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VOLUNTEER BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

The increased activity of the allied armies is daily increasing the demand for blood plasma. Letters are being received telling of transfusions being given to the wounded right on the battlefield in France and in Italy. Thousands of our wounded men are being brought back to England by airplane which means a greatly increased demand on our supply. In ten days in Italy alone a full weeks' supply from Canada was used.

One of the greatest accomplishments on the opening day of the invasion was the dropping of blood serum by parachute to the casualty clearing stations.

It is very necessary that the thirty permanent clinics in Ontario and the seven mobile units carry on to their full capacity. There must be no letdown if we are to save the lives of our men and bring them back to their families and loved ones in Canada.

All who have been donors in the past are urgently requested to continue and new donors are asked to register at their nearest clinic. **LET IT NOT BE SAID THAT ANY MEMBER OF OUR ARMED SERVICES DIED WHEN A TRANSFUSION WOULD HAVE SAVED HIS LIFE AND THE BLOOD PLASMA WAS NOT AVAILABLE.**

Our record in this Blood Donor service has been good. Now that Victory is in sight may our desire be to even surpass our past efforts. The next Blood Donor Clinic in Richmond Hill will be held Thursday, October 5th.

PLANNING FOR V DAY

Many municipalities are going ahead with elaborate plans for "V Day" celebrations. There will be great joy on that day when Germany folds up and agrees to "unconditional surrender" and it will be natural and human to give expression to feelings of joy and relief after a long siege of war. It should be a day of rejoicing but it should not be the occasion of revelry or noisy pleasure-making.

We should observe "V Day", when it comes, with joyful thanksgiving, but also with sincere humility. The most fitting manner to observe the occasion would be in a great community gathering of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God. The prayer service should be followed by a pilgrimage to the community cenotaph for suitable service and laying of tributes in honor of the gallant boys who died to make "V Day" possible.

On "V Day" our first thoughts should be for those boys who will not return, and the loved ones they left behind.

ARE WE MISSING THE BOAT?

Within the past few years Vocational Training has advanced from a dream to a reality, and a great many High Schools in Ontario are equipped to give this diversified training to our young people. In the City of Peterboro there is an enrolment of 1020 students and of this number one third is to be found in the Vocational and Household Science Departments, while over 1000 students past High School age are availing themselves of the advantages of night school. The more diversified our secondary education the more it tends to extend equal opportunity to our young people. Vocational Training is long past the experimental stage and its addition to the courses in every High School should have the serious consideration of all High School Boards. Students who attend Richmond Hill High School deserve the best opportunity possible, and looking forward to post-war needs in education, the Richmond Hill High School Board should give consideration to an expansion program to include Vocational Training.

UNRRA CONFERENCE

The UNRRA conference is a great test of how nations can work together. Its task is gigantic. Reports indicate that there has been no disagreement among the forty-four nations represented at the conference table. One needs only to think of the need and suffering in many countries of the world to recognize that immediate succor is required, the moment these countries are liberated. To France, Belgium and Holland will be added Denmark and Norway. Still later there will be China and other countries in the East. UNRRA takes over when the military authorities have secured control and transferred relief duties. Canadian farms will be supplying wheat and other foods. This country will be shipping canned fish, clothing, medical supplies and many other necessities. Canadians take the deepest interest in plans to give immediate relief of the suffering population, to help Italians, even if these formerly were enemies and the host of refugees who have fled from Nazi controlled countries and to re-establish the 20 million people to Europe driven from their homes. They are also interested in the UNRRA's plans for the rehabilitation of the economy of the liberated countries. International trade in the future on which Canada is so dependent for the livelihood of its people cannot get in full swing after the war until the devastated countries are again put on their own feet and able to carry out reciprocal trade with Canada and the rest of the world.

VICTORY LOAN

In all communities of the Dominion patriotic men and women are now organizing to help put over the Seventh Victory Loan, opening October 23, as announced by Finance Minister Ilsley. The people are being asked to subscribe \$1,300,000,000 — by \$100,000,000 greater than any previous Loan and things look rosy in the war now, but it is not over yet. War is eating up more money right now than ever before. Our total requirements (war and ordinary) will probably reach \$6,500,000,000 for the year, just think of that. Our spending nationally, will be more than \$500,000,000 a month, more than \$100,000,000 a week and more than \$15,000,000 a day. Our individual savings must be thrown into the balance which brings our boys and girls home sooner. After all, we're only lending — not giving.

FIGHTING INFLATION

Copies of a booklet and chart each entitled "Fighting Inflation" are being distributed in the secondary schools throughout the Province, in connection with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board's educational program. These booklets will assist the pupils to understand the meaning and dangers of inflation.

The Richmond Hill Tattler

A column of chat with an occasional item of "the news behind the news" written especially for The Liberal.

Richmond Hill, on a number of occasions every year, proves that it is in the top row of villages and towns possessed of a fine community spirit. The street dance and other social events of the Lions Club, the school entertainments and a variety of church and lodge gatherings, annually calendared, show the village is on its toes with a zest for co-operative effort and a tolerance of creed that is truly admirable.

Months ago The Tattler called attention to the fine manifestation of home and community effort in the sponsorship and patronage of events in such centres as Victoria Square. Two items in last week's issue of The Liberal inspire us this week to talk about ourselves in this connection. One announces the bazaar to be held October 4th by the congregation of the Church of St. Mary Immaculate and the other the bazaar to be held a little later by St. Mary's Anglican Church.

The first of these bazaars has in recent years sprung into position as a top notch event. The supper is one of the treats, and many will recall how last year not only all the "best people" in and around the village dropped in for supper, but how ever so many visitors came from Toronto and other points also longin' for a banquet of fine fowl.

Probably we raise better fowl in this here neck of the woods than they do elsewhere in the province or probably the cookin' and general preparation of the meal by our good ladies has something to do with it. Certainly they show themselves at this event to be mistresses of the cooking art. But there is another reason, too. The activities of the parish of St. Mary Immaculate are under the direction of two gentle, clever, scholarly priests whom everybody loves.

Wherever the pastor of St. Mary's has ministered he has made hosts of friends, and this annual bazaar affair gives these friends a chance to come for a visit. Everyone in the village may not know him because he is a shy, retiring type of man, but The Tattler believes everyone in the village should get to know him for the reason that he not only has a personality that exudes kindness and good will, but one that is really re-

freshing.

One day recently he found himself among a number of war veterans at a picnic close to Richmond Hill. Not one of them was a member of his faith, but they asked him, rather diffidently, if he would invoke a blessing on themselves, their families and the aims of their association, namely, the betterment of veterans' welfare. He did so promptly, shook hands with every man and woman there, and made of them all life long friends.

Father McGinn and Father Duffy have a vast love for their fellow man, whatever be his religious beliefs, color or politics, and that has no doubt a great deal to do with their highly successful administration of the Catholic parishes at Richmond Hill and Thornhill.

Richmond Hill has been always favored in the priests sent here to direct the spiritual affairs of the Catholic population. Back in the dim past, which only real old timers recall, there was Rev. Dr. Teefy, later president of St. Michael's College, Toronto, a native of the village, son of a famed postmaster. In later years there was Rev. Edward Kelly, student of archaeology, advocate of universal higher education, always active in municipal and school affairs. Then came the beloved Father Thomas Keane who in a thousand ways quietly endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact and who is still active in the ministry in a neighboring community.

Anecdotes and stories about St. Mary's priests and people of yesteryear abound. If collected they would probably fill a good size book. One in particular The Tattler recalls. It is about the late Father Kelly. The men of the church felt that a feature of the bazaar one year should be a horse race like the races once so popular at rural fairs. So a race was planned and a race was held, but the entries were confined to steeds born and brought up hereabouts. Everyone for miles around was present to see the big event, and a grand time everyone had. Horse No. 1, so the story goes, finished some three minutes ahead of horse No. 2, and horse No. 3 came in eight or ten minutes later. All thought of entering any of the nags later at the

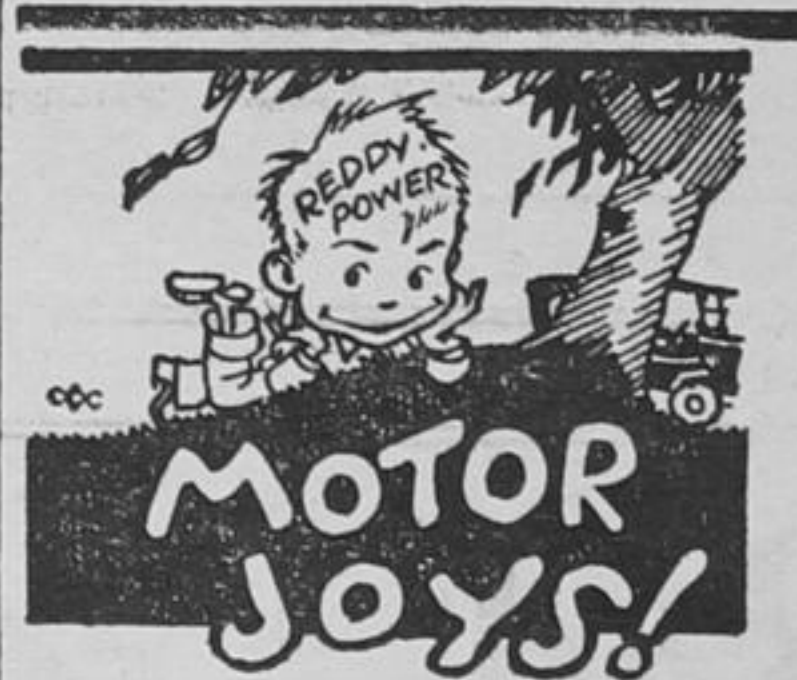
Woodbine was, of course, then abandoned.

But this year there may be something more attractive even than Father Kelly's horse race. 'Twill involve a real live little pig, 'tis said, and since pigs is pigs we'll have to see what happens.

One of the most useful institutions, which is rendering valuable services to Palestine, although it was established only a few months ago, is the War Economic Advisory Council. This body, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. E. H. Crosbie, former Lydda District Commissioner, is composed of representatives of the Arab and Jewish populations, as well as official members. It reviews all phases of the country's economic life, discusses existing or impending legislation, probes the efficacy of the control systems, and submits recommendations to the Government's executive arm.

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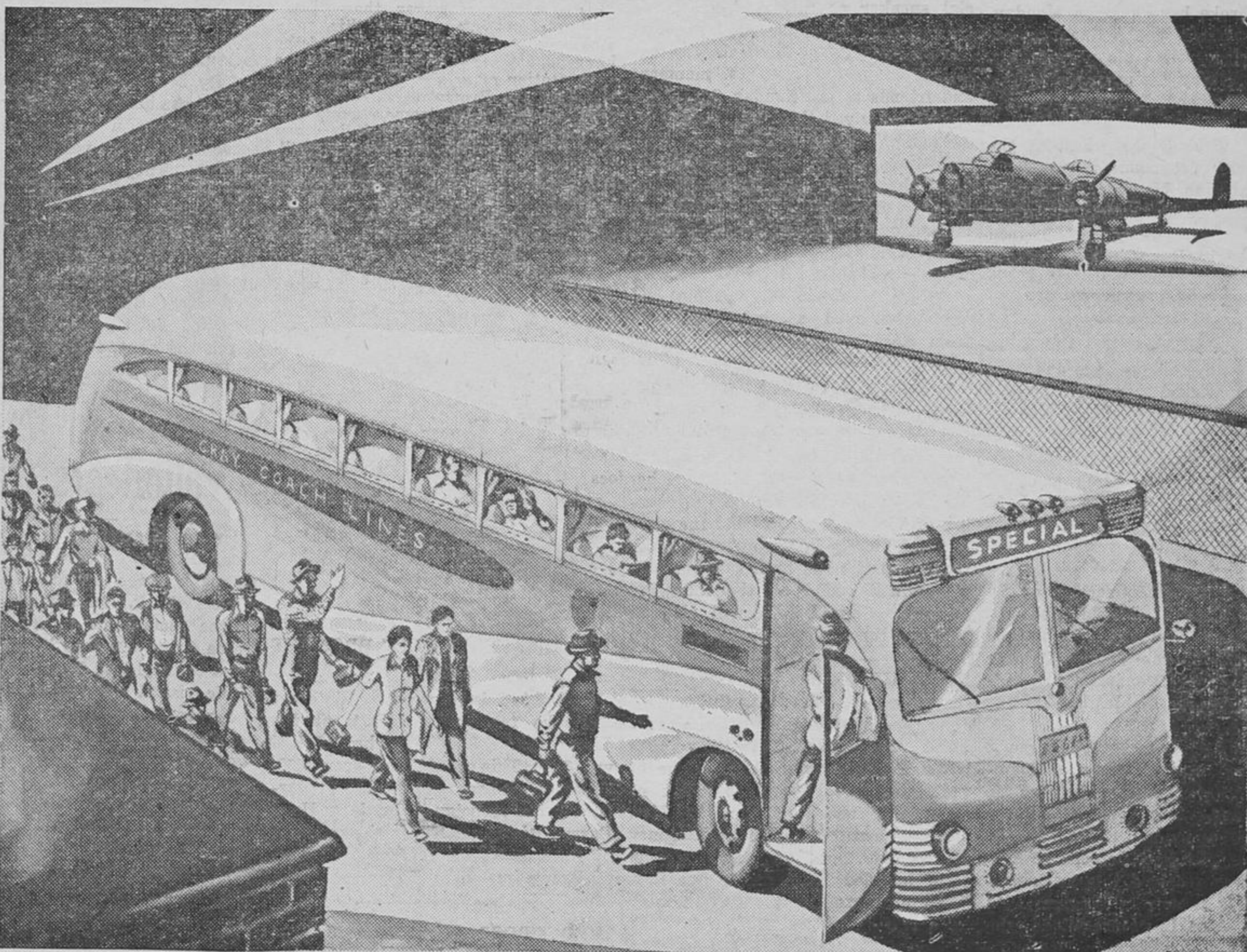
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