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EDITORIAL

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Zip Your Lip . . .

That wild story you heard last night-keep it to yourself. It won't help you to repeat it and it might send some soldier or sailor to his death. Don't gossip, it's better to were most attractive and unique be silent than sorry.

Gossip is a bad habit, but it's a criminal habit when that gossip may endanger the lives of young men who are fighting for your country.

Hitler wants us to tell all we know about our war ef- them. A most entertaining floor side of over-modesty in their de- pupil and teacher, have arisen. fort. It makes things a lot easier for him when we tell show was put on immediately folall we know. It makes it a lot easier for him to have a lowing refreshments, the perform- give every possible consideration present system, the government submarine at the right place at the right time. So take ers being Pat Love and Sergeant to the government's position. Dur-must act. it easy; a lot of ships have been sunk by thoughtless blab- number, Eileen Hamblin looking loyally accepted drastic slashes in nance public schools involves two bermouths.

Hitler and Hirohito are pretty smart. They can put in one person sang "Johnny Dougha lot of little innocent items together and get a true pic- boy" and "There Are Such Things," ture of what's happening. Make certain that you keep Boulter, two pert colleens, in quiet and don't supply the missing items of information saucy little Irish jig. Colonel in their picture.

If your Johnny is wearing the uniform and you know say a few words and was received where Johnny is, just keep it quiet. Hitler may be looking for your Johnny and the thousands of other Johnnies low." During the evening two with him.

Wars are won with men, boats and guns. Wars can be lost when the enemy knows all about our men, boats and guns. Keep that information to yourself.

It's bad manners to speak loudly in a public place. It's criminal negligence when speaking about things that Hitler wants to know. Don't help Hitler.

Before you open your mouth, stop and think: "Will what I am about to say make it harder for us to win this s. Walker of the British Merchant dence of school taxation will be war" Think before you speak; Don't help Hitler.—ZIP Navy was born a baby girl on March forwarded to the Department of YOUR LIP.

The Marsh Plan . . .

The Marsh Plan, Canadian counterpart of the much girl with an R.C.A.F. daddy and early spring, promised to make a discussed Beveridge Plan of Great Britain, has made its mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Desau- study of the matter of readjustappearance, being placed before a special committee of the House of Commons at Ottawa. The committee is charged with studying the subject of social security in post-war reconstruction.

The Daily News yesterday brought its readers a concise summary of the main points of the Marsh Plan. More detailed information will be available and we would commend the whole thing to study. People will henceforth be discussing the Marsh Plan in Canada as generally as are the people of Britain the Beveridge Plan.

We can assume that the Marsh Plan will have wide approval from those who recognize the need after the war is over of a greater measure of social security than we ever had before. It is to be expected that there will be widespread opposition towards the plan in certain powerful quarters.

Every one realizes that the termination of the war will soon be followed with serious economic problems. It is no use deluding ourselves with any Micawber-like soothings that everything will turn out all right. Things just do not turn out that way unless we do some planning.

The matter of social security will figure large in the post-war problems. As a matter of fact social security or lack of it is probably the root element of the most of national and international troubles.

The Marsh Plan may not be the best plan. It may not be the plan that will be accepted. However, we do know that its provisions are along advanced lines, even if these lines might be anathema in some quarters. It is an interesting and useful contribution to research and development in the field of social legislation. No doubt, we shall be having a great deal more discussion about it.

THROUGH DARKEST AFRICA NAIROBI, March 17 (P) - First

miles).

CEYLON'S PAPER

COLOMBO, March 17 () - Owing commercial cargo to be exported by to an acute paper shortage the land from the Union of South Af- Governor of Ceylon has suggested rica to Kenya, arrived at Nairobi the government buy and distribute by the Great North Road 100 all the main kinds of paper for the

Miss Violet Mah wishes to notify the patrons of the

Sunrise Beauty

that the shop will be closed for the next few weeks during her absence on a business trip to the east. Appointments will not be taken in during this time and your co-operation will be fully appreciated.

Also expressing sincere thanks for your loyal patronage of the past year and hoping to serve you better still with the latest fashions upon her return.

ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. AND Y.W.C.A.

By DOROTHY GARBUTT The Hostess

Monday night's dance at the Empress Hall was voted by everyone mental dances this year. It was season of weekly dances this same unit has been holding. To Hec MacKenzie, the Y.M.C.A. supervisor, the canteen committee and the orchestra goes the credit for the smooth organization and cooperation necessary for such an outstanding success. The hall was beautifully decorated in the St. Patrick manner with green streamers, shamrocks around the walls and on each of the cabaret tables bouquets of green and white tissue flowers made very cleverly by Pte. ed all around the outer edge ct followed by Pat Love and Marie Gamey was then called upon to enthusiastically by everyone singcouples won prizes in spot dances -Lance Corporal Chisher and Miss Betty Miller, and Lieutenant Niles and partner. Yes, indeed, it was a very nice dance.

Mrs. Hill-Tout, our indefatigmore service babies on this week's follows: "This resolution which 606. was born. Then came another of Education." to be named Mary Helen Elizabeth the House. Lucette, thus placating her grand- In June we learned in the press congratulations all.



those sluggish kidneys and give you a new lease on life. Money back if no







in Tomato Sauce

are both on active service but will be back on your grocer's shelf soon as condiditions permit.

LETTERBOX

THE TEACHERS' CASE

Editor, Daily News:

Perry, Minister of Education for similar representations. And for British Columbia that the B.C. this, officers of the deferation operate a little more with the De- take up the matter with !scal present as one of the best regi- partment of Education instead of school boards instead of trying to lobbying and bringing group pres- embarrass the government. more or less of a wind-up to a sure to bear on the government If the government is embarrassteachers of this province. No group educational needs and not because could possibly have given more of any action taken by the feder-"co-operation" to the Department ation. than the British Columbia Teachers' Federation during the last twenty-five years. Year after year Jim MacKay in an adagio dance ing the depression the teachers The ability of the state to fibalance his budgets and hundreds nancial problems at the expense of the teachers. Hundreds of teachers taught for years at an annual salary of \$780.

> Mr. Hart, in his budget speech in 1940, announced that it was the definite intention of the governyear the whole question of educational finance and to relieve the municipalities of a further portion Saskatchewan's, \$1,396. of educational costs in order that the taxes on land and property dren of school age per might be lowered.

In 1938 the department replied 8. The baby's name is Wilma and Finance for its consideration and she tipped the scales at seven will continue to receive the carepounds fourteen ounces when she ful attention of the Department

March 8 baby and another little Last year the government, in tels. This young lady weighed six ment of the system of educational pounds ten ounces at birth and is finance before the next session of

mothers on both the maternal and that "bold and sweeping changes paternal sides. Not to let it be an in the financial set-up of educaall girl week we have one small tion in British Columbia are being boy on the list-Master Roger Al- studied by the Hon. H. G. T. Perry," lan Hanna, born to Sergeant and including reform of the present Mrs. Hanna on March 12 and unjust and onerous taxes on real weighing nine pounds. Once more, property, vigorous steps for the relief of grossly underpaid teaches, and remedying the disastrous teacher shortage, and for administrative reforms. All these proposals were "receiving the closest study, and suitable proposals were to be laid before the Executive Council by the minister before the next session.

What has been the result? The government has made a grant of \$180,000 to unorganized rural school districts conditional upon the latter paying the following salaries to their teachers: first year, \$840; second year, \$900; third year, \$960. This amounts to \$16.16, \$17.31 and \$18.46 a week, out of which the teacher has to pay taxes, superannuation, transportation and, usually, considerable amounts on teaching aids. As a matter of fact, nost teachers are already receiving at least \$900, so that only \$30,-000 of the \$180,000 grant goes to the actual betterment of teaching alaries. And this grant applies only to unorganized school districts. The municipalities receive not a cent. Nor are provisions made for any junior or senior high school teachers.

Nevertheless, it was a start, and the federation expressed their appreciation of it while at the same time suggesting the following very modest proposals:

1. A higher scale for elementary teachers in unorganized districts. 2. A scale with two increments' for teachers of Junior and Senior High Schools, and for principals, of superior schools in the unorganized rural school districts.

3. The extension of these scales to teachers in district municipalities and cities.

4. The setting up of a governmental or departmental committee to study the whole question of educational finance with a view to making definite recommenda-

The government not being willing to consider any of these pro-

tions to the next session.

posals, they were laid before the members of the Legislature, along with an analysis of the present situation. Meanwhile steps were taken to have other groups Complaints of the Hon. H. G. T. throughout the province make Teachers' Federation should co- have been "rebuked" and told to

will ring hollow in the ears of the ed, it is due to a failure to meet

Section 93 of the B.N.A. Act assigned the responsibility for educathe teachers have waited patiently, tion to the provincial government. believing the promises of educa- The government has created school tional reform. Year after year districts and assigned many educateachers' delegations have been be- tional responsibilities to them fore the government, presenting without in any way guaranteeing and all along the canteen counter well-reasoned briefs and statistics that the districts would have the substantiating their case in the financial means necessary to meet belief that, if we could show the these responsibilities. Since there government the justice and reason- are frequently poor districts with Barnes. These tables were arrang- able basis of our case, they would many pupils, and, conversely, rich not fail to act. If the teachers have districts with few pupils, gross inthe room and lunch was served at erred at all, it has been on the equities of opportunity, both for mands, arising out of a desire to Faced with a breakdown of the

like Juliet, Melisande and Beatrice salary, thus helping Mr. Hart to factors: first, the resources which it possesses as a basis for the supof school boards to solve their fi- port of public enterprises of which education is one; and, second, the size of its educational task, load, or need as indicated by the number of children that have to be educated.

Of all the provinces in Canada British Columbia is in by far the ment to survey during the coming best position to finance education with a national income per pupil of \$3,178, 2.27 times as great as

As regards the number of chiladults, British Columbia has less than all other provinces, 357 as able hospital visitor reports three to federation representations as compared with New Brunswick's

It is evident that of all the provinces British Columbia has the lightest educational load to bear. Yet in terms of effort per cent of total provincial and municipal expenditures going to education, British Columbia is surpassed by all provinces except Quebec and Saskatchewan, devoting 18.4% to education, as compared with Alberta's 27.2%.

What do the teachers want? They want, first, a provincial salary scale that will remove them from the position of being the lowest paid occupation in the province. Secondly, as the basis for the scale, a reorganization of educational finance on a provincial basis. All parties include the latter in their platforms, all responsible public bodies support it.

Mr. McNarama, Selective Service director, attributes the present teacher shortage to inadequate salaries. All over the province, schools are closing in increasing numbers, and unqualified persons are being placed in charge of classes. Who suffers? The pupils, the future citizenry, the greatest resource of this province. This is a penny-wise, pound-foolish policy for which we shall pay dearly in the future, pay, if present trends; are unchecked, with a semi-illiterate peasant population in our rural areas.

Apart from that is the evident fact that education is of vital importance in the winning of the

What the teachers want is not a "hand-out" but a democratic educational system in B.C. Thanking you for your valuable space, I remain,

BRUCE E. MICKLEBURGH.

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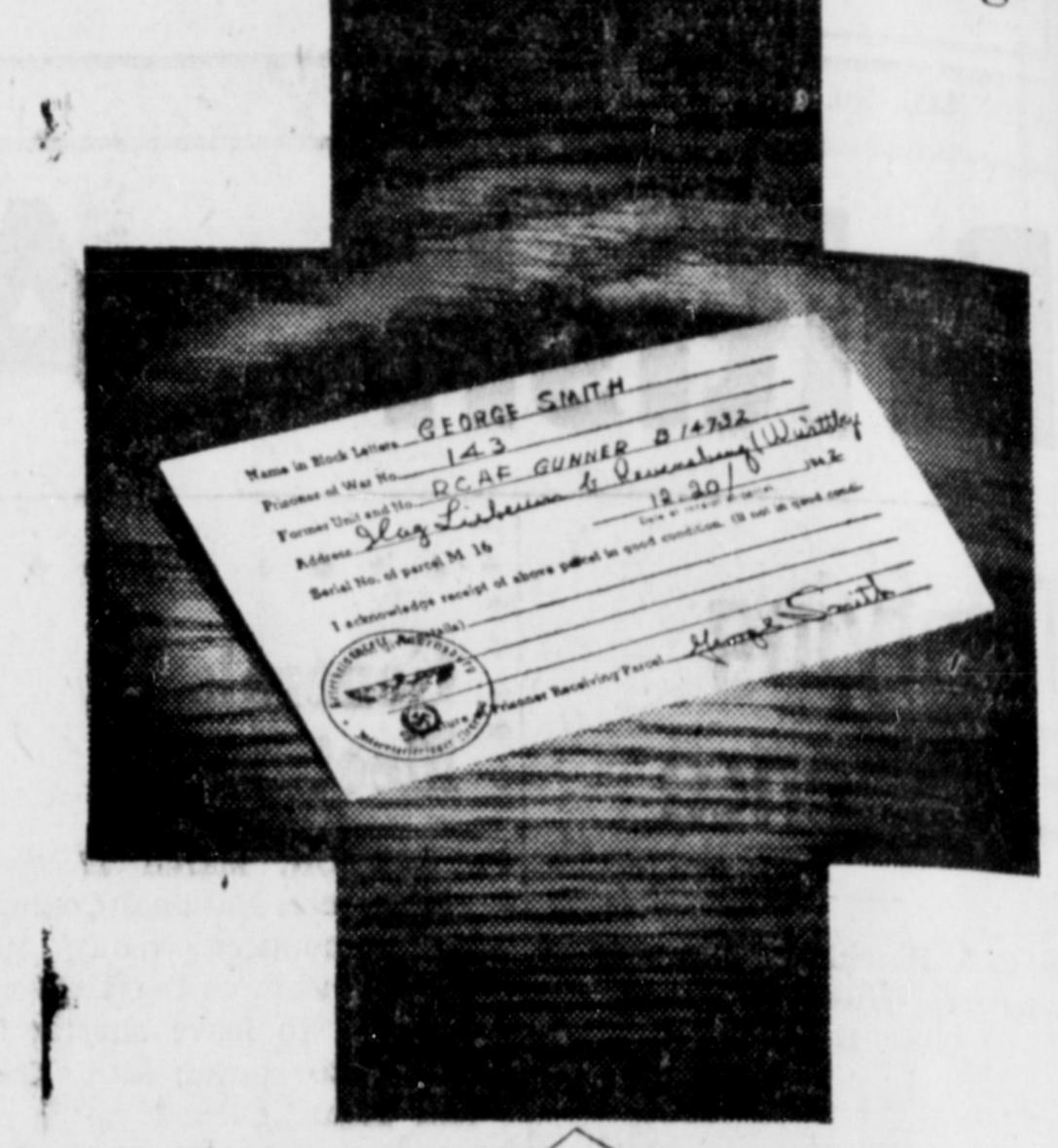
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