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BINGO

THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT ban on BINGO games has brought forth outbursts from addicts of the game. The ban may have been justified in some quarters, but as it affects rural municipalities, it was both unpopular and unwarranted.

There are very few pastimes indulged in today in rural Ontario less harmful than a session of house-housie. The fans, for a stipulated fee, get an evening's entertainment and go away quite satisfied whether they win or lose. Of course, if their luck is with them, they go home with a small prize. That element of chance, inherent in every human soul, is satisfied in a very meagre way with the bingo fans and to have their fun abolished by the law will not enhance the popularity of the government, particularly when so many questionable activities are legalized.

There is no doubt truth in the fact bingo games were becoming a racket in the larger centres and that some check had to be made, but the complete ban was too far reaching. Rural Ontarians are still going to play bingo when they want to and it would be well if the government took steps to legalize such activities.

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CONTINUED CO-OPERATION

THE WAR, with all its horror and grief brought about many things which can be a power of good in the years to come. Aside from the scientific advancements, citizens in the various communities throughout the country have learned to work for a common cause. Unfortunately the cessation of hostilities was an immediate change in outlook. It was in fact a reversion to a form of isolationism.

The lesson of what can be achieved by united effort should be retained. There is work to be done that can only be accomplished by everyone putting their shoulder to the wheel and it might be a good idea to retain some of our wartime organizations to meet the needs of our way of life. It would be a pity if the community mind which so splendidly and co-operatively centered on organized effort should revert to individually pursuing only selfish efforts.

The war has shown that we are all neighbours in this world — that countries on either side of the globe are only hours away by air and that we must get to understand one another. It would be well however, to learn how to live together in peace times in the small communities in which we reside — by helping one another, or by working with organizations or groups whose purpose it is to help the community as a whole.

THE FARM PROBLEM

RECENT APPEALS to the Dominion government by farmers from Alberta and Ontario's Chatham district to keep German prisoners of war in Canada stem only from the immediate phase of one of Canada's most urgent problems.

To these farmers the pressing question is how they will handle their crops this year if the prisoners who have helped them in the last two or three years are out of the country by May. But the long-range problem is how Canada is to meet the threat of a declining farm population and prevent a serious blight on the national economy.

So far the trend to mechanized farming coupled with improvements in farming methods have helped to cushion the shock of the shift of population from rural to urban areas. Fewer farmers are producing more food. But whether they can continue and accelerate this trend is a moot question.

Many close observers of the farm scene believe that they can't. The average age of farmers is gradually increasing, due to young people leaving for the city. The farm folk are keenly aware of the problem. K. M. Betzner, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, recently advised farmers to give their boys more responsibility, make them partners in the farm enterprise and give them more decisions to make in order to interest them in farm life.

Agricultural organizations seek to interest young men and women in staying on the farm through youth organizations. Departments of agriculture sponsor club days, potato clubs and numerous kindred projects to stimulate interest in the farm.

Strangely enough, the majority of city residents who come from the farms wish they had never left. They don't go back because years of city life have softened them up too much physically to tackle farm work again, or they haven't the capital to buy and equip a modern farm.

Those who are bending every effort to keep farm youth on the farm need feel no shame in their efforts. The farmer has the noble calling. In Canada he is the kingpin of the nation's economy.

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He not only feeds the city dwellers but his produce goes to hungry motorists on their lands. The nation's prosperity is linked with his. If he prospers, others prosper. If he fails, others fail.

But even keeping all farm boys and girls on the farm may not offer a complete solution of the national problem. Immigration may be necessary. Many of the best farmers come from Central Europe. Now that the war is over, more may come from there and war is therefore that on one subject left by the native Canadians to whom the will of city life has a ceaseless fascination.

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DUE TO ADVANCE

WE CANNOT AGREE with the pessimists that Jarvis is destined to go forever backward — that there is no future for this village as a community center.

Located at the intersection of two main provincial highways, served by two railways and the centre of a prosperous agricultural district, we can look to the future with confidence. It is not to the future that we are looking, it is to the present. New industry is required to achieve that end. New industry is required to locate here (aside from the lack of a waterworks system) if steps to decentralize our industry in the cities becomes a reality. We have two manufacturing plants employing about approximately forty workers. If we could approximately double this total we might easily move over that line which now seems to stand as a barrier to progress. A new business section with modernized stores would help.

One fact stands out at the present time and that is that only a small proportion of the trading dollar volume of the community is being spent in Jarvis. This is a situation that can be overcome and it behooves those engaged in selling goods and services to the public to get a bigger share of that dollar — not only in their own interests but in the interest of the community. It would be a good thing if we could abolish to some extent the conservatism of the past and show our faith in the community by investing in its future and thereby open up new channels of trading which would put Jarvis in its rightful place in this prosperous district.

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WHO WON THE WAR?

— By R. J. Deachman —

I HAVE BEEN GIVING careful attention to this subject — who won the war? I have come to the conclusion that the victory went to the Emperor of Ethiopia and the Japanese people. Remember what happened to Haiti, Selassie. Italy invaded his country, he went into exile, lived for a time in Bath, England, seemed poor, gave no evidence that he had feathered his own nest, in fact he hadn't a nest to feather.

Italy should have been happy with one war but wasn't. Mussolini decided to try another, got thoroughly and properly killed. Haile Selassie, the man who had been elected from Ethiopia, returned to his own country and now occupies the seat of honor with not one chance in a million that he will lose his job, in our day.

After all the Emperor deserved some credit. He wouldn't have taken him back. In the old days when he was trying to get support for his country he delivered to the League of Nations an exceptionally competent speech which must have made the members of the League blush a bit.

Here's a paragraph of it:

"Do the people of the world not yet realize that by fighting on until the bitter end I am not only performing my sacred duty to my people, but standing guard in the last citadel of collective security? Are they too blind to see that I have my responsibilities to the whole of humanity to face? I must still hold on until my tardy allies appear. And if they never come, then I say prophetically and without bitterness: The West will perish."

Whatever may be thought in regard to his prophecy for the West still holds on until the Emperor of Ethiopia "to stand guard, in the last citadel of collective security."

The other victors are the Japanese people. They suffered from an extreme dose of militarism. They really wanted war, thought they could lick the world, talked of dictating peace in Washington. Now all this was and still is remarkably funny but what has been done for them? The United States now occupies the country. The Japs are disarmed, there isn't a chance that they will be attacked by any other nation. Neither Russia nor the United States would tolerate the establishment of any other nation in Japan and these two will watch each other.

After a while the Americans will leave. They will do it as soon as they can. The Japanese will forget their guns and battle ships — it will be wise for them to do so. They are no good to us anyway. The Emperor is not likely to pay many more visits to the shrine of his ancestors. The explanations may be too difficult. It wouldn't surprise me in the least if the Japanese become thoroughly contented with the job of striving faithfully to keep their sterile soil and stormy seas enough to eat. Anyway they will be much better off than they were before, pretending to a grandeur which they could not support, wholly unconscious of their own insignificance — a very, very stupid thing to do — stupid and costly.

P.S.—Since writing this story I listened to a speech delivered by a man who was a prisoner of war in Japan. "The treatment we received," he said, "was cruel, but not more cruel than the treatment by the Japanese officers of their own soldiers. It is the military despotism of Japan which induces the cruelty. When that is smashed things will be different, quite different in Japan."

On The Farm Front

BRIEF NOTES FOR THE BUSY FARMER

— By Haldimand Harry —

Haldimand poultry breeders will be interested in learning that a fair to stable market is assured for their products for the balance of 1946 and most likely for 1947 as well. Great Britain is still in need of food products and one of these is poultry. Right at the moment the market for eggs is the most brisk.

The farm help situation continues to be a major problem. Already Haldimand farmers are placing orders for help. Others who may be in need of help are urged to do so. The Government is now in the process of being sent by the Minister of Labour to all farmers and farm workers should be filled out and returned either to the National Employment Service or to the Agricultural Service. Now is the time to plan for summer help.

The Warble is responsible for an annual loss of fourteen million dollars to Canadian farmers. Each individual farmer bears his share of this loss. This amounts to a waste, since it can be prevented. It is a waste of money and a waste of time to use one of the warble. It is a waste of money and a waste of time to use one of the warble. It is a waste of money and a waste of time to use one of the warble.

A University Professor has been diluting at length about splitting the atom and the fusions emanating therefrom. "That," said one bright student, "is absolutely nothing compared to the ingenuity and ability of a restaurateur in splitting up a pound of butter into 3,000,000 pieces."

THE PATRONAGE DIVIDEND

Some concrete figures on pasture improvement were given by Mr. Ken Falls at the Pasture meeting in Toronto recently. One instance was cited where a Victoria County farmer obtained 321 pasture days per acre from his improved pasture. His herd of two hundred head on five acres of improved pasture for seven months produced 154,111 pounds of milk. At \$2.00 per hundredweight for milk, his cash returns amounted to \$1,106.22 or \$23.12 per acre. From his check plot where he used an alfalfa and timothy mixture he obtained 168 pounds of milk and two tons of hay per acre. At \$2.00 per hundredweight for milk and \$15.00 for hay, his per acre receipts amounted to \$64.00. The difference between the improved and the unimproved pasture was \$41.88 per acre.

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News of the Countryside

From The Record's Correspondents

ROCKFORD

Sunday evening Rev. Copsey

presented the three great values

of money, liberty and peace

from what was exemplified by

when he said "I am the door"

to any man enter in, he shall

and shall go in and out, and

pasture." St. John 10:9.

Lord's Day of Prayer was ob-

served in the Church on Friday after

by the W.M.S. with a number

of ladies present from Mt. Zion and

Tyrell.

Mr. Nick Onfrichuk gave an

interesting talk on his experiences

while overseas at the meeting of the

Y.P.S. on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rock and fam-

ily of Alton, Ont., and Mrs. Ocar

French and family and Mrs. Thos

Brigham of Mt. Hope and Mr. and

Mrs. Jos. Buck of Waterford spent

Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs

Andy Buck.

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