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THE BUTTER SHORTAGE

The production of creamery butter in January dropped nearly 16 per cent below the level of January 1945, according to a bulletin just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

A continued decline in production is foreshadowed between now and May, and this in itself would justify a reduction of the amount allowed per person from six to four ounces a week.

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TRUST YOURSELF, NOT THE ROBIN

We seem to be getting to know more about ourselves all the time, and the more we learn the more false beliefs we have to shatter.

But now an authority on the subject announces that the robin can't be relied on, and he goes further and says that eve the first violet is not an infallible harbinger.

One suggestion is that he turn to himself. Although he is neither a bird nor a flower, the average man, it is said, is a far more reliable herald than either redbreast or violet.

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HE WRITES OF RURAL DELIGHTS

A belief growing in Toronto and other large centres of population, probably as a result of the shortage of houses, is that the rural and village dweller can lead a far better life than the city man.

"A few fowl, a goat or cow and garden helps reduce the cost of living," writes the author of a recent article on the subject, explaining that his views are based on personal interviews with former city residents who have moved to the country.

"For late Fall and early winter there may be small game for one who can handle a gun, and fur to be trapped as a pastime. A small house may be built, especially with a little friendly help, for a surprisingly modest outlay of cash, and home made furniture at practically no cost is in many ways preferable.

"Radio and some books make winter evenings and bad days pleasant. Instead of gazing in shop windows one can explore, fish, climb or just idle amid nature's charms.

Now if we should this Spring discover car loads of city folks looking around for rural spots in which to live we will know we can ascribe their point of view to the writer of some such article as the foregoing.

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FUN WITH A SETTER

Wallace Findlay, secretary of the Ontario Bird-Dog association and an executive of the A. J. Denne Co., advertising agents of Toronto, has written a letter to a friend on the staff of The Liberal that has almost caused us to give up our interest in old fashioned barn cats and occupy ourselves with dogs, particularly dogs of the setter type.

"Ever notice how folks turn to take a second look when a Setter goes by? They do. A Setter is "all dog" and something more. A Setter commands attention. He is a natural showman with a dignity that no other dog seems to possess, an aristocratic bearing and an air of importance that always gets merited respect.

"Some one has said that a dog earns his keep if only for the reason that his owner has to take him for a walk. You don't take a Setter for a walk, he takes you. You know the incentive that a golf ball provides to make men take exercise. Well, a Setter has it over a golf ball in every way.

"A Setter's natural interest is to hunt, and that is where the fun begins. If the country you walk in has pheasants, partridge, grouse or quail a lot of fun is in store for you. You may not own a gun; you may have no desire to own one or fire one, but you'll get a lot of fun watching a good Setter find birds.

"You may walk through a field in which pheasants abound and never see a bird, but your dog will get them. Pheasants are wary birds. They run through the grass, almost as fast as a dog can run, dodge and turn and keep out of sight in a manner that is most uncanny. That is why pheasants are difficult birds for dogs to "handle", which explains why in a field trial Setters and Pointers are judged on their ability to "handle birds" after they

find them. When you own a Setter, or Pointer, you can have a field trial of your own every time you take your dog out. And what rare fun!"

THE LIBERAL'S FORUM

Sock Darning Problem.

Dear Sir:-A writer in one of the large newspapers says that the way to darn socks is always to deal with the smallest hole first. "If you darn the smallest hole first," she says, "and then the smallest one remaining, you will always be darning the smallest hole, and that is good for morale." Do you think this writer is correct? All my life I have started on the largest holes first, and being able to see how I was banishing the holes helped my morale, I think. Housewife.

Reply:-We are experiencing real humiliation. We thought we knew just about everything worth knowing, but after pondering on housewife's problem we feel that any reply we might make would simply be guess work and would probably make us look foolish.

How Would You Like to Take a Walk?

Editor Liberal:-A friend of mine remarked last Sunday afternoon that it would be a nice day to take a walk. I told him I much prefer riding, and one thing led to another until he finally said that all physicians are agreed that walking is the best exercise of which they know. Is he right?-Reader.

Reply:-Someone recently recalled that the late U.S. Senator, Chauncey M. Depew, once said he took no exercise other than that of acting as pall bearer for friends who had exercised faithfully all their lives. Physicians, of course, are not agreed that everybody should do some walking as an exercise any more than they are agreed that everybody should golf or bowl or chop wood for exercise. It depends on the physical condition of the person, they explain.-Ed.

In Unison or It's Just Too Bad.

A Richmond Hill youth tells a story he heard overseas. A barber had just finished shaving his customer when the air warning sirens sounded, and almost at once gunfire began and the shop shook.

"Glad you had not the razor round me when they started banging off," said the customer. "Oh it would be quite all right, sir," the barber reassured him. We can finish off a shave in an air raid. You and the customer must jump the same way. That's all that's needed."

MAPLE NEWSY NOTES

Miss Faith Beatty, teacher in the junior room, spent the week-end with her parents in Lefroy.

Gerald Warren Cave, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cave, 7th concession of Vaughan, who was found accidentally smothered in his crib on Saturday was buried on Monday afternoon from Lawrie's Funeral Home.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Betty Kerswell, R.N., is convalescing favorably from her recent operation in the Western Hospital, Toronto.

Those who heard and enjoyed the Barrie Collegiate Band at a garden party some few years ago on Dr. Bigford's lawn, will be interested to know that this band won the shield for the third time at the Kiwanis Music Festival in Toronto. They also took part in the "All Star" concert given by prize winners in Massey Hall at the close of the Festival.

We are indeed sorry that Mrs. Clarence Brown is suffering from another heart attack. Mrs. Brown was attending Sunday School in the United Church last Sunday when stricken. We sincerely hope she will soon be restored to health.

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be observed in the United Church, Maple, on Friday at 3 p.m. with Mrs. H. Bryan key woman.

Mr. Cal. Miller is home for a week's rest under the doctor's care.

Master Terry McCullough who is two years old, had a birthday party last Saturday afternoon, March 2nd and had as guests little Misses Diane McInnis, Donna Bowen, Patricia Lund, Norah Lund, Mary Lou Lund and Masters Garry and Clarence Palmer and Ray Rumble. The children had a delightful time.

The March meeting of Maple Women's Institute will be held on Wednesday, March 13th at 8 p.m. Mrs. Arthur Lawrie will demonstrate the making of angel cakes. A good attendance is requested.

Quick thinking on the part of Jim Watson averted what might easily have been a serious accident last Friday. Jim, driving a truck owned by Wm. Johnson Sr., and accompanied by Heber Cook, was returning from Toronto when a truck, near Fairbanks, cut across directly in front of him without warning. Jim swerved to avoid a broadside collision crashing into a tree, stripping off fenders and otherwise damaging the truck. Neither of the occupants were injured but both were badly shaken up.

On Friday evening, February 22nd the Adult Bible Class of Maple United Church were delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woods.

Billie Woods had the misfortune to cut his finger during a hockey game at school this week. The cut required three stitches and his finger is in splints until the severed muscle heals.

Mrs. J. Manning wishes to thank her many friends and relatives for their visits and kindness shown her during her recent illness.

Samm. Mike Miller left on Wednesday for Hamilton to receive his discharge from His Majesty's forces. Mrs. T. F. Jackson and family enjoyed a three day visit from her brother Jack Burgess and family Florence, Mary and Stephen of Collingwood, over the week-end.

Maple Red Cross unit met in the work room on Monday at 2.30 p.m. Reports of sewing and knitting done by the unit in the past 14 months were read. Several articles of equipment belonging to the unit were sold to the members and the unit's

shelves cleaned off. The sale brought the sum of \$3.20 which was turned over to Vaughan Township with other money, a total of \$123.11 for the 14 months. Maple Unit has made a splendid contribution to Vaughan Township Red Cross war effort during the six years and over of war both in quantity of articles and the quality of their work. The members voted to disband the unit as of March 4th, 1946. The president, Mrs. T. F. Jackson, and ex-president Mrs. Ramsay wish to publicly thank all the faithful workers who served, knitted, quilted or helped in any way to accomplish the unit's war effort during their terms of office. The complete list of sewn, knitted or quilted articles and total sums of money turned in by the Maple unit to Vaughan Township Red Cross during the six years of war and over will be published at a later date when the record is completed. The list for the past 14 months is as follows: Sewing-48 diapers, 13 nighties, 6 pairs overalls, 11 coats, 13 undersuits, 6 skirts, 12 pairs panties, 20 quilts, 2 cot quilts, 5 layettes, each layette containing the following: 3 gowns, 3 flannellette vests, 1 jacket, 1 blanket, 1 wash cloth, 2 pairs booties, 1 bonnet, 11 diapers. Knitting, 17 prs. men's socks, 2 prs. women's long stockings, 2 turtle neck sweaters, 2 lady's pullovers, 3 lady's knickers, 8 prs. lady's gloves, 8 prs. boys' socks, 10 boy's pullovers, 3 boys' suits, 1 boy's pullover 10 yr. size, 8 boys' sweaters 4 years, 5 baby's sweaters, 12 baby's bonnets, 15 baby's booties, 1 baby sweater donated, 1 afghan.

Maple folk who attended the Vellore Euchre last Monday report a very enjoyable evening. First prize for men was brought home to Maple by Lloyd Palmer; 2nd prize, Alex Bishop; 3rd, Bruce Jones of Maple. Ladies, 1st prize, Mrs. J. Brownlee; 2nd, Mrs. Witty.

Mrs. T. F. Jackson who has been reporting "Maple Newsy Notes" for Maple Red Cross unit since October 1942 will continue to report the news although the unit has disbanded. Any news contributions of interest will be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Geo. Armstrong, recently discharged from the Canadian Army, has re-assumed his duties as teller with the Bank of Commerce in Maple and King. Miss Ina Palmer who held this position for some years has resigned.

E. H. "Ab" Stoltz of Aurora, livestock editor of the Farmer's Magazine, has an interesting feature story on Ray Marshall, Kettleby poultryman, in this month's issue of the magazine. It is entitled "Started with 100 Hens" and tells the 12-year success story of the young King township farmer who started from scratch and now plans 6,000-7,000 laying hens for 1946 as well as expanding a hatchery program.

Efficiency in all departments, labor saving devices such as an elevator, conservation of space, plus good business sense are the reasons for Mr. Marshall's success, the story says.

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