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The Editor's Corner

HOUSE HUNTING

Many communities in Canada are today facing a problem which is new to them—the housing problem. The establishment of training centres and new industries since the declaration of war, has given us a large "moving population" and proper accommodation for these people must be found. Even with the government's price ceiling, and all the rules and regulations with regard to the renting of houses and rooms, we find conditions far from satisfactory in many congested centres. Rents are exhorbitant, and rooms and apartments far from satisfactory.

We read of one man's experiences in such a place. For days he got up before the crack-o-dawn have the edge on others investigating such choice ads in the morning papers as "duplex, facing park," only to find it was a cellar with half windows looking out on a street car track. Furnished places-well, he was amazed at the accumulation of junk some people could crowd into one room. Then there was the apartment he almost took. It had a good location, fairly decent chairs and tables, and only a few square yards of orange and red linoleum in the dining room. But the landlady's hesitation to open one cupboard door brought to light the unfortunate fact that a man lived up in the attic and had to come through his parlour to reach the street door. That was the last straw. He finally ended up by renting a motor yacht (fuel oil shortage made that possible) and mooring it beside a lovely park. He uses the cabin for a bedroom, and hange his wash out on deck. It is ten blocks from a grocery, and fifteen from a restaurant, and he has three feet of water to ewim in. He says, "Yes, there's a housing problem, but I'm lucky."

GEORGETOWN'S HOUSING PROBLEM

Judging from the great number of requests we receive at the Herald Office each week, asking-"Any new apartment ads in?" We would say there is a defin-He housing shortage in Georgetown too-although on a much less drastic scale than in the instance above. We can't help but think it's a golden opportunity for people who have two or three spare rooms, to capitalize on them. The factory at Malton, and the new training centre just established at Brampton have caused rooms and apartments to be at a premium in all nearby municipalities. Good business sense tells us that NOW is the time to have that duplex made and those rooms "done over." In this way you can do your bit to solve the housing problem in Georgetown.

OUR BATTLE OF WITS

None can deny the truth of the old adage "Truth is stranger than fiction," especially when applied to incidents which have taken place since we have been at war. Just at the moment, the "strangest truth" which has forced itself upon our attention is the impudent act performed by eight Nazi agents who landed on a strip of deserted beach near the tip of Long Island in the country to our south. It reminded us all too vividly of a picture recently shown in town, depicting the adventures of the crew from a Nazi sub stranded in North Bay-only it was in Canada that the enemy was striving to gain that first perilous foothold. We viewed the feats they performed to gain their end with amazed incredulity. Surely it was far-fetched-surely Canadians were more on the alert than to let all those dead giveaways go unobserved for so long.

But now we can see that picture wasn't farfetched, not in the least. What happened in the States, can and might be, happening to us right now. There are plenty of lonely wooded stretches along the banks of the St. Lawrence, stretches for more likely to escape observation than a Long Island beach. And enemy submarines have been reported in that vicinity more than once. We must take a lesson from our neighbour. The ease with which a Nazi prisoner-of-war can slip through our hands, even after actually admitting he is an escaped German, should convince us we are not as much on the alert for these things as we should be.

The eight men captured by the F.B.I. are known to be contact men and instructors of an already well-organized ring of fifth columnists now operating in the United States. There has been a systematic infiltration of Nazis into that country (and doubtless into ours) since before Hitler was at the helm in Germany. Their task has been to acquire citizenship and so pave the way for the persuance of their subversive activities under that protection. Evidently their idea is to conquer the country from within by having spies in the ranks of the armed forces, organized sabotage on a gigantic scale, and by fomenting political and social unrest.

We can't let that happen here. We must increase our vigilance and have our minds geared to face the fact that anything can, and HAS happened. We have a cagey enemy to deal with, even on our own soil. In this "battle of wite" civilians have a definite part to perform. Let's do it, and do it well .

Bombing Against

Article No. 24 BY HUGH TEMPLIN

described bombing planes, bombs and the effects of humbing To complete that story. It is necessary to write something about defence against

COEL DE Defence against bombs might be public, or defendire and offendire might be a more accurate division

The one conesu of thekers firewatering the bomb-proofing of build-ICER 40 far as that is possible. The SELLE PROPERTY OF SELES AS PARTY STOPpiles and fire-fubling equipment all designed to deal with combs after they

The other tockudes barrage ballown anti-aircraft guns, radio detectors, further planes and the attack on the air bases of the ecrees, all designed to destroy enemy residers

Brest bluffers

Bomb shelters are of many different bonds from the little private Anderson stations, would due out and arched over in the tark garden to have community affairs under the strets of large cities. The track-pard shelters them) or in an unused garage These much need to use them lately. the can be made more comfortable, with raids having fallen off heat, lights and even radios and tele- | None of three things saved Britain the family should be under the table enemy bombers that at last the Oer

crushed raid shelters Probably the safest in raiders train or water mains burrt

consists of building up all windows from Oermany with heavy brick walls, building blast walls in the interior and behind doors, and putting water tanks in the upper

War factories are usually camouflaged They may have fiat ronfs. painted to look like fields, or there may be more elaborate means which are probably still kept secret Netting painted, with bits of cloth hanging from it to look like foliage, may be stretched over small arens or over guns and mechanical equipment used

by the Army Incendiary Romba

bombs. Incendiaries have to be fought United Nations, and as soon as possible in the open. The first two minutes may as well, however, it doesn't do any make all the diference between success harm to think of the after-the-war

a city on fire.

speed and efficiency. bombing was water scarcity, when we will likely be the better of having water mains burst when hit by high explosives. That has been taken care of in London and other cities. Basements of bombed buildings have been made into great storage tanks. Where there are no such casements available. metal water tanks are placed in pub-

Destroy Enemy Planes

the effects of enemy planes, no matter after the war is over. It seems that how successful they may be, the morale there are a number of ways that we of the people would hardly stand up. may benefit from beeping on at the month after month. There must be saving ways that the war has taught some feeling that the enemy is getting us right at home but, as we said beit back, is losing something, too. That fore, the main thing to do right now calls for methods of destroying enemy is to see that the war is won and as

planes. Strangest of all these methods is the barrage balloon. These hang by the hundreds over London and in smaller WE DON'T suppose that any particunumbers over other cities and such important points as munition factories.

in color. They are hauled down in only, that mine and smelt a certain parks and public squares, the cable metal that is very essential in war-winding around a big drum on the time. One of these companies is quite

fices below low-hanging clouds, when small flome time up one of the Domthere are any, or out in the open sky. Inions of the Empire wanted to pur-A number of steel cables swing down chase one hundred and eighty tone of below these balloons, but they cannot

damage An enemy night fighter comes were shie to get permission to sell guns and chips off a wing against a cathir It actually does happen, appear- hundred and twenty-five tone would ently, though it looks impossible. This to forwarded on the 15th of May and and spous their sim

sircreft guns as well as berrage bal- made in regard to an order of this and ployed and also due to the entre purtours. The gums are of various along to werture. Promission to sell it, then chasse that would be necessary to wer-Apperently the Bolors is one of the errengements have to be made for time amatiret, next to the machine gun tat- protestion in thippens, spane, insurtarire, while some are quite large, ance, embange and many other ar-Everyone has even pictures of them rangements commonly called red tape. When they fire there is a bright flash However all arrangements had been at the gun and another in the air completed in regard to this order, the others the shell bursts Near the guns buyer supplying the boats to pick up are tikely to be literating posts and the shipment at the exporting port

openity displayed One of these, kept with no final instructions arriving secret for some time, is the radio locator, which detects commy planes tions before they come within eacht or must have been uncomfortable attable sound-a great advantage Along the A hole sould be due in the earth and counted area, one comes across mule an arch-shaped concrete roul built hate here and there, with small poles over it, with a druras) at one end The erected outside These are the detectfamily would so there when an alarm or stations I never use the toulde of sounded, and remain, altivist heat or one, but I probably would not have comforts of any kind A later driving- known what it was about anyway it ment has been to build shelters truide is said there are other devices, still the house, if the building has a cellar intered, which haven't been publicated tand many English houses do not have in Britain because there hasn't been

phones There is another type of thel- |during the days in 1940 when Hitter ter for home use, a steel-topped table was sending his planes over by the with steel legs combbe of carrying a hundred. In those days, it was the heavy wright without collapsing If fighter pilots who downed so many when the house collapses, the table mans couldn't stand the losses any supports the weight of masonry and longer, even though they had far more presents the occupants from being planes in those months than the RAP had Even now, the fighter plane is The cities have many types of air probably still the main defence against

London are the stations of the Under- | Pinally, there is the bombing of ground Railways These are far below jenemy territory, which may be dethe surface of the ground, are castly female in part, although lately it has reathed by the usual stairs and become mainly an attack on his facreceistors Hundreds of persons still tories, railways, canals and cities as sleep every night in these public places a whole. It forces Hitler to bring his Ocnerally, they are safe, even in the fighter pilots form Russia, to use in heaviest bombing, but twice there were an attempt to stop the British bombers heav) casualties when bombs did pene- Meanwhile, British fighters are attacking enemy airdromes, partly to keep To scale extent, important buildings them from sending planes to Britain, can be bomb-proofed It is an expen- partly to keep them too busy to attack use process if thoroughly done and British bombers, going to or returning

'As We See It''

FROM TIME to time we notice articles

in the Press regarding the conditions that will probably exist after the war and we understand that organizations have been formed to study the situation in that regard. Of Most of the defences mentioned are course, the main thing right now to do precautions against high explosive is to see that the war is won by the and failure. These bombs fall literally phase of the situation. Those who are by the thousand and only a small atudying the quartion as it may apportion but vulnerable spots, but those pear after the war are interested mainmust be controlled before they can set ly in the world-wide situation but for most of us the situation right at The way the British people as a home will hold plenty of interest. For whole are organized to fight combs is instance, we do hope that after the an eye-opener to a visiting Canadian war is all finished that our Service and might be enlightening to those on Stations will keep on closing at seven our side of the water who talk about o'clock every night and also keep closed "total war." Every able-bodied person on Sundays. We seem to be used to must take a turn at fire-watching in their shorter hours and as far as we some assigned spot. This is a cold tire- can see are getting along just as well some job but vigilance must never be as we did when they kept open day and night. Or again, we hope the The Air Raid Patrol system is an bakers will never go back to slicing organization of more highly trained bread again and doing it for nothing persons, with regular posts, where at that. It was a very foolish unwarnings of raids are received and to necessary custom if there ever was one. which calls for help are sent. The war- It isn't so easy to buy on the instaldens and others are trained in first ment plan now-a-days and that is also aid, rescue work, fire-fighting and all to the good. This habit of buying communication. I saw them at work in by mortgaging the future has been the one bombing and marvelled at their cause of much worry and grey hair. Another change that the war has in-The firemen probably have the most troduced has been the doing away with dangerous jobs. Some of the London the habit of buying a new car each fires must have been terrific, judging year. Now it is the other way about by photographs I saw in the Press and the idea seems to be to make the Club. Added to the regular dangers of old car last as long as possible. In fire-fighting was the unpleasant habit other words the war has taught us the of the German raiders of dropping foolishness of attempting to keep up high explosive bombs as soon as the with the Jones, and come to think of fires were well started. One of the it, we never did think enough of them chief handicaps in early days of the to want to keep up with them. Again

using and the benefits that we derive from that may be worth hanging on to. Again we will be forced to use weaker too and again we will likely be the better for so doing and will be continuing to use the lesser quantity after lic squares and in the centre of wider the war. Then there is the matter of formed the habit of saving what otherwise would have been discarded, we With all these means of combating will likely be still trying to be thrifty coon as possible.

lar person has a monoply on making errors or blunders. We know Convoys going out the Thames and that we make plenty of them and one through the Channe have barrage bal- has only to read almost any paper to loons being pulled along on cables be- notice errors that have escaped the proof-reader even. And if individuals The barrage balloons look lovely and make errors it lan't difficult to underquite harmless, like children's toys, stand that Governments and their They always remind us of hot dogs, numerous civil servants will likely with the end of the weiner hanging make plenty of them as well. In Canout one end. Most of them are slivery ada we have two companies, and two

back of a truck. They are allowed to large, the other, in comparison, this particular metal and it so hapbe seen except when the gas bag is pened that it was the amather of these two companies that they contacted It is the steel cables which do the After considerable correspondence they them this amount of their promous metal. The agreement was that one Most of us have little idea of

searchigh batteries, the latter throw- But the final word didn't arrive to ship ing long arms of light scross the sky the metal. The first date of shipment There are other weapons not so passed and then the second passed

Later on in June one of the officials to tine larger of these companies was talking to an official of the smalled company and during the conversation he mentioned to the other gentlemen something like this "You didn't happen to have an order for some of our metal from another Dominion to be shipped recently, did you? -and then went on to tall him that their first bad been receiving order recently and quiring what was the hold-up in their recent order for matel. It seems that somebody in the buring government's office had switched the correspondence from the amplier of these two Canschan commanies to that of the large and caused all the muddle. One can easily imagine that there may be CALLETT ERROR the but bombers up but the piter firty-free tone on June 15th Cutte a number of circles errors to the government circles in warting die to The parks are likey to contain anti- arrangements that would have to be the cause number of dril servants was

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