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KNOCK-OUT FOR TWO YEAR TERM

Congratulations to the electors who turned out Monday and delivered a knock-out blow to the two year term. However the satisfactory verdict reflects no credit on those who stayed at home. Less than one hundred and fifty out of over nine hundred eligible voters in Richmond Hill thought it worth while to go to the polls to indicate their wish regarding an important municipal question. The two year term was almost unanimously voted down, but the certainty of the outcome is a poor excuse for the small vote.

Best government is obtained by an electorate alive to the responsibilities of democracy. An electorate alive to the responsibilities of democracy does not overlook the responsibility of the franchise.

In Vaughan the showing was a little better. Vaughan electors had the incentive of a council contest added to the two year term vote to bring them out. At that less than one quarter of those eligible to vote marked their ballots.

Lagging interest in municipal affairs is not a healthy sign, and unfortunately the apathy is not confined to this district but is general throughout Ontario.

To the electors who measured up to their responsibilities as voters and went to the polls on Monday we extend our congratulations. That the right of annual elections is retained for the people is due to their interest and good citizenship.

WATCH OUT FOR SHYSTERS

Always during any time of patriotic excitement, and particularly during a war, there are hundreds who seek to cash in on such fervor. With men away, as they are in many cases now with the fighting forces, such men seek to prey on the wives and families. Others seek to take advantage of patriotic impulses and raise funds, most of which seem to move in one general direction, the pockets of the promoters. That is what A. R. Haskell, general manager of the Toronto Better Business Bureau, says of such shysters.

"Mothers, wives and sweethearts of enlisted men are particularly being preyed upon at the present time with various forms of rackets disguised under all manner of fake patriotic pretexts. Dimes and dollars are continuing to pour into the hands of hundreds of schemers who are masquerading, during the critical period of our history, under the guise of patriotism. While the public is only too happy to contribute to worthy causes, these slick and sly individuals are waxing fat on the proceeds of their fraudulent schemes. Interested only in the satisfaction of their own avarice, they leave a trail of anguish and financial loss behind them as a result of their nefarious operations."

ARE WE DOING OUR BIT IN OUR WAR EFFORT?

Are we in Canada, so far untouched by the grim realities of warfare and its daily bombings as in England, just as conscious of the effort we must put into preparation to bring this war to a successful conclusion as we should be? Are we not riding along enjoying most serenely the good fortune that provided an ocean between us and warfare's dread reality? It is more than possible that we all have our parts to play.

Are we lending our dollars to the Dominion as we might? True some of us have bought war bonds, but are we buying regularly those smaller issues of War Savings Stamps?

Everyone may help in this way with a minimum of sacrifice. If four million men, women and children would buy a War Savings Stamp a week, it would provide \$1,000,000 a week for our government to use in squipping and providing for our armed forces.

Go out and buy a War Saving Stamp a week. And if you want to be even more patriotic, tear it up and make your quarter a gift to win the war.

THE FLAG STILL FLIES

Hitler intended that the British Empire be destroyed before the end of 1940. Prisoners of war in Canadian Camps have boasted that winter preparations were unnecessary as they would be free ere the New Year. We are now in 1941, the Union Jack still flies, our ships still travel the seas keeping open the life-line of the Empire, and we have hope and confidence that ultimate victory will be complete.

The immediate task is to fight to the last ounce of our strength and resources — and if we do, we will win. Share in the victory, by sharing in the war effort now.

THE VOICE OF BRITAIN

The man whose voice has become known as the radio find of 1940, J. B. Priestley, will continue to be heard in 1941 as a member of the speaking group regularly presented over the CBC national network at 11.15 p.m. EDST. This is the feature, "Britain Speaks", produced by the BBC and rebroadcast in this country as a nightly programme from Ottawa.

Mr. Priestley, who long since gained international fame as a writer and lecturer and who last year became one of the best known personalities of the air, is heard Sundays and Tuesdays in this series. Leslie Howard, the British film and stage star who went home from Hollywood when war broke out, speaks for Britain on Mondays. Sir Philip Joubert, eminent authority on defense matters, gives his informative report on Wednesdays. William Holt, the Yorkshire weaver who has travelled all over the world and learned the ways of man and the things that touch his heart, brings fresh courage and new spirit on Thursdays. Two excellent speakers take alternate Friday nights for their reports on economic and military affairs. They are Philip Noel Baker and David Bowes-Lyon, the latter a brother of Her Majesty, the Queen.

In the United States, where "Britain Speaks" is regularly heard, the programme is pronounced one of the best in the BBC Empire and overseas services. The feature is scheduled in Canada each night except Saturday, at 11.15 p.m. EDST and is followed immediately by that other internationally popular British broadcast, the BBC Radio News Reel, which brings heartening last-minute news of the Island Kingdom, at 11.30 p.m. EDST.

Thornhill United Church News

The Parsonage, Thornhill, Ont.,
Monday, Jan. 6th, 1941.

Were you at our Hymn-Sing and Fellowship Period last Sunday night? If you were not, then you missed one of the happiest occasions of the New Year thus far; we hope you will be present on the next occasion. These hymn-sings will be held every Sunday in the Church immediately following the evening service, unless otherwise announced, and the meetings are open to anyone and everyone, age, creed and race regardless, so come join us, and have a good time—the kind of a good time which will not leave you depleted in resources and nervous energy but with a glow of happiness and well-being instead—possessed of an inspiration and an inner strength which will carry you through the week as never before, and in anticipation of the next one! What, as good as all that? Well, that is up to you to find out; come and see for yourself, and don't take our word for it, or anyone else's! It is not saying too much, however, to say that we really do have a grand time together, and a most worthwhile time. We sing hymns of all kinds, old and new, from the 'Golden Bells' and from the Hymnary, hymns of your own choosing, hymns for young and old, hymns suitable for every occasion, and how we love to sing them! We sing away our blues, if we have any! We sing away our distresses, we sing, we SING—and we sing our way into happiness and goodwill, into the love of God and our fellow-men. And although we sing because we love to sing, and we find that it does our souls good, that is not all we do, for we read poetry, we pray, we read the Bible, and we THINK! But mostly, we sing! Won't you come and join us? Let's get acquainted, and be neighbourly! Let's do our bit to keep our community one big family in happy fellowship, cordial relationships and sympathetic understanding and neighbourliness! Remember, our regular services of worship are at 11 and 7, and we plan them carefully and do try to make them helpful and worthwhile, but it may be that you do not find it possible to be in attendance, and perhaps you don't like the sermons. Well, in that case, come and try the after-service; Henry Giles once said, "A song will outlive all sermons in the memory. 'Maybe so, and here's your chance to prove it! Be that as it may, we do, in all sincerity and earnestness, urge and invite you to come and worship with us, or, failing that, to come and join with us in our period of fellowship and hymn-singing. It will not be time wasted."

Last Sunday evening, following about half an hour of singing the hymns of your choosing, we talked about life's beginnings, and God; those of you who were there will remember our considerations along these lines, but for those of you who were not, let it be said that we concluded our period of study and fellowship with a thoughtful reading and hearing of the Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada as regards God; that statement of faith is as follows, and we suggest that you cut it out and keep it, along with all other statements which will follow, until you have the complete article, giving the substance of the faith of the United Church of Canada:
I:—GOD. We believe in God, the eternal personal Spirit, Creator and Upholder of all things.
We believe that God, as sovereign Lord exalted above the world, orders and overrules all things in it to the accomplishment of His holy, wise and good purposes.
We believe that God made man to love and serve Him; that He cares for him as a righteous and compassionate Father; and that nothing can either quench His love or finally defeat His gracious purpose for man.
So we acknowledge God as Creator, Upholder, and Sovereign Lord of all things, and the righteous and loving Father of men.
Big things planned for Easter! It is not too soon to start right now looking forward with anticipation to the wonderful joys peculiar to the Easter season, with its promise of better things to be, its assurance of immortality, and all the other blessed influences of the Eastertide. To add to the joy and inspiration of the occasion, we are going to have some very special services, such as among others, an illustrated lecture which will carry on from where we left off at Christmas time (those of you who were there will remember), and, on Easter Sunday night, the glorious Cantata, Darkness and Dawn. For this last-named special feature the Choir is already being

prepared, and we can assure you that this service will indeed be outstanding and of a highly inspirational and worshipful character. For that matter, so will this be true of every service, and all that we are trying to do is to arouse your interest and anticipation, secure your attendance and be sure of your support in this community of those things which our Church is trying to do, and for those values for which the Church and Christianity stand. We would like to know that what we are trying to do for this community, (and this goes for all ministers), for your children and yourselves, as regards the building of Christlike character and the creation of an upright citizenship, is understood and appreciated; our best evidence of your appreciation and support is seen in your gifts of time, talent and possessions in the worship of God and the service of His Kingdom.

It is wonderful to have the faith that there are some things in this world which cannot be shaken, some values which are permanent, because they are eternally true. We have just been listening to the address of President Roosevelt to the American Congress, and in the course of his remarks he said that he believes, as all of democratic citizenship must believe, in the "justice of morality", and that morality WILL TRIUMPH! These are heartening words to the people of this hemisphere, and especially so when they come from the lips of the leader of a truly great nation. He said that the strength of the nation is found in the unity of purpose in its subjects, and that, because they are united in purpose and in will, that for which they stand and to which they give their support, as they keep themselves under the guidance of God, be certain of success. Reminds us of a story: A short man wanted to drive a nail in a wall to carry a big picture. He stood on a chair; he was not high enough. His wife put on a small box and, balancing himself precariously, he began to give the nail hesitating taps with his hammer. His wife said, "Why don't you give a brave blow or two and settle it?" He replied, "How can a man give a brave blow or two when he is standing on a foundation like this?" And so it is in this present crisis for democracy. Whether it will survive or not depends upon the foundation on which it stands. If, as President Roosevelt suggested, it stands on the will of God, then the blows it gives in its own defence will "settle" the matter once and for all. God's will is Democracy's salvation, and that fact is being brought home to thinking people more clearly with the passing of each month.

The following story appeared in a German newspaper: A Christian and a Russian were talking about the question of Communism. Finally, the Russian said, "One of the weaknesses of Communism is that it has no continuous ideal running through the years. For awhile we are loyal to Lenin, and now we are loyal to Stalin. In a few years we shall have to shift our loyalty gears again. 'What we need is someone like, say, that man Lincoln, who can live through the years.'" "But," said the Christian, "You can't have a Lincoln, for you have no slaves. Why don't you take Buddha?" "Ah, he doesn't appeal to those who work. He won't do." "Why not Confucius?" "He never worked; he won't do." "Why not take Jesus? He worked in a carpenter's shop." The Russian thought a moment and then said, "Jesus would do. He would meet every need if it would not be for the fact that he has not been very successful with you!" This argument is like the one used by the soap-maker who was out walking with an old-country clergyman. Said the soap-maker: "The gospel you preach hasn't done much good, for there's still a lot of wickedness and wicked people." The preacher made no immediate reply, but they soon passed a child making mud pies. He was exceedingly dirty! It was now the preacher's turn, and so he said: "Soap hasn't done much good in the world, I see; there's still much dirt and many dirty people."

"Oh well," answered the manufacturer, "soap is only useful when it's applied."

"Exactly," was the minister's reply; "so it is with the gospel we proclaim!"

And with this little poem, and a "thought for the week", we will close and say goodbye until next time, hoping that ours will be the pleasure of having some of you with

Obituary

MRS. T. BORDEN

A native of Kettleby, King township, Mrs. Thomas J. Borden died on Saturday, December 28th in Toronto. Mrs. Borden, who was in her 82nd year, had lived in Toronto for 30 years. She was the former Elmira Margaret Devitt. Surviving her is her husband.

On Monday afternoon funeral services conducted at the Toronto home by the Rev. Trevor Davies, were followed by interment in Kettleby Cemetery.

DR. V. A. McDONOUGH

Dr. Vincent A. McDonough, chief of medicine at St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, died suddenly there on Saturday, December 28th. Dr. McDonough was born at Kleinburg and members of the family still live in the Nashville area. He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1910, practising in Toronto since that time. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Anthony's church.

Surviving him are his widow, the former Eileen Clark; a daughter, Aileen; a son, John; three sisters, Mary of Nashville; Jean and Sister M. Alphonsus of St. Joseph's Community; and three brothers, James, John and Thomas, the latter of Nashville.

Funeral services from his home on Dovercourt Rd. were to St. Anthony's church for Requiem Mass Tuesday morning. Interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

MARKS ON SUGAR BAGS

To remove marks on sugar bags, take them and rinse inside out in lukewarm water until the stiffness disappears. Squeeze the water well out of them and, right-side out, place on table and rub every letter firmly with soap. Roll up tightly and immerse in lukewarm soapy water, to which should be added a tablespoonful of washing soda. Lay aside overnight. Next, squeeze the water from the bags, open them out and again rub with soap. Rinse off and squeeze; place in plenty of cold water, adding soap, soda or ammonia and boil in usual way for an hour or longer, until quite free from color. Then rinse in several changes of clear water, following which soak in javelle water for a few hours; then squeeze, rinse again, and dry in the sun. In these operations do not use hot water.

us next Sunday at the regular services of worship and for the hymn-sing and Fellowship Period immediately following:

'Tis the human touch in this world that counts,

The touch of your hand and mine, Which means far more to the fainting heart

Than shelter and bread and wine. For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,

And bread lasts only a day, But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice

Sing on in the soul away. And, in closing, "Life is not so short but what their is always time for courtesy."

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Mr. John Black, pioneer resident of the Nashville district celebrated his 93rd birthday on Jan. 1st. We extend our hearty congratulations to Mr. Black and best wishes for continued health.

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