

**"As We See It"**

(By J. A. Strang)

**THE BOYS OVERSEAS** are getting a break right now. You will notice that those blue air-mails now come for three pence instead of six-pence as they used to have to put on. The air mail is giving real service now also. A letter posted in England on Monday now often gets here on the following Saturday. Good going we would say. We noticed in the paper the other day an account of a letter reaching Beaverton from overseas on the same day that it had been mailed in England. Of course that was an exception and while service like that would be appreciated, yet we will be content if we can get those letters safely in the course of a week. We do hope that the mails going the other way are getting through as rapidly as do the mails coming westward. After all it is the boys and girls over there that look for the ordinary news from home.

**THE RECENT** reduction in Hydro rates for rural communities amounted to about 10 per cent on our first bill at the reduced rate. We had thought that the reduction would be more than that, however, the number of hours that come under the first rate has been increased and it was that change that made the difference. Anyway even a ten per cent reduction, especially in war time, is appreciated. The larger user of hydro power would of course benefit more than would the smaller user as the reduced rate would affect his used hours that come under the second and third rate. Whereas the smaller user finds that most of his power used comes under the first rate charged.

**PERHAPS WE** tapped our maples too early altogether this year, anyway the sap hasn't run very much so far. In a letter received recently from Northern Ontario, where they really go in for making maple syrup, they write that those that tapped earlier have had to tap the trees the second time. The writer mentioned that they had just tapped their trees and had taken off their first syrup and mentioned that at the time of writing the sap hadn't been running freely at all. While we may still get some sap running weather, yet it is getting late enough and we wouldn't be surprised if it is another off-year for maple syrup as was last year. With the sugar shortage still in evidence the scarcity of maple syrup and maple sugar is serious.

**THIS SPRING** has been the most satisfactory spring in our experience for baby chicks. They didn't seem to be any trouble at all and to date we have lost very few, in fact we

haven't lost any more than half of the extra's that came with the chicks. As you know they usually put in four extra chicks for every hundred that you pay for when you get baby chicks. This year we got our chicks earlier than we did last year and we find that the earlier season chicks seem to be harder than the ones that are hatched later on in the season. Of course there is plenty of time yet to run into trouble with them but they have gotten away to a good start and that looks like half the battle. Baby chicks are interesting things to look after and we would have to be very hard boiled if we didn't get a kick out of watching them. As they grow older we give them different diases or containers for their feed and water and it is fun to watch them when a different container is set down in their pen. They look it over and venture a little nearer and then finally one brave chick has the nerve to taste the contents. They find it satisfactory and it isn't long until the whole flock are trying out the water or feed. Right at the moment it looks as though it will be sometime yet before we will be able to treat the baby chicks to fresh grass. However the scene can change very quickly when the right weather arrives.

**THAT SNOW THAT** fell last Tuesday was just what we needed. It was interesting to notice that after it had melted off the perennial bed so many of the early plants were showing above ground. Then too when that snow melted most of it soaked right into the ground giving moisture for the growing plants and also helping take out the balance of the frost that was in the ground. Of course we never do think that spring comes as early as we would like it to come, but it always does come sooner or later and we haven't much to kick about.

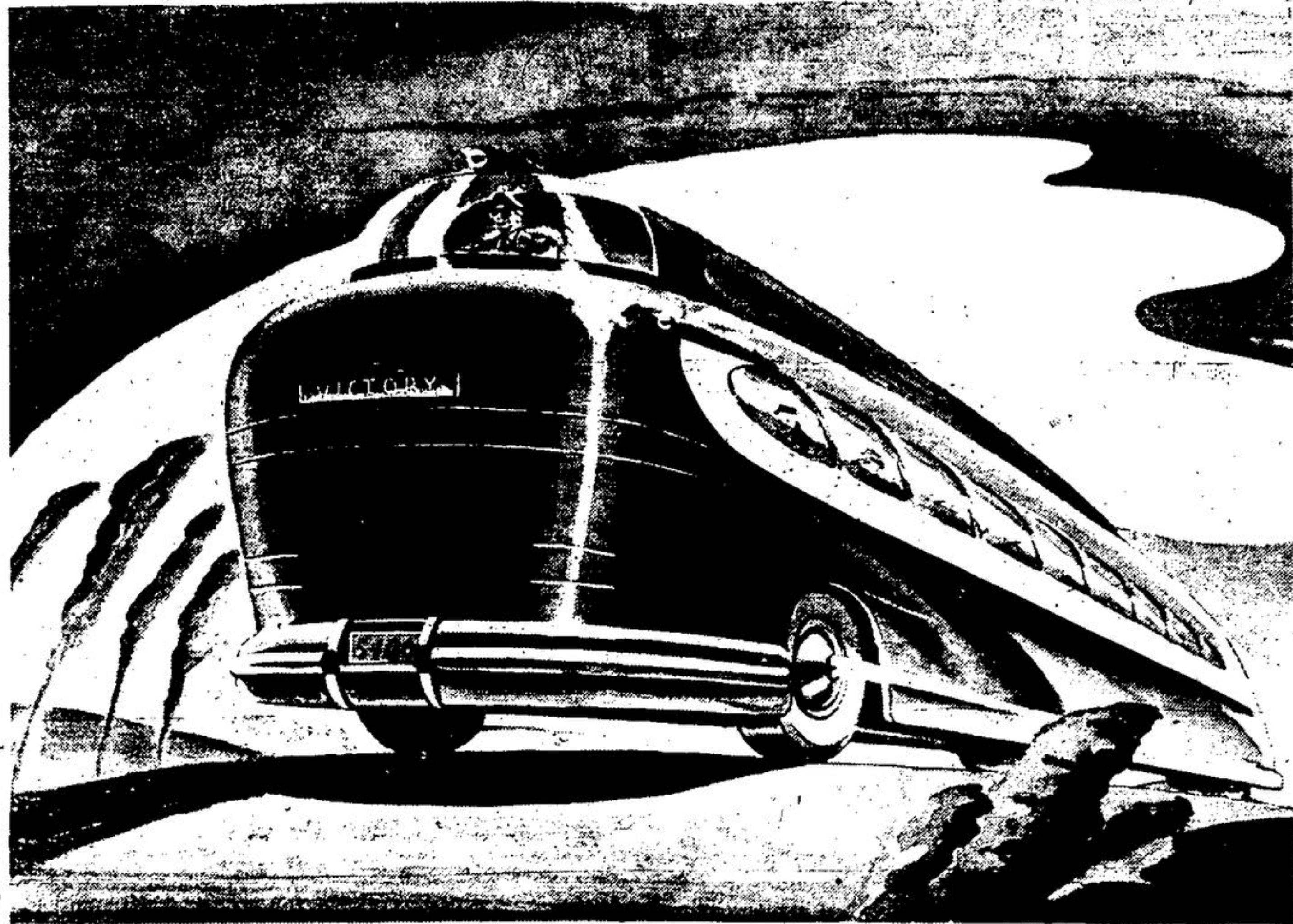
**ENGLISH SEAMAN HOLIDAYING HERE**

Ord. Seaman Arthur Frederick Miller from Southall Middlesex, England, now stationed in a U. S. port, is spending a week's furlough at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hancock, Jr., Georgetown, Ont.

**PTE. GEORGE LATIMER RECEIVES GIFTS IN HOSPITAL**

Mr. Donald Latimer has received word that his son, Pte. George Latimer is ill in hospital in Italy. George wrote that he wished to convey his thanks to Silver's Dept. Store for the 300 cigarettes just received, and also to the Women's Auxiliary of the Lorne Scots for their very welcome box.

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