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WOMEN AND THE WAR

The newspapers in recent times have been full of suggestions to the effect that after the war this old world should be made a place worthy of heroes. What about making it a place worthy of heroines? If it were that sort of a place, heroes would be delighted to live in it, and so would everybody else. As a matter of fact wherever there is a hero, two or three heroines will be found somewhere in the offing. Timmins is proud of its heroes—and the war has shown many of them from this town—but it is well to remember the heroines that can not be separated from the thought of the gallant men—the mothers, the wives, the sisters, the sweethearts who had the even harder part of watching, waiting, hoping, working.

It is difficult to believe that many still cling to the ancient and outdated idea, or lack of idea, that men are superior animals to the female of the species. That is as stupid and false a thought as the idiotic belief of the Austrian paperhanger that the Germans are, or were, or ever will be, a superior race. It is taking a lot of punishment to knock the cockeyed idea out of silly Schickelgruber's cranium that the Nazi numbskulls are greater than their fellows. Even the police court records appear to prove that a number of men still follow the ancient superstition that in some occult fashion or other they are better than their better halves. The war should do away with all this nonsense. In the present war, women have carried on their own particular work and fairly shamed the men by what they have accomplished in lines previously supposed to be the exclusive prerogative of the males. Women have done Red Cross work, sewing and knitting, and nursing. They have worked in munition factories. They have driven cars and trucks and tractors. There is more than humour in the sales talk of the really modern lad, who explained that he was selling books, not to work his own way through college, but to give his grandmother a post-graduate course in a school for riveters. The women have replaced and released men by service in the Army, the Air Force, the Navy. And remember and note well that there is not a single woman, or a married woman, in all the Zombie Army, and not a single, or a married, lady Zombie in any of the services. It is to be hoped that a certain fellow at Ottawa does not read this. It might put an idea in his head. He might drum out a couple of thousand women from the Air Service and the Naval Service, and then draft them for service in the Army so that re-inforcements may be available without endangering the Zombies that he loves, and he alone does love.

Women in this war have upset all the old fantastic libels on the female sex. Women have been slandered as the sex that talks too much. Most of the talk in this war has come from the men—and there's been heaps of it. There is the old wheezy proverb that women could not keep a secret. There were women who knew the secret of V Day and kept it. It remained for a mere man to spill the secret over a few bottles of wine.

But some doddering young jackanapes will exclaim:—"But women can't co-operate! They can't show the good old team spirit that has made man what he is to-day!" (Heaven keep him!) That wise old writer Thomas Richard Henry gave the answer to this one in The Toronto Telegram last week. At the city hall the other day, he says, a lady accosted a dozen other ladies in quick succession. They formed a circle around her, held their ranks for a minute or two, and then calmly and quietly dissolved into the busy movement of the city square. The lady, around whom the circle had been formed, went coolly on her way. Was it a new method of gossip? Or a special plan for the spreading of some spicy secret? Thomas Richard Henry showed the proverbial feminine curiosity. He had to learn the secret of that brief circle movement. One of the ladies was kind enough and frank enough to relieve the curiosity of that inquisitive male. She explained that it was just a case of wartime elastic giving way and the necessity of doffing a private garment on a public square. The moral is that the modern women is equal to any emergency, that she has resourcefulness, courage, adaptability, and the gift of securing co-operation for the general good. A world fit for heroines to live in would be all right for heroes too, and it wouldn't be too bad for the vast majority who haven't any idea whether they are heroes or heroines or just run of the mill humanity.

A NEW ANGLE

It is difficult to find any new or original argument in regard to the matter of buying Victory Loan Bonds. Indeed, as The Advance suggested at the time of the last campaign, all argument is in favour of the purchase of the bonds and there

does not appear to be any valid excuse for not investing, except the utter lack of the necessary money. Buying Victory Bonds is patriotic, pleasant, profitable and proper. A man about town suggested a new angle of approach to the question this week. He pointed out the skill with which the selling campaign had been organized, the wholehearted and unselfish effort so generously given to the work of preparation and publicity and arrangements and the talent and devotion of the earnest and hard-working canvassers. "They have all the logic and argument on their side," he said, "and to fail them, as well as to fail the lads overseas, would appear about unthinkable." In any event, the canvassers deserve the most patient and courteous hearing and if given that, they can be depended upon to do the rest.

It remained for an advertiser to give a still more impressive new angle to the matter. This newspaper advertisement noticed in an exchange last week touched a new line. "If you had a son or a neighbour or a close friend in a distant land who needed a little money to bring him through a perilous time, wouldn't you make every possible effort to secure the necessary finances to relieve the situation. Wouldn't you find some way to get the money to send him? Wouldn't you make a special point of assuring him sufficient money to pay his way and finance his passage home? Of course, you would. Well, your son, and your brother's son, and hundreds of thousands of the sons of neighbours and friends at the moment need the odd dollar to finish the work they are at and hasten their return in safety. Will you fail them? If there is any way that you can send the money, will you even hesitate? Victory Bonds at the moment are better than travellers' cheques or letters of credit. They are urgently needed. You have the money, or you can raise the money. Can there be any doubt as to your answer or your attitude? Isn't the only possible response buying all the Victory Bonds that can possibly be purchased?"

THE REASON WHY

Perhaps one of the most prevalent questions of the day is that thoughtless one:—"If we can have prosperity in time of war, why not in time of peace?" It appears to be a question that suggests its own answer. But the matter is not so simple as all that. It is not the meanness or selfishness of the rich, nor the scheming of capitalism, nor the stupidity of industrialism that leaves this question unanswered. If a man jumps at the same time, he may appear to lift himself by his bootstraps, but he will not long remain up by any such action. In a logical and well considered article Mr. R. J. Deachman deals very ably with this question. He does not skim the surface as is the habit of the socialistic swimmers in these dangerous waters. He goes to first principles. He touches on the causes that make for prosperity. Chief among these is the matter of markets. War brings a demand for commodities—a market which has few limitations—a particularly profitable market because there is no time for haggling over prices. In times of peace, however, there may be a demand for a time for certain commodities, but supply and demand govern the prices. He quotes as an example a special demand for Canadian wheat. This must be due to failure of the crops elsewhere. The inevitable trend is an impetus to wheat growing. There is always the danger of over-production here and a revival of the supply elsewhere. With high prices more wheat is sown and consumption falls off. In the poorer countries substitutes are used. All these things affect goods and production and prices. In times of war, goods must be obtained regardless of price. In times of peace, conditions are much less conducive to prosperity. Mr. Deachman points out that prosperity demands good markets, and that individual countries or forms of government can not alter the fact of the case. Without profitable markets there can be no general prosperity in any country. Mr. Deachman does not believe that governments can continue to provide prosperity simply by spending money. While this is no doubt an actual fact, it is not the whole of the story. Mr. Deachman admits that neither prosperity nor depression are unchangeable conditions. At the time of the last depression The Advance touched repeatedly on this question. Emphasis was given to the idea that prosperity is nearly sure to follow depression. It is the line between the depression and the return of prosperity that seems to need the greatest attention. The Advance has suggested more than once that the logical way to surmount the difficult is for the government to provide employment to bridge the gap. In this country there are a hundred things needed—roads, bridges, public buildings, etc., etc. In the past the tendency has been to leave the building of necessary public works until prosperity is all around. This works out to the fact that the work is done when costs are high and the payment takes place in less prosperous times when the burden is the more onerous. The solution seems to be to adopt the method of building public works when costs are low, and paying for them in the days of prosperity.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Still stands the motto of the King: "Put into your task whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable.

Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshakable. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips and our heads held high and with God's help we shall not fail."

The latest Ottawa story is that there is a government scheme under foot to use the Zombie Army as occupational forces overseas. In other

Annual Meeting of Timmins Boy Scouts Local Association

Satisfactory Year Reported Work Expanding. Officers Elected for Year

The annual meeting of the Timmins Boy Scouts Local Association was held in the council chambers of the town hall on Friday, Oct. 27th, at 8 p.m. A very small attendance of members of the Local Association and the general public was present.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous annual meeting and then made a report of the activities of the executive committee during the past year.

The treasurer presented his audited report and stated that the assets of the Local Association were \$595.97, a drop of \$80.02 since the last treasurer's report.

District Scoutmaster Basciana reported that 8,451 apples were sold on Apple Day, and that the net profit was \$448.45. In spite of rainy weather the day had been the most successful on record in Timmins. The Leaders, Scouts, and Cubs, who had worked hard to make the day a success, were to be congratulated. "Thanks of the Local Scout Association were owing to friends who had assisted in the work and to the general public for its generous support."

District Scoutmaster Basciana also reported that 103 Scouts had been to summer camp, most of them for twelve days, under the supervision of twelve Leaders and assistants. The costs had been between \$7 and \$7.50 per boy. Twenty boys of the Third Troop had been at Sand Lake; thirty-one boys of the Fourth and Eighth Troops had been at Davis Lake; twenty boys of the First, Sixth and Seventh Troops had been at Kamiskotia Lake; thirty-two boys of the Second, Fifth and Ninth Troops had been at Nellie Lake.

Mr. W. F. Simpson reported on the activities of the Badge Committee. Scoutmaster Elmer Wheeler suggested that the method of control by the Badge Committee over the procurement of badges and insignia, other than proficiency badges, should be changed. The chairman asked the District Scoutmaster to have the matter discussed at a Scouters' meeting, and that a change be made if recommended.

The Local Association re-appointed that Mr. S. A. Caldwell be re-appointed as District Commissioner.

No delegates were appointed to the annual meeting of the Provincial council. Mr. J. D. MacLean suggested that the president give the necessary authorization to any member of the Local Association who could be present in Toronto at the time of the meeting.

Mr. J. D. MacLean then took the chair, and the election of officers took place. The following officers were elected:—

- President—Mr. W. F. Lawry, 15 Murdoch Avenue.
- Vice-President—Mr. J. E. H. Chateaubert, 156 Spruce St., North.
- Treasurer—Mr. J. A. Ayotte, 151 Tamarack St.
- Secretary—Mr. John Blackshaw, 17 Lakeshore Road.
- District Commissioner—Mr. S. A. Caldwell.
- Diocesan Commissioner—Mr. J. A. Cousineau.
- District Scoutmaster—Mr. N. T. Basciana.
- District Cubmaster—Mrs. K. Gallagher.

The chairman of each group committee or his representative, Mr. F. H. Bailey.

Mr. Lawry thanked those present for interest and attendance. During the past year the people of Timmins had become somewhat more aware of Scouting, and the work was still more expanding. During the year the Kinsmen Club had sponsored a pack of Cubs. The Parish of St. Anthony's were forming a group of Sea Scouts. The president thanked the Scoutmasters and Cubmasters and assistants for their work during the past year and hoped that they would continue active during the coming year.

Boy Scouts Association Sends Letter of Thanks

Timmins, Oct. 31, 1944
Editor The Advance,
Timmins, Ont.

Dear Sir:—I have been instructed by the executive committee of the Timmins Local Boy Scouts Association to thank The Porcupine Advance for the space generously given to news items and editorials covering the activities of the Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs of Timmins. These items have been a help in bringing the work of the Scouts and Cubs to the attention of the public and in securing the co-operation necessary to ensure that such activities as the collection of fats and Apple Day are successful.

Yours truly,
John Blackshaw, Secretary.

HAND-OUT

Charles Foley reported to Richmond, California, police that a man grabbed his hand and removed his wrist watch when he signaled for a left turn at a downtown intersection.—Readers' Digest.

words it would be a case of the Zombies being in uniform overseas in enemy countries after the real Canadian soldiers had helped to win the war.

The Toronto Telegram solemnly told last week of a skunk walking down a sidewalk in the city one evening unmolested and unafraid. That's not news, brother!

Four-Year-Old Boy Lost for Three Days and Nights in Woods

Youngster Apparently Not Seriously Injured by Perilsous Experience

From New Liskeard last week came a story that seemed to prove either that the climate of the North is remarkably mild and wholesome, or that Northern youngsters are especially sturdy and strong, or a little of both.

A four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Plante, formerly of Uno Park, near New Liskeard, but now living on a bush farm of Nedelic on the Quebec side, was actually lost in the woods for three days and three nights, but when found did not seem to be seriously injured by this dangerous experience. Mr. Plante had been working a little distance from the home clearing the land and the four-year-old boy had accompanied his father. The father had cautioned the child not to stray away and the youngster agreed to keep close to the wagon.

After a while the father missed the little lad but took it for granted that the child had gone to his home which was not far away. When Mr. Plante arrived home, however, he found the little lad had not been seen at home. Alarm was felt at once, and a search party was organized. The searchers were soon joined by friends and relatives from Uno Park. The whole bush was carefully combed to find traces of the lad. The search was continued for three days and nights with increasing alarm for the fate of the boy. After three days and nights the small boy was discovered in the bush about a mile and a half away from the Plante home. The child was asleep when found, and seemed to have suffered little from the exposure. While a doctor was summoned, the four-year-old did not appear to be

any the worse for the unusual adventure.

New Zealand Husband of Timmins Girl Dies in Crash

Mrs. W. J. Bright, 44 Holinger Ave., received a telegram on the week-end from her daughter in New Zealand, to the effect that her husband, Flt.-Sgt. Archie Alexander, had passed away as the result of a plane crash.

Mrs. Alexander was the former, Miss Hazel Bright of Timmins. She was married last December 2nd, to Flt.-Sgt. Alexander of New Zealand, who at that time was training with the R. C. A. F. in Toronto.

Mrs. Alexander left here on the last day in May this year on her journey to New Zealand to join her husband, and arrived there on July 10th. She was accompanied on the trip by the former Margaret Knapp, of Timmins, who was also going to join her husband. The two Timmins girls live about 100 miles apart there.

It takes five weeks for a letter to get here from New Zealand, but the family are in hopes of getting an airmail letter which they might expect in about three weeks' time.

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Timmins Board of Trade Hosts of Visiting Delegates

Representatives of the Ontario Association Boards of Trade, including the president, Mr. C. M. Webber, and Mr. F. D. Tolchard, secretary of the Toronto Board of Trade; W. O. Langdon, president of the Northern Ontario Association Boards of Trade; and Col. Reynolds and R. Potter, of the T. and N. O. Commission, were touring the centres of the North last week with a view to seeing what the South could do to help the progress of the North to the general advantage. On their visit to Timmins on Thursday last the delegation were the guests of the Timmins Board of Trade at a banquet in the Empire hotel. Mr. W. Doran, president of the Timmins Board, was master of ceremonies in his usual effective way and there were informative and interesting addresses from Mr. Webber, Mr. Tolchard, Mr. E. L. Longmore, and others. Mining taxation, the position of mining municipalities and other topics of importance were discussed.

Pembroke Bulletin:—The kiss that speaks volumes is usually followed by a second and a third edition.

Toronto Telegram:—A radio commentator is the man who spends five minutes telling you about his predictions which came true.

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