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THURSDAY, JULY 4th, 1940.

HONORED FOR SERVICE

This community paid tribute last Friday evening to thirty-four years continuous teaching service in the Richmond Hill Public School by Mrs. McConaghy. Thirty-four years of teaching in one school in itself is a record worthy of note, but thirty-four years of the type of service given by Mrs. McConaghy is something for which any community should be very grateful.

Teachers have not much opportunity to become rich but they have a rare opportunity to become useful. Mrs. McConaghy made the most of this opportunity. Some people mould clay and metal into articles of use and beauty. These artisans the world over bless mankind and their works have a fairly durable quality. But greater than those who mould metal or fashion anything out of material substance are those whose calling leads them to deal in the fashioning of lives and characters.

This week we are proud to join in paying tribute to a great and lovable lady of this community, Mrs. M. L. McConaghy, who for thirty-four years, gave of her time and talent in the moulding of the characters and lives of the boys and girls of Richmond Hill. Cheerful, kindly, generous and ever-thoughtful of others she has left an imprint in the sands of time which shall never perish, because it is deep in the hearts of those whose lives she influenced. In the evening of life we wish her the health, happiness and genuine satisfaction which is the just reward of devoted Christian service.

A LICKING FOR HITLER

Hitler and his bloody gangsters are in for a tremendous lick from every nook and corner of the Dominion—and Canadians everywhere are going to enjoy themselves to the full in the process of applying the licks.

The cry has gone out, "Stamp Out Hitler with War Savings Stamps" and the licking of the stamps is being encouraged in a nation-wide drive which has been launched by the entire motion picture industry of this country to promote the purchase of the 25c. stamps to aid the Government in its war effort at this critical hour. The feature of this campaign is a gala performance in all theatres, large and small, on Monday evening, July 15, which will be free in every sense of the abused word, providing — here is the one and only catch — each patron purchases two of the 25c. War Savings Stamps from a theatre in exchange for a complimentary admission ticket.

This unusual patriotic opportunity permits every person to support Canada's war effort, make a profit on the savings stamps which are retained by the purchaser of course, and enjoy a good show at the same time. The Federal Government is getting every cent of the proceeds through its own agencies, and the theatre proprietors and film distributors are paying the full cost of the campaign, including all expenses for the performances, as their contribution to the cause. Without question, it is a praiseworthy effort and one that deserves the active support of the whole community.

The "Win the War" Campaign of the Canadian Motion Picture Industry enjoys the endorsement of Dominion and Provincial Governments, the Lord's Day Alliance and many other patriotic and service organizations because it has been shown that the industry is providing substantial assistance to the war effort at its own expense. Generous response on the part of the public will complete the success of the truly gigantic undertaking, which is to raise \$1,000,000 for the Government all in one evening through the holding of shows which the people can enjoy to the limit without cost to the patrons.

"UNTIL CHRISTMAS"

"If we can last until the dark winter nights are over, till your supplies, your airplanes, your ships are pouring across to our battered land in an ever-increasing flood, the brazen front of tyranny, as always in the face of fearless resistance, will begin to doubt. The few airplanes and torpedo boats and the last few ships of food and raw material may make the difference between victory and defeat. If we can hold out until Christmas, if we can prove that Hitler with all his brutal violence cannot break our spirit or conquer our island, we shall, I believe have turned the tide."—The Marquess of Lothian, British ambassador to the United States, speaking to Yale University alumni.

In a series of thoughtful but forceful addresses delivered since he has taken up quarters in the British Embassy at Washington, the Marquess of Lothian, brilliant Scottish diplomat, has emphasized to American audiences the realities of this conflict, outlines the consequences to this continent of a Nazi victory, and made a bid for sympathy and aid. Like his fellow Scot, the late Lord Tweedsmuir, he is endowed with the twin gifts of imagination and cold logic; he not only sees the outline of approaching events but the form they may take and the steps to prevent them.

His phrase "until Christmas" echoes in our hearts. It sets a limit on the critical period of the war. If the British people can hold off Hitler's aerial hordes, withstand their bombs, repel the invaders, through the next six months, until the days shorten and flying conditions are difficult, they will have turned the corner. By spring American material aid will be in full flight — eastward. We are launched on the vast sweep of the tide of war, wherever it may lead us, and the dark hours are upon us — "until Christmas."

In considering the increased taxation foretold by the budget speech, it will be a serious mistake for the individual to imagine that the answer to it is to unduly cut down legitimate expenses. That will be no answer at all. If there is abnormal restriction on expenditures, there will be a corresponding decrease in the taxes collected, the situation then being worse than before. Business must be carried along as much as possible at normal levels, not only to prevent unemployment and dislocation, but also to assure returns from the taxation.

LOOKING BACKWARD

A WEEKLY GLIMPSE AT LOCAL HISTORY

By Paul L. Fox

The first agitation towards securing incorporation of our fair village began in 1853 when a number of villagers thought that they were proficient enough to levy rates, gather taxes and administer public funds. A sudden stop was put to this movement however when it was learned that the act governing such matters required a population of a thousand in the proposed municipality.

Conditions later proved more favourable and in 1857 a meeting of ratepayers was called in the old court house. Amos Wright, M.P., was chairman of the meeting and M. Teefy, J.P., acted as secretary. The motion made by P. Dixon and seconded by Col. David Bridgford was that, "whereas the inhabitants of Richmond Hill are contributing annually to the townships without receiving adequate benefit, and conceiving that the village would be the better for incorporation, be it Resolved that the necessary steps be taken, &c.", that a notice be inserted in the 'York Ridings Gazette' for one month with a view to the incorporation of the village as directed by Statute.

All the efforts to obtain incorporation in 1857 failed because several of the advocates wanted to have the northernmost boundary at Elgin Mills thus taking in more territory than the law would allow.

The next attempt in 1872 began when a petition of almost all the ratepayers in the village was brought before County Council by Erastus Jackson of Newmarket. On June 18 it passed through its several stages without going into committee and was granted.

The first election in January, 1873 gave the following council: Abraham Law, Reeve; Messrs. Warren, Powell, Hopkins and Brillinger, council-

ors. At a special meeting on April 30, 1874 a motion was passed that a petition be drawn up to the House of Commons asking for an act to place us in the West Riding of York, but by a redistribution about 1885 the franchise for the Ontario Legislature was transferred to the East Riding.

At the time of our incorporation Mathew Teefy was appointed clerk. He was well liked and apparently a very well read man and very learned. It is said that many came to him for advice in any matter and he was considered by council so well read in Municipal Law that his services were sometimes used instead of those of a solicitor.

The most important business transacted in the second year of incorporation was in the amount of money coming to the municipality from the townships from which it had seceded and also a share of the Municipal Loan Fund, from the Ontario Government. The first was a portion of the Clergy Reserves allotted in years past to the municipalities. Markham had spent theirs in roads but Vaughan had wisely invested theirs so that it yielded an annual interest. In the settlement Richmond Hill received \$1450 which was paid in cash and debentures.

In Sir Oliver Mowat's settlement of the Municipal Loan question, all newly formed municipalities received a share. Our share was based on the census that formed us into a municipality, as taken by Commissioner Trench in 1872, 785 inhabitants at \$2 a head, a total of \$1570 with accrued interests. This money was invested by the council who followed the example of Vaughan township. It was invested in securities, for educational purposes, part of the interest of which lessened the school rate annually, and part was used for village purposes.

CANADA'S WAR EFFORT

FINANCE: Arrangements have been made for the redemption on October 1st, 1940, of Dominion of Canada registered stock 1940-60. It is outstanding in the amount of \$19,300,000, against which there is a sinking fund of £2,463,000, leaving a net amount of \$16,837,000 or \$74,900,000 at the current rate of exchange. The ultimate effect of this operation, since it involves the repatriation of a Canadian security now held by British investors, will be that Canadian dollars to the amount will be made available to the United Kingdom for the purchase of supplies in Canada.

MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY: Mr. H. R. McMillan of Vancouver has been appointed Timber Controller. His duty will be to administer the timber resources of Canada on behalf of the Government in the manner best calculated to assist the war effort. He will work closely with the United Kingdom timber controller. Mr. McMillan is well-known throughout the country by virtue of the magnitude of his operations from British Columbia in the export and interior lumber business.

Work is already proceeding on the two large munition projects announced last week. These are being developed in association with the British Government. One of these, an \$8,000,000 establishment, is a shell filling plant which will come into production about six months hence and will employ 2,500 men. Construction work on the new explosives plant which was to have been erected jointly with the British and French Governments has also begun. This plant will employ upwards of 2,000 men and will be completed by the British Government at a cost of \$12,000,000.

Substantial additions to the projected capacity of shell plants now in production have been ordered, while machine tool manufacturers have been instructed to increase the capacity of their plants without delay. Other work to augment the output of the Dominion on essential military supplies is going forward rapidly. The nature and extent of these works is not officially disclosed.

WITH THE FORCES: Official figures of the Department of National Defence place the total of men under arms and in uniform in the Canadian forces at 113,593. Of this number 26,087 are now stationed outside Canada in Great Britain, Iceland, the West Indies and Newfoundland. In Canada 64,656 are in the army, 7,256 in the Navy and 15,594 in the Air Force.

In addition to the 30,000 men now

being recruited for the Third and Fourth Divisions of the C.A.S.F. and other units, authorization was given to provide for 40,000 more.

Compulsory training for all Canadians, physically fit and between the ages of eighteen and forty-five has been made law by act of Parliament. Every Canadian in this group will have the opportunity and the obligation to join the militia service of Canada for purposes of home defence. Overseas service will continue to be on a voluntary basis.

The Canadian Army is today much richer in binoculars following a gratifying response of Canadian citizens to an appeal for these instruments by the Department of National Defence. The response exceeded expectations and ran into many hundreds of serviceable binoculars.

During the past week Hon. Col. Allan Angus Magee, D.S.O., E.D., K.C., of Montreal, was appointed executive assistant to the Minister of National Defence. He will be used to assist in the mobilization and training of personnel now being recruited and those to be mobilized under the National Resources Mobilization Act. Col. Magee saw distinguished service both in Canada and abroad during the Great War. He has always taken great interest in militia matters, especially in the Officers Training Corps of McGill University.

Matron Emma F. Pense, R.R.C., a distinguished Great War nursing sister and formerly Matron of the Permanent Force, R.C.A.M.C., is in England now as Matron-in-chief of Canadian Nursing Sisters overseas.

Training of the Infantry Reserve Companies of the Veterans' Home Guard will be carried out along the same lines as for the Non-Permanent Active Militia, according to orders sent out to District Officers Commanding by the Department of National Defence. No uniforms will be issued, but a distinctive arm band will be worn by the men when on duty. Training equipment will be furnished by the N.P.A.M.

Progress of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan was noted in the announcement of the establishment of bombing and gunnery schools at Picton, Ontario, and Daffoe, Sask. Each school ultimately will have more than 60 aircraft and 900 staff and pupils. Responsibility for operating No. 4 Elementary Training School at Windsor Mills was charged to the Windsor Mills Elementary Flying Training School, Limited, a company sponsored by members of the Montreal Light Aeroplane Club. The school opened on June 24th. R.C.A.F. supplied

fifteen Tiger Moths or Fleet Finches for training. Twelve other aircraft will be made available early next month.

Commander Eustace Brock, R.C. N.V.R., A.D.C., has been appointed to the Admiralty in London as Liaison Officer with the members of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve now serving with units of the Royal Navy. He was formerly Controller of Naval Information at Naval Service Headquarters in Ottawa. Lieutenant John Farrow succeeds Commander Brock at the Ottawa headquarters.

JOHN WILLIS

John Willis, a resident of the 6th concession of King, died suddenly at his home on Thursday, June 20. Mr. Willis, husband of the former Christina Cruickshank, was in his 56th year. Funeral services on Saturday, June 22nd, conducted at the home by the Rev. Douglas Davis of King, were followed by interment in King cemetery.

Mrs. A. Evans of Woodbridge observed her 83rd birthday on Sunday, June 23rd. To celebrate the occasion Mrs. Evans journeyed to Toronto to visit members of her family. She's a native of Wales and came to Canada about 53 years ago. She was the mother of 14 children and now lives with one of her daughters Mrs. G. W. Shaw, Pine St. We join with her many friends in extending congratulations.

Approximately one hundred and fifty persons attended the Dibb family's 20th annual reunion at George Dibb's farm, Vaughan township, last week. The family are descendants of Thomas and George Dibb, pioneer Kleinburg district farmers.

KING CITY

A Street Dance will be held in King City on Wednesday, August 7. Further notice later.

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MARNIE-LOWRY

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Runnymede, Toronto, was the scene of a quiet wedding when Lillian Lowry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lowry of Minto, Manitoba, became the bride of Henry Arthur Marnie, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Marnie of Thistleton. The Rev. E. Morley officiated and wedding music was played by Mrs. R. Simes.

Given in marriage by her brother, Harold Lowry, the bride was attended by her niece, Miss Audrey Lowry, William Marnie, brother of the groom, was best man. Relatives and immediate friends of the couple were guests at a reception held at the home of the bride's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lowry. Following a short wedding trip the couple will reside at Mount Dennis.

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