

Young Canada Club

By Dixie Patton

MANY of the readers of the Young Canada Club want to know how to become members. It is very simple. When you write a letter for the club page, or send in a story you have written, enclose a stamped and addressed envelope and I will send you a club pin. Then you are a full-fledged member of the Young Canada Club. Many of the boys and girls write and ask for pins but they forget to send the stamped envelope. If you wish to get a Blue Cross pin send a contribution to the Blue Cross fund and enclose a stamped and addressed envelope. When writing a letter or a story for the page write only on one side of the paper and use pen and ink.

The contributions for the Blue Cross fund this week are:

Rachel Matthews, Mantario, Sask.	\$.25
Alice Matthews, Mantario, Sask.	.25
Annie Macl - Potter, Deloraine, Man.	.25

—Dixie Patton.

Splendid Reasons

Seed time and harvest time seem to me the best seasons of the year for Canadian boys and girls to have holidays, and I think I can give more than three reasons for thinking so. When seed time comes our fathers are anxious to get the grain in as early as possible so as to get the full benefit of rain or light snows such as we have in this Alberta country, and to avoid in the fall the frosts which often come early here. To do this they work early and late and need all the help their boys and girls can possibly give. This is the first reason and at the end of this letter I will say in what ways I think we can be very helpful. Another reason for holidays at this season is that mother generally has the added double burden of cooking for extra hired men and of putting in the garden, besides having to do the spring-cleaning, and all the help we boys and girls can give is much needed. A third reason is that if we help all we can an extra hired man and hired help in the house will be unnecessary, and the money thus saved

can be sent to some of the relief funds, and the men can be sent to fight.

At harvest time the same reasons hold good, with the added one that the weather is generally so hot that it would be hard to study if we were in school. Besides we should miss all the pleasure of helping in this most interesting time of the year. It is always pleasant and exciting to follow the binder (it always seems to be like a living creature), but this year it will be more pleasant than ever, if we consider that every stalk we set up means food for some starving soul.

Now I shall point out some of the things boys and girls can do at these seasons. We can get up early and help milk, we can feed the calves, go for the horses if they are out and learn to harness and unharness them. I can not hang the harness up but I unbuckle all the straps and have every thing ready for father to slip them off. We can clean the stables, put down feed, go for cows, get kindling, water and coal, look after setting hens and chickens, work in the garden, churn, help fix fence, stock grain, and, oh, dozens of

things if we are willing, watchful and obedient. And I can tell any boy or girl that he or she will feel proud to look over a field of grain neatly set up when it is finished. Mother and I did a lot of ours last year so I know. We saved father having a man, and felt none the worse for the work. In holiday time young people usually try to have what they call a good time, attending picture shows, visiting, getting up picnics, going to the seaside, etc., but these things must all be put aside when money is needed for relief of sufferers, and production is so necessary so we will all stay at home this summer and work with our might.—Ethel L. Cohoon, Macleod, Alberta.

A Knowing Colt

I was very sorry not to see my last letter on the Young Canada Club page. I hope to see this one in print. I have two pigs, they were always fighting with the others in the pen. We have a pig club for boys and girls, I belong to it. There are five beside myself. That is where I got the pigs. They cost \$18.65 each.

THE DOO-DADS RETURN IN TRIUMPH

THE Doo-Dads have launched their big summer offensive, and here they are returning in triumph with the Kaiser as a prisoner. He did not stand up long after they made their grand attack. And who do you think is carrying him in? It is none other than sleepy Sam, the Hobo. The little lazy bones is being punished for falling asleep on duty, and should consider himself lucky for not getting his head blown off when he dozed off in front of the big gun. He never worked so hard in his life before. The Kaiser will be put in that dark dungeon in the hollow tree. There he will be kept until the Doo-Dads have time to hold a court martial and decide what they will do with him. Sandy, the Piper, with his two drummers, are leading the triumphant procession. The Kaiser is being conducted by two janitors, followed by the gallant infantry. See what fine soldierly-looking fellows they are. They are marching along in fine order and do not look at all like the awkward company they were when they first began drilling. After them comes the field artillery, and last of all the ambulance corps. The old lady Doo-Dad and all the little Doo-Dads are out watching the gallant troops return from battle. They are very proud of their brave little soldiers. Flannel Feet, the Colonel, is again in command. He has gotten his mouse under control once more. Wasn't it too bad that the mouse hopped down into the dug-out just when the battle was beginning? Captain Percy Sawbones is decorating him for his gallant part in the battle, where he led the charge against the Kaiser after the Colonel's mouse had bolted. He thinks it is fine to have that big medal pinned on his breast while all the Doo-Dads are looking on. The artist has been invited to attend the court martial, and perhaps next week he will show how the Doo-Dads tried the Kaiser for invading the Wonderland of Doo.

We have been wanting rain for a long time and now we are getting a good steady rain. Father and I were out looking at the crops and we were remarking how bad they were looking and now it is raining, so hope they will be better.

We have two nice little colts. One will come to the door and pretend to bite my hand so I can not fasten the door, and when I am in the barn it will strike at me with its fore-feet and then turn around as if he were going to kick me and I act as if I am afraid.

I am sending an addressed envelope for a membership button.—Ernest C. Tyson, Box 51, Staveland, Alta.

Weeds the Garden

I would like to have my school vacation in July, for that is a busy time. About that time there are lots of weeds in the garden. Boys and girls who have a garden of their own can then have time to weed their garden and have it in good condition by the time school starts again. They can also help their mother a great lot by helping her weed by garden too, so she can help raise lots of vegetables to help feed the brave boys who are fighting for us. Then if the boys want to raise a pig they can take the weeds that are pulled from the garden and feed them to the pig, for pig like green weeds and will fatten easily on them. It also helps to use up the weeds that are pulled. July is a good time for berries too. During the vacation the boys and girls have they can pick berries for their mother to can, so that is a great help.—Velora Reichenbaugh, Sea Park, Alta.

Likes the Doo Dads

I thought I would like to become a member of your most interesting club, my sister received her pin and I think it is very nice. I enjoy reading and looking at the Doo Dads, I think they are very mischievous little fellows. I go to school every day and am in grade four. One of the many games we play is football.—Fred Tschabold, Mossburn, Sask.



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