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The Editor's Corner LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

The old year, with its joys, trials and tribulations has gone and in spite of the many difficulties which must lie ahead of us all, we face the New Year with courage, confident that we can conquer any problems which the future may hold in store.

To the Nation, 1942 has brought greater hope for speedier victory than was ever dreamt possible in 1941. The valiant Russians—never accepting defeat in the face of the most tremendous odds have won the highest respect of all freedom-loving people. Their gallant struggle to keep from being enslaved by the yoke of axis tyranny will write a glorious page in the annals of history. The Americans, with their entry into the war, brought a tremendous surge of vitality into the allied cause and their ever-increasing war production geared to the highest pitch, has helped us to match the enemy on equal terms at last. And last but by no means least, Britain—the only nation to take up arms in the cause of justice before she herself was actually attacked, who has experienced all the horrors of war and has had the stamina and grit to take blow after blow, coming back each time with more determination to wipe Nazism from the earth-where would our hopes and the hope of the world be to-day, if it were not for her?

To the indivdual, 1942 has been a year of change. Anxious times have been experienced by nearly every family we know. War has cast its shadow into homes which had never known separation and loneliness. Women who haven't worked for years have gone Into munition factories to help make "the tools." Girls as well as boys have been answering the country's call to the armed forces. Homes have been broken up and private business enterprises have faced serious labour and material shortages.

We've had rationing and restrictions of commodities which a year ago we would never have dreamed could have become scarce.

Yet all this has been taken in fine spirit with Sur eyes on the ultimate goal. As we start to run the 1943 gauntlet of higher taxes, more rationing, and additional restrictions, let us remember that upon our efforts may depend the success of others, thousands of miles away. Our resolution for the New Year must be to carry on, come what may, cheerfully and resolutely so that the clouds which began to lift in 1942 may fade into the light of even greater victories in 1943.

PRAYER IS POWER

A National Week of Prayer is indeed a fitting way in which to usher in the New Year. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week services are being held successively in the Baptist United, St. George's and Knox Churches.

Everyone who has truly prayed knows what a dynamic, beenficial effect it has on our lives. "No man ever prayed," said Emmerson, "without learning something.

The following extract from the Reader's Digest

expresses perfectly our thoughts on the subject: "Today, as never before, prayer is a binding necessity in the lives of men and nations. The lack of emphasis on the religious sense has brought the world to the edge of destruction. Our deepest source of power and perfection has been left miserably undeveloped. Prayer, the basic exercise of the spirit, must be actively practised in our private lives. The neglected soul of man must be made strong enough to assert itself once more. For if the power of prayer is again released and used in the lives of common men and women; if the spirit declares its aims clearly and boldly, there is yet hope that our prayers for a better world will be answered."

MILK REGULATIONS CLARIFIED

There has been considerable confusion in the minds of the public regarding the plan of reducing price

of milk, effective December 16. The plan does not in any way affect the prices received by farmers for milk they deliver to distributors. The reduction applies only to retail sales, and must be made by all classes of distributors, large and small, including the farmer who has a little milk route of his own. Anyone who sells milk to consumers is required by law to reduce the price to his customers by 2 cents a quart or one cent a pint. The reduction applies to every part of Canada, no matter what the previous price has been The order applies to all classes of milk, including cultured milk and flavoured dairy drinks. Sales of choco-Lete milk or other such drinks by the glass at funch coun-Kere and like places are not affected.

Through the payment of a Government subsidy. these distributors will be given a refund of 2 cents per

quart dirringements have been mille with the charter ed banks of Canada to pay out these refunds at their branches at the end of each calendar month, on sales made during that month. As the forms were not available at any bank until December 30, the banks are authorized to pay then the money due for the first two weeks period, Dec. 16 to 31.

FULL DUTIES OF LOCAL RATION BOARD OUTLINED

Canada's 547 local ration boards, of which there are 62 in the central Ontario region, are swinging into action this week, now that their functions have been outlined by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Liaison officers of the rationing administration of the board are attending meetings of each board to outline the duties which the local boards will take over from the ration administration.

"Local problems can only be dealt with effectively by local boards," said L. B. Urwin, Montreal, administrator of consumer rationing, "and the success of these boards will depend on the extent to which the people of Canada use them. Citizens should remember that these boards are manned by community members who are voluntarily giving their time to help them with their ration difficulties."

Mr. Urwin explained that the immediate functions of the local ration boards are: to serve their respective areas by issuing temporary ration cards to members of the armed services on leave of seven days or more; to supply temporary ration cards to visitors to Canada; to assist consumers who lose ration books; to record changes of address; to handle applications for ration books for new babies and handle complaints from consumers and the trade.

The local ration boards will be information bureaus for their communities, the administrator expained. In most cases they will make the necessary adjustments and in cases which cannot be handled locally the local boards will know where to direct any problem referred to them.

Georgetown local ration board, with Mayor Gibbons as chairman and headquarters in the Municipal Building, is now at your service.

EAT RIGHT - FEEL RIGHT

Beginning Monday, January 4th, Canada's nation-wide Nutrition Program was launched. Its purpose is to instil in Canadian minds the necessity of eating the right foods in order to build our way to greater energy and health.

Of course no short-lived splurge can hope to put over this all-important effort. The special emphasis is merely being placed on it this month, so that the importance of balanced diet and correct eating habits may be so impressed upon our minds that we will not slide back into bad eating habits the rest of the year. The women of Canada have a grave responsibility in their hands—the health of the nation.

Better health for Canadians, is of course, closely allied with increased production in war industry, and with the solving of the threat to our war effort through absenteeism; with a reduction in the number of rejections from the armed forces, and with a higher standard of efficiency and morale in civilian ranks.

The success of the program depends solely on individual effort. It's up to you to make the slogan on which the whole campaign is based, "Eat right - feel right," ring true.

CLIPPED — BUT WORTH READING

Many stories have been written about the oldfashioned country editor, and while our memory perhaps doesn't go back quite so many years, it is not hard to imagine just what type of men they were and their many and various duties. The New York Times claim the old-fashioned country editor still lives, and the nation is safe.

His name is Carl Broome and he edits The Brantley Enterprise, a Georgia weekly. His draft board showed curiosity as to how he filled in his time, and he told them. He wrote down his duties as they came into his mind. Sorted out a little, the list shows what goes on. Mr. Broome writes the editorials, solicits the advertising and collects and edits the news that goes into his paper. Then he sets the type, makes it up in the page, prints it and wraps the bundles for mailing. Then he washes and distributes the type. He keeps books, has bills to pay and must therefore collect pay for advertising and solicit, and collect for, subscriptions. The presses, newspaper and job, get out of order and he fixes them. The linotype gets out of order and he

fixes that. He deals with human nature. He has to "tell people where the local draft board is, tell others where the town's lawyer might be, tell still others that silly rumor they were excited about was only a silly rumor . . . pacify irate subscribers whose paper failed to arrive." Sometimes he is so busy that he will "scan the exchanges and maybe clip an item," but even a clipped item has to be set, the form washed and the type distributed. "In my spare time," he concludes, "I hunt and fish and play checkers." A wretched life, no doubt. But Mr. Broome wouldn't give it up for a castle in Spain, and half the metropolitan newspapermen in the States, as they read the delectable details of his life, will weep with envy.

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NOW RATIONED

Ottawa, Jan. 3-Rationing of news print paper to newspapers and periodicels has been announced by the Prices Board in a statement which said six for the publication of any newspay factors will be considered in establishing quotes to be granted publishers.

The Canadian rationing order carries the administrator in fixing each out plans forecast last October when the first orders Emitting production and of print paper from time to time delivery of newsprint and magazine paper were announced concurrenty in Washington and Ottawa, the Prices circulation changes prior to N Board said

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