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LIONS APPEAL DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT

The Lions Carnival and Street Dance which will be held early next month is the one major appeal of the Richmond Hill Service Club for public support.

At its June meeting the Club decided that while devoting all possible energy to war work, as many as possible of the welfare activities would be continued.

Lions Club service work offers every citizen an opportunity to help these worthy causes, and lend a hand to the underprivileged.

Everyone can help by buying a ticket. Even those who are the fortunate ones to win the lucky number prizes this year will be helping Canada's War Effort as all prizes will be given in War Savings Certificates.

The Club asks that everyone help, not only by buying tickets but by selling them to their friends. Books of tickets are available at The Liberal Office and if you will sell one, or part of one it will be greatly appreciated.

The cause for which this Lions' appeal is made is most worthy, and we trust that as in the past the response of the people of the district will be generous.

WHY THE BRITISH WILL WIN

An excellent reason why Britain and the Dominions, aided by those of her allies who are still fighting, will in the end win the war, is given in a dispatch to the Christian Science Monitor by its European editorial manager, Mallory Browne.

After declaring that France had failed to foresee and prepare for the new German technique in attack, Mr. Browne goes on to make the very interesting observation that when the front was broken and the army demoralized, the French political and military leaders, who are pre-eminently logical in their thinking, made up their minds that defeat was inevitable and that therefore the only thing to do was to seek an armistice.

The British in the same circumstances would have reacted altogether differently, says Mr. Browne. They are not logical. They refuse to listen to reason. They rely on instinct, and their instinct has always told them that they could not possibly be beaten, since they never had been, and that the only thing to do was to fight on.

That is just what happened after the Belgian king betrayed them in Flanders. The Germans had surrounded the British Expeditionary force on three sides and the sea was at their backs. A greatly superior air force was bombing them constantly, tanks and armored cars were attacking furiously, parachutists dropping behind their lines, and multitudes of fresh German troops were harassing them from every angle.

Logically perhaps the British should now admit that the Germans have the upper hand. Some of our American friends, notably ex-President Hoover and Senator Key Pittman, apparently take it for granted that Hitler will finish his work, but they do not know the British. Heavy odds only inspire greater determination in the breasts of the Anglo-Saxons.

"Real and complete victory will come because the British people are inspired by burning faith in their own high ideals and by a determination to set them up again in places where, for the time being, those ideals have been beaten down.

NOBLE WORDS

With the war news, good or bad, read these noble words of His Majesty the King:—"Put into your task, whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshaken. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips, and our heads held high, and with God's help we shall not fail."

ACT YOUR AGE

One of the quickest ways to spoil the effects of a holiday this summer is to take exercise too strenuously, warns the Health League of Canada, in a bulletin issued this week. Rest is quite as important as exercise.

LOOKING BACKWARD

A WEEKLY GLIMPSE AT LOCAL HISTORY

By Paul L. Fox

Looking over the aged and weather worn tombstones in our cemetery we come across one which the lines of time have wrought with mold. The tombstone of Benjamin Barnard our first school master...

Previous to the introduction of the common school system the children had a very slim chance of gaining even the bare rudiments of an education. The school term lasted only through the winter months until sugar making time.

The first school was held in a deserted settlement duty house with pine blocks for desks and an earthen floor. The books were few and elementary. They were usually shoved along from one pupil to another until the lesson was finished.

North York. Not only used as a school house it served as a church, a town hall and several times as a community hall.

Mr. Barnard was our first public paid school master at twelve dollars per quarter and board round... which meant two weeks with a family. He not only had the job of schoolmaster but he also made a very efficient truant officer for he

was actively interested in the education of the young.

An Englishman by birth, he was intensely interested in forwarding British ideals such as was mentioned in the naming of the village, also he was well known for the erection of his British Flag Staff.

Possessed of a liberal education his services were often sought, gentlemanly in his deportment he was always ready to oblige. He married Maria Eugenia, daughter of Mr. John Stegman and resided in this district till his death in 1831.

The Colonial Advocate published by Wm. Lyon McKenzie spoke of him as "a man highly respected by all who knew him". No one could appreciate the hardships a pioneer teacher would have to undergo. The parents not always appreciative... the children not always receptive and one or the other always suspicious.

Truly a pioneer such as this deserves credit for what he has done in the formation of better families, organized lives lead intelligently, all towards the betterment of the individual, the family, the country, yes, a more intelligent existence for even the world.

Views of Others on Timely Topics

Keep Your Chin Up!

Don't give way to despair, no matter how dark the situation may be. Be of good courage, ready to die if need be to defend the Empire, and as it is often heard here and everywhere: Keep your chin up.—Shawinigan Falls Standard, Que.

Canada Another Britain

Without undue optimism, we may confidently anticipate the day when Britain will "evacuate" not only its children but its industries and a large part of its population. Capital will come, too, as well as the native genius of the Briton for self-government, his good humour, his culture and above all his innate respect for law and high standards of public morality... Perhaps the poet was more prophetic even than we knew when he said: "Westward the course of empire takes its way."—Three Rivers Chronicle, Que.

Vocational Training Timely

The announcement that a huge training plan will be undertaken to provide skilled labour makes an epoch in the social and economic life of Canada. It should include women as well as men and should reach into all sections of the country and all classes of society... The decay of the apprentice system brought about by the machine has forced the new plan upon us. Hitherto, boys leaving school were left to shift for themselves. This will be replaced by a system whereby vocational training will be provided so that when a boy leaves school he will naturally take his place in the national economy. To make it successful, the economic side should not be overlooked. The State should come to the aid of parents and provide some remuneration during the apprenticeship period, and thus lighten the burden on the family.—Petrolia Advertiser-Topic, Ont.

A Grave Responsibility

Canada is big enough to care for many thousands of (refugee) children and her people are anxious to relieve the burdens of the Motherland and also assure these youngsters a haven of refuge from German bombs... The care of these children is one of the biggest jobs Canadians will be asked to undertake. On the surface it would appear to be very simple, but the undertaking is going to tax the ability of the best organisers available. Nothing can be left to chance.—Sherbrooke Telegram, Que.

Return Guaranteed

Those 5000 tons of bombs cap-

tured by the British on an Italian ship will be delivered to the consignees — by Air Mail!—Gore Bay Recorder, Ont.

Loyalty From Foreign-born

If people of other nationalities are expecting to make this country their adopted one, and live under British rule and protection, then it is their duty to help in every way possible to see that an Allied victory is assured.—Wakaw Recorder, Sask.

Pride in British Citizenship

These are days when one feels a thrill of pride in British citizenship. Sternly and methodically, if sometimes slowly, the vast might of the Empire is being mobilized, and Hitler and his jackal, Mussolini, are facing what will eventually be the knell of their hopes of world domination.—Delhi News-Record, Ont.

Educational Changes Needed

It is now realised by educational leaders and students, and is beginning to seep into the public consciousness, that both the high schools and universities may fail in their missions unless some important changes are made in the curricula of both... The committee (of the Manitoba Educational Association) found that while the courses of study in the high schools were designed to make these institutions preparatory schools for university courses, comparatively few of the students reach the universities, and that, because of this fact, the preponderantly large number who complete their formal education in high schools are not being fitted to take their place in the business life of the community when they leave school.—Alameda Dispatch, Sask.

More than 124 attended the 12th annual Jefferson family reunion at Ebenezer last week. Officers named for the coming year included Mrs. George Gunn, Stouffville, president; Miss Marion Divell, Islington, secretary; Mr. and Mrs. L. Jefferson, Malton, Mrs. C. Dennison, Port Credit, Mrs. Fred Jefferson, Mount Dennis, Mrs. Allen Pengelly and Miss Grace Rowe, Toronto.

Bob Plunkett, well known district farmer, who lives about a mile west of Woodbridge, suffered a fractured heel bone in an unusual farm accident Monday night. Bringing in a load of hay, Mr. Plunkett jumped when the load toppled before a high wind. He was treated by Dr. W. E. Berry and removed to Brampton hospital. Tuesday members of the family reported the leg would probably be kept in a cast for about three months.

Defence Ministers Pledge Themselves To Untiring Effort

Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence has sent this message to the officers and men of Canada's Naval, Military and Air Forces:

"I have just taken over the post of Minister of National Defence. My colleague, the Minister of National Defence for Air, and the Honourable A. L. MacDonald, Minister Designate of National Defence for Naval Services, joins with me in sending you this message. We are workers together in the biggest task which Canada has ever undertaken. World conditions make it impossible to tell with any certainty what lies ahead of us. No man can foretell what will be required of this nation. Our job is to be prepared for whatever may come. The foundation of that preparation is physical fitness and discipline and training in the basic principles of the fighting services. Then with that foundation, training in any arm of any special branch can be readily added. The Department of National Defence must spare no effort to provide the personnel and manpower. The task of providing equipment is not being allowed to lag for a moment. The abrupt cutting off of major sources of supply and the greatly increased requirements which the changes in the last two months have called for are making tremendous demands on purely Canadian production." "We ask everybody to make the very best use of the things we have and to use their brains and ingenuity to improve and keep going at full speed even when complete supplies are not available. We did that in the last war and we can do it again. We know that every officer and man will work as he has never worked before. The enemy works Sundays and holidays as well as week days, and nights as well as days. And so shall we because victory depends directly on the untiring energy and effort of us all. Major Power, Mr. MacDonald and I pledge you the very best we can give in this great undertaking."

Schomberg Entrance Results

Helen Abbott (H), Nora Cabell, Allan Cutting, Irene Davis, Kathleen Duggan, Donald Grant, Pauline Hanlon (H), Tineke Kuiper, Grant Long, Arthur Ludlow, Bernard McCabe, Bridget McGrade, Glyn Moody, Patrick Moran, Helen Ollikainen (H), Harold Stubbs, Kathleen West, Frances Wilson, Joyce Wood.

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