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**You've Done it Before—Don't Fall Now**

The days allotted are slipping by and the task assigned us in the raising of our quota for Red Cross is still uncompleted. This community and district have never failed to answer this appeal yet and now with the need greater than ever there can be no failure this time. It's no time for complacency if the amount is to be raised. The Red Cross has done a magnificent job thus far. It can only continue to do this work with your continued support.

When the Canadian and British repatriated prisoners of war from Germany reached a British port and saw the Red Cross uniforms on the dock, they cheered. They had every reason to do so as the Red Cross could be called their "Beveridge Plan" for comfort and service.

When a man joins the Canadian Armed Forces he also becomes a responsibility of the Red Cross. He is provided with comforts, such as woollen scarves, helmets and socks, and should he go to hospital through illness or wounds, the Red Cross is at his side to provide dressings and bandages; his "home town" newspaper, and delicacies. But best of all the Society's "Visitors Service" at home and abroad is there to bring him cheer and friendship when he needs it most.

Should he be seriously wounded on the battlefield Red Cross blood serum, that miracle of modern medical science, is there to give him a fighting chance to live. When he reaches a base hospital, the Red Cross brings him comforts in the shape of smokes from home; writing paper, books and magazines.

Many of our men are taken prisoners, and then the Red Cross, is still at his side even across the frontiers of belligerent nations. Every week he will receive a life-sustaining food parcel, and other morale-keeping services in entertainment and culture.

There is very reason to be proud of your Red Cross. Only through your generous support can it continue.

**A Question of Control**

This war has done much to focus the eyes of Canadians on their great northern empire that reaches up through the Arctic and toward the Orient. There is every possibility that after the war the area will assume greater significance than ever in relation to the national life.

War has sped the development of the northland. At strategic spots hidden until recently by untouched forest, engineering miracles have been wrought to create giant airfields whose construction leaves little doubt that they are intended to be permanent.

The wartime history of the Northwest Staging Route is common knowledge now, and censorship has been relaxed sufficiently to indicate the tremendous flow of military travel it has borne. Because of war, planes of the United Nations have had free access to the aerial shortcut between east and west. Soon Canada will have to decide how far this policy of open airways can be carried into the post-war years.

There is no doubt that every major nation will be anxious to obtain rights to fly by the direct land route which Canadian geography provides. There is also little doubt that Canadian policy must be worked out in close conjunction with that of the United States, which helped build the fields that stretch across British Columbia and the Yukon territory, and whose Alaskan Territory gives it, with Canada, a key position in air communications with the Orient.

The question of control of the airways is something new in world history and clear thinking will be required by those whose duty it is to formulate post-war policy. If a country owns the air over it

then Canada—with so much of its vast territory in the strategic northern zone—should have a powerful voice in the conferences at which the decisions will be made.

**The New Health Insurance Plan**

The new health insurance plan, designed to afford medical and hospital services to everyone in Canada and full dental care to all children under 16, is much in the attention of the public these days. It is estimated the benefits will cost \$250,000,000 besides administration costs, or an average of \$22 for every man, woman and child in the Dominion. Of this, the Dominion would pay (of the revenues you provide) an estimated \$100,000,000 while \$150,000,000 would be contributed by the public under a graded system of payments.

Under the proposed National Health Act every person over 16 would have to pay a flat rate of \$12 a year, if able to do so. In addition, single persons would pay three per cent. of income over \$600, but no such payment to exceed \$30; married persons would pay five per cent. of income over \$1,200, the maximum of such payment to be \$50. A married man would also pay \$12 a year for his wife and for all dependents over 16, but nothing additional for children under 16 who, however, would get all the benefits of the plan. Thus a single person earning \$1,000 a year would pay a total of \$22.00 and if earning \$1,400 a year, would pay \$34.20. Single persons earning \$1,000 or more would pay the maximum of \$42.

Married men earning \$1,500 a year would pay \$30 annually; those earning \$1,800 would pay \$54. At \$2,000 the annual fees would be \$64 to cover all medical and hospital services for the family and at \$2,200 a year or more the fee would be the maximum of \$74. Single persons earning less than \$600 a year and married persons \$1,200 or less would pay only \$12 a year.

While the fees may look high to many who have enjoyed good health and a further form of taxation may not be viewed as advisable it is well to remember that now your municipal tax bill, either local or county has an assessment for the hospital care of all indigents and you pay it whether you realize it or not.

The one objection to all these forms of state care and attention is the fact that they make people not reliant on themselves and too dependent on the state in meeting the obstacles that crop up all the way through life. This may be outweighed, however, by the likelihood of having a more robust people through preventative treatment. It's a question that indeed needs careful study, because once embarked upon, it will grow wider as other services have done where government aid is given and run on the people's funds.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Cheer up! Spring is due in just twelve days.

It will be hoped our present visions of post-war planning will not exceed our post-war funds. We had some post-war days after the last war that we postponed paying for until eleven years later.

"I feel this is the greatest hot-air joint I have seen for many years."—Robert McGregor, Progressive-Conservative Member for York East in the House of Commons. Is it the atmosphere or the salary which attracts him?—Smith's Falls Record-News.

Remember when you make your donation to the Red Cross that you're sending help to Canadians who are behind a barbed-wire fence in a German or Japanese prison camp, where only the Red Cross service can reach him. Make it worthy of him.

It seems difficult for John Bracken to transfer his plan of leadership from Winnipeg to Ottawa. A lot of folks would like to know how he would acquire himself in the parliament buildings before giving him a definite job. But then Mr. Coldwell hasn't been very impressive either to make a leader for a country as big as Canada.

We agree with the St. Mary's Journal when it says: One of the pleasant features of weekly newspaper work is the occasional chatty letters that come along from subscribers at a distance, commenting on conditions as they find them and relating interesting experiences for the benefit of the home folks. We welcome these letters from our old boys and girls.

Here is "good" news. By special circular we are advised that the financial statement of certain disjunctors for 1943 shows highly satisfactory results. "Operation" profits, before depreciation and income taxes, increased by 47 per cent. to a new high level. And so the story continues. Behind it all, what a tale of woe might be told.—Collingwood Bulletin.

Last week the Burlington Gazette started its forty-sixth year of publication and the Gazette has the rather unique distinction of having E. A. Harris still at the helm who took over the publication just a year after it was founded. He has seen remarkable growth and improvement in Burlington in his forty-five years as editor and has played an important part in that progress. We join in extending congratulations and the wish for him of many more years in furnishing Burlington and district with such a splendid newspaper.



"LEND A HAND, BUDDY?"

**TO INHIBIT IS TO DIE, GERMAN**

In the BBC broadcast in Magyar the language of Hungary the other day, one of the items was a translation of an announcement from a German newspaper which had reached the BBC. The announcement was of the execution in Dresden of a doctor named Gagner. There is a great dearth of doctors in Germany, but that wasn't allowed to influence the Nazi verdict in the case of this doctor. His crime? He had expressed doubts about a German victory to the wife of a soldier at the front, and also about "the veracity of the news services." A short time ago a German doctor was similarly sentenced to death for voicing his doubts to a patient.

**FEEL AN INDI-WASHER**

Howard Marshall, broadcasting his "Life at Home" talk the other day told BBC overseas listeners of an amusing story he'd heard from a friend that very day. It's one of those little scraps of dialogue which he thought do really show the sort of changes that have taken place in our life during wartime. He vouched for its being a true story. "I was told it," he said "by the man who overheard the dialogue. He was coming down the steps of a very exclusive club after lunch and just behind him were two peers of the realm. One of them was saying to the other: 'Well, you know, I don't mind making the beds, it's the damn washing up that gets me down.'"

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- PALMOLIVE** Heavy Soap 3 giant cakes **23c**
- ODEX Antiseptic Soap** 2 cakes **11c**
- POLIFLOR Floor Wax** 1-lb. tin **49c**
- OLD DUTCH Cleanser** tin **10c**

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Daily, except Sunday	9:01 a.m.
Saturday only	2:29 p.m.
Daily, except Sunday	7:48 p.m.
Monday, only	12:06 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	1:14 a.m.
Flyer, at Georgetown, daily except Sat. and Sun.	6:35 p.m.
Flyer, at Guelph, daily except Sat. and Sun.	7:12 p.m.

Going East

Daily, except Sunday	6:49 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	9:56 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	6:50 p.m.
Sunday, only	8:19 p.m.
Flyer, daily, Georgetown	9:25 p.m.
Flyer, daily, at Guelph	8:59 p.m.

**GRAY COACH LINES**

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Eastbound  
 6:46 a.m.; 9:16 a.m.; 2:06 p.m.; 6:26 p.m.; 9:16 p.m.; 10:51 p.m.

Westbound  
 10:53 a.m.; 2:28 p.m.; 5:08 p.m.; 7:33 p.m.; 10:38 p.m.; 11:28 p.m.

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LONDON — Ninety-three German raiders were destroyed over Britain during 1943 by British anti-aircraft guns. Another 59 were logged as probably destroyed, and many more were so badly damaged that they probably never returned home.