



No milk will be poured in this little boy's cup if the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), threatened by a lack of funds, is forced to halt its operations. UNICEF, now feeding supplementary meals to 5,000,000, has scarcely enough money to finish out its planned program for this year. But the hungry children will still be with us then.

## Lamaque Institution Served District Since War Began

The following item, reprinted from the Val d'Or Star, will be of interest to the friends of Dr. R. S. M. Fisher, who is a native of this district. He is the son of the late Dr. Peter Fisher and Florence Dick and a graduate of Georgetown High School.

After 15 years service often marked by harrowing drama, Lamaque Hospital at Bourlamaque proposes to close its wards about September 1, at the opening of Val d'Or's new 75-bed institution. Thereafter, according to general manager John C. Perry, of Lamaque Gold Mines Limited, founding-owner of the institution which could not be replaced with its equipment for less than \$75,000, the first floor of the building will continue to be used as a first aid station for the closely adjacent mine, and for examination and clinic service under Dr. R. S. M. Fisher, physician. Dr. Fisher has been head of the mine's health service since 1934 when the first two-bed shack hospital was opened. Decision has not been reached yet as to the use to which the upper two floors of the building will be put. It is likely, he stated, that they will be converted into apartments.

### Served Wide Area

Lamaque Hospital has always stood ready to share its facilities and service with any or all in need of special care in a district that stretches from Senneterre to Noranda. But from the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, followed by swift draining of young physicians and surgeons and trained nurses into the Armed Forces of Canada, Lamaque Hospital also went on active service in this district. It became the Golden Valley's one fortress of emergency relief and hundreds who are alive and well today might have died if it had not been made available through the generosity of the owners and the personal devotion of Dr. Fisher.

nurses and others concerned in the institution's efficient operation despite great and constantly increasing demands and difficulties.

**Service Subsidized**  
Hospital fees charged those not employed by Lamaque Gold Mines Limited, when accommodated, have never contributed one cent towards the company's capital investment in the hospital building and its fine equipment; have paid nothing on the institution's depreciation account; or even paid any interest on the investment. Those considerable items have been charged off to public service and good will, according to General Manager Perry. However, the rates charged have been designed to pay each patient's share of the actual cost of running the institution. Lamaque Gold Mines Limited, on behalf of its own employees, subsidizes the hospital at the rate of about \$800 a month or close to \$10,000 yearly.

"I think I may safely say," Mr. Perry told the Star, "that Lamaque Hospital has rendered great service to this district. Dr. Fisher has done an outstanding job during his 15 years service and nursing staff also deserves great credit."

### Outstanding Leader

"Dr. Fisher, as is well known, is recognized as one of Canada's medical leaders in the field of diagnosis and prevention of tuberculosis. He is especially skilled in reading x-rays of the chest and has long collaborated with Dr. A. J. Russell of Timmins, who has done similarly important work in the Porcupine field.

"We are very glad that the new hospital in Val d'Or will open soon and earnestly hope that its 75 beds won't be overtaxed from the start as some fear.

In addition to all the very modern facilities it will have for benefit of people in this district, the Val d'Or hospital will provide a district training school for nurses, so badly needed in view of the

growing scarcity of personnel, and it also will attract a fine type of medical school graduates, as internes who will benefit by its training, especially in various types of emergency surgery."

**One Surgeon's Work**  
The story of Lamaque Hospital is completely interwoven with the life and service of its head, who established it for Lamaque Mines when he joined the staff in 1934 as resident surgeon. There were only three shacks in what is now Val d'Or, Lamaque's township, homes clustered on Lamaque Hill near the original mine works where milling was to begin the following year.

The first hospital had just two beds and was served by two trained nurses who worked in 12 hour shifts. They were the Misses Blanche and Lucy Bienvenue, who lived up to their names, which means "Welcome." Their devotion to patients' needs not only equalled the profession's high standing but set an example that has been followed with faithful zeal by all their successors.

**Drive for Safety**  
Tragic events are to be found in the record of Lamaque Hospital's 15 years, but the summary shows from the start, a continuing cooperative drive for safety at work, in the homes on the part of management and workers. The greatest victory of all, in Dr. Fisher's opinion, has been avoidance of infection, whether the wound was classed as grave or minor. The hospital has kept close to the mine, and treatment of minor injuries promptly and efficiently has been Dr. Fisher's constant concern.

The old two-bed hospital was replaced by the present building in 1937, and its clinics and wards were officially opened in October of that year. It has provided 11 beds, including seven in private rooms, and they have been reserved for emergency use.

**Remarkable Record**  
One phase of Lamaque Hospital's service deserves a special article and wide publicity because in the past 12 years more Caesarian sections have been performed there than many of the largest big city hospitals can report. The expectant mothers who have undergone those operations were deemed poor risks both for themselves and unborn children if they had been required to undergo the ordeal of parturition in the ordinary way. The record of success in such operations at Lamaque Hospital is unmarred and that fact alone makes it, truly, one of Canada's highly distinguished institutions.

Dr. Fisher was born in Halton County, Ontario, between Milton, the county town and Georgetown, and graduated from the University of Toronto School of Medicine in 1923. He then served his internship at Montreal General Hospital, and then began practice with a lumber company operating in the Lake of the Woods area of Northwestern Ontario, which had its headquarters at Kenora. It was there that he met Miss Linda Thompson, daughter of the late J. A. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, whom he married on August 14th, 1928, shortly before proceeding to take a year's postgraduate work at the great Middlesex Hospital in London, England. On return to Canada, Dr. Fisher engaged in private practice at Toronto, and then joined Abitibi Pulp and Paper Company Limited, at Fraserdale, Ontario, power development site. He and Mrs. Fisher spent four years there until he came to Bourlamaque in 1934.

Dr. and Mrs. Fisher have four children. Peter Stuart Douglas Fisher, 21, who has just completed his first pre-med year at the University of Toronto, is the eldest son. After a brief visit home, at the beginning of the summer vacation, he returned to Camp Borden to join his Canadian Officers' Training Corps unit of the Royal Canadian Air Force where he will be on-duty until September. The elder daughter is Miss Phyllis Fisher, soon to graduate from Stanstead Wesleyan College at Stanstead, Que., and will start training at Montreal General Hospital School of Nurses in the autumn. Second daughter is Miss Marilyn Fisher who will enter McGill University this fall to take its science course in chemistry. The youngest son, Charles, nine, was born at Bourlamaque.

**Nursing Staff**  
Senior members of the staff are Miss Helen Smith, R.N., graduate of St. Mary's Hospital School, but a native of St. Thomas, Ont., who specializes in x-ray work; and Miss Helene Soucy, graduate of Sacre Coeur Hospital, Hull, Que., who is a surgical nursing specialist. Their colleagues are Mrs. W. Burton, R.N., graduate of Hotel Dieu Hospital, Montreal; and Miss Rolande Brunet, R.N., another graduate of Hull's Sacred Heart Hospital School.

Lamaque Hospital is splendidly equipped due to the personal interest of the executive of Lamaque Gold Mines Limited. It has one of the best x-ray installations in the province and there also is a mobile x-ray unit for ward use. The hospital laboratory is equipped for all routine examinations required, such as urinalysis, blood counts and so on. There is, of course, no time

or special need for research work apart from that connected with x-ray examinations and plate study.

**War Year's Demands**  
There is a large dispensary, fully stocked and equipped. In that connection a new sign in the men's waiting room warns salesmen of drugs and hospital supplies that Dr. Fisher's time is so much in demand that he can see very few. That announcement underlines the fact that while before the war he had one and sometimes two assistants, he has carried on for the past eight years alone.

Dr. Fisher welcomes opening of the new hospital at Val d'Or since it will give him more time for work amongst Lamaque staff and employees' families, with special emphasis on clinics for children and pre-natal service. He pioneered in the training of first aid crews in mines and again may give that service more of his time.

"Credit for the establishment and construction of the new hospital at Val d'Or," he said, "goes to the Rev. Canon G. Forest of Val d'Or's Holy Saviour of the Mines Church, and to district mine managers. They worked together to establish this institution which has been badly needed here for ten years."

When Lamaque Hospital's wards are closed, it is likely that all communities that have benefitted by its service in the past 15 years will join in expressing appreciation. That inter-municipal honour will give first place to Lamaque Gold Mines Limited, who have made the hospital service possible and to Dr. Fisher, their representative in one of Canada's finest but quietest public relations projects. Next honour will be paid to the nurses, past and present, and an effort may be made to bring most of them here for a special re-union.

## Carney Electric

KING STREET & GLEN ROAD

Industrial — Commercial and Domestic Wiring.  
ALL ELECTRICAL AND MOTOR REPAIRS  
WE ALSO SPECIALIZE IN  
COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION  
SALES & SERVICE

FRANK CARNEY — Phone 379J — Georgetown

Today we Live in a Greater Canada

## New Names in the NORTH

THERE'S new activity in Ontario's bushland north of Lake Superior. Marathon and Red Rock, Terrace and Heron Bay: they all tell the same story. New towns have arisen, old ones expanded. Only five years ago on the site of Marathon, for example, there was nothing but bush; today a new community beside a new pulp mill is contributing millions to Canada's export trade.

Such spectacular developments in the north are matched by continuing industrial expansion in the older established communities. Throughout Canada today ever-widening avenues of opportunity await the enterprise of young Canadians.

With newsprint production 50% above pre-war levels, Canada today has an output five times that of any other country, and accounts for three out of every five newspaper pages in the world.



"Canada is a land of opportunity... There is a field for almost anything one can think of, and anyone with a willingness for hard work has a good chance to achieve success," says Donald J. Smith, President of Hornet Industries Limited, Guelph, Ontario.

Hornet Industries Limited, which was founded in 1945, has in this short time achieved remarkable success in the manufacture of chain saws and combustion engines. More than half the production of the plant reaches markets outside Canada. From a staff of only a half dozen men in 1945, Hornet Industries Limited has expanded to three plants in Guelph, employing 396 workers.

One of a series presented by

# Molson's

to present a fuller realization by Canadians of Canada's present position

When you want your chicks to **GROW** feed them **Blatchford's Growing Mash**

**4 Advantages**

- HIGHER IN PROTEIN
- LESS MASH USED
- HEALTHIER GROWTH
- CHEAPER FOR YOU

For Sale By **Georgetown Feed Mill** Guelph St.—Phone 86

- ACCOUNTING
- AUDITING
- BOOKKEEPING SERVICE

**E. M. BROWN**  
MONTHLY OR WEEKLY MILL STREET  
Office: 392 Res. 578J

**ROSEDALE FLORAL CUT FLOWERS POTTED PLANTS**

IF IT'S a spray — Wreath — Wedding Flowers WE CAN PLEASE YOU Our Prices are Right  
Phone 283J, We Deliver

**CASH FOR DEAD ANIMALS**

COWS \$2.50 ea.  
HORSES \$2.50 ea.  
HOGS .50 per cwt.

according to size and condition  
PHONE COLLECT  
GALT 2718 m  
INGERSOLL 21.