

The Fifth Man

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THE bombing had stopped when the lieutenant came with the men into the officer's dugout. The colonel's lean weathered face looked almost cruel in the uncertain lantern light. He stood and returned the salute and was displeased to note there was one man too many. "I asked for four men, Lieutenant," he said stiffly.

"There were only five left in dugout C, sir. All volunteered." The colonel was no longer young. His shoulders sagged. And the chance these men must take terrified him. "Men," he said harshly, "the boat will hold only five—Lieutenant Culver and four rowers." He looked sharply at the faces, gray in the shadows, stabbed a finger at the man on the right. "You," he ordered, "will remain behind."

"The rest of you listen," the colonel hurried on. "You are to row Lieutenant Culver across the river where he will receive a dispatch from one of our agents. The boat is ready. The oars are muffled. Needless to say, the less noise you make the better. God pity you if you fall into enemy hands. You have one chance in ten. It's that one chance we're counting on. You are to shove off in exactly ten minutes." He sat down heavily. The lieutenant led the men out.

The colonel turned to the one who remained. "I asked you to stay," he said not unkindly, "because you look exhausted. Go back and rest." The man moved forward. "Listen, sir," he gasped, "you've got to let



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me go. They'll never make it without me. I tell you, I've got to go!" The colonel began filling the heavy bowl of his pipe. "Sit down," he said soothingly. "You seem unstrung. What's your name?"

"Private Ellis, sir. Will you listen to me for a couple of minutes? I'll talk fast—I'll have to, or they'll be gone. Let me tell you why they'll never make it without me. Please, Ellis leaned forward. "People get hurt or killed when I'm left behind. Let me explain. The first time I realized it was when I was a kid—just twelve. I lived in the country. A neighbor boy invited me to stay with him one night. Just as I was ready to go, my dad hurt his hand, and I had to stay home to help milk. A tornado destroyed the neighbor's house—and the entire family."

The colonel had forgotten his pipe. "Go on," he said.

"There isn't much time left, sir. I could tell you a dozen things that would prove what I'm trying to say. There was a time I was flying at the West Coast. We stopped at a town in New Mexico. Four Army officers were to be taken on, and that meant four passengers would have to get off. I was one of the four. That plane never reached its destination. Now, don't you see why I must go?"

The colonel got to his feet. He turned sharply on Ellis. "This is a lot of nonsense," he rasped. "Such things don't happen, but—" he glanced at his watch, made up his mind. "Follow me, Ellis. We can catch them if we hurry."

He led the way to the river's edge. "Lieutenant Culver," he called softly.

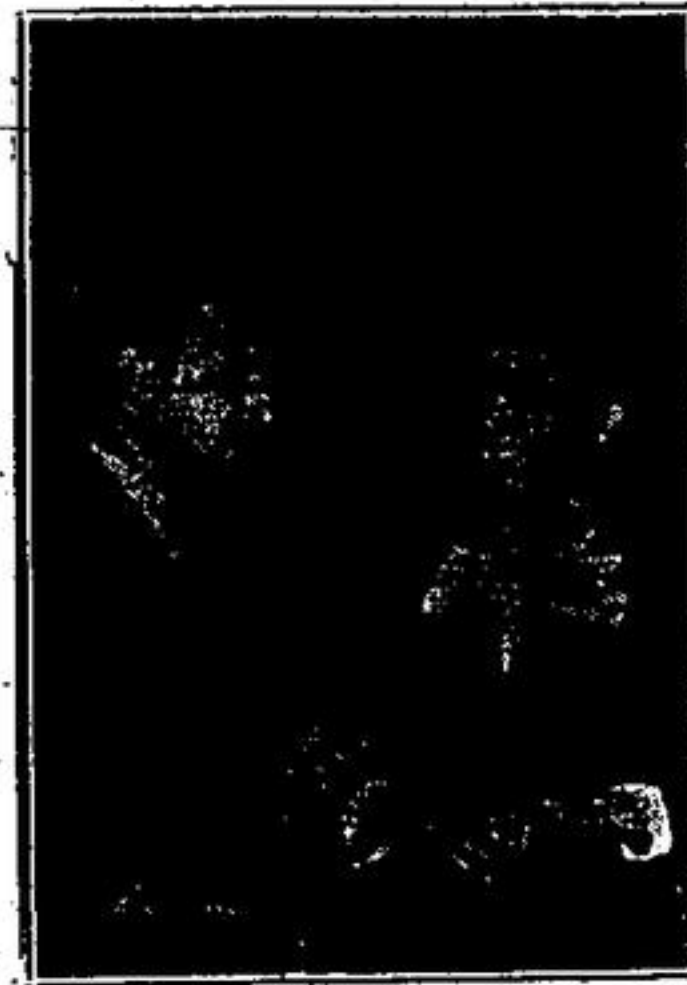
"Yes, sir." "Send one of the men out," the colonel ordered. "Private Ellis will take his place." He gripped Ellis' shoulder. "On your way," he said. Then to the man who had come out of the boat: "Return to your quarters," he said. "Ellis will explain why he took your place—if he gets back."

The colonel returned to his dugout and sat watching the minute hand on his watch creep onward. Twenty minutes later the lieutenant and his four men came in. He laid a heavy envelope on the colonel's desk. "The dispatch, sir," he said briskly. The colonel relaxed and smiled. "Good. Your Government—"

A terrific explosion sifted a thin trickle of dirt from the roof. The men stood as they were, listening but hearing no sound other than their own hard breathing.

An orderly slid in under the canvas flap, straightened, saluted. "A lone raider dropped a single bomb, sir. It was a direct hit on dugout C. One man missing." The others

"That's the colonel said. For the first time since these of Pri-



WARMING UP

Voices with that easy-to-listen-to overtone are owned by Norma Locke and Art Hallman, the singers featured with Canada's Spotlight Band on the Music Club program. Shown just before going on the air, the singing pair joins Murt Kenney and the Club's ensemble every Monday, at 8:00 p.m. over CBC's Trans-Canada network.

**Ross Segsworth Heads
Halton Holstein Breeders**

Prize Presented to Top Calf Club Boy,
Ward Brownridge

Ross Segsworth, Freeman, was elected President of the Halton Holstein Breeders' Club at the annual meeting held Feb. 3rd in the Community Hall, Palermo. Emerson Ford, Hornby, was chosen as first Vice-President, Claude P. Pickett, Georgetown, as second Vice-President while Victor J. Lawrence, Oakville, was re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

In view of the blocked roads in the county there was a surprisingly large attendance of 80 breeders. W. H. Robinson, Georgetown, the 1945 President presided at both the business session and the noon hour banquet. The latter put on by the wives of the club members and was really something to remember.

Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock, supervised the program and introduced the guest speaker, C. D. Graham, Director of Agricultural Representatives Branch, Ontario, Department of Agriculture. "The three basic interests of dairy farmers should be good farm practices, breeding fine dairy cattle and marketing their product," said Mr. Graham. "In the past," he continued, "too little attention has been paid to the marketing end of the business by dairymen generally." He urged that the product be prepared with the idea in mind of meeting the requirements of the particular market in which it will be sold. As a case in point he quoted the recent declaration of the Hon. Robt. S. Hudson, British Minister of Agriculture, to the effect that "Britain will in the post-war years buy cheese and butter according to price and quality." Mr. Graham expressed his conviction that if Canadians were to retain their war time hold on the British market, they must pay very careful attention to quality.

The reports of the two club fieldmen W. H. Robinson and Edgar Lyons showed sales totalling \$28,800 during 1944. Eilon McLean, Oakville, contrasted this with the \$4,000 figure for sales made by himself as fieldman in 1933 and expressed his belief that it was symbolic of the progress made since that time.

An interesting feature of the program was the presentation by President W. H. Robinson on behalf of the Club of a True Type Model of the Holstein Cow to Ward Brownridge, Georgetown, who had the high aggregate score of the season in County calf club work. Mr. Brownridge expressed the thanks of himself and the other boys and girls for the interest in calf club work shown by the club members and by Mr. Robinson in particular.

George F. Drennan, Holstein fieldman for this district, led a discussion on the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of the Association that would permit the registration of a bull calf only if his dam is either graded Good Plus or better in Selective Registration or has a twice-a-day milking Record of Performance test at least fifty percent above the amount required to qualify. Another proposed amendment calling for an increase of the transfer fee from fifty cents to \$1.00 was discussed by J. E. Powell, Director of Publicity of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, after which a motion endorsing both amendments was unanimously passed. Mr. Powell pointed out that Holstein breeders of the Dominion had had a good year in 1944. This was reflected in the membership of the Association which passed the 9,000 mark for the first time in its history and in the total number of animals registered, this exceeding the previous record total made in 1943.

Indicative of the Club's interest in Junior Work was the presence as guests of a number of calf club boys. The directors for 1945 are as follows: Craig Reid, Georgetown; F. O. Hunter, Norval; W. S. Hall and W. H. Eggar, Oakville; W. R. Tuttle, Hornby; Methuen Dearing, Palermo; Fred Hamilton, Freeman; Morley Watson, Tinsley; A. T. Woodley, Milton; Frank

THE CANADIAN WAY OF LIFE . . .



Roast Beef on Sundays . . .

THE SUNDAY ROAST—week-ends in the country—the old family jolopy—these things mean a pleasant way of life. These are some of the things every man overseas is fighting for today. They won't be his, unless all of us make sure, when our fighting man comes back, his dollar will be worth a dollar.

To protect his dollar, we must realize NOW the dangers of careless, unnecessary buying. We must buy only what we need—never buy two where one will do! We must not evade rationing or price control, or deal in black markets. If we break the rules, our country—the country he's fighting for—will start on that uncontrollable

rocketing of prices known as inflation!

Prices will rise. As prices go up, wages try to tag along . . . and never quite catch up. The value of money goes down. Soon your dollar will buy—perhaps only 30c worth of goods! And there is no limit to its drop—look at Greece today! The nation is plunged in poverty and depression.

So let's all make sure our soldier's dollar—when he gets back—will buy a dollar's worth of goods! We can't give back to him his lost years or his lost youth. But, if we keep up the fight against inflation, he can look forward to pleasant, satisfying living . . . the Canadian way of life.

Make this Pledge Today!

I pledge myself to do my part in fighting inflation:

By observing rationing and avoiding black markets in any shape or form.

By respecting price controls and other anti-inflation measures, and refraining from careless and needless, hasty buying. I will not buy two where one will do, nor will I buy a "new" where an "old" will do.

By buying Victory Bonds and War Savings Stamps, supporting taxation, and abiding by all such measures which will lower the cost of living and help keep prices at a normal level.



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Finch and Arthur C. Adie, Campbellville. J. E. Whitlock was appointed as auditor.

TOWN COUNCIL PASSED FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were passed for payment at the meeting of Town Council, Monday, Feb. 5th:

A. Livingstone, stis.	\$ 14 70
Municipal Ward, stationery	2 04
Bell Telephone Co.	21 48
P. B. Harrison, registrations postage, etc.	19 50
K. M. Langdon, legal fee	5 00
Silver's Dept. Store, police prot.	15 00
James A. Cook & Son, Bd. of Health	1 18
Moore Business Forms, Ltd., Bd. of Health	2 04
Halton County, stis.	5 25
Armstrong's Garage, fire truck	1 60
J. B. MacKenzie & Son, coal	56 55
W. G. Marshall, licenses	4 00
Scott's Garage, stis.	120 15
Hydro Electric	109 41
Lane's Cartage, stis.	60 00
Welfare	16 05

LIMEHOUSE

Mr. Arthur Hill entertained a number of friends at a surprise party in honour of Mrs. Hill's birthday anniversary on Wednesday evening. The evening was spent at euchre. Mrs. S. Wright holding highest score. Those present report an enjoyable time spent.

The W.M.S. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. W. Norton on Thursday afternoon. Text word "Mercy" was used as roll call. The World's Day of Prayer program was followed. Mrs. Mitchell set a date for an afternoon social for the Scott Mission, Toronto. Mrs. A. Norton sang "The Garden of Prayer."

Warrant Officer Alex. M. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Wright, has arrived back in Canada following completion of his tour of operational fights over enemy territory and is enjoying thirty days leave at his home here.

Miss Mildred Ramebottom, of Toronto, visited her sister, Mrs. C. A. Foster, recently.

Mrs. S. Olaby spent a few days in Toronto last week to be with her father, Mr. D. S. McDonald who is



ENGINEER RETURNS

Paul Johnson, engineer in CBC's Overseas Unit, has returned to Canada after extensive service at the war fronts and in London. Mr. Johnson will shortly take up his duties as assistant to R. D. Cahoon in engineering operations of CBC's international short-wave service.

undergoing treatment in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

Miss Dorothy Shelbourne is able to be home following removal of appendix in St. Joseph's hospital recently.

COUNTY COUNCIL'S LAST MEETING

Grant of \$200 made to Institute for Blind-County asks Province to Plough Blocked Road—Warden Heslop Objects to Plan of Stamping Blank Cheques and a Change is Made.

The second meeting of the Halton County Council was held in Milton on Tuesday with the new Warden Reeve O. H. Heslop in the chair and all members present with the exception of Messrs. Gilbert and Hillmer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and communications read.

The reports of the Standing Com-

mittees were considered in Committee of the Whole with Reeve W. J. Robertson in the chair.

A representative from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind interviewed Council with regard to a grant. The speaker himself was blind and spoke to the Council from notes in Braille. He outlined the activities of the organization and stated that in Halton County there are 22 registered blind persons all of whom were visited personally by a blind person from the Institute during the past year and that all were given a Christmas present. He also drew attention to the good work done by the blind in war industries and the fact that among the blind absenteeism is practically unknown. The pensions of four blind persons in the county is supplemented by the Society and plans are already in operation whereby every effort is made to train every blinded service man or woman in order that they may take their places in the professions and industries of the country.

When the grant was discussed in Council it was suggested a \$100 grant be given. The Warden was of the opinion that this was not enough and asked that it be thoroughly discussed, since, in his opinion no more worthy organization exists in the country today and it would be hard to think of any greater affliction than that of being blind. It was finally decided that the Institute for the Blind be given a grant of \$200.

Other grants given were as follows: Navy League of Canada \$600; Salvation Army \$100; Reforestation Association \$25.

Mr. J. E. Whitlock, Halton County Agricultural Representative and Mr. Howitt, P. S. I., addressed Council with regard to reforestation project. It was suggested that means be taken to arouse interest in this work among the school children of the County, and that they be given instruction in the planting and care of young trees.

The Warden introduced a decidedly controversial subject with regard to the signing of county cheques. Dr. Heslop asserted he had no intention of signing blank cheques as had been the custom in the past and asked that a change be made requiring that the cheques be countersigned. Mr. Robertson agreed with the Warden, other members also agreed that a change should be made. It was finally moved by Mrs. Pettit, seconded by K. Mac-

Donald that all cheques issued by the Treasurer of the County should be countersigned either by the Warden, or in his absence by the County Clerk. —Carried.

The following accounts were passed for payment: Finance \$948.50; Printing \$155.60; Education \$31,896.31; County Buildings \$44.00; Hospital Accounts \$915.65; Special Communications \$495.00; Road Accounts \$2,066.38; Total \$37,360.51.

To conform with the rules of the newly-organized Halton County Children's Aid Society, it was moved by McDonald and Craig that the motion to appoint Mr. Hillmer and Mr. Gilbert to the Halton County Children's Aid Society passed January 18, 1945, be rescinded, this after an explanation of Society by-laws as explained by Mr. Thompson. —Carried.

Moved by Craig and Smith that Harry M. Saunders be appointed to the Burlington High School Board for the years 1945-6-7. —Carried.

Mrs. Pettit asked that a letter addressed to the County Engineer be placed before the Council and discussed. She also asked that any communications hereafter be placed before the Council in order that members might have some knowledge of the County Council procedure to take back to their own councils, explaining that ratepayers repeatedly ask information about various matters of which she has no knowledge, because they had not been placed before the Council.

Several other members expressed agreement with Mrs. Pettit. A discussion then took place regarding ways and means of improving snow-clearance of county roads. Consideration was given to a suggestion by J. M. McDonald that more machinery be purchased as far as finances permitted.

With regard to the road referred to in the letter placed before the Council at Mrs. Pettit's request, it was moved by Mr. Robertson and Mrs. Pettit that we, the members of Halton County Council, do petition the Department of Highways to accept that portion of road lying south of the Queen Elizabeth Way from Fisher's Corners south to No. 2 Highway, which is a continuation of No. 26 from No. 5 at Nelson Village. —Carried.

Council adjourned to meet on Thursday, February 16th at 8 p.m.