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V-E DAY CELEBRATION

The war in Europe is at an end. The struggle against Japan is still to be won. The endeavor at the United Nations Conference for a just and lasting peace is moving toward an assured success.



On Monday, May 7th, when the unconditional surrender of Germany was announced and on the following Tuesday when V-E Day was proclaimed throughout Canada there was great rivalry on the part of the pulpit, the press, the radio and the public platform to find words that could adequately express the rejoicing, the thanksgiving, the remembrance and the re-dedication of all the victorious and liberated peoples of the earth.

Preparations for public participation in St. Catharines included the holding of evening services in all the churches on the first day and a parade on V-E Day followed by a religious service at the cenotaph. All schools, stores, banks, restaurants and public places came as near to complete cessation of activities as has even been known in this city. Flags were everywhere. Jubilation broke out in every quarter. For a brief period nothing else mattered but that an end had come to nearly six years of terrible, heart-breaking war.

The congregational services followed the order as outlined by the Canadian Council of Churches. Rev. J. W. Hedley delivered an impressive address in Welland Avenue Church and the choir sang the Hallelujah chorus.

Sunday, May 13th, has been proclaimed as a day of National Prayer and Thanksgiving. At Welland Avenue Church it will be dedicated to those who have given their lives that we might rejoice. Also 'Mothers' Day will not be overlooked.

DOUBLE ELECTIONS HERE WITH TRIPLE CANDIDATES

One of the important tasks following V-E Day to which soldiers and citizens of Ontario and Canada must turn is the election of a new Legislative Assembly and 245 members of the House of Commons. The Ontario election is to be held on June 4th and the Dominion on June 11th. Across Canada there will be various parties and factions contending for public office but in the County of Lincoln it will be a double election month with triple candidates in both contests.

The three candidates in the Ontario field are Hon. Chas. (Tod) Daley, Minister of Labor in the former Progressive Conservative Government of Col. George Drew, and former mayor of St. Catharines. J. Vernon Buchanan is the Liberal candidate. He is a former mayor of Ingersoll and is a resident of this community by reason of holding a public office for the past five years. Dr. McLean, a prominent physician and exponent of C.C.F. principles is the candidate for that party.

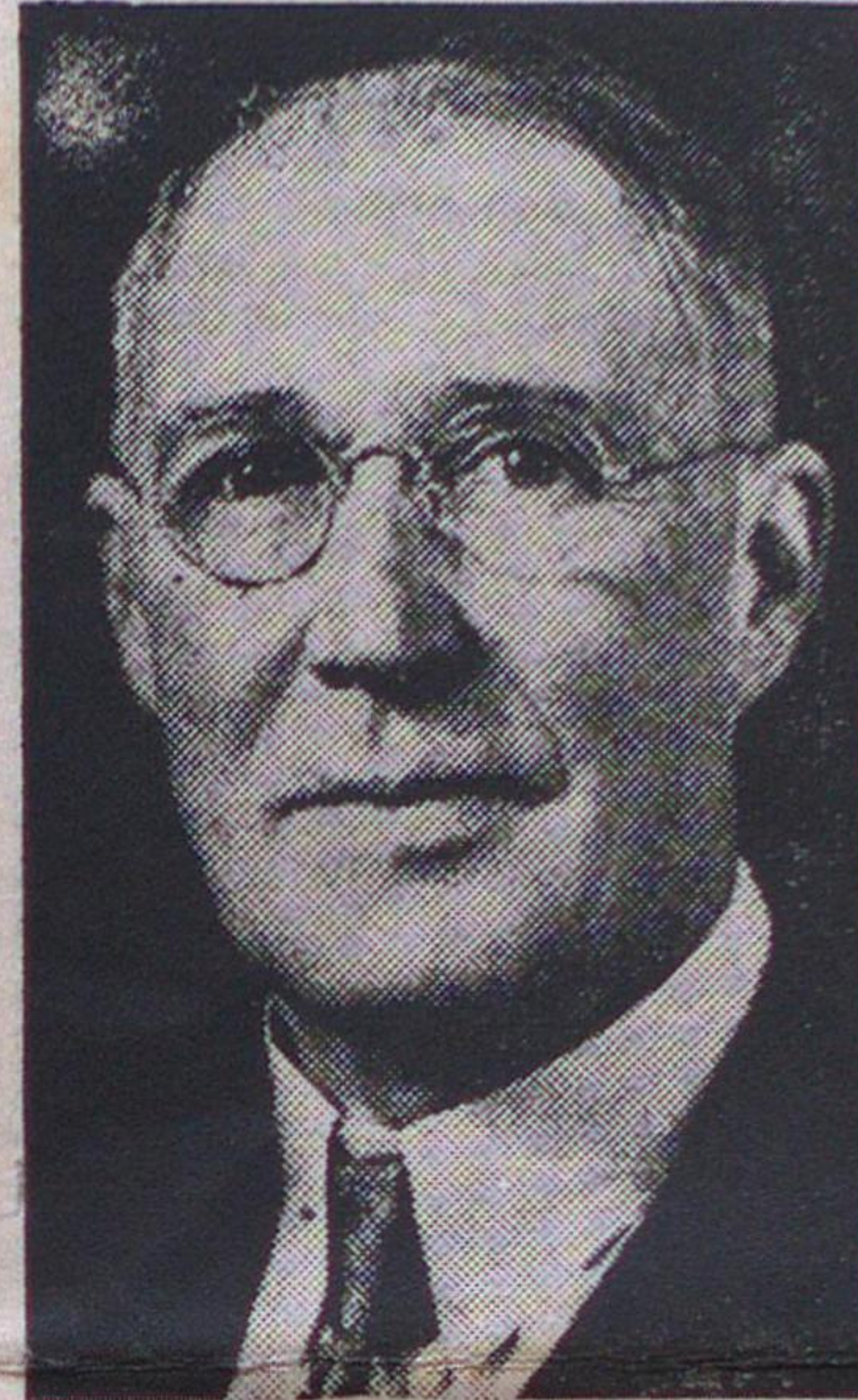
N. J. (Mac) Lockhart, the veteran Ottawa member, will again be the Progressive Conservative candidate. Allan Schroeder for the second time will be the C.C.F. candidate and a newcomer, Col. Frank McCordick, will carry the Liberal banner. Before the war he commanded the Tenth Battery, and will shortly return from distinguished service with the Canadian army overseas.

Elaborate preparations have been made to register the vote of Canadian service people wherever they may be.

"Say thanks with a bond" and "Invest in the Best," make good slogans for the 8th Victory Loan.

"Question of the hour in thousands of hearts: how long before he Canadian boys and girls, too, can get home?"

SALUTE TO THE CHIEF



Nearly two years ago the creative mind and understanding heart of the late Fred R. Foley brought this church newspaper into being.

From the first edition, in October 1943, Mr. Foley, as editor-in-chief, maintained the mission of "Newsettes" to be that of a link between the people of the pews of Welland Ave. United Church and their loved ones who were separated far from the environment of church and home.

Into this work Mr. Foley threw characteristic energy and enthusiasm worthy of a much younger man. He enlisted the

cooperation of others who caught his vision of the untold blessing which would follow this unique medium of exchange. Each issue was given his personal attention in every detail. He looked beyond to all far from home in the service of their country and made it a point to give this paper wide circulation so that other churches might be moved to establish similar contact with their sons and daughters. It was a great satisfaction to him to know that they are doing so.

Now he is gone. While in the midst of preparing a special Springtime issue his tenure of life closes. His guiding hand is removed. But sorrowing readers, contributors, and staff raise their hands in unison to salute the spirit of a man who was ever a lover of the beautiful, an inspiring leader of men, a great soldier of his King, and a never-to-be forgotten friend.

The late Fred R. Foley was one of the most active lay members of the Niagara Presbytery of which he was treasurer. He was president of the Lay Association of the Hamilton Conference and a member of the Grand Council. "Mead of Memories" was his compilation of the history of Welland Ave. Church. "Singers and Their Songs" was a book prepared by him outlining the history of about 80 hymns and songs. These activities show the scope of the Christian life he lived.

LOAN OBJECTIVE ASSURED

It is expected that the V-E Day celebration coming in the third week of the 8th Victory Loan campaign will not slow down the daily quotas once the celebrations have moderated. The objective is \$1,350,000,000 and at this time the billion dollar mark has been reached. The armed forces have made a tremendous contribution to this total while on the home front individual subscriptions are the feature of the campaign.

All sections of Lincoln County are represented in the appointments to the Lincoln County Citizens Committee. This organization has functioned on a purely voluntary basis for over four years, its object being assistance to the soldiers' family when overseas and now his early reestablishment on return to civilian life.