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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Change At St. Dunstan's

The appointment of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Murphy, Rector of St. Dunstan's University, to the important charge of Kinkora parish is a matter of Province-wide interest.

St. Dunstan's is fortunate in having a capable successor to Dr. Murphy in the person of the Rev. R. V. MacKenzie, M. A., who has been Vice Rector for the past six years.

U. S. Navy Cautious

The United States Navy, which was first to learn of Japan's strength and craftiness, is not permitting itself to be beguiled into a state of complacency because of the numerous triumphs it has scored on its own account since Pearl Harbor.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox and Vice-Admiral Frederick J. Horne, Vice-Chief of Naval Operations, are agreed on the wisdom of taking this long-range view of the war in the Pacific.

Not only must vast distances be covered in the Pacific advance, with bases built from the ground up as the attackers move forward, but the United States will require a fleet twice as strong as Japan's, supported by twice as many airplanes, before it can conduct the kind of offensive war it must fight to win.

Even more revealing is Secretary Knox's statement that in the Pacific the attrition is "frightful." The wastage of supplies, and of the ship needed to transport them, is inordinately high on that front.

The two naval men complained that reports of victories have inspired a let-up in the factories, and part of their purpose in speaking out was to correct that misconception.

When Messina Collapsed

Soon Canadian troops will march through the streets of Messina. The Hamilton Spectator recalls that thirty-five years ago this name was on every one's lips, as it will be again when the flags of the free nations wave in the breezes from the Ionian and Tyrrhenian seas.

The animals sensed the coming of the terror hours before. Horses neighed, dogs howled, cattle were restless in their stalls, birds circled in the air and flew away with cries of alarm.

Man contributed to the evils of the hour. The criminals of the city, some released by falling walls from their prisons, and augmented by criminals from all over Italy, who rushed to the scene, commenced an orgy of looting.

the lives of six criminals and wounds to six sailors. The body of a beautiful woman was found with her fingers chopped off for the rings. Half-stunned girls were carried away to the brothels of the mainland.

From a sympathetic world aid was rushed with all human speed. A Russian battleship, the Slava, was the first to reach the harbour of Messina. The sailors could hear the crash of falling walls and were almost overcome by the smell of roasting flesh, for the gas mains had burst and were alight and flames licked the ruins even amid the downpour of rain.

The earthquake devastated an area of 77,500 square miles. Forty villages had collapsed with the city of Messina. The population of the city was 150,000. In the area of disaster 100,000 were instantly killed or mortally wounded.

A few years ago many would have sworn that no devastation of war could equal that of nature in her more frightful aspects.

But that was before the advent of Hitler! As the nations of the world came to succour Messina thirty five years ago, so, again, the free nations come to the famous city as saviours.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Good weather for haying is now fervently hoped for.

Sqdn. Leader George Keefe, nephew of Mrs. Gordon Hughes, must have been born under a lucky star to escape so miraculously from a watery grave in the English Channel.

Finance Minister Isley announced in Parliament that the maximum for old-age pensions had been increased from \$20 to \$25 a month, after the nine provinces have asked for it.

The day is not very far distant when Canadians will be able to spend week-ends in England and vice-versa, now that a transport plane from here to there accomplishes the journey in about twelve and a half hours.

Prime Minister Smuts of South Africa went to the country on his record this month. Prime Minister Curtin, Australia, seeks electoral approval next month.

At least one legal firm in Toronto will be "sitting pretty" after the Ontario provincial election on Aug. 4, whichever party wins.

The Press Gallery at Ottawa was not fooled by the vote for our new Car Ferry steamer. The correspondent of the Montreal Gazette writes that all the many attractive public projects urged by private members at various times were adopted by the Government the federal Treasury would be unable to meet all its war obligations.

Walter Horatio Pater, English critic and author, died this date, 1894; at an early age came under the influence of Keble and Ruskin; made a prolonged study of Italian art and humanism, resulting in the publication of "Studies in the History of the Renaissance," a book which revealed him as a penetrating critic, and as a writer with a beautiful though highly elaborated style.

More strict medical examinations for recruits was announced in a return of rejection tabled in the House of Commons. The R.C.A.F. reported that in the period August, 1941, to March, 1943, venereal disease was the cause of permanent rejection for 98 individuals examined at recruiting centres.

At all costs (says the Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph) Parliament ought to get out of this unsavoury and degrading (divorce) business. It should be possible to induce Prince Edward Island to fall into line with the other English provinces and if a special divorce court for non-Catholics cannot be set up in Quebec, then some arrangement might be made to divide the province in two and to have the cases of non-Catholic residents in the eastern section heard by the New Brunswick court, while those of non-Catholic residents in the western section would be heard by the court of Ontario.

Notes By The Way

Canadian soldiers now possess German-made rings given Nazi troops to mark their conquest of Tunisia. Only rings the German have, now, are under their eyes.—Windsor Star.

Pennsylvania couple, according to a news item, lived years in the same house without saying a word to one another. And yet cynics say there is no such thing as the perfect home!—Windsor Star.

We sometimes hear western farmers extolled for not going more extensively into mixed farming and giving less attention to wheat. According to the statement of an official at Calgary, that is easier said than done. Drought has been the worst enemy of production in large portions of the Prairie Provinces, and of all products that can be grown on the land, wheat can do with the least water.

The hope was held out that the available supply (of sugar) would be based on the cost applications, when the authorities were told that the reverse was true. They knew that distribution would be based on a supply which was arbitrary, and could not be increased. Yet they went to all the rigmarole of having people apply, without any real basis of what would be considered reasonable, only to come down finally to a flat pro rata allowance. Then, after creating all this confusion, they wonder why it occurred.—Windsor Star.

Eastern Canada farmers cannot hope to compete with western cattle feeders for good pasture on the prairie market. Coarse grains and roughage can be produced more cheaply than stockers and feeders should be produced in Eastern Canada for our own feedlots, but there will have to be a vast improvement in the sires used before we can expect to be competitive with those turned off every year from the ranches of the denuded sections of the country.—Farmer's Advocate.

Stories about eggs with two yolks, three yolks, double shells, soft shells, and double yolks, are not new. Like Siamese Twins have been found from time to time. It has been reported, however, for Gerald Huddleston, Kittery, Maine, to discover something really unique in poultry products. He has in his chicken yard a hen which lays a single egg which is completely empty. According to Mr. Huddleston, the egg is a white, without a sign of a yolk or a germ. It is a hollow mockery of the real thing. Never before, so far as can be discovered around these parts, has a hen laid an egg which is such a bad fadit. Mr. Huddleston says he doesn't feel much like giving away his prized hen and getting nothing in return for it.—The American Weekly.

The last lap of a race or journey usually is the most strenuous and exciting, says Ships. The word "channel" is used in many different contexts. Not the unpleasant male member of the strips across the English Channel—but the noisy coming of people at sea as they approach the home port. During the years of the war, the tension grows; passengers celebrate the return of seamen to the excitement of another voyage ended, family or hard chores of a holiday from the board they call it "channel fever".

Do you remember how, before the war, grey heads were shaken over the modern generation? It was pleasant to see the Jeremiahs. It was soft. The tales of all the things it has done will fill a good many books in the years to come. The tales of the Com-mands, tales of firemen, tales of great fires as the bombs whistled down on them, tales of girls at the front, tales of the sea and swimming, tales of desert marches and tales of battle among the loobers, tales of men who held up piles of masonry on their shoulders, tales of rescue work-sought for buried people.

Human beings are for the first time revealing a need for amino acids—little known factors essential to life and as important as vitamins. Professor William C. Rose, of the University of Illinois, and the Nutrition Foundation in New York, the other day. His human beings are for the first time revealing a need for amino acids—little known factors essential to life and as important as vitamins.



HISTORY IS NOW

History, I thought, is bound in books. And stands quiescent on some shelf. A treasury, indeed, wherein one looks for pictures, places, dates, but not one's self. And even history about our kin (Which pioneered, and which were great or wise—The plain ignored) was history made thin.

The Job Without Absentees

By (LORD PORTSMOUTH) (Broadcast in the BBC's shortwave overseas service) Before the war many townsmen thought that only those who had neither wife nor initiative remained on the land. Well, some of us who worked as farmers knew differently. Most farm workers stayed on the land because it was in their blood; because it was the life they loved, and not just a means of livelihood to do a creative job in the fields. But whatever the doubts, said the proof of the pudding has been in the eating.

Our results have been that in my country we have doubled our acreage of grain; ploughed up nearly half our meadows; reclaimed thousands and thousands of acres of derelict land, and grubbed the soil. Often this work reminded me of the plough in the foothills of the Rockies. We have grown four times our normal potato acreage, and thousands of extra acres of market garden crops, all demanding skilled labour. All this has been done by the good will of farmer and farm worker alike. The man who has carried this burden has been the old-fashioned skilled labourer. A few of them young men, but the majority are slow-footed, quiet wise men of middle age. These are the backbone of our triumphant survival against air and bomb attack.

In England there is no slack season for the farm worker. We carry immense quantities of dairy stock which have to be tended seven days a week, and in winter the roots and hay have to be carted to the cattle daily, and the milk drawn out of the stock sheds to the fields. In our climate weeds grow nearly all the year round. Even in the dark the milker has to work night and morning. Because of the blackout regulations a cold cowshed and a hurried lantern is the morning's routine. I have known from my own work in the Dominions is heavier than anything done here. But the English worker has carried on a relentless and continuous strain of hard work without a break, since the beginning of the war, and increasing results each year.

Our farmers are producing more food per man and more food per acre than anywhere else. But producing food has been only part of their job. In village after village workers have volunteered to a man for the Home Guard. At about 7 times in '40 and '41 when the labourer literally carried his arms as he reaped the plough. I remember once during an invasion alarm when the village platoon had been up all night, we found some blankets and in the early hours of the morning dozed down in the barn at about 7 o'clock, volunteers carried round tea for the Home Guard. A far corner, well, past sixty, put his head out of the blanket and said to his neighbour: "George, this is better than being at home. The Missus doesn't bring you your tea in bed like this, I know."

Their wives, also, have had a difficult time. Nearly every village is crowded with employees in dispersed industry, or soldiers. Feeding has been easy in the cities because of the Canteens and British Restaurants. The cottage housewife has had to do without extras, except for cheese, and has had to feed a man whose muscles often merit double the ration of the sedentary worker. It is no light job to fill a

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