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The Editor's Corner

HALTON COUNTY BOYS' CAMP

(A guest editorial by R. K. Lemkay, student minister of Glen Williams United Church.)

I wonder how many of you readers are aware that there exists in this fair county of ours a camp for boys in which an effort is made to bring your son into contact with outdoor life and Christian teaching? Well, such a camp does exist and last week June 30 - July 5, thirty lads, ages 10 - 15, from the centers of Waterdown, Lowville, Milton, Hamilton, Georgetown and Glen Williams spent their nights under canvas and their days in developing a clean mind in a sound body at Camp Tillicum, near Lowville.

The day commenced at 7 with exercises and a dip followed by flag-raising and morning watch. In addition to the Canadian Ensign, the camp raised each day the Ontario Religious Education Council's official Christian flag, symbolic of the Kingdom of God.

Following worship and Bible study the camp broke into groups for handicraft work which included kite-making, wood and metal work, and plaster modeling. This juvenile industry produced somewhere in the neighbourhood of from 50 to 60 articles during the week, giving opportunity for the expression of all talents.

The old swimmin' hole proved to be as popular as when John and Mary frequented it in knee-length bathing suits a generation ago. However, the size of the pool besieged by 30 boys at once would have caused even a sardine to feel happily comfortable in canned quarters.

Of course no camp would be complete without its evening camp-fires, and this was provided each night with Wednesday evening being set aside as visitors' night.

In the minds of the boys, I'm certain that if you were to ask them, they would tell you that the outstanding events of the week were the catching of a 15-inch bass in the swimming hole by a lad from Waterdown, and the sighting of a turtle which grew in size every time it was spotted.

If you have been to camp yourself you will know of what we speak when we mention the values to the boy who attends. The corporate fellowship; the Christian atmosphere; the opportunities for worship, study and play and at night only a canvas between you and God's starry firmament; these are the things which help build the young men of to-morrow into the type of Christian citizen that the world of to-morrow will need.

Halton County Boys' Camp is but one of 34 held throughout Ontario every summer by the Ontario Religious Educational Council. Mention should be made of the fine leadership given by Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Leonard, of Milton, who have given themselves unstintingly to further boys and girls work in Halton.

The camp leaders were as follows: Dean, Rev. A. L. Sanderson, Waterdown; director, your present author, R. K. Lemkay, of the Glen; Rev. E. G. Riddols, Lowville; Mr. A. K. Leonard, Milton.

Next year resolve to send your son.

IMPRESSIONS OF A TESTIMONIAL DINNER

We shall not soon forget the Testimonial Dinner to C. O. Knowles, editor of the Toronto Evening Telegram, which we attended on Monday, July 7th, in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. The dinner, which was arranged to pay tribute to the editor of a newspaper which, through the efforts of its readers has raised to date some \$890,000 to be sent to British War Victims, was much more than a tribute to any one man or any one business concern. It was a tribute to all those thousands of people—young and old, rich and poor, who have turned in their pennies and their dollars to help those less fortunate than they.

Through the interest of an anonymous donor, some 62 weekly newspapers were guests at the dinner, tickets for which were sold at \$10.00 a plate, which raised another \$6,000.00 for the fund. While it was our privilege to be present and hear the inspiring speeches of Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Lt.-Col. the Rev. Sidney E. Lambert and of Mr. Knowles himself, we felt no thrill of pride at anything we had done. We wished rather that it could have been possible for all those Herald readers who have helped our own fund to be present with us to share in such an outstanding occasion.

We are not going to attempt to give you the subject matter of all that was said by the speakers during the evening. Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen once more proved himself the master of oratory that he is, in introducing the chief speaker at the dinner. He made a stirring appeal for unity in the war effort and a "full-out" contribution from Canada in the battle for world freedom.

Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, Britain's High Commissioner to Canada, speaking at length without recourse to prepared text, gave a vivid description of what the war has meant to the people of Britain. "In Britain," he said, "it is everybody's war. The political parties, religious sects, the social classes have forgotten their differences and have united in a mighty combination to overthrow the aggressor. Kings, lords and commoners, the old and the young, the rich and the poor, all are joined in the comradeship of a crusade and all share equally the hazards of the battlefield."

Mr. MacDonald outlined an old Scottish lady's recipe for air raid reception. "I give it to you," remarked, "in case Hitler should be successful to the extent of bombing Toronto in some future period of the war."

Here is what the old lady wrote: "When the air raid warning sounds, I take the Guild Book from the shelf and read the 13rd Psalm where it says 'Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.' Then I put up a wee bit prayer. Then I tak a wee drap o' whisky to steady ma nerves. Then I get into bed and pull up the covers; and then I tell Hitler to go to Hell."

Editor C. O. Knowles, in his acknowledgment of the honour accorded to him, chose to tell of those who had helped the fund. He paid tribute to the thousands of children in Toronto and all over the Province who have contributed their mite to swelling the fund, and to the provincial

press for their fostering of the fund.

The Royal Regiment Band, in scarlet ceremonial uniforms added colour and music to the scene in the Imperial Room, which was profusely decorated with Union Jacks. From their place on the balcony, they provided several musical selections, and accompanied Pilot Officer Harvey Doney, M.D., F.R.C.S., who sang "Rule Britannia" and "There'll Always Be an England."

Behind the head table was a large portrait of the King, flanked by paintings of the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Beneath the portraits, in large silver letters on a background of royal purple, ran the words: "This Time We Are All in the Front Line."

WILL YOU HELP?

Sending more than 1000 children to private homes within a radius of 100 miles from Toronto for a two weeks' vacation, is an annual project of the Neighbourhood Workers' Association.

This year the need is just as urgent as ever, and once more the Association is appealing to generous persons in town and country to open their homes to some city child for a short period.

The Association provides transportation and has the children medically examined before they leave home. The hostess must be responsible for a bed, good plain meals, and plenty of fresh air and sunshine for the kiddies. On the rapidly growing lists are many children of soldiers now serving in the active forces. A soldier's pay and allowances (the maximum is for two children) does not allow for a summer vacation for his family—especially if he leaves three or four little ones at home.

Will you help? If so, write the Country Homes Dept., Neighbourhood Workers' Association, 22 Wellesley St., Toronto, stating how many children, what age and sex you prefer, when you want them to arrive, etc., enclosing with your invitation a letter from your local clergyman.

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Brief backgrounds in
the careers of Canada's
Captains of War.



COL. OLIVER MOWAT BIGGAR, K.C.
Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Permanent Joint Board of Defence (Canada-United States)

Colonel Oliver Mowat Biggar is Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Permanent Joint Board of Defence (Canada-United States). His appointment to that Board along with officers of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and one of the Assistant Under-Secretaries of State for External Affairs, follows in the tradition that has established the unique spirit of the International Joint Commission. On this Commission Canadians and Americans have long sat round the table as one homogenous body of men, considering the problems put before them as technicians and judges seeking equitable solutions, not as rival teams of intriguing nationalists trying to outwit each other.

Biggar is a solid Scot right through, his father's grandfather emigrated here from Kirkcubright, Scotland, in 1792, and his mother's from Caithness. He is the oldest grandson of the late Sir Oliver Mowat, Postmaster-General in 1874 and Premier of Ontario from 1875 to 1896 and later Minister of Justice and Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and of James Lyons Biggar, a Member of Parliament from 1873 to 1879.

Colonel Biggar was born in Toronto 64 years ago, educated there at Upper Canada College, University College, and Osgoode Hall. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1901, but soon afterwards moved to Edmonton where he carried on his private practice until World War One broke out. Al-

ready a lawyer of sound reputation, with his full share of public service, Member of the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta and the Board of the Edmonton Hospital, he was commissioned as lieutenant in the 101st Regiment, Edmonton Fusiliers and soon afterwards called to Headquarters, Military District 13, at Calgary, as Deputy Judge Advocate General. From that duty he was summoned to Ottawa to act as member of the Military Service Council set up to administer the Military Service Act. He was made Judge Advocate General of Canada in 1918, promoted to Lt. Colonel, becoming a full Colonel the following year.

After the war, Sir Robert Borden took him to Europe as one of the Canadian Delegation to the Peace Conference. In Paris he acted as British Secretary to the Commission on the Responsibilities for the War where lawyers of the highest distinction in their respective countries debated fundamental questions of public law, such as whether the Allies had a right to hang the Kaiser.

Back from Europe, Colonel Biggar organized the original Air Department for Canada as Vice-Chairman of the Air Board under the Hon. A. L. Sifton. He takes particular pride in seeing what his "baby" has today grown up to be.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie paid Biggar a great compliment in 1920 by asking him to become Canada's first Chief Electoral Officer, a post made independent of party control like that of a judge, the incumbent being responsible only to Parliament, not to the Government of the day. That Colonel Biggar's appointment received the approval of the whole House of Commons testified that he possessed the judicial outlook envisioned in the appointment by the new legislation.

While Chief Electoral Officer Colonel Biggar continued to act as Vice-Chairman of the Air Board. He also served for a time as Legal Adviser to the Department of External Affairs, and was Chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee on the St. Lawrence Waterway. Though he could have settled down as Chief Electoral Officer till the ripe old age for retiring, he resigned in 1927 to become a partner in the law firm of Smart and Biggar in Ottawa. In his interesting professional career in the Capital he handled a number of large and intricate property and constitutional cases. The Province of Alberta chose him to act as counsel in the recent, famous cases of the Social Credits Act and the Bank Taxation Act. He lost the cases but not the confidence of the Province. He served as Counsel for the Senate Committee on the Railway Situation in 1938 and 1939.

AN EARLY JULY MORN, 1941

Have you listened to the quiet of an early July day.
When the morning lifts its head from where the sunrise fairies stay;
When leaves, in statue stillness, rest against the new sky's blue,
And fragrant flowers open wide their petals all anew?

You can almost feel the stillness reaching outward far away
Stretching past the far horizon where the landscape's lost in gray;
This sacred hour only in the early morn is found
Before the noises of the day its quietness have drowned.

You sit within an arbor banked with roses in and out
And meditate while listening to the quiet all about:
The first to break the stillness is a bird with speckled breast,
A friendly, fledgling robin, that is not long from its nest.

Soon other birds begin to sing a sweet and tuneful lay,
That breaks upon the silence just before the noise of day;
And then the clang of business and the rush of working crowds,
Descend upon the quiet of the morn like darkened clouds.

And next, news flashes cabled, from afar are quickly hurried,
The anxious, feverish rumors of a fear-torn, war-mad world;
In awe, you sit and wonder will this madness ever cease,
And when this world will listen to the quiet Morn of Peace.

—RALPH GORDON.
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BEING TOOK

"Does you take this woman for thy lawfully wedded wife?" asked the colored parson, glancing down at the diminutive, bow-legged groom who stood beside 210 pounds of feminine assurance.

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