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Editorial Comment

Ontario County Council Buys Stamps

Ontario County Council voted unanimously at its January session to set aside \$4 or more of each member's per diem allowance during the current session for purchase of war savings certificates. The move was voluntary as each member pledged himself by vote.

We're lending our money to help win the war, and this action will give concrete leadership to every municipality in Ontario County. It doesn't make any difference where the certificates are purchased. It will show one and all that we're 100 per cent behind this patriotic campaign to help preserve the things Canada and the Empire stands for," declared Reeve J. M. Roblin, of Whitby.

The Lions Appreciated Your Support

The Lions Club sincerely appreciate the splendid cooperation and support given their carnival last week, making it the biggest event of the winter season so far. Because everyone stepped in and gave a hand in such splendid way, the affair proved a financial success as well as providing an evening of good wholesome fun for the six hundred people who crammed the rink on this occasion. The net proceeds go to a most worthy cause, namely, that of helping unfortunate children.

The Lions search out those who need eye attention, and still others who require more milk than the family larder can provide. While the work of the Lions is not fully known, as their individual effort is not made public, the the money spent in one year is amazing in this worthy cause.

If you bought a ticket for the carnival you have the satisfaction of knowing that you supported one of the finest works being carried on in any community.

Magistrates Should First be Lawyers

Reform in the system of appointing magistrates in Ontario, requiring them to be barristers and to hold office for the first two years at the pleasure of appointment, is recommended by the select committee of the Ontario Legislature in its report on the administration of justice in the province, a change that will meet with general approval.

Dealing further with the appointment of magistrates, the committee recommended that only those under 55 years of age be appointed, and that after the probationary period of two years the magistrates be removable only for ill health or any other cause found by a judge of the Supreme Court. Magistrates should be retired at the age of 75, and a contributory pension plan set up for them under the Public Service Act.

The Big Drive Goes Forward

Canadians are now engaged in a nation-wide campaign without precedent in the history of the country, as 200,000 voluntary workers are attempting to enlist two million fellow citizens as regular war savers. Is Stouffville lagging behind, you ask.

However months of preparation, the War Savings Committee with headquarters at Ottawa has created a human machine that reaches its every community of the country. No fewer than 1500 subordinate committees comprising the cream of Canadian citizenship drawn from every cross-section, are tapping the hearts and pocket books of every last individual who owes allegiance to the Dominion.

In the same spirit of efficiency each of these 1500 local committees are so organized that none will be neglected in the gigantic canvass. Every factory, every business firm which has five or more employees has been listed, and each such firm or factory has been assigned to a specific job.

Every householder is definitely placed on some one worker's calling list. Not even a man who works alone in his own small office will be overlooked.

Consistent with the main objective of the February campaign, no one is being asked to buy a certificate or some certificates on a single cash sale basis. Everyone is being asked to sign a pledge carrying a moral obligation to purchase certificates month in and month out.

In keeping with the efficiency of the canvass itself, are the plans now completed to keep track of the race toward the objective of two million savers during the month.

Let the Good Work go Forward

We have heard several favorable comments on the effort of the Board of Health in attempting to bring about a better milk inspection for Stouffville, one equal to that maintained in the larger cities. If the scheme carried a qualified veterinarian will be employed to inspect herds, stables and dairies, so that our supply of this important fluid will be of the highest quality obtainable. More milk will be used than ever before when parents are assured that the product is procured under most sanitary arrangements possible. Even the preliminary work done so far, has been such that the samples brought in are really the best in years.

If this work goes on, samples from every farm shipper will be tested at intervals and everything possible will be done to aid the shippers in producing a brand of milk that will equal anything produced in the province. In this effort the dairy is in full co-operation and willing to help in any way.



YOUR DOLLARS NEEDED NOW!

WARNS ABOUT LACK OF BACON NEXT YEAR

Unless steps are taken to improve the lot of the Ontario farmer, Canada may find herself unable to produce bacon for Britain next year, predicted Reeve L. J. Cockburn of Georgina township in York County Council last week during a debate on the agricultural committee's report.

The committee viewed with alarm the future conditions of agriculture, "the scarcity of farm help, the wages the farmers will have to pay for assistance, and the prices they received for their products, presents a rather gloomy picture, the report stated.

"The farmers of Simcoe county are not prospering, and the plight of the farmer is a national tragedy," Reeve Cockburn claimed. "The farmers are liquidating their assets. Their sons are in the army and their hired help has gone to work in the munitions plants, and I don't know where they are going to get help next year," he added, claiming that steps to remedy the conditions should have been initiated at least six months ago.

Several members of the council were critical of the prices set by the Bacon Board for hogs and objected that while the farmer was penalized for hogs which failed to come up to standard, the lower price was not passed on to the home consumer. "The packers are the Bacon Board, and the farmer has little or no say. It's a case of the tail wagging the dog," charged Reeve L. J. Cockburn.

Own Warehouses

Reeve James Rennie of Markham township, secretary of the agricultural committee and an official in the Federation of Agriculture, declared that it was the feeling of the federation that the only salvation for the farmer was for the producers to establish their own co-operative warehouses and carry on their own packing business.

M. Cockburn, district agricultural representative, who sat in with the committee during the presentation of the report, explained that the object of setting up the system of premium for hogs meeting a certain standard, and penalties for sub-standard hogs, was to raise the standard of hogs produced for export trade.

"After the last war, when we should have held our export trade in hogs, we lost it because anything

with a squeal was accepted and shipped overseas," he said. "But we have to have quality bacon to hold the export trade."

At the present time, he said, the percentage of bacon exported was far above home consumption, and packers would willingly pay a higher premium if by so doing they could get a better grade of hog.

Hogs Held Too Long

One of the greatest difficulties, he indicated, was in farmers holding their hogs for fattening too long. He cited one case where \$4.00 was lost to the farmer on one hog, in addition to the cost of feed, because it was kept about two weeks too long before marketing.

A clause in the section of the report which was approved, instructed the by-laws and legislative committee to present a by-law declaring the common barberry bush a noxious weed, because it harbors spores which cause wheat rust. The plant was said to have been prevalent in York county.

District Agricultural Representative M. Cockburn explained that the common barberry in question is quite different from the Japanese barberry and purple leaf barberry, which are widely used in ornamental gardens. These latter plants are quite harmless, he said.

FOUR MONTH TRAINING FOR YOUTH TWENTY-ONE

Ottawa, February 9.—A four-month compulsory military training period has been substituted for the present 30 days "to make the best possible use of Canadian manpower" in defence and war industry.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced that the extension will take effect with the next camp period, opening March 5.

In another radical departure from the original program, the 6,000 of 6,500 men called into the reserve army for compulsory training from now on will train side by side with volunteers for active service.

Under the new arrangement, "only those of 21 years will receive compulsory training unless circumstances change materially, or the numbers in this age group prove unexpectedly small," Mr. King's 950-word statement said.

"As a consequence every young man, at the time of his coming of age, will recognize and prepare himself for his responsibilities for the defence of Canada."

The three training camps held

No. Rationing Today.

That its fairly safe to predict that there will be no rationing of gasoline in this country, at least in the near future is the opinion of The Printed Word. The most that the government could do wisely, under present conditions, is to urge all of us to go easy on the throttle and the speedometer. Unnecessary consumption of gasoline affects exchange as much as unnecessary trips to the United States.

There are several reasons why gasoline rationing is not an immediate prospect. One is that a sharp curtailment in consumption would, so increase costs of refining that next summer's tourist trade, if any, would be further discouraged by high prices here. A second reason is that higher costs of ordinary gasoline would swell the costs of aviation gasoline, of which the country requires vast quantities. A third reason is that rationing would create tramway problems in all large cities, with the result that electric railway companies would have to be granted permission to acquire new rolling stock with U.S. funds. A fourth is that while prohibition of pleasure driving might be practicable, rationing would require an excessive amount of policing. A fifth reason is that the percentage of crude oil which eventually is burned for mere pleasure, as distinguished from industrial, war and business use, is perhaps not nearly so great as an academic observer would surmise.

MRS. PUGH PRESIDENT OF LIBRARY BOARD

Whitevale Library Board at its annual business meeting reported that a number of books, both for adult and junior members, were purchased during the year, and have proved very popular. Mr. Miller, librarian, in his report stated Whitevale has about the finest selection of books in the township. The secretary-treasurer's report was also most encouraging.

Officers elected for 1941 were: President, Mrs. J. Pugh; vice-president, Mrs. W. Fitch; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. H. Pugh, and librarian, Norman Miller.

since compulsory training was introduced in Canada last year have been on the 30 day basis, with an average of about 27,500 men at each. Mr. King said "the equipment position did not make a longer period of training possible."

The new program calls for 6,000 to 6,500 men in March, and the same number at the 15th of each ensuing month.

The first group would graduate by July 15, and a group would graduate at the middle of each month from then on, and at least 24,000 men would be in training constantly once the program was in full operation.

On the basis of the prime minister's figures, about 72,000 would graduate in any year.

(This figure is about 6,000 below the number of 21-year-olds who registered last August at national registration. If the number of men reaching 21 years remained constant, there would be sufficient men in that age-group to fill training needs, with leeway for rejections on physical grounds.)

Mr. King said there will be no exemptions from training, although postponements might be allowed on principles to be worked out by the boards of review in each district. A meeting of the board chairmen is being called to work out the principles.

Wants Planes Rushed



Taking issue with Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and appealing for "national unity in support of the president," Thomas W. Lamont (Above) declared that prompt and unstinted U.S. aid to Great Britain would assure the defeat of Germany. Lamont, a partner in J. P. Morgan and Co., urged speedy passage of President Roosevelt's lend-lease bill, "with whatever amendments may be essential," and said the country should prepare itself "for anything," possibly war.

National Registration returns indicate that Canada's population now exceeds 12,000,000 as against 10,376,788 at the 1931 census.

Ontario may abolish the custom of having a by-election when a member of the Legislature is taken into the cabinet. Ottawa did away with the custom and Ontario could well do the same. There never was any sufficient reason for the habit, and there is none now.

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