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The Editor's Corner

SEEING STARS

Have you noticed the sky these late August nights? We aren't addicted to that pleasant pastime, "stargazing," but we can't help noticing the number and brilliancy of falling stars. Scarcely a night passes without one or more of these meteors being seen. As Flammarion puts it in his picturesque language "Sometimes when night has silently spread the immensity of her wings above the weary earth, a shining speck is seen to detach itself in the shades of evening, from the starry vault, shooting brightly through the constellations to lose itself in the infinitude of space."

From time immemorial the heavens have held an element of mystery for mankind. The fascination of the unknown has always fired their imaginations. Worship of the sun, moon and stars was one of the earliest forms of religion. A great many people of today still believe in astrology—or the ancient art of foretelling future events by the movements of celestial bodies.

For us, astronomy, the science of today, has always held great interest. It becomes very complicated if one delves into it too deeply, so we usually confine ourselves to reading interesting facts about phenomena which occur frequently in the heavens.

The number of shooting stars we saw the other night brought to mind some interesting facts we had read about them. It seems that during the day, too, there are probably as many flashing across the sky as at night, but owing to the sunlight, they are unobserved. We are told that every 24 hours the dust of four hundred million meteors falls on the surface of the earth.

When the meteor, or shooting star, flashes into view, it is moving with such enormous velocity that it often traverses more than seventy miles in a second of time. Such a velocity is almost impossible near the earth's surface—the resistance of the air would prevent it. Aloft, in the emptiness of space, there is no air to impede its flight. It may have been moving round and round the sun for thousands, perhaps for millions of years, without suffering any interference—but the supreme moment arrives, and the meteor perishes in a streak of splendour.

In the course of its wanderings, the body comes near the earth, and within a few hundred miles of its surface begins to encounter the upper surface of the atmosphere with which the earth is enclosed. To a body moving with the appalling velocity of a meteor, a plunge into the atmosphere is usually fatal. It checks the star almost as a rifle bullet would be checked when fired into water.

As the meteor rushes through the atmosphere, the friction of the air warms its surface—gradually it becomes red-hot, then white-hot, and is finally driven off into vapour with a brilliant light, while we on the earth, one or two hundred miles below, exclaim: "Oh, look, there is a shooting star!"

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY

The tragedy which war brings in its wake is no respecter of persons. The whole world cannot know of and sympathize with the sorrows which come into the home of the ordinary individual, but when a grievous loss strikes the home of a family we all know and love—and which in a sense belongs to us, The Royal Family, the whole Empire shares its sorrow.

The death of H.R.H. Prince George Edward Alexander Edmund Windsor, Duke of Kent, Earl of St. Andrew and Baron Downpatrick, while on active duty with the Royal Air Force, Tuesday, August 26th, came as a shock to Canada and all Britain, when the Sunderland flying boat which was taking him to Iceland crashed and burned after striking a 1000-foot elevation in Northern Scotland.

We remember catching a glimpse of him when he visited Toronto about this time last year, in connection with reviewing the Commonwealth Air Training Scheme. He received a tremendous ovation from the crowd. We, in common with everyone else, were impressed by his unassuming and pleasing personality.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow, the Duchess of Kent, who just recently gave birth to their third child, to Their Majesties and all the Royal Family.

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

September 8th will see the opening of the new Fall Term in our Public School. About a quarter to nine next Tuesday morning, the streets will be filled with the sounds of childish chatter and hurrying footsteps. To most children it is a day of great excitement.

They are a notch higher on the ladder of education and their young minds are eager for new knowledge. The drug stores do a record business supplying the demand for stiff new textbooks and bright clean scribbles. Then there are the little "beginners" who are venturing out on a new experience without mother's ever-present guiding hand to help them. During the year to come they are going to receive not only their first lessons in books but also in life. These are the coming generation—the ones which these grim days do not consciously affect to any great degree. They are the ones who will meet and solve the problems of a post-war world fearlessly and with courage.

OLD RATION BOOKS VALID

Although a new ration book has been mailed, the coupons on the temporary ration card issued July 1 are still valid. This was pointed out today by the ration section of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board because of reports that some ration card holders were under the misapprehension that the temporary card coupons expired August 24.

The "A B C D E" coupons for tea or coffee were valid on and after Aug. 3 and can be used any time. The sugar ration coupons were valid on successive dates, the last coupon becoming valid Aug. 24, but any of the coupons can be used at any time after that date, the ration office explained.

The ration office also emphasized that there is no provision for farmers obtaining extra tea and coffee to serve help engaged for threshing. In the case of sugar, there was a special provision, whereby the farmer could obtain extra sugar on a purchase voucher, but no such provision has been made for tea and coffee. If a farmer serves tea or coffee to his threshing hands, it must come out of his own ration, or be supplied from the ration of the individual thresher, the ration office stated.

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What are these powers which one acquires in newspaper work? Promin-

ent among them are accuracy and observation. The good newspaper worker has to learn to state facts accurately, or his newspaper career is short. He has to be able to see all that is going on. He notes many things that less observant people never notice, and these things give color, life, and interest to his stories. The public gets a great deal for its money when it buys a newspaper. It buys the work of a group of people who have had one of the finest forms of training that life can give.



OUR FAMILY went through hard times once. It taught us that you can't keep your independence without foresight and sacrifice. We learned what we could do without when we had to. So we know that a real nest-egg means more than just compulsory savings. It means all the War Savings Stamps and Certificates we can lay our hands on.

They're safe. And they're an investment every Canadian should make. Why? Because they help equip our fighting men to protect everything we've got. And because, too, they pay back \$5.00 for every \$1.00 we put aside now. We've got to win this war no matter what it costs—and we've got to prepare against the time when the boys come home.

Buy War Savings Stamps from drug stores, banks, post offices, telephone offices, department stores, grocers, tobacconists and other retail stores. Certificates may be purchased for immediate delivery in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$25 from Banks, Trust Companies and Post Offices.

National War Finance Committee

Tea Coffee Banned By I.O.D.E. for Duration

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the I.O.D.E. Chapter, I.O.D.E. No. 1, was held at the home of Miss Jean Mackenzie on Monday evening, August 17th and took the form of a picnic and theatre party. The meeting was short and informal. First they attended to business at hand, with the report Mrs. C. V. Williams, president, Mrs. M. D. Barber, who was convener for the Mary League Tag Day recently held, reported that through the splendid co-operation of everyone contacted, they made \$108.45. A letter of thanks from the headquarters of the Mary League was read, expressing their appreciation of the fine work done by the Chapter. A letter from I.O.D.E. headquarters was read and discussed. They requested that all chapter functions, tea and coffee be dispensed with, in view of recent wartime restrictions on same. The suggestion met with the unanimous approval of the members. It was decided to buy ten turtle-neck sweaters to be included in the duty bags which the chapter is filling. Due to the fact that the 1st Monday in every month so often hap-

pens to fall on a holiday, members thought it would be a good policy to hold the meeting on the third Monday of each month instead, and decided to follow this course of action in future. Mrs. Urghart, of Toronto, spoke to the Chapter about the activities of the Port Credit Chapter, of which she is a Charter member. The girls from Cedarvale School arrived at 8.30 and enjoyed a picnic supper on the lawn. Mrs. M. H. Meyer was social convener for the event. After supper, everyone joined in an enjoyable sing-song, and at 7.30 members took the girls to Gregory Theatre to see Abbott & Costello.



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12:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
2:34 p.m.	4:45 p.m.
4:04 p.m.	6:40 p.m.
6:34 p.m.	8:15 p.m.
8:19 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
11:50 a.m.	11:55 p.m.

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 Passenger, daily 9:43 p.m.
 (Stops for Toronto and east of Toronto passengers only.)

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