



OVERDUE TRIBUTE

THERE IS ONE GROUP of people I would like to pay tribute to at this time — the working committee of the local Canadian Legion Branch, led by Mr. Alex Taylor. So wrote Hospital Pouliot DuBois in her column in a news letter put out by a local Legion. The group pictured above includes street row left to right: Mr. Gord Cole, Mrs. Fred McCarthy, Mrs. Peter Chapman, Mrs. Peter Bryan, Mrs. Harry Perkins, and Mrs. Harry Perkins.

Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass

RANDOM JOTTINGS Embarrassing Wealth

It was decided last year that our exports of wheat and flour for 1960 are negligible and that sales of the country overseas may be 20 million bushels less than last year. But column knowledge that Canada has been storing enormous quantities of surpluses for many years. Our carryover of stocks of wheat at the end of this year may be close to 700 million bushels. The financial losses incurred through the deterioration of the grain and in the cost of storing this vast surplus must amount to a very large sum of money.

The Canadian Wheat Board is responsible for movement and disposal of wheat; it is responsible for exporting wheat and the prices to be charged. The Board was born of the blunder in 1933 when Canada agreed with the U.S. in demanding the ceiling price of \$2.00 per bushel during the international wheat agreement renewal discussions. Britain, the main importing nation, was not agree to more than a \$2.60 ceiling. It was on this note a bushel that Britain walked out of the International Wheat Council. She subsequently purchased all her requirements outside the IWC at prices which never reached \$2.00. That is to say, Liberal lunacy could help our wheat exports very much.

In view of the Canadian Wheat Board's demonstrated inability to overcome or even lessen the problems of wheat surpluses, perhaps the time has come to disband it and to look for a more efficient and effective method of solving it.

It is obvious to any good economist that wheat which our second largest export item must be produced and marketed at a competitive price. This competitive price must be achieved by the producers and not through a complicated system of artificial price supports and top-heavy administrative bodies. If Canadians generally are required to provide financial assistance, year after year, in order that the country can export its wheat then the wheat crop, which should be one of our biggest assets, will have degenerated into an overall liability. If, in spite of our vital grain growing areas and marketing mechanism, we cannot compete in the grain markets of the world without government hand-outs, there is either something wrong with our methods or there is too much wheat. Neither the previous Liberal government nor the present Conservative one seems able to find a solution. This must be rather disconcerting to the voters.

A U.S. Habit We Can Do Without

I read with some horror, a letter recently published in the newspaper from a mother who appeared to be in some trouble. She has a 17 year old son who is about to attend a school graduation "celebration dinner." She now finds to her great consternation, that this is an all-night affair — dinner, dance party and then breakfast. Her husband doesn't think the boy should stay out all night, the boy thinks (so he says) that he would become a "square" in the eyes of his classmates if he cannot stay for the whole show and the poor mother doesn't quite know which side to support. The all-night graduation party is, apparently, quite common in part of the U.S., but is just

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THE DISTRICT

at a Glance

ORANGEVILLE

A Royal Canadian Air Force five-pound practice bomb gave Orangeville Town Police a few anxious moments last week. The bomb was found in the town dump by the caretaker, Gordon Cole. Mr. Cole turned it over to the town police, who contacted the armament section at the RCAF Station. Camp Borden Air Force officials came down and removed the bomb.

ERIN

Hon. W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Agriculture, for Ontario, has accepted an invitation from Erin Agricultural Society to open the 1960 Erin Fair on Thanksgiving Day, October 10.

BURLINGTON

Permit to prosecute the operators of a Burlington bowling alley under the Lord's Day Act has been denied by the Attorney General's Office Crown Attorney Peter McWilliam turned down the motion.

He said it had been decided at Queen's Park that the case against Bowland Lanes did not warrant prosecution. It was understood, he added, that no money changed hands there on Sunday. And finally, it appeared to be an isolated incident.

OAKVILLE

Oakville's grand old man is dead. John B. Mast, 11 Douglas Ave. North, died on Saturday morning in a Toronto nursing home, just over four months short of his 102nd birthday.

STREETSVILLE

Ralepavers recently received letters from village officials explaining reasons for the 10 cent jump in the mill rate.

BRAMPTON

Over 1,800 feet of coins was collected by Brampton High School students on Saturday to aid World Refugee Year.

Students council president J. Mason and his executive are still totalling the pile of pennies which was collected on strips of tape on Main Street, but they estimate \$565 was collected.

MILTON

The old oak epiphany was planted in a Sunglow and Mrs. George Amritage, the Exporter superintendent gave a toast to the Queen Elizabeth Estate provided for a bust of the church by John Bell. The Exporters toast to the memory of Marilyn McLellan was repeated by Mrs. Wright. A similar CGIT toast was made by Ingolf Langbeck and replied to by Mrs. Houston.

Appreciation by the ladies who catered was given by Judith Cairns.

Four girls were presented with their white lilies in a ceremony by Mrs. McLellan. They were Gwen Ford, Judith Bell, Judith Cairns and Gladys George. Several of the Exporters were given certificates.

Mr. McLellan led in the dedication of a memorial war ship centre to CGIT by an anonymous co-worker of the late Mrs. Ernest Forgrave. It is a beautiful worship centre in memory of a devoted leader and Sunday School teacher and will be an inspiration to every girl and leader in CGIT.

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