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ONE WAY TO SAVE GASOLINE

Magistrate Atkinson did his bit this week in the present effort to conserve gasoline normally used by civilians, so that there may be more ample supply for war purposes. On Tuesday the magistrate sent a couple of motorists to jail for ten days and ordered the impounding of their cars, because he found the drivers guilty of operating motor cars while under the influence of liquor. That will mean that for some months the motor cars concerned will not be consuming any gasoline at all. This suggests a scheme that might do more to conserve gasoline than the average method of rationing. In addition it might add considerably to the safety of traffic by holding back gasoline from dangerous drivers. The idea, in a nutshell, is to substitute fines in terms of gasoline for the present cash fines and terms of imprisonment. For each offence against the traffic and safety laws each guilty driver would forfeit so much gasoline, or have his car tied up for so long. Here is a suggested list of offences and penalties:—

- For parking more than the allotted time, 1 gallon and costs.
- For passing a red light, three to forty gallons and costs.
- For defective lights, a gallon and a half and costs.
- For driving without a license, two gallons and costs.
- For driving with last year's markers, five gallons and costs.
- For driving with 1939 markers, ten gallons and costs.
- For cutting in on traffic, fifteen gallons and costs.
- For speeding, twenty gallons and costs.
- For unnecessary horn-toting, twenty-five gallons and costs.
- For driving cars older than this camp, forty gallons, without costs.
- For careless driving, fifty gallons and costs.
- For driving while drunk, a thousand gallons and double costs.

It was the Irishman who suggested that many a lie spoken in jest proved true. By the same token, many a joke spoken in seriousness may prove a good idea. In any event if the Oil Controller and the law officials would take up this gasoline fine idea they might be able to make it a good joke on all concerned. It would be a good joke on the authorities if they conserved oil by penalizing law-breaking motorists; it would be a good joke on the offending motorists if every time they broke a traffic rule they automatically prevented themselves from being able to do it again for a time; and it would be a dandy joke on the public if they could increase safety in traffic, punish law-breakers, and conserve gasoline for war purposes all at the one time.

SEE THESE WINDOWS

Everybody in town should inspect the two windows in the store on Pine street north formerly occupied by the A & P, and more recently used as headquarters for the Victory Loan Committee for this district. It is not enough to glance at the goods now on display in these windows and then pass on and forget about the matter. Not only should the goods be studied, but there should be thought given to the lessons indicated by the displays. The goods in these windows are products of the Timmins Red Cross—made by local ladies either at their homes or at the Red Cross rooms here. They are not picked samples, but rather may be termed the average everyday product—the "run of the mine," as it were. There are ordinary socks for soldiers, the seamen's long socks, sleeveless sweaters, turtle-neck sweaters, whole mitts, rifle mitts, helmets, scarves, face cloths, wristlets, face masks, bed jackets, pyjamas, dressing gowns, hospital bed gowns, pneumonia jackets, knickers, comfort bags, slippers, and many other articles.

Probably the first thing that will impress anyone inspecting the windows is the very evident perfection of the knitting and the sewing. The articles have the appearance of carefully finished articles completed by experts. Timmins would be very proud to have a privately-owned factory that would turn out goods of this variety and this excellence. There would be much said about such a factory if it were a private enterprise. Surely, it is worthy of special consideration that there is such a factory conducted by the free people of the town—a very triumph surely of democracy at its best.

Probably the next impression made will be the time, the effort and the skill that was necessary to produce these notable articles. It will be remembered that the display includes only a few samples as it were. Each article on display in most cases represents hundreds of similar articles made here since the war began. During the past

month the Red Cross shipment from Timmins to headquarters in Toronto included no less than 694 articles. It is worth giving a thought to the work and the spirit that has made such shipments possible from month to month.

Many who have looked at the window displays have been impressed at once by the enormous amount of labour suggested by the Red Cross work. It is easy enough to understand that even the apparently simpler articles, such as mitts, socks and scarves, represent a considerable amount of skilful and patient work. Then there are the pyjamas, the pneumonia jackets, the bed jackets, the sweaters, and above all, the complete outfits designed for refugees and the victims of air raids. These latter goods, perfect in every detail, like all the other goods turned out by the Red Cross, represent work that would be beyond the capacity of any comparatively small group that was not inspired by something deeper than the ordinary calls for work.

Still another impression that will be made by the displays is that the talk about the strict and careful inspection made of all Red Cross goods has a strong basis in actual fact and practice. All goods for the Red Cross are given the closest inspection before passed for shipment. In a word, it is not too much to say that the requirement in each case is practical perfection.

Someone may say that it is remarkable that there should be in Canada so many expert workers as to make this display possible, especially when it is remembered that the displays are only samples of hundreds of articles turned out month by month. Of course, Timmins did not have all these skilled and trained workers at the start. There were a comparatively few experts at the beginning, but the most of the workers have become unusually skilled and effective at the work since the need became known. There was a small group to help the willing workers, and the women of Timmins, with this aid, and with the instructions and particulars furnished by the headquarters of the Red Cross have proceeded to fill the need in a way that should make every patriotic citizen proud and pleased.

Men, women and children alike should study the Red Cross windows here. The children are included, because many youngsters have proved very valuable assistants in the work. The women may well take pride in the success achieved—a success that these window displays makes very evident. The women and children, however, can not be content with mere satisfaction at what has been accomplished. There are still greater needs to be met. Those who have given such loyal and faithful devotion to the work must continue, and even extend their help if that is possible. Above all, new workers must rally to the effort and add their best to the good work of the others. As for the men, they should be sure not to miss a study of the windows. It will give them a better conception of what the Red Cross means, not only to the soldiers and sailors and airmen on the battle lines, and to refugees and bomb victims, but also it will give true indication that the women are doing their part at self-sacrificing cost and effort.

A VALUABLE VISITOR

Prof. Francis R. Preveden, Ph.D., Graduate Professor of Classics in Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa., who left here yesterday after a few days' visit to Croatian friends at Schumacher, has been described by The Advance, with sincerity and truth, as a distinguished visitor. It should be added that he might well be termed also as a valuable visitor. The effect of his visit here, of his addresses in public and over the radio, and his personal contacts, promises to have noteworthy and permanent benefit not only for the Croatian people but for all others in the community. The chief theme of all his public and private utterances was that his fellow countrymen should bend every effort to become the best possible citizens of their adopted country. He emphasized the idea that it is well enough to be prosperous and progressive but that the things of the spirit should be placed first and foremost, even from the selfish standpoint of happiness and contentment. Education, culture, the better things of life—these were the ambitions he urged upon his fellows. He referred to the traditions of the music, the art, the literature of Croatia and other lands across the sea. He did not suggest that these should be forgotten, but rather that the great gifts of the older lands should be brought to the new. The love of freedom, the desire for independence, the hope for culture and the faith for higher things that was in their blood should be their gift to the new land that offered them so much.

The message of Dr. Preveden is a message not only for the Croatian people. It is a message for all New Canadians. It is a message, too, for English and Scottish and Irish and French. It is a message that The Advance has tried on many an occasion to present. Here in Canada is a land of opportunity for the best there is in life. Here there is freedom and chance for the richest and noblest of living. There is room for all, if all come bearing gifts—not isms and alien ideas—not hatreds and old world quarrels—but the gifts of quaint customs, of charming tradition, of history, of art, of literature, of music, of dancing, of hope and faith and ambition and ideals. There are gifts that all may bring—gifts beyond price—gifts that will help to make Canada and the Empire a place where life is more interesting, richer,

fuller, nobler. If all bring all their noble gifts—gifts made doubly precious with the blood, the sweat, the tears that they have cost through the years, then there will arise a Canada—an Empire—greater, stronger, nobler, than has been.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Still stands the motto of the King:—
"Put into your task whatever it may be all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshakable. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips and our heads held high, and with God's help we shall not fail."

The Germans claim to have taken prisoner Jacob Stalin, son of the present Czar of All the Russians. The sad part of it is that the Russians have no chance to counterclaim that they had captured a son of Hitler, and it is not likely that they will ever have a chance to even capture a son of Modest Mussolini.

Berlin newspapers are busy these days heaping abuse on President Roosevelt. One German newspaper of regular official standing accuses the President of the United States of "secretly aiding England." There has been little attempt at secrecy in regard to the United States and its help to Britain. There has been little the United States could do to help Britain that has not been done openly—except to declare war—and that may be coming shortly. If President Roosevelt, as the German newspaper suggests, is giving secret aid to Britain, in addition to the open aid

Ruthlessness the Only Way to Fight the Ruthless Huns

The "V" for Victory Campaign Only a Sideline.

(By W. L. Clark in Windsor Star)

We aren't going to win this war with any ouija boardappings or scribbles on walls in Germany. The Nazis are too strong and too intent on playing the grown-up game of war to be conquered by child's play or a game of knock-knock in the beer halls.

This "V for Victory" campaign against the Nazis has a place in the war of nerves, but it is going to take a lot more than that to break up Hitler's gang. Those young fellows have been reared in an atmosphere of war and hate. Their business is to kill and they are not going to come in from the field of battle to lose at rummy, or whatever this three dots and a dash for "V" is called.

Let us keep all this stuff in its proper proportion. It is all right to go on writing on the walls in Germany. There is nothing new to that. My-sterious agents have seen to it that the German commander in Oslo, Norway, has The London Times on his breakfast table each morning. That frays his nerves badly and it has been done for months.

Don't forget that the only way to gain complete victory over the Hun is to smash him and smash him by terrific blows from the air, at first, and then from the sea and the land.

No Quarter

Ruthless warfare is the only warfare the Germans understand. The Allies have to be even more ruthless than the Nazis. That point is stressed by Major-General Duch of the Polish Legion, who has come to Windsor in connection with the recruiting of a Polish Legion. Having experienced the weight of German warfare in Poland, General Duch speaks from experience. The whole history of the Nazi machine has been one of ruthlessness. Having set their course on the conquest of the world, Hitler and his gangsters are not stopping at anything. Nothing is too horrible, nothing too terrible for them to try. They wage war against women and children, against the aged and infirm, against everyone. The German plan is to batter down the morale of a country by the weapon of fear. They burn towns and villages, they execute hundreds of persons, they destroy buildings and ravage homes. It is all part of the ruthless programme to conquer.

There is only one way to meet that challenge. It is to be even more ruthless. For every bomb dropped on Great Britain, ten bombs must be dropped on Germany. For every Allied individual killed, at least ten Boche must be killed. It may sound bloodthirsty, but it is only way to win.

How Churchill is Going to Win the War, by the Stars

Different nations have different types of wit and humour—if any. There is doubt about the Germans having a sense of humour. They take themselves too seriously and others too fatally. But most other nations have a keen sense of humour—at least among the peasantry. They need it to survive. Here is a sample of Russian humour:—
Among the stories in circulation in Russia, as reported from Moscow, are the following:

There is the one about Hitler, Mussolini and Churchill going to ask a fortune teller who would win the war. The soothsayer produced two fish-bowls, one full of water and fish, the other empty, and said:

"The one who captures the fish first will win the war."
Hitler immediately plunged into the full bowl, splashing water around and grabbing for the fish, but got nothing. Mussolini danced around the edge,

so clearly to be seen that even Hunnish stupidity could scarcely miss it—then President Roosevelt is doing even better than most honest people believed—and that is much indeed.

Premier Mackenzie King is making a habit of pretending that he fears something may be done to cause disunity in Canada. The Premier must be sadly out of touch with Canada and public opinion if he thinks there is any unity today. As a matter of fact he himself made a special point of insisting that the country should be split in twain. He refused all suggestions for unity during the war and instead was determined that there should be two decided divisions in the country—the ins and the outs—his party and the others. He split the country into his party and the rest of the Dominion, and some of his followers split the Premier's own personal party into some further divisions. If Premier King were sincere in his talk about the need for unity, he would make his government of a part of a part of a party into a national government that would line up a fully united Canada to hurry the winning of the war.

A local gentleman this week asks The Advance if it would be all right for him to write to the "Questions and Answers" column of some leading Berlin newspaper:—"Where is Lord Haw-Haw?"

The Advance would like to see the Russians continue to hold the Nazis in check all along the line, but it wouldn't be much of a calamity, surely, if German cannon shot a few of those unnecessary letters out of some of the Russian place names.

Police Determined to Keep Streets of Timmins Safe

Timmins Has Fine Safety Record and Police are Determined to Keep That Record.

Two Timmins men will face charges of careless driving at next Tuesday's police court as the Timmins police are cracking down on any and every person who may possibly stop the fine no-fatal-accident record that has been set in Timmins.

Rene Brazeau, 43 Middleton avenue, was stopped at 9:20 p.m. on Monday night and now faces a charge of careless driving. Police say that Brazeau was driving south on Mountjoy street, and passed another car as he failed to stop at a stop street and then continued on down the street at a rapid rate.

George Cote, 121 Preston street, south, was stopped by the police on Sunday morning at 12:20, and he also faces a careless driving charge. Police say that he was driving east on the Hollinger Flats and that he was zig-zagging all over the road. Inspection of the car found that the steering apparatus was not in very good shape. Further examination found that no part of the car was in good shape and it was a menace to drivers on the highway.

Just shortly after twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, a Timmins merchant was caught on Cedar street south, with eleven pints of beer in a suitcase. As a result he will face a charge of having beer in other than his private residence when he appears in police court next Tuesday.

Another man was also charged by the police on Wednesday morning, just after twelve o'clock, with disorderly conduct. The offence took place on one of the town's noisiest corners, the corner of Cedar street and Second

- gears.
- Keep carburetor cleaned and properly adjusted.
- Tune up motor timing, etc.
- Keep spark plugs and valves clean. Check cooling system; overheating wastes gasoline.
- Maintain tires at right pressure.
- Lubricate efficiently; worn engines waste gasoline.
- Drive in groups to and from work, using cars alternate days.
- For golf, picnics and other outings, use one car instead of four.
- Take those short shopping trips ON FOOT and carry parcels home.
- Walk to and from the movies.
- Boat owners too, can help by reducing speed.

Local Taxi Driver Charged With Being Drunk in Charge

Was Involved in Accident on Spruce Street Near Timmins Garage. Police Investigated.

Wilfred Therien, 10 Balsam street south was charged with being drunk in charge of a car, on Monday night after he had been involved in an accident on Spruce street north, near the Timmins Garage. Therien is a local taxi driver but police said there were no passengers in the car at the time of the accident.

Therien was said to have been travelling east on Fourth avenue and turned north on Spruce street and had travelled approximately fifty feet on the left side of the road before striking another car in a head-on collision. The other car, being driven by Henry Riepel, 210 Elm street north, was going south on Spruce at a moderate speed on the right side of the road.

Damage to the car driven by Therien amounted to about \$125 and consisted of a smashed grille, a smashed radiator, damaged front fender and bumper and a dented hood. The damage to the other car was a broken front headlight.

Police were called to the scene and after an investigation they laid the drunk driving charge against Therien.

Sense and Nonsense: Now Hollywood reports there is no ideal man. But they should examine the letters of recommendation of a gent seeking a political appointment.

avenue. Police say that he was creating a disturbance there and refused to keep quiet.

Another Timmins man, a motorist, was charged by police with having defective brakes on Tuesday night just before twelve. Police stopped him on Pine street, south, and found that his brakes were in very poor condition.

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