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The Editor's Corner

BOOKS URGENTLY NEEDED

Have you ever had the privilege of being shown through an Army Camp? We have, and so feel qualified to say we saw first-hand how much books are needed by the army men who find it hard to fill in the hours when they are off-duty and far away from home and friends. Having a soldier-husband who likes to read has further confirmed this impression. New releases of books to the existing scanty supply are few and far-between, but nevertheless, are eagerly awaited. Even men who never bothered much with reading while at home have turned to books as an escape when lonely, and have become confirmed "bookworms".

If it is thus in the army, we know it is the same in the R.C.A.F., and the Royal Canadian Navy. Books, books, books,—they can't get enough of them.

The I.O.D.E. all over Canada has pledged itself to supply libraries in the canteens of all the forces. This is a gigantic task in which every Chapter of the organization has been asked to play a part.

This month a special drive for the purpose has been arranged across Canada. If you have any books to donate, kindly leave them at Hedley Shaw's Feed Store. If it so happens you haven't any books you wish to part with, cash donations to be used for buying new books, may be left at The Herald Office, or with any of the Countess of Strathmore I.O.D.E. Committee: Mrs. John Armstrong, Mrs. S. Mackenzie, Mrs. G. McGilvray. This is a small but infinitely important way you can help that serviceman you know.

FALL FAIR PRIZE LIST OF 87 YEARS AGO

In the year 1857, the Halton Agricultural Society was in its infancy, and at this time of year particularly, when so many Agricultural Societies are holding their annual meetings, it might be of interest to recall a few details of the prize list given that year. Many years ago bills advertising the event were found and the contents of the poster reprinted in "The Journal," Milton.

The prizes of 87 years ago, were payable in pounds, shillings and pence as the decimal system was not adopted until the early 60's. A pound "currency" was sixteen shillings, not twenty shillings.

There was a competition among the brass bands in the county, first prize being two pounds. The bands which competed in 1857 were those of Milton and Bronte. The former was led by the late Peter M. McKay, and the latter wore a very showy uniform, including frock coats and epaulets. Both were considered good musical organizations and there was great rivalry between them. Whether or not Georgetown had a Citizens' Band at that time we do not know. At any rate they were not entered in the competition.

Included on the prize list in the livestock section were 11 horse classes, 15 horned cattle classes, 6 sheep entries, and two classes to be competed for in pigs. There was a prize of one pound for the best boar and the best brood sow. Incidentally, the highest prize awarded in any class was one pound, ten shillings. There were grain, grass seeds and roots, fruit and cheese and butter prizes to be competed for. There was also a class which no longer makes its appearance on prize lists, headed "Domestic Manufacture", beneath which were listed, best piece white flannel, best piece checked flannel, best piece union flannel, best piece fulled cloth.

In that particular year, David R. Springer, was president, W. C. Beaty, secretary, and R. Row, printer at the Journal Office, Milton.

THE ONION-WEEPS

How true is the old saying, "We never miss a thing 'till we can't get it". No doubt many of us developed a sudden craving for coffee, tea, candy, or honey as soon as rationing was announced and we knew we wouldn't be able to buy much. The same holds true for another commodity which is now definitely scarce, one which we never thought we'd have to do without. We refer to the lovely, but nevertheless potent, onion. We've heard of people getting the "onion weeps" when they had them, but it seems onions can make you feel almost as badly when you haven't any.

Onion-lovers as a group have borne up nobly under the rationing of coffee and tea... have gladly spread the butter a little thinner... have cheerfully endured a reduction in sugar and sweets, with a weather eye on the wasteline... Even the cut in beer and liquor has brought forth few moans from their direction. But onions... that's a different story. Nothing tastes the same without them. To steaks and liver, they're very necessary, and what are fried potatoes without them?

Or dressing for the chickens? As for Dagwood sandwich epicures... they're wringing their hands in despair.

And the worst of it is we can't think of anyone who can help relieve the situation... unless it is "Mitch." But even the King of Onions doesn't seem to be saying much these days.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS PREPARE FOR POST WAR PERIOD

It is interesting to note how preparations for the post-war period are getting under way all over the country. Thoughts of how to meet and solve the problems of that unsettled period are not confined to the heads of government alone. Lessons learned from the last war have made the average citizen realize that conditions in his own particular town or city are what will affect him most, rather than any Ottawa directed policy of rehabilitation.

Reading the accounts of inaugural meetings in the "exchanges", it was gratifying to see that almost without exception the members of municipal governing bodies realized the responsibilities they would have in this direction, should the war end while they still hold office. In Georgetown, Mayor Cleave's inaugural address to council contained a down-to-earth suggestion, when he stated that it would be his aim to try to secure new industries for Georgetown, so that there will be work for our servicemen when they come marching home. The two or three hundred men and women employed in war plants outside the town at present also must have a place to work when production of war materials ceases.

In Milton last week, council decided to form a Rehabilitation Committee for discharged personnel of the armed services. A representative was requested from the Women's Institutes, the Manufacturers and the Business Men's Association, also two members from the Canadian Legion and two members of the Council. This is a fine example of translating thought into action, and we feel confident that such a representative body will do a good job of seeing that Milton's servicemen are properly rehabilitated.

In the final analysis it is the towns and cities from which the men go to fight which are duty-bound to find places for them when they come back to take up civilian life once more. As elected representatives of the people, municipal councils must take the lead in such policies so that such may be the case. From the look of things at present, they are not shirking their duty.

LEAP YEAR PRIVILEGES

According to an ancient tradition, women and girls have the privilege during leap year of proposing marriage to the men. Whether many of them ever exercise that privilege may be open to some doubt. Yet many of them may have said that where a man was showing them many attentions, he should either declare his intentions or let someone else have the first claim on their society.

How did it happen that a feeling has existed in the past that the initiative in marriage proposals should come from the men? This was accounted for by some on the theory that in the past at least, the man usually supported his wife, and that if a woman asked a man to marry her she was practically asking for financial support. As women have done their share towards family burdens by their work in maintaining a home, and by bearing children and taking on the main job of training them, it would seem that they should always have been free to propose this relation.

Perhaps the old idea about proposing marriage came from the old feeling formerly more or less prevalent among men that their sex was superior, and hence entitled to take the initiative in this intimate relation.

Today women are considered the equals of men, and marriage is looked at as an equal partnership between the sexes. Hence it seems that women should have the equal right to propose marriage when they wish to do so.

Success in marriage does not depend on who makes the proposal, but on the willingness of both parties to live in helpful and affectionate harmony. Some men are a little diffident and hesitating, and need a little prodding. They may be too modest about their own attainments and attractions. Perhaps the thing they have to offer is just what some very capable and brilliant woman desires, and if so she does well to encourage him and make the suggestion.—Peel Gazette.

HON. MR. GARDINER ANNOUNCES GOVERNMENT TO PAY PREMIUMS ON QUALITY HOG

Hon. James G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, announced on January 12th, that Canadian hog producers will shortly be receiving premiums on quality hogs from the Dominion Government; that an effort is being made to negotiate a contract with Great Britain for a four-year period, and that hogs may in future be purchased on a basis of comparative value on the market at a given time instead of on a price plan based upon premiums and discounts.

Mr. Gardiner stated that many years ago long before he had anything to do with the Department of Agriculture, the packing plants and organizations of hog producers discussed the possibility of improving quality by a system of premiums and discounts. It was accordingly agreed between the two groups that the market price should be paid on good bacon hogs and that a dollar premium should be paid on select hogs and discounts should be established against lights, heavies and

other off grade hogs in accordance with their value and for the purpose of discouraging their production. It was intended that this system would encourage the production of high grade bacon hogs and discourage the production of off grade hogs. The system has improved the standard of Canadian hogs.

INEVITABLE FATE OF TOO CLEVER NAZI SIREN

She (the Mata Hari of World War II, they called her) murdered a friend to steal her name, joined the French Underground to betray hundreds, spread a trail of terror across Europe—until death caught up with her at last. Read the story of the Nazi siren, in The American Weekly with this Sunday's (January 30) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times.

Many large Canadian firms have organized monthly "news-letters" chronicling the activities of former workers now in the armed forces and distributed to all parts of the world.

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