

The Red Cross Society Has Never Failed You! Don't Fail the Red Cross!

Campaign Starts May 11th for Nine Million Dollars to Carry on the Great Work of the Red Cross. No General Public Appeal for Funds for Almost Two Years. All Urged to Make Campaign a Success.

Toronto, April 29—Starting May 11th, the Canadian Red Cross will launch the most intensive drive for funds in its useful career. The amount sought is \$9,000,000 and of this sum, exactly half is the objective of the Ontario Division.

The fiscal year just passed was outstanding in Red Cross history for the reason that a year when its war activities had been greatly increased, the Ontario Division was able to meet all calls upon it despite the fact that no general appeal for funds was made. The credit for this accomplishment rests with the various branches throughout the Province, which, through their own fund raising efforts, have largely financed their local work, and contributed generously to the Division. The sum of \$63,911 was contributed by the branches, proof positive that the public sympathy of the people of Ontario is loyal behind the Red Cross. Worthy of note is this—the total cost of the salaries staff in the Ontario Division represents less than 2 1/2% of the money received. Even for volunteer service organizations this is an unusual achievement.

Perhaps you would like to know how that 98c out of every \$1 received is spent. In 1941, over one million comforts were made by the women of the 462 Red Cross Branches in Ontario. Material was supplied by the Red Cross.

More than 7600 patients were cared for in the 30 outpatient hospitals which serve sparsely-populated sections of the Province.

At the four Blood Donor Clinics in operation in the past year, 31,747 donations were given. More clinics are functioning now. This entails considerable expense in medical help, instruments and equipment.

In co-operation with the Women's Institutes of Ontario, the Red Cross made and shipped to Britain, 233,232 pounds of jam. Classes in nutrition were conducted throughout the Province.

Some 6,364 sixteen-ounce bottles of a specially fortified brand of Cod Liver Oil were distributed to Ontario school children.

A bureau is maintained by Red Cross to gather information on persons who are missing and to advise relatives accordingly. Since the beginning of the war, some 4,000 requests have been received by the Ontario Division from persons wanting information about their kin serving in the armed forces.

The Ontario Division contributed over \$136,600 for medical aid to Russia.

Ontario Junior Red Cross members played an important part in donating fourteen mobile kitchen units, five ambulances and one station wagon to Britain. They were also in the van of the movement to assume financial responsibility for eight nurseries in England for bombed victims under five. Also they have joined in the giving of over 3,000 woollen blankets for use in Britain and in keeping a steady stream of clothing flowing to the mother country.

452 courses in Home Nursing were given by the Red Cross last year in Ontario. The total enrolment was 11,015, evidence of the interest shown in this work for the improvement of health and prevention of disease. Two refresher courses for the teachers of home nursing were also given. The movement to enrol 12,000 Ontario women in the Red Cross Emergency Nursing Reserve is in full swing.

Thousands of parcels packed with food are sent every week to British prisoners of war. Ontario Red Cross played no small part in this work.

These are but a few of the things the Red Cross has done and is doing. Each day, new demands are made upon it. For almost two years it has managed to get by without appealing to the general public.

Now the Red Cross needs money. It needs money urgently to carry on its vital, indispensable war work. It needs money to maintain its peacetime ser-

VICES. It needs money to help the bombed victims of Britain. Money to send comforts and food to our boys in German prison camps. Money to care for our troops in other lands. Money to provide nurses, doctors and medical supplies at home and abroad. And who is going to attend to all this if not the Red Cross? Who is going to make it possible for the Red Cross to carry on but you, and you, and you?

The Red Cross has never failed you. Don't fail the Red Cross.

Kirkland Forms Retail Merchants' Association

Kirkland Lake last week organized a Retail Merchants' Association for that centre. Mr. E. Sole was elected chairman. Bruce Davidson, who retired in favour of Mr. Sole, agreeing to work with him in every possible way.

Sudbury Star—Bad times for the young also lie ahead. On a tandem bicycle a girl rides a yard or so in front of her male escort, and experiments show that from that position it is practically impossible to get her head on his shoulder.

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Most of the cases on the docket were for infractions of the Liquor Control Act. Also the Timmins police continued their relentless drive against that type of motorist who continues to try and mix gasoline and liquor. An average of almost three charges of drunk driving have been appearing on the docket weekly and so far not one of those charged has been able to "beat the rap." This week two of the three who were charged were given terms of ten days in jail while the third case was remanded at the request of the crown, who told the court that Mr. Kester, defence attorney, had asked for a week's remand as he was unable to be present.

First of the two drunk driving charges to be heard on Tuesday was one against Guillaume Blais. He conducted a very able defence on his own behalf but his story was not convincing enough to earn him an acquittal. Blais didn't take the stand in his own behalf but called all three passengers who were in the car when he was stopped by the police. At one time during the testimony of Dr. Paul Clermont, Blais almost won his freedom when the doctor refused to testify that the man had been too drunk to drive a car safely. He explained the various tests that he had put Blais through before reaching a decision and said that he had come to the conclusion that Blais was in control of all his faculties although not perfectly. When asked by the crown if Blais was in any condition to drive a car safely the doctor replied that he was practically certain that Blais could have driven the car but said that whether it would be driven safely was a matter of determining to what degree of recklessness the word safely depended on. He thought that the man could have driven safely at the time that he was arrested, he said, because there wouldn't be much traffic on the street at that time of the night. Finally the doctor was shown a statement with his signature at the bottom and he admitted that he had signed the statement after his examination. The statement said that Blais was drunk and in no condition to drive a car safely.

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WOMEN JOIN INDUSTRIAL PARADE



Not long ago this attractive Canadian girl looked upon a file as something used solely to manicure her nails. Today, after joining thousands of other girls in war industries, she can handle a file as deftly as any man in turning out parts in an aircraft factory. It is estimated that between 50,000 and 75,000 women are now employed in industrial war work. Thousands more will be required to cope with manpower requirements as industry expands and men enlist.

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About the Burma Road and Alternate Supply Routes

Men's Forum Greatly Impressed by Thoughtful Address of H. R. Rowe.

The main feature at the Men's Forum in the United Church on Monday night was the very timely and illuminating address by Mr. H. R. Rowe on the Burma Road and alternate supply routes, with a special reference to India that was of particular interest to all present. Elsewhere in this issue there is a more extended reference to India. Mr. Rowe has made a very close study for years of the whole Eastern situation and he has assembled a vast array of information that is of the greatest value in considering the problems of the East. All the data gathered by Mr. Rowe has been secured only from the most authentic sources and carefully verified.

In referring to the Burma Road, Mr. Rowe dealt first with its interesting historical background, pointing out that at least as a smoke trail its history went back over 4,000 years. In the thirteenth century Marco Polo used the old tribute route to explore China. When Japan attacked China, the Chinese found it imperative to rebuild the Burma Road, and Mr. Rowe gave a most interesting description of the difficulties encountered before the work was finished. After his lucid explanation of why and how the road was built, Mr. Rowe gave a very graphic description of the road, pointing out its vulnerability. Its operational history was cleverly outlined, with special reference to the Koochiu tin district and its importance.

A specially interesting feature of Mr. Rowe's address was his description of alternate supply routes. These included the Turkestan-Siberia highway, the Chungking-Ulan Ude highway, the Assam-Sikkim highway. Temporary solution of the problem of transportation, of aid to China, said Mr. Rowe, may lie in the utilizing of Soviet roads and taking advantage of the munition factories, and the steel works established by Russia. Mr. Rowe's references to India appear so valuable that they are given in more extended form elsewhere in this issue.

A very popular part of Mr. Rowe's service to the Forum was the time he gave to answering questions. The members present found this period a very helpful and interesting one.

All Fuelwood, Must Be Sold by the Cord, Says Order

A ruling from J. Stewart, Coal Administrator, to retail dealers and producers of fuelwood, states that fuelwood must be sold by cord measurement instead of by the load, and that an invoice showing the quantity by cord, or fraction of cord, so sold shall be delivered to the consumer along with the fuelwood.

Notice of this order was received in North Bay Regional office of the War-time Prices and Trade Board.

Establishment of the ruling was made to bring the sale of fuelwood to a uniform method to conform with "ceiling" prices set for the product, as under investigation it has been found that deliveries are being made in other than cord measure. Cord measurements are 128 cubic feet.

Peterborough Examiner—The Germans are still trying to find out who threw a bomb at von Papan. The number of people who have reason to do so is positively embarrassing to the authorities.

Kiwanis Club Observes United States and Canada Good Will Week Here

National Anthem and Other Patriotic Songs at Kiwanis Luncheon on Monday. Speaker for the Day, Kiwanian Arch. Gillies, Gives Interesting Account of Visit to Texas

At the Kiwanis Club luncheon at the Empire hotel on Monday this week, the club here, in accordance with the plan for all Kiwanis Clubs on the continent, celebrated what is termed "United States and Canada Good Will Week." This week is set aside to assist in better knowledge, better understanding and better friendship between Canada and the United States. Timmins Kiwanis on Monday observed the week with enthusiasm and much interest. In honour of the "United States and Canada Good Will Week," the United States national anthem and other United States patriotic songs were sung by the gathering while Canada was not forgotten in this paying honour to a "good neighbour."

The speaker was thanked by Kiwanian Gordon Irving for his pleasing talk on Texas. The visitor for the day was Rev. A. K. Tristram chaplain of the Vet. Guards at Monteith. Winner of the weekly War Savings draw for the day was Kiwanian Paddy Lynch. The singing was led by Lyman Murray. Arrangements for the programme were in the very capable hands of Kiwanian "Fritz" Woodbury. At the meeting reference was made to the coming campaign for the Canadian Red Cross. The Kiwanis Club volunteered to assist in providing speakers for the campaign and also to help in any other way to make the campaign a complete success.

Extraordinary Stage Show "Ritzing the Blitz" Coming to Timmins Next Sunday

All-Soldier Musical Revue Has Been Big Hit All Over Canada. Made Fifteen Appearances During Victory Loan Campaign. Cast Had Professional Careers Before Joining Army.

"Ritzing the Blitz," the extraordinary soldier stage show that will appear at the Palace Theatre in Timmins on Sunday evening, May 3rd, has been seen by enthusiastic audiences over most of Ontario and has consistently been praised for its speed, originality, and cleverness. The first military revue of the present conflict to fall into that tradition established by the "Dumbells" in the last war, "Ritzing the Blitz" is an all-soldier musical revue, elaborately staged and with costuming in the girl numbers that is often breath-takingly beautiful.

"Ritzing the Blitz" has all the professional polish of a Broadway revue and many of the members of the cast have had theatrical experience on both sides of the Atlantic. This sparkling revue was first produced in Toronto, but word-of-mouth praise spread so quickly that it has been sent to most Canadian cities and always does a turn-away business. Costume and direction are credited to Sgt. Mel Keay, formerly director of Hart House Theatre, and later founder-director of Toronto Repertory Theatre.

"Ritzing the Blitz" is known as a family show and it has good entertainment for everybody in the family from 8-year-old Johnny to 80-year-old Grandma. The show was designed primarily to entertain the troops but has proved so entertaining that it is now being shown before civilian audiences. It is a show that is rarely seen except in large cities and no person should miss the opportunity of seeing it. In the show you see everything from Donn Hudson, the magician, down to four stately figures in satiny white, eighteenth century court costumes, dancing Paderewski's Minuet.

Sparkling comedy by "Slim" Burgess and "Red" Reid will guarantee to make the walls resound with laughter. The melodious voice of Rex Doyle, impersonations by Will Harding and the piano playing of Clement Hamburg and Eric "Red" Ainsworth are a treat to listen to. The gorgeous "Zeigfeld" Number, in which the men appear beautifully gowned in the role of behold soldiers can find and produce their own entertainment in their off-duty hours, inspired as this particular group was by the famous concert party of the last war and the encouragement of their commanding officer. The activities of "Ritzing the Blitz" has branched out to include Victory Loan entertaining and civilian appearances in aid of raising funds for war work but its main activity is to entertain comrades in various camps during their off-duty hours. It is also proof that the fighting services encourage wholesome diversion in a man's spare time, which is one of the reasons that a discontent and grumbling are pretty well a minus quality in Canada's armed forces.

More than 70 men have passed through "Ritzing the Blitz" to their battle stations in the front line countries, including such men as Flight-Sergeant Harry Brown, a fine pianist, now somewhere aboard with his flight, and "Chubby" Curtis, a hero of Hong Kong.

While many of the men in the cast of "Ritzing the Blitz" were trades, factory and office workers before they enlisted, quite a few of the cast were men with high professional entertaining records before the war.

Sgt. Mel Keay, director of the show, was manager of Hart House Theatre in Toronto for ten years before enlisting. He was also the founder of the Toronto Repertory Theatre and produced a number of plays in London, England.

Cpl. Bill Reid, the show's publicity man as well as being one of the comedians, was a taxi-driver and dock-walker, before starting a professional entertaining career. Lance Corporal Clem Hamburg was a member of the famous Hamburg Quartette and toured the world. Rex Doyle, singer, was a vocalist with dance bands in the United States, relinquishing a lucrative orchestrate career to become a soldier. Donn Hudson, magician, was a well-known magician and illusionist throughout the North American continent before joining the Army. Eric Ainsworth, accompanist with the troupe, has played the piano with several bands throughout the country.

Will Harding, impersonator, enjoyed an established stage career that took him to all parts of the United States and Europe. He was entertaining the troops in France and England and after the Blitz of 1940, returned to Canada to join the army. "Slim" Burgess has played many outstanding theatrical parts during his many years of professional activities. Bob Ballie, co-partner with Mel Keay in "A Bicycle Built for Two," is a born comic and promises to keep you rolling out of your seat. Tommy Ryan has used his mechanical genius most ably as stage manager of "Ritzing the Blitz."

Irving McLeod, "Miss Ritzing the Blitz of 1942" always gives the audience an effort of good cheer. Bob Barrett had his own dance band and was well known as an acrobatic dancer before joining the forces. Wally Crouter has a fine voice. He started singing as a prodigy of six and has been continuously successful as solo vocalist with orchestras.

"Ritzing the Blitz" has appeared thirty-four times in the past season and the proceeds from every one of those appearances was turned over to various army services to supply comforts, etc., for the boys in khaki. That number includes a solid week of appearance at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto in aid of The R.C.A.S.C. Auxiliary. Other performances were made during the Victory Loan drive when the troupe appeared at various eastern Ontario towns in fifteen appearances. "Ritzing the Blitz" carried thousands of dollars worth of equipment with them during their Victory Loan shows on special trucks and they unloaded, set-up, reloaded their own equipment after each performance.

The stage show, "Ritzing the Blitz" is brought to Timmins to work up some enthusiasm in recruiting, particularly for the Reserve units. Recruiting officials in the district can see no reason why every able-bodied man in this district shouldn't be doing his part some place. If he isn't in the Active Army he should be in the Reserve, and recruiting officials believe that if proper publicity touch a great step ahead will be made.

"D" Company of the Algonquin Regiment Reserves, is stationed in Timmins and there is still room in the Company for more recruits. Training is carried out two nights each week and each period lasts for two hours. Any person down to category "C" can be enlisted if they are married. Any single person between the ages of 35 and 50 is eligible. Any person who has been granted postponement of military training under the National Mobilization Act is also eligible.

Officials expect that a large crowd will be on hand to see the show and also expect that a number of recruits will be signed up right in the theatre. The show will start at eight-thirty and everyone is advised to be early and get a seat to see the finest stage show that has come to Timmins for years.

Famous Canadian Tenor to be Here Tuesday, May 26th

Lawrence Defoe Will Sing at McIntyre Auditorium.

All proceeds of the recital to be given by Lawrence Defoe, noted Canadian tenor, at the McIntyre Auditorium on Tuesday, May 26th, under the auspices of the Porcupine branch of the Music Teachers' Association, will be donated to war charities. Thus, while hearing one of Canada's best vocalists, the audience will have an opportunity to do a little more in helping Canada's war effort.

Mr. Defoe, who is on the faculty of the Toronto Conservatory of Music as vocal teacher, has studied under Arthur Bright, of Toronto, Wm. Shapere of London, England, and Edgar Schofield of New York City. His recital will include a number of best-loved selections.

Head of Canadian Provost Corps



Col. P. A. Piuze, Provost Marshal of the Canadian Army and Officer Administering the Canadian Provost Corps. He recruited and commanded the 189th Battalion, C. E. F. Overseas in the last war. —Can. Army Photo

FILM STARS GO ON AIR FOR RED CROSS



Barbara Stanwyck Walter Pidgeon Claudette Colbert Outstanding stars from Hollywood who are shown above have contributed their services to the Canadian Red Cross Society and will appear in a series of radio plays to be broadcast over a national net work by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Barbara Stanwyck will take part in "Bomb Victims" on Sunday, May 3, at 10 p.m. E.D.T. while Walter Pidgeon will appear in "Commandos in Action" on Wednesday, May 6th and Claudette Colbert will be the narrator in "Humanity and War" on Sunday, May 10th.