

The Editor's Column

COMING EVENTS

People who think nothing ever happens in a small town should see the list of coming events we have on our calendar for the next month. The dancing crowd is well taken care of with the Lions Hallowe'en dance, Hockey Club dance November 13 and the IOE planning an affair on December 6th. Norval Juniors are entertaining at a social in the parish hall on the 12th, and the Teen Towners will feature Sadie Hawkins night on the 8th in Teen Town Hall.

The Cherokee Rodeo, sponsored by the Lions comes to Georgetown for three nights in mid-November, and Apprentice Productions will give their first public dramatic performance next month at the Old Town Hall. The second annual Father and Son evening will see the Recreational Council reviewing the year's activities, and visiting hockey stars will once more highlight the evening.

These are just a few special events picked at random, and with the usual run of lodge and service club meetings, church affairs, etc. refute the idea that a small town is "dead."

BOND CAMPAIGN IS LAGGING

There has not been the response to the fund appeal for servicemen's gifts that one might expect from a town like Georgetown and the Recognition Committee is still far short of its \$15,000 objective. What donations have been made are generous, but there are hundreds of citizens who still have not made a contribution and it is necessary for everyone to dig down as deeply as possible to put the campaign over.

This will be the last financial appeal springing from World War II, and surely we should be happy to give generously for a presentation for the men and women who risked their lives to ensure that freedom in the world, in Canada, and in Georgetown in particular, would continue to be our heritage. Canvassers are still making their rounds, but we don't have to wait for them. Donations can be turned in at the bank or to Mr. Le Roy Dale, chairman of the canvass committee. Let's finish the job speedily so plans can be made for a recognition day.

Tip to England

Mrs. M. Lawr and Mrs. Andrew Dewhurst returned last week-end from a three month visit to England. They crossed both ways by plane and they enjoyed the trip and the visit with relatives in the Old Country. The ladies ran across a former district man at Prestwick, Scotland, in the person of Eric Stull who is passenger agent there. He is the son of William Walter Spall of Esquering. On the return trip a fellow passenger was an English girl who was enroute to Canada to join her fiancé, William Snyder, son of Mr. Rex Snyder of Weston, who lived here with his parents several years ago.

During her stay in England, Mrs. Lawr jotted down impressions of her trip and has kindly consented to have them appear in the Herald. Here they are:

August 5th — Departed from Montreal at 11 a.m. We stopped half way at Labrador in order to refuel. We had lunch there, and after lunch we took off again, flying straight through to Prestwick, Scotland, landing at 7.30 a.m. on the 6th August. We had breakfast here and then boarded another plane, a Dakota, and flew to Groydon, London, landing at 10.30 a.m. Traveling by coach we reached Victoria Coach Station OAC at 12.45 p.m. Here I left Mrs. Dewhurst and took a taxi to Edgeware.

When I arrived I discovered that I was to spend the next two weeks in South Wales. We persuaded the taxi driver to wait for us while we had lunch, in which he joined us. After packing a few things we drove to Paddington Station where we caught a train to Newport. Newport is 141 miles from London. The train takes us to Newport under the river Severn, the tunnel being 7 miles in length. As it is a non-stop train the journey takes only 2 and three quarter hours.

A short journey by bus took us out

of the city which, on the 10th, we arrived about 8.30 p.m. As I spent a pleasant two weeks visiting various seaside resorts such as Penarth, Cardiff, Llandudno and other places of interest. We returned to London on the 19th of August.

I was invited to spend a few days with my sister at Hatfield Hill, near Hampton Court. During my stay I attended my nephew's wedding. I returned to my sister's at Edgware in time for her Wedding Anniversary party and I met many of her friends. A few days later we went by coach to Westcliffe which was arranged by the Ladies Fellowship belonging to John Keble Church, Mill Hill of which my sister is a member. Here I spent all my sweet coupons on some sea-side rock.

On one afternoon during the following week my sister and I went to John Keble Church to help make up 40 sprays of flowers and herbs for some visitors, who came for the afternoon from a London Church, St. Luke's.

A day or two later I stayed a few days in Putney with my eldest brother and his wife, who live very near the River Thames.

During the last few weeks of my stay I visited a number of places, such as the Tower of London, which has been bombed very badly but is still of great interest. We toured the Tower with a beef-eater as our guide. I also went to a theatre to see "Lady Windermere's Fan" besides seeing many film shows. I was lucky enough to see the King and Queen at the opening of the "Britain Can Make It" exhibition. Owing to there being a huge queue we found it impossible to see the exhibition that day, but we managed to get in a few days later and I thought it a wonderful show. The exhibition was held at the Victoria and Albert Museum, in South Kensington. At the same time I visited the Science museum which is in the same district. Another day was spent exploring Trafalgar Square, Whitehall, Downing Street, St. James Palace and Park, New Scotland Yard and other places of interest.

We went on to the Zoological Garden (continued in col. 6)

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dens at Regent Park and were lucky enough to see the new collection of animals which had recently arrived. This collection included a fine specimen of the attractive Panda Bear.

Another event which took place a couple of weeks before all these visits to London was a party given in my honour by Mrs. Tobin, one of my sister's friends and a member of the Church Fellowship. It was at this party that I was presented with the mounted model of the plane Lancaster in which I flew to Prestwick on the journey over.

Also on this visit to England I had my first experience of television at my brother-in-law's house at Bushey Heath. It was on this excursion that I had my first experience of being locked in a good old English pub. This was unfortunate as we went in with the sole object of having lunch. After roaming about for some time I at last found a side door unlocked and we were free once more.

Another afterthought—amongst the places visited in London, we had a day out looking round Madame Tussaud's. The Chamber of Horrors did not, much to my disgust, come up to my expectations, nowhere near as horrible as it sounds. None-the-less it was an enjoyable day.

Now my visit to England is drawing to an end and tomorrow, the 25th October, I shall be on my way to Canada.

My brother-in-law's employer has kindly given us the loan of the car in which I travel to Victoria Station where I pick up the Airport bus. This will take me to the London Airport at Heath Row, the last place to be visited in England.

My impressions gained throughout this trip are that since I was last in England, thirty-six years ago, conditions have improved in most, if not all, spheres. Namely, housing, where comfort has come to replace the all too numerous cases of over-crowding; education; here Canada has quite a bit to learn from England. Children first attend school when they reach the age of four on five and may continue until they attain their twenties.

Now the bug-bear of many a British house-wife — food. There appears to be sufficient food to go round, the variety in choice getting larger as the weeks go by. The rationing scheme embraces practically all items of food. In operation are two types of vouchers, the coupon, which has to be given up for meat, butter, cheese, sugar and the point. A certain amount of these points to be given up for different food stuffs such as tinned foods, cereals and most items not covered by coupons.

Recently the authorities have introduced bread rationing. This necessitated the introduction of even more coupons, known as B.U.s. Happily these are to be withdrawn as soon as the position becomes easier. The other items of rationing is clothing. Here again coupons are used. Although the ration is not great, people manage to look quite smart. One of the reasons for this is that they have learned to make do and mend. . . . All that remains now are the good-byes, to the folks and England.

"The man I hire for this job must be a leader."
"I'm your man, sir."
"Good. Follow me."
"The heck you say. Follow me."