



**A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa**

By Jim Greenblatt

The only army girls on Parliament Hill, twenty members of the Canadian Women's Army Corps have been assigned to work in Canada's stately Parliament Buildings as members of a large staff engaged in the issuing of Victory Bonds. These Bonds must be accurately and painstakingly handled, and must be accounted for periodically during the day. Four girls from the U.S.A., who came to Canada to enlist, give the CWAC "Bonds Detachment" an international flavor.

Reversing the usual order Byrne Hope Sanders, the director of War-time Prices and Trade Board's Consumer Branch, is asking the Canadian housewife to help her with a problem. It has to do with fore-quarters of beef. For some time now women have been buying sirloin steaks and porterhouse roasts, largely neglecting the cheap cuts in the fore-quarters. As a result there is a real danger that fore-quarters cuts will become a glut on the market, representing a heavy loss of good, edible food. To prevent such waste, Miss Sanders urges women to balance their purchases alternating between the hind and fore-quarter cuts. It's not only patriotic but thrifty, because there is a big saving in the purchase of front cuts.

According to "Canada at War," wages in this country reached an all-time high level well above the pre-war high in 1930. Based on 100 for the 1935-1939 average, the wage rate index in 1920 was 112.7, in 1939, 105.3; in 1942, 127.5. This only gives a partial picture, as overtime pay and bonuses are not included. The total amount paid in wages and salaries in 1939 was \$2,550 million compared with \$4,700 million in 1943.

The production of crops in Canada is largely a battle with weeds. The National Weed Committee has got it down to actual figures. Many folks accept lamb's-quarters and pigweed as a matter of course, but it is interesting to know that while oats require 597 pounds of water to make one pound of dry matter, one pound of lamb's quarters uses

up 801 pounds of water. The average loss to grain crops due to mustard over a period of five years was 12.7 per cent. Natural causes has made for a temporary reduction in weed infestation in various places but chances of re-infestation, are always present. Prevalence of grasshoppers has resulted in less growth and vigor of sow thistle. Dry seasons brought less trouble with wild oats, and so on. But farmers must never stop the battle against weeds.

War-time puts the accent on the increasing number of people needed to conduct government services. Information tabled in the House of Commons shows that as of March, 1944 employees in the government service totalled 163,548 as against 156,355 just a year before that date. This is an increase of 7,193.

Arrangements by which American and Canadian farmers can help each other harvest their crops have been completed for the third year in succession. Canadian threshing outfits may go across the border to the United States until September 15th, while United States machines and crews may enter Canada when they are needed, the limit of their stay, however, being December 31st.

The spruce budworm in an insect already said to have destroyed half of the balsam stands of Ontario and much of the spruce. Losses are estimated at tens of millions of dollars. In a recent experiment the United States Department of agriculture showed neighborly co-operation by having a biplane spray a small section of Ontario forests with new insecticides from which great results are expected. The United States supplied the plane, the pilot and the spray material which was deposited by the biplane flying at 80 miles an hour from as low as 25 feet above the tops of infested spruce and balsam trees.

Canada's cattle population in 1942 totalled 8,945,000 as compared with 8,511,000 in 1941, a survey by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics shows.

In order that the Dairy Products Board can be assured of getting sufficient cheese for the British Ministry of food, 125 million lbs. by March 31, 1945, an order requires that all cheddar cheese made in Ontario and Quebec after June 24th this year, must be sold to licensed exporters.

**ZEPHYR LAD WINS PRIZE**  
The winner of the T.R. Ferguson prize offered this year on the High School Entrance for Ontario North is Edwin Cleland of the Zephyr Public School. Nearly 200 pupils competed, and four handed in papers valued at more than 90%. Edwin is a remarkably bright boy, only twelve years of age, and brings credit not only on himself but on his teacher, Mr. Julius Rynard, who has taught the school at Zephyr for thirty-six years.

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Reconditioned portable typewriters must not be sold at more than 80 per cent of the manufacturer's list price when new according to a new order of the Prices Board.

**W.P.T.B. QUESTIONS**

Typical questions consumers have asked the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. This week are answered by the Central Consumer Branch Committee.

Q.—I bought a pair of children's shoes priced at \$1.79. After they had been worn for 3 days the soles left the uppers so I took them back. The manager said they should have worn well but after sending them back to the factory they only allowed me 54c credit. What can I do about this?

A.—A pair of new shoes should certainly last a great deal longer than 3 days; if we could obtain the shoes we would forward them to our Standards Division for complete investigation... suggest you obtain from the store manager for us the name of the manufacturer and we will see what can be done.

Q.—My husband has just been discharged from the army. He has never had ration book. How can I get one for him?

A.—Your husband should apply to his Local Ration Board. Have him take along his discharge papers and a new ration book will be issued to him.

Q.—My father will be in the hospital 10 days. They request his ration book and it was my understanding that this was not necessary for such a short period. Am I right?

A.—Yes, you are quite correct... it is not necessary to surrender his ration book unless he stays in the hospital for a period of 14 days or longer.

Q.—I have used all my rationing sugar and would like to know if I may now destroy No. 3 Ration Book.

A.—No... keep your No. 3 Ration Book... this book contains meat coupons... if it becomes necessary to ration meat again these coupons will be used.

Q.—What is the latest date on which I can give notice to my tenant to vacate before winter? The tenant rents two rooms in my home by the month and I cannot afford to heat the rooms next winter.

A.—As your tenant is living in shared accommodation, paying her rent monthly, you must give her one clear month's notice to vacate... this notice can terminate at any time... the ruling which prohibits landlords giving notice which will terminate between Sept. 30 and the following April 30 does not apply to shared accommodation.

Q.—At our auction sale six people bid the ceiling for our family car which was superior to the average car of its year. To determine who should get it we put a milk pail and the one who bought the pail, was entitled to the car at the ceiling. The pail sold for \$200. Wasn't this a good way to solve the matter?

A.—While this seems a most unusual way to decide the ownership of a car, the fact remains that two wrongs don't make a right. Actually this car was sold at the ceiling, plus \$200, which, of course, is illegal. It was certainly against Board regulations to sell a pail worth \$1 for \$200. While there is no specific ceiling set for a pail as you mentioned, the Board order covering used goods states that used articles must be sold at a price which is reasonable, and just. Though there is no ruling covering your exact situation, it is common practise at auction sales, where more than one person bids the ceiling price for an article, to have the interested bidders draw lots for the right of purchase.

Please send your questions or request for the pamphlet "Consumers News" or the Blue Book (the book in which you keep track of your ceiling prices) mentioning the name of this paper to: Wartime Prices and Trade Board, 406 Metropolitan Bldg. Toronto.

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Q.—Why did not Bible prophecy foresee the great troubles between capital and labor? Surely this is a world-wide condition.

A.—Bible prophecy did foretell it. The fifth chapter of James speaks of this; and of some who "have heaped treasure together for the last days" (verse 3), the prophecy declares, "weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you" (Verse 1.) To believers who suffer during the troublous times, the Bible cautions, "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." (Verse 8.)

Q.—Please explain Isaiah 45:7 where it says that God creates evil.

A.—Let us read the text: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things. This does not mean that God is the Creator of evil as sin; but that He brings, or permits, wars and "evils" to come on those who are disobedient to His laws. This is made clear in II Chronicles 7:22: "And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the Lord God of their fathers,

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which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them; therefore hath He brought all this evil upon them."

**CANNING SUGAR COUPONS**

All canning sugar coupons, F-10 in Ration Book No. 3, are now valid. These coupons do not expire until Dec. 31, 1944. Each coupon is good for one pound of sugar. For those who prefer to purchase preserves instead of canning, "F" canning sugar coupons may be exchanged for preserves coupons at any local ration board. The rate of exchange is one preserves coupon for each "F" coupon.

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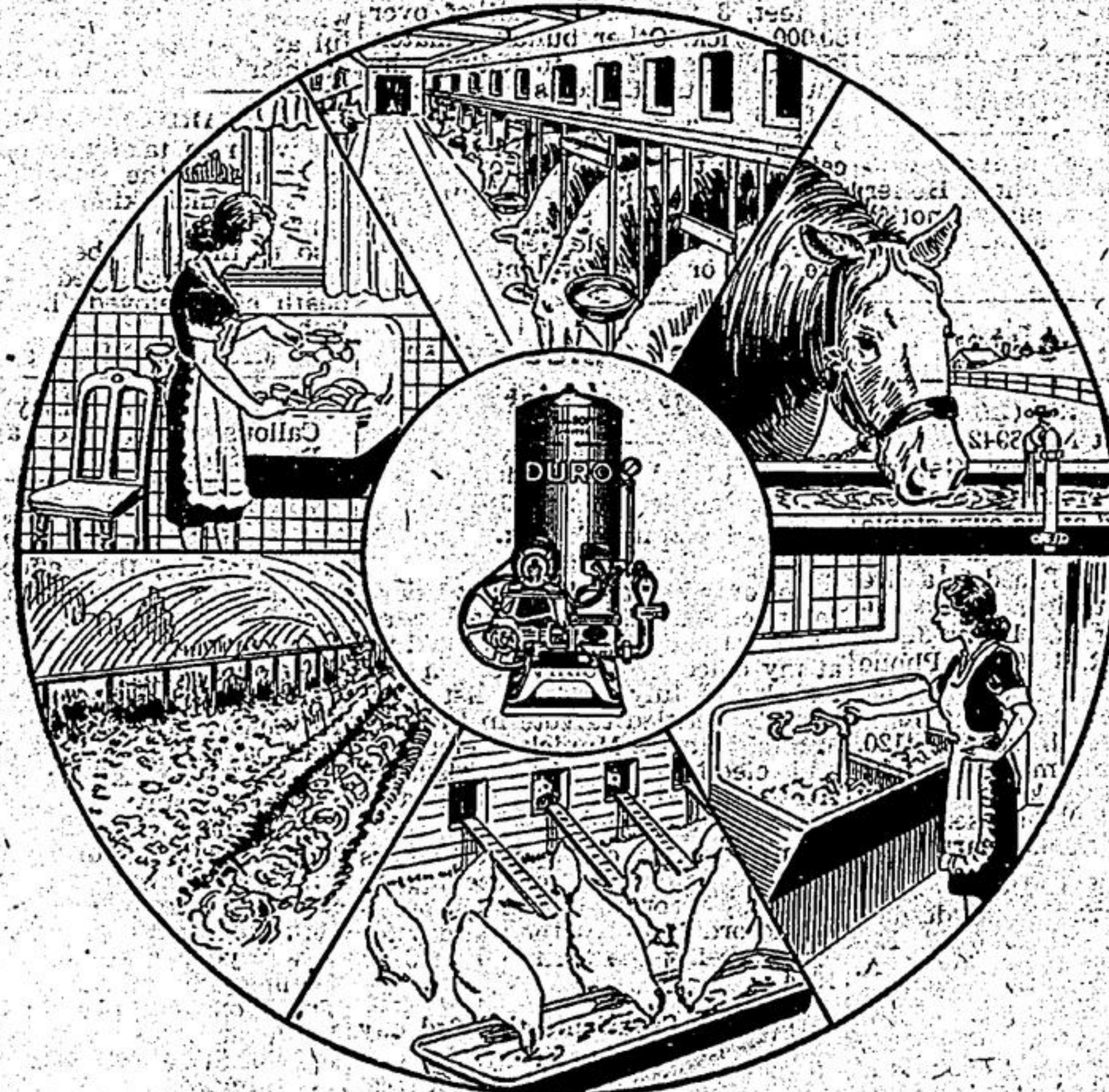
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