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EDITORIAL

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Flying Officer Eddie Smith . . .

Flying Officer Edward Smith, son of Mrs. J. A. Smith, is missing on service overseas with the Royal Canadian Air Force, according to private advices received by the family.

A member of one of the most highly esteemed pioneer families here, Eddie Smith, as he was familiarly known, was another of Prince Rupert's finest young men. The news concerning him is a matter of great anxiety for his many friends who will think especially of the widowed mother at this time. Here at the Daily News office, Eddie was no stranger. We remember him best as a Canadian National Telegraphs staff member—first messenger and later operator. His fine personality endeared him to all.

Eddie was the first Prince Rupert boy to win his wings and he was not slow in making further headway. He was probably the first boy to reach overseas with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

For the present, it can only be hoped that more reassuring word concerning his fate may yet be received.

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Late Plantings

The average garden is now planted with the earlier types of vegetables and flowers. This does not mean, however, that it is too late to make a start. As a matter of fact, most authorities state, the average beginner makes a mistake in ceasing planting too soon. If one desires continuous bloom through out the season or a continuing supply of really fresh vegetables, planting should be continued right up to July 1.

This is especially true of vegetables, particularly the semi-tender things like beans, carrots, beets, cabbage, etc. Most vegetables are best when they just reach first maturity, and, if one wants to continue eating the finest carrots, beets, beans, peas, etc., all through the season then planting should be continued at intervals of from two to three weeks right from the time the soil is first ready up to about the first week in July.

With flowers, it is still not too late to plant nasturtiums, gladioli, dahlias, and to set out well started bedding plants of cosmos, zinnias, alyssum, etc. These started plants in both vegetables and flowers will allow one to have blooming flowers or maturing vegetables gardens in a few weeks.

Victory Gardens

There has been a good deal of publicity this year about victory gardens. Many Canadians are planting vegetables for the first time. Quite a lot of this publicity originates in the United States and while the information is highly suitable for the States, it may not be adapted to our more rigorous Canadian conditions. One should be careful in using varieties mentioned. Many of these are not obtainable in Canadian seed stores for the simple reason that these varieties have not been tested and approved by Canadian government authorities.

Garden Enemies

Weeds, insects and disease are the natural enemies of the garden. If countered quickly by continuous cultivation, some quick-acting commercial fertilizer and various sprays and dusts, there will be little trouble. The main thing is to start the counter attack before the enemies get their offensive underway.

It is a simple matter, for instance, to dust potatoes and if done just as soon as the second set of leaves develop, and followed again at intervals of two weeks during the early period of growth, there will be no trouble. The same is true with mildew on roses and other plants, with attacks on aphids, wilt and the various insects that prey on so many of our cultivated plants.

Thorough and early cultivation will soon check weeds and will encourage growth of the things we are trying to grow. If at any time of these first cultivations a little garden fertilizer is added carefully, close to, but not actually touching, the plants, favorable growth will be further encouraged.

General Care

Once the garden, both vegetable and flower, is fully planted late care will be principally cultivation and dusting or spraying as mentioned earlier and thinning and staking. One can hardly over-emphasize the importance of thinning. Those small seeded vegetables like lettuce, carrots and beets, for instance, should never be allowed to grow as they usually germinate. The same is true of flowers whose seeds are so fine that it is impossible to prevent their being planted too close. Carrots, beets, lettuce, etc. should have two to three inches apart in the row, and the first harvest should take out every other plant to give the survivors more room.

With flowers, give at least half as much room between the plants as they will finally grow.

EIRE FISHES FOR RUBBER

DUBLIN, June 9:—Eire must fish for rubber. The supply is so short that coast residents are asked to report all rubber washed up. It is considered the only source of additional supplies.

FAKE DETECTIVE

WINDSOR, Eng., June 9:—A thief who posed as a Scotland Yard detective robbed a local hotel of a ring, a ham and a joint of beef.

Hill Sixty Chapter Is Kept Busy

The regular monthly meeting of the Hill 60 Chapter, Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, was held at the home of Mrs. G. E. Moore, Ambrose Avenue, Monday afternoon with a good attendance of members.

A tea and sale of delicatessen cooking has been arranged for June 17 at the home of Mrs. J. H. Macey, 327 Second Avenue.

In the latest shipment to the Provincial Chapter garments valued at \$132.60 and made by the members for overseas children consisted of 17 baby nighties, 12 pairs baby panties, 3 child's slips, 3 girls' nighties, 11 pairs pyjamas, 10 large nighties, 6 baby jackets, 7 girls' pinafores, 1 quilt, 4 dresses and vantes, 16 baby sweater sets, 9 sweaters, 1 jumper dress, 15 soakers, 2 baby shirts, 1 sweater suit, 24 diapers, 25 personal bags.

For the forces were produced 28 scarves, 1 Navy scarf, 3 pairs mitts, 7 pairs grey socks, 13 helmets, 14 pairs socks, 4 pairs ankle sox, 3 sleeveless sweaters.

Ronald Bridgett Is In Opera Now

Ronald Bridgett, who left Prince Rupert recently for Vancouver, has been engaged to play the part of the Duke of Plaza Toro in the opera "The Gondoliers" which is to be presented in the Malkin Bowl at Vancouver in July. The part was played by Sir Henry Lytton in the D'oyley Carte Co. and was to have been taken by Francis Lister on this occasion but Mr. Lister was called to Toronto so Mr. Bridgett was asked to take it over, having acted as understudy.

Mr. Bridgett is also to play the role of Kuppelwester in "Blossom Time," another operatic presentation to be staged soon in Vancouver.

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