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SALVATION FOR MILLIONS

Salvation for millions of suffering war victims is to be found in the closets, attics, drawers and trunks of the people of Richmond Hill and other communities of the Dominion. Discarded clothing — outgrown, outmoded, long-forgotten and unworn, can bring untold relief to the stricken people of war-ravaged lands—millions of whom are literally naked. A concerted drive is now under way, by the National Clothing Collection for the relief of war victims, to make it easy for you to give help where it is most needed.

In Europe alone, 125,000,000 men, women and children, 30,000,000 of them children, are in dire need of aid. When the ruthless Nazis overran defenseless countries, they left destruction and desolation in their wake. Many of their hapless victims were left only with whatever clothes they happened to be wearing. These meager coverings have long since worn threadbare.

Reports that have come out of war-devastated countries are heart-rending. Confirmed stories tell of countless deaths due to exposure... of seven people sharing a single shirt... of feet wrapped in newspapers for lack of shoes... of children ravaged by illness and disease due to inadequate clothing for their emaciated bodies. All are in desperate need of clothing, shoes and bedding. Unless these needs are filled, the indiscriminate visitations of weather will take a greater toll of human health and human lives... adding to the huge total attributable to sadistic oppressors.

These people are our friends and allies. By extending help to them now, we not only give them warmth of body, but also the inner warmth of heart that comes with the knowledge that they have not been forgotten. By helping them, we help ourselves... for which adequate clothing and regained self-respect, these fellow world-citizens can go on to rebuild their part of a war-shattered world.

The drive is set for the period of October 1 to 20. Go to it now. Pack your contributions in a bundle and deliver it to the plant of Richmond Tailors at Yonge and Arnold Sts. Durable, wearable clothing; shoes; clean used blankets; infants' and children's wear; knitted caps... everything usable will be welcomed as heaven-sent!

A PLEASED PURCHASER

A comparative new-comer to Richmond Hill stated this week that he had stumbled accidentally upon the best method of acquiring a well built, substantial and attractive home in the finest village in Canada, and without paying more for it, under present conditions, than a reasonable market price.

"I know the secret of doing it," he said, "because I have just done it, and while I cannot disclose the name of the man from whom I bought the dwelling without his permission, I can pay tribute to him anonymously, to his building skill and his integrity.

"Houses," he continued, "are after all the product of the men who build them. If a house is built by a man to sell at a certain price and yield him a certain profit, he must, so to speak, acquire and employ his material to conform with his pattern. If, however, he is building for himself or for someone who is not stinting him on cost, and if he is a skilled and conscientious craftsman, his job of work cannot help but be first class.

"It was such a builder I found, a man who had built a house for himself and was prepared to sell it so that he could build a somewhat smaller one for himself. And I succeeded thus, quite by accident, in acquiring a dwelling with which I am in every way pleased."

In recent months, The Liberal has called attention several times to the "quality homes" that dot the streets of the village, and to commend the efforts of the men who are now building houses notwithstanding such drawbacks as scarcity of material and shortage of labour.

The Liberal, therefore, is pleased to echo the sentiment of the foregoing purchaser of a home in this community. Probably since the incorporation of the village, and even more so in recent years, it has been the satisfying privilege of the business community — merchants, builders and all others — to hold high the standards of business ethics, and with every resident of Richmond Hill we are pleased that this newcomer should be so gratified with his purchase.

'PROPOSITIONING' LABOR

Labor leaders who have been severely critical recently of the Dominion government because there had to come a pause in certain lines of production pending the re-tooling of war plants for the manufacture of peace time products, may find it difficult to answer a challenge made to them by the Financial Post.

The Post points out that there is nothing to prevent a labor union from starting a factory of its own. Thus, the worker could be in what is often considered the enviable position of a merchant or professional when he is described as his own boss.

"We suggest," says The Post, "that some of our well-to-do and many-membered labor unions start and operate factories of their own.

"During recent weeks a blizzard of protests and demands has descended on Ottawa—and the daily press. The protests have been at the stoppage of war work. The demands have been that Ottawa provide jobs or "severance pay"; that Ottawa force factory managers to retain workers; force factory managers to take over war plants and continue to employ present staffs for peacetime production.

"Why shouldn't one or more of our labor unions take the direct method of getting what they want?

"War plants are assuredly available for peacetime use. Ottawa is literally begging people to take them over. Ottawa's policy is to turn over these properties at favorable rates to whatever interest promises to provide the most employment.

"Most of the unions have substantial funds. And they can get a lot more. Most of their members will have some money saved up in the bank. Most, or certainly a great many, will have life insurance on which they can borrow. Many will have homes on which they can get some money on a mortgage.

"The legalities involved in forming a company are not great and are not expensive. If by its charter a labor union could not legally participate as an entity in the undertaking, its executive and leaders can readily form a

joint stock company distributing shares among the members.

"Even a modest-sized union will, in its own funds and in the savings of its membership, have a very substantial amount of savings or capital wherewith to buy or lease a plant, equip it with machinery, buy some raw materials, mobilize a staff of workers, organize a sales force. These pooled savings will be vastly greater than the amount of money available for the starting of 90% of firms doing business in Canada today.

"The labor union factory would certainly find no difficulty in buying plant, machinery, supplies or raw materials. Everybody would be very ready to sell to it and on the same basis as to a factory run by anybody else. In the same way, everybody would be very ready to buy its products on exactly the same basis as the products of any other factory are bought.

"With their own factory, and their own people in charge, labor unions will then be able to go ahead and do what they are demanding others do: go on working at war wages — making war materials if they wish. The experiment has interesting and instructive possibilities."

STOUT HEARTED GARDENER

There is something about amateur gardening that is fascinating. A bountiful harvest of fruits and vegetables appeals to some. Others are interested in the technical and scientific end of it. Others still just find joy in the digging and caring for a garden even though the yield is negligible.

One man, who lives just outside the borders of Richmond Hill and whose initial gardening experiment this year could be described as a failure, declares the spirit of it is now in his blood, that next year he will enlarge his garden and work at it even harder. He has sent The Liberal the following story as an illustration of how he feels about it.

"And now the summer is over, and harvest time is at hand. Day after day all season long you have raked and hoed with one hand while you fought off insect pests with the other. Night after night you have knelt and weeded the far end of the garden, tantalized by distant and just inaudible news comments from the radio in the house, such as "...hrnnf big invasion blgf..." or "...Hitler collapse nrrrgrog..." You have stuck resolutely to your task. At last the autumn is at hand, season of fruition and fulfillment. You feel the thrill of your ancestors on their first Thanksgiving. You set your hat firmly on your head, shoulder your musket, and with your family behind you, you march into the garden plot to garner one lone cabbage.

You hold the cabbage in your hand, and you revolve it slowly. Its crisp green leaves curl tightly. Its delicate head is as beautiful as that of a storied queen. The dew still glistens in its cool heart. It is a good cabbage, you tell yourself. It is more than that: it is an unusual cabbage. It is one of the most unusual cabbages you have ever seen in your life. Why, it would make any of your neighbor's little tiny cabbages wilt with envy...

"As a matter of fact, we are putting in a whole row of cabbages in our garden next year," concludes our correspondent. "We are planning to have quite a garden. We would take in the lawn, and the fish pond, and part of the driveway by the garage, if we had such places. After all, as my wife says, there is nothing like fresh vegetables right out of the garden."

HOPE AND TESTON

A large congregation attended the Hope United Church 75th anniversary service held on Sunday, Sept. 23rd. Rev. Jenkinson of King was guest speaker and gave a very practical and inspiring address to both old and young and will long be remembered by all who attended. The special singing by Miss Florence and Mr. Howard Laidlaw was much enjoyed by all. The church officials and members wish to thank Teston United Church for withdrawing their service, and Mr. Bruce McDonald and Mrs. Elmer Orr for donations of flowers and to Miss Ethel Thomas and Eleanor Phillips for arranging them and to all who helped in any way to make this service a success. A splendid collection was received.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoiles of Nobleton had Sunday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook.

Anniversary visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Orr were Misses Florence and Jean Laidlaw, Mr. Howard Laidlaw of Norval, Mrs. A. Bagg and Don and Miss Orphie Orr. At Mr. E. Orr's, Mr. and Mrs. Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. Weldrick, Mrs. C. Robinson of Thornhill; at Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas', Mr. and Mrs. L. Kerswill and Jim, Mr. and Mrs. F. Oliver, Miss Mary Thomas, Miss L. Thomas; at Mr. and Mrs. W. Crook's, Mr. and Mrs. J. Orr and Jean of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. J. Julian; at Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thomas', Rev. and Mrs. Pockler and Margaret, Dr. and Mrs. Bigford, Mr. and Mrs. B. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kellam, Miss M. Kellam, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoiles, Phyllis and Ken, Mrs. T. O. Nixon, Mr. E. Garrow and Mr. Wm. Read.

Over 50 members of the McKeowan and Orr families gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Orr on Saturday evening, Sept. 29th for a corn roast. All enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas, Henry and Ethel had Sunday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Thomas, Toronto.

The Sept. meeting of Teston W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. H. Ireland. Scripture lesson was read responsively. The topic on Thanksgiving was given by Mrs. G. Murray and was much enjoyed by all.

The Red Cross meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. Clarkson on Wednesday, Sept. 26. Two quilts were quilted and other work handed in.

Related birthday greetings are extended to Barbara Ann Cooper whose birthday was Sept. 26th. Also birthday greetings are extended to Gary Cooper whose birthday is October 8.

Mrs. G. Murray, Mrs. Bruce Mortimer, Mrs. E. Carson, Mrs. E. Cooper visited last Friday at the home of Mrs. R. Heslop, Weston.

NORTHMOUNT

The Earl Haig Seniors played their first game of rugby on Friday, Sept. 21. This game was played at the Earl Haig field. They took the game with a score of 6-0 in their favour.

The Juniors were not so successful when they played against St. Andrew's on the same day as the latter team defeated them.

On Sept. 26th the Seniors visited Upper Canada College and played a game which ended as a tie of 6-6.

On Friday, Sept. 28th, both the Seniors and Juniors visited Scarborough but both teams were unsuccessful. The Seniors lost in a close and exciting game which ended with a score of 7-5. The Juniors were rather badly trounced, losing by a score of 11-1.

The Sunday School of Newtonbrook United Church held a weiner roast on Friday evening, Sept. 28. Approximately 75 children met at the church at 7:30 and were taken from there to Victor Reid's farm by means of two hay wagons supplied by Mr. Reid and Mr. Harold Schmidt. They had the weiner roast in the ravine on Reid's farm and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

The annual Rally Day service was held on Sunday, Sept. 30 in Newtonbrook United Church Sunday School. The Sunday School and church services were combined. The special speaker was Adjutant Winifred Leshler of the Salvation Army College in Toronto, who gave an interesting talk with illustrations. She was accompanied by a captain of the same organization who read scripture. Wilma Adaire, Betty Davidge, Jimmy Campbell and Mr. New also read passages from the Bible. Miss Jean Stephenson read a story and the beginners in the primary class sang a selection.

A shower was held for Miss Doreen Cooper at the home of Misses Bertha and Irene Smith on Friday, Sept. 21st. The table was decorated with a wedding cake and sweetheart roses. There were about 30 guests present and the bride-elect received many lovely gifts and surprises.

The elections for the student council at Earl Haig Collegiate took place on Thursday, Sept. 27. Norman Patrick of Steele's Ave. was elected as president and several other students were elected to various other positions.

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