numerical superiority, in pilots, well as planes, because Britain

The Immediate Position

invasion plans; and have pointed out

that this is bound to influence the

I know that it is the German cus-

tom to minimize their own losses,

Years of experience as a newspaper

what sceptical of official figures. When

I was in Germany, we found that

was that the Air Force and the Navy

British Conservatism

major, in charge of a control station,

who showed me the figures he had

tabulated for his group. On one

particular day, when official figures on

German lusses gave only 144 for all the

British Isles, the major's figures show-

ed that his group alone had account-

Of course it is possible that some of

tretching things a bit. But then it's

He took off alone from his field to

"How do you know you brought

"Well." he said, "I saw one drop

"And what of the three others?"

"Oh," replied the pilot, "I couldn't

see them. They were all in little bits

also possible that some of them may

Not so long ago I met a British

by the United Kingdom.

German morale.

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The Editor's Corner

WHY DO WE FIGHT?

We have been engaged, for over a year, in a bitter struggle with a predatory foe, in order that in our world democracy shall triumply over rule by force. That was our avowed purpose when we entered the war a year ago last September, and it is still our aim. Can we help but wonder then, when we glanced at yesterday's daily papers, and read a confirmation by our government of rumours that had been circulating concerning the sale of war supplies to another predatory power-Japan? The excuse was given that our shipments, compared with those from the United Sintes, were infinitely small, and because of this there was no reason why such shipments should be stopped. Aside from this warped thinking, which condones a wrong act because it is not wrong enough, does our government not realize what a powerful propaganda weapon they are handing to our German enemies?

We are trying in every way possible to convince the German homefront that we are a people who hold no trief with aggressor nations. What will Berliners think when they read in their papers that Canada is doing a thriving trade with their eastern brothers-in-crime?

Consistency is still a virtue, and when we do not practice consissency in our war effort, we are doing great harm to that effort.

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COMMUNITY SALVAGE DRIVE

The local I.O.D.E. Chapter is asking for support in a salvage drive which will begin during Thanksgiving week. Your support in this worthy enterprise is asked. Perhaps the following letter will best explain details of the drive:

Thanksgiving Week, Oct. 16 - 19, is the time of the Georgetown and Community Salvage Drive. During this period, the members of the local LODE. Chapter will call at every home in Georgetown to collect old magazines, newspapers and other articles, a full list of which appears elsewhere in this issue. You are asked to save these articles and have them ready for the collectors.

These above mentioned materials are needed urgently and the money derived from their sale will be used for war work. Therefore, by giving this salvage drive your whole-hearted support, you are helping in a two-fold manner.

We know that every citizen of Georgetown wants to be on the winning side in this war and this is one small, but important way, in which everyone can actively share in bringing about the victory and peace we so earnestly desire.

We wish to thank everyone who contributed to the Aluminum Drive. The response was gratifying, and your kindness much appreciated. We ask for your continued co-operation in our Thanksgiving Week Drive, that it may be an even greater success.

10 Tons is our objective - We are counting on you to help us reach it. Thank you.

Yours truly,

ISABEL M. McDERMID.

Secretary Countess of Strathmore Chapter I.O.D.E.

THE VALUE OF SCOUT TRAINING

Arthur E. Paddon, Jr., field secretary for the Boy Scouts Association in Ontario, recently paid us a call, to discuss possibilities of forming a Scouting organization in Georgetown. It is about five years since a Boy Scout Troop has been in existence here, and we feel that lack of such an organization is a detriment to local young men. Scout training combines a training in citizenship with a healthy program of creation and Abseful knowledge.

On the other side of the ledger, we find innumerable examples of the way a scout troop co-operates with other organizations. Scouts have sided the police in tracking criminals; they have rendered valuable asstance to the Red Cross in floods and fires; they are the first to offer their services as ushers at public functions, as taggers on tag days,—anything where trained organization is necessary.

All this presupposes that the local Scout Troop is under capable direction. Too often it is a fact that the man who directs the activities of a troop is not the proper person to deal with children. Then, too, a scout troop must be sponsored by some organization or group. Mr. Paddon is anxious that some such organization in Georgetown bring the scout movement back to life. In these troubled days, when national pride is so important, we feel that this would play its part in fostering such love of country in the hearts of our young citizens.

POST MORTEM

The Fall Pair has come and gone. While, on the whole, it was up to its standard of other years, it was disappointing to see the small number of entries in some sections, particularly in women's work. Georgetown women have been working nobly on war work, and this no doubt was partly to blame, but even so, we think a more representative showing could have been made. Some would be exhibitors have the idea that unless they have a great many entries to make, there is no use entering at all. When too many people feel that way, the show is not a success.

General consensus of opinion seems to be that more originality is meeded to put some pep into our Fall Fair. People won't come back year after year to see the same things over and over again. This year, with the Lorne Scots on call, a military display might have been arranged. A pet show, decorated floats, wood chopping and sawing contests might be inaugurated.

If everybody will exhibit something next year, and if some new Testures are introduced to add variety to the program, we think Georgetown can put on a fair second to none in the province.

IN OUR MAIL BAG

Galt, Ont., Sept. 28th, 1940.

The Georgetown Herald, . · Georgetown, Ontario.

Gentlemen:

I was very much pleased to receive the Herald this week and it was a source of great enjoyment to me. Saturday the 28th should see the completion of the enrolment of 800 sindents at the Galt Aircraft School. More than 500 cadets are now regissered and the remainder are arriving

The Aircraft Codets will be taking. ert in the parade which will precede the patrictic rally that is being staged can, but do not tell them so. in Dickson Park in Galt on Sunday.

in connection with the community drive to raise \$60,000. To date the school has been without a band, but this is in the process

of being re-organized, and within a few weeks it is expected that the school will boast a larger and better band than ever before. Thanking you once again for your

kindness in sending me the Herald, I Cordially yours,

Bill Armstrong. Galt Aircraft School,

Galt, Ont.

Wisdom

R.A.F. Wakes Hitler From A Dream of Conquest

RAIDS ON BRITAIN REVEAL UNEX-PECTED PROBLEMS FACING GERMANY

A Neutral Observer's View of the Air-War

By Warren Irvin

Mr. Irvin, noted American and broadcaster, and for thirteen years a staff correspondent on New York Times, spent the first eight months of the war in Berlin as an ob-

The amazing success of the Royal Air Force in smashing the raids on while exaggerating the losses on the Britain should not be permitted engender .over-confidence. The in the air has not yet been won. Other correspondent have made me someand more intensive raids, are almost sure to follow. Germany's air losses, though-considerable, have not terially reduced the strength of her while the communiques of the Geraviation. She still has vast reserves; man High Command were fairly and, when an opportune moment ar- truthful, so far as the land forces rives, can be expected to throw them were concerned, the German Navy Into the balance with utter disregard and Air Force were given to gross exfor planes and men alike. That is the aggeration. The reason, we thought,

But, at the same time, there can be did not have the same traditions beno doubt as to the importance of the hind them as the Army. R.A.F.'s achievement. Here, as at Since I have come to Britain, Dunkirk, British planes and British have checked carefully on Royal-Air pilots again have demonstrated their Force figures, and I have reached the superiority-a superiority which should conclusion that when it errs, the R. become more and more marked as the A. F. generally errs on the other side.

war progresses. Not only have they rendered invaluable service in restoring British prestige in the eyes of the world; they have also dealt another blow to German moraic. That morale, already at the 1917 level, is likely to be one of the deciding factors in the present

It is for this reason that I believe ed for 168 German planes. the most important result of the work of the Royal Air Force in the recent the pilots in this group may have been raids on Britain, has been its effect upon German plans for the invasion of England. Many people, I know, do have been over-modest, like one R.A. net believe that Hitler intends, or P. pilot of whom I heard recently.

ever intended, to invade Great Britain. I do not share this view. Eight attack five Nazi ralders, and when he months of wartime experience in Ger- returned reported that he had downmany have convinced me that when ed two. the Naxis boasted they would be in London by August 15th they fully them dov.n?" he was asked. expected to be.

Another winter of war is not a completely out of control, and I saw pleasing prospect for the German peo- another crash into the sea." ple. Memories of the last winter are still too fresh in their minds; memor- his commanding officer wanted to ies of hunger and hardship of priva- know. tion, poverty and suffering; of shivering thousands from the poorer sections of the big cities crowding into-railway stations in an effort to get warm.

If Germany hopes to win this war. she must conquer Britain, quickly and completely. But how she can attempt to do so; how she can even envisage an invasion, without mastery in the air. I do not see. Nor do I believe that Hitler does. And the Royal Air Force has proved conclusively that Germany, despite numerical superiority. is far from enjoying mastery in the

They Found No Weak Spot

The object of the recent raids is fairly otvious. There appears to be no question but that they were designed to feel out the strength of the British defences; to find, if possible, a weak spot, which could be made the focal point of attack. Had such a spot been detected, mass assaults, with thousands of planes participating probably would have followed; and would have been accomplished by invasions from the sea and air in the best "blitz" fashion known to German technique.

But with each passin: day, the likelihood of such an invasion becomes more and more improbable. By Autumn it may be too late, by Spring it True, a shelter's in the garden, may be impossible.

German aircraft production has not only reached its peak; it is under foroed draught. All available workers are being employed.

True, Germany now has at her disposal the aircraft factories of France. But she hasn't the men to operate them, unless she uses French workers. and that can only be done at the risk of sabotage.

I don't know exactly how many planes the Germans have. Officials of the Propaganda Ministry assured me they had 30,000 at the beginning of the war. That, I think is an exaggeration. My guess would be around 20,000, including commercial craft and training planes. But even then, 1 doubt if the number of first-line German warplanes exceeds 6,000.

Germany's Lost Machines and Men From reliable German sources know that about 600 German planes were destroyed in the Polish cam- With Peace a fugitive on land and paign. Losses in Norway probably did not exceed 200, and may have been And in the air the beat of deadly considerably less. In Holland, Belgium and France-including the action We fortify ourselves in unity. at Dunkirk-the Germans may have This is OUR cause-no far-off battle lost another 1,500; and I believe their since the start of the war, are some-

where in the neighbourhood of 1500. The loyalty-within us shall define So far as the planes are concerned. Our attributes of sacrifice and pain. not necessarily serious. They may struction. But the pilots are not so easily replaced as the planes. That

is another matter. Germany is none too well supplied with pilots-fighter pilots in particular. Young men are needed for this WHERE COWS COME UP MY LANE work; but young Naxts don't make the best pilots. They have been too regimented; their individuality has been stiffed; they are not accustomed to thinking for themselves. And while they may perform brilliantly against undefended towns and helpions civilians their ardour quickly cools when

confronted by pilots of superior skill Hence, as regards the future, the odds are all in Britain's favour. Bri- A pungent odor, clover-sweet, tish aircraft production is rising steadily; and it has behind it the production of the United States, which also Intrude, where cows come up my lane. is making appreciable strides. Against these, Germany cannot hope to com- And far across the pasture brook wiser than other people if you pete. It is only a question of time when even numerical superiority in As one by one all things turn home the air must pass to the Allied side; At dusk for rest and sleep.

continue to draw pilots from the Dominions in addition to those supplied But these are matters that concern the future, and we are living in the present. I have already said that I believed the most important result of events. As usual there were two, one affairs. the recent raids was the effect upon for the north and the other for the

south divisions of the township. The first was held at Duntroon on Thurs-The dropping of the school fairs by day and the second, on Friday, in the Provincial Department of Agricul- Oreemore. Both were successful and ture, as a war economy, was prob- brought out, through the exhibits. ably well intentioned, yet it was a evidence that the boys and girls had move that gave rise to general regret not been idle. Competition was been, in the rural sections. To the boys the prize winners, in many instances as and girls these events are of special winning only by narrow margins. The import. They are at home and are value of these fairs is from the side an incentive to the young folk to of education, seeing, growing, gather-take a real interest in their farm life, ing and constructing, being necessary. This year not all are favored as to be successful exhibitors. Interest have been those of Nottewasaga Town- such as that manifested in the Notship. There they were not let down, tawasaga fairs deserves to be encoura committee of interested elders tak- aged hence the hope is that the proing up where the Department had left vincial minister may soon see his way off and going on with the annual to renew his support of these annual

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AN ENGLISH COTTAGE Or Mars' Demons of the Air

There's a cottage by a lane-side. In a dear old England spot, Where, to spend a happy childhood, Was my early boyhood's lot. With my brothers and my sisters And the neighbors' children, near Now my heart goes back in longing

To that lane-side cot so dear. There are flowers in the garden, And a brook runs through the field, And the birds sing in the morning To the hymn the church-chimes

But the people in the cottage Live in deep and dread despatr, For that landscape now is cratered By Mars' Demons of the air.

For a thatched roof cannot save From a despot, diabolic, Whose work leads but to the grave Still I'd like to see that cottage, By the lane-side over there, Ere it may meet dire destruction,

From Mars' Demons of the air. -RALPH GORDON

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We are Canadians now - all racial Must blend to meet in one absorbing

We shall forgo our pasts - merge our destres-And force the strength we have in

England's name. I This urgent hour denies all lesser

losses, in and around the British Isles Can hold us safe when Justice's self

these losses, while considerable, are Though we give all, is it too much to have been compensated by new con- That Christ may rule the world and England live?

-Lucy G. Clarkin, Charlottetown.

The sun sinks low behind the hills

The hush of evening falls,

Commence their drowsy calls. Nor guns nor gas nor battle's slain Intrude, where cows come up my lane.

The night hawks and the whip-poor-

A thin, white mist is hanging low Above the dew-drenched fields, The pregnant earth now yields. Nor guns nor gas nor battle's alain

The long, dark shadows creep,

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