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**"As We See It"**

By J. A. Strong

AN ORDINARY occurrence will often awaken memories. The other day we were in one of the stores up town and as we entered we noticed that a traveller was showing the proprietor a line of calendars for 1943. It took our mind back to a few years before the first Great War. We were in business, at the time, in Northern Ontario and the store centres around two elderly bachelors. They were in the business of buying cattle, running them on the bush all summer and then dispatching them to the lumber camps in the Fall. Their business went out of date and with some cash on hand they decided to buy a grocery store in town. Of course they weren't the only folk to think that anybody can run a grocery store. They were honest and thought that everybody else was. We don't think that travellers were of the high-pressure type at that time, any more than the average traveller is today. However, when these two grocers thought that they were in duty bound to give him an order in other words, they hadn't the nerve to refuse to buy. Their stock soon piled up and no doubt the bills did also and at last the grocers began to realize that they were buying too heavily in comparison with the amount of business they were doing and they decided to turn down on the buying end of the business. The morning after they had arrived at this decision a "Jewman" called on them selling calendars and when asked to place an order for calendars, their reply was as follows: "Mister, you'll have to let us off this time." In telling us about it a few minutes after he had called on them, this traveller mentioned that had he told them he wasn't letting any of his customers off this trip, he was of the opinion that they would have placed an order. Needless to add, these two men didn't last long in the grocery business, however, they did get out before losing all their money. We have known a few others that tried the grocery business that weren't that smart.

ONCE AGAIN it has become necessary that we purchase a Radio Litterat. At times we hear criticism of having to purchase one each year and yet we are unable, at the moment, to think of any investment that brings us better returns. We get the news from the four corners of the Earth as many times per day as we care to listen to it and if it is entertainment that we want, it is right there for us in almost any quantity. It is difficult to realize that the radio has been on the job as long as it has. The other evening, we noticed that our old friends Amos 'N' Andy were celebrating their 14th anniversary on the radio. We have to hand it to those two gentlemen. Their show is as interesting as it was when first they started it and they have kept it clean and entertaining and very human as well. At the moment, we think we would miss the radio, if we had to do without it, more so than we would miss the car, and we have had a car since 1914.

JUDGING BY the first three games in the Detroit Red Wing - Toronto Maple Leaf Stanley Cup finals we have concluded that the person who made the statement some time ago, to the effect that the Detroit team was in a different class to that of the Toronto team, must have known what he was talking about. The misunderstanding of his statement by Detroit gave those few words plenty of publicity. Detroit understood it as stating their team wasn't as good as the Leafs, and he may have meant it the other way around. Anyway, Detroit's interpretation of the statement seemed to give them enough pep to go out and win the first three games in decisive fashion. No doubt the series will be over by the time these lines appear in print.

THE SNOW storm, last Friday, wasn't

a bit more welcome than is the first snow storm each Fall. The birds had apparently been holding back in expectation of such a storm. Perhaps when the hockey games are all finished we will be getting warmer weather. The soil seems to be in good shape for planting this Spring but the weather is holding up the operation.

**FARM SURVEY PRESENTS SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF FARM LABOUR**

The recent survey conducted by the Halton Agricultural War Service Committee indicates that at least 50 per cent of Halton farmers feel they have not sufficient labour to maintain their 1941 production levels. This is a serious situation in view of the need of maximum production in order to fill our commitments overseas. It is the opinion of many that food products may play almost as important a part in the present conflict as armaments. Unfortunately Canada is faced with a shortage of labour everywhere and consequently there does not seem to be very much relief in sight. In the opinion of officials of the Halton Agricultural War Service Committee, there are only three solutions to the situation. The first is to step into the market and pay top wages and thereby secure one of the comparatively small percentage of experienced men available. Unfortunately the volume of business is not sufficiently large on the big majority of Halton farms to permit the payment of such wages. The only alternatives for the majority of farmers would therefore appear to be a question of co-operating with nearby farmers or of utilizing inexperienced help such as high school students from urban centres. Under normal conditions few farmers would consider the latter but it might be pointed out that prior to the war many of them would have suggested the utilization of "millionaires" youths, motor boats and fishing smacks as a means of evacuating troops from Europe would have been considered a bit weak in the head. The episode at Dunkirk, however, indicates that under present conditions we must be prepared to utilize whatever is available.

Furthermore, a number of Halton men who had High School students a year ago, state the boys were all right but in most cases they didn't stay long enough. This year the minimum period they must remain on the farm in order to secure their year's work has been extended. Already upwards of 50 Halton farmers are reported to have made application for High School students and we would judge from a recent statement of an official of the Department of Labour that perhaps 100 will be available for Halton providing applications are made at once. It is anticipated that a percentage of the boys who will be coming out will have had some previous experience. Those interested in this type of help and who are prepared to give it a trial should make their applications at once. Application forms can be secured from the Agricultural Office in Milton, or an application by letter can be made direct to Alex MacLaren, Department of Labour, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

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Present plans call for the acceptance of orders from business establishments, from those engaged in public health work, and for those occupied in war work whom a telephone would aid in the performance of their duties. The Bell Telephone Company, which services Georgetown, is anxious, of course, to give all service within its power to district residents, and when applications for telephone installations are turned down in future months, as they are bound to be, the Company hopes that the public will accept it as a necessary war measure, which must be taken in the interests of the war effort.

If any citizen wishes to have a telephone installed, we suggest that he think it over in the light of existing conditions and be assured that it is a necessity before applying at the local Bell Telephone branch. Even if it is necessary, this is no guarantee that his application will be granted—it depends on how much material is available, and the Company will have to give priority to the most urgent cases.

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**The Editor's Corner**

**THANKS**

There's a saying that "if you want a job done, ask a busy man to do it," and this was borne out last week when our enforced absence from the office left the complete editing of the Herald in the hands of foreman "Mac" McGillvray. Adding this to his many other duties, "Mac," took it in his stride and turned out a most creditable job, which included a guest editorial. To him, as well as the rest of the staff, we are sincerely grateful for shouldering their added duties.

It was a change to sit at home as (we hope) many others do each week and wait for the Herald with its weekly budget of the district news. It was certainly a most pleasant surprise to see another letter from our anonymous "fugitive from a hockey train," and we're looking forward to his experiences at the High School Commencement which he has promised to submit for next week. And did you read the account of a radio address by Eric Knight—on page six. Mr. Knight, who is the author of "The Flying Yorkshireman," a Book-of-the-month Club selection of a few years ago, gave a graphic portrayal of conditions in England which makes a Canadian do a lot of solid thinking about the blessings he enjoys. If you didn't read it, look up your copy of the Herald and you'll get an idea why our young men are joining the army, and why we have Victory Loans and War Victims' Funds, censorship, price and wage restrictions, and all the things that go with total war. We wish that Mr. Knight could visit every city and town and hamlet in Canada and give us a few speeches like this. Perhaps they would do more good than all the advertisements and high-toned speeches and high-pressure salesmanship that we seem to need to make us conscious of our obligations.

**WASTE NOT, WANT NOT**

The city of Toronto has embarked on a sustained salvage drive, in an effort to salvage every scrap of valuable materials which might otherwise be burned, buried or destroyed. Canadians, used as we are to living in a land of plenty, are only now beginning to realize that we are wasteful and that we have slight knowledge of the meaning of the word "economy."

The time has come when we must realize that we cannot continue to burn and destroy our waste paper and rags, to bury our old metal and bones. If our supplies of every-day necessities are to be kept at their old levels, we must reconvert our worn-out products into new material which can be used to replace them. We do believe that it is time that the Government stepped in and gave some skilled direction and organization to salvage collecting. It has been left too much in the hands of individuals and organizations who must, of necessity, give only a portion of their time to the work. In Georgetown, the Lions Salvage Campaign has been underway for almost a year and has met as yet with only a small degree of the success that it merits. We have done our best to publicize the drive (and to give credit where credit is due, President Dick Licata has been practically a one-man salvage campaign himself).

There are, of course, certain expenses in connection with the campaign, but these are kept at a minimum and the bulk of the money goes directly into war work. To date there have been donations to the Soldiers' Comforts, Chinese War Relief, cigarettes for the Lorne Scots, as well as war savings stamps for public school children in the district. The more salvage is collected and sold, the more funds will be available for local war work, so we urge every housewife to do her bit. The Public School children, who are also conducting a salvage drive, are working in close co-operation with the Lions Club, and their receipts are put through the Lions Fund, and turned back to them for their own disposition.

Perhaps a few tips, already mentioned, will bear repetition.

1. Paper is not the only valuable salvage material. Rags, rubber, feathers, metals are equally important.
  2. Mrs. K. Preston is handling the collection of fats and bones, and these should be brought to her at the Empire Lunch on Main Street.
  3. With gas and tire rationing it is even more important that pick-ups be brought to a minimum. Citizens are urged to bring their salvage, whenever possible, to the salvage shed, and when pick-up is necessary, to save a good quantity before phoning in order to make the trip worth-while.
  4. Neat tying of papers will save collection time and expense, as well as making a bigger and more profitable load for delivery in Toronto.
- If everyone cooperates, many hundreds of dollars worth of salvage can be collected in this district every month, with the money realized speeding on its