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CRITICISM IN WARTIME

As the fortunes of war vary from day to day the arm-chair critics have a fine innings at outlining war strategy and finding fault with things in general. While intelligent criticism is all to the good and is the right of a free people in a Democracy it does become sort of tiresome some times to hear tried and trusted leaders of the United Nations raked over the coals as if they were inexperienced school boys. In Canada we have had a certain type of criticism directed against our war effort carried on by some individuals and a small section of the press which has had a damaging effect. All this has raised the question whether or not criticism is a luxury or war-time necessity. Should it be curbed with a stern hand or given a free rein? We rather think it should be rationed like gasoline and sugar and that the yardstick for rationing should be reason, common sense, patience and tolerance. Constant grouching and unbridled criticism may be an important spoke in a fifth column wheel.

In a recent article in The Rotarian, Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior in the United States Government and himself noted for his frank utterances, takes his stand with Winston Churchill, who once remarked, "In war, criticism is the life-blood of democracy." Mr. Churchill should know, for many times his cabinet has had to weather storms of public disapproval. But, Mr. Ickes points out, there are certain limits to the expression of opinion in wartime. First of all, the intention of the critic must not be malicious or subversive, nor must he attempt to undermine the morals of the people. Speeches against recruiting, doubt of the Government's good faith, etc., might come under this rule. In the second place, the critic should possess a reasonable amount of knowledge of the situation; persons who are habitually "agin the Government" or who are unintelligent partisans, cannot give reasoned criticism. Vicious personal attacks also come under this ban. The third safeguard practically every citizen understands — the opinions expressed should not give comfort to the enemy nor reveal valuable information.

Lord Queenborough adds some pertinent observations on criticism in England, where life has had to be much more strictly regimented and many cherished liberties temporarily given up. But much honest criticism still flourishes, and it has done useful work in correcting hasty measures, in bringing about reforms in certain Government departments, in pointing to the crippling effect that too much legislation may have on many industries and trade. It has been emphasized, for example, that the severe restrictions on export trade may hamper England's commercial recovery when the war is over. Taxation measures have also run the gaunt of criticism, and in some cases have been modified.

Prime Minister Churchill himself has set an example to the nation in accepting reasoned, well-informed criticism of the war effort. For, says Lord Queenborough, well-intentioned, intelligent critics are "the Government's voluntary intelligence service, making all of us aware of the nation's needs and moods. They should be encouraged, not rebuffed."

L. W. BROCKINGTON IN SUNDAY SERIES OVER CBC NETWORK

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation announces a series of broadcast talks by L. W. Brockington, K.C., beginning Sunday, August 2 at 9 p.m. EDT, 10 p.m. ADT. Mr. Brockington went to Britain recently to be associated with the Department of Information in matters relating to North America. His weekly talks will be made possible through arrangements with the BBC and will be carried over the National Network of the CBC as delayed broadcasts. Mr. Brockington enjoys the reputation of being one of Canada's most celebrated after dinner speakers, and he has broadcast on many occasions over CBC networks. He is a former Chairman of the Board of Governors of the CBC and a lawyer of international reputation.

THE BOY WHO DIDN'T PASS

There is a word of encouragement in the following from a recent issue of the Warton Echo for those who did not pass in the recent examinations: "Don't be too hard on the boy who can't learn. Winston Churchill was thought to be stupid when he was a boy. He was at the foot of his class and simply had to be flogged because he never could get his Latin learned. But Winston Churchill is a Master of English — he has been classed with Shakespeare in his use of words, and the boy who was head of his class when "Winnie" was young — who or where is he? So, here's to the boy who didn't pass, may he soon find his niche and go ahead in the line to which he is suited."

DO WELL AT SALVAGE COLLECTION

The following is from a news letter recently received by The Liberal from the Department of National War Services:

"One of the most remarkable salvage records to date comes from Mono Road in Ontario. Mr. Robert Cooper, President of the Chinguacousy township Red Cross, informs us that they have been collecting salvage since the first week in April only stopping for seeding for a period of one week. On June 12th there were only a few old farm implements left to be picked up.

All the work has been done voluntarily; seven trucks were loaned on one or two days a week, and Mr. Cooper himself covered 1,200 miles within the township at his own expense, which included the gasoline he used. The salvage collected was sold by the 100 lbs. to the highest bidder, and no less than \$1,466.00 was realized. The local Red Cross gets every cent of this money. The material salvaged included over 70 tons of scrap iron, 15 tons of paper, 4 and one-half tons of tires and scrap rubber, 3 tons of rags, besides 5 tons of bottles and smaller quantities of other materials.

The work of the Mono Road committee in Chinguacousy is an object lesson of what can be done in a small and scattered community.

King Township District News

JONES—AUCKLAND

A pretty lawn wedding took place on Saturday afternoon, July 25th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Auckland of King, when their daughter, Dorothy Evelyn, became the bride of William Victor Jones of Aurora, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones of Gormley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Douglas Davis of Stouffville, under a flower festooned arch against a background of tall garden flowers. The wedding music was piped on the bagpipes by Highlander David Shankland, Toronto.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white sheer moulded in sweetheart neckline, smocked bodice, long sleeves and full floor length skirt. She wore a flower bandeau and finger tip veil and carried a bouquet of pastel shade garden blooms. A period mother-of-pearl and gold locket was her only ornament.

Mrs. Douglas Knowles, Aurora, was the bridesmaid attired in a full length gown of pink sheer, with jacket to match and picture hat. She carried a bouquet similar to the bride's.

For the reception for forty guests, the bride's mother wore delph blue sheer and corsage of pink roses. Mrs. Harry Jones assisted Mrs. Auckland.

A buffet lunch was served, with Mrs. Jones pouring tea and Mrs. George Maynard and Mrs. Harry Auckland assisting.

For travelling the bride changed to a dove tone tailored dress, white wool coat and other accessories. They left amid showers of confetti and best wishes for Northern Ontario and will reside in Aurora on their return. There were guests from Aurora, Toronto, Gormley, Zephyr, Maple and other points.

On Friday, July 31st, the branch of the Royal Bank at Schomberg will close, business transferred to the Imperial Bank. Automatically small places of two banks are using this plan co-operatively, because of shortage of help. It is 40 years since the Lader's Bank first opened up at Schomberg amalgamating in 1912 with the Royal Bank.

Visitors of King locality are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas and four children of Rivers, Manitoba spending a month with Mrs. Thomas' sister, Mrs. Aubrey Campbell.

Mrs. Western of Toronto at Mrs. Frank Armstrong's.

Gordon Wells of Navy Service at Halifax with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Pearson Wells at Temperanceville.

Miss Phyllis Kyle and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Argent of Toronto at Dr. S. W. Armitage's home.

Flight Lieutenant Charles Gater, his wife and two children at Mrs. Charles Archibald's and Mrs. A. Wellesley's.

Mr. Gilbert Follott of Montreal has joined Mrs. Follott, to complete her month's vacation here. They are visiting Gilbert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Follott at Temperanceville.

Miss Evelyn Wilson at her parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Wilson's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mosley, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Edwards and baby, Miss Connie Mosely and cousin Miss Merle Mosely visited at Wm. Mosely's at Strange on Sunday.

Miss Doris Payne joined her sister Florence Payne at Toronto and a party of friends and enjoyed a Saturday boat trip to Niagara Falls.

A number of King gentlemen are enjoying vacation at Georgian Bay. C. E. Wells is among the group convalescing from an illness.

Miss Floral Davis of Mount Dennis spent a few hours in King last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Robb of King visited their daughter Anna at Weston Hospital.

The correspondent would greatly appreciate telephone calls or written lines concerning your summer visitors or your vacation trips abroad. Oft times it is felt that the personal column is a form of publicity; probably it is, but it is the kind that your friends and your friends' friends enjoy. If the local newspaper is as good as a letter from home—and we think it is—the boys overseas like to see these columns filled to the brim with names and doings peculiar to the locality.

Councillor Cameron E. Walkington and ex-reeve Norman MacMurphy leave on Sunday, August 2nd for Reserve Army training at Niagara. With Elbert E. Kelley they joined the Queen's York Rangers Reserve Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Auckland attended the annual Auckland picnic

held at Dundas on July 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McClure, Miss E. McClure, Mrs. A. MacMurphy and Mrs. A. Hill visited Camp Borden on Sunday.

With the R.C.A.F., Charles Henshaw spent a short leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. Henshaw of Temperanceville.

Recently word has been cabled from Pte. Harry Rumble to his wife at Gormley that he arrived safely in England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rumble of Temperanceville. Harry joined the forces on March 12th and has been in England almost four weeks. First with the 48th Highlanders he was transferred to Argyles and on the same day was transferred to Lorne Scots. His brother Bob Rumble is with the R.C.A.F. training school at Oshawa.

Congratulations to Sgt. Jim Kerswill, R.C.A.F., of England, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Kerswill of Vaughan. His brave and timely effort in saving a girl from drowning at Clevedon, under hazardous circumstances, show a fine spirit.

Mrs. Andrew Cadden of King was laid to rest in King City Cemetery on July 21st following a long illness. She passed away at the home of her niece, Elizabeth Riddell of High Park Avenue, Toronto. Deceased was in her 85th year and was formerly Elizabeth Riddell, daughter of the late Isaac Riddell, lot 35, con. 3, Vaughan. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Andrew Emery of Toronto, a former minister of King Baptist Church of which Mrs. Cadden was a member. She is survived by her husband, one son Bert Cadden of Concession 3 King, and five grandchildren. Mrs. Cadden was a well respected, quiet, home loving citizen.

King W.I. packed overseas boxes last week. A fine donation of money was given by Alfred Barker, overseas, and Mrs. J. McAllister.

A gracious lady passed suddenly to her reward on Friday evening in the person of Jean Oliver Carmichael, the wife of Rev. John McEwen, United Church minister of the Schomberg circuit. The parsonage is bereft of a charming, sympathetic mistress. Church circles have lost a personality of ability, a woman devoted to the cause of Christianity. The community has lost an indefatigable and capable leader along lines where humanity could be helped or lives bettered.

Mrs. McEwen passed away suddenly at a cottage at Honey Harbour, her daughter Mrs. Scott and husband of P.E.I. and a sister Miss Carmichael being with her. Mr. McEwen was in Schomberg at the time.

The funeral was held from her sister's home at Penetanguishene, burial in their family plot. Rev. C. A. Mustard, B.D., D.D., of Toronto officiated. Dr. A. F. Kay and Mr. Burnel Graham were bearers from the Schomberg circuit. A large representation motored from Schomberg to attend the service.

Surviving are the husband, five daughters and one son; Margaret of Schomberg; Mrs. Scott, now of Exeter; Dorothy and Bessie of Toronto; Molly of Washington; and John at home attending Aurora High School.

Mrs. McEwen was active in many organizations, as an officer of the Toronto Centre W.M.S. Presbytery of the United Church, president of Schomberg United W.M.S., and a member of the W.A. and other departments of the church. She was an indefatigable worker of the Township Red Cross Branch, a member of the local library board, of the Women's Institute and interested in all welfare groups.

Doesn't time fly? The Dionne quintts have changed their hair style and in a year or two will be fighting over the boys.

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