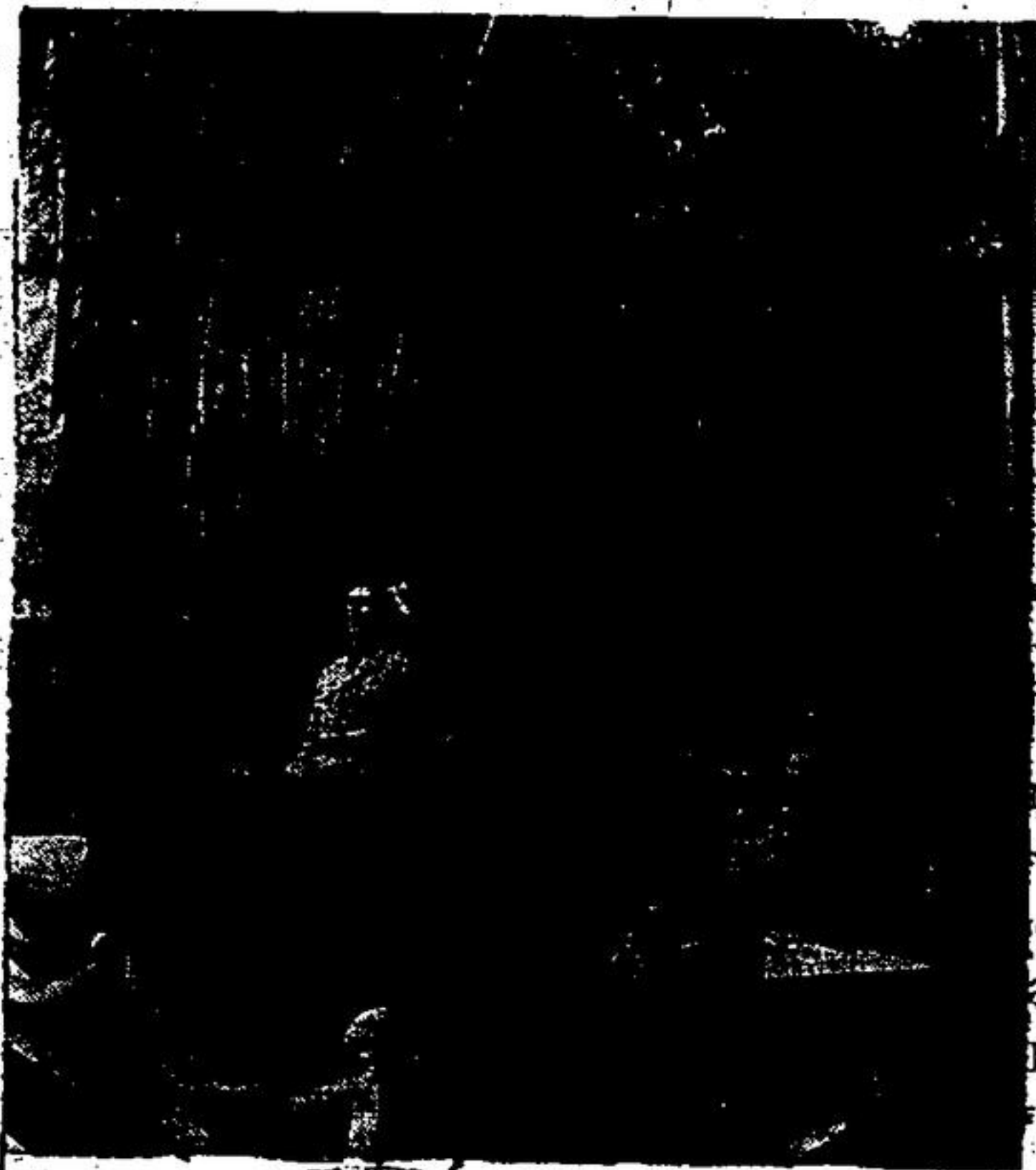


### DeGaulle Speaks From Peace Tower, Addresses Crowd on Parliament Hill



General Charles de Gaulle speaking to some 10,000 Canadians gathered beneath the Peace Tower on Ottawa's Parliament Hill, declared that Canada's assistance had done much to help France "stand upright and united again". France had found comfort and support in Canada, General de Gaulle said, for she had trained fighting French aviators, armed French soldiers, fed and clothed French prisoners. The French leader spoke in English and French, after being introduced by Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. L. S. St. Laurent.

### County Council Meeting

County Council Grants Permission to Board of Trade for Use of Victoria Park and Removal of Two Trees—Some Forester Commends Council on Re-forestation—Insurance Placed on County Buildings.

Halton County Council met in Milton last Tuesday, July 21. The Warden and all members were present with the exception of Mr. C. V. Hillmer. Following the reading of the minutes and communications, Mr. L. O. Marriott, Zone Forester for the Dept. of Lands and Forests reported to the Council on his inspection of the County Forest last month. He commended the County for the good planting and the work that had been done in the past two winters and hoped that additional land would soon get acquired. He said that Trafalgar and Nelson would benefit by a greater degree of moisture if more trees were planted in Nassagaweya. Increased reforestation would also be an insurance in times of unemployment as many men could be employed in thinning and improving the woodlot.

Mr. Marriott was assured by the Council that the matter of acquiring new land is already under consideration.

Reeve W. J. Robertson, Chairman of the Good Roads Committee gave a detailed report of the work done on the county roads to July 7, expenditure for the same amounting to \$31,686.06.

Finance, Printing and Hospital Committees recommended payment of accounts.

County Buildings Committee asked to have a letter from the Milton Board of Trade discussed. This letter requested that permission be given for the removal of two trees in Victoria Park to provide sufficient space for a soft ball diamond for the juveniles of the town. It was moved and seconded by Craig and Blair that the Milton Board of Trade be given permission to cut down smaller trees mentioned in the letter and that five lowest branches of the larger tree be trimmed off.

Also in connection with Victoria Park was a communication from some of the residents in that district which read as follows: "We, the property owners and tenants adjacent to Victoria Park respectfully petition you to cause the discontinuance of the above mentioned park as a playground for children. We heartily concur that the children of Milton should have a playground, but feel that a more appropriate place could be found, a place more remote where the continuous noise would not be heard to the same extent. During the past week from 7:30 a.m. until late in the evening, Sunday included, the noise has been most pronounced and has certainly been unbearable to persons in the park vicinity, especially to a few aged persons who are far from physically well. Furthermore, no sanitary provisions have been made for these children which makes it more objectionable. Without doubt if these conditions are to obtain the value of property in this area will not be enhanced, rather the reverse. Gentlemen, your prompt and sympathetic consideration of this matter will be appreciated."

Twenty signatures were affixed to the letter.

Council were of the opinion that the matter was one for the local municipality to deal with and requested that the clerk send a copy of the letter to the local Board of Trade. In response to a question by Dr. Heslop it was agreed that if, and when, per-

mission should be requested for the erection of sanitary accommodation, such permission should be granted, provided plans and maintenance met with the approval of the Council and were not in danger of becoming a nuisance or a public eyesore.

County Buildings Insurance was again discussed in detail following a report sent in by A. W. Betsou of Toronto who had been called in to make a valuation of the County buildings for insurance purposes. The insurable value of the County buildings, including Registry office and Governor's dwelling was appraised at \$122,000 with apparent replaceable value less 10 per cent. for depreciation—\$77,802.00. It was finally moved by J. M. McDonald and Dr. Heslop that we place the insurance on the County buildings with the General Fire and Accident Assurance Company by taking a blanket policy with a coverage of \$100,500 and a premium of \$558.69 for three years. The aforesaid company agrees to distribute premiums equitably among previous local agents concerned—Carried.

Other motions passed were as follows: Moved by Blair and Campbell that the following accounts be paid: Finance \$3,272.60; Printing \$115.38; Agriculture \$136.96; County Buildings, \$238.32; Hospital Accounts \$472.70; Total \$4,235.96.

Moved by Mrs. Pettit and W. J. Robertson, that the clerk be instructed to convey to the C.O. of the Lorne Scots the sincere thanks of the Halton County Council for their most generous hospitality at Niagara Camp on July 9th.

Mr. Blair gave a report of a session of the Department of Municipal Affairs dealing specifically with Assessment, which he had attended and from which he had gathered information which he thought would be of great value when the time came for revised equalization of assessment for the county. The matter was left over for the present.

Mr. J. M. McDonald was chairman in Committee of the Whole.

It was decided that no meeting of the County Council would be held in August, the next meeting therefore is scheduled to take place on the second Tuesday in September. Council adjourned.

"A SOLDIER TALKS TO GOD"  
God moves in a mysterious way  
To move His erring sons to pray:  
A soldier on the battle-ore  
From sky, a vision did receive;  
Much food for thought we must allow  
Are in his words that follow, now:  
"O God! I did not know (that's true)  
The reason I've not talked with You!  
Some told me You did not exist!  
(I'd like to give to them my fist!)  
Last night, from trench I saw your sky!  
I figured, then, they'd told a lie!  
I thought of many things you've made;  
(Those folks weren't calling spade a spade)  
O God! You're big and great, and grand;  
But yet I feel You understand.  
I had to be in this bombed place,  
Before, in mind, I saw Your Face!  
I hardly know just what to say;  
(I never learned the way to pray!)  
The zero hour is nearly here;  
I'm not afraid, God! You are near!  
The signal! God! I've got to go!  
"I trust you," I want You to know  
It's going to be an awful fight;  
I may be at Your Home tonight!  
I wish I'd talked with You before;  
Please meet me when I'm at Your Door;  
O God! I'm crying! Shedding tears!  
I wish I'd known You in past years!  
And now, I'm off! But not "Good-bye"  
We'll meet quite soon if I should die!"  
—P. A. Shredwick

### IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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#### Lesson for July 23

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#### WOMAN'S PART IN NATIONAL LIFE

LESSON TEXT—Judges 4:1-10, 13-14. GOLDEN TEXT—Who knoweth whether there art seeds to the blazon for such a time as this?—Ezra 4:14.

Women of our day have unprecedented liberty of action and almost limitless opportunity to show their ability to meet responsibility and to accomplish great things. They are measuring up to that opportunity both in the armed services and in the multitude of tasks they are creditably carrying on in civilian life.

To those who seem surprised at their response to the nation's need, the church could well testify that women have always served well in those things which count most for God and country.

I. A Woman Can Rule (vv. 1-5). God has established an order in the world which places woman where she best fits—in the home. There, under the guidance and with the help of her husband, she exerts her most powerful influence in the rearing of children. That is her normal, most effective and most blessed position.

But all too often conditions in the world are not normal, and woman, like man, is thrown out of the customary orbit of existence. Deborah faced such a day. Israel had sinned and been given over to the chastening hand of the Canaanite. Then God heard their repentant cry and was ready to send a deliverer—as He did in the case of each of the judges. Apparently no man was ready to take up the responsibility, or willing to thus serve God, and so He called Deborah. She sat under her palm tree and Israel came to her for judgment.

She typifies many women who have been the leaders of their people, and her story has been an inspiration to women in the church. May many more be encouraged to take up the weighty problems of moral and social righteousness, which the men of our nation (and others) do not seem to care or dare to attack!

II. A Woman Can Lead (vv. 6-9). Barak was a man of ability. Deborah gave him full credit for his capable service (5:1, 12), but evidently he lacked that initiative which would send him into conflict with his people's enemies. Without Deborah he would not go (v. 8), under her leadership he was willing and courageous.

It is easy to ridicule Barak, and no doubt he deserves some measure of censure, but let us not be too severe on him. When the records are all in, it will be known that many of the feats of courage, the high and noble decisions, the victories in the fields of science and culture, and particularly those things that have been accomplished through the church, were the result of the leadership of some woman.

Many are the distinguished national and spiritual leaders who have said that all they were and had accomplished they owed to their mothers. Others speak with high appreciation of a noble and inspiring wife.

Think also of the many social and religious causes which have been largely carried on by determined and sacrificial women. Yes, a woman can lead, and often she must lead out to get the men to follow.

No all the pursuits of life are lived out in peace and in preparation for war. The time comes when battle must be joined, and then we see that.

III. A Woman Can Fight (vv. 13-16). True it is that it was Barak who led his army, but he went out at the word of Deborah. Hers was the responsibility for strategy, for the determining of that important D-day, when the blow must be struck.

The courage of women in the battles for country makes an inspiring story. Not the least of that courage has been shown by those who have quietly stood "by the stuff" with their cherished loved ones, who have borne the dark hours of loneliness, uncertainty and often of heart-piercing sorrow. They shall not be without their reward (see I Sam. 30:24).

This is the place to say a further word of appreciation of the women of the church who have fought such a valiant fight against liquor, social degradation, vice, evil politics, etc. "Hats off to them!" May they be encouraged to go on.

Then, too, one ought to say a word of sad and earnest admonition to those countless women who have used their great freedom in our day as a license to live wicked and ungodly lives. They do not have the courage to stand against the loose moral standards, the common acceptance of intoxicants, the immediate apparel of the day.

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#### Lesson for July 30

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#### GIDEON'S FAITHFUL FEW

LESSON TEXT—Judges 7:4-7, 15-21. GOLDEN TEXT—There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few.—I Samuel 14:6.

Man-power is said to be the secret of victory. Our nation is concerned about the shortage of man power in critical manufacturing centers. The armed forces are calling for more, and more men and women.

That will all make it a little strange to study and teach the lesson for today, for here is the story of a crucial military campaign in which the leader, Gideon, was told by God to cut down his forces. This happened again and again, until he had less than one per cent of his original force, which was none too large, humanly speaking.

What singular thing was going on? God was at work and He did not want Israel to look to the arm of flesh, but to Him.

Three questions are raised and answered in this interesting story: I. Quantity or Quality? (7:4-7). The Lord is looking for men to do His work, but He cannot use men who are afraid or careless. This was the lesson Gideon learned, and it applies to our day as well.

When Gideon started out he had 32,000 men (Judg. 7:3). Not willing that they should glory in their own strength and knowing that many of them were cowards at heart, the Lord told Gideon to let those who were afraid, go home. When the mob had left there were only 10,000 left.

How sad it is that so many are "fearful and afraid" (v. 3) when it comes to going into battle for the Lord. They sing cheerily, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross; let courage rise with danger," etc.; but when the bombs of Satan begin to fall, or the bugle calls for an advance into the enemy's territory, they have disappeared to places of comfort and safety. What good are such soldiers? The Lord told Gideon to send them home; perhaps the church should do the same.

Then came the second test which appears in our lesson. Those who took the comfortable and easy way to drink (v. 8), were not alert and ready. Down went the number to 300; but these were men who were ready to obey, who were alert and courageous.

The church needs to learn that large numbers are not the answer to her problems. God is interested in numbers, be sure of that, but He is more concerned about quality than quantity. Let us get more people who are truly regenerated into the church, and not just more people.

II. Man's Power or God's Power? (vv. 15-18).

Since man was the plan for recruiting, the plan of battle was even more unusual. Lights, broken pitchers, and trumpet blasts are hardly the accepted weapons of warfare, nor does the method sound like military strategy.

This was no time for questions, for logical arguments, for the usual organization of war, for now God was about to work. He was ready to show His power quite apart from the ability of man, and He had a right to work as He would.

Wise and blessed is the church which knows that there comes a time when the thing to do is to put plans aside and let the Lord work. No one will question the value of organization and proper church "machinery," but we need to ask ourselves whether we have not become so organized that we impede the work of God.

Observe on the other hand that it was "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon"—not just the sword of the Lord. God is all-powerful. We must not hinder His glorious working. But He works through men, do not forget that! He used Gideon, and He used Gideon's little band.

God's power must accomplish His work, but that power flows out to the world through yielded and obedient men.

III. Running or Standing? (vv. 19-21).

The enemy "ran and cried and fled." The sword of the Lord and of Gideon had put them to rout. Well may the enemies of God be terror-stricken when He begins to work through His servants. He will do all this was done "by faith," for we find Gideon's act of turning "to fight the armies of the aliens" listed among the exploits of faith (Heb. 11:34).

### School Opening

Ontario high schools will open Sept. 5. It was stated recently by the Ontario Department of Education, but any secondary school board may postpone the opening date up to a month later if the number of pupils engaged in special work makes this necessary. This work includes harvesting, preserving, processing and canning and boards must notify the department of any extension.

#### MILTON

The grim reality of war came to another Milton home this week, when Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morley received word that their son, Pte. George Morley had been killed in action in France on July 9th.

On Sunday morning, July 23rd, at 11 a.m. his Lordship, the Rt. Rev. L. W. B. Broughall, Bishop of Niagara, will celebrate holy communion and preach at St. George's Church, Lowville.

Pte. O. Carl Turner, 23, who was previously reported missing following the Dieppe raid, is now officially reported to have been killed in action, his mother, Mrs. Howard Turner, Colborne St., E. Oakville, has been informed.

Eleven Milton girls, returned home yesterday from attending the Humber Valley Girls' Camp near Bolton. They were accompanied by Miss Jean MacNabb, who was a member of the Camp Staff.—Champion.

#### ACTON

Pte. Leo Close was reported severely wounded while serving on the invasion front in France. Definite information of the extent of his injuries has not yet been received by his mother, Mrs. Thos. Close, Church Street.

Rev. Mr. Vaughn of Glen Williams has been supplying at Churchill in the absence of Rev. Mr. Foreman who is on holidays.

Funeral services were held for the late Henry Leachman, life-long resident of this district, who would have reached his 78th birthday had he lived for another four days. Mr. Leachman passed away Wednesday, July 12th at his residence in Aberfoyle, after an illness of about six months.

At the regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission, Superintendent Wilson reported that a few water meters were yet to be installed. A notice is to be run in the paper notifying each consumer that they were responsible for the protection of the water meters from frost and other damage.

During the heavy electric storm last night the street lighting transformer was burned out. This put 146 street lights out of service.—Free Press.

#### BRAMPTON

Meeting in open session, the Town Council voted Monday to increase the salary of Mayor W. A. Bates to \$500 annually. Previously the mayor received \$300 yearly plus \$120 a year in fees for attending council meetings. Under the new salary schedule, the mayor will not receive compensation for attending meetings.

In an attempt to solve Brampton's bicycle parking situation, the Town Council agreed on Monday to provide a number of portable stands for the use of cyclists. The stands will be situated on the roadway in front of the post office, in the alleyway adjoining the A. & P. Store and on the roadway beside Loblaw Groceries.

Lieut. E. F. "Ted" Conover, son of Col. and Mrs. R. V. Conover, has arrived back in Canada according to word received here yesterday. Lieut. Conover was wounded in the Italian theatre of war early in May.

Plans of the Armstrong Bros. Construction Co. for a new \$90,000 garage on Queen St. E. are dormant at the present time and no work will be undertaken at least until fall, it was disclosed last week. "We'll build it as and when we can get the steel," explained Earl Williams, Company representative.—Conservator.

#### BALLINAFAD

The annual meeting of the Baby Band was held Thursday afternoon, July 20th at the home of the Superintendent, Mrs. F. J. Shorthill. The devotional exercises were taken by Mrs. W. Brennan and Mrs. J. McSherry. A program of recitations and songs was rendered by the children and a very suitable reading was given by Mrs. Stanley Sinclair. Mrs. R. Warne, Mrs. J. Kirkwood and Mrs. J. McSherry brought greetings from the Auxiliary. Three of the children graduated into the Mission Band and Mrs. Foreman presented them with pins and spoke encouragingly to the little ones.

After the program the hostess served dainty lunch and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Evans of Toronto is spending a few days with her sister at the Manor. Rev. Joe Dempster of Johnston City, Tennessee is visiting his mother at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. McSherry. Misses Lena Perryman, Betty Riddler and Joanna Shorthill are spending a week at Ryerson Beach Summer School, Normandale, Ontario. Mrs. Peter Cole left Friday morning to spend some time with her sister at Winnipeg Beach.

### TORONTO COMMANDOS HELP FIFTY HALTON FARMERS

Since June 27th, one of the Robert Simpson or T. Eaton Company trucks is to be seen almost daily in the County of Halton. From 15 to 30 Commandos from Toronto come out each day. Fifty odd farmers in this County have to date received this assistance for varying periods. We learned from the Agricultural office in Milton that up until the end of last week these men have given the equivalent of 343 days' work. In answer to our query as to the ability of these men to assist in haying, Mr. Whitelock answered that all had good intentions, they naturally varied considerably in their experience, physical fitness, etc. He further stated that at least 80 per cent of the farmers receiving this help had been well satisfied with the assistance received. We also learned that upwards of 20 Halton farmers had received holiday workers who remained anywhere from 3 or 4 days to two weeks.

We also inquired re Western Farm Hands and learned that to date thirty men had been received from Saskatchewan and these had been placed with as many different farmers.

Commandos from local centres have also been going out to a limited extent and now that wheat harvest is under way, it is anticipated that many professional and industrial workers will volunteer for two or three hours after supper to assist with stacking. If our reader is in a position to render such assistance, phone local commando headquarters at once. Farmers requiring such help, should contact the same official.

Waste not—Want not! When vacation days are over

And it's back to town again—

Don't leave us at your cottage

Like poor FORGOTTEN MEN!

You see, there's such a SHORTAGE—

of both bottles and corks... it's downright wasteful to leave a lot of them at your summer cottage, when they might otherwise be put to good use all winter long. For bottles and corks are used over and over again. So please return your summer's collection of empties, in their original cartons, sew— to your nearest Brewer's Retail Store, and help us maintain steady supplies for you this winter.

Thank you!