

A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

By Jim Greenblat

They must have been expecting excitement or something around the tag end of the Throne Speech because the galleries circling the House have been filled continuously. It looked to me as if the big majority of ringleaders were from out of town. Attendants have had to stop people more than usual from leaning their elbows on the gallery rail which apparently is against traditional regulations. It also shows that folks there were not leaning back and snoozing. Parliament has really been steaming up for the start of the session and it looks as if it's going to be one of accomplishment. The Prime Minister seems to be pleased that it's "business before pleasure" because in one statement he urged members to broadcast to the nation that Parliament is really "doing something" instead of belittling its efforts in the eyes of the people.

Seen around the Capital: Centre of interest in the fine new Post Office here is the new-fangled Mail-O-Mat, a machine which saves you from headaches at the wicket trying to figure out how many twos and threes you want. All you do is stick the required amount for stamps in a slot in something which has the earmarks of a gum-vending machine. Turn a gadget and away goes your letter mailed and everything. It's the first of its kind in Canada, although manufactured in Stamford, Connecticut. The Post Office Department is trying it out on the public here and it may be some day we'll have one in every P.O. so the post-master will be able to go hunting and curling when he wants to. After I tried it once I wanted to write everyone in the country a letter just so I could mail it in the Mail-O-Mat.

Anyone who feels inclined to do a little harmonized grousing on reasons for rationing and controlled distribution will be surely interested in the figures I got from the Consumer Branch of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board in connection with parcels sent to our prisoners-of-war in enemy countries. The Red Cross western packing centre has, for instance, already despatched its millionth parcel to Canadian boys in Germany and Japan. Do you ever wonder what goes into one of these parcels. Well, they've already sent out a million pounds of butter, a million pounds of jam, half a million cans of salmon and half a million pounds of sugar. Besides this, thousands of pounds of tea and coffee, biscuits, and other rationed goods. All parcels, they tell me, have included chocolate bars, raisins, tinned meat, soap. This all tells Canadians at home that there is a reason for some shortages and rationed distribution.

With the accent now on pulverizing Germany's industrial centres by overpowering air raids, it is well to keep in mind that the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan is greatly responsible for putting the punch into the big attack. And it was put over in Canada, which is something we should be proud of. You know, the first class had 169 pupils in it, and today we have about 154 schools alone, twice as many as originally planned. Ten thousand training planes flew an average of two million miles daily, got an expanded force of 50,000 air crew graduates, enough to man 15,000 combat planes, as well as training 30,000 in ground crew trades. We've trained Canucks, Aussies, New Zealanders, British, Belgians, Czechs, Netherlanders, but more than 60 per cent were our own lads. The first plan had its finishing point at March 31, 1943, and in the agreement Canada was to pay 600 million dollars of the 9000 million total cost. But a new agreement had to extend the plan to Mar. 1945, with Canada paying half the estimated cost of a billion and a half, and the United Kingdom standing the other half.

If you ever come to Ottawa to see Parliament and all the big stuff in action, make it a point to be in the main corridor of the building just a few minutes before 3 p.m. to watch the Speaker's parade. It's one of the few wartime restricted manifestations of traditional ceremony still to be seen. On the dot, slowly up the corridor come three uniformed attendants, then the big glittering Mace, behind the dignified Speaker in his robes and a couple of the clerks trailing. The little procession winds its way to the House of Commons chamber. You'll have to uncover, to watch, or else.

Out in the smaller places everyone seems to have enough coffee to satisfy, but the other day in a restaurant in Ottawa at 7:30 p.m. I was told by the waitress, "No more coffee."

We've used up our quota for the day. If you could see the crowds pouring out of offices at meal times you'd wonder how they ever had enough coffee till noon.

Come and get it: While Finance Minister Hsley said the government may consider taking off meat rationing, Agricultural Minister Gardiner pointed out stock surpluses were due to lack of shipping space at this time so it appears that as the opportunity presents itself Britain is to get as much of the extra meat as it is possible to send to them. And the Prices Board announces a ten per cent increase of tomato juice will be on the shelves during February and March more vitamins—a price ceiling, to parallel where possible that in the United States, will be on 49 kinds of imported fruits and vegetables, including asparagus, lettuce, parsley, cukes, celery, apricots, cantaloupes, cherries and tangerines.

A brief summary of some of the most potent features of the James Report on Reconstruction, tabled in the House of Commons, includes the suggestion that every private enterprise be encouraged to develop a long-range program of capital expenditure; and the recognition that labour has a tremendous stake in the national economy. The Report doubts the merit of consumers' sales tax. Controls designed to restrict consumption should be abandoned as soon as possible at the end of the war but the committee feels that price controls, some of them, will be needed in the transition period. They think wheat should be made a free trade commodity throughout the world and that there should be promotion for increased export of Canadian wheat and its products; new markets for farm products should be developed, and research on utilization thereof developed. It is suggested that there be training of 15,000 men a year in the next five years, and a Dominion Forest Act to extend forest research and management. Visioned is creation of a National Development Board to coordinate construction projects. These and many other things give us a fleeting glimpse of what may be after this war. Some of the features may not be implemented, but we're making a start now by planning and thinking, as people in the communities—in the smaller spheres—are doing.

The days and nights are both getting longer.

Subsidies are a tax on all the people so that some of the people can purchase certain commodities at the expense of all.

Look for Announcement of Gorman's Musical Night, Sunday, Feb. 27th, 7:30 p.m. in this issue.

Markham Wingman was Top Man in League Scoring

Tied with Samanski of Whitby—Both Garnered 18 Points During Scoring Schedule

With the first round of the O.H.A. Junior "B" play-offs completed in the local league we may take a look at the O.H.A. records to see the top sharpshooters in the loop.

Two boys, Harold Gibson of Markham and Wally Samanski of Whitby tied with 18 points for the leadership. While Gibson, ace wingman of the Green and White gathered in an 18 point total made up of 11 goals and 7 assists, Whitby's sniper also had the same total, and by the way of goals led the league, clicking 13 times on the opposing netminders.

A close second was Bill Armstrong of the Navy who played at least two games less than either Gibson or Samanski and finished a scant point behind the leaders. Armstrong tallied 12 goals and got five assists in his short playing season and if he had been in every game he would have no doubt walked off with the scoring honors.

Harden; Whitby wingman was in the fourth spot with 16 points, evenly divided between goals and assists. Back of him comes Clare Walsh, ex-Marboro forward who also failed to play in every game.

Jack Routcliffe of Markham tied with Walsh for this spot. Bob Bowcott, Markham forward, heads the assist department with ten to his credit.

Boris Tipoff, husky Markham defenceman was the leading scorer from the ranks of the big backstops along with Heffering of Whitby.

Samanski counted the most goals in a single game, having counted six against Newmarket on one occasion. Here are listed the scorers with at least nine points:

	G	A	Total
Gibson (M)	11	7	18
Samanski (W)	13	5	18
Armstrong (N)	12	5	17
Harden (W)	8	8	16
Walsh (N)	6	9	15
Routcliffe (M)	11	4	15
Bowcott (M)	3	10	13
Mundell (RH)	6	5	11
Stanton (N)	3	8	11
Routree (RH)	3	6	9
Tipoff (M)	3	6	9
Forgieg (M)	3	6	9
Heffering (W)	3	6	9

Two world wars in a lifetime as some of us have experienced, should be enough education to make a thinking man's citizen of the world.

SELDOM SEEN

Last week I was threshing peas upon the old barn floor in the good old way, and probably because it was an old custom, and for another reason that I may disclose before I finish I fell to musing about our treatment of the old testament. I know of no religious group who take it in its entirety and follow its injunctions. Even the old Mennonites whom I admire so much do not go for it outright. Again take the Baptists who try most carefully to accept all bible doctrine as fact, skim parts of the old testament. I like to hear our good friend Norman Rowan of Vivian now and then. He admonishes us to love our neighbors, obey the commandments, but he has never in my hearing recommended that 11th chapter of Leviticus, one of the mountain peaks of the Mosaic law.

It was a terribly cold day, yet I actually got hot under the collar flailing away and thinking so hard, how these different denominations go for it so strong where it suits, and at the same time ignoring what they can't fathom. I'm not condemning these people because I admire them greatly, and get all my religion tuned up by their services. However, I'm alive to the frailties of we humans, no less my own shortcomings.

That 11th chapter of Leviticus deals with diet. It says "these are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth." Notice that swine are forbidden. I don't wonder at it, for the hog is an ugly creature. Nothing good can be said about him until he becomes bacon at least. The hog was in his proper sphere when Jesus cast the demons out of the Gardarene and into the swine.

The orthodox Jew would not eat pork, but the modern Jew has let down the bars and goes for it like Englishmen after breakfast bacon.

The swine's anatomy produces a bad appetite and it has a poorly built stomach. Within three hours from the time he wallows up to the feeding trough, he may be butchered, and man may eat him, told that the filthy matter he may have been eating is changed into wholesome spareribs. I am not surprised that Moses passed condemnation on this kind of food. Two months ago I rode with our trucker down to near Toronto to deliver a few chunks, and if Moses ever cried aloud it would have been against what I saw. Hundreds of sows being fed the swill from city restaurants. It had to be boiled to kill off the microbes and prevent cholera. But this pork might be on your table next month. Probably the last few weeks wholesome grain is fed to stuff up the flabby parts of the pig, fattening swine. No wonder you're getting fat. In fact the surface is that of the farm. In fact the surface is that of the farm. In fact the surface is that of the farm.

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low everything but the squeal. Some scientists say that many of the worst ills we suffer are traced to eating pork, and others declare that from a moral sense, animal flesh stirs to action the baser passions of the flesh.

Isn't it strange, I go on thinking, how the preacher go after section of the commandments, yet this hog which can live only eight years at least because his diet is so putrid, is passed up by the preachers, while they go after more suitable subject matter.

I want to be honest about my tirade on hogs. Last night I had to sit up as nurse-maid to an old sow that bit me on the heel when I tried to fix up her quarters more comfortable and it rather vexed me, but after all she was highly nervous at the time and I should have had the quarters fixed before I did. Nevertheless, as I flail the peas it certainly gave me something to think about. I'm helpless to say who is right, the orthodox Jew, the modern Jew who has let down the bars, or the Christian minister who simply doesn't deal in swine when he is in the pulpit at any rate.

Charlie Querrie Tells Own Story

Remember Charlie Querrie, well, you don't have to, because the Markham flash is still in our midst and going strong, whether as a sport observer or as a threat to any commentator slipping a trifle in his facts. Besides, he did on Monday celebrate his 23rd anniversary as proprietor of the Palace Theatre in the Danforth district.

In a letter Charlie outlines the landmarks of his own sports activities thus:

"I believe I have quite a record in attending professional hockey games, having missed only three games in Toronto since 1912. I came in from Markham in 1900 to work as a printer, and play lacrosse with the Torontos. Incidentally Markham won the lacrosse championship in 1939, and the town council presented me with a watch. Went to the Old Country, in 1902 with the Torontos and won fifteen games without a loss."

"In 1905 I became player manager of the Tecumsehs at Hanlan's Point, and they won five championships and made seven trips to the coast; I became a sports writer on the Old News in 1907 and when the old Arena was built on Mutual street in 1912, became manager, and started to take an interest in hockey. In 1914 I was even a road secretary for the Toronto Ball Club until the lacrosse season opened."

"In 1917 the local professional club was handed to me by the directors, and with a team called the Arenas, won the Stanley Cup, much to everyone's surprise, including my own. In 1920, bought an interest in the St. Patrick's, then the Toronto representatives in the league, and in 1922 captured the second Stanley Cup. In 1926 the club was sold and my active connections ended, but I still like the game."

Only "Tommy" Gorman, of the Canadiens, is now left of the Old Guard, and I still claim a decision over the mighty Gorman. One day in Ottawa, when the one and only Gorman was playing lacrosse for Ottawa, and I was with the Tecumsehs, we tangled at the top of a wooden track at the Varsity Oval, and when we landed at the bottom, I was on top.

"I have played with or against all the great lacrosse players; have seen all the past and present great hockey stars in action, and to tell the truth, I have no regrets over anything. I have had a good time, met a lot of people, and made a lot of friends. Belong to the Danforth Business Men's Association and, by the way, would just like to mention that frolics at the Palace for charity by the Kiwanis, Lions and Business Men's Association have collected thousands of dollars."

"To tell the truth, whether I live to be a hundred, or pass out one of these days, I have no kick coming, I have had a lot of fun and enjoyed myself for more years than I care to mention."

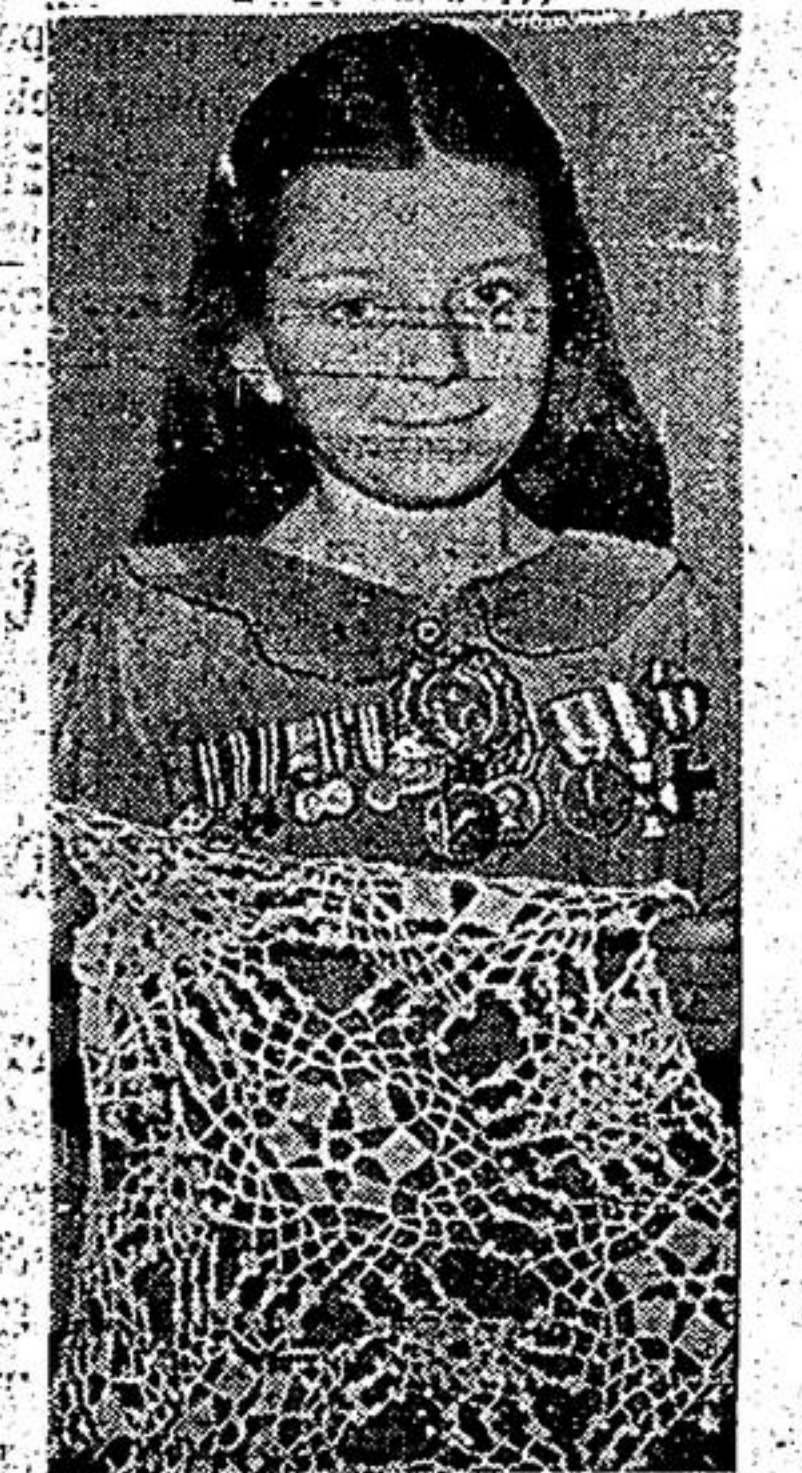
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Toronto - Goodwood FLASHES

After an illness of two months the last three weeks of which were spent in Toronto General Hospital undergoing treatment, Geo. Herbert Dalton one of the older residents of Scott township passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1944, in his 78th year. The funeral took place to Uxbridge cemetery on Thursday, Feb. 24, services being conducted by Rev. L. E. Atkinson. He was a brother of D. Dalton, one-time undertaker in Stouffville, also a son George lives at Buttonville on the 4th of Markham. The late Geo. Herbert Dalton was born in Uxbridge township in 1867, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dalton and farmed in Scott township all his life until 1942 when he retired to Uxbridge to live. He married Lillian Gertrude Taylor who predeceased him in 1941, and they farmed on the 6th of Scott. He took a great deal of interest in the community and was an elder of Ashworth United church for many years and a member of Sandford Oddfellows Lodge.

Left to mourn his death are one son George S. of Buttonville; four daughters, (Nora) of Woodstock; Mrs. Sidney Langford (Mary), England; Mrs. Thomas Banks (Eva) of Uxbridge; Mrs. William Tomlinson, (Mabel) of Sutton. Three brothers, John of Scott, Frank of Peterboro, and David of Oshawa, and three sisters, Mrs. Thomas Elckett, and Mrs. Benjamin Ball, of Quaker Hill, and Mrs. William Soffitt of Peterboro.

"BOOBY TRAP" BAIT



Ten-year-old Hilary Hall, Toronto, displays bait from a German booby trap that failed — thanks to her daddy's alertness. Cpl. Thomas C. Hall, 39, with a Canadian medical unit attached to the Eighth Army, somewhere in Italy discovered the medals, lace and tapestry, shown here in the back of an abandoned German troop truck. Suspicious, he explored the vehicle carefully and uncovered hidden explosives. The medals, most of them adorned with a frog-like image of Il Duce, range from East African decorations to good Conduct insignia.

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