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**RECONSECRATION WEEK HONORS DEFENDERS
AND WAR DEAD**

This is Reconsecration Week.

September 10 marks opening of the third year of war; and the Government of Canada has proclaimed the week of September 10-17 as "a week of reconsecration of the Canadian people to the democratic cause against Nazi tyranny."

Inspiring the nation to even higher resolve and even greater sacrifice is Canada's war record:

Two years ago, Canada's soldiers, sailors and airmen, including reserves, totalled 68,000; today they number 490,000. In the Canadian Active Army are 230,000 volunteers; in the Canadian Army (Reserve), 170,000 volunteers and trainees; and single men between 21 and 24 are being drafted for the Canadian Active Army on Home Defence. The Royal Canadian Navy now has 250 vessels and 23,000 officers and ratings. The Royal Canadian Air Force numbers 67,000 of all classifications.

In the British Isles are more than 100,000 Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen. Troops include the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Divisions with ancillary units. Canadian coastal batteries guard vital shore areas. Canadian divisions are posted to an honor sector and would form the spearhead of British defence in case of invasion. Canadian airmen have won undying glory over Britain, Germany, France, Dunkirk, Nazi-occupied territories, the Middle East, Greece and Libya, and off Norway. The Royal Canadian Navy has, with the Royal Navy, convoyed freighters carrying over 30,000,000 tons of supplies; has sunk U-boats, captured enemy vessels and compelled scuttling of others; aided in the evacuation from France, rescued many from bombed and torpedoed ships. Over 1,200 Canadians have figured in casualty lists; of them, 736 killed, 195 missing.

Training for overseas is the 4th Division. The 5th (Armoured) Division will be transferred to Britain this year. A 6th Division has been authorized. Home defences along Atlantic and Pacific coasts are constantly being tightened.

The Canadian Active Army is calling for 7,000 volunteers per month. The Royal Canadian Navy aims at 400 ships and 27,000 men by next March. The Royal Canadian Air Force is sending more and more pilots and ground crews overseas. Due to go to Britain this year are 2,500 radio locator specialists, who warn of approaching enemy raiders; an addition to the 1,000 already there. Women are being enlisted in auxiliaries of both Army and Air Force, to release men for front-line service.

Canada is spending between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 a day on war; two years ago, the arms bill was less than a million. By March 31 next, the war bill will have passed \$2,000,000,000, including well over half a billion to finance purchases for Britain.

In addition to assuming heavier taxes, Canadians have bought war bonds and savings certificates worth \$1,460,000,000; they have contributed about \$20,000,000 to auxiliary war services, and outright gifts to the Government total nearly \$2,000,000.

War contracts and commitments, both for Canada and Britain, pass \$2,000,000,000. Over \$520,000,000 have been advanced for plant construction and expansion, and for materials. Canada will contribute \$531,000,000 to the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. A home defence construction programme will cost \$110,000,000. Naval building calls for \$128,000,000. On freighters, \$200,000,000 will be spent. Personal and maintenance equipment for the services require \$100,000,000.

War material production covers steel ships, planes, land, naval, anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns, Bren and other automatic guns, gun mountings, anti-tank mines, bombs, grenades, small arms ammunition, shells, depth charges, tanks, explosives and war chemicals, precision instruments, trucks and other transport vehicles. A surplus of some material is being sold to the United States under the agreement covered by the Hyde Park Declaration.

Food shipped to Britain includes 200,000,000 bushels of wheat, 7,000,000 barrels of flour, 13,000,000 lbs. of honey, nearly 15,000,000 dozen eggs, millions of pounds of concentrated milk, thousands of tons of canned goods. By December 800,000,000 lbs. of pork products will have been sent; by March next, 112,000,000 lbs. of cheese.

All this constitutes elements of Canada's war effort; and still the peak has not yet been reached.

THE URGENCY OF WAR SAVINGS

While "we are in the presence of a crime without a name" it would be a major tragedy to lose both the war and the peace. That is the ominous probability of a headlong plunge into a period of wartime pleasure spending. A greater degree of saving is an urgent need of the moment.

The cry from all the lips that speak to us across the no-man's-land of the Atlantic ocean is for more and more materials. Our ability to produce the materials of war in satisfactory quantity is limited by our physical capacity and time. Our only hope lies in diverting peace-time operations to wartime requirements.

Diversion of productive facilities is effected in either or both of two ways, voluntary or otherwise. Financial measures, such as by taxation and borrowing, are useful and play an important part, but the part they play is dependent upon the measure of public support they receive.

In the Victory Loan drive, Canadians added to their laurels, and the measure of their effort in this direction will make pleasant reading when the final figures are issued from Ottawa this month. That, however, is water over the dam, and War Savings is now in need of support. This is the movement in which the greatest number of Canadians can put their shoulders to the wheel.

War Savings is a twice-blessed effort in that dollars invested in War Savings Certificates do double service: they do not compete with the war effort and they stand ready to take up the slack for the peace-time readjustment. Dollars diverted from non-essential spending at this time leave room for the expansion of production needed for the men overseas.

Newtonbrook News Items

Newtonbrook United Church Sunday School will hold its Fall Rally at 11 a.m. in the church auditorium next Sunday, Sept. 14th with Rev. A. J. Orr of Melville as special speaker. The Sunday School will meet at 10.30 a.m. The attendance last Sunday was about seventy. Make it over 100 next Sunday. It is urgently requested that all the boys and girls will be in their classes next Sunday morning at 10.30. A special invitation is extended to the parents of the children to attend the worship service. Rev. A. J. Orr will also conduct the evening service.

Rev. A. H. Halbert is conducting anniversary services at Bethesda United Church near Stouffville next Sunday.

Newtonbrook United Church will celebrate its 101st anniversary on Sunday, October 19th with services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and will take the form of pioneer services. It is fitting that honor should be paid to the early pioneers of this county who so faithfully laid the foundation of Christian homes, built our churches and schools and made it easier for the younger generation to carry on. The Anniversary Supper will be held on Tuesday, October 21st.

The committee in charge of the Pioneer Services met at the Parsonage last Tuesday evening to make plans. Further particulars later.

An exceptionally interesting missionary program will be presented in the United Church Sunday School on Sunday, Sept. 28th at 10 a.m. when Rev. A. W. Banfield, formerly of Africa, will give an illustrated address.

There was a baptismal service during the worship service last Sunday morning in the United Church, Murray Gifford, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Summers of Lansing and Margaret Louise, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Heaton of Newtonbrook. Two of our young men, Pte. Raymond Round of Montreal and Pte. Irwin Brown of Manning Pool of the R.C.A.F. were privileged to be home on leave for the week-end and these received the offering on Sunday morning.

Mr. Clifford Brett, B.A., of Lewistown, Penn., is home on a two weeks holiday. After graduating from Toronto University last year Clifford was appointed Inspector of Shells for the British government in U.S.A.

Mr. Bill Stephenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stephenson of Finch Ave., has enlisted recently in the Navy.

A large number of the young men in this district are now in the army. Almost the entire young men's class in the United Church Sunday School are in uniform and these also took an active part in the Young People's Union. They are missed greatly in all the activities but our best wishes go with them.

An unique service will be held in Newtonbrook United Church Sunday evening, Sept. 28th at 7 o'clock. It will be a "Brides and Grooms Service". During Rev. A. H. Halbert's pastorate at Newtonbrook he has performed about ninety marriage ceremonies. Invitations are being sent out to these couples and it is hoped that many of them will attend. Keep this date in mind. A hearty welcome to all.

Congratulations to Rev. H. Egeron Young and Mrs. Young of God's Lake, Manitoba, on the arrival of a young son at Toronto General Hospital on Sept. 1st.

The Woman's Association will hold their opening meeting of the season this (Thursday) afternoon at 1.30. Plans will be made for the Pioneer Anniversary Supper on Tuesday, October 21st. The ladies will also hold a sewing meeting for the Red Cross the same afternoon.

The Auxiliary of the W.M.S., also the Girls' Mission Circle which usually meet on the third Tuesday of the month will not meet until the fourth Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. Further notice next week.

The W.M.S. executive will hold a meeting on Friday at 3 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W. T. New to make plans for the fall work.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place last Monday evening, Sept. 8 in Newtonbrook United Church which was tastefully decorated for the occasion with gladioli, when Ethel Dorothea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stewart of Toronto (formerly of Zion), was united in marriage to Sergeant Observer Anthony Richard McCoy of the R.A.F. at Montreal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. McCoy of Bridgewater, England. The bride was given in marriage by her father and she wore a burgundy costume with matching accessories and was attended by Miss Thecla V. Shea of

Toronto who wore a blue costume. Mrs. A. H. Halbert played the wedding music. The groom was supported by the bride's brother, Mr. Harold T. Stewart of Willowdale. Rev. A. H. Halbert officiated. About twenty-five guests were present including the bride's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Stewart from East Toronto who are now nearing the four score mark. The groom expects to leave very shortly by plane for active service in England.

Newtonbrook United Church, attractively decorated with gladioli and asters was the setting for a pretty wedding last Saturday afternoon, Sept. 6th at 3 o'clock when Doris May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Newson was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Roy Gurney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gurney of Northmount, Ont. Rev. Alexander H. Halbert performed the ceremony. The wedding music was played by Miss Bertha Smith and Miss Helen Bruce sang "The Lord's Prayer" preceding the ceremony and during the signing of the register she sang "Because". The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white chiffon dress with bishop sleeves, a full skirt with slight train, a halo lace headdress with a shoulder length veil and carried a shower bouquet of Richmond roses and gypsophila. She was attended by Miss Ethel Ivison who was dressed in a gown of pink net with pink halo headdress and carried a shower bouquet of sweetheart roses. Robert Gurney was his brother's best man. The ushers were Sergeant Major James Nimmo of the Toronto Scottish Regiment and Howard Newson, the bride's eldest brother. A reception was held at the bride's home on Pemberton Ave. For receiving the bride's mother wore a navy blue costume with matching accessories and corsage of pink roses. The groom's mother wore a navy costume with corsage of red roses. The dining table was centred with a three story wedding cake. The happy young couple left later by motor for a trip to Northern Ontario the bride wearing a Queen's blue ensemble with hat to match and a silver black fox fur. They will reside in Toronto.

It happened at the spring training camp of a major league baseball club.

Gatekeeper to the manager)—"The umpire for today's game is at the gate with two friends. Shall I pass them in?"

Manager (gasping)—"An umpire with two friends? Sure!"

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