

The Editor's Corner

ONE PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN

The Canadian War Services Campaign is under way, with a \$5,500,000 objective to be reached in the drive. Under Chairman Alex. Maclaren and Vice-chairman Fred McCartney, a number of canvassers are making house-to-house calls in Georgetown to ask for contributions to Georgetown's quota of \$2500.

In Georgetown, the only organization functioning of the six which are making this joint appeal for funds, is the Canadian Legion, and as some of our readers have been asking just how this money is to be spent, we will give you a brief sketch of the Legion's war activities.

Canadian Legion War Services, Inc. was established by Dominion charter a little over a year ago. Since that time it has done notable work among the troops in training, both in Canada and overseas, and it is planning an even fuller program in this year to come. Just one example of the work performed can be seen in the total of 2 1/4 million cigarettes distributed to hospitalized soldiers in England.

One phase of the War Service effort which has been shouldered entirely by the Legion is education. The Legion's plan makes it possible for men on active service to enroll for public and high school studies leading to matriculation, to learn useful trades such as mechanics, automotive engineering, secretarial work, radio engineering. Text books, papers and qualified instructors are supplied... all free of charge. To date 23,263 students have enrolled for instruction. The worth of the plan is inestimable. The Legion is looking beyond the present time of war to the future, when the soldiers of today will return to civilian life, and is trying to equip the men to take their places in peace-time society.

As a means of preventing monotony and boredom, the Legion Entertainment Service is of the greatest importance. Supervisors and entertainment officers are on duty in all the large camps and arrange concerts, moving pictures, sing songs and other forms of entertainment for the enjoyment of the officers and men.

A total of 25 dry canteens are being operated by the Legion in Canada. Milk, soft drinks, tea, coffee and sandwiches, flashlights, shave cream, razor blades and tooth paste are just a few of the numerous items stocked for the convenience of the men. The Legion receives no financial gain whatsoever from the operation of these canteens. 5% of all receipts are paid to the Officers Commanding for the benefit of the men of the units where the canteens are operated. All profits above this go to the Receiver-General of Canada to be held in trust for the Canteen Board appointed by the Dominion Government to disburse these funds for the benefit of the men and their dependents.

Realizing the importance of maintaining correspondence between the men and their folks at home, the Legion has distributed free of charge 4,800,000 sheets of notepaper and 2,100,000 envelopes to Canadian forces at home and abroad.

These are but a few of the services undertaken by the Canadian Legion War Services. Multiply it by six and you have some idea of where your 5 1/2 million dollars will go and how it will be spent.

WE AGREE WITH MR. CLEAVE

We agree with Mr. Harold Cleave, Georgetown reeve, in his opposition to the \$300 grant given, at the last County Council meeting, to the Halton Federation of Agriculture. Mr. Cleave does not believe that the general taxpayer should be forced to support an organization for the entire benefit of the farmer. Neither do we!

The question of granting public funds to such an organization has absolutely nothing to do with the worth of the principle involved. If farmers want to organize, in their efforts to establish a decent scale of prices for their produce and get a "square deal" from big business, it is their privilege to do so. That they haven't done so long before this has always been a mystery to us.

But we think that the farmers should not only do their own organizing but should bear the costs of this organization. Suppose that representatives of a labour union were to approach the County Council and ask for a money grant to further the work of the union. How far would they get with their request? The answer would probably be that the Council did not feel it could spend general public funds to further the work of a purely urban organization.

Mr. Cleave is a farmer, and as such he is interested in anything which is working for the benefit of his chosen business. At the same time he displays a singularly open mind when he objects to County money being spent for his benefit. Apparently the other members of the County Council, who are also farmers, have put their own interests ahead of their unbiased judgment.

JACK CANUCK
In an old-fashioned farm home
Where a loving couple dwell,
They were talking of their only son
Whom they were loving so well,
And expected to be in action soon.
All anxious to get in the fight,
That he read their welcome letter
To himself in the pale moonlight.
When the thought of the farm and the
And the thought of his mother and dad
He knew it he fell in battle.

The old folks would be lonely and sad
With agonies all around them,
He fought as only brave men can,
Till an enemy's bullet got him
Just a loyal young Canadian.
One glorious warm spring day,
They were singing and having fun
Till someone sighted the enemy
Then the great battle began.
His parents read the news one day
Of how the great battle was won,
And of the names who'd died in the
tray.
Was the name of a hero, their son.
—J. Williams, Georgetown.



Halton Presbyterian Elects Officers

ANNUAL MEETING IN ACTON—MRS. G. AGNEW GUEST SPEAKER
The annual meeting of the Halton Presbyterian of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church was held in Acton United Church on March 14. Mrs. Charles Readhead presided at the morning session and Mrs. Frank McNeven, for the afternoon. The poster parade by the secretaries of departments and the report of the treasurer were satisfactory.
Mrs. Gordon Agnew, who returned from China in August, was the guest speaker at the afternoon session.
An impressive "In Memoriam" service was held by Mrs. Arthur Speight. The "Open Forum" and the installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Foreign Missionary Secretary of the Dominion Board.
At the supper meeting, the Presbyterian president, Mrs. Earl Wilson, pre-

sided. Greetings were received from the Presbytery and sister societies of Acton churches. Mrs. Taylor was the speaker. The officers of the Presbyterian are as follows:
President—Mrs. Earl Wilson.
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WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

IT DIDN'T HAPPEN HERE

One morning I was coming down the Pall Mall in a rickety old taxi. Just as we got in front of Buckingham Palace the car stopped. After 10 minutes delay I asked the bewildered driver what the trouble was. "Don't know, sir," he said. "The officer ahead on point duty has not given the go signal."
I looked out. As far as the eye could see there were motor cars, liberally massed as though parked for some big football game. I figured there must be a parade ahead, or perhaps an accident, and I paid off my driver and hurried up to the crossing. And here I found the strangest reason for a traffic jam ever to be recorded. One of the royal ducks in the Buckingham Palace gardens had hatched a brood of little ducklings, fluffy yellow mites, about 10 of them. They had heard the call of the water from across the Mall in Green Park and had started over the wide roadway to the big lake.
The traffic officer saw them start and held up all traffic until they could get across. It was a strange sight. Here was the mother duck herding them along as undisturbed as though she were on some quiet farm. A little fellow would pause to peck at something in the road and she would shoo him back into the fold.
Finally she had them all across. The last little yellow puff ball whisked his tail through the iron grating of Green Park and the officer blew his whistle for traffic to be resumed. Again not a word of protest over the long delay. Everybody smiling and enjoying the joke. Not one horn was sounded.—Extract from a "Herald" (Montreal) correspondent's letter.

ANIMALS UNDER FIRE

One of our own correspondents, Mrs. Gordon Brown, formerly of Georgetown, Ont., has been working in the bombed areas of England in the Animal Welfare Centre, for the English as any one would know, do not abandon their pets in time of stress. In answer to a query Mrs. Brown tells us a little more about her work and mentions, in Manchester, a woman of 70 years or more who stuck to her post throughout the whole terrible blitz, receiving stray and injured cats and dogs and other small animals and birds. In spite of the fact that the windows were shattered and incendiary bombs were falling all around. Her only son's sons are all in uniform.
"In Manchester alone during the blitz the number of cats rescued in some way or other was about 60,000. It seems almost incredible! The number of dogs was somewhat smaller, but not much. It is surprising how few casualties we have among the animals. They seem to have an uncanny sense to do the right thing. To illustrate this I may say that recently a home was bombed and all within killed. But the family kitten was found uninjured under a table."
Big and Little Things
"These," Mrs. Brown says, "are a great people. They stand up to the big things in the war, but do not forget the little things such as the household cat or dog or the parrot. Naturally in some cases they are so terrified that they escape, to be rescued later by the R.S.P.C.A. or N.A.R.P.A.C." (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and National Air-Raid Precaution Animal Centres, we suppose). "They all have a disc attached to them... so we can soon get the animals back to their homes. The registration side of the N.A.R.P.A.C. sees to the registering of all animals."
Other things about this work are told us by our own local Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals, which is organizing a bridge next Saturday at Sherbourne House Club in aid of the war-affected animals of England. Many people, they say, forced to evacuate their homes and neighborhoods, are obliged to leave their pets behind them and are greatly relieved to know that the R.S.P.C.A. is looking after them, providing new homes wherever possible, and generally providing for their comfort. Animals, too, are often of actual value to a country at war. Air raids and constant artillery fire radically effect means of communication, and dogs are found to be trustworthy messengers. They can go sometimes where men and machines cannot. The story was recently told of a dog which being buried in the debris of a bombed house with his mistress and her children, tunnelled his way out, ran to get assistance, and led the rescuers back to the buried family. Cats, too, are proving very useful because of the serious rat menace.
—"Among Ourselves" column in the Toronto Globe and Mail.

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Poetry

TO HARVEY LLOYD
[NOTE: The recent death in Toronto of Harvey Lloyd brought to a close the life of a concert entertainer, well known to thousands all over the province. He was actively engaged in that profession over 50 years and made many friends whose ever he appeared. Numbers of the younger entertainers were greatly inspired and helped by his advice and counsel and kindly interest in their advancement. He was active in Masonic and other fraternal circles. The following poem by Ralph Gordon was read at his funeral service by C. LeRoy Kenney, also an entertainer.]

Dear Harvey: It's so hard to know
That you are lying here.
So still and quiet, peacefully,
You, good old friend so dear.
Your job is done, you did it well,
To hundreds you were friend,
To thousands you brought hope and cheer,
And now you've reached the end.
We'll miss you boy, we'll miss you much,
Add scores and scores will too;
To know you was to love you, dear,
And now your work is through.
No more we'll hear that ringing voice
In song and jest and cheer;
You've reached the end of Life's Long Lane,
But memory holds you dear.
—RALPH GORDON
628 Crawford St., Toronto.

"FOR BEAUTY, HAVE BARRIES!"
Motherhood improves both face and figure, says beautician. Doubles advice women today to welcome maternity as means of enhancing charm and looks. Read about their views in the April 6 Detroit Sunday Times. This week and every week get The Detroit Sunday Times.