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GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Hello, Sugar! You rationed yet?

Snowfall this winter was just about half of the average.

"If we wrangle about yesterday, we have lost tomorrow." — Winston Churchill.

The only reliable sign of Spring is when Winter goes away and fails to return. So we ain't saying nothing — yet.

Styles and trends are ever changing. Even styles of stealing change. Right now the popular style of stealing is gas and tire thefts and cars parked outside churches have been easy prey to thieves. Now don't let this be another excuse for staying away from church.

Aurora Town Council at its recent meeting turned the gun which since the last war has stood at the Waterworks property over to the local salvage campaign. It was a German gun captured in the last war and was presented to Aurora by the Dominion Government. "It was made in Germany to shell our boys in 1918, let's send it back in the form of bullets," said Councillor Gunton.

A sailor was washed up when his ship was wrecked on the shore of a lonely tropical island. Thinking himself the only survivor, and full of concern that the place might be the abode of savage cannibals, he went exploring inland. Presently he saw smoke ascending from a clump of shrubs. Trembling with fear and ready to bolt, he crept cautiously toward the smoke, when he heard a voice say: "What the — did you play that — card for?" "Thank God — Christians!" he shouted, joyfully.

When Premier Hepburn surveyed the by-election results and exclaimed: "All I can say is that we have been damned stupid," the Fergus News-Record added: "Speak for yourself, Mitch."

At the last meeting of Richmond Hill Council M. Malby applied to council for a taxi license, but councillors declined to take steps to pass the necessary by-law, at the present time. The town of Newmarket has revived its taxi by-law, fixing license fees at \$25 for the first car and \$15 for the second. It is likely the gas rationing will cause a boom in taxi business.

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A fond mother took her child to school for the first time and told the teacher "Johnny is a very nervous boy. If you have to chastise him, slap the pupil next to him — that will scare him."

A Greek scholar, visiting a women's college in the United States, was asked whether he would do their institution the compliment of translating their college motto into Greek. He agreed and asked what the motto was. It was placed before him, and he read the words: "Pep without purpose is piffle."

A minister was asked by one of his least respectable parishioners to say prayer on Sunday for Anna Bell. He did so.

A few days later the pastor asked the church member if he wished the prayers for Anna Bell to be repeated. "No, thank you kindly," answered the man, "she won last Wednesday at seven to one."

As the war goes on, we find many commodities for civilian use, becoming increasingly scarce. This condition is likely to become worse as the Japs are seizing additional territory from which comes rubber, rope, spices, tea, sugar, tin, and other articles of household use. Money itself won't take the place of these goods and now we find that the possession of wealth has taken a new angle and many articles cannot be purchased at any price.

Red Cross representatives from all parts of the Province will meet in Toronto on March 12th and 13th for the 22nd annual meeting of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society, at which the biggest year's work in the history of the Ontario Division will be reported. More than 800 representatives of the Division and its Branches are expected to attend with members of the National Executive.

Canada's emergency wartime housing program may show a solution to one of Canada's greatest peace-time problems — the disgraceful slums of cities," writes Leonard L. Knott in the current issue of Health, the official publication of the Health League of Canada.

"Across Canada today," writes Mr. Knott, "literally thousands of new homes for workers are being built by a government owned company, Wartime Housing Limited. This vast residential building program is not a slum clearance program. It is not even designed to improve the living conditions of Canadian wage earners. It is simply an emergency project to give workers in war industries some place to live."

A deputation representing the Women's Institute of North Gwillimbury waited on the municipal council at its last meeting asking a Municipal Health service. They wanted a community doctor paid annually by the township. They said that the plan has been taken up in the western provinces with good results and has already been brought to the attention of the Ontario government, with a request for enabling legislation to give municipalities the necessary authority, which they do not have at present.

The ladies pointed out that the township of North Gwillimbury at the present time had no doctor in the municipality and, with outside doctors kept busy at home and in some cases refusing to make long trips, the situation was serious. The council promised co-operation and agreed that a letter should be sent to the government concerning the matter.

A small town is the one where a person knows as much about a neighbor as the family physician.

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King City District News

A supplies shipment from King Township Red Cross Branch was on exhibition at Schomberg on Wednesday, March 4th to interested workers. The supplies covered a month's work and packers at the rooms stated all was in good form. The following articles were listed: 33 large quilts, 7 crib quilts, 2 single quilts, 10 scarves, 5 pairs gloves, 5 pairs mitts, 4 turtle neck tuck-ins, 4 helmets, 2 sleeveless sweaters, 110 pairs socks, 6 turtle neck sweaters, 7 shoulder throws, 16 pairs seamen's socks, 14 pairs boys' pyjamas, 5 units women's clothing which includes 5 wool skirts, 5 wool blouses, 5 cotton blouses, 1 layette or some 25 or 30 pieces, 1 sleeveless cardigan, 1 pull-over with sleeves, 2 boys' shirts, 3 pairs ladies' gloves, 2 children's caps, 4 pair girls' bloomers, 14 ladies' hankies, 1 lady's dress, 2 pairs children's mitts. Part of the goods was packed for Britain's Bomb Victims.

King township council passed a resolution to instruct the township solicitor to draw up a by-law placing restrictions on the type of dwellings to be erected in the municipality.

Victory Loan canvassers report fair response to investment by township citizens. Bad lanes and roads hindered the effort toward the last of the campaign.

Mr. Findley, Misses Margaret and Dorothy Findley and Pte. W. Ralph of Toronto called at W. Rollings on Sunday.

Mr. Harry M. Clement and Ross Clement, R.C.A.F., of Toronto, visited Mrs. J. McClement on Monday.

A large gathering representing Women's Institutes and Radio Farm Forum groups from Gormley, Temperanceville, Laskay and King were present to hear Hon. Geo. Hoadley at Temperanceville on March 5. He explained and discussed something of the Municipal Doctor System. With a long public career in Agriculture and Health administration and understanding the great need in rural areas of Protective and Preventative measures for security to better health, Mr. Hoadley expressed the hope that we protect and appreciate our health, the nation's great asset.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Folliott, Mrs. Parker attended the funeral of their grandchild, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McMurchy of Hillsboro last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dutcher of Kettleby celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary this week. They enjoy good health and expect to go back into their own home at Kettleby during April, after spending the cold weather visiting their children. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gillham, Markham, gave the anniversary party.

Toronto Centre North Presbytery announce a "Play Party" led by Miss Nellie Lewis, author of book on games, and other works, the party to be held at Aurora United Church on Friday, March 20th at 8 p.m. A pot luck lunch will be served. Presbytery Y.P.U. members and friends are urged to remember the day and date, March 20th.

King hockey team excelled in its second series of play-downs at Glencoe against Glencoe team Friday night, 7 to 3. They journeyed 175 miles west to meet a team of real sports and were officially welcomed and treated royally in every respect. King club played a smooth game with plenty of vigor and very few penalties all around. Glencoe met King at Aurora this week. As soon as the game was finished, about 11 a.m., results were phoned to King City, where all the unlucky stay-at-homes waited with abated breath for the outcome.

Laskay W. I. euchre scored off 24 tables on Friday night and prizes went to Mrs. B. Lloyd, Mary Wilkie and Mrs. W. Monkman; Kenneth Blanchard, Douglas Lubine and W. Burns. March 20th is the date of the next game.

Contractor Jas. Brown & Son expect to continue building at Lake Simcoe well up to May. They are erecting a big summer resort quarters.

Fire razed the "little barn" at Mary Lake farm a couple of weeks ago, the origin unknown. A quantity of grain and 10 pigs were lost and damage was roughly estimated at \$5,000. Remember the days when

July 1st dances were held in this building. Everybody danced the day's celebrations to a finish. Loss was covered by insurance. Unfortunately no fire reels could enter the farm because of snow blocked lanes.

Schomberg W. I. realized \$18 from a euchre on Friday night last, proceeds for W. I. work; and \$33 from a \$4.00 box of groceries donated by D. B. Davis. The \$33 goes to Red Cross Branch of the township.

Schomberg creek took on much volume after Sunday night rains and one resident's cellar held water up to the owner's knees. Humber River spread itself out over Humber Trails flats on Monday, a precedent for some years residents stated. Hauling water will not be a necessity for some time.

Maple Y.P.U. were visitors of the King group at the United Church on Monday evening.

Temperanceville W.I. served refreshments at the Barker sale last week and made a nice profit.

The ladies of King City United Church are holding a St. Patrick's supper in the Sunday School room on Tuesday, March 17th from 6 to 7.30 p.m. A programme will follow. Invitation open to all.

FIELD NATURALISTS

PHOTOGRAPH BIRDS

Dr. Saunders of London, president of the Field Naturalist Club and Mr. Bailey of Toronto, accompanied by three car loads of members, visited Mrs. King, Yonge Street north, on Sunday last, to take pictures of the birds which come to feed there each day. Mrs. King has a feeding station outside her window for the birds and among those who come each day are some thirty Evening Grosbeaks, Blue Jays, Nut Hatches, a Cardinal, Chick-a-dees and, just last week several purple Finch. Close-up pictures of these birds feeding were taken through the window while the other pictures were taken of them out in the yard.

During the day the party paid a visit to Dr. C. J. Devins' farm on the fifth concession of Whitechurch to see the Canada Jays, which have been wintering there.—Aurora Banner.

Times are better. Young men are again writing home for money.

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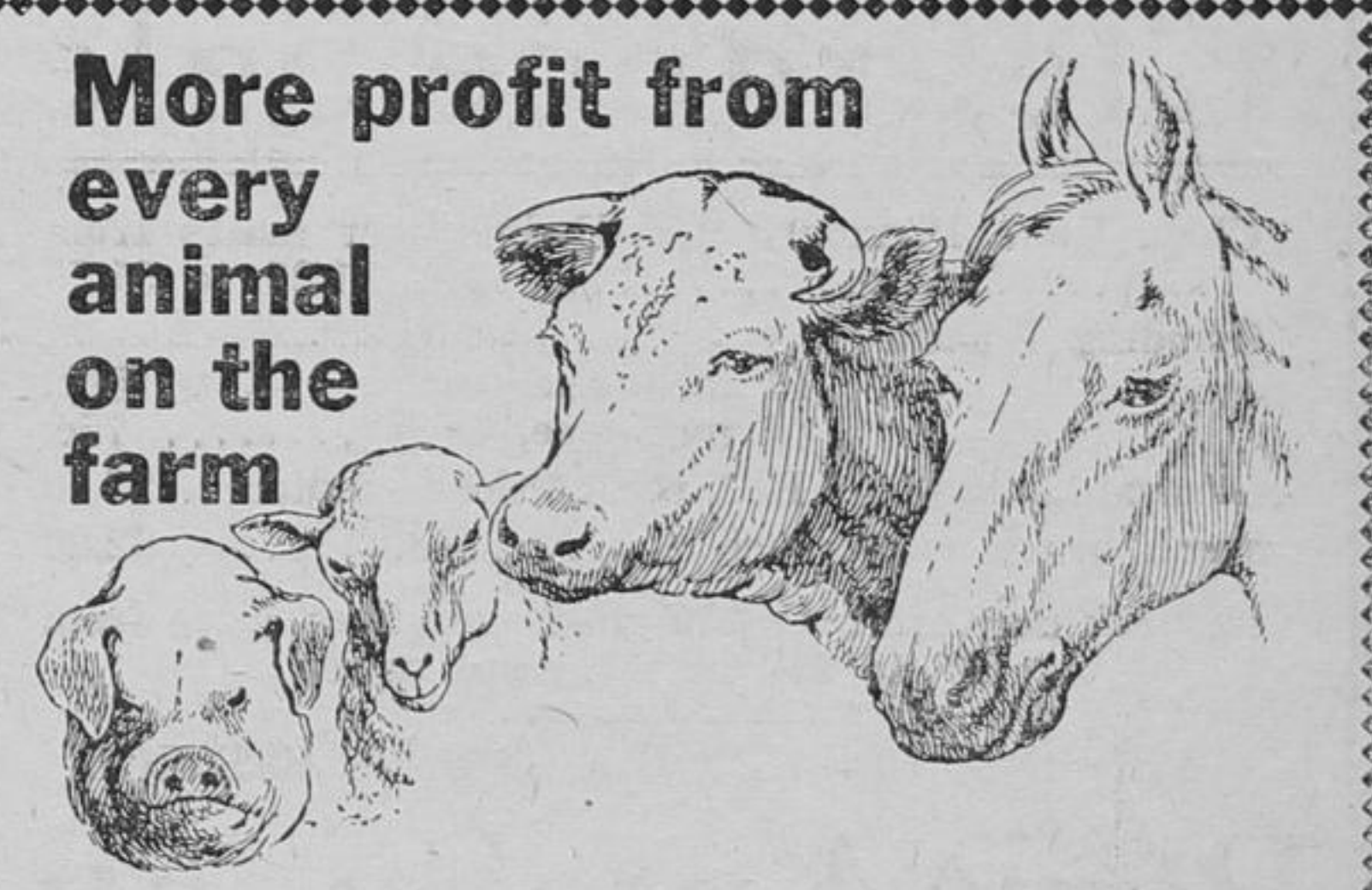
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