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Editorial Comment

Life has many strange mysteries. The Midland Free Press points out that a young woman with heavy responsibilities at home went to Britain to bring home an aged relative whose state of health made her a burden. When the Athenia was torpedoed, the young woman was drowned and the aged lady was saved.

An Idea to Work Out

An item from the Winnipeg Tribune which strikes first of all as a bit of joshing is perhaps worthy of more serious study. It reprints a report from the Montreal Standard that a new sort of festival had been laid at Devon, New Brunswick. A co-operative "tonnage festival" in which doctors and nurses and other assistants contributed their services, and the Women's Institute supplied either, gauze and other requisites, and the town hose station was utilized as a hospital, accomplishing the removal of 62 pairs of tonsils in two days. The patients were children of the Devon district, and all were reported doing well at the close of the meeting.

It is a picture that conjures up a lot of ideas, most of them on the lighter side. But the Tribune, and with some reason, takes the thing pretty seriously. It is all in favor of introducing the "festival" note into tonsilectomy, dentistry and so on, and feels that in this way poor communities might be able to obtain services of expert physicians and surgeons whom they could not ordinarily hope to get.

Church Edifice Used to Fashion Show

It is never the function of this paper to criticize the church in all the fine work it is doing in this country of ours and through the mission organizations; but a few days ago a Tribune reader handed in to this office a clipping from the daily press, which was impressive if not startling. The item carried the heading, "Plan Fashion Show at Simpson Avenue United Church."

One would think that the church had gone pretty far afield when it conducted fashion shows and permitted pictures of women displaying latest model costumes to appear in the papers under such a caption. Our friend, a good churchman, protested loudly and we thought his argument was not far astray.

If the church of God has to be used for Fashion Shows, and resorts to this kind of thing which is all right in its proper place, it is a visible sign of weakness, and one of the things which is hurting the church today.

We know that many churches of this denomination would not countenance Fashion Shows as a part of the church work, indeed we doubt if any of them would, and we hope that in the instance referred to it may be shown that the church had only been rented or loaned for the purpose. However, in a great city like Toronto, halls are very plentiful, and are the best place for such secular undertakings.

The implication in the Toronto paper certainly is bad, and if not correct, should have brought forth an explanation.

Leave It To The Leaves; Don't Burn Them!

It's wasteful to burn leaves. They are now lying in millions about our gardens, fields, streets, but conservationists and agricultural chemists all say that burning them is just burning up nutrition for the soil, which needs to be restored to Mother Earth every autumn. Leaf mould is not alone a cosy, comfortable blanket with which to cover flowerbeds, lawns, vegetable garden or fields. It is Nature's own food to enrich the land. When gathered this fall they should be put in neat piles in back yards, moistened and weighted down so they won't blow away and in the course of time there will be a quantity of rich fertilizer that will make the land glad. Always remember that when leaves are burned there is a serious robbery of soil potentials and that wilful waste of it will eventually bring woeful want, which even chemical fertilizers won't entirely or half as satisfactorily provide.

Now then, having given our readers a bit of information vouched for by agricultural professors, we want to say that leaves are knee deep around the residence of the writer, and they may be had by any of our neighbors who wishes to secure more of this food for the soil. Otherwise they are doomed to the bonfire.

Co-Operation Among Garage Owners

Barrie garage owners have announced that all garages except one will be closed on Sundays. A different garage will remain open each Sunday. The purpose is "that employees may be given a day off each week." The announcement is made by the Barrie Garage Dealers' Association. In another advertisement in the Barrie Examiner the same association announces that its 20 members "find it impossible" to continue to give credit. "We are forced to adopt a strictly cash business, except for those with approved credit rating."

The above announcement from Barrie would indicate that the garage owners in the northern town are but following out a practice that the Stouffville garage men have followed for a couple of winter seasons, but have made no decision about the coming winter. All things being equal, it is not likely the garage owners would be any worse off at the end of a year by taking one day in seven off.

Must Be Registered

It might be well for individuals or organizations planning the raising of funds for war purposes to understand that no such undertaking can be launched unless there has been registration under the War Charities Act and written consent has been obtained from Ottawa.

Under a measure passed last month it has become an offence for any person not properly registered to directly or indirectly solicit or make an appeal to the public for donations or subscriptions in money for any war charity fund by promoting or conducting any bazaar, sale or entertainment or exhibition or by soliciting for advertising by any other means."



TO LEAD FIRST BRIGADE
 Widespread approval among military men greeted the report from Ottawa that Col. Armand Smith, M.C., E.D., of Winona, Ont., will be appointed to command the 1st infantry brigade of the 1st division of Canada's overseas forces.

History of Church Linked with Cashel

The sixtieth anniversary of the United Church, Unionville, was observed Sunday and will be continued next Sunday, October 29. Rev. N. A. McMurray, Danforth United Church, Toronto, conducted the morning service last Sunday when the new addition was dedicated. In the evening Rev. C. E. Kenny, Guelph, a former pastor took charge of the service.

Next week, Rev. A. M. Dallas, chairman of the Toronto East Presbytery, will preach in the morning, and the Rev. R. E. Morton, Newcastle, in the evening. After the evening service a fireside service will be held to which Rev. Frank Rae, of Willowdale, has been invited.

The history of the United Church is largely the history of the village of Unionville. In 1879 the present edifice was built, the outcome of the efforts of the then Primitive Methodist congregation.

In 1884 the union of all the Methodist bodies was completed, the Primitive and Wesleyan being joined in this union and the church building of the Primitives was used thereafter for worship.

The Wesleyan branch of Methodism came to the village in 1840 and built a frame building on a lot just north of where the public school now stands, which was discarded in 1884 at the time of union. Unfortunately, the history of the Wesleyan Methodist is obscure, there being no one in the village who can remember it. The names of some of the families are Loundsborough, Chant, Casely, Size, Eckardt and Crosby. The names, Chant, Size and Eckardt are the only ones remaining in the locality.

The Presbyterian church which entered union had its nucleus as an offspring from the church at Cashel, and owned its existence largely to the efforts of Mrs. Mustard, mother of Mrs. R. A. Stiver, a member of Cashel Presbyterian Church, under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. MacIntosh. On the death of

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W. C. Guliker of Cherrywood, charged by W. Dyk of Kettleby with assault, and whose evidence was heard last week was found guilty in Newmarket Court.

"The man has been separated for one year from his wife and has been looking after the children," stated defence counsel A. J. G. Wilson. "He is a farm labourer, earning a very small salary, and I submit there was a certain amount of provocation in this case. I am asking Your Worship to be as lenient as possible with him."

"What about the doctor bill?" asked Magistrate Woodliffe. "My client has not the means to pay anything."

"Do you think the complainant is in any better circumstances?" "I know that he has money enough to drive a car, around and take another man's wife out."

"I don't think my friend should make that kind of a statement," interjected Crown Attorney Mathews. "The wife is not here to defend herself because her evidence is not admissible against her husband."

"This is very serious assault," stated His Worship. "A man's nose was broken. Guliker, I am going to remand you in custody one week for sentence."

her husband Mrs. Mustard moved to Unionville, and, missing the communion of the church to which she was accustomed and wishing her family educated in the Presbyterian faith arranged with her former pastor to conduct services at Unionville, first in the manse and later in the Methodist Church. When the Congregational Church was superseded by a more modern one the Presbyterians purchased it and worshipped there, till the Congregationalists joined with them and carried on in the new church till Union. The new church was then turned over to the continuing Presbyterians and later sold to the Township for a municipal hall.

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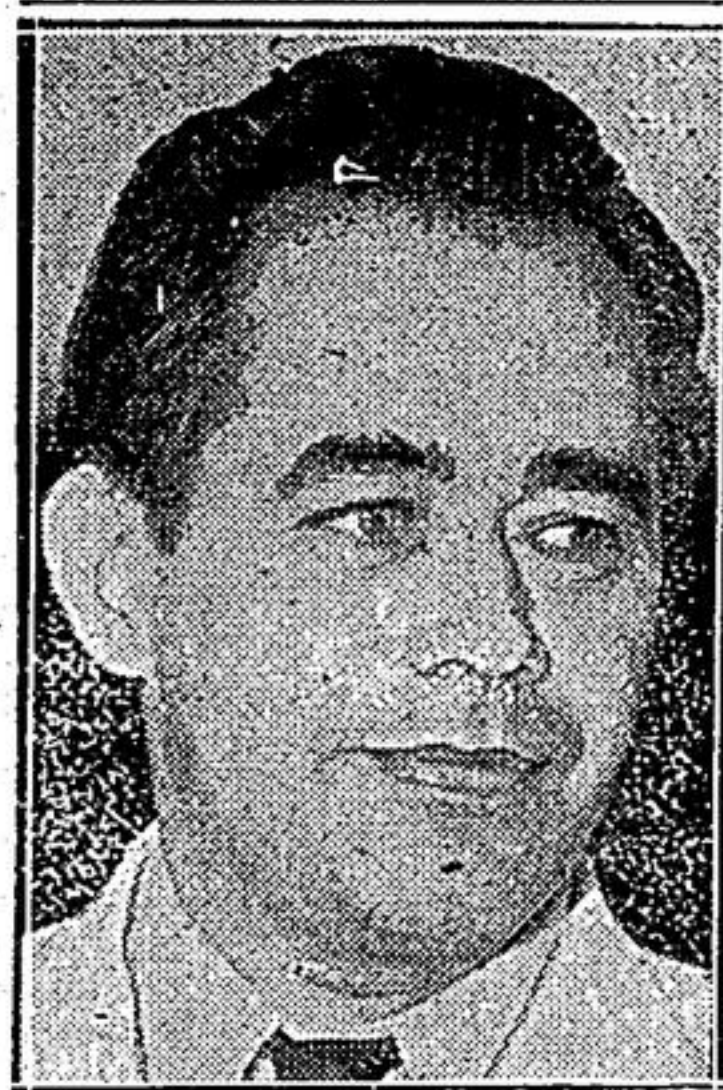
While disappointed in not being included in the 1st Division of the Canadian Active Service Force, the Queen's York Rangers are energetically proceeding with organization to be ready when orders for mobilization are received.

According to Lt. Col. R. C. Merrick, M.C., who commands the York County regiment, plans for bringing his unit to full active strength include the opening of recruiting depots throughout York County the moment the necessary orders

are received. Since the outbreak of hostilities a detachment of the Queen's Yorks has been on special duty but while hampered by lack of uniforms and equipment which were turned

During the past few days large flocks of Canada geese have been seen in the usual V formation winging their way to the warmer southern climate where they will spend the winter. The departure of the geese from the north is a sure sign of approaching winter and the advent of colder weather.

German Ace Volunteers



John Rzepka, Polish-born Winnipeg barber, who was in Baron Manfred von Richthofen's flying circus in the last war, has offered his services in any capacity to the Royal Canadian Air Force. He won the Iron Cross twice, serving with the German air force from 1914 to 1918.



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