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## LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS

The following are extracts from an interesting letter received by Mr. R. S. Cooper of Richmond Hill from a relative overseas. It tells an interesting story of conditions "over there" and reflects the fine spirit of the English people who take inconvenience and rationing in the day's stride without any complaints. The letter says:

"I am glad things are not too bad out there. They really are not too bad here. The rationing scheme is working out marvellously. At least we do all get a share of what there is to be had and it is quite sufficient if not luxurious. The coupon system for clothes too is quite a good idea, it prevents extravagance on the part of the moneyed people, especially the munition workers, who find the money easy come and easy go.

We are so thankful that the much talked of and dreaded invasion has not come off and no one seems to think it will now. So once more England will be spared the awful devastation of war, except from air bombing.

We have practically recovered from our raids and the town has been nicely tidied up and shops have found their premises, so except for the ruins which have to remain until after the war, we are working normally once more. Owing to the restriction of petrol there are very few cars about the streets, and it is quite a pleasure once more to be able to get around with less noise and rush and smell of exhausts.

After our air raids which inconvenienced hundreds of people, a mobile laundry arrived in Weston, and also a mobile baths van. These they set up in the streets and people who were "blitzed" could go and have a hot bath in a steel cubicle free, and also take their laundry and all the sheets and linen in their houses which got all messed up and have it all washed free. This latter arrangement is still in Weston, has been here over a month now. Both these services were Jippy's idea. He planned them both and sends his own staff out with them. It really is a brain wave and a comfort to harassed housewives. You have no idea what a state your house is in after a "blitz". The ceilings come down, soot falls down the chimneys and smothers everything in all your rooms. Everything has to be turned out and cleaned and washed. This happens to ALL the houses near where a bomb falls. Tiles clatter down off the roofs and windows all smash and your china falls off the shelves. Oh, it is a pickle I can tell you."

When sorting over the salvage collected by the boy scouts organization in Aurora a small lunch box was found. On opening it this note was enclosed:—

"This offer is made by a little four-year-old boy. He wants to help Britain win the war by giving his play lunch box, the rubber tires from his toy cars, his tooth powder can and an adhesive tape roll. Barrie Lehman, Todmorden."

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On Thursday evening, November 12th at 8 o'clock the Women's Association will hold a Hard-time Party in the S.S. Hall to which all are cordially invited. There will be crokinole and other games. Come and enjoy a happy evening.

Mrs. Talmadge Adair and family spent last week-end at her parents' home in New Lowell.

Hallowe'en passed off very quietly here. No doubt the wet weather prevented a number from celebrating.

Pte. Harold Duggan of Petawawa Military Camp spent last week-end at his home.

We are pleased to hear that Rev. Frank N. Bowes of Willowdale is slowly improving from his recent illness.

A number from here attended the Beer-Bollon wedding in Willowdale Baptist Church last Friday.

The local clergy are teaching Religious Education in the public schools of this area with weekly classes.

Rev. A. H. Halbert and Rev. M. C. Tait made a friendly exchange of pulpits last Sunday evening.

Notwithstanding the heavy down-pour of rain the real Hallowe'en spirit prevailed at the Mission Band party last Saturday afternoon in the United Church Sunday School room. A Ghost Reception Committee welcomed the guests which numbered sixty-five. The room was attractively decorated for the occasion with lighted pumpkins, yellow candles, Chinese lanterns, witches, cats, owls, etc. The parade was of special interest to all and prizes were given to the following for the most attractive costumes: 6 years and under, Doreen Taylor, dressed as a Red Cross nurse; 9 years and under, Joan Bilton, as an Indian Maiden with a feather headdress; 12 years and under, Betty Moore as Bo-Peep. The regular meeting followed with Jean Lippett the president, in the chair. The meeting opened with quiet music, a call to worship, the Members' Purpose, a hymn and prayer. Georgina Plain read the minutes of the previous meeting. Jimmy Campbell took up the offering and the president gave the offertory prayer. Mrs. Halbert led in the devotional service. Prayer was offered by Margaret McMillan and the usual Bible story was told. Also another interesting story on the "Origin of Hallowe'en". Nancy Cole and Betty Moore contributed piano solos. Billy Skelly operated the lantern for the singing of the hymns. A lovely lunch was served of sandwiches, cake, cookies and candies, and the remainder of the afternoon was spent in playing games. The boys excelled in bobbing for apples. There were 29 boys and 36 girls. All agreed that they had a wonderful time. The next meeting will be November 14th at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. A. R. Haskett of the Better Business Bureau in Toronto gave a very informative address on "Before you get generous, get curious", at the G. R. Goulding Home and School Association meeting last Wednesday evening. Mrs. M. Booth the president was in the chair and on behalf of the Home and School Association presented a Union Jack flag to the principal, Mr. T. Rowson. The dedication ceremony was conducted by Rev. A. H. Halbert after which a school chorus sang a patriotic number. Mrs. W. Rodick of Milliken, who was a former principal of the school and was very highly respected, presented the Roll of Honour with the names of the ex-pupils who are now serving in the King's Forces numbering about fifty. Most of these young men attended school when she was the principal. Piano solos were given by Misses Jean and Sylvia Taylor and Bobby Connor sang two patriotic numbers in his usual pleasing way. Mrs. W. Rodick and Mrs. A. H. Halbert were called to the platform and presented with a lovely bouquet of mums by Mrs. Booth and Mrs. E. Riddell on behalf of the Home and School Association. Refreshments were served and a happy social hour enjoyed by all.

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## GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

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The housing problem in the Toronto district is serious. If you have a room or rooms in your home unused, tenants are easily obtainable.

Hallowe'en passed off quietly in Richmond Hill and district. In fact it has been referred to as the quietest Hallowe'en in years. In this fine record the weatherman gets an assist.

At the North York Plowing Match held on the farm of David Graham, Ringwood, last week there were 41 entries. Melvin Sedore, Keswick, seven years old, won the prize for the youngest plowman.

Teacher (pointing to deer at the zoo): "Johnny, what is that?"

Johnny: "I don't know."

Teacher: "What does your mother call your father?"

Johnny: "Don't tell me that's a louse!"

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"I don't mind washing dishes for you," wailed the henpecked husband. "And I will even sweep the floors, but I ain't gonna run no ribbons through my nightshirt just to fool the baby."

Speaking of treason, we can remember when dipping a wet spoon in a sugar bowl was only a social error.

A 79-pound wolf, which measured almost six feet from tip of nose to end of tail, was shot by John Watson, of Stayner, in Flos Township last month. When shot by Watson the animal was in close pursuit of a doe. Game Warden Buie thinks this animal was probably the "killer" of a pack which had been playing havoc with sheep in the south section of Flos for some time.

Robert Murray, Uxbridge farmer, lost his barn, 90 hogs, 10 calves and a bull, and over 4,000 bushels of grain when he forgot to shut off the chopping machine in the barn, and with his family went to Lindsay on a business trip. The machine, it is believed ran so long it was out of oil and overheated, with disastrous results.

Something new in the way of an account says the Barrie Examiner, was paid by Flos Council at its October meeting, the item being \$31.50 to pay for nine turkeys killed by dogs. At the same time, the Council paid \$96 for sheep killed by dogs. Bills of the latter kind are all too common in rural municipalities, but claims for fowl done to death by canines are only considered since the Act was amended to provide for this.

Many towns and villages are adopting new schedules of business hours to meet the request for conservation of power, and give the storekeepers a break they have long waited for. It's a wonderful chance for business men who have been working too long hours to make a correction in existing conditions. The old idea that the public must be coddled with service is out for the duration. The public now is in the mood to accept a little inconvenience with a smile.

That was more than a wisecrack John Edgar Hoover handed American police chiefs when he pointed out that if an Austrian paperhanger named Hitler had not been paroled nearly 20 years ago, millions of lives would have been saved.

Hitler, then a relatively obscure agitator, was convicted of "violent and treasonable demonstrations against his government," and imprisoned in Munich. Against the advice of the Bavarian police director, he was paroled.

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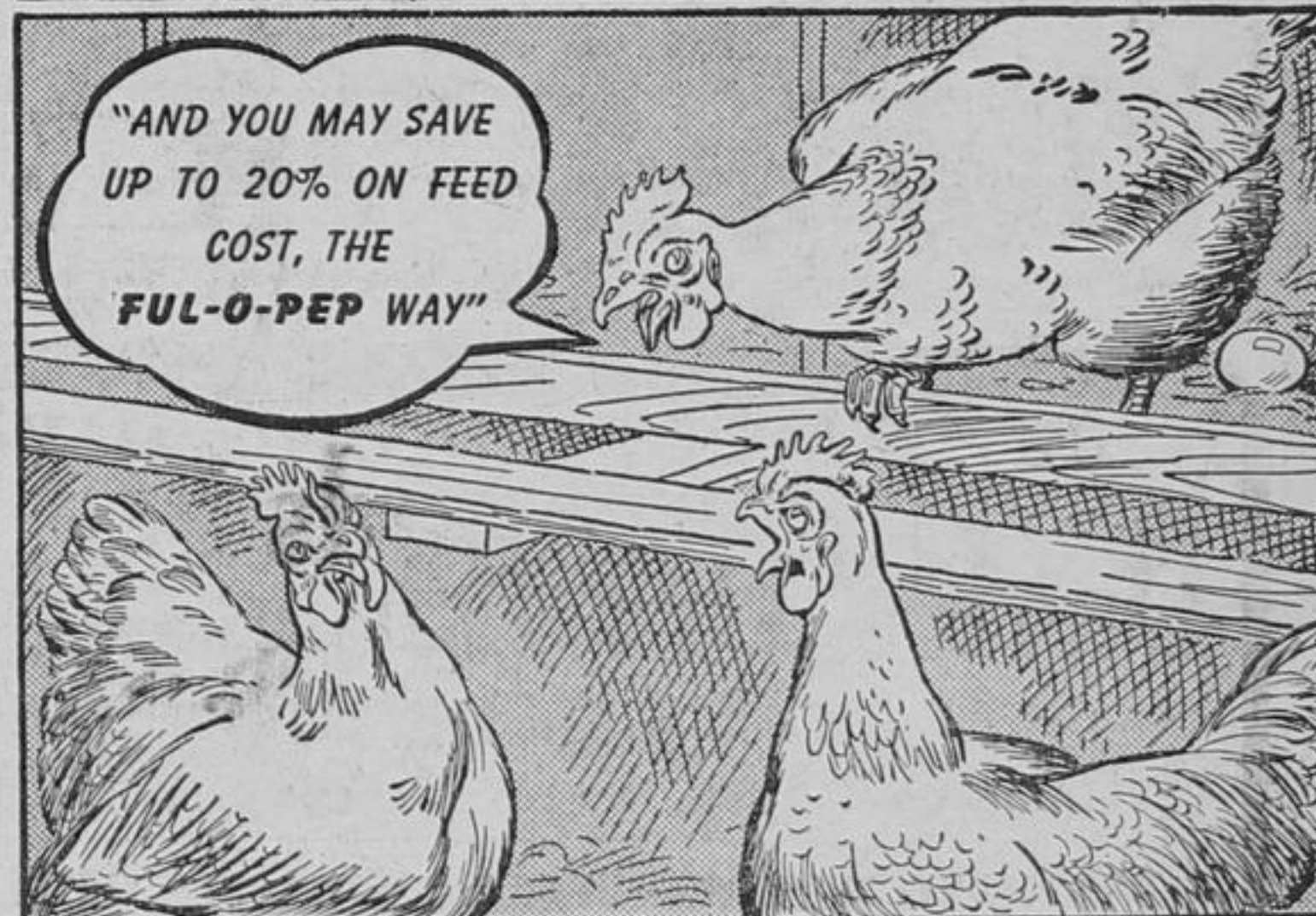
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