



A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

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At the end of May Canadian prisoners of war numbering 5,278 were scattered through 47 camps in Germany and 11 camps in the Far East. Of all these prisoners, 8 are from the navy, 3,629 Army, 1,496 Air Force, 145 Merchant Navy. Men and non-commissioned officers work in stone quarries, on river work, brick laying, lumbering, agriculture, beet factories, anything that is not directly connected with the prosecution of the war. They work usually nine or 10 hours a day, usual pay being 70 pennings a day. The first parcel a prisoner gets in a Red Cross "capture parcel" packed in Canada and stocked in London.

Details of the Sixth Victory Loan are now revealed. On an objective of \$1,200,000,000, subscriptions totalled \$1,407,547,650, with 3,770,000 individual applications. The armed forces bought \$47 millions, those overseas \$13 millions. Finance Minister Isley told the House of Commons that cost of the issue would not exceed 88 cents for each \$100.

With literally thousands of Canadian women making over their own clothes or cutting them down for their children, the Consumers Branch of Wartime Prices and Trade Board has found that many women are on the lookout for used sewing machines. To protect buyers of used goods, the Board has set a ceiling for certain second hand articles. The price set for used sewing machines must not be more than 80% of the current price of a new machine of the same or similar type sold in that locality, or not more than a used machine cost during the basic period September 15 to October 11. To pay no more than ceiling prices and to conserve material—these are major contributions women can make to the war effort.

The hens of Canada are cackling mightily for Britain. It is astonishing to learn that the Special Products Board of the Dominion Department of Agriculture bought for export to the British Ministry of food 3,700 carloads of eggs from January 1 to June 28 this year. That means about 2,400,000 cases or 72 million dozen.

Agricultural fairs throughout Canada have been a great factor in our social and economic pro-

gress and chances are that after the war they will be bigger and better than ever. Some of Canada's fairs are among our oldest institutions. The first organized agricultural fair in Canada was held at Windsor, Nova Scotia in 1765. The first fair at Picton, N.S., was held 172 years ago. In Ontario, the Niagara Agricultural Society held a fair in 1791. Centenary of the fairs are this year planned at Vankleek Hill, Ontario and Richmond, Ontario.

The federal Labour Department is making a special effort to get thousands of high school boys and girls to register for summer employment on farms. It is hoped they will help ease the critical situation which threatens in every kind of farming from fruit-picking to grain harvesting. Spending a vacation on a farm is not only profitable but a health-builder as well, and besides it is a contribution to the war effort. Placing officers are very careful in the selection of farms for these youngsters. The provinces have arranged for supervised camps for fruits pickers.

So far the Labour Department, it is reported, has not had to enter a prosecution against any employer for failure to replace a returned member of the Armed Forces, in his former employment. All cases apparently have been adjusted with satisfaction to date. Under the Act, a discharged member of the Forces may undertake on his own behalf this prosecution. The Act provides that employers must reinstate war veterans in their original jobs, or re-employ them under conditions "not less favourable." It applies equally to men and women who were at least three months on the job in question before being accepted into the services. Where two or three left an identical job, the first to leave is entitled to reinstatement. If a returned person is physically unable to carry out his former duties, the onus is on the employer to place him at any work he can do. Ex-members have three months if discharged in Canada—four, if discharged overseas—to apply for reinstatement. The Act does not apply to Dominion or Provincial government employees, as they have regulations of their own.

Ceiling prices for the 1944 Canadian pack of canned vegetables will be about the same as last year according to the Prices Board. To encourage canning of a high quality product, there is a slight change in the ceiling on tomato juice.

Nowhere has there been such a marked benefit from the wartime price and distribution controls than to the country general store merchant. His total business increase since 1939, according to official estimates tabulated at Ottawa, is around 60%. To show the relative position of various types of merchants, here are figures on sales volume for the year 1943: for department stores and mail order houses there was a decrease of one per cent; chain stores also showed a decrease, 2.3%; independent stores, increased 5.8% and the country store, increased 9.5%.

Toronto—Goodwood FLASHES

Airman Clarke Hill, now sergeant in the R.C.A.F., is home on leave in Newmarket, visiting his mother. After the furlough he will be stationed at Three Rivers, Que. Miss Myrtle Titus occupied the Goodwood Baptist Pulpit on July 16, in the absence of Mr. Taylor, the pastor.

Walter Brown is holidaying in Goodwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cooper are away on holidays.

The B.Y.P.U. held a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woodland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Byer were home for the weekend.

Our sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Evans and family in the loss of their son Kenneth, age 20 years, killed in France.

Those who attended the 12th celebration at Goodwood from the sixth line were Mr. H. Carruthers and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Redshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welton, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pilkey and twins.

Rev. Vaughan Blueman, well known in Goodwood, is filling the pulpit at Riverdale United Church for four Sundays.

Mrs. Wigmore of Toronto spent the weekend with Mrs. Young at the Stewart home in Goodwood.

Flash Correspondent and wife took a trip to Port Dalhousie and St. Catharines on Saturday.

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Pte. Les Blueman was home on Sunday.

Some well known folks celebrated their birthdays this week. Mrs. Walter Todd, Goodwood; Wallace James, Stouffville; Elmer Reid, Goodwood; Howard Feasby, Doris Woodland, Miss Myrtle Watson, Stouffville; Bert Maye, Goodwood; Beatrice Lickorish, Stouffville.

Congratulations to Betty Hogun on passing her Entrance. Betty was a pupil of Miss McGaw teacher of S.S.No. 9.

Two Goodwood boys are now in France. Pte. Aylmer Cooper and Pte. Earl McDonald.

Goodwood's War Workers are grateful for the following goods knitted: Socks by Mrs. Sara, Mrs. Hosie, Mrs. E. Brown, Miss M. Lee, Sweaters by Miss E. Bacon.

Detective Wm. French and wife who are summering at the home on the Rouge River called on Mrs. Young who is holidaying at the Stewart home at Goodwood.

French is Rector's Warden and Mrs. Young is Deaconess of St. Clements Church Riverdale.

TAYLOR—FORSYTH, The home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Forsyth, Uxbridge, was prettily decorated with baskets of lilies, delphiniums, hydrangea and princess feather, on Wednesday, July 12th, on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Clarissa Violet, to Rev. James Taylor, of Uxbridge, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. Fleischer, of Uxbridge.

The bride who was given away by her brother, Mr. J. W. Forsyth, was attired in a street length dress of beige sheer and carried a bouquet of Supreme roses. She was attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Eugene Forsyth of Green River, as bridesmaid, who wore a flowered rust-sheer dress and carried a bouquet of white carnations, while Miss Switzer, of Green River, played the wedding music.

Mr. Benjamin C. Forsyth of Leaside, was best man. The happy couple left on a honeymoon trip to Leaside, Hamilton and Barrie; the bride travelling in a costume of cream beach cloth ensemble with brown accessories, and on their return they will reside in Uxbridge where the groom is pastor of the Uxbridge Baptist church.

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Sunday School Lesson

(Continued from Page Two) sleeping Midianites, and when Gideon sounded his trumpet, all were to do the same with theirs, and shout as men confident of victory, though the battle cry Gideon had given them.

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Verse 18-20—"They blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers." It was a startling interruption to the slumber of their overconfident foes. Rudely awakened by the sounding of three hundred trumpets set at intervals in the darkness outside the circle of the camp, and startled by the crashing of three hundred pitchers and the flashing of as many mysterious lights, the Midianites were at a loss to explain what it all meant.

Verse 21—"All the host ran, and cried, and fled." Imagining that a far greater army than that of Gideon had fallen upon them, the Midianites fled in terror, not even attempting to defend themselves against what must have seemed to them to be hopeless odds.

eon's life is that of the importance of individual faithfulness. In a day of sad declension and of insubjection to God on the part of the Chosen People, Gideon stands out as one who dared to believe God and to act upon His Word. He always honors individual devotedness, no matter how dark the day and how far the public or collective testimony may have deteriorated. So today, God is looking for and using men who dare to go against the general trend of the times, who put faithfulness to His testimony above self-interest and consequently are willing and ready to risk everything in obedience to the Word. Such can be sure that He who calls and equips them for His service will never let them down. One man with God is a host in the conflict with the embattled forces of evil.

TONS OF FOOD ARE GOING TO WASTE IN THIS DISTRICT! UNLESS YOU ACT NOW!

STOUFFVILLE! It's up to You!

This community is faced with the immediate task of organizing to SAVE FOOD materials urgently needed by our invading Armed Forces.

There is not available at this moment one half the farm help required to save the abundant food crops ready for harvest on farms in this community. Yet these crops must be saved to feed our invading armed forces—to whom food is as vitally important as ammunition. They can't win if they don't eat.

The man power needed to save this food can be provided ONLY in one way, and that way is by the citizens of this community organizing to provide help for its farmers; organizing the "spare hours" of its men in the cause of Saving Food for Victory.

The organization has two parts:
1. Organizing a Farm Commando Brigade, with office and telephone, where information can be given and the enlistments of loyal citizens received and through which men may be placed on farms requiring help most urgently.
2. Enlisting every available man in the community who will pledge his evenings, week-ends, holidays, half-days, every spare hour—during this critical harvesting period.

The Department of Agriculture of the Ontario Government will provide organizers and will co-operate and assist at every point in the formation and operation of the Farm Commandos.

The need is Urgent! It Requires Immediate Action! Unless such help is provided thousands of bushels of vitally-needed grain will go to waste in the fields in this district.

- ★ **Council**—You can lend, effectively, the weight of your official influence by appeals to your townsmen; by proclaiming a "Help the Farmer" holiday when the situation demands; by permitting municipality vehicles to transport commandos, to and from farms; by giving leadership in organization work.
- ★ **Employers**—You can give vital assistance by releasing a shift, or your entire staff, for a day or more; by impressing the urgency of their going to the farms for the period of release.
- ★ **Merchants**—You can organize to go in a body with your staffs on the weekly half-holiday, evenings and week-ends; or you could close your stores for an entire day once a week to assist during this critical period.
- ★ **Clergymen**—You can impress the need on congregations; call organization meetings of your men and boys; assist service clubs and other bodies to organize enlistments.
- ★ **Mechanics**—Also artisans, labourers, clerks, salesmen, students! You can provide the greatest service because you constitute the largest body of citizens. Assist in organization wherever you can, but particularly in pledging your spare hours to help on the farms.
- ★ **Service Clubs**—You can add to your laurels of social service by enrolling members for this most constructive task; by forming committees to work in co-operation with commando headquarters on many phases of the work.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO

Officials of the Municipal Council, Executives of Board of Trade, Merchants Association and Service Clubs should arrange for an organization meeting as soon as possible. Ask the Agricultural Representative of the district to be present. He will be glad to assist and co-operate in every way. Or write direct to Ontario Farm Service, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, for information and literature. Let the farmers know what you are doing, enlist their aid in helping you to help them.

Act Now! The Need is Urgent!

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