true for the American people when Canadians or British troops suffer reverses.

There is probably not a score of civilians in the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada who, at the moment, really have the information necessary to make a fair comparison of the respective abilities of the generals or armies in this war. For the rest of us to attempt such a thing now the result can only be idle gossip of no use to anyone except the enemy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Those highway signs that remain above the snowdrifts and read "No Passing" do seem a bit superfluous these days.

The new motor vehicle license plates are now on sale. It's to be hoped that two years of rust on the old bolts isn't twice as difficult to release as the one year accumulation used to be.

Of course it's an ill wind that blows nobody good. A lot of old harness had to be repaired when the snow storm forced the use of horses by most farmers for getting to and from town.

This isn't exactly the time of year for plowing matches, but it's said that some of the township plows are competing more than favorably with the county in the plowing on many of the roads.

Last week the St. Mary's Journal-Argus, marked our birthdays in one. It was the 92nd birthday of the first newspaper in St. Marys, The Journal. It was the 85th anniversary of the Argus. It was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the joining of the two papers, the Journal and the Argus. It marked also fifty years of publishing in St. Marys by the Eedy family. Under the present editor, Lorne Eedy the much-birthdayed paper is a leader in the field of weekly newspapers in Canada. It serves well its community.

We've had many odd advertisements submitted for our small advertisement columns but the one that came from Idaho in the U.S.A. last week was perhaps the most unusual. It read: "If you want to get married write Box Idaho." It was sent by "The United Club," described as a "Christian Non-profit Organization." Seemed a bit out of our territory so we just tossed it in the wastepaper basket. There's no use hunting for it in the salvage rooms either, because that consignment was burned.

Ten Navy Nurses Only Attu Women

Find Recreation on Remote Aleutian Island—Outnumbered by Men

ATTU ISLAND (CP)—The only women on this barren island at the western end of the Aleutian chain are 10 United States Navy nurses who recently celebrated their first anniversary of their arrival with the observation that on the whole they didn't mind it a bit.

"We've been busy with the job we came here to do," said Lieut. (jg) Judy N. Wilson, of Clarksburg, Ind., the head nurse. "We have comfortable quarters and enough recreation, such as bowling, hiking and fishing to keep the days from being monotonous."

Men outnumber them thousands to one but a question concerning the normal demands of the little group of nurses brought a frown from Miss Wilson. She said that even if they were the only women on the island, they were first there as navy officers and not nurses.

The nurses, when they first arrived, adopted a rule of accepting only group social engagements. This united front policy was later relaxed to some extent and romance did edge in.

Lieut. (jg) Elaine Gallagher of Duluth, Minn., one of the original eight, and Lieut. (jg) Phil Brady of Shrewsbury and Red Bank, N.J., a Navy flier, announced their engagement last summer.

The 10 nurses have quarters in the navy hospital area on Massacre Bay, one of the points at which amphibious forces swarmed ashore in May, 1943 to wipe out Jap invaders in 20 days of some of the grimmest fighting of the war.

Only one other white woman had lived on Attu before them. She was Mrs. Foster Jones, school teacher and wife of a weather station observer. She and her husband were on the island when it was invaded by the Japs and both are believed to be prisoners in Japan.

MANCHESTER, England (CP)—Gracie, the only female hippopotamus in Britain, died at Bellevue Zoological Garden. Her son Nicholas on his sixth birthday, is believed to have attacked his mother. Father went on munching his dinner without interrupting.

SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP) Cargo is still being removed from a freighter that went aground in Saint John Harbor during November, and officials say the work may continue until the end of March. The cargo must be removed before attempts to salvage the vessel can be made.

BLITZ RESCUE DOGS DEMONSTRATE SKILL

LONDON (CP)—It was an unusual dog show at which two sleek Alsatians Jet and Thorn took all the honors.

The two big dogs were the only participants and they held a large audience spellbound as they demonstrated how they crawl over bomb-rubble to discover people trapped there. It was the first time an official demonstration had been given, and the first time it was admitted that dogs were being used in such work. In the demonstration both dogs were led on leashes to a heap of rubble. They nosed around, not showing much enthusiasm. But at the second leap Jet barked and Thorn in his anxiety to secure the man they had scented under the rubble, plared there for the first began to claw at the debris with his feet.

Trained originally by the Ministry of Aircraft Production for guarding airfields, the dogs took readily to their new work of guiding rescue workers to persons trapped by bomb blasts.

AFRIKANDER CATTLE THRIVE IN ARIZONA

JOHANNESBURG (CP)—A cable from Texas to the United States Office of War Information in Johannesburg describes the interesting results obtained in experiments with Afrikaner cattle imported from the Union 13 years ago. These Afrikaners have been crossed with Herefords, Durhams and Shorthorns and the results have been promising.

The Afrikaner crosses show to best advantage under extreme conditions, having a resistance which enables them to bear up well during times of scant forage and hot weather. In Texas and Louisiana, where Gulf Coast conditions prevail, they do not develop the same amount of beef as other breeds. But in the hotter and drier inland states of Arizona and New Mexico, where they have been tested under extremely adverse conditions, they have grown into smooth beef animals and put on fat when Herefords and Shorthorns have been unable to do so.

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Going East

Daily, except Sunday 6:40 a.m. Daily, except Sunday 9:58 a.m. Daily, except Sunday 6:30 p.m. Sunday, only 8:19 p.m. Flyer, daily, Georgetown 9:25 p.m. Flyer, daily, at Guelph 8:50 p.m.

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON

Eastbound

6:46 a.m.; 9:16 a.m.; 2:06 p.m.; 6:28 p.m.; 9:16 p.m.; 9:51 p.m.

Westbound

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PRINCESS SOAP FLAKES, large pkg. 24c

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Coupons to use January 18th: SUGAR 48 to 51, PRESERVES 35 to 48, BUTTER 90 to 95.