

Unionville

The June meeting of Central United W.A. convened at the home of Mrs. Wm. Sellars Thursday last, 26 members present and Mrs. E. Bewell presiding. The devotional period was led by Mrs. F. Pollard who read the scripture lesson, Mrs. A. Coulson giving the Bible talk and prayer. Many items of business were discussed pertaining to future activities and reports on boxes of fruit sent to sick members were given. The roll call was responded to by a verse of scripture containing the word "light" and the program which followed included two piano solos by Mrs. Toogood and readings by Mrs. F. Pollard, Mrs. LaRose and Miss M. Miller. Prayer by Rev. A. E. Owen concluded this part of the meeting. A delicious supper followed served by Mrs. W. Sellars, Mrs. G. Ogden, Mrs. J. Champ and Mrs. Brookfield as hostesses. The ladies report a delightful afternoon.

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Unionville
Pastor—Rev. A. E. Owen
(Daylight Saving Time)
10.30 a.m.—Church School.
11.30 a.m.—Rev. T. R. White of Aurora.
8 p.m.—Mr. Forgach.

EBENEZER UNITED CHURCH

(Standard Time)
1.30 p.m.—Church School.
2.30 p.m.—Mr. Forgach.

ST. PHILLIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

10 a.m.—Church School.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Standard Time)
10.30 a.m.—Church School.
11.30 a.m.—Public Worship.

NEWS SOURCES CONTROLLED, RUMOUR LEADS STAMPEDE

One of the most dangerous weapons in the German strategy attack, writes Britannicus, the well known British war and political commentator, is rumour. Developments in recent weeks moreover have greatly enhanced the effectiveness of this weapon in German hands. The swarms of refugees which the Germans drive before them in their advance, interspersed with German agents, provide an excellent medium for carrying alarmist rumours. More important still is the occupation by Germany of great sources of European news such as Amsterdam and Copenhagen; the virtual cutting off of others, such as Stockholm; and the control of wireless stations and of the trans-continental cable and telephone services which Germany's aggressions have brought her. This has not only resulted in the drying up of sources of reliable neutral and in particular of American news, but it has enabled Germany to apply with renewed vigour her well-known technique of spreading lies and rumours under neutral guise. Thus the Oslo radio quotes Belgrade when recounting fantastic tales that revolution is breaking out in France; Budapest quotes Copenhagen for a fairy story that French are suing for a separate peace; Rome quotes Stockholm as authority for a fable that British troops are abandoning France and so forth. All these allegedly neutral reports in fact emanate from German sources and are without exception false.

Already there are 27 soldiers' wives who have been widowed in Canada since the present War started last September, to whom the Canadian Government is paying pensions. Several of the women have been widowed through accidents in the R.C.A.F. in training in Canada.

Thornhill

A confirmation service was held in Trinity Church a few days ago. Eighteen candidates were confirmed, fourteen from Thornhill, three from Richmond Hill and one from Scarborough. Bishop Beverley gave a very helpful message. Two tablets were dedicated at this service. One tablet was in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Barwick, who were married in the church in 1833, the other in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jackes for many years members of Trinity Church.

A Decoration Day Service in connection with Trinity Church Cemetery will be held on Sunday next, June 9th at 3 o'clock D.S.T. Right Rev. H. J. Hamilton, D.D., formerly Bishop of Mid-Japan, now of Toronto, will be the special speaker at the service.

A rather unique service was held in Trinity Church on Sunday afternoon last when ten people were baptized by the rector.

A WAR A.B.C.

THE SWASTIKA is the ensign of German National-Socialism (Nazism). The German claim that this is an exclusive right of an ancient Teuton civilization is false. Actually it is the State ensign of Finland, and when soldiers of the German Baltic Corps returned home in 1919 from aiding the Finns in their fight for freedom from Russia (as a result of which Finland regained its freedom), they wore the swastika on their helmets.

These soldiers joined various post-war organizations opposed to the then German Government, and when the Hitler party was formed, they adopted the swastika as their emblem. As a matter of fact, the swastika is a relic of many ancient peoples, traces of it having been found in Mongolia and the Orient.

"TROYAN HORSE". This expression has peculiar significance today because of the German methods in Norway and other countries — having apparent "tourists" and merchant seamen in a country, who, when the moment is ripe, are revealed as soldiers and who attempt to wrest vulnerable points of communication, transport and military significance from the defenders, thus simplifying the task of the main German army of aggression.

The method is being called the "Trojan Horse" trick because of the legend that over 3000 years ago (about 1184 B.C.), the Greeks captured the city of Troy by a trick. After trying for over ten years to overcome the Trojan forces without success, the Greeks built a huge wooden horse and a number of the bravest Greek heroes concealed themselves in it. This horse was left just outside the city gates, while the remaining Greek forces apparently withdrew. Thinking that the enemy had given up the fight, the soldiers of Troy opened the gates and pulled in the horse, then commenced a feast of rejoicing. While the revelry was at its height, the Greeks within the horse emerged, opened the city gates to let their comrades in and Troy was captured and completely destroyed.

LEBENSRAUM (German for "living space"). Germany alleges that she is over-populated and claims the right to acquire, annex or conquer by any means other, adjacent, countries to provide "living space" for her people. Part of this outlook is based on a belief that a country should be able to subsist entirely on what it is able to grow itself — an idea perhaps practicable in ancient days but hardly possible in this modern age of highly industrialized communities and efficient systems of communication and transport... It is to be noted that the Germans callously show indifference to, similar claims of their neighbouring countries, such as Denmark, Norway, Czecho Slovakia etc... The plea is, of course, a thinly veiled "justification" for ardent aggression and the right to conquer and subdue other countries for the sole sake of the German Reich.

The old shepherd's daughter was going to marry a town-dweller. Wishing to make her father look smart when he gave her away at the altar, she got him to agree to wear a hat. The shepherd went into a store:
Clerk—"What size, please?"
Shepherd—"I don't know."
Clerk—"We'll try a six and a half first."
Shepherd—"Six and a half be hang'd. I wear a 16-collared, and I know my head is bigger than my neck."

World Wide Objectives In Allied War Aims

By Britannicus

BRITISH statesmen have been re-proved, by correspondents in the British commonwealth overseas, for emphasizing the European aspect of Allied war aims.

The reproof is fair. It is not merely to alter the map of Europe that Great Britain and her Allies of the Empire are resolved to win the war against Nazi Germany at whatever cost. Their cause and their objectives are world-wide.

The First Essential—Order in Europe
Yet, although over-emphasis of the need for building a new order, specifically in Europe is to be regretted, it is wholly natural. The foe whom we fight is a European Power. The occasion of the war was an act of flagrant aggression in Europe. In Europe, as this is being written, lie all the theatres of active land warfare.

Again, when we come to express our war aims in concrete terms, we must needs begin with the liberation of European states enslaved to Nazi Germany — Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway. At this stage, it is hard to express other war aims with half such sharp definition.

The defeat of Nazi Germany in Europe, moreover, is the condition precedent of achieving our war aims in the wider world. Until the nightmare dread of attack by Hitler and his hordes has been rinsed from the consciousness of Europe (including therewith Great Britain and Ireland), there will be neither the cash nor the opportunity for the larger effort that we burn to make towards world-wide economic and political progress.

The world order waits on European order. Nor should the extra-European peoples, fighting side by side with Great Britain and France, be aggrieved that this is so, or complain that war aims in Europe can be more precisely expressed than war aims in their own continents and oceans.

Rather they should be proud. For the fundamental reason is that in practically every quarter of the world, outside Europe, the bases of freedom and ordered progress have already been secured.

Does North America, does Australia, or the parts of Africa and Asia where the writ of British and French imperial power runs, live in constant fear of aggression by a neighbour armed to the teeth, followed by subjection to a ruthless racial tyranny? What Indians would exchange the position of their country for that of, say, Rumania today, completely independent sovereign state though she be?

And Then—World Progress
There has indeed been grave aggression, in this generation, in Asia, and Africa. But what the countries of the British Commonwealth, and of France-Beyond-the-Sea, are chiefly fighting for is not the mere foundations of the good life as nations and citizen-states of the world, but the chance to go on building the super-structure.

The British Commonwealth is fighting for a chance to work out its own destiny, as a community of nations rising severally and jointly to greater economic welfare and political stature. The new world order, which we hope to fertilize with the ashes of the old order in Europe can be expressed in these very terms.

To turn the jungle of sovereign states into a community of nations; to seek for each and all of them greater economic welfare; and to establish the conditions in which each can rise to its full political stature and make its full contribution to world progress — these are the wider war aims of the Allies in every continent.

BIRDS OF THE SEASON

(By Farley Mowat)

The fame of our local group of Nature enthusiasts seems to have spread considerably. On Saturday, June 1, the Toronto Field Naturalists Club held their field day at Bond Lake, and the local naturalists took over the job of hosts to 110 members of the club. Mrs. Gambell and Mrs. Evelyn Clarke who own the property around Bond Lake made the whole thing possible by generously throwing open their property to the bug, bird, flower and snake hunters. A total of 61 species of birds were observed but your reporter is darned if he can find out what the birds were! The only record that the observers seem to remember is a Pine Warbler, so the other 60 birds must remain anonymous. Apparently the meet was a decided success, a few cars stuck in the mud and an ardent ornithologist being fished out of the lake did nothing to mar the trip. Supper of a snacky sort was served at 7.00 and many bird and animal naturalists were seen to be taking a violent interest in entomology, ants in particular. Amongst the more or less famous Torontonians present were Prof. Coventry, Prof. Taylor, both of U. of T.; Mr. Diamond, head of the Royal Ontario Museum; Doctor Saunders and Mr. Paul Hahn. The botanical section came through with such records as Pitcher Plants, Labrador Tea, Sheeps Laurel, Dog-tooth Violets and one variety of orchids. Amongst the reptiles present was a large Ribbon Snake, a very rare colour phase of the common garter snake. The general opinion of the Toronto Field Naturalists was that Richmond Hill Naturalists were ready to 'take their place in the sun'.

We note with interest that the hand carved models of ducks and other birds that John Curzon makes of balsa and bass wood, took a first prize at the fair. Many fair patrons saw the exhibit and were greatly impressed.

From Dr. Lillian Langstaff, the most regular and valuable contributor to this column, come the following records. Indigo Bunting and Scarlet Tanagers seen at Honeyopot, also recorded were more orchids. (The prevalence of orchids and the months of rain seem to indicate that it's only a matter of time before this district becomes completely tropical). Nesting tree swallows at Dr. Langstaff's are expecting quintuplets this week. An oriole, nesting in the garden has started laying; the first oriole nest to be completed this year.

For the benefit of several baffled observers in the locality, the bird on the waterworks pond which has been described as 'laughing at everybody who comes near' is a Florida

Galinule. The Galinule, a close relative of the Coot or Mud Hen is noted for its untimely bursts of mirth that sound almost human.

Numerous complaints are being made concerning the youth of the community who, equipped with catapults and air rifles, are making life miserable for the species of birds who try to exist in village gardens. Parents must realize that apart from local restrictions regarding air guns, there is an extremely heavy fine imposed by the Dominion Government on anyone who shoots protected birds without a special permit to do so. If your son must go shooting, turn his attention towards starlings and house sparrows whose demise will be mourned by nobody.

Sunday's field trip was completely eclipsed by the doings of the Field Naturalists but the small group who went down to the Exhibition water front were rewarded with a Piping Plover, the only Toronto record for this rare little plover this year. By the way, a Semi-palmated Plover, an arctic nester, was seen near Bethesda on June 2.

I have been asked to mention that the formation of a rifle club for the ladies of the town is being considered providing enough are interested. A rifle range can be constructed at no cost and the price of 22. ammunition is low. If you want to learn to handle a gun just in case, please phone or write to this column. Phone number is 134J.

Everyone interested in photography, even if you only have a box camera, is invited to participate in a field day next Sunday afternoon. The camera subjects will be a number of birds' nests that have been located near Richmond Hill. Get in touch with this column if you are interested.

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