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The Editor's Corner

TWO NEW EDITORS

Our congratulations go to Miss Yvonne Adams and Mrs. Lilian Ritchie, editors of the new Smith & Stone plant newspaper, which made its debut last week end. A bright, newsy four-page sheet, it will serve as an outlet for the literary-minded among the employees, as well as keeping them informed of plant happenings and news of the industry in general. The new-comer is as yet unnamed, but before the second issue next month, a naming contest will be concluded and the paper will have an official title.

It is our regret, however, that for the time being, the Smith & Stone column which has proven so popular with Herald readers has been discontinued. The editors of the new paper will be too busy arranging details of publication to allow for writing a weekly column. However, they have kindly consented to allow us to republish anything of general interest, so we will continue to keep our readers in touch with Smith & Stone news in this manner. Later on, we hope that we can arrange again for the regular weekly column in the Herald.

INDUSTRY DECENTRALIZING

From Alliston comes word that a Toronto firm, Dorothea Hats, Ltd. has taken a six-month lease on the agricultural building and expects to have up to 50 employees engaged in manufacture by the end of next month. This is only one of dozens of city firms which are experimenting with a move to smaller localities. The decentralization of industry which economists have talked about for several years is more and more becoming an accomplished fact, and man, who has foolishly built bigger and bigger cities is coming to realize that after a certain point, size is a distinct disadvantage to industrial production.

In the future, we expect to see the rebirth of small-town industry and to see the larger cities dissolve into a number of smaller communities, where the inhabitants can enjoy life as we enjoy it here in Georgetown. Better housing, better health, more leisure time and a higher standard of living are only a few of the obvious advantages that we enjoy over our city cousins.

LET'S CALL QUILTS

There is no doubt that Georgetown has one of the finest Municipal Buildings in any Ontario town and it is a fact of which we believe every citizen is proud. Standing at the main corner of the town, the handsome grey-stone Bank of Montreal building has everything which a municipal building in a prosperous town should have—location, appearance, durability and accommodation. There have been certain criticisms of the 1943 municipal officers who purchased the building from the bank when it closed its Georgetown branch. Some of these criticisms are quite justified, especially the fact that an expenditure of over eleven thousand dollars was not submitted to a vote of the ratepayers who should quite properly have a say in the expenditure of such a large sum of their tax money.

In the heat of the 1945 elections, there were some harsh things said against the former mayor's wisdom in purchasing the building. There were charges that the building could have been purchased cheaper, that the upkeep made it too expensive a building for a small town, that the town was a double-loser in view of the taxes formerly paid by the bank. One candidate even hinted that he would be willing to sell the building for the original purchase price or less, in order to get rid of an expensive town asset.

It was a far cry from all this, when, in answer to a letter from the ex-mayor offering to buy the building for its original purchase price, a motion was unanimously passed at the February council meeting that the municipal building was not for sale at the present time. Council has now placed itself in the paradoxical position of agreeing and disagreeing at one and the same time with the purchase of the building. If some of the present council believe that the purchase of the building was a mistake, we would like to see them make an effort to sell it for as high a price as could be obtained in the open-market. If (and we do believe that this is the case) they are really pleased to have the building, we think it's time to call it quits and fess up that some of the pre-election talk was just a bit exaggerated.

THEY ARE OF SERVICE TO CANADA

The middle of February brings with it each year the annual observance of Boy Scout Week. This year the sister organization, the Girl Guides, is joining in and some 160,000 young Canadians are taking part in the week's activities. Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week is seven

days in the year when these youth organizations make a special effort to let the public know just what Scouting and Guiding are contributing to the upbuilding of Canada's youth as serving citizens of the community.

The Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movements stand out in direct contrast to the Nazi youth movement. The Hitler youth is inoculated with a doctrine of racial superiority, of hate, of brutality, and of greed. The Scout-Guide Movement is the antithesis of Nazism. It seeks to inculcate a directly opposite philosophy. It seeks through its world-wide ramifications to breed respect for, and fellowship with all races, all colours, all creeds. It seeks to foster a spirit of goodwill in contrast to hate. It teaches respect for the physical and mental feelings of all peoples. It teaches the sharing of life's good things with one's neighbour.

It has been said that the Founder of the Scout and Guide Movements, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell died a broken hearted man in 1941, because Scouting and Guiding had not brought peace to this troubled world. If he did, he never revealed it to his closest associates. Scouting and Guiding aims at a world brotherhood. It could hardly be expected that in little more than a generation it could accomplish what the Christian church has striven for centuries to accomplish. But like the church it is working to that end.

Together with all other agencies and forces of goodwill this purpose will eventually be achieved. During this Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week the public is asked to see Scouting and Guiding in action, to learn more fully its purposes, and in the knowledge gained to give it the moral support that the Movement deserves. The thousands of young men and women who are today giving voluntary leadership to Scout and Guide Groups, are rendering a service to Canada, which if not publicly applauded, must give them a tremendous amount of satisfaction.

Georgetown's Boy Scouts and Girl Guides have grown into strong organizations. They deserve all the encouragement we can give them.

THE WORK OF THE FORESTRY CORPS

One branch of the Canadian Army Overseas that has been kept busy at its particular job since the first members arrived in Britain and which is now carrying on within gunshot of the enemy is the Canadian Forestry Corps, a branch that has received but little publicity but one that is doing invaluable work.

The Canadian Forestry Corps was organized in the last war when it was realized that much time could be saved in the production of rough lumber and logs for the forces in France and Belgium—as well as for defence purposes in Britain, by cutting down the trees and sawing them up in Britain rather than doing this work in Canada and other countries and then using up valuable cargo space in transporting the finished product across the Atlantic.

The C.F.C. was organized and went to work in the forests of Scotland and did a great job but they could hardly be said to be in the battle areas. In this war they carried on for a time in the same manner as they did 25 years ago but once the invasion started the C. F. C. went along with the infantry, tanks and other branches onto the continent. Now several companies are engaged in felling trees in Belgium and they are so close to the front line that they keep their rifles, Bren and automatic guns and grenades beside them as they work in the forests or in the mills.

They prepare logs and lumber for all types of construction work and even make use of otherwise waste material which is most acceptable in filling in roads and muddy spots which are sometimes more than knee deep. This helps the transportation of men, vehicles and supplies to the front line.

One of the outstanding jobs credited to the C. F. C., was the construction, in the south of England, of one of the most revolutionary models in the history of booming. Constructed by men with previous booming experience in Canadian forests, the boom was able to hold the angry waters of the English channel in check. Such a model would have been dismissed as ridiculous and fantastic before the war but once again Canadian ingenuity, spurred on by necessities of war, came to the front with a new idea which was successful.

The C. F. C. men who are working in Belgium, close to the border of the Reich, live in tents or sheds and barns and the mills are set up close to the scene of cutting operations. These mills are running at full blast and are cutting millions of feet of lumber for the Allied armies on the Western front. The mills are complete with blacksmith shops for repairs and the various companies carry on practically the same as Canadian civilian lumbering units do at home.

Although the trees being cut down in Belgium are not as large as those of Canada or Scotland they are of a fairly good size, ranging from 50 to 80 feet in height and the lumber they provide is a most valuable weapon in the Allies' drive on Hitler's Fortress.

Some companies of the C. F. C. who were engaged in Scotland in the early years of the war have returned to Canada and the men have resumed their civilian jobs with lumber companies, helping to augment the war effort of the Canadian lumbering industry.

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The parish clerkman called on an elderly parish lady to inquire if she was unwell by the robot horn roaring overhead.
 "No, indeed, your Reverence," she said, "I got all the shaker I need reading the Bible. Then I have a glass of whiskey, go off to bed and say, 'I'll hell with you so-and-so'."