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A GREAT SERVICE

A RALLY DAY SERVICE last Sunday brought forcibly to our mind a great service that is rendered by a relatively small group, yet contributes immeasurably to the welfare of nearly all people.

We refer to the Sunday School teachers. Every adult who had the blessing of a good home can recall the impressions of their teaching in the Sunday Schools. The spiritual and moral truths absorbed by the child's mind form the basis of a future life disciplined to the laws of God and man. Yet the worth of such teaching, is given little thought, nor is the value of the work being done by the voluntary teachers appreciated as it should be. This noble contribution to the spiritual welfare of mankind is simply taken for granted.

Every parent is indebted to the Sunday School teachers who faithfully give their time fifty-two Sundays a year to give to the children the guidance they need to grow to be men and women worthy of the blessings they so abundantly receive.

APPEALS

IT IS TRUE to say there are an increasing number of appeals being made upon the generosity of the people. The appeals are all based as the result of misfortune and suffering, over which the people concerned have had little or no control.

Sometimes grieving is heard because of these appeals. Some of the best of our citizens would convey the impression that they are not concerned with the welfare of their less fortunate brethren. But on the whole every appeal made for the welfare of fellow human beings meets with a reasonable measure of success indicating we are not all as hard hearted as some would have us believe they are.

In recent weeks and at the present time we have been and are being asked to contribute to the Salvation Army Appeal, The Canadian National Institute for the Blind and The National Clothing Appeal. None of these appeals can be ignored, and we, in this particular district at least, should be thankful that we are in a position to make contributions to such causes. Until we are all imbued with the spirit of giving we can never expect the world to be impregnated with the influence of "Good neighborliness" which must come if we ever hope to end wars.

ROLL OVER FOR ANOTHER HOUR

ADD AN HOUR a day to man's life and you extend the scriptural span by three years. Take an hour a day off a farmer's life and you cause trouble—and that's what happened when the efficiency experts started toying with God's time.

The trouble brewed up when some fiendish city-dweller with a nine-to-five job devised daylight saving time is cooling off. Pretty soon country folk will be getting up with the sun instead of ahead of it—and milking will be timed to suit the cows and not the railroads.

No wartime restriction so irked the farmer as abolition of standard time, an arbitrary infraction of nature's laws for which farm people never could see sound reason. Once they get God's time back, only a fast-talking government will whisk it away again, even for a summer.

At that, Canada's rural residents had it easy compared to the British farmer, with his double dose of daylight-saving during the war. As the war started, he faced British Summer Time which means one more hour of morning darkness, like Daylight Time in Canada. Soon the British government invented Double British Summer Time which brought milking time at 4 A.M. instead of two hours later.

Under D.B.S.T., even the city folk in England had their worries. The summer glowed feebly in the east as Londoners felt their way through the fog to catch the 8 A.M. (really 6 A.M. of course) bus from Clapham to the office. Yet in winter, the sunset blackout curtains were drawn often before they got away from work.

In the States, year-around daylight-saving time (called War Time) vanishes with the advent of peace. Canada follows suit and her farmers get a chance once again to get out on the land not deep in dew and to have the hired man work until dark instead of ducking into town while it's still daylight.

Now that there's not a war on, the best sign of the peacetime norm out in the country will be that it's nice to get up in the mornin' when the sun begins to shine.

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TURN BACK THE PAGE

NO BRIGHTER ILLUSTRATION is provided of the way Canada is retreating to peacetime thinking than the pages of Canada's newspapers in the last few months. They reflect strongly and happily the manner in which editors, quick to sense readers' changed line of thought, turn from the record of war to stories

we used to read in those glad days before 1939 when atomic power was a Sunday-supplement dream.

There may be a bit too much about gunmen and bank holdups in the papers these days, but it is more than balanced by the items we read about city council meetings, nice old ladies reaching their 100th birthdays, of record-size tomatoes being produced and young DFC's coming home and going back to school.

There was little room for that sort of news when overseas events filled front pages to the exclusion of all but the most important events from the small centres in Canada. The headlines were European and Asiatic, their content a hard recitation of grim facts, as war news must be.

Times have changed. True, news of the occupation of defeated countries still predominates but since VE-Day a steadily increasing number of stories appear that are not important, don't concern war but still interest every newspaper reader in a happy way war news never could.

There was the occasion in Ontario shortly after the Japanese war ended when a small boy was lost in the woods. It would have been dismissed in few words during wartime. In peace it was worth columns in metropolitan newspapers. Publishers sent planes hunting for the boy, stirring up interest that may be credited with his rescue.

In the long days of peace we hope newspapers will have much of that "unimportant" sort of news to publish—the first robin, a record size pumpkin, another world's end predictor, many golden weddings, a new egg-laying record, centenarian interviews. Let them come. We love them.

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TODAY'S veteran is able to use his re-employment credit to pay premiums on insurance issued by the Dominion Government.

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SHADOW OVER THE WORLD

WARS ARE BRED in peacetime. They rise out of the gutters of cruelty and selfishness. They devour the nations that laugh at the thought of another world struggle.

Shall we enlist in the next war now? Shall we help it along? It's easily done. It's a common story, part of the sad history of the human race.

In Europe, after the last war, nations were left to rot. They were so completely destitute that when they found means of building up their power they did so with the determination never again to be reduced to utter misery. The result was war, for people and nations will suffer just so far. Then something snaps, and a dull anger seizes in a desire to strike out at the bettered, the cosy. But war solves one despair only to create a darker one.

Already, the new peace in Europe is imperilled. Europe starves now, far more than hostilities have already started. Future world peace has already started. Future world peace has already started. Future world peace has already started.

Yet these nations fought beside us. These are the countries whose underground resistance brought through the acclaims of this continent. Listen to the roll call (allies, all our allies): Czechoslovakia, Poland, France, Belgium, Holland, Yugoslavia, Greece, Norway. Shattered nations, most of them starving.

If your neighbour was starving and you shrug your shoulders, how do you think you would feel about it? Would he like you, with your decent clothes and your stomach full of food? Wouldn't he rather eventually try to destroy you for the sake of the existence of his own family? It might take the existence of his war to have a crack at it but men who have starved have long memories. Today, nations are close neighbours. Space has become negligible and now throughout the world neighbourhood codes apply.

It is unfortunately true that innocent as well as guilty nations must inherit the debris of war. As well as the peace, we have inherited the problems of peace.

Still, some say, let Europe starve. Not too openly, do they say that, mind you, but that's what is meant. Yet the fact remains, cold and unchanged—Europe needs countless tons of meat; more than we can send, more than we can ever send. But at least sending all we can will somewhat stem the roar of death in Europe this winter.

Suppose then, despite some criticism from within our own country, we feed Europe as liberally as we can. There will not, therefore, be too much meat for Canadians. Under such circumstances, and despite its bother, when supplies are short, rationing is the only fair way to manage the distribution of the meat we keep for ourselves. Can we realize, if we have no rationing, what it would be like wandering from store to store looking for meat, with some people getting plenty and some getting none? Can we imagine the butchers would feel being hoarded all day long by late shoppers?

In the long run, then, what have we, householders, farmers, butchers of Canada, to do with Poland? Or with the child's sick slovenly mother or desperate father? With the millions in Europe, for that matter, in the United Nations country? History answers us. If the peoples of Europe starve, suffer, and are nation in the world, then the householders, farmers, and butchers of Canada, they and their families, one way or the other will eventually reap a thorny crop of world depression and disaster.

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Coliche, a drug with the strange ability to double or triple the number of chromosomes in most plants, is being investigated by Canadian biologists.

Pen, Scissors and Pastepot

The M.P. from Haldimand made a good speech in the House of Commons on Thursday, when he reproduced elsewhere in this issue. Although he has not been farming for more than twenty years, he still seems to know something of the problems of those engaged in that occupation. The speech must have been enlightening to the Lawyer M.P.s.

A news page from this paper last week said the ninth Victory Loan objective was \$1,500,000. To say the surprise of the reader who thought the government had not been too far from the mark is to say it was a typographical error and should have read \$1,500,000,000.

Winston Churchill has been offered a cool million from a publisher to write his memoirs. It sounds like a tempting offer, but it is not. The publisher is offering to pay the author only after the memoirs have been published. The publisher is offering to pay the author only after the memoirs have been published.

Cliff Walker held his annual fortieth birthday party on Tuesday night at his home in Jarvis. The party was a success, and the guests enjoyed the evening very much. The party was a success, and the guests enjoyed the evening very much.

A lot of people forgot about setting their clocks back on Saturday night. But very few had the experience of Earl Fess who carefully attended to the setting back ceremony before he retired and arose by the same clock the next morning to report for work. Finding he had arrived an hour ahead of his fellow employees he discovered that a men of his family arriving home after he had retired, thought the clock had lost an hour and set it on again.

Political Egotism

By Lewis Milligan

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MARK SENN, M.P. SHOWS NEED

Unfortunately I happened to be away on the week-end in 1944 when this bill was introduced, and did not have a chance to discuss it and to express my criticism. But so far as I can understand, it has at least two important defects. The first defect is that the provisions of the bill are only temporary in character. The second defect is that the bill is not a bill of the House of Commons, but a bill of the House of Commons.

The question arises right away—and I think the farmers of the country are particularly interested in this: What is this period of transition? How long is it going to last? Is it to be one year or two years or perhaps five years; and after that period of transition is over, what is going to happen next? The farmer, more than anybody else in the country, needs permanence and stability.

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PLANNING for TOMORROW'S FARMING

OUT OF THE WEALTH OF OURSOLDS

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(NOTE—This is the second in a series of comments by well-known authorities, written expressly for the Weekly Press of Ontario)

Ontario farmers have done a splendid job of food production during these war years, in spite of the shortages of labour and equipment which had to be met. They have shown a high degree of efficiency in the use of land and a notable resourcefulness in meeting the changing wartime needs for the various agricultural products.

For the present, the demand for intensive production on our farms is still upon us. Food is still a weapon of war in the Pacific and, although the war in Europe is over, the great needs of the liberated countries there must be met until their own production can be re-established. How long this time will be required for at least the next two years, the time must be recognized that the world's food supply and world markets for farm products may necessitate profound adjustments in our agricultural program.

As a result of the experiences following the last war, farmers are looking ahead with more concern for the future. Among other things they recognize that greater efficiency in the use of land, labor and machinery will be necessary. A low cost of production will be an important factor in meeting postwar competition.

In general, the lowest cost of production is obtained with high yields and high yields can be maintained only on fertile and productive soils. It is out of the wealth of our soils that we have produced the food to fight the war, and it is out of the wealth of our soils that we must now produce the food to win the peace.

During these years of higher farm incomes, far-sighted farmers are investing surplus earnings in Victory Bonds to create reserve capital for postwar adjustments and farm improvements. Money invested in Victory Bonds will insure rapid funds for future financing of individual soil-building programs, and will contribute to the stability and security of the farming industry.

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JACQUES LABRECQUE

The tenor voice heard weekly on "Sensational Songs" Sundays, at 7:00 P.M. on the CBC Trans-Canada network, is that of Jacques Labrecque, one of Montreal's favorite gifts to radio. He has been singing regularly for CBC audiences since 1938 and has made several appearances among the distinguished company heard in Canada's Victory Star Shows.

Four Crows 2-1/2 mg. books, complete with 5-man airways and, supporting the Canadian Air Force, are assisting Canadian entomologists in the spraying operations north of Lake Superior, designed to control the deadly spruce budworm.

It is true, however, that on many farms crop yields have been increased far above the average where good soil management is being practiced. Thus we are forced to conclude that on a much larger proportion of our farms crop yields have been increased far above the average where good soil management is being practiced.

There are other striking indications that point to the need for a vigorous program for soil improvement and soil conservation in Ontario. The increasing difficulty in growing alfalfa and clover, on soils which formerly produced them in abundance, is but another reflection of falling fertility in the soils. The depletion of the humus, or organic matter, in our intensively cultivated farms is making it harder to work, more difficult to drain, and less productive. The lack of humus in our sandy soils is making them more subject to leaching of plant food in wet seasons and less retentive of moisture in dry seasons. The decline in fertility; the failure to balance adequately the soil with soil-conserving (hay-pasture) manure; and the lack of commercial fertilizers under intensive cropping have contributed also to our soil erosion problems. We do not need to look far to see unmistakable evidence of the need for a province-wide program for soil conservation.

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