

Markham Twp. Man Decorated



FO E. R. Knox-Leet, D.F.C., of R.R.2 Markham, Ont., receives both his decoration and pilot's wings at the hands of Air Marshall W. A. Curtis, RCAF Chief of Air Staff, as the

first RCAF postwar class of pilots graduated at Centralia. FO Knox-Leet, an air bomber during the war when he won his D.F.C., remained in the air force to gain his pilot's wings.

Magistrate Tramps Down on Rowdism At Local Lakeside

A crowd of 27 gum-chewing boys and girls, 15 nabbed at Wilcox Lake and the rest at Musselman's Lake, pleaded guilty to petty trespassing and each was fined \$10 and costs or ten days by Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake in Newmarket Court. Summonses for 18 of the Musselman's Lake group, most of them girls, were reissued when they failed to appear in court.

Charges of vagrancy, laid under the criminal code, against the 15 boys arrested at Wilcox Lake, who emphatically denied they were members of the "Beanery Gang," were dismissed after Herbert Ground, district constable, was unable to identify any as those creating a disturbance near a dance hall.

The boys said they were members of a gang from the Junction. They related that they had gone to Wilcox Lake to battle the "Beanery Gang" because they had been "putting the muscle" on boys in the Junction district.

The 15 boys were arrested in a barn, on property belonging to Leonard Houghton, by members of six police forces early Sunday morning after the police surrounded the building.

Chief Constable Ronald Watt, Whitechurch Township police, testified the boys had gone there to sleep.

Magistrate Hollinrake said: "The barn was private property and it seems the youth of today lack the discipline which teaches them to respect such places. If their parents have to pay these fines they might take steps to provide preventive measures which would have a more far reaching effect than the fine."

On various occasions when parents stood in line to pay the court clerk the \$10 fine, the magistrate took the opportunity to speak to the mothers and fathers personally. He asked them to keep a close vigilance on their sons and daughters, lest they get into more serious trouble. The \$10 fine he imposed was the maximum penalty under the petty trespass section.

Constable Watt told the court the 30 boys and girls charged with trespassing at Musselman's Lake, were found in a barn on the Shadow Lake Girls' Camp property. Among them were 12 girls.

They were fined \$10 and costs after they all pleaded guilty.

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

Parliament Prorogues

Shortly after 10.50 p.m. after a record day of heat and humidity, weary and wilting members of parliament trailed to the Senate Chamber where Royal Assent was given to the various measures dealt with during the 119 sitting days of the Fourth Session of the Twentieth Parliament.

Just previous to this promenade, the House of Commons was roused out of its weariness by a startling attack on the Prime Minister, delivered by that fiery Liberal, Jean Pouliot, M.P. (Temiscouata). Mr. Pouliot confided to the House that for 18 long years he has been suffering (true, not always nor often in silence) as he has watched with grief and alarm the gradual decline of Responsible Government under the directorship of the present Prime Minister. The volatile Mr. Pouliot laid many and severe charges on the doorstep of Mr. King, and finished off by asking if the Prime Minister would be a candidate at the next Liberal Convention in Ottawa.

Then Came the Valedictory Following this public washing of private Liberal linen, the Prime Minister addressed the House. In answer to that "thorn in his side" Pouliot, he maintained that his conscience will not trouble him regarding loss of responsible government, which he stoutly averred he had always rigorously maintained.

The Prime Minister then dwelt at some length on the unhappy plight of Canadian Prime Ministers—his own case in particular. There should be an official residence, etc., etc. Mr. King may be voicing the opinion of the Canadian people that future Prime Ministers should be relieved from the burden of house-hunting and house-maintenance.

In this column there is no attempt to analyze or interpret some of Mr. King's statements. We offer them without comment and suggest that they replace for the moment your favourite quiz. Did he, or did he not, say "Good-Bye?" Here are the statements:

"For some time past I have made it quite clear that having received the leadership of my party from the party itself I intend to ask the party to allow me to return to its members: the trust they placed in my hands, and which I shall have held for 29 years when the convention takes place on August 5, 6 and 7....."

"When I will give up the office of Prime Minister will depend upon circumstances that may exist at that time and in the immediate future....."

"The obligation with respect to retaining office is one that I owe to the Crown. How long I shall continue to exercise it will, as I have said, depend upon circumstances which I shall have carefully to consider. (Unrevised Hansard, June 30, 1948).

So Why a Convention? We ask the same question as The Ottawa "Democratic" Liberal Convention merely for the purpose of naming a Crown Prince—and not for the avowed intention of naming a new Liberal Leader?

High Cost of Living This session has been one of difficulties for the Government. Diving costs have been mounting steadily; tax relief has been of the minimum. The special committee on prices—set up to quiet public indignation—did little to alleviate the situation.

Opposition membership urged with some force that this special committee be cloaked with power to make recommendations to Parliament. On several occasions, as Hansard records, the Prime Minister expressed opposition to the Committee being endowed with such power—the Government voted down the amendment.

But, right at the close of the session, in comes the Chairman of the Committee with recommendations (presumably prepared outside of the Committee) and the Government, regardless of its previous stand, approves the recommendations and an additional \$50,000 to continue the work of the prices investigation. So far the only outcome of the inquiry has been a steady increase in the cost of living. The Session: Only Bad News For the Taxpayer

This session was notable for the large doses of bad news which the taxpayer had to take. Opposition members, well aware of public opinion on this issue, hammered and fought to obtain relief, especially for the Lower Income Groups. But the theme song of the Government continued to be that "High Taxes are good for the people."

What Next Now that silence reigns on Parliament Hill, the question is "What's cooking?" The Government has reason to believe that the Canadian people are dissatisfied. They are getting more and more aware of the enormous costs of Government, and more and more anxious that the Government's powers should be curbed and that they themselves should have more say-so in the money they earn.

The Government has seen its majority reduced. It has witnessed

the startling fact that in the Ontario Provincial elections, traditionally Liberal seats have gone.

In the meantime the popular question is, "Who will be the next Liberal Leader?"

17 Whitechurch Pigs Roasted in Fire

Up on the outskirts of Newmarket on Eagle street, a barn fire caused a \$5,000 estimated loss on Friday morning about 4 o'clock, when flames were discovered devouring the structure on the premises of Percy Doner. The barn, located in the township, was a total loss. It was a good average size, and is believed to have caught

fire from a transient.

While Newmarket fire department battled the blaze seventeen pigs were burned. Farm equipment was also lost, and a quantity of hay, harness, and numerous articles. Ten pigs were saved, as well as a cow.

It was a bad week for pigs so far as barn fires are concerned. In the Woodstock district on the same day as the Whitechurch loss, ninety porkers were burned in a \$10,000 blaze on the farm of Wilfrid Grenzeback, in the township of Zora. In addition to the ninety pigs, two cows and a bull were burned, part of an accredited herd of Ayrshires.

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