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The Editor's Corner

LONG AWAITED INVASION STARTS

Tuesday, June 8th, will stand out in our memories as the day on which the working, training, and planning of five long years culminated. The invasion of Europe by land, sea and air forces began at dawn that day, with British, Canadian and American men joining in the largest assault unit ever known. We on this side of the Atlantic had been waiting anxiously for "D-Day" to arrive—nerves were tensed, and it was with a feeling of relief, mixed with dread and hope that we received the great news of the start of the invasion. Letters from the boys in England had shown the strain of waiting was telling on them too, and we know that they were more than eager to get on with the job.

A glance at the world war picture today presents a very different state of things than was the case four years ago at this time. It was four years ago, on June 10, to be exact, that Canada declared war in Italy. Now our boys are in the thick of the fighting there, and Rome has been taken. And we can all still remember what a horrible shock it was when France collapsed on the 22nd of June, 1940. We hope it won't be too long before she too is liberated from the tyrant's yoke. In June, 1941, Germany began to invade Russia. Today Russia has conquered the invading enemy forces and is almost knocking on the back door of Germany itself. The actual landing and the formation of beachheads was more successful than Allied leaders had hoped for. Our men have punctured the other ring of the enemy's European wall of defence. As we write they are at grips with crack German divisions, battling for the right-of-way to Paris. The fighting is fierce and bloody, as all knew it would be. The news of the invasion in Georgetown, as all over the world, was ushered in with the ringing of church bells, and the call to united prayer and intercession. There were no celebrations, but only the intensification of that deep abiding prayer which has been in our hearts since September 1939, and will remain there until a final victory and a lasting peace is ours.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND

The Unemployment Insurance Fund has gone over the \$200,000,000 mark. It was announced today by the Unemployment Insurance Commission that the Fund, which is made up of contributions by employees, employers and the Dominion Government, had reached the total of \$200,811,213 on May 9th.

The Fund has been accumulating since July 1, 1941, when contributions by employers and employees started. Under the Unemployment Insurance Act, the Government adds one-fifth to the total amount contributed by employers and employees.

Amendments to the Act passed at the last session of Parliament raised the "ceiling" from \$2000 to \$2,400 and also provided for including persons in certain specified wage categories even when total earnings exceeded \$2,400 per annum. This was a factor in increasing the number of persons in the higher wage categories, to whom the Act applies.

On the first of next July, collection of Unemployment Insurance contributions will have been in operation in Canada for three years. Those three years have marked one of the highest employment peaks ever known in this country, consequently the Unemployment Insurance has been used very little. But after the war, when fighting men return and the production of certain specified war materials ceases, the true value of such insurance for the workman will become known, when unemployment, instead of labour shortage, will be the biggest problem our government will have to solve.

FARM LABOUR SHORTAGE CRITICAL

This year is no different from the past four years, when farmers have had to appeal to the citizens of towns and cities to assist them to garner the crops that help feed the world. The manpower situation is even worse than last year and as our armies liberate Nazi dominated countries in Europe, exports will be even more urgently required. It is important that no foodstuffs be wasted, for any reason, and it would be the greatest pity if such a situation were allowed to exist for lack of help, when a little extra effort would solve the problem.

The Ontario Farm Service Force has asked all municipalities throughout the Province to recognize this problem and to take steps to organize a plan whereby the farmers in each district will receive help when they need it. Halton's Agricultural Representative, Mr. J.E. White-lock, is trying to arrange for similar help this year. Then last year Halton farmers were fortunate in having 18 to 20 young farmers from the West transfer here to help with the harvest. It is to be hoped that these western men will again come to our farmers' rescue.

The important problem of farm labour shortage was discussed at the last session of Council, and it was decided to see to the appointment of the head of the town Farm Commandos. It has been announced that Mr. Clare Wilson will be the head of the local Farm Commandos with daytime headquarters at Hiedley Shaw's. Phone 185, and night calls to 457W. It is to be hoped there will be a good response from townsmen willing and able to give a helping hand to the farmer. Let Mr. Wilson know when you can help and he will inform you of arrangements for transportation and pay. Such help was greatly appreciated last year and in other years as well.

MARRYING CANADIAN GIRLS

There was some shaking of heads in Canada when the first batch of wives of Canadian armed men arrived in the Dominion. Here and there arose even a small wall. It was inevitable of course, for there is a good deal of glamour left in the United Kingdom, even after 50 many thousands upon thousands of captivated girls from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland have been leaving for North America over the long years.

But there should have been no wall at all. The very same thing has been happening here in Canada. Recruits under the Commonwealth Air Training Plan have shown quite a liking for the Canadian girls and many slow-moving swains have had their girls picked off right from under their noses by those attractive young chaps who have come here from all over the Empire and elsewhere to be trained as airmen.

The fact is that over two thousand British airmen trained in Canada have married Canadian girls. Note that these are British boys only. Many intend to return to Canada when the war ends and make their homes here, but others will take their wives to Britain when arrangements can be made. This interchange is all to the good and will help to keep the British family of nations in goodheart, as Mr. Churchill would say.

**Wedding Announcements
 and Invitations**
 DISTINCTIVELY STYLED
 The Georgetown Herald

**In a Letter to the Editor
 The Minister of Agriculture
 Stresses Need of Assisting Farmers**

The Editor,
 Georgetown Herald.

Dear Madam:
 It is natural and fitting that I should write you at this time. In the first place I write to express appreciation on behalf of this government and of this department of the government in particular, for the editorial influence given in support to our efforts to find and place volunteer "Help" on Ontario farms, in the past two years.

Secondly, I write to bring to your personal attention the problems facing us in 1944 and to ask, again, your cooperation and assistance in what could easily be our most difficult year.

With your valued assistance, we were enabled to develop and place in 1943 sufficient volunteer workers to permit Ontario farmers to harvest and save record field and orchard crops. These crops were gleaned in the face of a 23 per cent reduction in competent farm manpower. In 1943, with still further depletion in farm manpower, a measure and, therefore, doubly important yield was saved under most difficult harvesting weather conditions, which caused the crop to be handled many times in the fields.

Citizens of Ontario, from the youth of our schools and colleges, through all classifications of employment, business and professions, responded to the urgency of the need. It is evident, therefore, that the urgency was brought home to them clearly and forcefully. Without the cooperation of the newspapers and radio stations of Ontario, we recognize that the task would have been almost impossible.

This year—1944—we are confronted with what may be the most crucial situation of any of the war years. With the possible exception of wheat, the so-called pre-war surpluses of food products have all disappeared and difficulty is being experienced in maintaining even moderate stockpiles of commodities essential to our wartime requirements.

The most urgent need is for increased production of dairy products. We need all the coarse grains, and other forms of fodder, necessary to maintaining dairy herds at high production levels, that can be produced this year. The shortage of coarse grains caused by the small yield in 1943 resulted in curtailing of herds and decreased milk production. In addition, the consumption of milk by Canadians has increased substantially during the war years. Unless every acre of all Ontario farms produces during this year, Canadian civilians will be called upon to face greater sacrifices than they have yet experienced.

Ontario farmers have planted every foot of land. Crop indications promise a bumper yield. Much of our seriously depleted stockpiles can be replenished by this year's crops, provided Ontario citizens in urban centres will undertake to provide the assistance necessary to harvest and save the crops. For there exists as you probably realize, the most acute shortage of manpower—and especially of Farm Help—in our entire history. This task of supplying volunteer help on farms, my department has taken on. As you will notice in the attached proof, we have set up and perfected many organizations through our

Farm Service Force over the past three years. This year the efforts of all sections are being intensified.

Our task of enlisting the essential cooperation of the Ontario public this year will be difficult. In addition to overcoming the normal apathy and lack of information that exists generally, from year to year and "resistance" created by wartime taxation and restrictions, a degree of complacency has arisen, due to our improved position on the battlefronts and a general feeling that this is the year when Peace will come; at least with Germany. It is more than ever necessary to correct these impressions.

We attach to this letter a proof of an advertisement, which will appear in all Ontario newspapers within a week. You will note that the need of volunteer help is urgent right now. The advertisement appeals for volunteer workers in the "Farm Commandos".

We earnestly urge that you support our efforts in your news and editorial columns whenever possible, during the growing and harvesting season, but particularly at this moment. The haying season will be upon us in a week or two and men are desperately needed to save this important crop.

Perhaps the most valuable service you could perform at this time would be:

(a) In giving every possible assistance to the Farm Commando Group in your Community, or

(b) In using the influence of your Journal, as well as your personal influence, to have a Farm Commando Brigade organized, if one does not exist.

We are convinced that such support will not be only in the best interests of the communities you serve, but would constitute a vital service to Canada as a whole.

Faithfully yours,

THOMAS L. KENNEDY
 Minister of Agriculture.

**Poetic Lines from
 Local Soldier Boy
 Now in Italy**

These poems were sent to the Herald by a soldier in Italy who wishes to remain anonymous.

ORTONA

A proud and pretty town it was,
 Along the Adriatic coast;
 A place we'll long remember and
 A place of which we long to boast.

For there it was Canadians fought,
 A battle long and hard;
 To oust the Nazis paratroops
 Who fought us yard by yard.

Each building was a fortress and
 Each street a killing-ground;
 We took them on as best we could
 And fought them round by round.

As each blow fell, we took it well,
 Fought back with all our might,
 Each foot we gained, a victory for
 The cause we knew was right.

And when the final bell rang out
 Our counter-blows were counted;

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THE INFANTRY

Where soldiers, wearied from the fray
 Whose faith alone remains,
 To give them courage, so that they
 Can hold secure their gains.
 Who hold no fear for life nor health
 Of nights on foreign sod,
 And laugh aloud at death itself,
 Their faith is in their God.

Muddy trenches, water filled,
 In pill-box bleak and cold
 They stand their watch though damp
 and chilled.

While dramas of the night unfold,
 Where shadowy forms in starlit mist
 When moving to and fro,
 Are halted, secret password hissed
 'And challenge answered, soft and low

While tracer paints the darkened sky
 With intricate designs
 Patrols go out and brave men die,
 Far out behind the German lines.

Midst thump of shrapnel falling near
 While mortars sob and moan
 They do their job untouched by fear
 Each man a hero on his own.

They dream sweet dreams of future
 times,
 When wars and strife shall cease
 And poignant thoughts run through
 their minds
 Of happy homes and peace.
 They hold no terror of the foe
 His power nor of his might,
 They trust in God for well they know
 The cause for which they fight.

Alert and silent, brave and strong,
 They hold their lives at stake
 For well they know where they belong
 They fight for freedom's sake.
 They do their's with laugh and jest,
 While long hours pass away,
 Till time when they lie down to rest—
 When dawn unveils another day.

The Indian formation operating in
 Italy has the first Indian to command
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Passenger and Mail	7.02 p.m.
Passenger, Sunday only	8.31 p.m.
Passenger, daily	9.25 p.m.

This train was formerly the flyer but now stops.

GOING WEST

Passenger and Mail	8.40 a.m.
Passenger, Sat. only	2.23 p.m.
Passenger, daily except Saturday and Sunday	6.38 p.m.
Daily except Sunday	7.33 p.m.
Passenger, Sundays only	11.83 p.m.
Daily except Sunday	12.59 a.m.

GOING NORTH

Passenger and Mail	8.50 a.m.
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GOING SOUTH

Passenger and Mail	7.08 p.m.
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TIME TABLE
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 Daylight Saving Time
 LEAVE GEORGETOWN
 FOR TORONTO

7.04 a.m.	6.44 p.m.
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2.24 p.m.	b 10.09 p.m.

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