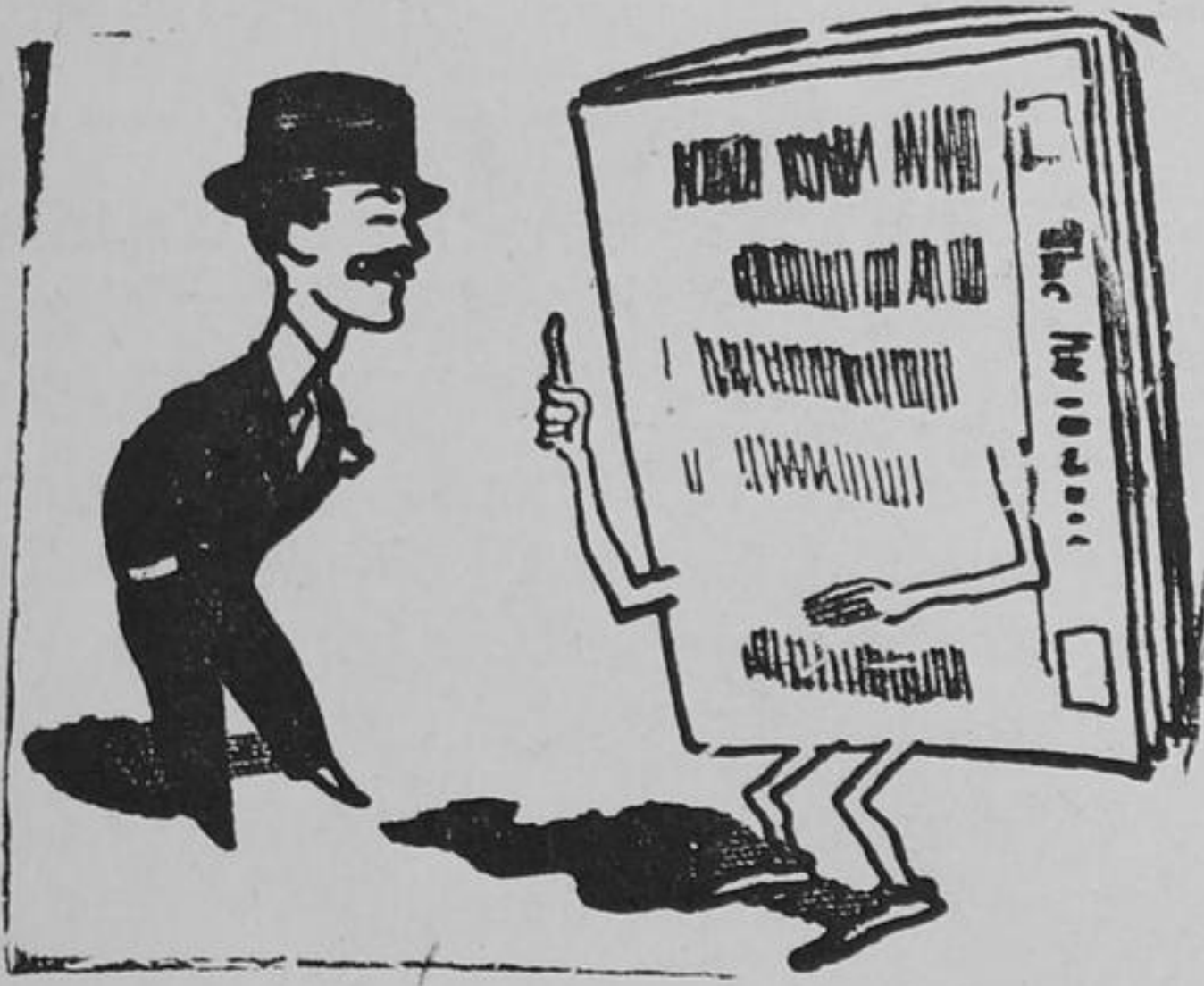


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**STRATEGY OF "FUNNY WAR" IS  
 EXPLAINED BY COL. GEO. DREW**

LOOKS WITH DISFAVOR ON THOSE WHO COMPLAIN OF  
 NOT ENOUGH ACTION

As Britain rules the seas, Canada will rule the air, Col. Geo. Drew, K.C., told more than 2,000 attending the annual York County Warden's Banquet, in the King Edward Hotel last Thursday night. Col. Drew urged immediate steps be taken to promote the Dominion into one of the great air powers of the world.

Canada's destiny, declared the speaker, is supremacy in the air, both in times of peace and war. Its major role in this war against Hitler will be in the air force, a service in which Canadians have been able to excel. When peace is established Canada must still keep its supremacy in the air, for the geographical position of this country has fortunately made it an axis for world air routes and the Canadian employment problem must be solved by air commerce.

"I have visions of Canada being the great air power of the world in peace as in war. A combination of British supremacy on the sea and Canadian supremacy in the air standing together to preserve peace for all time."

Taking little stock in the boasts made of Germany's gigantic air armada, Col. Drew declared that actual facts show that the most powerful air force in the world to-day is the Royal Air Force of Britain. Canada, he said, is being looked to by the British authorities to play a major role in that service.

"Canada, by accident of geography," continued the speaker, "has a chance to be the dominant body in air commerce. The shortest air route from Europe is across Iceland and Canada. The same holds true for countries from the far East who wish to trade with western powers. We are going to find that in the future all the great air routes of the world will pass over Canada."

When the war is over a change will be effected in the whole world, said the speaker, and Canada should be prepared for that change. "While we prepare for war we should be thinking, talking and building for the time of peace. It is going to mean a readjustment that will strain every one of our resources."

Col. Drew looked with disfavor at people who are complaining there isn't enough action in this war and demanding reasons why the Allies were not attempting to invade Germany.

"During the last war the German

troops occupied French soil and it was necessary to throw them back by battles in which many men lost their lives," declared Col. Drew. "In this war, Germans are not on one foot of French soil. Nor is it my belief that the Allies want one foot of German soil. This war we are fighting is not a war of aggression, but a fight to end the Nazi regime in Germany, to destroy Hitler in Germany. The same Hitler is going to have a problem keeping the German people together this winter if he can't win some great land victory."

The number of troops on either side or the actual location of battles is going to be secondary in this war, according to the speaker. The most important weapon is an adequate supply of modern technical equipment for war, he said.

"When one realizes that the British battleships in a few days swept from the seven seas every vestige of German vessels, you can see how Germany is going to be beaten in this war. Britain is supreme on the seas and her blockade will be unbreakable. A few pocket battleships might sneak out now and then but they will be quickly driven back to cover. It's on the sea that this war is going to be won."

One of the greatest advantages of the Allies is their superior generals and officers. "Some people have foolishly become obsessed with the idea of German super-efficiency," he said. "It's unwarranted fear. Germany has not one single senior officer who can compare with either of the two men at the head of the British force nor with the commander-in-chief of both the British and French armies," he said. "Germany did have a great leader two years ago but because he married a stenographer he was fired by Herr Hitler. With him went also the great officers of the German army. In their places came new inexperienced men—men who couldn't even be compared with the skill and efficiency of the leaders of the British force. Britain has been blessed with having two great soldiers like 'Tiger' Gort and 'Tiny' Ironsides, while in Marshal Gamelin France has its most brilliant military technician since Napoleon. While closer to home Canada has as fine a soldier as ever led a battalion in battle in General McNaughton."

**Plenty of Action**

Col. Drew said he has frequently heard people terming this war as the "funny war." Others had voiced views on the lack of news and, in their opinions, lack of action on the part of both sides.

"Usually those who shout the loudest for blood are the most cowardly in a crowd," he said. "There has been plenty of action so far in this war. Scores of ships have been sunk, cities and naval bases bombed and heavy fighting in the air with many casualties."

The personal message from the King appearing on the front of each Bible issued to Britain's military and civil defence forces deserves widespread notice. It reads as follows: "To all serving in my forces by sea or land or air, and indeed to all my people engaged in the defense of the realm I recommend the reading of this book. For centuries the Bible has been a wholesome and strengthening influence in our national life and it behooves us in these momentous days to turn with renewed faith to the divine source of comfort and inspiration." As a text-book for soldiers on active service and a source of comfort and consolation to them and to all at this time the Bible, we think, will compare not unfavorably with 'Mein Kampf.'

**THE SWEET THING!**

The man in the queue for the theatre felt some one touching his back. Turning round, he saw a girl about to leave the line. "I'm going across the road to get some candy," she said. "Well, that doesn't interest me," said the man. "I know," was the reply, "but I've put a chalk mark on your back in case I forget my place!"

**RESPONSIBILITY**

In the meantime, the government of the day has a grave responsibility to see to it that the most careful stewardship is exercised in outlays for the job on hand. Even with the strictest supervision to prevent waste extravagance and corrupt use of funds, we are going to be confronted with a tremendous financial burden.—(From the Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)

**WEEKLY NEWS NOTES FROM  
 THE UNIONVILLE DISTRICT**

Division one Inspectorate of York County Teachers held the annual banquet in the Sunday School room of Central United Church on Friday evening last with the president, A. M. Hill, principal of Unionville school in charge.

Eighty-five were in attendance including Reeve Jas. Rennie, who welcomed the delegates; Kenneth Deacon, Chairman of the Unionville School Board; W. H. T. Mooney, Inspector and Rev. Johnson of Eglinton United Church who, as guest speaker, offered suggestions on "How to be Happy". Chorus groups from Cashel and Unionville schools, under the leadership of Mr. Warne, entertained.

Officers for the ensuing year include: Hon. President, W. H. T. Mooney; President, A. M. Hill; Vice President, Mrs. Greig; Secretary-Treasurer, John MacDonald.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Central United Church catered, supplying a delicious Turkey dinner, which was highly commended by the guests.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kerr, "Sillyton Grove", Ashburn, was the setting for a pretty autumn wedding on Saturday afternoon last, when their daughter Mary became the bride of Mr. Howard Stiver, son of Mrs. C. H. Stiver. Rev. William Mitchell and Rev. Simpson officiated. Wedding music was supplied with Mrs. Robert Heron at the organ and Mrs. W. J. Russell as soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a princess gown of eggshell velvet with slight train and finger tip veil held by lace halo and a lovely bouquet of Joanna Hill roses and lily of the valley. Her attendant, Miss Marjorie Cassie, a cousin of the bride, wore ruby velvet with small velvet hat and carried Token roses. Mr. Reginald Button of Stouffville was groomsman.

A reception followed, the mother of the bride receiving in a gown of black velvet with velvet hat and corsage of Token roses and lily of the valley, assisted by Mrs. Stiver, mother of the groom, who also wore black velvet with corsage of roses.

Following the reception the couple left for Quebec, the bride travelling in dark brown ensemble with beaver trimmed hat and coat. On their return they will reside in Agincourt.

The annual Christmas party of the local branch of the Women's Institute will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7th at the home of Mrs. C. H. Stiver commencing at 2.30 p.m. The exchange of 10 cent gifts will bring a holiday feature to the program. A talk on "Peace" and the convention reports will be added features of interest. Hostesses for the afternoon include Mrs. A. K. Harrington, Mrs. E. E. Braithwaite, Mrs. W. J. Perkin and Mrs. J. H. Brown. A cordial invitation is given to attend this interesting meeting.

Central United Sunday School and congregation will present "White Gifts" on Sunday morning next at a united service. The Sunday School will meet at 10.15 a.m. and proceed to the church auditorium the service commencing at 10.30 a.m. Co-operation is invited. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

An enthusiastic Red Cross meeting held in Melville Church Tuesday evening last under the leadership of Mr. A. D. Bruce, Keyman for Polling Division of Markham township goes on record as being a splendid demonstration of loyalty and earnest endeavor in this great work that is being undertaken throughout the Dominion.

The well arranged program was interesting until the end: Red Cross representatives presented the cause, including Rev. Terryberry, Mr. J. Roberts, a Veteran of the Great War; Miss Pratt, who in her convincing way presented the supply Department and also refuted the many confusing reports regarding the administering of the Red Cross work.

Mr. K. Grant spoke briefly regarding what had already been accomplished in that division. Canvasers were despatched to collection duty and the ladies' committee with Mrs. B. Weatherill in charge are already organized for their share of the work.

Delightful vocal solos were given by Mrs. A. K. Harrington, singing "My Land" and Mrs. W. J. Russell, "I shall not pass this way again."

An impressive devotional period was led by Rev. A. E. Owen, of Central United Church, Unionville, and the meeting closed with the lovely hymn, "Unto the Hills."

Mr. A. D. Bruce was chairman for the evening and following the program an informal cup of coffee was

served the guest speakers.

We regret that the report of the Hockey Boys' Euchre held last Thursday evening has not come to the hand of your scribe, more than it was a most delightful party with a splendid attendance and that another similar event will follow on December 7th. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

The annual Sunshine Banquet sponsored by the Y.P.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church, Agincourt, held last Friday evening was a decided success. The Vice-Pres., Mr. Orval Howden was toastmaster of the evening and Rev. Thomas of Cook's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, as guest speaker challenged the young folk for fuller consecration to this great task that faces the younger generation of today. The varied program included toasts to the King, the Church and the Y.P.S. given by Miss Nellie Clark and Miss Ainslee Hood. Delightful musical selections and readings were also pleasing items. The C.G.I.T. girls served and the tables were attractive with appropriate favors and colorful bouquets of mums in golden shades. Young people representing St. Timothy's Anglican Church and Knox United Church were among the guests.

The annual Bazaar and Supper followed by Euchre will be held under the auspices of St. Philip's Anglican Church on Saturday afternoon and evening next in the Township Hall. A cordial invitation is given to attend this pleasing event. A splendid opportunity to secure Xmas gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pollard spent the week-end in Frankfort visiting relatives.

Mrs. Allen Myers and Mrs. Brillinger of Birch Cliff were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Middleton on Friday last.

Mrs. G. Wilkie, Mrs. Smith of Toronto, Mrs. W. A. Young and Miss Elizabeth Hood of Agincourt were guests of Mrs. C. A. Hood at "Rowan Wood", Milliken on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Murphy visited Mr. G. I. Hambly, Maple, on Sunday last.

Mr. J. H. Chant who has been spending the summer at Foam Lake, Alta., returned home on Saturday.

What might have proved a serious accident occurred on Wednesday when Johnny Coulson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Coulson, was caught between an oncoming truck and the gate post at the entrance to the farm of Mr. Watford. Following an x-ray examination which revealed no broken bones but very severe bruises, Johnny is convalescing favorably.

Mrs. E. Bewell has been the guest of Mrs. Hurd at Preston and also friends in Toronto recently.

Mrs. D. Coulson and Mrs. F. B roadway visited relatives in Sutton recently.

Mr. G. Size was in town this week visiting his sister Mrs. W. A. Noble and Mr. R. A. and Mr. R. L. Stiver.

**CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH  
 Unionville**

Pastor—Rev. A. E. Owen  
 10.15 a.m.—Church School.  
 10.30 a.m.—Combined White Gift Service. Speaker, Rev. W. E. Wilson of Toronto.  
 7 p.m.—A varied service of song.

**EBENEZER UNITED CHURCH**

1.30 p.m.—Church School.  
 2.30 p.m.—Combined White Gift Service. Speaker, Rev. W. E. Wilson of Toronto.

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