

A day in the prison camp

This is the fourth in a series of articles written by R. S. Stewart on his experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany while being captured at Dieppe. Views given in the morning all prisoners had to report to the yard for "Appel" (roll call). The guards went from room to room shouting "Raus, Raus (out, out), Appel".

We lined up in companies with the majors in front of their groups and the SBO at the head of the parade. If every section was correct in numbers the German commandant would be informed that all were present. Then this motley group would head back indoors, some to get properly dressed, others to have a shave or do their household duties.

Before breakfast we would make up our beds. This was not a very difficult task. It just meant spreading your blanket or two over your pallet. I had a very good looking set-up because in one parcel from my wife I had received a blue Hudson Bay blanket which now is being used as the sleeping quarters of our little toy terrier.

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- wish the guards to know about.
- 0900 — Study - German class.
- 1000 — Ball game — Kfritzera vs Hawks.
- 1130 — Bridge game.
- 1200 — Lunch - Duty day.
- 1230 — Reading.
- 1400 — (2 p.m.) — Stoozing.
- 1500 — Teaching mathematics.
- 1600 — Rolling dice.
- 1730 — Supper.
- 1900 — The new arrival narates his experiences.
- 2100 — Poker game.
- 2200 (10 p.m.) — Lights out.
- Often one needed a match



The writer (in white) heads for the park

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0830 — Stoozing protecting other POW's who were doing something which they did not

after lights out. At any time during the night someone would be smoking and supply a light.

Of course, these time-tables seldom worked because each day was quite different. Occasionally in the summer we were allowed outside the camp to have a swim in a nearby river. This was a real outing and in spite of the guards we were able to obtain greens, sprouts, fruit and nuts.

Ontario fruit farmers would

have no complaints if their apples and cherries were picked half as fast as we obtained the ingredients for a stew or cake.

At other times we would be paraded to a local forest where the call of "Timber" would resound through the woods as we felled trees to obtain wood to keep us warm. Excursions such as these enabled us to contact French and Polish prisoners as well as German civilians.

We often returned from such an expedition to the bush loaded with tools, radio tubes, compasses, etc.

Some of the officers had lit-

Our plans were often interrupted by "Appel" which might occur at any time. While we were assembled in the yard the sleeping quarters and other areas would be given a thorough search for radios, maps or smokeless heaters. (Ingenious gadgets for brewing coffee, but strictly forbidden). When, as sometimes happened, the numbers on parade were not correct, the count would go on for a long time. The second and even the third count of the companies would not agree with the first one because some of the fellows had quietly moved to a different group.

When the Germans were completely confused and frustrated the SBO would announce that six members of our group had escaped from the camp. Then the count would begin again. This time it would be correct (six officers the lot).

On occasions like these we could be wet, cold, hungry or tired but we would be excited and happy because some of the gang had done it again.



Prisoners of War perform in a play

Greenock W.I. Canadian Food Industry explosive as population

Mrs. Jim McCulloch was hostess for the June meeting of the Greenock W. I. Agriculture and Canadian Industries was the theme for the program presented by conveners Mrs. T. Hensley and Mrs. A. Winter. Roll call was answered by a Bible verse pertaining to agriculture. Scripture passage was read by Mrs. A. Gates.

The Canadian Food Industry was described as being one of the biggest and most dynamic businesses of our time in the topic prepared by Mrs. Hensley. Its growth is almost as explosive as the population.

In 1919 about 450 items of food were on sale at a grocer. In 1928 a good supermarket handled some 900 items, by 1952 4000, by 1965 8000 and it is increasing at such a rate that in the foreseeable future could pass the 13,000 mark.

Refrigeration and quick-freeze have transformed the meat and produce industry. Consumers are buying more meat and poultry, frozen vegetables and semi-prepared foods, and for these they pay extra for convenience and service as well as nutrition.

Looking into the future of the food industry in Canada, it is clear that we will have to sow bigger crops and raise bigger herds to keep pace with our own increasing domestic demands. If we are to share in supplying pyramiding world requirements, Canada's food output will have to be stepped up enormously.

Mrs. Winter read an article telling of the massive build-up of D.D.T. spray which is polluting our marshes and is a matter of concern to agriculturalists.

The motto — Small Things Make Big Friendships, was given

en by Mrs. Hensley. If you walk as a friend, you will find a friend. "There is no man so poor, that he is not rich if he has a friend; and no man so rich, that he is not poor without a friend."

A contest of fruits and vegetables for all the letters of the alphabet proved quite entertaining.

Each member displayed some Canadian product and told where it was made. Several of these articles were made in Acton, Ontario.

Mrs. George Wallace, vice-president was in the chair for the business in the absence of the president.

New programs for 67-68 which contain those of all Centre Wellington branches were distributed to the members. The treasurer reported a satisfactory amount received for the paper collection which was larger than in recent years.

The picnic tables have arrived which are to be placed at the site of the Greenock Bell Cairn and there was discussion concerning signs to be erected there also.

Mrs. Gates distributed colourful wall plaques with provincial floral emblems. An envelope is attached to the back for small change collections

and this will be returned at the end of the year as Centennial donations to the Institute Treasury. A centennial quilt top pieced by Mrs. Gates was also displayed and she asked for volunteers to help quilt it.

In July the Greenock ladies plan to visit the Wellington County Museum followed by a meeting at the home of a former member in Fergus.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Trysenaar.

Prize money is awarded, as well as challenge trophies for beef, dairy, swine and sheep judging. In addition, a Champion Livestock Judging Trophy is awarded for the overall county champion. This competition is compulsory to all senior 4-H club members of the 4-H Calf and Sheep Clubs.

Some car owners paint the inside cover of the car trunk a bright, fluorescent orange. In the event of a breakdown on the highway, by lifting the trunk lid a conspicuous warning of trouble is given to oncoming drivers; it is particularly effective at night.

OSPRINGE Drivers lose caution now corner clear?

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Tarvel of Maristown, Tenn., spent a few days with the latter's sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Len Buck.

Mrs. Barry Clarke accompanied by her sister Miss Annie Wiley of Georgetown, flew to Ireland for a six week visit with relatives.

Mr. Howard Black returned home from the States where he attended a registered pony show and sale.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Willeys at Honey Harbour.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock Aitken of Bagotville, Que., spent several days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goron Aitken.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mrs. Andrew Aitken who passed away on Friday. She and her late husband farmed for years on the Second Line on the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Johnstone.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Stewart and family spent Sunday at Lake Belwood.

Perry, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Aleck Stewart entertained some chums at a birthday party.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mann and family of Toronto are holidaying at their farm on the Second Line.

Miss Linda Strandholt spent last week with friends Bernice and Janette Klooster in Arthur, this week the Klooster girls are holidaying with Linda.

During the forty years this writer lived at the corner of highway 24 and the Second Line (now 25 highway) there were few accidents at this concealed corner, nothing of a serious nature — now the buildings on both corners have been demolished, providing a clear

view corner, and on Friday and Saturday there were two very close calls and Sunday a collision occurred. Fortunately injuries were very minor. Both cars had some damage. Names of the occupants are not known. Makes one wonder if motorists are cautious enough at stop signs before entering a highway!



Building a home for the Swedish representative

Acton 4-H club member to "leadership week"

By Geoff Taylor

Keith Aitken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Aitken, R.R. 3, Acton, has been chosen to represent Halton County 4-H'ers at the Provincial 4-H Leadership Week, to be held at the University of Guelph, July 17-21.

Keith has been very active in Acton 4-H Clubs, has participated in numerous judging and showmanship contests and has won many awards. Besides holding several executive offices in his local 4-H clubs, he has managed to complete seven 4-H projects, and is presently enrolled in two more.

Keith's home is a 350-acre farm north of Acton, where a

herd of Shorthorn cattle and a flock of sheep are maintained. Keith's ambitions at present are to complete high school and attend the University of Guelph, taking either the degree or diploma course in agriculture after which he plans to return to the home farm.

The Leadership Week program is designed to help delegates observe and understand the principles of effective leadership, to allow them to participate in leadership experiences and to challenge them to consider their role in the future of Canada and the agricultural industry.

In the winter we played ice hockey. Skates, sticks and pucks finally reached us through the help of the Toronto Hockey League (God Bless Frank Smith, Fred Wagborne, Connie Smythe and the Maple Leaf Gardens).

We flooded a large area in the centre of the compound, surrounded it with banks of snow and the games were on. I must admit that when the big day arrived for Canada to play the rest, we fared no better than our national team did against the Swedes.

Those boys from South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and the British Isles took to softball and hockey like ducks to water. We simply swallowed our pride and paid off our bets.

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Livestock is judged

By Geoff Taylor

On Monday, June 26, most of the 4-H Livestock Club members attended the Practice Livestock Judging Night, held at the farms of Joe and John Willmott and Maurice Beatty.

At 7.15 p.m. members commenced judging a class of Aberdeen Angus heifers, followed by a class of sheep. At the second stop, Maurice Beatty's farm, members judged two classes of Jersey cows. Following the judging, reasons were given in the Agricultural Hall, at Milton Fair Grounds, with the 4-H Club leaders in charge.

This practice evening is held annually in preparation for the County Livestock Judging Competition to be held on Wednesday, July 19, at the University of Guelph. At this competition members are divided into groups according to previous participation in such an event — novice, junior and senior. Novices are those who have not previously competed, juniors are under 16 years of age, and seniors are 16 and over.

Prize money is awarded, as well as challenge trophies for beef, dairy, swine and sheep judging. In addition, a Champion Livestock Judging Trophy is awarded for the overall county champion. This competition is compulsory to all senior 4-H club members of the 4-H Calf and Sheep Clubs.