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## The Editor's Column

### NAVY LEAGUE WORK CONTINUES

A letter addressed to the Georgetown Committee of the Navy League of Canada was received last week by Mrs. Walter Mendham and is reprinted below. The writer, Mrs. Plater, refers to the food parcels being sent by the people of Canada, as well as to the work of the Navy League during the war. The latter is particularly timely, as the local Navy League branch is holding a tag day this Saturday, under the convensorship of Mrs. Sam Mackenzie.

For more than fifty years, the Navy League has been the official agency dealing with the men of the sea. Clubs and hostels are operated at the principal ocean ports where merchant seamen and naval ratings are made welcome while ashore. Through the educational services, the League makes Canadians conscious of their dependence upon the sea and sponsors a nationwide youth training program that gives guidance to many thousands of teen-age boys. Your tag day contribution will help to sustain this important work.

Here is Mrs. Plater's letter:  
 Dear Madam:  
 I am a working mother with one son and two daughters and have lived in London all my life, also all through the war. We were blasted out of our house in 1941. I want you to thank all the people of Ontario for the food parcels they are sending to our Country. I know people who have received them, also our Old Folks. If you were here you would see how grateful they are.

My son was in the Merchant Navy during the War and I am very thankful for the way he was treated while he was in Canada. I got your address from a small gift he received while there. Once again thank all the grand people for all they are doing for us everywhere in Canada.

From a mother with all her love,  
 Mrs. C. Plater, 25 Grangemill Rd., Bellingham,  
 Catford, S. E. 6, London, England

**FARM IMPROVEMENT LOANS TOTAL  
 \$10,000,000**

Interesting figures on farm improvement loans are included in a report of the 1946 operations of the Farm Improvement Loans Act recently tabled in Parliament by the Minister of Finance. Although the Act has not been greatly used in this district, where specialized farming leads to larger profits and a higher standard of living among the rural population, the local Bank of Commerce has handled several such loans.

During 1946, 13,030 Canadian farmers obtained loans totalling nearly \$10,000,000 under the Act.

Loans are made through the 3,100 branches of the chartered banks for the improvement and development of farms and for the improvement of living conditions on farms. The interest rate is 5 per cent simple interest per annum, and loans may be made for periods up to ten years. The legislation aims at assisting particularly the average farmer who in the past has not always been able to obtain bank credit for farm improvement purposes.

Farm implements and farm trucks account for \$7,488,347 of loans made during 1946. These loans represent an actual sales value of approximately \$12,500,000. From information available it is reasonable to assume that practically all farm implement sales in Canada requiring financing are now being financed either through loans obtainable under the Farm Improvement Loans Act or through regular bank loans. The result should be a substantial saving to the farmer, not only in the purchase price of his farm implements but also in finance charges and interest rates previously prevailing for this type of financing.

Included in the total are loans to 1,008 farmers to clear and break an estimated 50,000 acres of new land, mostly in the pioneer sections of western Canada. Loans for foundation and breeding stock accounted for 303 loans totalling \$190,937.

One of the most important classes of loans is that for the construction, alteration and repair of farm buildings including farm dwellings and separate houses for farm help. As the supply of material and labour becomes more adequate, it is expected that loans for these purposes will be greatly expanded.

A feature of this report is that of a total volume of \$13,262,307 loaned under the Act, there has been repaid \$5,181,161, an amount equivalent to 39.06% of the total amount loaned, and that up to December 31, 1946, no claims had been made upon the Government guarantee by any bank in respect to losses incurred on any loans made.

## The Buzzbomb

By JOYCE N. MARTIN

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THE Buzzbomb set down the letter, which had "Saipan, Marianas Islands" written across the top of it, and sank her head in her hands. It sure had its bad moments, being kid sister to a glamour girl whom a certain marine sergeant in a foxhole in the South Pacific had his heart set on.

"She's what I'm goin' overseas to defend, kid," the sergeant had confided to her with his soft Texas accent, in that last "48" before he shoved off.

"The general would just as soon keep me here, on special duty. But I've asked for a transfer, to get out there where it's goin' on. Sure I'm expendable. But don't you worry, sis. I'll make the grade," he reassured her. "It's just that I want to get it over with that much sooner, so I can come back and settle down in that little dream house of mine with the picket fence around it. And I'm countin' on Diane bein' there in a starchy apron, with a flower in her hair, kissin' the ole man good-by at the front gate every mornin'."

It was strictly a tough assignment. The marine sergeant was a real charmer. And he was in earnest. The Buzzbomb could tell that he was. But Diane just laughed her musical laugh at everything he said. "Oh, you Southerners," she evaded. "You'd talk a person into anything... you've all got such a way with you." Then she had put on a victrola record and said lightly: "Let's cut, lambie. No more funny talk tonight."

The Buzzbomb shouldn't have been listening, or even looking in their direction, when it came time for good-bys. But it just worked out that there she was—down at the corner bus stop—when he took Diane in his arms for that last kiss. That did it. The Buzzbomb was on the marine sergeant's side from then on.

The next few weeks passed smoothly, somehow. The Buzzbomb sighed with relief. "Dear Sergeant," she scrawled happily, "I am looking out for your interests. Everything is simply super here at home. No competition so far. Your pal, The Buzzbomb."

Then it happened. It was tall, handsome and predatory and when it smiled it only used its teeth. Its draft board had written across its A.F. card: Asthmatic Allergy, ragweed.

"For a person suffering from asthma, you certainly play a corking game of tennis," observed The Buzzbomb pointedly one afternoon. "Don't you ever take time out to rest between tennis, badminton and bowling?" Then, two weeks later, "There isn't any ragweed in the navy, you know. None in Iceland or the Aleutians, either. A college man can always get special duty. And with all your ways of selling stocks to elderly widows, you could easily sell War Bonds."

Diane had broken it up. "Go 'way, Buzzbomb," she said. "Stop being a pest."

That was the night The Buzzbomb decided the emergency demanded that she be unethical enough to peek from behind Diane's bedroom door. It was none too soon. She saw her thoughtfully holding a ring up to the light. It was a blue-white diamond, big as a beet, and must have cost the kind of money no one has except a person who is cleaning up on the war. And the marine corps' pin that she usually wore over her heart was lying, forlorn and neglected, on the dresser.

There was only one thing to do. Besides, wasn't all fair in love and war? The marines must not be let down.

When Diane came back from her tub, humming gaily, she sat down at the dressing table to give her gleaming shoulder-length hair its fifty usual strokes. Then, with a cry, she roused the family from its beds.

"Honest, Sergeant, I hated to be a heely-peely," confessed the Buzzbomb in her longest, newest letter to date. "But you don't pass up any chance to outsmart the enemy out there. So I used the same tactics here. And they sure did get results!"

"Within an hour Tall, Handsome and Predatory had returned to the scene of the crime. And did he ever blow his top. 'That ring isn't paid for yet.' He got red in the face at Diane. 'How could you be so stupid and careless as to lose it?'"

"Then Diane grew very white and quiet. 'Stupid, you say? Careless? Yes, I believe you're quite right. I don't know how I could have been so stupid or careless as to lose sight of the best value I ever had. Thanks for putting me straight.' Then she turned into the house and locked the door for the night."

"Hey, pest! This what you're looking for?" I asked Tall. Handsome and Predatory as he strode down the walk to his car. He snatched the ring and marred down the driveway. He's not been seen since."

And, say, Sergeant. Will you please do me a favour? Get busy with the air mail letters right about now. Diane's reading booklets about joining one of the Services. Don't you think she ought to be a marine, just to keep it one hundred per cent in the family, huh?"

## LOCAL BREEDERS BUY AND SELL AT NATIONAL HOLSTEIN SALE

Local breeders were prominent both as buyers and sellers at the National Holstein Sale held May 16 in Toronto. J. W. and E. H. Carney, Georgetown, received \$1,150 from Glen L. Baneroff, Flint, Michigan, for Lazerne Elizabeth May Sovereign, daughter of the noted Montvic Rag Apple Sovereign and Reserve All-Canadian Junior Yearling for 1946. Max Greenberg, Freeman, bought two animals, paying \$976 for Ferndale Blossom Pabet, a three-year-old granddaughter of the four times All-Canadian Montvic Rag Apple Marksman and bred to the \$16,000 Raymondale Ideal Successor; and \$800 for Ferndale Queen Pabet, a four-year-old with a record of 708 lbs. fat. She is bred to Glenafion Control a son of Montvic Rag Apple Marksman. Mr. Greenberg also sold two animals, receiving \$775 for Segis R. A. Victoria, a yearling heifer and \$500 for Snowfall Carnation Queen a two-year-old. Dr. Chas' W. Blandford, Freeman, paid \$525 for the "Very Good" five-year-old Illehee Montvic Belle, and Elmer Carney, of Georgetown, received \$400 for a bred heifer.

A total of \$60,425 was received, making a general average of \$851 which was considered satisfactory in view of the fact that there were no exceptionally high prices. Top price was \$3,100 received by J. J. E. McCague, Alliston, Ontario from R. Ray McLaughlin, Oshawa, Ontario, for the bred heifer Glenafion L. Mona Brownie. Altogether 18 head brought at least \$1,000 or more while 4 exceeded the \$2,000 mark. Highest price for a bull was \$1,450 paid by Hays Limited, Brampton, to H. L. Guilbert, Vercheres, Que., for a five months old calf who was purchased for export to South America.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Robert Blyth and family wish to express to their many friends and neighbours, their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes extended to them in their recent sad bereavement in the loss of a dear husband and father.

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