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Another H. S. Essay

Last week we published an essay that took first prize given by the Ontario Government to students of Richmond Hill High School. Below is another essay by Geo. Lasher of our High School, which was commended by the judges:

"How Can the Ontario High School Boy by Working on the Farm this Summer Help I, Himself, II, The Farmer, III, The Empire"

As the Empire is now in a state of war, many of the farmer's sons, and some of the farmers themselves, have gone to fight. To meet the demand of food for the soldiers, and townspeople Lumsden Bldg, 6 delaide St., his vacation was one of the suggestions, and I will now try to show how by doing so he may help, I, himself, II, the farmer, III, the Empire.

I Himself

A few months on the farm would in many ways increase the High Sshool boy's knowledge. There he would be right in the home of Mother Nature.

He would see the birds' and animals' habits in their natural form; how they rear their young and find their food. All mail orders will receive prompt | The boy could find plants and be able to write about them and describe the different stages of growth when he went back to school in the fall. He would gain a knowledge of gardening that would be of inestimable value in after years whether he is going to be a Ind. Phone farmer or not. He will learn about the different kinds of soil and lumber. FOR COUNTY OF YOR AND ONTARIO He would have a chance to learn the care and feeding of poultry and stock. In all probability he would be taught to milk as a great many farmers detest milking except where they have the up-to-date electric milkers. And a knowledge would also be gained of the care and handling of milk. Familiarity of the names and uses of the different farm implements would increase his knowledge. He could follow the developments which occur from the time the seed is placed in the ground till it is harvested and stored away in the barn and then finally threshed. Also he will be earning a little pin money which is always much needed by the High School boy. The outdoor life and pure fresh air will help him physically, so that he will be constitutionally fit to carry on his studies for the winter months. Take the case of Sir Walter Scott; having spent his holidays in the fresh air of Scotland he built for himself a body that withstood the strenuous work that was thrust upon kim in later

II The Farmer

The Ontario High School boy would be partly able to take the place of some one who had left the farm to fight for freedom and liberty and in this way increase the production which in the end financially assists the farmer. The greater amount of grain the farmer has the more there will be to feed his stock which will in turn make meat to supply the demands of home consumption and that of the Mother Land which at the present time is feeling the shortage. There will also be more grain and food supplies for our soldiers who are fighting our battles. If the boy attended strictly to his work he may set a slovenly farmer an example of regularity and system, and in this way might show him how he could save time and perhaps keep a neater and better appearing farm. The boy would be useful to the farmer the trouble.

III The Empire There are many ways in which the boy working on the farm may assist the Empire. In the first place, they will help to relieve the labor situation and in doing this will increase the production. Increased production means more food supplies which will tend to reduce the high cost of living. The boy is also getting a lesson of industry which will teach him to make good use of all his spare time which is the best training the boy of today can have as in a few years many of these lads will be assisting to formulate the laws and control and govern the Em-

Rivoro Tabules cure dizziness.

## Extracts from Overseas Letters

The following are extracts of letters from Franklin P. Jackes who is serving overseas, to his mother at Thornhill:

Dear Mother:-Received your letters of June 3rd, 10th, and 17th, all in a bunch. Also 4 or 5 Sunday "Worlds' and either 3 or 4 boxes, I forget now. Had a very nice letter from Rev. Mr. Lawrence, his first one evidently went astray. I have written to Mr. Lawbox they so kindly sent. I am not in need of any thing except a rest which | along the line. is coming our way at last, as we moved rest of the time lying in a dugout or | match. trench (it is no trouble to find a hole Johnson or coal box which "Frltz" footrace was captured by Mr. W. plenty close enough, it weighs 1000 lbs. race by Messrs E. Orr and P. McDonand emits a dense black cloud of smoke | ald. In the evening, dancing was inmust have been an ammunition dump | furnished by Style's orchestra. that went up.

Have been mentioned in orders for gallant conduct, by the office command- oommittee are much pleased with ing, while under heavy shell fire, for completing an important and exclusive | desire to thank the public and all who survey. (copy of orders enclosed.)

Have met no one whom I know as event. yet. There are many Canadians around. The parties you mention will probably be in England, as they are nowhere near the firing line like we are. The most of our work is under shell fire all the time. If it is too hot we "beat it" to some other place.

FRANKLIN P. JACKES, No. 1102126. 7 C. R. T. "D" Company, 257 Battalion, France, Letters dated July 2nd and 6th. Extracts From Battalion Orders,

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## Band for Exhibit!on

"Innes, the Band Man" who will head the musical programme this year at the Canadian National exhibition, assist the housewife with her churn- with his famous band of soloists, is an ing and other chores about the house. Englishman, a graduate of the London Some farmers seem to think, like | Conservatory of Music, and the Band the Indians of history, that women of the Life Guards. Later he went to were made for slaves only. The boy's | Paris, where he attracted the attenassistance would probably raise the tion of the late Pat Gilmore, the farmer's point of view that the greatest of all American leaders. He woman could do far better when not accompanied Gilmore to America, and overworked. The farmer always has proved a worthy successor to the wants implements and machinery of old master. Innes' band was acclaimthe latest type to lighten his labour, ing the finest of the many fine bands but often overlooks the fact that his heard at the Panama Pacific Exposiwife is left without any conveniences to tion. He it was, also, who planned lighten her drudery. If the farmer and carried to success the remarkable where the boy worked happened to series of festivals which made the A large stock of Funeral Furnish ng have a good looking daughter, the Alaska Yukon Exposition notable boy could help entertain her in the among all other exhibitions for its evening. Or if the farmer had, and musical programmes, Innes will give of course he would have, a Ford, the two free concerts daily, and in addiboy could drive her to town, saving tion, there will be concerts by a score of other bands day and night.

## Harvesters Read This!

The best way to the Harvest Fields of Western Canada is by the Canadian Ont.

#### Picnic at Abbey Farm

Each succeeding year brings a larger attendance at the Union Picnic of St. Luke's and St. Mary's (R. C.) churches, at The Abbey Farm, Langstaff. This year was no exception to the rule. There was fully 25 per. cent more in attendance last Saturday afternoon and evening than on any previous occasion. The largest quota came from the City, but the Metrorence to thank the Thornbill ladies for | politan cars brought many from Newmarket, Aurora and other places

Much interest was taken in the camp again Saturday. Our last camp sports and contests. The silver tea sure was a hot one. We were playing | donated by Mr. H. J. Naughton was different methods were suggested to , 'A" Company a game of baseball when won by Mr. W. O. McDonald of Maple; increase the production. The High "Fritz" busted it up with a shrapnel; the hand-painted pictures, donated by School boy working on a farm during one first went wide and gave us a warn- St. Joseph's Convent went to Mr. ing of what was to follow. You should | Sinclair; the Liecester Lamb, donated have seen the scatteration, he plaster- by Mr. C. J. McCurdy of Burnhamed about ten all around the camp, but | thorpe, was won by Mr. J. Mulock, no damage was done. It certainly is a Toronto; and a pair of tennis racquets, hot corner up around here and it is presented by Mr. J. A. Greene, went nothing unusual for about 200 men to to Miss Olive Switzer and Mr. James get in half an hours work all day, the Aikenhead after a spirited tennis

We were not able to obtain the ready made around here) We had our | names of all the winners in the athletic first experience the other day of a Jack | sports, but we observed that the open landed about a mile away, and it is Cousins of Maple, and the three-legged and it nearly shook our tents down, dulged in until between 11 and 12 They tear up a hole about 40 ft. wide o'clock, the large platform being conand 20 ft. deep. We thought sure it stantly crowded. The music was The president. Mr. T. Hughes; Mr.

Greene and other members of the the success of their social picnic, and so ably assisted them in their annual

Employes Picnic at Bond Lake

Ideal weather assisted in making a most enjoyable time at the 7th annual picnic of Toronto and York Radial Railway employes at Bond Lake Park last Thursday. The attendance was large, including about 50 returned soldiers from the Davisville Hospital, who came up in a special car furnished by the Company for their accommodation, The programme of sports in the afternoon was interesting, consist-The Officer Commanding wishes to ing of races for boys and girls of variexpress, and record his appreciation of our ages, wheelbarrow race, ladies tugthe conduct of the undermentioned, of-war, gents' tug-of-war, tug-of-war while on duty in an advanced area on for returned foldiers, men's obstacle the 23rd inst. During a long period of race, blind pig race, sack race, ladies' shelling by shrapnel and high explo- ball throwing contest etc., in all 28 sive enemy shells, the undermention- events. The baseball match was both ed officer and other ranks, carried out exciting and amusing. The match a dangerous and extensive survey was referred by the manager of the under and in the vicinity of the shell- Mimico Division. His word was law and he would submit to no arguments by either side. After the game, how ever, he was carried to the edge of the Lake by angry(?) contestants on the losing side, who however, refrained from giving him the proverbial duck-

The gasoline launch, the Turbinia, which was placed at the disposal of the guests, was kept busy afternoon and evening, luncheon was served in the shade of the trees, every ticket holder being given a lunch box. A large number of young people congregated for the dance in the evening, which was held in the pavilion. The programme of sports was carried out without a hitch, under the management of Mr. Livingstone, traffic manager; Mr. Reg. Petch Sec. of Com., and other officials.

#### Prize Winners in East and West York Home Garden Contest

The gardens in the East and West York Home Garden Contest conducted among the young men and young women have just been judged. This Contest is conducted annually by the Local Branch of the Department of Agriculture. The object is to encourage the coming generation in the raising of vegetables. There are twentyfive applications allowed in each Contest and five prizes are given for the RESIDENCE . THORNHILL best gardens. The following are the prize winners:-

1st. - Vera Jackson, Fairbank R. R. 2nd — Harold Summers, Newtonbrook.

3rd-John Johnson, Woodbridge. 4th.-Nelson Love, Weston R. R. 5th-Violet Clodd, Markham R. R.

## Intolerance

Many peaple in this section of coun-Northern Railway. Special through try viewed with interest "The Birth of trains will be operated from Toronto | a Nation" in Massey Hall a few months to Winnipeg on Excursion Dates. ago. Another production by the same The equipment will consist of electric author, D. W. Griffith, entitled "Intollighted colonist cars and lunch counter | erance" will be offered in the same cars especially designed to cater to the place during the two weeks of the needs of large bodies of men at Toronto National Exhibition. The moderate rates. West of Winnipeg | Collosal spectacle will be presentthe demand for labor is great along the ed in four stories, with full symphony lines of the Canadian Northern Rail- orchestra and choir. The first is a way and the Wages are corresponding. | modern story, the second a Judean ly high. All particulars from C. Reid, story, the third a mediaeval French Station Agent or General Passenger story, and the fourth a Babylonian P.O. Box Depts., Montreal, Que. and Toronto, story. The music that accompanies "Intolerance" is said to be grand.

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