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**INDIFFERENCE WILL NOT WIN A WAR**

The appalling indifference of many people to the extreme gravity of the war situation is the most discouraging feature on to-day's horizon. An example is the reluctance of many to make any effort in necessary war work which means sacrifice of comfort or convenience. Volunteer leaders in the present campaign to enlist every citizen as a regular war saver are met with more excuses than offers of help. The chairman of the voluntary committee of citizens representing the district including Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Woodbridge has spent hours endeavouring to secure someone to take the lead in various districts. Let's face the facts — this kind of an attitude WILL NOT WIN A WAR.

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**SAVING AND LENDING IS VITALLY NECESSARY**

Canada is making a wonderful contribution to this war, but if it is to continue money must be provided to buy tanks, planes, ships, guns, supplies and equipment for our fighting forces. THE JOB OF EVERY CITIZEN, NOW, IS TO SAVE AND LEND to provide the materials which will hasten victory. THIS IS NO FAIRY TALE, THIS IS VITALLY NECESSARY.

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**EVERYTHING IS AT STAKE**

At stake in the present war is everything that is worth-while in life. Our liberty, everything that makes life worth living, not only for ourselves but for our children and our children's children depends on the outcome of the present struggle. We are faced by a ruthless and powerful enemy and are fighting against big odds. If Hitler should win this war nothing else matters. If Hitler is not going to win the war, everyone must pay the price of victory. Coasting along in indifferent complacency, "passing the buck", "resting on our oars", sitting back to let someone do the work WILL NOT WIN A WAR.

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**IN GERMANY IT IS FORCE**

Victims of Nazi aggression are forced to give everything. Canadians now are asked to lend. German people and their slaves are FORCED to do without many necessities, not to mention luxuries or comforts, to provide money and material for mechanized warfare. It's guns before butter. That is the Nazi way. Hitler sneers at Democracy. He sneers at the idea of voluntary co-operation of free men as inefficient, out-dated, doomed. IS HITLER RIGHT? Can Democracy, can Canada, can Richmond Hill, can Vaughan, Markham, King, Whitchurch and North York Townships meet that challenge by democratic methods? February is War Savings Pledge month and we can give the answer. The answer must be in ACTION not words or wishful thinking.

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**ALL MUST HELP**

Every man, woman and child is now given the opportunity of sharing in the great task of Victory. In a cause so great nothing that our country asks of us is too much. Some are called to serve in the army, the air force or the navy but this is a glorious privilege not given to all. In the financial support of our war effort all can help, ALL MUST HELP if we are going to win the war.

Join with the committee in your local community in putting over this February drive. Don't wait until you're asked, it's your war, jump in and help. If you're asked, don't "pass the buck" or make excuses, put your effort and enthusiasm into this job like the gallant defenders of Britain and Greece.

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**MAKING OUR HIGHWAYS SAFE**

Every effort to promote safety merits the support of every good citizen. Particularly commendable is the campaign against the hit-and-run driver, undoubtedly the most callous type of offender. Prison bars are altogether too generous a fate for the driver who will run down a fellow-human and drive off to leave his victim without even first aid treatment for his injuries. Attorney-General Conant with commendable zeal makes a plea that any offence of this type be immediately reported to police by any witness. This is all to the good, but we suggest a greater deterrent to this and all other highway traffic violations is sure and stiff sentences for offenders. Too many after lengthy court cases go free. Stiff jail sentences for all, irrespective of any possible consideration of rank or fortune, will do more than anything else to make our highways safe.

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**FEBRUARY SALE**

February is to be the month when citizens of every class and creed, sex and political belief are uniting in an effort to get the mass of the public to buy War Savings Certificates. No matter what one's beliefs or prejudices, so long as one is a Canadian and a believer in the cause, there can be no question that every dollar raised to swell the coffers of the government is a dollar which helps win the war.

The government is to be commended for the amazingly comprehensive plans which have been made for reaching all the earners of the nation, not merely the plutocrats who normally have investment surpluses. There are, of course, workers and workers' wives who now, for perhaps the first time in years have some funds with which to replenish linen cupboards. But even these people should be persuaded that, while bombs fall on Britain, enabling our government to buy more rounds of .303 ammunition for machine guns is more immediately necessary than that the missus have a new sewing machine to replace the ancient foot-power gadget inherited from Aunt Emma in 1909.

Newspapers, bankers, employers, service clubs, merchants, and thousands of other people are setting out both to sell war savings certificates and the idea that it's time we all made some sacrifices. There is a great deal of money available, both among the working people and the more well-to-do, that will be had through this effort, without endangering standards of living. And even if the standard of living were endangered, it still would be worth while.—Printed Word.

**Thornhill United Church News**

The Parsonage, Thornhill, Ont.,  
Monday, February 3rd, 1941.

Dear Friends:—

Did you ever sit down to write a letter, and then find yourself at a loss for something to write about? The most difficult part of letter-writing, or for that matter, any kind of writing, is the 'getting started' part. If that be true of writing, it is equally true of all labor, manual and mental. In groping around mentally, and in searching through books of different kinds for a bit of inspiration with which to start this letter, the following gripped our attention and seemed to be worthy of passing along, so here it is:

**TEN THINGS TO DO**

1. Do good to all.
2. Speak evil of none.
3. Hear and know the facts before passing judgment.
4. Think before speaking.
5. Hold an angry tongue.
6. Be kind to the distressed.
7. Ask pardon for all wrongs.
8. Be patient toward everybody.
9. Stop the ears to a tale-bearer.
10. Disbelieve most of the ill reports concerning friends, neighbours, and people in general.

Three is a verse in the Bible which speaks of seeking out one's own salvation; every time it comes to mind, there also comes to mind a short poem which was given during the course of a sermon by Rev. J. C. Cochrane while he was pastor in Newmarket over twelve years ago. If you know the poem, so much the better, but if not, your present acquaintanceship with it will do you no harm.

"To every man there openeth  
A way, and ways, and a way,  
And the high soul climbs the high way,

And the low soul gropes the low,  
And, in between on the misty flats,  
The rest drift to and fro.  
But to every man there openeth  
A High way, and a Low,  
And every man decideth  
The way his soul shall go."

Another poem, given by the same minister, now Superintendent of Missions in Northern Ontario, and who will be with us both morning and evening of March 23rd, may be more familiar to the readers of this column; in any case, it will well bear repeating, and it is as follows:

**THE BRIDGE BUILDER**

An old man, going a lone highway,  
Came at the evening cold and gray  
To a chasm which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fears for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side,  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man", said a fellow-pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day;

You never again will pass this way;  
Why build you this bridge at eventide?"  
The builder lifted his old gray head—  
"There followeth after me a youth  
Whose feet must pass this way, forsooth;

This chasm that has been nought to me,  
To that fair-headed youth may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

And now for a few sparkling bits of humour:  
A mother took her child to the local photographer. The child was restless and fidgety and the mother could not keep her quiet. It became exasperating. All three were worn out. Finally the photographer asked the mother if she would leave the room, telling her that he thought he could quiet the child and that he had a way of his own with children. The mother left. All was quiet in the inner room. In a few minutes the picture was successfully taken and the child came out smiling.

On the way home the mother said: "And what did the lovely photographer say to mother's darling to make her keep so quiet?"  
"He fudged," replied the little girl solemnly, "he thaid, 'You little brat, if you don't shut your mouth and behave yourself, I'll knock your block off!' The I that thill."

And perhaps there is more to this one than appears on the surface: Little Elaine had surprised her mother with this postscript to her usual bedtime prayer:  
"And, dear God, please send the beautiful snow to keep the little flowers warm through the winter."  
Climbing into bed, she confided to her mother:

"That's the time I fooled Him; I want the snow so I can go sleighriding with my new sleigh."

A teacher in a Japanese girl's school was asked, "Do you receive only pretty girls." The questioner was told that they took all who came. "But they are all pretty." "We teach them soul-culture," was the only explanation. "Well, I don't want my daughter to become a Christian, but I do want her to get that look on her face." A fine testimony to the influence of the love of Christ.

There is the story of an old Lancashire woman, dreadfully crippled with rheumatism, who used to hobble to church on two sticks. It was a painful, toilsome, slow ordeal which most of us would not have the courage to endure. One day a friend, who many times had watched her hobble to church, asked, "How do you manage it?" She replied, "My heart gets there first, and my old legs follow on after." If our heart goes into the church first, our energies, prayers and gifts will soon follow.

And with the following thought as regards the centrality of Christ in the life of man, we will close for this time, looking forward to being with you again next week:

Christ was placed midmost in the world's history; and in that central position he towers like some great 'Everest' to heaven — the farther slope stretching backward toward creation, the hither slope toward the consummation of all things. The ages before look to Him with prophetic gaze; the ages since behold Him by historic faith; by both He is seen seen in common as the brightness of the Father's glory, and the unspeakable, the most significant, the most effectual, the most amazing and wonderful gift of God to the human race.

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!"  
And so, till next week, goodbye.

Sincerely,  
Your Minister

**DO YOU KNOW?**

Why Do We Speak of "A Pig in a Poke?"

This expression is used to describe a hasty bargain in which the buyer is disappointed. This is a reference to a common practice in the old days. Sucking pigs were taken to market in sacks, or pokes as they were called, and sometimes a cat was substituted for the pig and only discovered by the hasty buyer when, on reaching home, he opened the sack. Poke, an old word for a sack, is believed to be allied with the old English pohha, a pouch or bag.

**Why Have Silver Coins a Milled Edge?**

In olden days coins were not nicely centred, and the edges were often rough. As a result, people used to clip tiny pieces off them for the sake of the metal, especially gold and silver coins. A little clipping made no apparent difference, but when a coin had passed through many hands, its value grew considerably less. To stop this practice, a milled edge was provided, and thus the least attempt at clipping was instantly evident.

**What are "the Doldrums?"**

When we speak of a person being "in the doldrums" it means that he is in low spirits. The expression arose from the fact that there is a part of the ocean in the Equatorial-belt which suffers from calms or light, baffling winds. They are not of much account to shipping nowadays because a steamer can proceed regardless of them, but in the days of a sailing vessel a boat might be stationary for weeks on end—hence the expression.

**EMERY**

The following were elected as 1941 officers when the Emery Women's Association held their annual meeting in the church: President, Mrs. W. O. Duncan; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. E. Castator; Secretary, Mrs. 9. Castator; Secretary, Mrs. L. Ella; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ida Love; Asst. Corresponding Sec., Mrs. G. Love; Treasurer, Mrs. F. Usher; Pianist, Mrs. Harrison; Asst. Pianist, Mrs. J. Devins; Devotional Com., Mrs. Duck; Mrs. Wilson; Sick Com., Mrs. Wilson; Mrs. N. Riley; Mrs. Harrison; Mrs. G. Lund; Mrs. E. Castator; Mrs. A. Goddard; Mrs. F. McClure; Missionary Com., Mrs. Taylor; Mrs. Muir; Social Com., Mrs. F. Chapman; Miss R. Rowntree; Mrs. A. Peelar; Mrs. W. Rowntree; Mrs. F. Peelar; Mrs. Thompson; Mrs. R. Peelar; Mrs. Aitchison; Mrs. E. Lauder; Auditors, Mrs. Lockhart; Mrs. N. Riley.

**Weeklies on the Air a Year**  
(Brampton Conservator)

Just a year ago this week, Andy Clarke, CBC newscaster, started his weekly broadcasts over the Ontario network of the CBC under the title "Neighbourly News From the Weeklies". It wasn't without a certain amount of fear and trepidation that the CBC undertook to introduce an entirely new program, featuring the homey interesting items appearing each week in the weekly newspapers of the province. From the first broadcast the program was a success, and the trial period proved that the people of Ontario liked to hear of the happenings in the small communities of the province. The program was placed on a permanent basis and now it has completed its first year. It is not the type of program which one would expect would draw fan mail and yet Andy Clarke has had plenty of fan mail, and from the comments received by newspapers across the province, the program has a very large following. Probably not the least surprised at the success was the CBC itself. Now it has been decided to extend the broadcasts and regional additions of Neighbourly News are being broadcast in other sections of Canada.

The featuring of the weekly press on the air is important because the weekly press wields a tremendous influence across Canada. Few people realize it, but it is nevertheless true, that rural voters elect more members of the House of Commons and more Members of Provincial Legislatures than do residents of urban centres, and in that way rural voters have much to say about the manner in which the nation is gov-

erned. There is nothing more representative of the rural people than the weekly press, and for that reason, the weekly press likewise is an increasingly important factor in the nation.



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