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EDITORIAL

A Chance to Save Lives

Time and again men returning from overseas testify that they owe their life to the supply of blood plasma. Countless thousands in this war owe their lives to the fact that there was a supply of plasma at hand at the critical moment for them.

Acton has had a splendid record at the Blood Donor Clinics to date. Many have volunteered for this service each time and have a record that vies with other war records won on the battlefields. There are so many ways in which all can serve in this present war and volunteers for the Blood Donor Clinic is certainly one of life saving.

The next Blood Donor Clinic in Acton is booked for Tuesday, February 6th. With big battles in progress and bigger drives looming up in the spring the need for plasma is more urgent than ever. The date in Acton is February 6th. Register now with the Secretary, Mrs. H. O. Boyes, Acton.

Think of the Cost

On another page in this issue appears a message from the Post Office department that should be read and heeded by everyone who sends parcels overseas or who is interested in making sure that the parcels arrive safely and that lives of sailors are not needlessly endangered.

We know that you want to send the boys the things that are hard to get overseas and among these things difficult to procure are matches and lighter fluid. But surely when you stop to consider the cost if you include these things you will refrain from including them in your parcels.

Matches or lighter fluid in one parcel may mean the loss of not only your own parcel but hundreds of others consigned to other boys overseas. Worse than that it may mean the loss of the entire ship and crew. No one except an enemy would be guilty of causing such a loss at this time.

When the urge comes to include matches or some lighter fluid stop and think of this cost and remember the boys will always get a light even if you don't send them. Even one little package of matches might do the damage. Don't send them.

Maybe He Asked for It

Mayor Saunders, newly elected as Chief Magistrate of the City of Toronto, has lost no time in taking off his gloves to give effect vigorously to policies designed to make the Queen City a better place in which to live and work. One of his first moves is to eradicate from the minds of the people of Ontario, the old-time stigma, "Hog town" which was applied to the city in the days of real sport. His plan appears to be to provide office space with secretarial services for visiting Mayors of outside centres and generally extend the glad hand to prove Toronto a genuinely friendly city with no element of the porcine proclivities of former days left in its system. The Mayor has hit upon a good idea and already reports are that the scheme is working well, says the Bowmanville Statesman.

The Bowmanville editor goes on in his article to tell how the name "Hog town" came to be applied to Toronto and attributes it to the attitude of Toronto sport fans and their belligerency to referees and teams from other centres.

That may have been the origin but not the complete reason for the name of "Hog town" being applied to Toronto. We join with the Bowmanville editor in hoping for Mayor Saunders and his crusade the best of success.

May we suggest that he also disclaim all or any proprietary rights on the provincial government's being located in Toronto and acclaim to the world that its situation there is one not of the city's own choosing but a necessary encumbrance because of the central location of Toronto. It might be well also to claim that the provincial government being

there does not assist in getting any better deal for Toronto than is obtained by any other centre.

This may not be the solution but like all advice it's free anyway and we take our lead from the Bowmanville Statesman from the other side of Toronto.

A Word to the Wives

Wives are a great institution. They manage the home, instil into husbands a sense of reality as to their own importance, make a community interested in itself and in many ways contribute to the gaiety and cheer of individuals and nations. In these days of wartime shortages of help they many-times are to be found taking a hand to help out in an emergency and doing a pretty good job too.

Husbands, who are of certain consequence as collaborators, are properly the first to proclaim the importance of wives in the whole structure of civilization. But we have got around to wondering whether wives are not sometimes given credit too sweepingly for encouraging their husbands.

There is a poet who tries out his copy on his wife. He is unembittered by the fact that she has never enthused about a single raw verse.

A prominent pediatrician with somewhat original theories on child education tells us that his wife looks with high amusement on his nascent notions.

And a certain writer of humor questions quietly whether it is the helping hand of helpmeet wives which leads husbands to success. He says his wife smiles pleasantly at his literary efforts but has yet to break into a chuckle, let alone a laugh.

We cannot quite agree that the three wives in question are typical of all wives. For our part we have yet to encounter a husband whose wife refuses him encouragement to chop more wood, shovel more coal or draw more ice.

It occurs to us that just possibly—and this is a point for women to ponder—wives don't realize the high productive capacity of a cosily-slipped husband in a freese chair, smoking quietly and evolving ideas while the dishes are being done.

Working Together

Why do some towns go ahead while others seem to stagnate, asks the Orangeville Banner. Continuing it says, this is an interesting question and a question that will immediately suggest a number of answers. We do not profess to know all the answers. Nevertheless we are going to venture the statement that one answer lies in the spirit of the citizens themselves. If they are progressive and enterprising the chances are that their town will go ahead. If they have acquired the habit of overcoming obstacles it is very likely that working unitedly they will find ways and means of overcoming any obstacles that may bar the progress of their town.

If they are so immersed in their own affairs that they are indifferent to civic welfare, careless about what happens so long as it does not directly affect or concern their own businesses, then the chances are that the town will stagnate.

We are all just a little too much inclined to let things drift. Too many of us are content to let established habits and conditions continue no matter how badly they may be outmoded. Because the affairs of the town have run along in a certain way, why should they not continue to run that way? Complacency and contentment may have their good points but they do not make for progress.

Citizens must have the urge for change and improvement if their town is to have much chance to go ahead and increase its business, increase in wealth and population and attract new industries. If the citizens of a town are bright, ambitious and industrious they can do a whole lot to overcome the limitations and obstacles that block the way to progress. And they can do a whole lot more by acting unitedly than they can ever hope to accomplish by individual action.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If the January thaw is to be as genuine as the winter to date, we should have no scarcity of water very shortly.

A reversal of form this year. The biggest snow banks on the Second Line are closest to Milton. Sometimes its advantageous to five further back in the bush.

It's been a great year for those places where natural ice arenas operated. Not a break in the freezing weather from mid-December until the last of January.

A week from to-morrow is Candlemas Day and the groundhog or bear or whatever it is that comes out to view the weather that day will need to start digging his way out early.

Even at the risk of a memorandum from the censors, we add another weather comment that only now since the 12th of December has travel on roadways resumed anything like normal.

With three Federal candidates for Halton located in Burlington, the southern end will be the hot spot of the next election. It certainly simmers down to a straight political line-up without any local color outside Burlington.

COAL THEFT PUZZLE
SYDNEY, N. S. (CP)—There is almost a ton of coal from St. George's Church here has police puzzled. Tracks in the snow showed a number of trips had been made to remove the fuel. There is no coal shortage in the city, centre of Nova Scotia's coal region.

180 POTATO YIELD
TORONTO (CP)—Ontario's 1944 potato crop was estimated by the provincial department of Agriculture at a value of \$15,000,000. The yield of 8,500,000 hundredweight from 120,000 acres was more than 1,500,000 hundredweight greater than the 1943 yield from 118,000 acres.



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Our Own TEAS 1/2 lb 32c, 38c, 44c	Maum's Lemon Oil POLISH 1-lb. 15c, 25c
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