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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—Watson.

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Blood Plasma Has Saved Thousands of Lives.

"In the half light above the operating table hung a glass jar, inverted, its amber contents opaque against the shadows. Through a tiny tube drops of the jar's fluid were dripping into the patient's veins — drops of blood plasma dissolved in sterile water. As the jar's level dropped and its contents entered the wounded man, his color changed perceptibly from bluish white to pinkish and then to solid, healthy flesh color. The blood of some unknown donor back in the States was pouring life into a young marine. The patient moved slightly on the hard table and breathed deeply."

The above quotation is taken from an article in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post and is an authentic account of what happened in an army operating tent in the South Seas.

Such is the power of blood plasma! This comparatively new addition to medicine is one of the greatest discoveries of modern war. Had it been known during the last Great War the opinion has been expressed by those who ought to know that thousands of young Canadian soldiers who died on the fields of France and Flanders might be alive today.

Surely these blood clinics have justified themselves. Surely it is not asking too much from those of us at home who can qualify, to donate our blood that the lives of our soldiers may be saved. Surely it should need little or no persuasion to have our citizens come forward and offer their blood at the next clinic to be held in Durham on Thursday, the 14th of December.

For some reason or other the number of those donating blood throughout Canada has fallen off. It cannot be that the news from the battlefield has caused them to think the war is won, nearly over. The Allies have just commenced to have casualties, and the farther into Germany they get, the greater the casualty list and the greater the need of blood plasma.

We would make an appeal to all in Durham and district to make up their minds that it is their duty to do what they can to end the war. The citizens, just as well as the boys in the front line, have a duty to perform, and the donating of blood is one of them.

Think it over. Make up your minds to be on hand at the next blood clinic. Make it the biggest clinic so far. In this way you will be taking part. Blood plasma is no experiment. It has been proven the greatest aid to medicine in the present conflict.

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Commons Member Objects To Use of Word "Zombie"

A Liberal member of the House of Commons objects to the use of the word "Zombie" in referring to members of the Canadian Defence Army. The word is not at all complimentary, and while no very clear definition is to hand it is a voodoo word of censure, and not even the least bit polite.

The Ottawa member may have something. The Chronicle has never used this word in referring to our draftee army, believing that if censure is deserved, it is the baby of the government. In the early days of the war the government made it very clear there would be no conscription for overseas service; they made it clear that if a young man did not care to enlist he didn't have to; that if he were drafted into the armed services it would be for defence purposes only, and not for service in Europe.

The right or wrong of this principle is not our affair. While we have our own ideas, and believe conscription at the start was the only safe and fair recruiting system, this has not been done, and the fat is in the fire.

Despite what some of the members at Ottawa say, the need for reinforcements is urgent. The need for these reinforcements is above any party politics we may have. There has been, and still is, too much politics in our war administration, something that does not look good to the world or those who have sons and relatives overseas fighting shorthanded in units that should have been reinforced long ago.

Canada's war effort has been magnificent. We have turned out munitions and other sup-

plies in quantities almost unbelievable. We have sent overseas some of the finest fighting units in any man's army. We have consistently backed them in war loans, and War Services contributions. That is, the people of this land have stood behind the war effort — all of it.

We are sorry the same cannot be said about our politicians, who have played the political game pretty steadily and whose mind seems to be on the result of the next election rather than on the reinforcing of tired fighting units overseas.

The evidence that our troops are in dire straits overseas is too conclusive to be passed off by the statement of one member of parliament who was overseas, but who said at Ottawa the other day that there were plenty of reinforcements.

Whether or not these so-called Zombies enlist for overseas service remains to be seen. Many of them have, and no doubt many more will. But it is up to themselves what they do. They have done everything the government has asked. They took the government at its word and did not enlist until called up.

We had thought that experiences in the last war would have taught us a lesson but it did not. One can make few promises in war-time. One cannot say that the war will be long or short, easy or hard.

It does seem, though, that with help so hard to get, and the improbability that Canada will be invaded some of these drafted troops instead of occupying camps all over the country could be returned to the farms and industry to relieve the hardships in these businesses.

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Central Death Chamber Advocated For Province.

The hanging of three of the four young men guilty of what is known as the "hot-stove" murder took place at Fort Frances yesterday. Why the fourth participant had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment we do not know as the murder was one of the most dastardly ever to take place in Ontario. An aged lady was practically fried to death on a hot stove to make her divulge where she kept her money.

The hanging took place at Fort Frances, and quite naturally the residents of that town did not relish the notoriety of having such a neck-tie party in their midst. We can't blame them, but the hanging had to take place somewhere and Fort Frances is the place where the sentence was handed out.

The incident naturally raised the question in some quarters as to the advisability of having some central execution centre where all murderers can be given their just desserts. The idea may be all right, but what municipality is willing to have itself made the gibbet centre of Ontario? The protest from Fort Frances was made by the town council on the grounds that there was no suitable building in which the hangings could be held without a certain amount of publicity. The question here, then, would be to see that all county buildings are properly equipped for affairs of this kind. A county town naturally has some advantages over the ordinary towns, and as such should be prepared to take the headaches along with the advantages.

At the time this is written the hangings have not yet taken place, but we hope the hangman made a good job of it. It was the most cold-blooded, premeditated crime known in this province in its history.

We are writing this on Monday on the assumption the hangings really will take place but one never can tell. Some of our higher-ups never do seem to get down to the business of making up their minds — and staying put.

There are murders and murders. We have a sympathy for a man who, in the height of passion, kills a fellow-man. Unfortunately in this country every case of this kind is either murder or manslaughter. Our Ontario law does not take into consideration that some people should be killed, that their "murder" would be a benefit to the country at large. There are no extenuating circumstances. A man will hang here for killing the biggest bum in the country as surely as he will hang were he to kill the country's outstanding citizen.

There should be no mercy for four youths who attempt to rob a poor, defenseless old lady and place her on top of a hot stove to make her tell where her money is. No doubt these young men had previous records, and had been left off time after time. Somehow or other we rather like that California law which says that a four-time loser must be sentenced to life imprisonment. Some people seem to have made up their minds to live lives of crime. They might as well be given a life sentence and be taken out of society. It would save gasoline, tires, and the energies of the police force.

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It would be gratifying to the local committee, but more-so to the boys in the front lines, if Durham and District blood donors would set a new high record next Thursday.

The Week in Ottawa

Specially written for The Chronicle By DOUGLAS GREEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—(CP)—The forecast that an extension of the life of parliament was more likely than dissolution came from a Liberal senator —Norman Lambert—as the Upper House debated the government's policy on conscription and reinforcements last week.

The life of parliament expires April 16, and Senator Lambert's prediction provoked the retort from Senator F. B. Black (PC—New Brunswick) that he (Senator Lambert) was "sadly mistaken" if he believed the country "will stand for any prolongation of the life of parliament."

As debate in the senate swung reinforcements to elections, it appeared probable that the government would have considerable support for its vote of confidence motion. It is considered that Col. J. L. Ralston's decision to support the government had considerable weight with members.

Col. Ralston, who broke with the government when his recommendation that Canada's 68,000 home defence troops be sent overseas was not accepted, resigned as defence minister and was succeeded by Gen. A.G.L. McNaughton, who held the view upon assuming office that voluntary enlistments would meet the deficiency in reinforcements for the Canadian Army overseas—a shortage particularly in infantry.

Since then an order-in-council has been passed making 16,000 draftees available for overseas service, and Col. Ralston said that had he been in the cabinet when this measure was passed he would not have resigned but would have objected to the "piecemeal" method of supplying reinforcements.

Indications are that the administration will receive the support of many Quebec members after they have expressed their opposition to conscription in an amendment to the main confidence motion moved by Joseph Jean (L-Montreal Mercier) and urging that general service personnel in Canada and volunteers overseas be used to the best advantage to supply reinforcements without resorting to conscription.

Robert W. Mahew (L—Victoria, B. C.) said in the commons that home defence troops had "acted admirably" at Kiska and they should not be dubbed Zombies—a word which he thought should be expunged from the records. His suggestion brought applause from both sides of the House.

He said some one should give a definition of the word to the Canadian Public and then no one would use it again.

(Newspaper research has disclosed Zombie to be a voodoo word meaning body without a soul).

Meat Exports Word that the Brazilian government has approved the request of a hotel union for permission to import meat from Canada followed the announcement last week that the Canadian Meat Board now has purchased 103,000,000 pounds of beefs for shipments to the United Kingdom.

This purchase means that Canada has met in about a year the minimum beef requirements asked by the United Kingdom for the two years 1944 and 1945, and it has been estimated that final shipments in the two-year period may be three or four times the minimum.

The purchase by the Meat Board is the equivalent of 234,000 head of cattle, and it is noteworthy that the highest shipments of beef cattle to the United Kingdom in a pre-war year totalled about 40,000 head.

Since surplus beef stocks now are being shipped to the United Kingdom, it could not be learned immediately whether the Dominion had beef supplies which could be made available to Brazil.

Of interest to farmers was the announcement during the week that National Research Council scientists are continuing investigations looking to the development of feed from residual proteins. From off-grade wheat they now are extracting butylene glycol, an efficient anti-freeze.

It is understood that industrial firms have shown interest in the process, which is in the pilot plant stage. The research parallels similar work which is being conducted in the United States regarding fermentation, and the development represents the largest chemurgic experiment so far undertaken in Canada.

Hockey

In centres where there is no artificial ice perhaps it takes a real touch of winter to create interest in hockey. Be that as it may be hockey interest in Durham went up as the mercury plunged down last week-end. Hap McGirr is on duty at the rink and the boys can almost imagine the whang of the puck on the boards.

The hockey prospect here is definitely a minor one, but then it's easier for a boy to grow into a man than for a grandfather to stage a comeback. For one thing it is very likely that Mr. Ward as manager and Ken MacDonald as secretary-treasurer, will operate again. Last year's goal-minder, Milt Cross and the one and only Mike Wanmaker, have been lost to the team. Mike was as good as the best but Milt's loss is critical because a goal-minder is as necessary to a team as a bride to a wedding. Efforts are to be made to see whether Chatsworth has a goalie and a couple of good juveniles. If obtainable they would strengthen the local club greatly.

In Co-operation with Jack Christie, secretary of the O.M.H.A., the local manager is attempting to form a juvenile group with such other places as Chesley, Mount Forest and Palmerston. Such an arrangement would provide the boys with some interesting hockey for the fans.

Another hockey interest has shown itself in a desire to make even greater use of the rink, especially for the younger boys. These lads are not asking free hockey, the most of them are prepared to pay for time used, but they do want more time than has been available in the past. Very recently there has been talk of forming an outdoor rink to give the younger boys a chance to play.

Now, speaking from a knowledge of hockey time that is available in other rinks in this district it can be said that here at home, the boys get a far better deal than in other places. In many nearby towns you hire the rink when the management is disposed to rent it and you pay a much higher fee.

There is one point at which the very excellent management of our rink can be improved and that is by making more time available for hockey. To do this time should be allotted to the schools every afternoon after four. Soft ice or a desire to save the ice for an important game are the only reasons to prevent such an arrangement. Moreover the ice surface never should be idle for a whole night when the ice is hard. With natural ice the hour should be lost, hardly an hour when the need for more hockey-time and believing that it will be made available, Mr. Ward and that energetic councillor "Bobby Saunders" are the push behind a town midge league. Bobby has promised to handle a team and Harry Kress is co-operating and probably will handle another team. The aim is for four teams, so two other "big brothers" are needed to handle the other two teams.

The age limit under sixteen on November 1st and all boys wishing to play are asked to leave their names with Bobby Saunders, together with information of their age and the position they play. After there has been a chance for practice four teams will be chosen by the four coaches. Those who play in the Juvenile team will not be eligible for the Midget League.

It should not be forgotten that there is room on the Midget League Committee for two more men with a knowledge of hockey. The line forms on the right, gentlemen!

Ayton North

The Public School Teachers, Mr. A. Wells and Miss Agnes Hume, and pupils are practising for a concert. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Heinz, who were married in Zion Lutheran Church, Ayton recently. Mrs. Heinz is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hartman. The couple will reside in Kitchener. A shower was held for them in the hall on Monday evening.

Miss Annie Ryan, an aged resident of the village, while carrying an armful of wood, fell down a number of steps and injured her hip. Dr. Hergott had her removed to the Mount Forest Hospital, where she is doing as well as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McDonald and son, Bob, of Durham visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Schenk. Mr. and Mrs. Noah Metzger have moved into the house vacated by Mrs. H. Sachs, in the village.

Miss Drier of Clifford spent the week-end with her mother in Ayton. The sweet music of the dance hall, the movies and the beer parlours have led many a young boy's or girl's life away, which might have been lived otherwise.

CANADIAN GREYS I. O. D. E. MET TUESDAY EVENING

The December meeting of Canadian Greys Chapter I.O.D.E. was held on Tuesday evening in the Town Hall with twenty-one members present. Mrs. J. M. Burgess presided. The Report and Vice Regent visited Mrs. Clark, a war bride, who recently came to Durham and presented her with the I.O.D.E. booklet "From Kith to Kin" which describes life in Canada and will be found most helpful to newcomers to our country. This book is beautifully illustrated. Mrs. G.H. Wilson, educational secretary reported visiting the High and Public Schools and presenting each room with a 1945 I.O.D.E. calendar. Five district schools and Durham Public Library also received calendars. The school principals were asked to interest pupils over 12 years of age in Empire correspondence.

Miss Helen Gerrie was the guest speaker and chose for her subject "Textiles". This proved to be very interesting and informative. Textiles come under two heads—staple materials, those most commonly used, and style fabrics, those created to suit present fashions. Miss Gerrie described very clearly how the various printed goods are made, how patterns are woven and how dyes are used to achieve proper colours. Six variations in plain weaving give us damask, herringbone, velvet, gauze and crepes. Moire, such as used in ribbons is made by pressing over carved rollers.

A recent invention is sanforizing cottons which means they are pre-shrunk, is a great advantage in making up cottons. Rayon which was accidentally discovered by a Frenchman in 1884, is an artificial silk, which means "rays of light". It cannot stand extreme heat or cold, cannot be water-proofed or dyed and is highly inflammable. It burns very quickly and is therefore a fire hazard. Nylon, from which ladies' hose are made, is made from a combination of coal, air, water and coke. The talk was illustrated by many samples of cloth and pictures of weaving.

Mrs. R. S. Jones and Mrs. C. G. Barfoot expressed the appreciation of the members to Miss Gerrie for this splendid educational talk. Mrs. Hard-splendid displayed posters showing how Canadian women can help keep down inflation. The meeting closed with God Save the King.

FEMALE HELP WANTED Woman or girl for housework. Part time if desired. Apply for particulars to The Chronicle Office.

Gifts for the Home
COFFEE TABLES, well designed in period and modern design, walnut and mahogany \$12.95 to \$21.50
END TABLES, birch walnut \$2.25 and \$2.50
NEST OF TABLES, sqld walnut..... \$21.50
OCCASIONAL CHAIRS and ROCKERS velour covers \$9.25 and \$9.75
COGSWELL CHAIRS, spring-filled \$31.95 and \$34.95
RADIO-MAGAZINE Tables, birch walnut \$8.25
Bedroom, Dining-room and Breakfast Suites in Stock
Chenille Bedspreads, on white and colored backgrounds. Many designs to choose from \$9.75 to \$16.50
"Kingswool" Blankets, size 70x80, blue only \$6.50
PICTURES. Floral, scenic and figure designs \$1.50 to \$2.25
Children's Furniture, Rockers, Kindergarten Sets, Play Pens and High Chairs in stock
POTTED PLANTS — Cyclamen, Cherry Trees Poinsettias Boston Ferns Primulas
Harry Kress & Co. HOUSE FURNISHINGS
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Social and Personal

Lieut. Nursing Sister Grace returned to her duties at Park Military Hospital Monday a pleasant two weeks' furlough of which was spent in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. William Her Toronto, wish to announce the engagement of their third daughter, Rebecca Jean, to Corporal J. Wise of Camp Borden, son of Mrs. Jesse Wise of Borden. The marriage to take place early in December.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. MacDonald spent a few days in Toronto. Mr. MacDonald attended a Borden's Convention.

Misses Joyce Phillips and Jean Iels spent the week-end with relatives in Kitchener.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fimnie have sold their farm and have up residence in Durham with brother, Mr. A. B. McLellan.

HYMENEAL HARRISON - COLLINS

Annette Street Baptist Church, Ontario, was the setting for a wedding on Saturday, November 4 p.m. when Eva Florence, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Bloor Street was united in marriage to Pte. Clarence Harrison, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Imrie officiated and Mr. George Imrie played the wedding music.

The bride, given in marriage to her father, looked lovely in a floor gown of white sheer with full veil falling from a sweetheart collar. Her bouquet was of red roses. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Shields, Ottawa, in a gown of sheer with veil and bouquet of man roses. Mr. Archie McEwen, Priceville, brother-in-law of groom was best man. The usher was Mr. Harry Ward and L.A.C. Shields, brother-in-law of the bride. Mrs. William Ridd, the bride's mother sang "Because" during the signing of the register.

A reception was held at the home, the bride's mother received guests in a gown of blue crepe corsage of red roses. The groom wore dusty pink crepe with sage of pink chrysanthemum red rosebuds. A buffet lunch served to about twenty guests.

For travelling the bride chose a lovely blue crepe with black accents. After a short honeymoon home of the groom's parents, the groom will resume his duties at Toronto.

RECENT BRIDE HONOURED AT TEA

A delightful tea was given to William A. Macdonald and Mrs. Lawrence at the home of the bride on Wednesday afternoon of last week in honor of the recent bride, Delbert C. Moore, formerly of Trenton of Clarksburg.

The guests were received by Macdonald and the bride was duced by Mrs. Lawrence. The tea table was arranged with lace cloth and pink 'mums' with candles. Mrs. Charles poured tea and the assistant, Misses Velma Blythe, Bernice more and Mrs. Cecil D. McLeod were Miss Ethelwyn Johnson, Cooper, Miss Jean McMurchey, Ella Johnson and Miss Gretha Johnson.

SOUTH GLENELG FARM

The South Glenelg Farm met Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Strong with forty present. After hearing the cast on the Veterans' Land Act merits and shortcomings of the Government has made it possible returning men to start up life. The community also holds a liability for those boys who missed out on their best years of training and it was recommended that a course at an Agriculture College. It is also our job, as citizens, to see that any boy, set out our community, gets the best and understanding that he will need to help adjust him to life. With the high cost of machinery he will need the help of cooperative ownership of machinery where more practical an opportunity to rent it at a low cost. This made it possible for us to enjoy our farm homes and never stop remembering this.

All enjoyed the recreation which consisted of singing and a vegetable concert. The dancing was enjoyed supplied by Stanley Sharpe and D. Lawrence. Lunch was served by hostess and helpers.

BORN

McAULIFFE—Mr. and Mrs. David McAuliffe, of Martin Gravenhurst, wish to announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Elizabeth, on December 1, 1944. A sister of the late Mrs. McAuliffe.