



Civil Defence in Rural Areas

Tenth in a series of 24 articles

The airplane is blamed for bringing war to the civilian population of countries. In the past, the cities were considered the only areas in real danger. The hydrogen bomb, however, unimaginable the idea may be, has extended this threat to even the most remote farm.

It is this vast, almost unbelievable new danger that has posed the two main problems before Canada's civil defence planners: how to save the population of the cities and how to save the rest of the population. The only answer for cities is evacuation. The main solution for rural people is to provide adequate shelter.

The farmer's chief danger from an H-bomb attack arises from his radioactive fall-out, the dust of pulverized cities that settles over large areas following the blast. This danger extends not only to the farmer and his family but to his livestock and even his crops as well.

There are ways to guard against this fall-out danger. The first step is to be warned in time that it is coming. This can only be done effectively through a well-organized civil defence set-up that takes in every farmer in the district.

It is impossible to predict the size and location of a fall-out area

important. The material and the thickness of the walls and roof determine the degree of protection.

A farmer can provide his stock protection by keeping them in the barn. Since danger from fall-out might last 48 hours or more, this means someone should stay in the barn all this time to avoid walking back and forth from the house for feeding and watering.

It is necessary, too, that means of determining the strength of radiation in the fall-out be available. Or that information on its danger be available from radiation detection units in the nearest village or town so that a farm family will know when it is safe to come out again. Civil defence planning before such disaster comes is the only means of assuring the farmer this will be available.

The farmer may be called on to help his city neighbors, too, so that his place in civil defence is not just to learn how he may help himself but also how to help others less fortunate in disaster.

If large cities are wiped out, his crops and livestock, his milk and eggs and butter would become a vital necessity to the life of the whole country. His supplies would be needed to help feed the refugees from the cities. His house and even his outbuildings may be needed to

Limehouse W.I. Plans 35th Year

The new officers of the Limehouse Women's Institute were installed at the May meeting held in the Memorial Hall last week Mrs. Frank Brown, president, was in the chair for the opening exercises. The roll call was, an item of W.I. news and a recipe.

Thursday, May 17, Limehouse W.I. will celebrate its 35th birthday. To mark the event, members are holding a free afternoon tea, program and social time in the Memorial Hall. Mrs. P. Merry of Hornby is expected to be the guest speaker for the occasion. Old members and ex-members are especially invited to be present to meet old friends.

The Milton hospital appeal was discussed and it was felt the support of the branch should be given to a hospital nearer the community. It was decided not to apply for an extension program this year.

A new Library Board was appointed as follows: Mrs. A. J. Smeethurst, Mrs. E. Sanford, Mrs. Jack Noble, with Mrs. E. Findley as librarian.

Mrs. J. S. Noble and Mrs. E. Findley reported on the Children's Aid meeting at Milton last month. The meeting closed with God Save the Queen. The social committee served tea.

Quick Action

The big press was just warning up to its long run last Thursday when the first response to an ad was phoned in. The first paper was not half an hour off the press when an interested reader called the Free Press in reply to one of the classified advertisements. Action could hardly have been prompter.

St. Alban's Auxiliary Holds Tea, Bake Sale

White snapdragons and daffodils decorated the attractive tea table when St. Alban's W.A. held a tea and sale of baking in the parish hall last Saturday. A good crowd attended.

Tea conveners were Mrs. E. Jones and Mrs. Dolphin. Assisting were Miss Williams, Miss Shirley Fryer and Mrs. B. D. Anderson. Mrs. W. Dent and Mrs. McHugh were in charge of used dresses, with Mrs. Boylston, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Kingmill and Mrs. McEachern supervising the baking and candy.

Foreign-made goods sold in Canada in 1955 had an average value of about \$1,200 per family.

Pentecostal Rally Draws 125 to Acton

About 125 gathered in St. Alban's Parish Hall for a rally service of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. The pastor of the local assembly, Rev. Reid, opened the service with prayer and welcomed all present Monday evening.

Rev. S. Frederickson, sectional leader and pastor of Galt Assembly, was in charge of the service. Special numbers included an instrumental by a quartette from Elora, a solo by Mrs. G. Bowen and a duet by Rev. and Mrs. Ron Davis of Galt.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. Feltnate of Paris, who brought an inspiring message on the subject, The Man Who Died for You. Visitors were from Galt, Fergus, Elmira, Guilph, Elora, Orangeville, Brampton, Milton and Weston.

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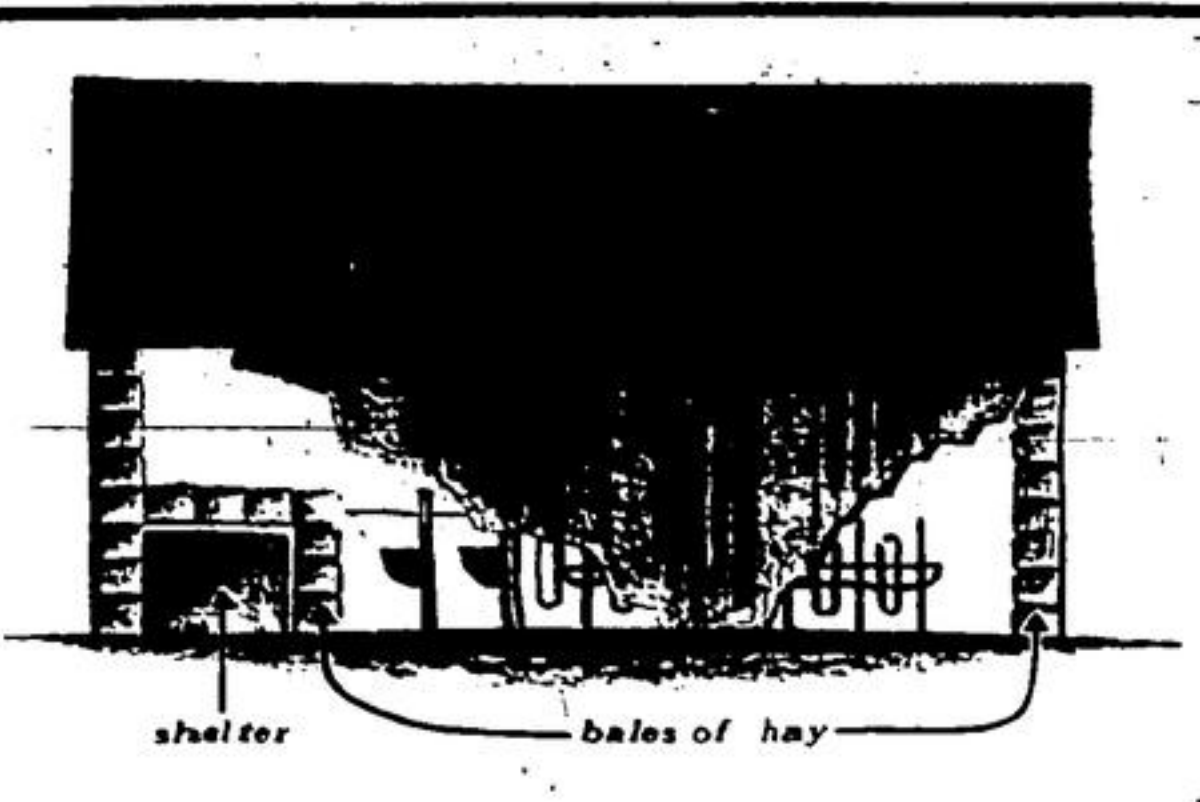
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until a bomb is dropped. It is important, therefore, to know every protective measure that can be taken before such a disaster takes place. This is one case in which ignorance would be anything but bliss. That is why civil defence has become as important to the farmer as to any other citizen: civil defence training can provide the farmer with knowledge that is power to protect himself.

Radioactive fall-out can contaminate animals, crops and unpackaged foods. It can contaminate houses, cars, yards and fields. It can contaminate water supplies so that they should not be used until they are decontaminated.

The only safe thing to do if fall-out occurs is to take shelter. The actual strength of the shelter is not

help shelter them. Even his machinery, his tractors, trucks and even horses, if he has them, could be utterly useless. But they would be useless if he was caught unprepared and all was contaminated. And dead farmers, themselves, are notoriously useless.

Civil defence in Canada, to achieve maximum results, must extend to every community, no matter how small. F. F. Worthington, Federal Civil Defence co-ordinator, has said. It is being organized, as a result, on an area basis comprising a number of towns and communities.

And, said the co-ordinator, "It must also embrace means of preparing and warning farmers in isolated places."

Pacific Tanker Takes Wet Pulp

Vancouver (CP) — Transporting pulp in wet form, something new on this coast, will be started when a big new tanker now being built in Japan goes into service.

The vessel, as yet unnamed, will be 560 feet long, 84 feet broad, with a draft of 41 feet. She will have gross tonnage of 14,500 and dead-weight tonnage of 20,000, nearly as large as the Canadian Pacific Empress liners which plied the Pacific routes before the war.

She will be built like a tanker and will carry her cargo in "trudlers" of wet form, from a plant at Campbell River of the Elk Falls company to a Crown-Zellerbach mill in Oakland, Calif. a distance of 1,000 miles.

Kure Shipyards is working on a vessel for Universal Tankships Inc., a subsidiary of National Bulk Carriers Inc. of the United States. The Liberian flag will be flown.

In the past pulp has been shipped on this coast in dry or baled form. Some eastern mill have been shipping wet pulp by pipeline, but that technique is too costly here because of the longer distances.

Nine hundred tons of pulp will be delivered hourly to the tanker by conveyor belt. Hydraulic pumps will empty the holds when she reaches the California turn-around port.

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