

## TIMELY TOPICS FOR WOMEN . . .

By Barbara Baines

### A CURB ON THE USE OF MANY COMMODITIES IS EXPECTED

The one thing visitors to Canada and the United States comment on is the abundance of everything on this continent; the abundance and variety of food on our tables, of clothes in our closets; the number of cars, radios, telephones, bathtubs; the blazing electric lights. On every side there is evidence of luxury and also of waste.

The North American continent is a land of rich resources, and it is true that to date we have had to do without few of the things to which we are accustomed. But it looks now as though the war were actually going to catch up with us. Shortages in many commodities in everyday use are expected before long, and consumers are being warned that many things formerly taken for granted will be on the restricted list.

Canada and United States are now so closely allied economically that shortages in one country will be reflected in the other, and identical means of conserving supplies will no doubt be worked out for both.

The curb on the use of gasoline, which now seems inevitable, will, perhaps more than anything else, bring home to the average citizen the fact that we are at war. The oil supply on the east coast is gradually dwindling due to the diversion of tankers to Britain, and the new pipeline, some 4450 miles long, which will bring oil from Texas and Louisiana cannot be completed in less than six months. A shorter line, expected to be completed in November, from Portland, Me. to Montreal, will relieve the situation in eastern Canada somewhat, by cutting off 2000 miles by ocean tanker.

Persons who depend upon fuel oil for heating can expect some inconvenience, and civilians using coal are urged to lay in a supply now because of an expected shortage and to prevent undue strain on transportation during the rush season.

There is every prospect that steel for non-essential civilian purposes will be radically restricted. Many products will be affected, from farm implements, stoves, washing machines, etc. to lawn mowers and golf clubs. Other key metals such as zinc, tin, tungsten, aluminum and nickel are already very scarce because of the huge demands of the war industries. The governments of both countries are seeking for substitutes for civilian consumption and are urging people to conserve kitchenware and other equipment.

An announcement is expected shortly curtailing the production of automobiles by 50% in this country. The restriction is aimed at curtailing the non-war use of steel, rubber, alloys and man power, and leaving the factories freer to produce mechanized vehicles for war. It is also expected that dealers will be asked to have old tires retreaded to save rubber.

Builders supplies are subject to priorities for war production and restrictions are expected in the erection of new buildings such as theatres, large stores, and apartment houses.

Many imported sea-borne commodities are becoming scarcer because the ships are now carrying implements of war to Britain. Tea, sugar, jute, carpet wool, spices are being watched by the government to insure a fair price and adequate supply.

Crop prospects for this summer are not good, as a very dry summer is expected. For cattle next winter may be scarce, and the Department of Agriculture advises the sowing of sudan grass, rape and millet to provide additional pasturage and feed. There may be a short crop of fruit, and a dry season means a diminishing flow of milk and a scarcity of butter and cheese.

Already housewives are missing many of their favourite brands of canned goods from the shelves, and people are being urged to grow and preserve all the fruits and vegetables possible.

In the U.S.A. the suggestion has been brought forth to standardize clothing to aid defense. If the number of "fashions, styles, models, colours, sizes and brands" were curtailed, it is believed the productive capacity of industry for defense could be increased by from 25 to 33%.

The curtailment of the use of many commodities usually taken for granted will mean some minor sacrifices in every household. But Canadians are learning that the ultimate aim of life is not comfort and ease. They are learning too that freedom is still the possession only of those who have the courage to defend it.

### WOMEN TO SERVE OVERSEAS

The Canadian government has at last decided to permit Canadian women to volunteer for war service overseas, and uniformed groups who have been ardently training for just such an opportunity are jubilant at the news. The announcement from Ottawa states that the government is not undertaking any responsibility for these volunteers, but it has granted permission to the British Auxiliary Services to recruit women here.

The M.T.C. (Mechanized Transport Corps of Great Britain) is the first organization to avail itself of the privilege. Miss Janet Carruthers, a former Winnipeg girl, arrived in Toronto recently from England with authority to recruit 500 young women. She has seen service in England and France and says that, while the M.T.C. has 4000 trained drivers now, there is an ever-increasing need for trained women to drive for surgical units, mobile first-aid posts, mobile canteens serving civilians, Red Cross ambulances, etc.

The Corps is entirely voluntary. "This means that anyone wanting to join from Canada must be able to pay her own way to Britain and maintain herself there. Recruits must be between 21 and 40 years of age. They must be physically fit and technically qualified to drive an ambulance or light mechanical transport, or to act as a chauffeur. Since shipping space is at a premium only those willing to sign up for the duration of the war (or as long as needed) will be accepted. On arrival in England the newly recruited members of the M.T.C. will be given a further short training course to familiarize them with English traffic laws and conditions in a country at war.

Miss Carruthers expects to go later to Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Vancouver and possibly other cities to give young women throughout the Dominion an opportunity to join the M.T.C.

At present transport drivers and nursing sisters are the only women eligible to go overseas, but later, if the need is urgent, women may also be recruited for first aid, canteen work, technical jobs and other war work.

### LET ME REMIND YOU

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done.  
There are thousands to prophesy failure;  
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,  
The dangers that await to assail you.  
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
Just take off your coat and go to it;  
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing,  
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.  
—Edgar Guest.

### BOOK REVIEW

"I GO BY LAND, I GO BY SEA" BY P. L. TRAVERS (McClelland, Stewart, \$2.50)

Sabrina Lind, age 11, keeps a diary telling how she and her nine year old brother came to the 900 year old home in Sussex when the bombs began to fall, and go as war guests to America. She describes with the unaffected frankness of a child, the parting with her parents, and the trip across the Atlantic in a big convoy. "The sea is very separating," says Sabrina when she realizes they are past the middle of the ocean and they cannot go home now.

She tells of arriving in Canada, all covered with dark green trees, and smelling like Pine Tar Shampoo, of the Canadian trains with seats that turn into beds; of meeting Canadian children who say "O.K." and "scram."

Then comes the trip by plane to New York and meeting Aunt Harriet, Uncle George, and the cousins. America is a strange land where you can't afford to be lazy for fear you miss something.

One of the most interesting parts of the book is where Sabrina describes her new home, school, the drugstore that isn't so much for medicines as for ice-cream. Then of course there are trips to the World's Fair, and the Empire State building from which the whole new world spreads out.

"I Go by Sea, I Go by Land" is a charming and engaging book, yet it has a pathos and poignancy that tug at one's heart strings. It will appeal to both young and old.

### SAVOURY LIVER LOAF

Savoury Liver Loaf may be sliced and served as cold meat, but it is equally good spread on crackers for appetizers, or used as a sandwich filling.

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| 1 pound liver (baby beef) | 1 tablespoon lemon juice   |
| 1/2 pound pork sausage    | 1 teaspoon Worcester sauce |
| 1 onion                   | 1/2 teaspoon salt          |
| 1 cup bread crumbs        | 1 teaspoon celery salt     |
| 2 beaten eggs             | 1/4 teaspoon pepper        |
|                           | 1/4 cup liver stock        |

Skimmer liver, 5 minutes in water to cover. Reserve 1/2 cup of liquid. Put liver and onion through medium mincer. Mix sausage and bread crumbs and add to liver. Add seasonings and mix thoroughly. Pack into a greased loaf pan. Top with 2 slices of bacon. Cook 40 to 50 minutes in moderate oven (350 degrees F.).



Cousin of Former Georgetown Minister Joins R. C. A. F.

Rev. Hugh F. Davidson, pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, Fort Erie, since 1938, reported last week to Manning Depot, Toronto, from which he will later be assigned as a chaplain to one of the R.C.A.F. units.

Born in Newton, Ontario, Mr. Davidson is a cousin of Rev. D. D. Davidson, who recently moved from Georgetown to Smiths Falls. He is an Arts graduate of the University of Toronto and obtained his theological degree from Knox College. Prior to assuming his duties in Fort Erie, Mr. Davidson was assistant pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

In Fort Erie, he was exceptionally popular with members of his congregation and citizens generally. He was chairman of the board of Education and chaplain of Canadian Legion Branch 71.

### INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM Sunday School LESSON

### LESSONS FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1941

GOLDEN TEXT: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 3: 11.

LESSON PASSAGE: 1 Corinthians 3: 1 - 15.

To render evil for good—that is to resemble a devil. To render evil for evil—that is to resemble animals. To render good for good—that is to be a man. To render good for evil—that is to resemble God. (Czech newspaper).

Graded Lessons, 1, 2 Intelligence tests indicate a wide spread in mental development. Experts are able to predict that some children will not be able to pass beyond certain grades in the army if it is discovered that some soldiers cannot take advanced courses. Everyone expects the public school curriculum to be graded: children learning to read and write cannot be taught algebra. The Church has been slow to recognize this fundamental educational principle. One very misleading proverb is that "thin soup may be made from tough beef." It is much wiser to teach children what they need to learn and are able to learn at each stage of development. For graded his materials in his epistles. He wrote much more simply to the Philippians than he did to the Ephesians or to the Romans. Modern adult education seeks to provide a challenge to mature minds. The Primary class can be helped by a simple Bible story but a group of young parents will be more interested in family and social problems. There is no reason except sloth why Christians should remain at the third grade level.

Party Divisions, 3 - 5 Personal popularity often leads to party divisions. Apollus was an orator while Paul was a thinker. Paul was big enough not to be jealous of Apollus and honestly desired that his converts should follow Christ first of all. A modern example of Christian unity reconciling racial and religious differences is reported from the Madras International Missionary Conference, December 1938. Prophets of gloom and doom said that four hundred and seventy delegates from seventy nations could not meet without conflict. The possibility of a division was very real through difference of race, nationality, language, and creed but instead of an explosion there was harmony. Black and white, East and West, Chinese and Japanese, citizens from dictator and democratic states faced world questions together and maintained their fellowship. One writer says: "Madras proved that Christians representing widely separated positions can find a fellowship and work together in mutual respect for the accomplishment of common purposes."

God-Given Growth, 6 - 8 Due honour must be given to the founders of churches, such as Luther, Calvin or Wesley. They gave a character to the fellowship they founded just as Paul left his impress upon his mission churches. The power of personality is very great and lasts long; yet when this has been admitted, man's part is subordinate. The lack of any religious movement the Spirit of God is at work. The early Church owed much more to Christ than it did to Paul. Thousands of missionaries are at work today in the world, but they are all telling of one supreme Lord, Jesus Christ. Each faithful servant receives his reward but his success is made possible by adapting his plans to the will of God. Let Paul be honoured for his fertile brain and Apollus for his eloquent tongue but it was the grace of Christ, shed abroad in human hearts

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that ultimately made the Church. When a minister says that he receives one hundred and twenty members at one communion he does not really mean that he did it. There have been praying parents, personal workers, silent influences also at work. No Christian conversions would be possible unless God gave of his Spirit to human beings. The secret is to trust, as though all depended upon God and work as though all depends upon men.

Cooperative Building, 9 - 11

The true nature of the process may be learned from a study of Paul's illustration about building. God is building. We are his building. We may be labourers together with God in carrying on his work of building. Every worker may be as his master builders laying the foundations upon which others will build. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. God has a high purpose in which we may share. We may become efficient builders if we are under the control of Jesus Christ. How little we realize our privilege as Christians in receiving the grace of God and opening our hearts and minds for the indwelling presence of Christ. That we average human beings may be upheld by God, may be the friends of Christ, may receive power from the Holy Spirit is surely our highest human dignity. We dishonour God when we have a low opinion of ourselves or our fellowmen.

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Letting Our Own Work, 11 - 15

Humanism asserts that man is everything. The modern Church has been influenced by this humanistic emphasis and has centered its faith in man: its marching song is "Work for the night is coming." The early

Church was God-centered: it sang "O God, our help in ages past." We have a preference for active verbs. We speak of "moving forward," "progressing," "achieving." The New Testament verbs are much more passive: "saved," "renewed," "challenged," "transformed," "led." Too often we think of ourselves as architects building the kingdom of heaven when we should regard it as a gift from God in Christ. The early Church lacked most of what we today consider imperative—buildings, a fixed organization, a complete scripture. But it had some things we often lack—experience that something infinitely valuable was at stake. And so it rode full tilt into a world as full as ours of strange expressions of human nature, and proved that spirit must prevail. We must recover the mood of the early Church, or chaos will engulf us.

Questions for Discussion

1. Why are Sunday School lessons graded according to age?
2. Is it possible for gifted leaders to avoid having personal followers?
3. Why do some congregations grow and others lose in membership?
4. In what sense is Christ "the Church's one foundation"?
5. What rewards are we seeking?

TERRA COTTA

(Intended for last week)  
Mrs. M. McNally, who spent a few weeks with friends in Toronto, has returned home.

Mr. A. McDonald is erecting an up-to-date house on his farm on the

Town Line. Watch Union grow! Dr. Wright, of Toronto, is erecting an up-to-date summer cottage here on the Town Line. We kindly welcome him to our midst.  
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