

Ottawa Spotlight

By M. McDougall

Ottawa, January 14.—The Dominion Capital has been cheered in these dark and anxious days by the outstanding events of the past week on the international scene. Foremost among these events was President Roosevelt's message to congress. In a recent speech at a Pilgrims' luncheon in London given in honor of Viscount Halifax, newly appointed ambassador to U.S., Prime Minister Churchill said that it was no exaggeration to say that "the whole future of the world and a civilization founded on Christian ethics" depended on relations between the British Commonwealth and the United States. The president's forthright promises of speedy and increasing help to the British cause has been an inspiration to Canada as well as all other parts of the commonwealth. 'Pride too has been taken from the continued success of the British army in Libya, now, battering at the outer defences of Tobruk. This Mediterranean fortress seemed certain to fall in the same way as Bardia. But while Italy's African Empire is crumbling the Balkans are being watched with anxiety. Will the German army march through Bulgaria towards Greece and if so will it be opposed by Turkey? What will Russia do if the Nazis march southward? Is the activity in the Balkans a feint to cover an attempted invasion of Britain? It is the enigma of the Balkans that holds the earnest attention of Ottawa as well as other capitals of the Commonwealth. Its answer is in the hands of the Nazi general staff.

The Rowell-Sirois Conference
The most important constitutional conference that has been held in Canada since those meetings at Charlottetown and Quebec which preceded confederation is starting this week at Ottawa. The provincial and Dominion delegates, it is recognised, are facing a momentous and diffi-

cult task, which will require statesmanship on the part of all if the deliberations are to bring tangible results. The object of the conference, it is stated, is to make government in Canada more efficient and more economical, to simplify and strengthen the financial structure of the Dominion and the provinces. The conference is brought together at this time because it is believed changes suggested in the report in regard to public debt, the reallocation of taxation etc., will aid the Canadian people in their war effort and make for greater national unity. Obviously the success or failure of the conference will depend on the spirit in which Dominion and Provincial delegates approach their task. Success naturally would not necessarily mean that the report would be accepted in its entirety. It would mean that the recommendations would be discussed fully and dispassionately and that the decisions reached would be founded on a preponderance of argument carefully weighed. It will be recalled that a few of the major suggestions of the commission are that the funded debts of the provinces should be assumed by the Dominion, (a proportion of provincial and municipal debts in the case of Quebec being assumed), that direct relief of unemployed employables should be the Dominion's responsibility as well as a larger measure of farm assistance and that inheritance, income and certain other taxes should be collectable by the Dominion treasury.

Training Skilled Workmen
About 100,000 skilled workmen will be trained for Canada's war industry this year. The instructions will be carried out under the sponsorship of the department of labor. About 50,000 will receive instructions in vocational schools throughout the country, while a similar number will be trained in the industrial plants. The Dominion government will bear 85 per cent of the cost of this schooling or about \$4,300,000, while the balance will be borne by the provinces. The program is clearly of the greatest importance as the efficiency of Canada's war contribution through the production of munitions and other war supplies depends largely on the skilled workmen at the factory lathes. During the last few months skilled men have been turned out by the Youth Training Plan at the rate of about 40,000 a year. It will not be young men only who will be trained.

Japanese Registered in British Columbia
The Prime Minister has announced that all Japanese residents of British Columbia will be registered. This will be done "to protect the Japanese themselves and to eliminate any illegal entrants who may in fact be in Canada". A certificate and card will be furnished all Japanese who are legal residents "which will be final proof of his legal residence in this country and will thus exempt him from future suspicion or annoyance". There are about 23,000 Japanese in British Columbia, about 2,000 in other provinces.

Farm Conference at London, Ont.
Over the week-end, the minister of Agriculture, Gardiner and the provincial minister Dewar met at London with representatives of farming organizations to discuss farming problems, some of which have become more acute in recent weeks. The questions which will undoubtedly have a place in the discussions are whether there should be a minimum as well as a maximum price for butter, how an adequate supply of bacon and cheese can be assured for the British market, how cheaper feed grains can be got from the West through bonus or otherwise and how farmers can be assured of receiving a return on their products in line with increased costs and with improved industrial conditions in towns and cities.

PRISONERS OF WAR
Regulations governing treatment of prisoners of war were laid down at an international convention in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1929. They were agreed to by 27 nations, including Canada. Prisoners of war must be housed under conditions as good as those of the depot troops of the detaining power and the camp must be sanitary, healthy, free from damp and with adequate heat and precautions against fire. Food and clothing rations must be equal in quantity and quality to those of depot troops. Prisoners are allowed to work in the kitchen. Prisoners are paid by their own governments, according to their rank. Prisoners of war and civilian internees receive no pay for maintenance work but get twenty cents a day for other work.

Social and Personal

The usual weekly movie program will be held in the Masonic Hall on Monday evening.

Every Monday night is "Old Timers'" skating night at the Richmond Hill arena. General skating for all every Wednesday and Saturday.

The annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Red Cross will be held Friday evening, January 17th. Everyone interested invited to attend.

The many friends of Mr. William Davies will be pleased to know that he is making very satisfactory progress and is now able to be up and about the house and store.

A cordial invitation is being extended to all by the East Vaughan Ratepayers Association to enjoy an evening of Bingo being held next Monday evening, January 20th, in Richvale School, Stop 22A Yonge St., at 8 o'clock.

At the annual meetings of the Presbyterian Women's Association and Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Thomas Moore and Mrs. Geo. S. Walwin were elected presidents of these organizations. Encouraging reports from various departments reflected a year of progress.

Tonight (Thursday) will be observed as "Ladies' Night" in Richmond Hill Lions Club. The members with their ladies will have dinner at the Park Plaza Roof Restaurant at seven o'clock, and after a short program will enjoy a bowling tournament. About fifty will attend.

A Euchre in aid of British War Victims Fund will be held in Richvale School, Stop 22A Yonge Street on Friday, January 24th, at 8.30 p.m. sharp by the Clukkers Club of Richvale. Lucky admission tickets 25c. Also Lucky Draws will be made for 500 lbs. Blue Nut Coal donated by I. D. Ramer & Son; 500 lbs. Coal donated by J. Sheardown; and a year's subscription to "The Liberal". Lucky number tickets now on sale 10c., 3 for 25c.

ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL EUCHRE

A euchre was held in St. Mary's Parish Hall on Thursday evening when prizes were won by, ladies, Miss E. Watling, Mrs. T. W. Allison, Miss F. Brown; gentlemen, Mr. Stewart Kidd, Mrs. W. Middleton, playing as man, Mr. J. Russell.

The next Euchre will be held on Thursday, January 23rd in the Parish Hall. Good prizes. Lunch provided. A hearty welcome to all.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. J. G. Keffer and sisters wish to express to their many friends their heartfelt thanks for the tokens of sympathy tendered them during their recent bereavement.

EXPRESSES THANKS

Mr. William Davies, Richmond Hill, expresses his thanks for the many kind enquiries and the thoughtful gifts sent him during his recent illness.

RICHMOND HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Jan. 19th
11 a.m.—Preacher, Mr. D. G. Archibald.
2.45 p.m.—Sunday School.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH (Anglican)

RICHMOND HILL
Rector: Rev. W. F. Wrixon, L.Th.
4 Markham Road
Sunday, Jan. 19 Epiphany 2

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
2.30 p.m.—Sunday School.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Bright services and helpful messages. Choir will meet at the home of Mr. Scrivener.

Community Prayer Service in the United Church on Wednesday at 8 p.m. All invited.

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH

Rev. C. W. Follett, B.D. Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 19th
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. All departments.

11 a.m.—Public Worship. "Let My People Go."

7 p.m.—Gospel Service. One hour only. The pastor at both services.

Inspiring musical programs at all services. A hearty welcome to members and friends. Parents and children cordially invited.

N.B.—Community Prayer Service in United Church on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. "Prayer moves the hand that moves the world." Plan to meet with us on Wednesday evening.

RED CROSS NOTES

To comply with Canadian Red Cross Society regulations the annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Red Cross Society will be held on Friday evening, January 17th at 8 p.m. in the Red Cross work room over the Post Office. The treasurer's report, along with reports of the work committees, covering the work of 1940, will be presented. An election of executive officers will be conducted by ballot.

The work room will remain closed on Friday afternoon on account of the annual meeting in the evening.

The lucky draw for the hand made bed spread will be held at the annual meeting.

GIRLS' RED CROSS

The Girls' Red Cross held their regular Tuesday night meeting at the Red Cross work room and were glad to note that the attendance was much better than it has been for some time.

We expect to start some new work shortly which should be interesting to everyone, so set aside Tuesday night and make a habit of coming to Girls' Red Cross. You will be doing your bit to help win the war.

RICHVALE RED CROSS

Richvale Branch of the Red Cross at their regular meeting held on January 6th at the home of Mrs. Bailey, Spruce Avenue, elected the following officers for 1941: Honorary President, Mrs. E. T. Stephens; President, Mrs. A. W. Bailey; Vice-President, Mrs. George Allison; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Taylor; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. F. Fenner; Treasurer, Mrs. Calder; Wool Com., Mrs. E. Rowden; Mrs. C. Baker, Mrs. M. F. Fenner; Sewing Com., Mrs. N. Alexander, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. R. Baker, Miss A. Wood; Entertainment Com., Mrs. W. J. Baker Jr., Mrs. F. Hill, Messrs. A. Scarlett, J. J. Taylor, C. Baker.

The Branch wishes to extend its thanks to Dr. Wilson who kindly presided over the election of officers.

KING CITY CEMETERY CO. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting and transaction of business of King City Cemetery Company will be held at 2 p.m. S.T. in the Masonic Hall, King, on Saturday, January 25th, 1941.

DANCE & EUCHRE AT VELLORE

Vellore Old Boys 62nd annual At Home will be held in Memorial Hall, Vellore, on Wednesday, January 29. Dancing and Euchre will start at 8 p.m. Standard Time. Gillam's Orchestra. Ernie Evans, floor manager. Proceeds in aid of War Victims Fund. Admission 35c. Lunch provided.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Horticultural Society annual meeting Saturday, January 25th, 1941 in the council chambers at 3 p.m. All interested are invited to attend.

EUCHRE AND DANCE

Richvale Social Club will hold a Euchre and Dance on Wednesday, January 22nd, in Richvale School. Good prizes. Good orchestra.

EUCHRE AND DANCE

A Euchre and Dance will be held Friday, January 24th at 8.30 p.m. in Lawrence Memorial Hall, Stop 17, Yonge St., Thornhill. Admission 35c. Profits to be turned over to the Telegram British War Victims Fund. Good prizes. Light refreshments.

LANGSTAFF

The Langstaff Willing Workers who organized early in December for the purpose of aiding War Victims in England and also in Canada, are away to a good start. Already a good sized ball of clothing and bedding are ready to go forward.

They are very anxious that all their friends may have the opportunity to help in this work and have arranged to display the contents of the bale at an afternoon tea which will be held at the home of the president Mrs. R. Wigglesworth, No. 7 Highway, Friday, January 17, 1941 from 3 to 5 o'clock.

These ladies are indeed Willing Workers and have planned various kinds of assistance to war victims here and abroad. All kinds of delightful and pleasant affairs are on the way and the monthly meetings are both interesting and helpful.

Will you accept this invitation to be with them at the opening event and help to make life worth living for those in the bombed areas. A silver collection will be taken and a donation of children's clothing used or otherwise will be gratefully received.

VICTORIA L.O.L. OFFICERS ELECTED

Victoria L.O.L. 2368 at the last regular meeting held their election and installation of officers. W. Bro. F. Stocker, District Master of Centre York District and his associate officers officiated for the election and W. Bro. F. Hinbest, Past County Master of West York conducted the installation. Following are the newly installed officers for 1941:

Wor. Master, W. Bro. R. H. Kane; Deputy Master, Bro. L. W. Zuefelt; Chaplain, W. Bro. A. Hawkes; Recording Sec., W. Bro. R. J. Beatty; Financial Sec., W. Bro. F. N. Hopper; Treas., W. Bro. W. T. Tyndall; Marshal, Bro. L. Beatty; 1st Lecturer, W. Bro. J. D. Sanders; 2nd Lecturer, Bro. M. Chedzoy; Com., W. Bro. N. Stephenson, W. Bro. Hawkes, W. Bro. J. D. Sanders, Bros. L. W. Zuefelt and M. Chedzoy; Hall Com., W. Bro. F. Hopper, W. Bro. W. Tyndall, W. Bro. R. H. Kane; Sick Com., W. Bro. R. H. Kane, W. Bro. R. J. Beatty, Bro. L. W. Zuefelt; Auditors, W. Bro. N. Stephenson, W. Bro. J. D. Sanders

The regular meetings this year will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Special for the meeting on January 22 will be a visit from Eglinton L.O.L. with a carpet ball game with Fairbank L.O.L. Organizers in the community are cordially invited to attend.

EUCHRE

Women's Auxiliary of Vaughan and Richmond Hill Veterans will hold a Euchre on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 21 at 2.30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. Middleton, Yonge St. Everybody welcome.

UNITED CHURCH EVENING AUXILIARY

A meeting of the Evening Auxiliary of the United Church will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Pollard, Centre Street West on Tuesday evening, Jan. 21st, at 8 o'clock.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN W.A.

The regular meeting of St. Mary's Anglican W.A. will be held at the home of Mrs. R. S. Mason on Tuesday next at 2.30 p.m. This being a work meeting it is hoped that as many will attend as possible.

BIRTH

ARMSTRONG—At Albany Hospital, 200 Danforth Avenue, Toronto, on Tuesday, December 31st, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Armstrong, 10 Poplar Avenue, a daughter, Arlene Elizabeth.



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8 p.m. D.S.T.

Adults 25c. Children 15c.

Notice to Creditors

All persons having claims against the estate of HIRAM ELI KEFFER late of the Township of Vaughan in the County of York, Gentleman, deceased, who died at the said Township of Vaughan on the 3rd day of November, 1940, are required to send details of the same verified by affidavit to the undermentioned Solicitors for the Executors on or before the 25th day of January, 1941, after which date the Estate will be distributed among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to those claims of which the undersigned shall then have received notice.

Dated this 30th day of December 1940.

WILLIAM COOK AND GIBSON, 912 Federal Building, 85 Richmond Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Solicitors for the Executors.

BINGO

Under the auspices of East Vaughan Ratepayers Assoc.

Richvale School

Stop 22A Yonge Street

Monday, Jan. 20th

8 p.m.