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"GOD BLESS THE CANADIANS"

A letter appearing in a London newspaper recently ended with the words, "God bless the Canadians." It was one of many communications appearing in the newspapers of England these days expressing gratitude to the Canadian Red Cross Society for its contributions of food, clothing and blankets to air-raid victims.

The letter, written by an official of the Charity Organization, official society handling relief in the distressed areas, said, "It was not only that the Canadian Red Cross supplies were just what we needed, but they reached us when the need was greatest. The people of Canada should know that their generosity has saved the lives of babies who might have suffered sadly from cold and hunger and it has given thousands of people a fresh start. God bless the Canadians."

One story is quoted as typical of the cases assisted by the Canadian Red Cross. In one of London's working class districts, mothers put their children to sleep in concrete shelters. They were wrapped warmly in blankets sent from Canada. A bomb landed above, blew in the doors and walls. There were casualties and bad bruises and cuts. Escape seemed impossible, but finally the little company was pulled out by brave A.R.P. workers while bombs were still dropping and pieces of steel were flying around.

A greater shock faced the family. The row of houses that had been their home had been completely demolished. The women and children spent the night at a school. In the morning they were told to go to a nearby centre to collect clothing for themselves and the children. It was Canadian Red Cross clothing that stood ready in bundles. Every mother remarked on its good quality. One woman, the wife of a builder, remarked frankly, "These are the best clothing my children have ever had."

Many have been the comments on the use being made of Canadian Red Cross blankets, donated by the people of Canada, in London's safe but uncomfortable draughty undergrounds. Canadian Red Cross officials have been working day and night filling the demands which continue to pour in as families are left homeless and with no belongings but the clothes they stand in.

AN EMPIRE AT WAR

Britain's great colonial empire is mobilising its strength in the battle for freedom. Everywhere is keen desire to enlist in the Army, Navy or Air Force. Round the Seven Seas, British colonies are providing supplies indispensable to war effort. By the end of August 1940, total cash contributions from the peoples of the Colonial Empire to the general war effort were approximately 75 cents per head from the sixty million colonial peoples.

In a fleet of lorries, a contingent from the Northern Rhodesia regiment made a mechanised "safari" of 2,000 miles from Lusaka to Nairobi in East Africa.

Two-fifths of the total male European population of Kenya had enlisted in the East African forces as long ago as last May.

Uganda has formed a local defence force, with central officers' training school and army motor driving school.

The Tanganyika Naval Volunteer Force and the Tanganyika Air Defence are cooperating in coastal defence. Nigeria has compulsory military training for Europeans up to the age of 40.

In Hong Kong all British residents of military age are enrolled in the Colony's defence forces.

In both the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States, British Europeans have either volunteered or been called up under special legislation.

In Mauritius, the territorial force has been re-organized. Skilled tradesmen have been recruited for service in the Middle East.

Cyprus had the distinction of providing the first unit of colonial troops to arrive in France.

Both Jews and Arabs in Palestine have enlisted in great numbers.

Volunteer forces in Bermuda were called up and expanded at the beginning of the war.

In Trinidad, five times the number of men needed have applied for enlistment in the R.N.V.R.

HORTICULTURISTS MERIT SUPPORT

The Richmond Hill Horticultural Society which next week plans a Bridge and Euchre to raise funds for the work of the organization merits the support of the community. Beautification projects in recent years include the improvement of the town park, flower beds at the Municipal Hall, and the attractive boulevard at the south entrance of the village. In addition to these very apparent improvements the Society has done much to add to the attractiveness of the community by fostering an interest in flowers and home beautification. Even in the stress of war time we must endeavour to keep active such organizations as the Horticultural Society. If they are to keep up the good work they must have the financial support of the people of the community.

PEOPLE MUST DECIDE ISSUE

There is no need to wait on the people to present petitions for a vote on the question as to whether the municipal councils to be elected in January shall serve one year or two. The people undoubtedly have the right to choose, and the councils should give them that right without the necessity of petitions being circulated. Provision should be made in every municipality for a vote on the issue.—Midland Free Press.

BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

War Savings Stamps on sale at the Banks, Post Offices and many places of business offer a splendid opportunity for citizens to make systematic savings and at the same time help in supplying the money to carry on the war against Hitlerism.

King City District News

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Riddell at York County Hospital on October 4th (nee Muriel Thorpe)

On October 10, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wideman of Markham (nee Ruth Jennings)

On Tuesday, October 22, a congratulatory party will be given for Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barker of Temperanceville in McDonald & Wells Hall, King, the occasion celebrating their recent marriage. All are welcome for cards and dancing.

The Birthday Banquet given by King Women's Institute last week in McDonald & Wells' Hall was quite successful and a happy occasion for all.

The hall and tables were decorated in the high colours of autumn leaves and flowers. Mrs. R. Walker, the president, was toast-mistress. Toasts were given by Mrs. C. Stewart and Mrs. W. Rolling and replied by Mrs. C. Marchant of Schomberg and Rev. D. G. Davis. Mrs. Blanche Stone-Proctor gave fine vocal solos. In her remarks, Mrs. Marchant, District Secretary, explained that King City W.I. stood first in its war work of the North York Institutes. Mayor J. M. Walton of Aurora spoke on Historical Research, touching on local interest and the building up of family self respect in the study of local history.

He congratulated the W.I. on its great effort for the general welfare and uplift in the lives of the ordinary people. "The ordinary housewife," he explained, "constitutes the soul of the community. Outside the church, no organization does more for our people than the Women's Institutes. Mrs. Wells McDonald was responsible for the excellent conviviality of the banquet table and she also made the birthday cake which was served to the guests. Her daughter, Beth McDonald, made the artistic place cards. Serving the dinner were Misses Evelyn Wilson, Beth McDonald and Dorothy Armstrong. Mrs. Rawlings ably presided at the piano. Miss Elizabeth Tinline received many callers on October 10th, the occasion of her 93rd birthday. Many beautiful flowers, cards and gifts were received and all day the gracious hostess received old friends. Among these was Miss Selina Robinson of Maple, herself an honourable age. Miss Tinline performed these honours unassisted, capable to the last degree, in her hospitable home, and it was not until late in the evening that she gently closed the birthday door on the last of her callers.

On Sunday, October 13th, Mrs. Elizabeth Keffer celebrated her 89th birthday at her niece's, Mrs. T. B. Smeltzer's at Laskay. A family dinner party at noon, more guests at the tea hour and in the evening made the day a full one. The candles on the birthday cake given by her niece, Mrs. Ash, counted up to 89. Mrs. Keffer received many presents and cards and felicitations from friends in other parts. She is quite well and continues as usual with her expert piecing and quilt making.

Rev. Dr. Gordon Agnew, West China, will be the preacher on October 20th at Laskay United Church W.M.S. anniversary day; on Oct. 23 a hot fowl supper and excellent variety program from talented members of Fairlawn United Church, Toronto.

On October 20th Nobleton Anglican Church will observe Thanksgiving Services with Rev. Dr. K. C. Evans, Ph.D., of Trinity College, as preacher.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Interesting War Sidelights

Women in France are forbidden to use make-up of any kind — this in the country which has sent powder and lipstick all over the world.

Pilfers of Britain's bombers, like their aircraft, are in the news. Bristol Aeroplane Company, makers of Blenheim bombers which wreak havoc in Germany and enemy-occupied territories every night, have increased their trading profit by \$1,346,920 in the past business year — but their shareholders are actually worse off. For the Government takes all the increase and an additional \$220,000 as well, in Excess Profits Duty.

Germans can't even use soap with safety nowadays. The newspaper Boersen Zeitung prints a warning by the President of the Berlin police cautioning people against mixing "sawa", an ersatz (substitute) soap with hot water because it explodes!

British soldiers now get an extra sixpence (12c.) per day, increasing their daily pay to about 57 cents. This makes the British Tommy the highest paid European soldier, but still far behind Dominion soldiers (Canada, \$1.30 daily; New Zealand, \$1.35; Australia, \$1.27).

Shock from a bomb explosion restored to J. Brooker, an ex-soldier, the sight he lost in the last war. His first act after regaining his eyesight was to do the shopping for his wife who became seriously ill as a result of the same bombing.

The R.A.F. ace pilot, Flight-Lieutenant Robert Voas Jeff, who was the first British pilot to down a Nazi bomber in France, has just been officially posted as missing. The news arrived just a week after he had received the Distinguished Flying Cross and bar, and 11 days before his wedding date. His uncle, Col. Douglas Thompson, D.S.O., M.C., is a prisoner of war in Germany, as also is the colonel's son.

Searching investigation is being made in various parts of Britain about reports of light signals being flashed from the ground to airplanes just before bombs are dropped. One flashed from a room in a London block of flats overlooking an important railway line. The occupant was found to be a German refugee who arrived from Berlin little more than a year ago.

Keep your chin up — there'll always be an England.

TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS IN ARREARS OF TAXES

By virtue of a warrant issued by the Reeve of the Township of Markham dated the 19th day of August, 1940, and to me directed, commanding me to proceed with the collection of arrears of taxes, together with the fees and expenses, I hereby give notice that the list of lands liable to be sold has been prepared, and is being published in the Ontario Gazette under the date of September 7th, 1940, and that, unless the said arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, I shall, on the 11th day of December, 1940, proceed to sell the said lands to discharge the said arrears of taxes and the charges thereon.

The sale will be held on the above date at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the Township Hall, Unionville.

The adjourned sale, if one is necessary, will be held on Thursday, 26th day of December, 1940, at the same hour and the same place. Copies of said list may be had at my office.

CHARLES HOOVER, Township Treasurer. Dated at Unionville, August 19th, 1940.

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MINOR EXCHANGE PROBLEM If any members of the Bank of Canada or the Foreign Exchange Control Board are sufficiently pliant to use toothpicks, we have a problem for them. Next time they are in one of the Canadian National hotels, we suggest they look carefully at the paper wrapper in which the toothpicks are encased. It says, "Canadian National System" on one side. But, on the other side, it says, "Printed in U.S.A."—(From the Windsor Daily Star.)

IT WASN'T FAIR It was the time Bobbie saw his first football match. When he got home his mother asked him how he liked it. "It was good and it was funny," he said. "So you thought it was good?" "Yes. I liked watching the twenty-two men kicking the ball about." "But what was funny about it?" she asked him. "The little man who ran all over the place whistling and shouting because he couldn't get a kick at the ball."