

## INTERESTING CASES OF BOND MUTILATION

What the U. S. Treasury Department Meets in Its Work of Replacement.

Washington, Nov. 25.—"Liberty Bonds on Toast" is said to be the latest Chinese delicacy, according to officials of the treasury department, who state that in the last few days two Chinese have applied to the treasury department for the redemption of defaced Liberty bonds which had become mutilated in frying.

One of them said that he got his Liberty bonds wet, and put it in a frying pan to dry. However, he forgot to add a little lard or butter, according to recipe No. 46 in Hip Sing Bing's cook book, with the result that the bond was badly burned. He was given a new one.

Mixed up With Shark's Fin.

Another put a bond in a frying pan for safe keeping, but a careless friend, he said, in making a dish of shark's fin failed to take the bond out, no doubt thinking it would add flavor to the dish. He brought the bond, with small bits of the Chinese delicacy sticking to it, and was given another nice new crisp bond to take its place.

Millions of dollars' worth of registered and coupon bonds have been returned to the department of claims of the division of loans and currency in the last year for redemption, which have become partially destroyed or defaced, and new bonds have been issued in their place.

Under the provisions of the law the secretary of the treasury can provide relief in the cases of defaced or destroyed coupon bonds, as well as destroyed, defaced, and even "lost" registered bonds.

Claims Began First Day.

According to officials of the treasury department, claims for relief in such cases began coming in the day after the issue of the first Liberty bonds, and have increased to such an extent that the claims filed for redemption during the past year are up in the millions.

One of the most interesting cases which have been filed for the redemption of mutilated bonds with the treasury department came from a big Chicago bank through which a blimp crashed last year. When the big dirigible crashed through the roof of the bank it caught fire and partially destroyed thousands of dollars worth of bonds. These were sent to the treasury department and new ones issued in their place.

Some interesting as well as amusing incidents mark the mutilating or defacing of the bonds. One of the recent claimants stated that he had placed his bond in a stove for safe keeping, and then forgot about it, making a fire in the stove. He sent the ashes to the treasury department and demanded a new bond in its place.

Another man reported that his aged father, not knowing what the bond was, had used part of it in lighting a pipe. Another bond was badly mutilated by a man placing a coat in a steam barrel to fumigate it, leaving the bond in the coat pocket.

A badly defaced Liberty bond was received by the treasury from a farmer in one of the Middle Western states. He had lost it in a field the year before and had found it recently while plowing in the same field.

Many bonds are received by the department which have been cut up by children while at play. Another interesting case of badly mutilated bonds was returned to the treasury recently which had been taken from the bodies of messengers killed in the Wall street explosion a few months ago. The bonds were full of holes, which had riddled the bodies of the victims.

Treasury officials stated that all owners of coupon bonds should have them registered to protect themselves against loss in case of theft. At the present time relief is only given to holders of coupon bonds which have become defaced or mutilated in some way, but in case they are lost or stolen the treasury department is powerless to help the person sustaining the loss.

By registering these coupon bonds, which is done by the treasury department without any cost to the bondholder, the owners are protected even in case of theft.

## TWO ARRESTS FOR MOTOR CAR CRIME

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 24.—Pierce D. Treadway and Marie Williams, giving their home addresses as Philadelphia, were arrested here today in connection with the killing late last Saturday night or early Sunday morning of Henry T. Pierce, a wealthy business man at Philadelphia. They told the police, according to a statement given out at headquarters, that Pierce was killed by two unknown strangers who escaped in the victim's automobile after forcing Treadway and the Williams woman to accompany them at the point of a revolver.

According to James Mulgrew and Harry Hanley, who were instrumental in making the arrests, the two prisoners have expressed a willingness to accompany them to Philadelphia tomorrow without extradition papers.

After the arrest of Treadway and the woman today the police say they recovered from a local pawnshop a suit of clothes soiled with bloodstains which they say had been pledged by the prisoners.

A meeting of the King's County Milk and Cream Producers' Association was to have been held last evening for the purpose of considering the request of J. E. Humphreys, on behalf of the St. John City Dairyman's Association, that the price of milk be reduced. The meeting did not take place, however, but it is expected that the producers will get together in the near future to decide what action will be taken. The general opinion is that no reduction will be made at the present time.



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## FIVE ARE FINED IN INCOME TAX CASES

A further hearing of the cases against various business men, charged by the federal department of finance with not having made a return on their income for 1918, was given in the police court yesterday afternoon.

Dr. E. J. Broderick, who did not appear on Tuesday, pleaded guilty but explained that he did not keep a cash book and so could not tell what his net income was; he had explained that to Mr. Sharpe, the local tax inspector. On motion of L. P. D. Tilley, K. C., representing the prosecution, this case was allowed to stand until this afternoon, when Mr. Sharpe will be called as witness for the prosecution.

H. Colby Smith, who pleaded guilty to the offense on Tuesday, pleaded not guilty on advice of his counsel, G. Earle Logan, as he said he had found after returning to his office from the court that the 1918 statement had been mailed. Mr. Logan also appeared for James H. Pullen, the final hearing of whose case was also set for this afternoon.

Thomas J. Phillips, who pleaded not guilty on Tuesday, changed his plea to guilty and was fined \$100. William Baxter, who pleaded guilty on Tuesday, said he had retired from business a year ago, through illness, and had gone twice to see Mr. Sharpe about his federal income tax. Magistrate Ritchie said he would see what could be done about the matter this afternoon.

H. L. McGowan, who pleaded not guilty on Tuesday, said he was sure the return had been made and sent to Mr. Sharpe at his office in Princess street. Dr. Neve, who pleaded guilty on Tuesday, was fined \$100. Frederick T. Kee, who pleaded not guilty on Tuesday, was found guilty and fined \$100.

Robert J. A. Armstrong, who pleaded not guilty on Tuesday, changed the plea to guilty and was fined \$100. Oliver A. Akerley, who pleaded guilty on Tuesday, was fined \$100. Abraham Perchunok, who pleaded guilty on Tuesday, was fined \$100.

Mr. Tilley said that a statement of every individual case would be sent to headquarters at Ottawa and those cases which offered a reasonable excuse or reason for not having complied with the law, would be recommended for leniency. Those who had been fined and could not afford to pay the fine in a lump sum could make arrangements for instalment payments.

## MEN OF THE CHURCH GUESTS OF LADIES

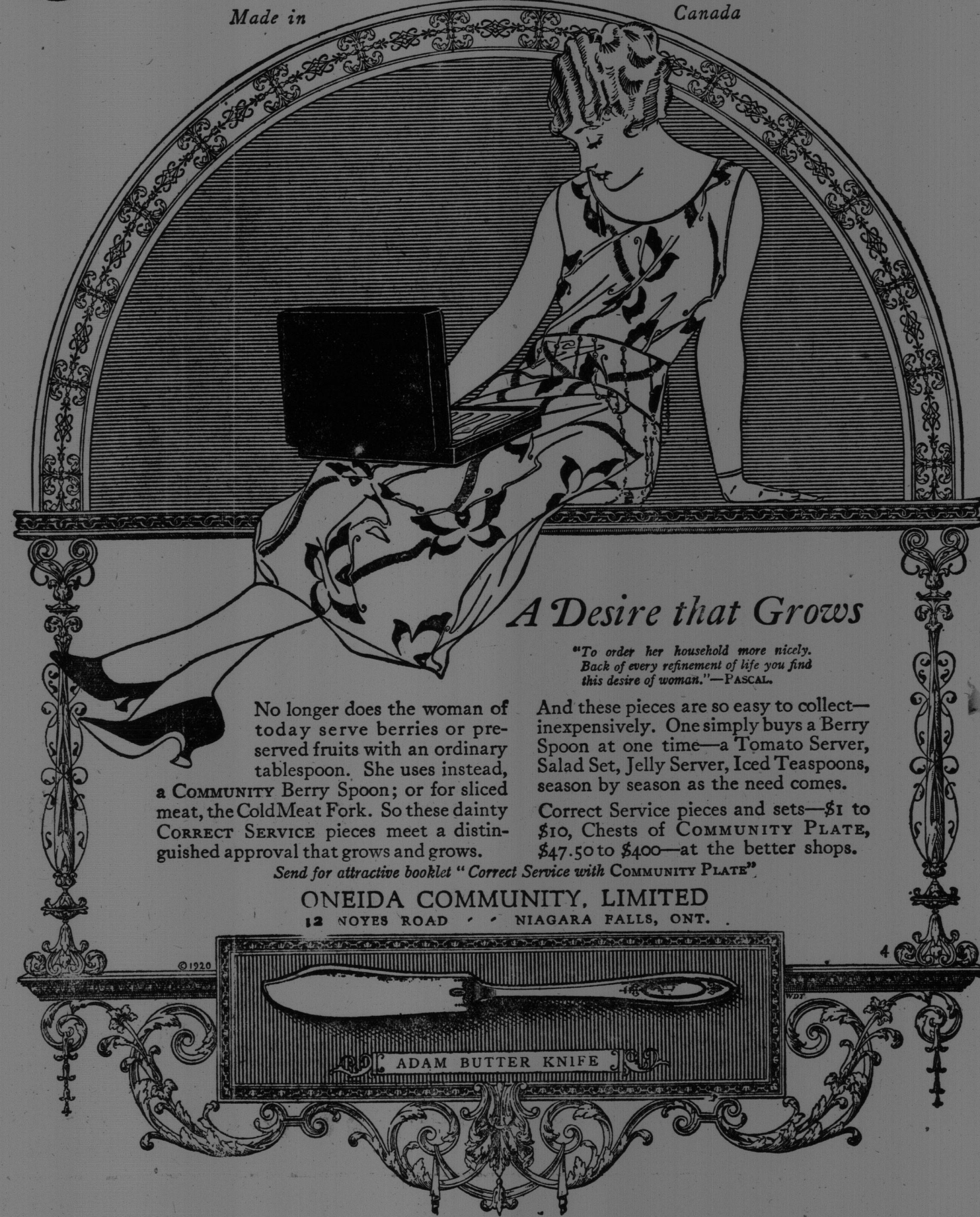
The men of St. George's church were the guests of the ladies of the congregation last evening. After serving an excellent supper the ladies retired, leaving the men to enjoy a social chat. A novel means of introduction was used. Each man present, and there were about eighty, was called upon by name and stood up to be introduced to the rest of the company. Short addresses were given by the rector, Rev. W. H. Sampson, J. Martin, Stanley Olive and Frank Belyen. The hope was expressed that that was only the first of many such gatherings and that the work on the new parish hall would be completed as soon as possible in order that it might provide better accommodation. A hearty vote of thanks to the ladies was moved by P. J. Legge and carried by a standing vote. The meeting closed with the singing of the national anthem.

The L. O. B. A. Fair being held in the Orange Hall, Simonds street, was well attended last evening and the various booths had a good patronage. The door prize last evening was a fancy lamp, won by ticket 151, held by James W. McAfee, 43 Bellevue avenue. The door prize the previous evening was won by Mrs. Laskey, 11 Celebration street, who held ticket 108. The ladies' bean board prize, a lamp, was won by Mrs. G. Long, and the gentlemen's prize, a fancy dish, won by G. Adams. The door prize this evening will be a box of tea.

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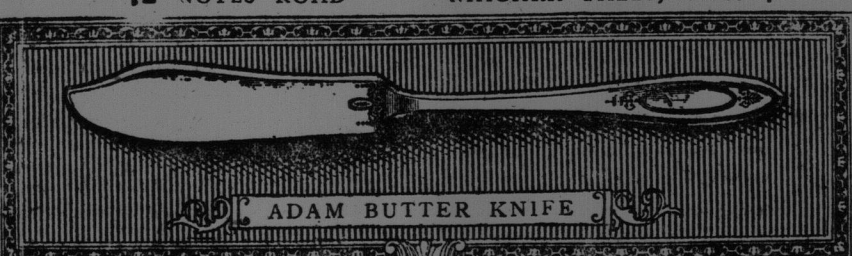
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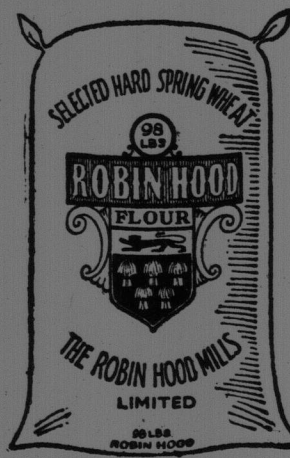


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