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The Editor's Corner

MILKWEED LOOMING IN IMPORTANCE

Through the cooperation of the Public School children in Georgetown, Halton County, and throughout the Province, thousands of pounds of dried milkweed leaves have been gathered and sent to the National Research Council, for large scale investigations on the extraction and application of milkweed rubber-gum.

The leaves have been supplied to a pilot plant, which is a miniature of a large industrial factory. This plant is now turning out twenty-five pounds of milkweed gum daily. The gum is being forwarded to Canadian rubber companies for large scale blending tests. Results of these tests should be available in the near future, and will determine whether or not milkweed rubber-gum will have a place in the synthetic rubber industry.

We were interested to read of the many possible uses for the milkweed plant. The gum may be used in the manufacture of chewing gum. Already the floss is being used in the United States as a substitute for kapok for filling lifebelts. The fibre in the stalks can be made into paper, the seeds produce a valuable oil, and the roots have medicinal value.

It is quite within the realms of possibility that a commercial demand for milkweed products may be created in Canada, when the lowly weed will assume an importance we would never have believed possible.

SELF-RELIANT SMALL TOWNS

Many small-town weekly newspapers report that local organizations have set up post-war committees. These committees try to find out how many jobs will be available for the boys when they get out of uniform.

So far, it has been noticed, few small towns are proposing that local problems be settled by having the Dominion and provincial governments spend money locally to provide jobs. Perhaps the small towns realize they haven't the political influence to exert sufficient pressure on Ottawa and provincial capitals.

This is in pleasant contrast to the great cities, where there are organizations which are asking, or intend to ask, that the Dominion come forward and help in a big way. The bigger and richer these big cities are, the more certain they are that the taxpayers in smaller places should help them out.—The Printed Word.

EXTRA RATIONS FOR EXTRA FARM HELP

Extra rations of food for the extra farm help engaged seasonally in all parts of Canada, will be provided this year on the basis of a limit of five meals per person per day, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture has been advised.

This means that any farm household in Canada, engaging seasonal help for such work as threshing, silo filling, woodcutting, etc., will be able to make application for extra rations for these crews up to a limit of five meals for each member of the crews, if five meals are being served each day. This rule was in effect last year, but only in a comparatively small number of cases was it utilized to the limit. Application forms for the extra rations will bear a statement this year to the effect that rations may be applied for up to five meals a day per person, if required.

Ration administration officials believe that this extra allowance will enable farm homes to meet their needs for most rationed foods for the extra gangs. However, they also point out that sugar is still a scarce commodity, and no further concessions can be made in this respect.

PERTAINING TO THE HORSEPOWER SITUATION.

Transportation via "horsepower" has been coming back into the limelight again since the war has limited car-driving to an essential minimum. But it seems that even as car owners have difficulty in getting tires, so horse owners in some localities, are having difficulty in getting horse-shoes. Often a blacksmith has to be taken to the outlying districts where there is no local smithy to fit shoes on horses. Many weekly newspapers that come to this office have commented on this situation, and also speculated on what will happen when the present generation of horse shoers is gone. Apparently there are no apprentices to the trade.

Newmarket and Orillia are both "down on the heel" so to speak, as each place is using up its last remaining blacksmith, so the local editors are doing some speculating. Orillia's only blacksmith has just died, and

THEY'RE PUTTING VICTORY FIRST



In far away places the men of Canada keep Canada in their minds. Familiar names from home are not infrequent along the tough, steep road of the Italian campaign and here, in characteristic fashion, an Italian route intersection displays a name well-known to rural Ontarians. "Clappison's Corner" is familiar to all who live in the Toronto-Hamilton district. The picture shows Lloyd Moore, CBC engineer (left) and Matthew Halton, famous war correspondent standing with the CBC Mobile Unit number four at "Clappison's Corner", five miles from Ortona.

"As We See It"
(By J. A. Strang)

IT WOULD BE interesting to know why some of the Air Mail letters from Overseas come through so quickly while others of the same kind are so slow. Recently we had a letter that was written on a Wednesday, arrive here the following Monday and fifteen shortly after that we had another blue air mail that was posted April 9th, arrive here on May the 3rd. You will notice that all letters are censored now also and that must take time and we would naturally think might also cause a certain amount of delay, however they seem to be getting through very well considering everything. The boys find it difficult to fill their letters now as they are allowed to tell so little these important days. So far the censor hasn't deleted a single word from any of the letters that we have received to date.

IN A RECENT LETTER received from the North land, they were telling us about the run of sap up there this season. The run was not as heavy as it usually is, however, the quality was above the average. How much sap does it take to make a gallon of syrup? Maybe we should label this one the sixty four dollar question. Anyway the answer is forty gallons. What would you have answered to that one?

THERE MUST HAVE BEEN a great amount of work done last week. It was a real week for gardening and cleaning up wasn't it? Funny how the work seems to pile up all at once as soon as the weather is favorable isn't it? During the previous weeks it seemed as though we were just marking time and then all at once the weather man turned the heat on and work of all kinds swarmed our attention. We have mentioned the long awaited warm spring rain and we are still waiting for it as we write these lines. The outlook for a crop is better than it was this time last year right now, but we do need that warm rain. Out West they have had it too dry altogether and the outlook is discouraging for a bumper crop of wheat this year. We understand that they are doing away with the quota system in regard to wheat growing from now on so there will be no more paying the growers to not grow grain any more. The wheat surplus seems to be fading and if it should happen that this year's crop is below the average there might be quite a shortage of wheat. We never could see the sense of paying so much for not growing wheat. The more the grower didn't grow the more money he got as a subsidy. It just didn't make sense.

IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL YEARS since the land worked up as nicely

as it does this Spring and it is so easy to work as well. Last year the heavy rains had it pounded solid and it was difficult to get any much as top soil at all. This year the story is so different and with very little working we are able to get a nice deep seed bed. However we understand that on real heavy land the men are unable to get on the land yet as it is too wet for working. The worst of it is that the season is getting along and is later than usual now. As a general rule the later sown grain isn't as good a crop as is the earlier sown, however this rule doesn't always apply.

THE POTATO SITUATION HAS has "about faced" from last fall. You will recall that the potatoes were never too plentiful all winter and some stock was sold that was below par in quality. It seems that the ceiling price on Potatoes was jacked up a little each month all winter with the top price listed for the month of April. Naturally potatoes were held for that top price and this meant that potatoes were so scarce during the winter months that one hundred and fifty cars were imported from the State of Maine in the U.S.A. However when April rolled around there were more potatoes offered for sale than there was demand for and now the growers that held on to their stock find that they will have to use those potatoes for pig feed. The price offered even at digging time last fall was a very fair price and as a result there is very little sympathy being handed out to those growers that are really left "holding the bag", so to speak.

MANY FINE RECORDS MADE BY LOCAL HOLSTEINS

The largest record performance test completed by a Halton County Holstein during the past month was that of Mona Rag Apple Piebe, owned by Harold Bingham, Georgetown. As a four-year-old, she gave 15,601 lbs. milk, containing 616 lbs. butterfat in 365 days on twice-a-day milking. Close behind her in the same class was Fordholm Poosh Snow, the property of Emerson Ford, Hornby, with 607 lbs. butterfat from 15,051 lbs. milk; Rose Countess' REEcho, from the herd of G. Taaker, Milton, with 583 lbs. butterfat from 15,718 lbs. milk; and Leslynn Swan Lake Rag Apple, owned by G. Percival Leslie, Georgetown, with 568 lbs. butterfat from 15,064 lbs. milk. In the mature class of the twice-a-day milking section of the yearly division Rose Jemima Countess, the property of G. Taaker, made 559 lbs. butterfat from 15,334 lbs. milk and Segs Prilly Dixie from the Emerson Ford herd gave 551 lbs. butterfat from 13,972 lbs. milk. Ashville Bosena Funderne, a two-year-old owned by F. Pelletier, Milton, finished with 491 lbs. butterfat from 13,483 lbs. milk. In the 305 day division Re-Echo Pon-

town horses will have to be taken to the few remaining blacksmiths located in the suburbs if they are to be shod every six weeks as town horses should be.

At Newmarket, the Editor of the Era tells of a business man driving 28 miles (there and back) to Vandorf to get his horse shod. The smithy knows the size of the shoe, otherwise he might have to make more than one trip to get a new pair of shoes for his steed.

We noted some of the above comments in the Stouffville Tribune, and the editor there is congratulating the town on having a good blacksmith on the job all the time. As far as horse-shoeing is concerned, unfortunately Georgetown is classed in that group which has to "repair" to other centres when horses have to be shod. The village of Ballinafad about five miles out, is the nearest place where this service may be had.

Farmers who use their horses for transportation at this time have another axe to grind with regard to "horse accommodation" in Georgetown. We have no hitching posts or driving shed for them here. However, with the summer months ahead, and all the winter gas ration saved up for use now, the worst of that situation is over for this year.

tic Countess, still another member of the G. Taaker herd, produced 568 lbs. butterfat from 14,866 lbs. milk as a five-year-old while the Pelletier four-year-old, Ashville Margie DeKol, gave 494 lbs. butterfat from 13,404 lbs. milk and her three-year-old stable-mate Ashville Nancy DeKol, made 444 lbs. butterfat from 12,505 lbs. milk.

NEW COUPONS FOR EVAPORATED MILK

New coupons for the purchase of evaporated milk in restricted areas throughout the Dominion are about to make their appearance. They will have the same values as those now in use. In order to distinguish between evaporated milk which is bought in restricted areas and free areas the present G coupons are to be withdrawn from use in the former, where they will be replaced by new coupons marked "Evaporated Milk." The G coupons will remain in use in unrestricted areas. The replacement of G coupons with evaporated milk coupons will be carried out gradually as priority users apply for new cards to replace those which have been exhausted. Restricted areas include most of Quebec and southern Ontario, together with urban areas in the western provinces.

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