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Our Editorial Comment

Licensed Municipal Auditors

Because seventy or eighty municipalities became involved financially over the past ten years, the government through the Dept. of Municipal Affairs, is taking steps to eliminate many of the causes for those failures. Chief among them was the incompetency of officials handling municipal business. Councils always appointed the persons who would do the work most cheaply, and failed to give a thought to qualifications. Now it has been made law that municipal auditors will require a license from the Department of Municipal Affairs under a 1941 amendment to the Municipal Act. This would appear to be a very desirable enactment, enabling the Department to require certain qualifications of those who are to be appointed to the responsible position of auditor. Improved auditing means a greater measure of protection to the ratepayers and council and more uniform accounting to the Department. Municipal Clerks too, must have ability before their approval is recognized by this Dept.

Water Bylaw Needs Scrutinizing

The illness of Reeve Weldon has no doubt been altogether responsible for the over-due revision in the bylaw setting water rates in Stouffville. It is possible that the commercial rates are seriously out of tune with the times, and that water is being sold to some customers at "give-away" prices. At a recent council meeting one customer in the commercial class asked for a reduction of rates, and was told that as others in his class were likely to be increased his present rate would be quite in line. It now looks as though nothing will be accomplished before the water bills are issued in July.

Nevertheless, we predict that when Reeve Weldon, who is making splendid progress now, gets into harness again, he will make it a point to look over the commercial rates very carefully and see that justice is done to all. Unless the village makes a profit on its rates, it is questionable whether water should be sold to commercial customers for vast outdoor enterprises at a time of year when the system can scarcely stand the demands made on it. However, no one would want to see a customer denied service, but let's get paid for it. A careful persual of the water bylaw is likely to produce good results.

Britain May Require Large Supply of Eggs

Indications are that Great Britain will require an increasingly large supply of eggs from Canada during the third year of the war. The Dominion Department of Agriculture believes it is now too late to prepare for this demand through the purchase of baby chicks, but a great deal can be done by a careful selection and carrying over of all available laying stock. There is a noticeable tendency at the present time on the part of poultry producers to reduce laying flocks, the marketing of fowl being quite heavy during the first two weeks in June.

While systematic culling is desirable at all times, the present situation would not appear to warrant heavy reductions. There has been no break in the price of eggs and all indications point to a particularly strong egg market during the summer and fall of this year.

While it is true that a great many yearlings were kept over last fall and in the ordinary course of events now is the time when two year old, and birds that have completed their lay, should go to market, poultry producers, however, would be well advised to look over their yearling stock carefully and to retain for laying purposes all birds which are physically fit and in such condition as to insure a maximum egg production during the next twelve months.

Local Correspondent's Community Builders

As we sorted out the morning's mail of news budgets from our numerous talented "country correspondents," it occurred to us that they are among the world's best community builders. Week after week, these scribes of the countryside collect and put on paper, the busy happenings of their various communities. A neighbor may be ill, a farmer may have been gored by a bull, a valuable member of the community has passed to his reward; under the various district headings each appears in print the life pulse of an area that is every bit as important as any urban district. Perhaps more so. Much good influence can be exerted through the rural news columns. The Women's Institute undertakes the task of building a new community hall, for example. Publicity goes to work and soon the entire county is given an opportunity to help the worthy cause. Or the rural school needs a library. All these items go to make a vastly important phase in the world of journalism. Here's to the country correspondents throughout the district and all over Canada. May their pencils ever go stronger!

Button, Button, Who's Got The Button

Bulletin in Scotch church: "Those in the habit of putting buttons instead of coins in the collection plate will please put in their own buttons, and not button from the cushions on the pews."

Not Easy to Enlist in Royal Canadian Air Force

This is the second of a series of articles about the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Commonwealth Air Training Plan, written for the members of the C.W.N.A. by Hugh Templin of the Fergus News-Record.

It is not easy to join the Royal Canadian Air Force.

That is not because men are not wanted: they are, and the need will become greater. It is not because one has to go far to find a Recruiting Centre: they are scattered all over Canada, and every province has at least one of them. Ontario has six—at North Bay, Windsor, London, Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa. It is hard because the R.C.A.F. is particular about those it allows into its ranks. There is a high tradition to be maintained. For the air crews, at

tificate, if applicable, birth certificates of children, if any, and discharge papers, if formerly in military service. I might have supplied them all, but had none with me. Most applicants go like that and are sent to the Parliament Buildings or wherever it is necessary to go to get the certificates. There is no charge for these, if applicant uses the forms given him at the Recruiting Centre.

Pilots Are Most Popular

Nearly every applicant, who has the qualifications, wants to be a pilot. That's easy enough to understand for there is a certain glamor about the job. What boy hasn't dreamed of flying his plane through the skies? Who hasn't heard what Canadian pilots did during the last war? And how many really know



A sergeant answers many enquiries from prospective airmen at the Recruiting Centre at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

least, educational requirements are high. A pilot, for instance, must have junior matriculation, or better. Alert, physically fit young men are needed, of course. The age limit for pilots is 30 years; for air observers and wireless operators two years older. According to the official literature, "applicants are required to be of good character, possessing intelligence and personality, and to be obedient, self-reliant and keen on flying." And this means just what it says.

At the Recruiting Centre

In order to find out just how a young man would join the R.C.A.F., I started at the beginning of the procedure. I went to the Recruiting Centre at 297 Bay street, Toronto, choosing it because it is the largest and the busiest in Ontario. The staff numbers 45.

The Recruiting Centre is in an old office building. That was obvious, not only because of the layout but because the names of, brokerage firms and the like are still to be found on

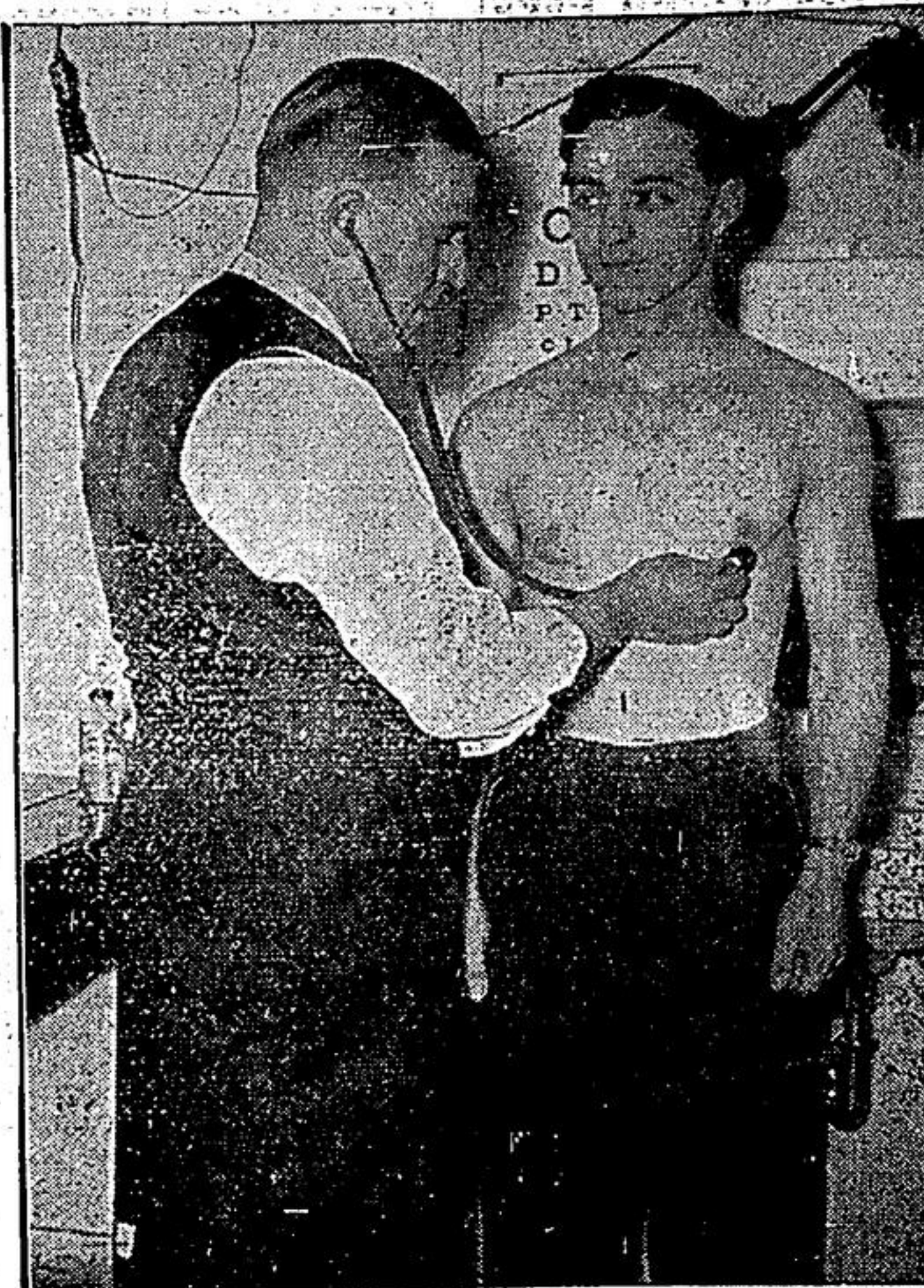
much about all the other jobs the Air Force offers?

Many don't realize that conditions have changed greatly in the air since the last war. Then the pilot usually flew and fought alone; now co-operation is essential. Many planes carry crews of three or four or more. They require air observers, wireless operators and air gunners.

For every plane flying in the air, a large crew is needed on the ground. The R.C.A.F. lists some 65 trades in its ranks. Experienced men are much preferred, but inexperienced men of the right kind will be trained.

Many applicants try to bluff their way into the positions they desire. There's nothing new about that, of course, but it's almost impossible in the R.C.A.F. All applicants for trades must pass the "trade tests" even before the medical examinations. Two corporals start the questioning. If the man passes them, he goes to the Warrant Officer.

To save time, I slipped past the



L. S. Wall is shown getting his medical test from Dr. W. M. Master, at the Windsor Recruiting Centre.

some of the doors. In the hallway, a man scrutinized me carefully. He said nothing but his look was penetrating. I wondered if I was suspected of spying or something of the kind but my guide, Flying Officer Nicol, steered me safely past. Later, I learned that the man in the hall is an expert in character study. Had I fortified myself with a few drinks, or been otherwise unsuited to become a member of this great brotherhood, he would have found an excuse for steering me out the door.

Every applicant must have proof of age and education, at least two letters of recommendation and character, one of them from a recent or present employer, a marriage cer-

2 corporals and went directly to the Warrant Officer W. H. Day, familiarly known as Sgt. Major Day. In years past, I knew more than one Sergeant Major. It was never the most popular rank in the Army. But Sgt. Major Day was unlike any other of the rank that I had met. For one thing he had a sense of humor. Equally important, he seemed to have an uncanny knowledge of the intricacies of all the trades in the Air Force.

I looked down the long list and pretended I wanted to be a motor mechanic. (I really wanted to be a pilot, but I was a bit too old.) I couldn't imagine myself being a diesel fitter or a pigeon loftman or a massour or an interpreter, but

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In the Editor's Mail

Toronto, June 14, 1941.

Mr. A. V. Nolan, J.P., Stouffville, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I receive my paper on Thursday as usual. In reading about the reporter's trip to the reservoir, it brought back memories of 45 years ago when I was a child. My father was a millwright and travelled quite a lot the same as Mr. Joe Lehman, they usually worked on the same jobs. If he was home in the winter time he used to take a trip up to where the reservoirs are just a few yards north of them to get water cress. That was when it was at its best. He took me with him once that I can remember. It was a cold day and lots of snow, we walked over the banks of snow across the fields from the then Sutton railroad track. There was a log across that you could stand on and gather the cress out of the very cold water. He always used a large red handkerchief to carry it home in. And was it ever good. He always took some into Mr. Frank Miller and to old Mr. Hancock. He took a newspaper and out in the clearing would light it to dry and warm his hands before starting back home. My father was killed in that terrible Wanstead train wreck—it will be 39 years this coming winter, December 26th., and it still remains so fresh in my memory as he was such a loving kind father. I wish I was living back in Stouffville it is such a grand place. We call once in a while to see friends. Kindest regards to all, Mrs. D. A. Galloway, 1770 Queen street, E.

2,000 ACRES OF WEEDS

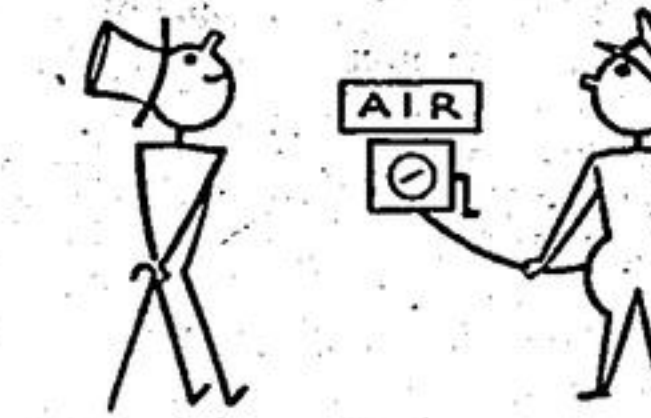
Declaring that between Cannington and Beaverton there are 2,000 acres of good land going to weeds, Reeve Les Cockburn of Georgina Township added that it was not even being used for pasture, when he addressed York County Council last week. The session was largely given over to the plight of the farmer as several addresses were heard

along this line. Particular attention to every phase of agriculture was urged by Reeve Thos. McMurchy of King township, when he claimed agriculture is facing one of the most difficult periods in its history. "Crops this fall won't be what were expected," he said. Hog bonusing was condemned, when another reeve said the farmer had been hit by this new system.



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