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REMEMBRANCE DAY

When we meet with bowed heads next Sunday, Nov. 11th, we will honor the memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the awful war 1914 to 1918. When soldiers and sailors march next Sunday they will not be glorifying WAR. The predominating thought of the Remembrance Day services will be for those who aren't there and of the ideals for which they believed they gave their last full measure of devotion. As we meet to honor the memory of those who were called to give up their lives in the last awful conflict let us resolve to do our part to see that war will forever be abolished as a means of settling national differences.

TWENTY CENTS PER HOUR

The Municipal Council of Markham Township on Monday heard again the request for an increase in pay and the oft repeated plea "can a man keep a family on this meagre pay?" The request for an increase has been made many times to Markham and Vaughan townships and no doubt to other municipalities where this rate is paid. There is much to be said on both sides of the question. It cannot be argued that 20 cents per hour is very handsome pay and in fact it is doubtful if it is possible for one with no other resources to make ends meet at this scale of pay. On the other hand the councillors must consider the ability to pay on the part of those who contribute to the taxation from which such wages are paid. If .20 cents per hour is not handsome pay there are probably scores of farmers with thousands of dollars tied up in investment for land and equipment who do not make as much as .20 cents per hour. We would be pleased to have our readers express their opinions on this question in our "Voice of the People" section.

WAR IS SILLY DECLARES A. A. MILNE

"I think war is wrong; I also think it is silly." So writes A. A. Milne, poet and playwright, in his recently published book, "Peace With Honor, an Enquiry Into the War Convention."

Then, to show how silly it is, he discusses the question of national honor and gives a brief but graphic and illuminating account of the Great War:

In the summer of 1914 an Austrian archduke was killed at Sarajevo, under, it was said, Serbian auspices. Austria's honor, since she was a bigger country than Serbia, demanded that she should seek what is called satisfaction. Serbia agreed to make certain obeisances and motions of humility suggested to her, but rejected certain others. Complete satisfaction being necessary to the honor of Austria, no course was left to her but the forcing of these other obeisances upon the smaller country. The force applied led directly to the killing of ten million men who were not archdukes, and, directly or indirectly, to the deaths of uncounted thousands of women and children. Even so, however, the object remained unachieved. The further obeisances were not made, and four years later Austria was still incompletely satisfied.

It does all seem to show the futility of war, doesn't it? Honor and prestige and patriotism do not seem, in the last analysis, to count for very much against that of ten million dead, only a baker's dozen of whom had anything to do with making the war.

And modern war is no longer a Homeric struggle of man against man on equal terms. As Mr. Milne points out, the economic life of the world, which barely survived the last war, will probably be destroyed in the next, while that next war will be from the air and will involve every woman and child. Strikingly he says:

It is no longer war. It is something for which the word has not yet been invented, something as far removed from the Napoleonic wars as they were from a boxing match. This new thing which you are asked to renounce is a degradation which would soil the beasts, a lunacy which would shame the madhouse. In renouncing it, you will be renouncing nothing which History has accepted or Poetry idealized, nothing in which your countries have found profit or your countrymen glory.

"Can honor set an arm?" asked Falstaff. Can it bring back 10,000,000 dead?

WREATH FROM PROVINCE FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

A wreath from the Province of Ontario will be placed on the Memorial in Richmond Hill at the Remembrance Day services here next Sunday, Nov. 11th. This is in accord with the announcement of Hon. David A. Croll who speaking on behalf of the government stated that in order to give governmental recognition to the desirability of holding open air cenotaph services for the men and women who fell in the Great War, his department, acting through the widow or the bereaved mother of a soldier will present some 380 wreaths on Remembrance Day, Nov. 11.

In addition, these wreaths will have provided a substantial amount of employment to disabled veterans, as they are being made in the Vet-craft Shops.

Wreaths will only be provided for open-air services, and there will be one for each municipality. The service, which will be recognized by the presentation of a wreath, will be that which is considered to be the service representing the entire municipality. Wreaths will not be given for services confined to any particular group in the community.

Arrangements are being made in each community for the widow or mother of a soldier who gave up his life during the war to be the representative of the Government of Ontario in placing the wreath at the cenotaph.

"It is desirable," said Mr. Croll, "that solemn thought should be given on Remembrance Day by every citizen to the terrible cost in young and promising lives which war entails."

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

Grafters are wailing because the Hepburn Government will block building the "St. Lawrence Seaway." Mr. Hepburn refuses to bankrupt Ontario to make Toronto a seaport. He is as truly right in that as Drury was in blocking Toronto's wild scheme to network Ontario with electric railways. About the only public enterprise a Dominion or Ontario Government ever made that was really worth the expenditure was the T. & N.O. Railway and even that became a white elephant pup by Government mismanagement. —Bracebridge Gazette.

Let Your Light Shine with Tenderness

By John Edwin Price

THE LIGHT of Madam Marie Currie's life has been withdrawn from our sight. Much light did she shed into the darkened lives of those who without her might have been doomed to eke out an abbreviated existence in the gloomy halls of pain.

In being, with her husband, a co-discoverer of radium she became a world-wide alleviator of pain and anxiety and was twice awarded the Nobel prize. Early in the course of her experimenting she found that a humble substance known as thorium could, under right conditions, give forth light. Much light was brought forth from a ton of muck which she had hauled from her native Poland.

This fact throws light on another fact which we sometimes forget. As the beauty of the lily and the light of radium are both derived from what might be called common muck so can light and beauty be brought forth, under right conditions, from the commonest clay of humanity.

You may have passed through moments of self-depreciation when you felt it was no use to try. You may have felt that nothing beautiful or brilliant could possibly come from the mucked up muck you had made of your life.

In that moment you may have forgotten that you yourself did not decree your existence. The Powers-That-Be knew what they were about when they let you be born. There is some special light which your life can radiate which will add to the illumination of the world. Something may need be done as in the case of thorium in order that your best light may be released. Sometimes a change of environment is necessary. Sometimes much study is required. Sometimes the thing needful is an essential change within — from a hindering to a helping attitude. Each must be a Currie of his own life studying, experimenting, testing, — ever struggling to better his best.

The Lord of Life said when on earth, "Let your light SO shine that men may see your good works and glorify the Father who is in heaven." The fierceness of the sun cannot help cancer. The apparently gentle rays of radium are pregnant with healing power. As your light grows in power let it not be to scorch and burn but to help and heal.

Speaking of her great husband Marie Currie once said, "His tenderness was the most exquisite of blessings, sure and HELPFUL, full of gentleness and solicitude. It was good to be surrounded by this tenderness; it was cruel to lose it after having lived in an atmosphere permeated by it." What a beautiful tribute from an intimate associate!

Let your light shine — with tenderness.

York County Plow Boys Hold Annual Banquet

Thirty-eight Junior Farmer Plow boys competed in the Home Plowing Competition held on the home farms in York County this year. The lands were judged by Mr. Wm. Doherty of Toronto and presentation of prizes was made at a banquet held in the United Church, Temperanceville, on Nov. 1st. Over one hundred boys and their friends were in attendance. Mr. J. P. MacGregor of Toronto was the guest speaker. Mr. Harvey Leek of Mount Albert, Vice-President of the County Junior Farmers' Association, acted as chairman. The team of three boys who won "The Farmer" trophy in the Inter-County Plowing Competition at the Provincial Match were guests at the head table as also was Mr. C. H. Hodge, editor of The Farmer. Mr. J. M. Walton of Aurora made presentation of the Silver Service given by Mr. A. J. H. Eckardt of Toronto who was unable to be present. Mr. Wm. Doherty complimented the boys very highly on their splendid work. Short addresses were made by councillors from the different townships. The programme was interspersed with musical numbers, including cornet duets by Fred Herbstreit and Gus Gruber of Mount Albert and readings by Miss Norma Williamson of Nobleton.

The prize list was financed by donations from business firms as well as cash prizes by the local Townships, Acme Farmers' Dairy, W. P. Mulock, Wm. Doherty and Victoria Square Junior Farmers' Club. Announcement of awards was made by R. E. White, Agricultural Representative for York County. Prize winners were as follows: Class 1—Sod or Stubble 1st—Richard Jarvis, Milliken, winner of the Marion MacGregor Trophy. 2nd—Douglas Ferguson, Stouffville, winner of the Cockhutt Plow donated by the Agent at Malvern. 3rd—Cameron Kennedy, Agincourt, winner of the Eckardt Silver Tea Service. 4th—Allan Gray, Stouffville. 5th—Harold Botham, Aurora. Class 2—Tractor 1st—Bruce Davidson, Agincourt, winner of the Straightener donated by Victoria Square Junior Farmers. 2nd—Allan Rumble, Maple. 3rd—James Valliere, Unionville. Class 3A—Walking Plow in Stubble 1st—Russell Pearson, Agincourt. 2nd—Ivan Raymer, Milliken. 3rd—Andrew McClure, Woodbridge, winner of Kellam Silver Dessert Set. 4th—Jos. Porrill, Maple. Class 3B—Walking Plow in Sod 1st—Lewis Wells, Lemonville. 2nd—M. N. Newlands, Mt. Albert. 3rd—Norman Third, Agincourt. Class 4—Tractor 1st—David Couperthwaite, Agincourt, winner of Robt. Simpson Co. order for merchandise, value \$10.00. 2nd—Alex Davidson, Agincourt. 3rd—Allan Crone, Mt. Albert. 4th—Russell Little, Agincourt. Class 5—Boys 16 years and under 1st—Norman Jarvis, Milliken, winner of club bag, donated by T. Eaton Co. 2nd—Nelson Raymer, Milliken. Class 6—Beginners' Class 1st—Bruce Ella, Weston, winner of plow, donated by J. Fleury's Son. 2nd—Donald Brown, Agincourt.

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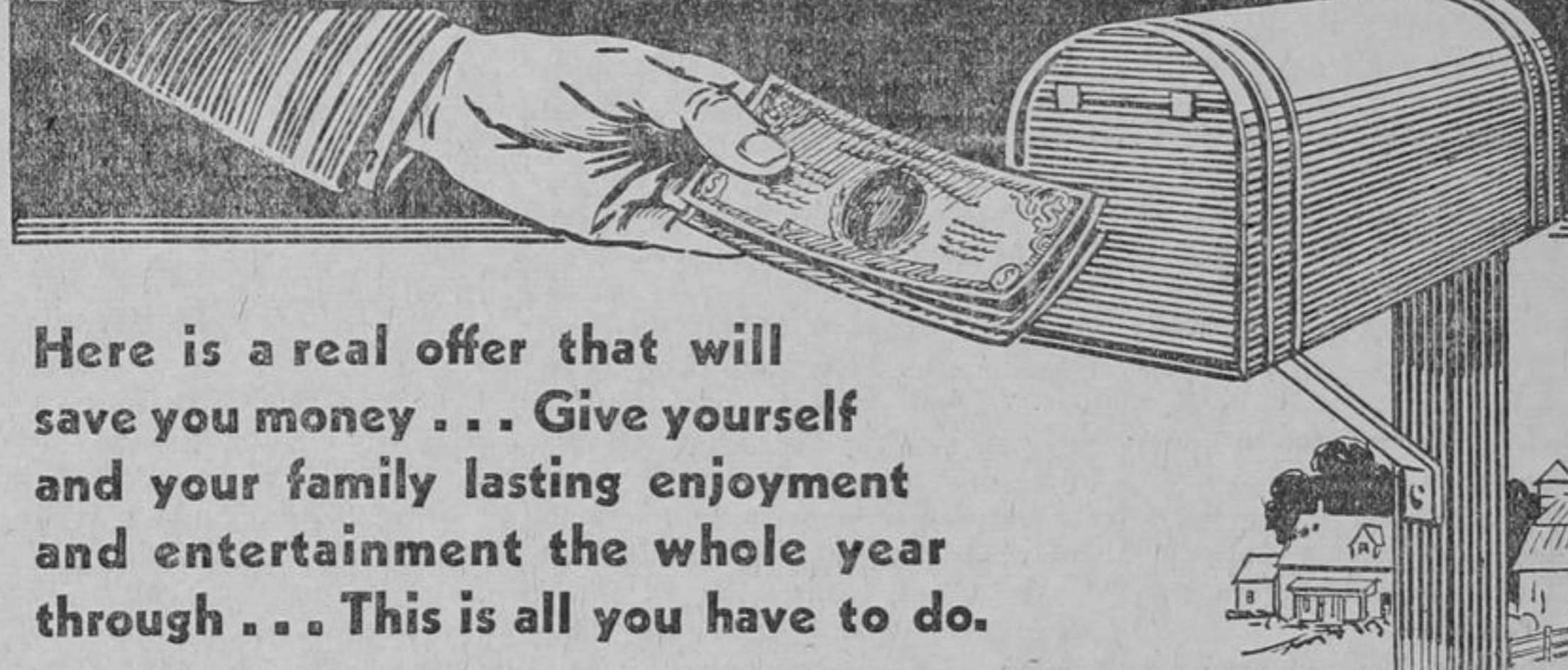
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