

Speaker at S. Porcupine Kiwanis Club Urges All to Buy War Savings Bonds

Reviews the Serious Situation Facing the Empire and the World. To the Question, "What Can I Do?" the Speaker's Answer Was: "Buy War Savings Stamps and Certificates."

The following is the address given by Mr. I. M. Marshall, guest speaker at the South Porcupine Kiwanis Club, on Thursday last.

Gentlemen:—Six months ago many unthinking people referred to this as a "phony" war. Arm-chair strategists wanted to know when this war was going to start. Radio commentators spoke learnedly of a war of "position"—and from premises completely false concluded that this war would end in stalemate.

I only hope that those who dreamed "phony war" will now be completely satisfied. I hope most sincerely that this war is now being fought to their entire satisfaction. Most devoutly do I hope that as they read their daily newspapers they feel that they at least are getting their money's worth.

The bald and challenging truth of the matter is that Britain and her Allies—and Canada with her—are fighting for their very existence.

Living under a peaceful sky—going about our daily tasks as in normal times—we as civilians find it difficult to picture ourselves as being directly involved in the momentous events now taking place in Europe. For most of us, this war—perhaps the bloodiest and most destructive in the whole history of the human race—comes no closer to us than the headlines of our daily newspaper. Let us thank God that this is so. And yet it is imperative that we avoid the mistake of thinking that this is not our war and that we have no direct and immediate interest in the fortunes of those who are fighting our battles 3,000 miles away. It is all too easy to feel that because our armed forces stand between us and the enemy that this war cannot touch us.

Did the peaceful Hollander dream that when his tulips were in bloom, that hordes of battle—grey tanks wallowing and rumbling like a herd of elephants gone mad—did he dream that such things would visit his quiet village and write "finis" to the story of his own simple and ordered existence? Did he think for one moment that before May was out, he would be a man without a country.

Did the ordinary man and woman of Belgium, living behind the fortified eastern frontiers, and with a well equipped army between themselves and Hitler—did these people think for a moment that with the speed of a striking hawk, Hitler's hordes would swoop down far behind the defending lines, even while their own armies were at death grips scores of miles away?

Such thoughts as these were phantasies before Oslo, before Rotterdam, before Antwerp, before Dunkerque. They are no longer phantasies. The people of Norway, Holland, Belgium, and France now know that such things can happen here—did in fact take place.

They know it as they count their 100,000 dead in Rotterdam alone. They know it as they tend the graves of their children who a few weeks ago played war games in the street. They know it all too well as they view the mass of scrambled bricks and steel and mortar, which were once the proud possessions of the Dutch, the Norwegians and Belgium people. They know it as they stand in dumb unthinking wonder, before the pitiful shambles that was once their homes—the churned earth that was once their garden. These things we know do come to pass.

This is a war, not of armies, navies and air-force alone. It is a war of whole peoples. Germany has realized this from the beginning—has realized it since that dark day when Hitler decided to chance his all on still another throw of the dice and invaded Poland, convinced perhaps, that Britain—"decadent Britain"—and other democracies would not fight. He knows now that in this gamble the dice were loaded against him.

This is a TOTAL war. It is a struggle to the death in which every man woman and child in Canada is willy-nilly engaged. It is a war in which the full resources of our nation—financial, industrial and economic—must be thrown into the balance of events to come.

Does Canada yet realize the gravity of the hour? There are signs that our people do—indeed, fully appreciate how desperate has become our situation.

Canada's fighting men have responded nobly to the call of the Empire and its Allies, just as their fathers did before them when faced with a similar challenge.

Canada's millions, still living normal lives at home are naturally asking "what can we do to help? What practical service can we render that our children may live in peace and freedom in the future and develop into normal thinking people, with wills and thought and feelings of their own.

The answer to this question is no longer in doubt. There exists now one method by which every man woman and child in Canada can make a direct and immediate contribution to the Allied Cause.

They can buy WAR SAVINGS STAMPS AND WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES, regularly—month by month—year by year—until this war is over.

The Honorable J. L. Ilsley, Minister of Finance stated on Dec. 10th, that there were three main methods of distributing the burden of war expenditures among the different classes of a

community. The first is taxation the second is borrowing from genuine savings and the third is inflation.

Taxation takes purchasing power away and for all borrowing takes away a certain amount of purchasing power but leaves the lender with the expectation that he will be able to exercise that purchasing power at a later date, perhaps at the expense of some other group which has not saved during the war. Inflation permits the citizen to spend as much as he did before but sees to it that he does not get as much for what he spends.

Mr. Ilsley has declared himself definitely opposed to inflation. He doesn't want to see a man go down town with one dollar (\$1.00) and when that is spent all he will have is fifty cents (50c) worth of goods to show for it.

It is no secret that after the first few weeks the response in the sale of War Savings Stamps and Certificates fell far below the objective and pitifully below the proportionate figure for Great Britain and Australia. This year the objective was placed at ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) per month. It would appear that this may include that which we did not contribute last year. Even so it is still below that proportionate figure for Australia and Great Britain. One thing we can be assured that if we do not lend it, the Government will take it in taxation, thereby reducing the purchasing power of each and every one of us once and for all.

There is one point in this War Savings Plan that we should not overlook. It is beyond a doubt the most effective cushion for the post war reaction. None of us know what will happen when this bitter struggle is over. Some of you may remember conditions in some cities after the last Some communities with little savings enjoyed a reasonable share of the expenditures for war commodities with little savings. When International Nickel had cut their force to skeleton maintenance crews, the neighbouring communities went through black months.

This war has been described as a war for the existence of democracy. We've got to make it a war for Victory. Victory over a fearsome set of Hunnish criminals, cunning theorists and fools, their Nazi followers and adherents. Victory over them we know command the efforts of nearly eighty million of their own stolid, docile, bovine, deluded countrymen, combining the dragooned, coerced efforts of over one hundred million of the oppressed captives of the countries they have conquered or overrun. In all they have been cheered and encouraged by a race of yellow semi-savages, supported by an equally fearsome set of pseudo-logicians, self styled polemicians and internationalists. Victory over these inhuman unnatural spirits, who have one fixed aim—the wiping out of our system of justice, the end of English Common Law which Blackstone has called the perfection of reason, the overthrow of the usages and customs of centuries, the finish of privileges won by countless generations of democratic effort, the immediate end of existing currencies, all business contracts written or implied, the death of spiritual thought and ecclesiastic life, in fact the complete destruction of the whole structure of human society such as we know it.

And for what purpose. In order that this Nazi gang may impose their ideas, enforce their own system and endeavour to build a cruel, atheistic, malign, subhuman structure upon the ruins of Christian civilization.

This is what we work and save for. Victory.

And the paths to that victory must be festooned, garlanded and strewn like flowers in a triumphant professional march by—

Little pieces of paper. War Savings Stamps and Certificates.



GIRL GUIDES IN TIMMINS

The Guides of the 106th I.O.D.E. Company held their weekly meeting on Monday in St. Matthew's hall.

The meeting was called to order by Christine Brown, who is one of the Rangers. After roll call and inspection the Guides formed Horseshoe. The flag was lowered by the Ranger Patrol. The Guides were very interested to hear a letter which Captain Bailey read. It was from the soldier to whom the Guides sent a huge Christmas box. The soldier stated that he and his friends appreciated the box greatly and especially the cigarettes.

The Guides then studied badges and the Tenderfoot Guides were taught by the Rangers.

During Campfire several Guides knitted on the Red Cross articles.

The meeting closed with "Taps." On Friday night at 7 o'clock a sleigh ride will be held. The Guides are asked to be at the hall at that time.

Exchange.—Business is like a wheelbarrow—it stands still unless somebody pushes it.

FIVE CHARMING CANDIDATES FOR QUEEN ESTHER AT THE PURIM BALL



MISS NANCY BENNETT



MISS JEAN MCCHESNEY



MISS VIVIEN PIERCE



MISS ANN SULLIVAN



MISS SOPHIE KORMAN

Pictured are five of the young ladies from this district who will vie for the honour of Queen Esther at the annual Purim Ball in the McIntyre Community Building next Wednesday. These girls will also act as hostesses at the event, in an endeavour to further the sale of war savings stamps, and from the group pictured above, along with others whose photographs will appear later, will be chosen Queen Esther and her attendants.

Dropped Between Stitches

By Ann

"She must represent not only beauty, but nobility of character and self-sacrificing qualities of womanhood, in confirmation with the Queen Esther of history who was chosen for these qualities from all of Persia by the King" . . . that is the description of the girl or woman from the Porcupine district who will be crowned Queen Esther at the annual Purim Ball next Wednesday . . . and here is an interesting note . . . the Hadassah Chapters of Hebrew women are given their name by the Jewish word for "Esther" . . . in qualifying for the title, all those girls who are entrants in the Queen Esther contest are prompted to enter the contest and to act as hostesses by their earnest desire to help in the increase of the sale of war savings stamps.

Invitations sent out, and being prepared, are worded "You are cordially invited to attend the Formal Burial of Adolf Hitler under an avalanche of Canada's War Stamps" . . . that is the purpose of the Purim Ball, and while enjoying one of the year's most popular events, you'll be doing your bit to help in Canada's war effort . . . too, if you are one of the lucky people who will be at the dance, you'll be interested to know that admission per couple is 50c in cash, and \$1.50 in war savings stamps to be purchased at the door.

Monday, the 17th, is the day chosen by Dorothy Leach and Sergeant George McLean to say their "I do's" . . . the event will take place at the Timmins United Church and will be followed by a reception at the Hollinger hall . . . both Dorothy and George are well known here, and their many friends will extend best wishes to the couple . . . the bride to be has been entertained by her many friends, among those entertaining in her honour being Mrs. B. Ash . . . a complete account of the event was carried in Monday's Advance and here are some of the women who were present . . . Mrs. Cronmiller, Mrs. H. Dean, Mrs. B. Richards, Mrs. W. F. McLean, Mrs. W. Wilkinson, Mrs. A. Lazenby, Mrs. G. Gibson, Mrs. W. Sangster, Mrs. Florence Briggs, Mrs. G. Allison, Mrs. J. Pye, Mrs. Billy Wilkinson, Mrs. M. Pettick, Mrs. Edna Thompson, Mrs. J. Landers, Mrs. F. Kitcher, Mrs. Frances Raymond, Miss Joyce Ash, the hostess (Mrs. B. Ash) and the guest of honour (Miss Dorothy Leach).

Several Valentine's Day events have taken place during the past few days, but there still are others that you may enjoy . . . this evening the Sr. C. W. L. is entertaining at a Valentine card party and tomorrow, there is an afternoon tea and fashion show by the Women's Auxiliary of the Trinity United Church at the McIntyre Community Building . . . the new spring fashions will be displayed by the A. J. Shrage store, and popular models will take part in the show . . . in the evening there will be a dance at the McIntyre Gymnasium and another at South Porcupine High School . . . another event scheduled for the evening, the Valentine Party by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion has been postponed until Monday evening, Feb. 17th . . . on Saturday, the Easy Aces Bridge Club extends an invitation to Valentine dance in the Hollinger Hall, the proceeds to be used in the purchase of cigarettes for the boys "over there"

Numerous other events are included in the week-end line up, among them a Valentine wedding and many club events . . . however, you'll know more about them on Monday . . . the evening knitting group of the Eastern Star met on Monday of this week at the home of Miss Helen Crews, 6 James avenue and plans were made for the next two meetings . . . on the evening of February 17th, they will gather at the home of Mrs. L. Halperin, 7 Maple street south, where Miss Doughty and Miss Tackaberry will be the hostesses . . . then, on February 24th, they have

... hope it's all well again soon Jessie

The sleigh-ride party which the Y. P. U. had planned for last night was postponed until to night when the group will journey to the Ski Club . . . last night was the regular meeting for the Dime Club, the event taking place at the home of Mrs. Harris, 44 Hollinger Avenue . . . special features of the evening were solo selections by Mrs. Griffith and Miss Hawkins, accompanied by Mrs. Taylor at the piano . . . when the members had knitted for a few hours, the hostess served a delicious lunch, and plans were made to hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Sloman, 58 Main avenue.

Trio of Youths Said Responsible For False Alarms

Three suspects, believed responsible for turning in false alarms to the fire department from a box at the corner of Commercial Avenue and Rea Street, will be charged in police court here

next week, it was disclosed this morning. Apprehension of the trio, all of whom are about seventeen years of age, was accomplished through the cooperation with police of a resident in that section. False alarms were turned in from the same box on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week.

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Every Canadian should enrol to send fighting dollars into our defense line.

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