

WAR RATIONING

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LETTERS

Newfoundland, December 26, 1942

Dear Sir: Hope I will be able to retire and join you by this time next year. But in the meantime there is a tough job ahead. Your grand newspaper is an inspiration whenever I have time to read and I never want to be without it. I am enclosing some poetry. If you use it I am sure the author will not care, as he must have taken part of it from some similar source. Remember me to "Phil Snort" and please keep printing his good articles.

Sincerely, A. A. WHITESELL, Lt.-Col., U. S. Army.

"THE KEE BIRD"

You have heard the wail of the siren, As an ambulance sped down the street, And mayhap, you've heard the lion's deep roar Down in Africa's grim desert heat. Or the piercing cry of the tiger At night, as he stalls his prey, Or the locomotive's high shrill whistle As it sped, through the night, on its way. But these sounds sink to a whisper, You've heard nought, I assure, 'till I've told Of the blood-curdling cry of the Kee Bird In the Artic's frigid cold.

This bird looks just like a buzzard, It's large, it's hideous, it's bold, In the night, as it circles the North Pole Crying, "Kee, Kee, Keerist but it's cold."

The Eskimos tucked away in their igloos, Toss fretfully in their sleep, While their huskies asleep in a snow bank, Start burrowing away down deep.

For this cry is so awe inspiring It freezes the blood I am told, As the Kee Bird flies in the arctic Crying, "Kee, Kee, Keerist but it's cold!"

The Mounties, abroad in their dog sleds Visiting these Wards of the Crown, Often hear this cry and stare skyward, With a fierce and sullen frown.

For odd things happen in the Arctic And many weird tales they have told, But their voices drop to a whisper At the cry, "Kee, Kee, Keerist but it's cold!"

And many a brave man on this Base site, Strong and bold, from a north-west state Are taking the first ship back to homeland, To forget this fierce bird's song of hate.

They can "take it," it seems, in the day time.

But when the midnight hour is tolled, They cover their heads in shameless fright At the cry, "Kee, Kee, Keerist, but it's cold!"

So back to the States they are going To sleep in a real bed, as of old, To slip their strong arms 'round their loved one Her fair slender form to enfold.

Then off to sleep in warm comfort, And wifey's soft hand they will hold.

To wake, terrorized by a "Kee Bird" nightmare And the cry, "Kee, Kee, Keerist but it's cold!"

O'BRIEN WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

The January meeting of the club was held last Friday at the home of Mrs. Tressa Cochran with Mrs. Phil Patrick and Mrs. Dick Thompson, assisting in serving a dessert luncheon.

The president, Mrs. E. J. Wilber read a beautiful poem, followed by roll call with a Bible verse given by members. Sixteen members were present with one visitor, Mrs. Delbert O'Brien.

The discussions centered around the setting up of a Red Cross center to meet each Wednesday afternoon in O'Brien, the needed help for manning the lookout, time for coming meetings, scrap books and other matters. The treasurer, Mrs. George Hicks, announced the purchase of another bond.

Recognition was also taken of the death of the beloved member and historian of the club, Mrs. Frank E. Barrett, who will be greatly missed at the meetings, and the recent marriage of Miss Ruby Hosford, now Mrs. Richard P. Thompson, who will be moving soon to Portland to join her husband who is employed there.

The February meeting is to be a luncheon meeting at the home of Mrs. Earl Boyd assisted by Mrs. George Hicks, Mrs. Cora Morris and Mrs. A. E. Williams. This date, February 5th, will also be the election of officers and judging of scrapbooks.

Mrs. L. W. Monroe read letters from an American woman residing in France, and Mrs. W. A. Brown read a paper on "The American Woman and Religion," illustrating it with both pioneer and modern religious leaders. The afternoon closed with a contest of hatmaking in charge of Mrs. Bud Hoskins.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Judge, I didn't realize till the other night when I ran across an article in the paper what a whale of a lot of industrial alcohol the government needs for the war." "I should say it does, Chet. I understand the beverage distillers around the country are producing about 240,000,000 gallons of industrial alcohol this year for ammunition, tires,

and other things. I'd say it's mighty fortunate these distilleries are available to do the job. Otherwise, if we still had prohibition, the government would have had to spend millions of dollars and use up a lot of critical materials to build plants...to say nothing of all the time it would take. It might have been just another case of 'too little, too late.'"

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Under the latest Canadian labor regulations this young woman can no longer quit her job, as she could up to a few days ago, without giving notice of separation in writing. Her employer cannot lay her off or discharge her. All manpower and womanpower in the Dominion, in fact, is now commandeered for war services where needed. Even "help wanted" and "situations wanted" advertisements are to be govern-

ment controlled. A schedule of labor priorities is being established for control of manpower. If a man or woman has been induced by a Selective Service officer to transfer to another position which contributes more effectively to the prosecution of the war, he or she will be entitled to the same right of reinstatement after the essential work is completed as that accorded a man in the armed services. An employer, employee or union may appeal a decision of the Selective Service officer.

More than 25 per cent, or better than one in five, of Canada's male population of military age are already in the armed forces. Approximately three-fifths of the population, excluding children, housewives, elderly persons and students, are now engaged in the armed forces, war industry or essential industry including agriculture.



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