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Editorial Comment

Top or Bottom

The British are giving their lives for freedom. Won't you lend a few dollars? Buy Victory Bonds.

Stouffville Fills Its Bins

Almost daily at this time in town one can hear the noise of coal passing down the shoot into basements and cellars, indicating that householders and business places are mindful of the fact that there will be another winter, and now is the time to prepare. The thrifty householder looks ahead and gets the coal bin filled, having in mind a two-fold object. Firstly, by buying coal now it is procured at the lowest price of the year, or at what is known as summer prices. Secondly, there is always the possibility of strikes and other things holding up the supply, and it is a comfortable feeling to have along in September when a serious coal strike is in the offing, to know our bin is filled, and you are independent of what happens. This year, especially, such things as strikes and war may easily make coal difficult to obtain. Stouffville householders are doing well to attend to their coal needs at the first opportunity.

Saying it With Onions

That anyone anywhere should go into raptures over an onion may sound strange to those in Canada, who are familiar with the broad expanses of muck and other soils devoted to the growth of this crop, or to the housewife who buys these tasty bulbs at the corner store. In Britain where emphasis are now placed on the production of crops which yield most food per acre, the onion has been relegated to a position of lesser importance in the national economy. Besides, the crop on the restricted areas was a failure last year, and the onion has become as rare as the banana over there.

A letter from a home in Glasgow describes the effects of the recent blitz on that city. The family, on emerging from the shelter, discovered that their house was almost the only one left habitable on the street, but all its windows were gone, and an incendiary bomb that crashed through the roof had fortunately been extinguished without setting the house afire.

The same letter went on to acknowledge receipt of a gift of onions from Ontario. They had to be shared with others, some going to relatives in Aberdeen, while the man of the house took one choice specimen to the office and showed members of the staff what an onion looks and smells like! Saying it with onions sounds like something new.

The Weeklies Have It

One of the most surprising lessons of the war in Britain has come to advertising agencies according to the Bulletin of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, the Ontario and Quebec Division of which met in Hamilton last Friday and Saturday.

It was stated that the sharp decrease in the number of pages in daily newspapers caused by shortages of pulp, has proved the greater value of advertising in small papers such as the weeklies in Britain.

The advertising manager of an agency in England, is quoted as saying that he "was astounded at the results from advertising in the six-page paper compared with the 24 pages of the dailies." In the smaller sized papers he found that the small advertisement was far more prominent than in the big dailies and he concluded from the results tabulated regarding the whole experiment that as the final test of any advertising is whether the stuff is read, the conclusion was that in the smaller-sized papers, things were "actually being read." All of which was pleasing but by no means new news to the weekly editors from Ontario and Quebec, assembled at the convention in Hamilton—or to the numbers of prominent members of advertising agencies also attending.

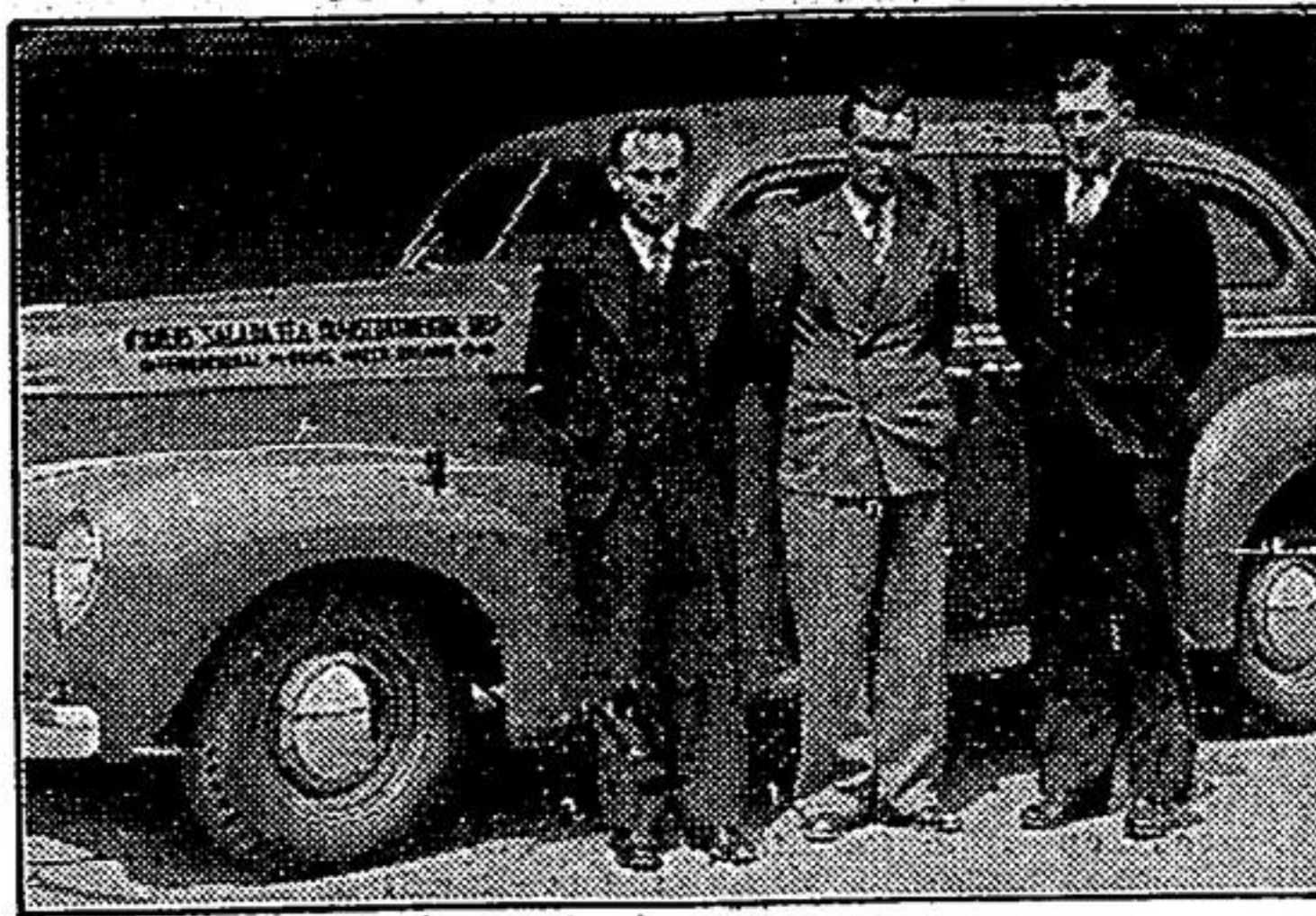
How Damaged the Mail

Damaged fruit, broken glass jars which had contained maple syrup and cartons of fresh eggs, all broken, causing damage to the surrounding mails, are being removed from parcels addressed to our Overseas Troops at the Base Post Office, Ottawa.

Canadian Postal Corps officials have reported to Hon. William P. Mulock, K.C., Postmaster General, that last week 16 parcels in one bag of army mail missed a despatch because they required repacking, as a result of the breakage of a glass jar of maple syrup in one parcel. Fresh eggs that had been enclosed without wrapping, along with two tins of maple syrup, in another parcel had also broken and spread. Five bananas with but a single paper cover and two thin cartons of eggs merely wrapped in paper were removed from other packages.

The above examples illustrate the folly of sending perishable or fragile articles through the mails to our Troops, especially in view of the long journey by land and sea under war time conditions. Parcels containing perishable goods, likely to spoil within the time required for transportation and delivery, or which contain articles likely to become damaged in transit, are not acceptable for mailing.

TOP RANK PLOWMEN LEAVE ON "SALADA" TEA TRANSCONTINENTAL TRIP



The International Plowing Match held at St. Thomas last year set a new record in the number of entries and attendance. The most coveted prize offered was that for the special class sponsored by the Salada Tea Company and open to all horse plowmen in Joints Plow sod classes, who had qualified at branch matches—a six weeks' motor trip to the west coast and back.

It is a coincidence that the trip, along with the gold and silver medals for first and second prizes in this class, was won by two neighbour plowmen, John Lister (left) and Harold Pickett (right) both of Hornby, Ontario. Their journey was planned under the guiding hand of J. A. Carroll, manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, and will take them to areas of agricultural interest in the United States and Canada from Toronto to Vancouver. Gordon McGavin (centre), another well-known plowman, of Walton, will accompany the winners as guide, companion and manager.

The trip should prove intensely interesting and of great educational value to these three lucky plowmen.

In the Editor's Mail

Toronto, May 24th, 1941

Editor Stouffville Tribune:

Dear Mr. Editor,

Here is your old friend Canadian back again, but not in a critical frame of mind this time.

You were a good sport to publish that other letter I sent along, in fact I got a surprise when I saw it in print. Possibly it was harsh in tone as you suggested but in times like these with our emotions stirred as they are we all are apt to become irritable at times.

I enjoy looking through your fine paper even though I recognize very few names appearing in it.

The letters that appear from time to time are often very interesting and that one from Mr. Burnham was particularly so. If Mr. Burnham is conducting a campaign to bring home some of these facts he is a real patriot.

May I humbly suggest that he made a very serious omission. The liquor traffic is more responsible for the debauching of our soldiers and the undermining of their health than anything that he referred to.

What trainer in the field of athletics would take on the job of putting a man in shape for a trial of endurance unless liquor was entirely banned.

We democratic countries seem slow in grasping the fact that we are facing not only a ruthless dictat-

or but an extremely clever one, a man who realizes the necessity for physically perfect army.

As Mr. Burnham states we are inclined to pamper our men and to do otherwise seems almost hard hearted, but if we are out to win how can our soldiers meet Hitler on even terms if we continue our present policy.

Hitler's army is trained strictly along the lines laid down by athletic trainers, no liquor allowed.

Canadian.

A FARMER'S PROTEST

Claremont, May 27, 1941.

Dear Sir:

On Saturday evening we drove from east of Claremont to attend the picture theatre in your town, and may I say we enjoyed the evening. There was one thing, however, which rather spoiled the fun, and that was a scorch on the side of our motor car running board.

May I explain that when we left the show place, there was a terrible din of fire crackers on the front street. They were being thrown everywhere, under cars and under folks feet. I did not mind it but when we saw the car Sunday morning there was a nice smudge right through the rubber mat of the running board, and I blame it on your fire cracking gang who really frightened the women bad enough.

If your town lads think it smart, we don't. If the editor will publish this without giving my name I think it would serve them right.

(No signature.)

"In Days Of Yore"

52 Years Ago

From The Tribune, April 1889

The cellar of Mr. John Baker's new house at the corner of Albert Street is excavated and as the material is nearly all on the ground it may be expected that the Westend will be beautiful by a fine new home. Houses of course, are also being erected on the lots recently sold by Mr. Wm. Somerville.

Mr. Jacob Helsey on of our West-end citizens tapped a small maple tree on his lot on Rupert St. The result was two pails of excellent sap.

Miss Wismer of the Public School staff spent Saturday and Sunday in Toronto.

Mr. George Flint sr., has again taken up house keeping.

Miss Allie Rae is dangerously ill with inflammation of the lungs.

A meeting will be held in Mertens Photo Gallery on Monday evening next for the purpose of organizing a bicycle club in Stouffville. Parties having wheels and those who intend purchasing are requested to attend.

Thieves entered the premises of Mr. Shank on the 8th of Markham one night last week and captured three geese, two turkeys and a rooster.

Mrs. O'Brien and son from Buffalo and Miss Breckon from Orillia are visiting at James O'Brien's.

A large congregation attended the church service in the Baptist Church on Sunday evening, the service being of special interest owing to the fact that four young ladies were received by the ordinance of baptism. The names are as follows: Misses Lydia George, Edith Baker, Katie Miller and Hattie Barker.

Mr. James Daley Jr., of Montreal was in town on Easter Sunday and

occupied the pulpit of the Congregational Church on Sunday evening. He goes to take charge of a church in Winnipeg.

Miss Barker has opened an "Infant School" over Mr. Dougall's store. George Flint and A. S. Leaney moved at the last council meeting that R. Sangster, F. Wilson, A. S. Leaney and the mover be a committee to enquire the cost of maintenance of lamps for main street.

36 Years Ago

From The Tribune, June 1905

Mr. Thomas Smith was thrown from a colt on Sunday and has his collar bone broken.

Mr. J. B. Wurts announces that having attached a freezer to a gasoline engine he is prepared to make ice-cream wholesale.

Miss Ida Mae Forsyth spent Tuesday in the city accompanied by Miss Maude Kemp.

Graham Bros., Claremont have sold their hackney stallion, "White Wall Fashion" and he has been shipped to New York.

Chicken thieves on Tuesday evening visited Mrs. Leadley's premises and took all her fowl.

Butter sold this Thursday at 14 and 15c and eggs at 15 cents.

Mr. Robert McMullen started for Melita, Man., on Tuesday and expects to play football at Brandon on Saturday.

Mr. Lud Hoover has secured a cement mixer by the aid of which he will be able to save the work of several men.

Hurrah for Musselman's Lake! The annual Union School Picnic will be held at the Lake on June 24th.

Mr. F. Burgess bought the small building west of the Mennonite Church and has removed it.

Overseas Mail

These letters were received from the boys overseas by the local Veterans' Association. The boys are in receipt of parcels sent to them by the Veterans' Comfort Association.

April 25th, 1941.

Dear Mr. Lickorish and Fellow Members of Veteran's Association: Many thanks for your most welcome box which I received today and felt very proud to be remembered by your association.

Cigarettes are the most welcome gift one can receive in this country as you can't buy them in three quarters of the cigar stores over here.

I haven't been to London since Jerry started bombing it last August but from what I hear some parts are levelled flat.

We had about 40 Canadians killed up here on the 15th of the month. The Victoria League Club was bombed. One of our lads came home in a pair of pyjamas and a blanket minus a few teeth.

I'm going to Weston Super Mere at the first of May on seven days leave so will likely see a quite a change in the country. I was down through that country last summer, but from what I hear they have had a few exciting times down that way.

Will close for now.

Yours,

Cpl. Morley Pugh

April 25th, England

Dear Comrades,

I received your box today. It sure was swell. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will treasure the membership card and really do appreciate the fact that I am one of you who has done his duty. I'm trying to do mine.

Things are not as bad as they seem but we do need planes and men. I think it the duty of every Canadian man if fit, to join up. Come on fellows, keep the Hun from your own shores. If we do not then all that is dear to you will be lost. The army is good and it will make men out of spineless jelly-fish. It is the duty of everyone with money to

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"OUT WEST WITH THE PEPPERS"

"TWO FISTED RANGERS"

Decoration Day

Plot Holders and others are kindly asked to keep in mind the annual Decoration Day at Dickson Hill cemetery on Sunday, June 23. Further details later.

give and give or else what is the use of us fighting. We are giving our lives. Again thanks a million.
Your comrade,
Spr. W. G. Lehman.

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