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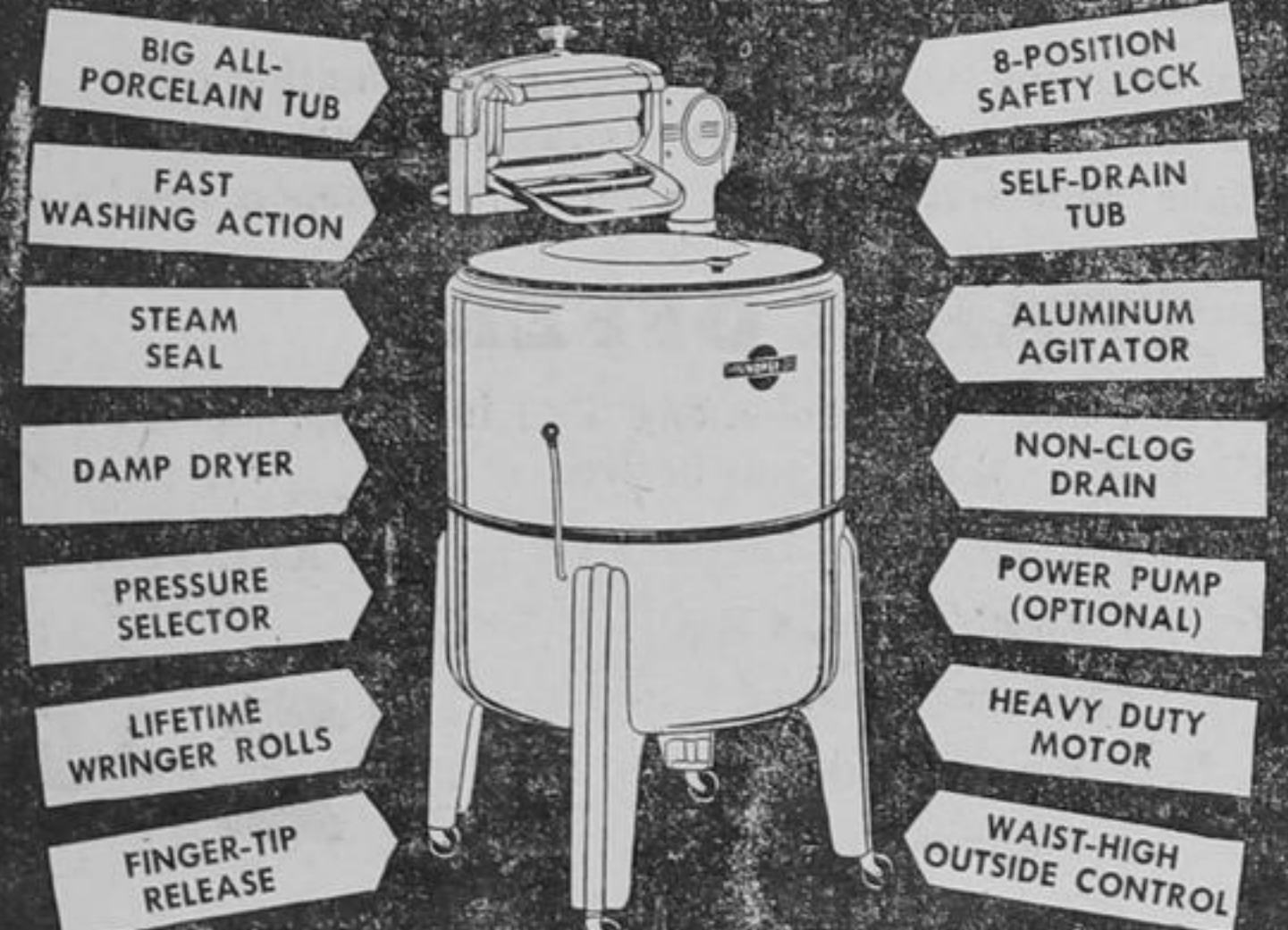
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South African War Effort

South Africa's war effort is being pushed ahead rapidly. Since the invasion of the Low Countries, South Africans have been flocking to the colours, and racial prejudices and differences have been largely forgotten in the struggle for the common cause of humanity.

Thousands of men have enrolled for fulltime service "anywhere in Africa" and recruiting records have been broken in almost every big city in the Union. South Africans have realised the need for sacrifice and the spirit with which our troops are imbued is best described in the words which General Smuts used in a recent reply to a cable from Lord Caldicote:

"Whatever difficulties and trials lie ahead and however long the road may be," said General Smuts "we hope to follow it to the end in company with our Commonwealth friends and other Allies."

Many units of the Union Defence Force are now on active service while thousands of young men are being intensively trained in the use of modern weapons of war. Like most armies of to-day, the Union Forces are mainly mechanized but the value of troops on horseback in rough, hilly African country, has not been entirely overlooked, and commando units have been raised in all parts of the Union.

The South African Air Force is already playing its part in the war against Italy and has driven home a number of daring attacks on military objectives in Abyssinia. South Africans have a natural aptitude for flying and the daring young pilots of the present generation will, without doubt, prove worthy successors to the intrepid airmen who built up such a wonderful reputation for their country in the last war.

The organisation of industries on a wartime basis is also materially assisting the Union in its military preparations. Industrialists are keen to do as much as they can to help the country's war effort, and manufacturers have publicly declared that they are prepared to hand over their factories to the State for the duration of the War. Munitions factories are also being established in various parts of the country and production is going ahead rapidly.

In common with their menfolk, South African women have responded magnificently to the call to Arms. Ever since the outbreak of hostilities they have insistently demanded that they should be allowed to play an active part in the country's war effort, and for the first time in our history, detachments of women volunteers have been mobilised. A large number have been called up for fulltime service and will be engaged in clerical and certain types of technical work. The provisions of the military discipline code apply to the members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and the Women's Auxiliary Army Service, whether they serve inside or outside the frontiers of South Africa.

But women are also serving in many other ways and one of their main functions is to take over civilian occupations in order to release as many men as possible for active service. They are, for instance, being trained to be ticket collectors on trams and buses, to replace men at key-telephone exchanges, to be signallers, wireless engineers, postmen and telegraph messengers, and to take over all branches of traffic control.

The vast snowball of South Africa's war effort is rapidly gaining impetus, and from the dorps, the backveld and the cities, men and women are uniting their endeavours to make the South African military machine one of the best and most determined in the Empire.

The training and equipping of the Mobile Field Force has been in preparation for several months and when the mettle of this Force is tested, it will uphold the traditions which were established at Delville Wood, Vimy Ridge, Arras and the Menin Road, to mention only a few places where South Africans are famous for their gallant stands against the enemy in the Great War.

This time, of course, South Africa's main front will be in Africa, and within a few months, perhaps weeks, South African forces may be engaging the enemy in the North. These men know the country, they know the African veld, the hills and the valleys. The fathers and the grandfathers of many of them now fighting side by side for South Africa in the Allied cause to-day, made history for both the British and the Boers on this same African veld some 40 years ago. Now they stand united against the common enemy, ready to fight to the end to VICTORY!

TESTON

Miss Virginia Hopper of Buffalo is vacationing at her aunt's Mrs. Jack Gray.

Misses Rene Hadwin and Eleanor Oliver spent a week at Bala and report thumbing, etc., excellent.

Mrs. Smylie returned to Toronto after spending a week's holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taggart.

A number of young people from Teston and vicinity attended the Ambulance Dance on Monday night at Musselman's Lake.

Miss Betty Piercy of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, is visiting her uncle, Mr. Frank Piercy.

Misses Margaret and Ruth Oliver returned home last week after spending some time at Ahshunyong, Sibbald's Point.

The W.A. of Teston are holding an Ice Cream Social at the church on Wednesday evening, August 28th. A program is being prepared. Come one, come all and enjoy yourselves.

NEWTONBROOK

The C.N.E. opens this week. These cool days remind one that the fall season is just around the corner.

Mrs. A. W. Stephenson, Miss Jean, Douglas and Bruce are holidaying at Georgian Bay.

Mrs. Wallace Pinder and daughter Patsy have returned home after a week's vacation at Lake Simcoe.

Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Halbert returned home last Wednesday after a month's holiday spent at Muskoka and Lake Simcoe.

Pte. Donald Wain of Cummer Ave. has enlisted in the Irish Regiment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wells, Misses Ann and Elise Wells spent last weekend with relatives at Exeter.

Mrs. Allan Wiltshire is holidaying in Haliburton.

Miss Beatrice Brown has returned home from her holidays in the north. Miss Margaret Shaw spent her holidays at Bala.

Mr. James Dodds is back to work again at the Carload Groceteria after spending a two weeks vacation with his parents at Glencairn.

Miss Jean Shaw is visiting friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Campbell and family are on a motor trip to Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Rev. E. E. and Mrs. Pugsley of Cannington were guests of Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Halbert last Saturday.

Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the United Church. The S. S. has begun practise for the Centenary Services.

The service on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 11 a.m. will take the form of a Sunday School anniversary. Two former S.S. superintendents, Mr. Curtis of Pickering and Mr. Fred James of Toronto who directed the Newtonbrook Sunday School over 50 years ago, are expected to be present. A former S.S. pupil who is now a minister, will preach a Young People's Service and reunion of former members will be a special feature of the evening service on Sept. 29th. On October 6th and Oct. 13th the Centenary of the church will be observed and extensive plans are being made to make these services a spiritual uplift and to renew the fellowship of former days.

We are pleased to see Mrs. Robert Pinder Sr. improving in health and hope she will soon be able to be about again.

PUBLICITY HOUND

Although Mussolini has not developed anything quite like the Nazi "Heil Hitler!" it must not be assumed that he has not ways of keeping his name before his own public. He has, to the detriment of the Italian countryside. Wherever there is a hillside he has had cut out, in a similar manner to our white horses and regimental badges on Salisbury Plain, the letters **IL DUCE** or **DUX**, so largely that they can be seen for miles. Nor is that all. He is so proud of his speeches that another publicity device is to have the snapper excerpts painted on any blank wall that may be handy, and his advertising experts are so efficient that it is a small village that does not boast at least three of these signed sayings.—(From the Manchester Guardian.)

FARM LABOR SHORTAGE

One of the pressing problems at the present time is a shortage of farm labor throughout Ontario. According to an official of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, many hired men have enlisted in the army, leaving their employers without adequate manpower at a very inopportune time. Farmers' sons have also deserted the farm for the army. The department is endeavoring to meet the situation by rushing school boys, registered with the department as available for farm work, to the localities most in need of help. All along it has been contended that it takes longer to train a man for farm work than for soldiering, so that the seriousness of the situation facing the farmer should not be minimized.—(From the Simcoe Reformer.)

CARRVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Oliver of Palgrave and Mr. and Mrs. Wardlaw of Dixie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver.

Mrs. Geo. Reid and son Douglas of Oriole spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Wark.

Mr. and Mrs. Seneca Hancock and children of Lindsay visited Mr. and Mrs. C. Clarke on Sunday.

Mr. Oliver Sr. of Palgrave is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver.

Mr. Jim Wark who has been in New York for several years has returned to his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenney of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Barton on Wednesday.

The sympathy of Carrville is extended to Mrs. W. Woods of Maple whose father Mr. Rumble was buried on Wednesday.

THE NAZI WAY

Word reaches us from Amsterdam via Paris of the summary execution by Nazis of most of the editorial staff of De Greone Amsterdammer. This weekly, for many years a skillful and satirical opponent of the Nazis in a country where fifth column activities were rampant, was one of the first objects of Nazi wrath when the Reichswehr entered the city in May. It bespeaks a great deal for the courage of the staff of this journal that the invaders recognized its power and were quickly to descend on its plant once the path was cleared of snipers; but that honor is cold comfort for those editors who, remaining at their desks though much of the city was aflame, were shot on the familiar Nazi pretext of "resisting arrest."—(From the Living Age.)

STIFFER PENALTIES

Calgary Herald: While Parliament is engaged in collecting rifles and shotguns it should also make a further attempt to round up lethal weapons of all kinds. Much stiffer penalties in the courts for those found in illegal possession of arms might serve as a deterrent.



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The need for economy in all branches of public administration so that as much as possible of our resources may be directed for war purposes has been strongly emphasized by our leaders during recent weeks. In keeping with this policy which we heartily endorse Vaughan Township council is appealing to the farmers and property owners throughout the municipality to cut weeds in front of their own homes and farms.

The cutting of these weeds by the municipality costs a considerable amount of money annually, and it is our hope that by the individual property owner assuming this responsibility, the municipal treasury will be saved the expense.

This is a time of National crisis, a time when we must all do our share of National Service, and we must anticipate increasing burdens as taxpayers. We think it is our solemn duty to curtail public expense wherever possible, and weed cutting on roadsides and streets is one item on which we think we can save the taxpayers' money.

Please take this as the appeal of your Township Council, to co-operate in conserving township finances by having the weeds cut in front of your own property.

We thank you in anticipation of your response to this appeal.

R. W. SCOTT, Reeve of Vaughan.