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Notes and Comments

Let It Be Deliverance Day

There is a good deal of talk about "V Day" and just what we should do in Stouffville and other small communities, or large ones for that matter. It seems that plans are prepared in some places for the celebration of the coming victory over Germany. Thousands of our men might yet pay the supreme sacrifice, hence it seems rather presumptious for us to be considering a grand celebration because we live in safety and comfort.

It will be hard for many people who seriously read the war news these days, or who have lost loved ones, to think of celebrating, yet that is the urge on the part of so many.

The day of military victory over the Germans may be very close at hand, but in looking forward to that event we should think of it as a Day of Deliverance. That will, to say the least, be a day of rejoicing, and due praise and honor must be accorded to the valor of our men who fought and the military prowess of their leaders. But we must not forget that we have suffered many defeats and even disasters in the field, and that there were times when, as the scripture says, "If it had not been that the Lord was on our side, when men rose up against us : Then had we been swallowed up quick when their wrath was kindled against us : Then the waters had overwhelmed us," etc.

How often we have felt that during the past five years, if it had not been for the cause—the cause of Freedom and Righteousness—for which we entered this war, then had we thrown up our hands in despair and gone down to utter defeat. It was only our faith in the justice of our cause and in the Divinity that shapes the ultimate end of all things that saved us from despair. We firmly believed Germany was in the wrong, that tyranny and savagery must not and could not triumph in the end. It was this belief and this spirit that sustained us in those dark hours of Dunkirk, of the Battle of Britain, and of the retreat in the African desert. And it was that belief and spirit which inspired the valiant men who stood at bay at Alamein and finally "put to flight the armies of the alien."

In looking forward confidently to the day of victory and to the peace beyond, we must beware that the virus of German militarism does not enter into our own souls. Certain savage tribes had a practice of drinking the blood of their enemies in the belief that they would thereby increase their strength and prowess in battle. And we would be virtually doing the same thing if we gloated over the defeat of the Germans and celebrated the Victory in a drunken orgy of rejoicing.

Rather should we be humbly thankful for our deliverances, remembering the men who have suffered and died that we might live in security and freedom, and those who mourn for loved ones who will never return. Rather should we say, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee."

So shall that day be "compassed about the songs of deliverance," and we shall go forth to win the peace with the same passion for Freedom and Righteousness that inspired us in the winning of the war.

HYDRO BOOST FOR FARMERS AGAIN

A program which will make Ontario one of the most highly electrified farming areas in the world, bring still greater benefits to both existing and new rural consumers and open up a big market for electrical appliances and farm equipment was outlined by Hon. George H. Challies yesterday when he announced an intensive five-year rural electrification plan to be undertaken by Hydro in the immediate post-war period.

In addition a further reduction to farmers is announced by the commission in this issue.

Involving an expenditure of some $22,000,000 by the Hydro Commission on labour and materials with the Ontario government providing a grant-in-aid to cover fifty per cent of that cost, the plan, it is estimated, will result in the construction of over 7,000 miles of additional rural lines, which will bring Hydro service to approximately 57,900 new rural consumers, of whom 32,000 will be farmers.

Mr. Challies, who is vice-chairman of The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, also announced that the government would re-invoke The Rural Power District Loans Act to assist farmers to finance the purchase of necessary equipment and appliances and that the interest rate on loans would be reduced from 5 to 4 per cent.

Family Allowance Questions Answered

Q. Do people who are already drawing income tax exemptions for their children; in excess of the amount they will receive by way of family allowances, have to apply for family allowances and have their income tax exemption reduced by a corresponding amount?

A. Income tax payers have the option of applying for the family allowance or of waiving their claim to the family allowance and claiming full exemption for their children under income tax.

No one can say in advance however that he or she will not benefit from family allowances. Incomes may change during the course of a year. Anyone who is uncertain whether or not he or she will benefit from family allowances more than from tax exemption should register for the family allowance and in this way be on the safe side. The income tax payer who applies for and receives, the family allowance can't possibly be worse off — he will, in most cases be better off.

Q. Will the allowance count as income for income tax purposes?

A. No, it is exempt from income tax.

Q. Where can registration or application forms be obtained?

A. Forms will be delivered through the post office to every household in which children under 16 are living. Additional forms can be obtained at any post office.

Q. Are birth certificates required with the application?

A. No Through the co-operation of the provinces, births noted on the registration forms will be checked against provincial records. In some cases a further inquiry may have to be made to the parent or other applicant.

Q. What about children born after the initial registration

A. Their births should be immediately registered with the Provincial Vital Statistics authorities in the usual way, and registration should also be made on a form obtained from the provincial Director of Family Allowances, or local Post Office. The form should be completed and mailed to the provincial Director of Family Allowances.

Q. Are birth certificates required in these cases?

A. No. Registrations will be checked against provincial records of births.

Q. Do deaths have to be reported?

A. Yes. Provincial Directors of Family Allowances should be notified at once. Deaths should also be registered in the usual way with provincial authorities.

Q. Why are family allowances administered from the capital of each province?

A. Births of children have to be checked against the vital statistics records, and these are kept at the capital of each province. It was therefore decided to put an office in each provincial capital at which registration would be made, births and other statistics verified, and from which cheques would be issued. This also avoids congestion in Ottawa.

Method of Payment

Q. How and when will payment be made?

A. Payment will be made by cheque each month from the Dominion Treasury. The first cheque will be issued during the month of July.

Q. To whom will the cheques be payable?

A. It is expected that the payment will be made in most cases to the mother.

Q. Will there be one cheque for each child or one cheque for the entire family?

A. One cheque for the entire family.

Q. What should be done when a cheque is not received?

A. Immediate notification should be given to the provincial Director of Family Allowances.

Special Groups

Q. Will a family allowance be paid for a child above the age of 6 who is not attending school?

A. A child who is physically fit and fails to attend school or to receive equivalent training according to the standards laid down in each province will, in general, not receive the allowance.

Q. Will Family Allowances be paid to any person whose children are not mainly dependent on him for support?

A. No.

Q. Are adopted children covered?

A. Yes. Adopted children are covered just like other children. In fact there does not need to be any legal adoption, just qualification as to whether or not the parent or other person is actually maintaining the child.

Q. Are allowances to be paid to institutions?

A. No. The purpose of the Act is to help parents provide properly for the health and welfare of their children. Where, however, a parent is supporting a child in an institution the parent will be paid the allowance.

Q. Can people receiving mothers allowances, dependents' allowances, war pensions, merchant marine allowances, rehabilitation grants, unemployment insurance, and workmen's compensation, receive allowances as well?

A. Yes. Family allowances are paid to all families in Canada under the regulations. The decision as to whether or not there will be any reduction in the amount of the mothers' allowance paid in such cases is a matter to be determined by the provinces which pay mothers' allowances.

JUNIOR FARMERS' ANNUAL MEETING

Thirty-five officers of the six county clubs attended the annual meeting of the York County Junior Farmers at the Agricultural Office in Newmarket last Thursday. President Alex Davidson of Agincourt in reviewing the past year's activities complimented the different clubs on their accomplishments in such projects as the field day, judging competition, plowing competition, skating party, blood donations and finally the drive for money for the War Services Fund.

Secretary Treasurer, Chas. Haines of Sharon, reported in his financial statement that the Juniors realized $785.25 from their sale of tickets of the recent County Junior Farmers' and that $705.00 of this will be forwarded to the Provincial Junior Farmers' War Services Fund. This has been a most successful year with a new club organized at Virginia in Georgina township.

During the afternoon the boys and girls met in separate groups to discuss their respective programs.

Officers elected for the following year, are as follows:

Hon. Pres., Alex. Davidson, Agincourt; President, Charles Haines, Newmarket; Vice President, Ruth Keffer, Maple; Sec. Treasurer, Geo. Jackson, jr., Downsview; Assist. Sec. Treas, Wally Reesor, Markham.

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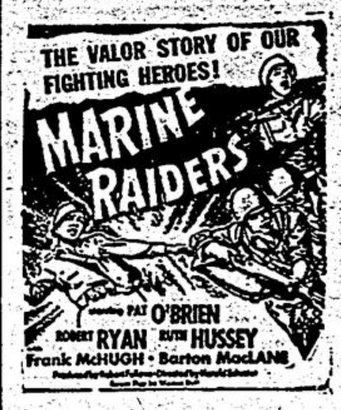

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Another Hydro Rate Reduction For All Rural Consumers

A further Rural rate reduction from 4c to 3½c per kilowatt hour on the first block of energy used in any one month by Hydro Rural consumers, will go into effect on all bills rendered on or after May 1st, 1945.

This Rural rate reduction will mean a saving of approximately $300,000 a year to Hydro Rural consumers.

The New Uniform Rate Structure will be

3½c per kilowatt hour for first block of energy. (formerly 4c)

1 6-10c per kilowatt hour for second block of energy.

¾c per kilowatt hour for all additional energy.

No service charge on Farm Service .... a service charge of 56c gross per month on Hamlet Service.

The more Hydro you use the less it costs on the average per kilowatt hour. Increased use therefore brings lower costs. The important revisions in Rural rates, made effective in January 1944, have resulted in a greater use of energy, enabling the Commission to further reduce the cost of electricity to Hydro Rural consumers in Ontario.

THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO