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MORE BUSINESS FOR THE SMALL TOWNS

From all over the country come reports of increased business in the small towns. The home shopping centre is coming into its own. There is increased business in Richmond Hill and merchants throughout the district report that business is good.

Commenting on the increased business now coming to the small town, The Midland Free Press says: "Gasoline rationing and the knowledge that no more tires are available to replace the present ones on the family car are putting a crimp in the practice of running to the city to shop."

The big Toronto mail order houses are seeking to make good the losses of the big department stores by sending out more catalogues than ever. This is competition that is hard to meet unless the town merchant makes a steady practice of advertising his wares.

Editor Frank Irwin of the Durham Chronicle has this to say:

"Towns with business men who are willing to carry a good stock of goods and advertise it, will do more business than formerly, but we have our doubts of those small towns whose business men spend their time shining their pants on the counters instead of shining up their stores and going at this thing of making a living as if it meant something to them."

To those sage words, Editor Sam Curry, of The Tweed News, adds the following:

"The day of opening up a store, putting stock on the shelves, and then sitting back and waiting for customers, is as outmoded as women's corsets or buttoned shoes. If you want to sell to-day, you must tell your customers what you have to sell."

"The town whose business men do not get behind it can expect little improvement. The departmental stores are right on the job, and by newspaper and catalogue advertising will make every attempt to hold their business."

COMPULSORY RATIONING

More restrictions are coming for Canadians in the near future according to all signs of the times. Rationing by coupon of certain supplies and products undoubtedly is very nearly here.

It is not that the individual citizen deliberately intends to be selfish or unpatriotic; he convinces himself easily enough that he really needs the supplies he has been accustomed to get and that, in any case, the amount of saving in his own case will be negligible.

We hope when coupons are issued for sugar, tea, coffee or whatever may come under compulsory rationing that they will be more equitably distributed than the gas rations. Altogether too many people are in the wrong category for gas rations.

SHOOTING "BUTCHER" HEYDRICH

It's a wonder Heydrich wasn't shot long ago. His record in Czechoslovakia was dreadful. He had farmers shot simply because their cows gave less milk than other cows confiscated by the Nazis.

Buy War Savings Stamps Regularly

BIRD CHATTER

We heard a symphony. The audience—just four of us one evening last week. The place—the roadside on the second of Markham. The singers—twenty-one kinds of birds. We counted them when we came home. What a delight to stand there quietly and listen to the white-throat's sweet clear notes, the Maryland yellow-throat's "witchity-witchity-witch", the soft call of the mourning dove, the cat-bird's varied music, the veery's lovely song, the oven bird's "Teacher-Teacher" and all the others. It was an hour we shall not forget.

A tragedy in the bird world — A pair of chipping sparrows had a nest in a Chinese Elm hedge on Centre St. West. One morning when they were away, in went what was believed to be a shrike, and flew away with a small blue egg in its mouth.

Two lovely cedar waxwings were feeding in a hawthorn tree on Gamble sideroad. They were particularly well marked, the red wax-like tips of the wings showing so plainly. What a picture they were, there in the blossoms.

A spotted sandpiper was seen running along the rail of the railway track north of the village much in the manner of a small boy. When he was disturbed he flew over the field and then back again right on to the rail, where he continued for some distance.

One morning last summer we noticed on the boathouse wharf a half grown American Bittern, standing motionless, his head drawn down in his shoulders, and apparently not half awake. We tiptoed down the steps and sat down within a few feet of him to observe him better. He paid not the slightest attention to us, but soon proved that he was really very wide awake.

Suddenly a minnow swam along and quick as a flash out went his long neck, down went his head into

the water and more quickly than we can tell it, he had swallowed that fish whole; then back went his head into his shoulders and again he assumed that half asleep appearance.

We waited for a few minutes and he caught a second fish the same way. He did not seem to notice us at all. We left quietly so as not to disturb him, and when we looked back he was standing in the same position patiently waiting for another unlucky fish.

At the mouth of the Scugeg River, just where it enters Sturgeon Lake, is a large expanse of marsh, which has become interspersed with narrow channels, so narrow that only a small boat can be paddled through. On either side, bulrushes and other aquatic plants rise in a dense mass to a height of thirty inches or so above the water, and the passages lead from one open space to another. These shallow pools abound in water lilies and the whole area is alive with bird life.

There are also countless frogs, and by paddling carefully it is possible to approach very near a large bullfrog who may be sitting on a lily pad. We sometimes come very close to an American Bittern standing still at the edge of the water patiently waiting for his meal to swim along, while around the next corner may be a Great Blue Heron standing on one leg on a partly submerged log, and also patiently waiting for some unwary fish.

At times the Rails will give their "Tap Tap" call, and by knocking a pipe against the boat, they answer with almost the same sound. Through this whole area very few boats navigate, and in it we have spent many a pleasant morning hour.

True Patriotism

Jonah: Chap. 1:1-3 3:1-5; and Chap. 4

(PAPER GIVEN AT TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL W.M.S. EXECUTIVE MEETING BY MINA G. SOMMERVILLE, UNIONVILLE)

When national holidays come, they remind us of our loyalty to King and Country and give us an opportunity to show our allegiance as citizens, but sometimes flag waving and singing our national songs is as far as our patriotism goes.

The story of the mission and experience of Jonah teaches us that there is a higher patriotism that does not restrict its love and service to one's own land and nation. Jonah's narrow exclusiveness led to his distrust and dislike of the foreign city to which God had sent him to preach forgiveness and repentance, rather, Jonah wanted to see them punished for their sins.

God's care for the great heathen city of Nineveh reminds us of His care for all nations of today and His will that all should live in peace and love and mutual regard, and a lesson of the broader and higher patriotism that should grow out of the love of God.

We would do well at this time to take heed of this thought. The story of God's love for this heathen city reminds that He still has under his care all nations of the world today, our enemies as well as our allies, and it is His will that all should live in peace and love.

God hates sin—but loves sinners. The wickedness of other nations is no reason for us hating them and desiring their destruction. We Canadians call ourselves Christians and in these war times propagandists would try to make us believe that our way of life is pretty nearly perfect. They say "It is not our fault that a war is on." This is a war of Christianity vs. Paganism. Do we accept this as a challenge to individually do our part in bringing about the end of this terrible conflict? Is our land really Christian and do we find our citizens' chief concern the spreading abroad of the gospel of Jesus Christ and do we each pray steadfastly for the turning of all faces in all nations to honor and obey the only just ruler of all the earth, the true and living

God. Only in this way can peace come to this upset world.

True patriotism today in Canada must seek the good in Canada but also all nations in the world, since all we, who claim to be Christians should lead the way by showing, not only by preaching, the spirit of christian love in dealing with others. The more wicked and undeserving we think people are, the more they need the love and witness of God's children.

True patriotism is truly a missionary spirit. Jonah lacked that. The positive command of Jesus Christ, "Go ye into all the world" is in complete accord with the lesson taught to his prophet Jonah. He, too has a lesson for each of us, if we but listen. True patriots we must be in these trying times, not only in waving flags and singing songs, but always striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong. "Thus may our country, good and great, Be God's delight, man's best estate."

Check Artists—Some people are so busy checking up on the amount of work other people do, that they fail to realize how little they accomplish themselves. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

POST OFFICES SELL THEM Take part of your change in WAR SAVINGS STAMPS FROM BANKS DEPARTMENT STORES DRUGGISTS GROCERS TOBACCONISTS BOOK STORES and other RETAIL STORES

DEFEAT HITLERISM! SAVE EVERY SCRAP OF PAPER NOW!

- 1 Newspaper would make three 26-pound shell cups. 1 Popular Magazine would make interior components of two mines. 6 Old Books would make one mortar shell carrier. 1 Soap Powder Canister would make 4 aero engine gaskets. 5 Medium Sized Cartons would make one shell fuse assembly. 60 Large Cigarette Cartons would make one outer shell container. 20 Breakfast Cereal Cartons would make one case for 3-pounder shells. 6 Old Bills would make one washer for a shell. 4 Assorted Food Cartons would make one box for aero-canon shells. 1 Old Envelope would make one cartridge wad. 12 Old Letters would make one box for rifle cartridges.

You can tell when a man is comfortably seated at home. He has his feet propped in a chair with his shoes off!

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Markham Twp Red Cross Society Branch Salvage Campaign. The Markham Township Branch is setting aside the whole month of June for the collection of salvage scrap, paper, rubber, iron and steel, aluminum, etc. Owing to the present gasoline and tire restrictions, we are unable now to use trucks to pick up this salvage through the Township, and as this is EVERYONE'S WAR, EVERYONE must do their own duty and transport, in some way, their scrap for themselves.

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