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EDITORIAL

Hallowe'en . . .

Cupid will step out of his Valentine setting today to take part in the nocturnal shenanigans of a 1944 Hallowe'en.

With a war-dampener on such pranks as carrying off the back door steps and unhinging the garden gate, ancient Hallowe'en customs on the supernatural and romantic side are being revived at house parties and community celebrations in Canada to take the place of harem-scarum activities in pre-war years.

Some of the superstitions in which Cupid has a long-forgotten part date back hundreds of years. The modern miss who stands before a mirror tonight by candle light, munching an apple and brushing her hair, will, if stories of great-grandmother's day hold true, catch a glimpse of her future husband. The party-goer with an eye for her future mate may observe another century-old ceremony by tossing a ball of blue yarn out the window, one end wound about her hand. The wind will sigh her lover's name, so the tale goes, and the mysterious male in question will catch the other end of the yarn.

A blind-folded youth standing before three bowls —one filled with clear water, one with dirty water, and a third empty—may learn something about his future wife. If he touches the clear water his wife will be a maid, the dirty water signifies marriage to a widow and the empty dish means he will be a bachelor.

Traditions of romance, however, had little to do with the Hallowe'en of the Ancients. Early Christians set aside dates to venerate every martyr for Christ and these days later were grouped in one festival —Hallowmas or All Saints' Day—celebrated after the 8th century on November 1.

Celebrants kept vigil on the night before the festival and Oct. 31 thus became known on the church calendar as the Vigil of All Saints' Day.

The Irish Druids kept a separate festival on the night of Oct. 31, when they believed Saman, Lord of Death ordered wicked souls to come forth. Christians keeping vigil gradually accepted this idea that witches and ghosts roamed the world on Hallowmas Eve and began lighting fires and making hideous masks to scare them away.

The youngsters continue to observe this original custom despite the war. Disguised as ghosts and witches, complete with masks and a banshee wail, they roam the streets with shrill crys of "shell out" to storekeepers and housefolk.

Meeting a Real Need . . .

The establishment of a sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis and venereal disease among the Indians in this district is near accomplishment with the announcement by Ottawa that the Department of Indian Affairs is taking over for that purpose that large hospital at Miller Bay on the other side of Kaien Island which was built for the Royal Canadian Air Force but which, owing to the changed tide of war in the Pacific, was not needed.

The decision of the Department to establish the Indian hospital here is in line with a new policy of ministering to the health of and providing hospitalization for the Indians.

The Miller Bay hospital is a commodious establishment and its use as an institution of this kind will relieve the pressure on existing hospitals in the district as well as centralize efficient and up-to-date treatment for maladies which have costituted a real problem.

A really efficient hospital for the Indians in this district has long been needed and it is gratifying that the department is recognizing that need with appropriate action.

Back From Convention—

LOCAL UNION HEAD RETURNS

Paddy Stanton Tells of Proceedings at Quebec; East is Still Booming

G. S. Stanton, president of the local Boilermakers' Union, has returned to the city from Quebec where he attended the annual convention of the Canadian Congress of Labor.

Mr. Stanton reports that principles of resolutions originating from the local Boilermakers' Union, including one approving social ownership, were endorsed by the Quebec convention.

The convention declined to commit itself to the "non strike" pledge during the war but did not undertake to do all possible towards avoiding strikes, the final decisions to be left to unions concerned.

There were 499 delegates at the convention which made its headquarters at Chateau Laurier and lasted for five days. There were many prominent speakers including Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, federal minister of labor, Hon. Louis St. Laurent, federal minister of justice, and Premier Maurice Duplessis of Quebec.

A. R. Mosher was re-elected president of the Canadian Congress of Labor and Toronto was chosen for the next convention.

"Things were still booming in the East," said Mr. Stanton There is not letup in shipbuilding on the eastern coast. While the local labor leader was in Quebec a call came from Halifax for 700 men for shipbuilding yards in Halifax where freighters and destroyers are being built.

Smithers Division Or Dry Dock May Win Devenish Cup

In the Canadian National Railways Victory Loan campaign there is a strong probability that either the Smithers division or the Prince Rupert Dry Dock may win the Devenish cup, an award presented during every Victory Loan campaign by W. R. Devenish, vice-president, C.N.R. western lines, to the division which leads in the purchase of Victory Bonds in the western district.

At present the Smithers division is leading, with the dry dock following by a close margin.

The interior village of Pacific is making a fine showing with subscriptions from Canadian National employees and residents reaching $5,100.

Statistics show there are about 100,000,000 Negroes in the world

Echoes of . . EAST END

Enthusiastic Cubs

East-end Cubs, recently organized and very enthusiastic under the leadership of Rev. E. W. Scott, met last night at Conrad Street School, 32 strong, and elected Danny Leighton, Prince Rupert born lad, as their senior sixer. Most of the time last evening was spent in tumbling.

Brownies

On Saturday afternoon the east end Brownies met at Conrad Street School under the direction of Miss Betty Laurie. This pack although newly formed, had made vast strides. Last Saturday saw several of the girls in full uniform.

Bridge Club

Saturday night saw the East End Bridge Club once again active in the Community Club House. All the regulars were on hand, plus several new faces. First prizes were won by ladies this week, Mrs. S. Craig making high score followed by Mrs. J. Jerome, second. Refreshments were served around midnight.

Old Time Dance Club

Saturday night the Conrad Street School fairly rocked with Scottish music as the Old Time Dance Club held its first meeting of the season. Officers were elected as follows:

Chairman, Bill Davidson.
Secretary, Bill McKenzie.
Treasurer, Jack Davidson.

A good crowd was on hand and there was no cause to coax the couples to take part in the various quadrilles, reels and old time waltzes. Refreshments were served after which the crowd danced until midnight.

C.W.A.C. Pipe Band Plays on Streets

The visiting Canadian Women's Army Corps Pipe Band braved the rainstorm yesterday to make an abbreviated parade in the downtown business section. Those on streets were appreciative of the excellent and novel music which the smart girls played. Finally, they stopped up under a marquee in front of recruiting headquarters to finish the program. The band left last night for Vancouver to conclude in Southern British Columbia their second trans-Canada tour.

OVERCHARGED FOR RAGS

SALFORD, Eng., (CP)—Fines totalling $1,350 were imposed on Harold Sherring, trading at the Northern Waste Paper Company for selling wiping rags above the maximum price.

ON PAR WITH YANKS

LONDON, (CP)—Field Marshall Montgomery was responsible for the War Office decision to give the British Tommy khaki shirts, collars and ties. Monty demanded the improvement on the grounds it will put his men on a basis of sartorial equality with the Americans and add to morale.

SERVICEMEN PREFERRED

CAPE TOWN, (CP)— The Cape Town city council has adopted a motion stating that in future preference will be given to ex-servicemen and women in the engagement of employees.

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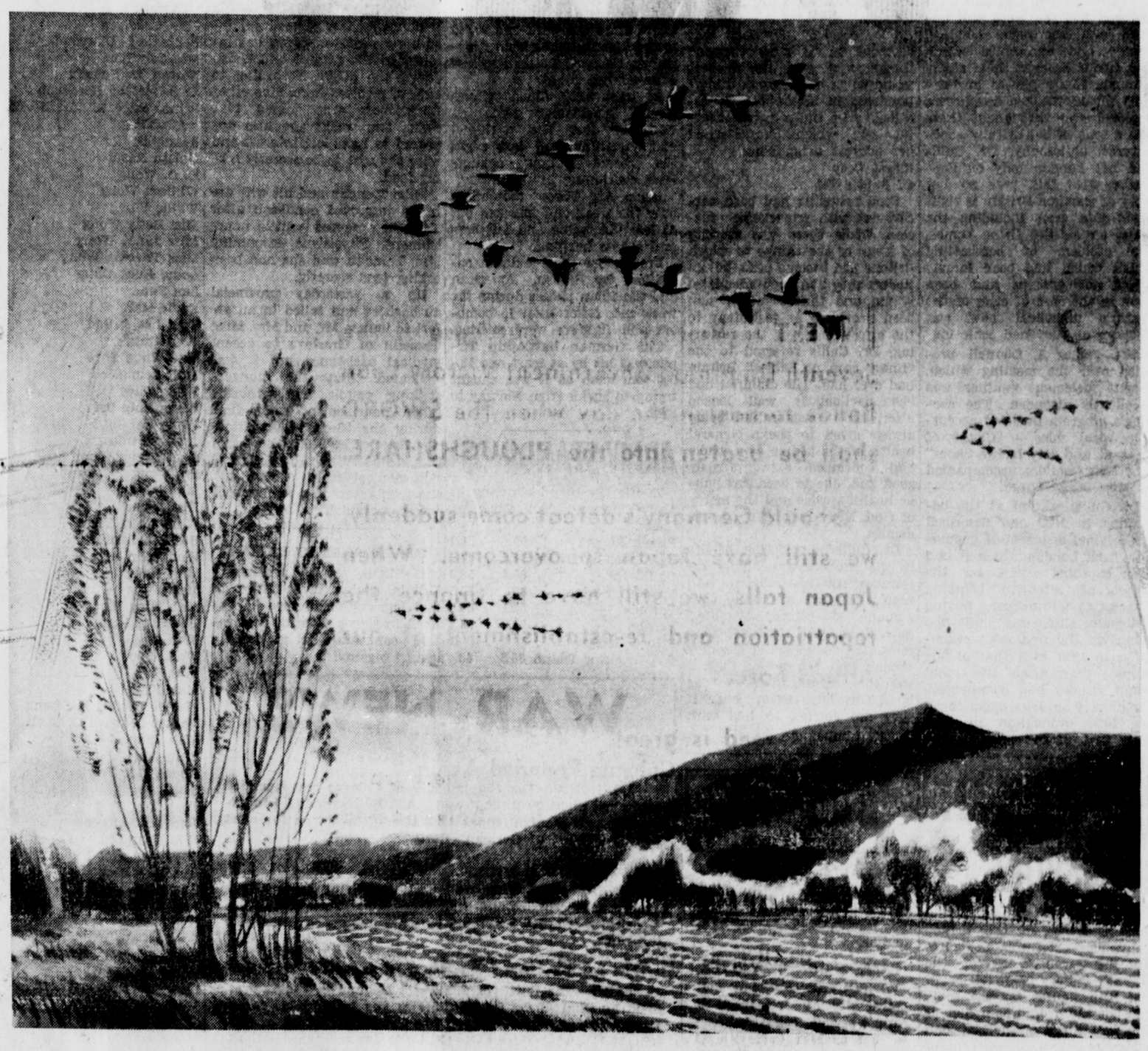

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ONE day the whistles will blow, sirens shriek and bells will ring. It will be a day of rejoicing and a day of thanksgiving. We will have won our war.

Yes, we will win this war. We know that now. But the enemy has not yet surrendered nor has the fighting ceased. Canada's sons must continue to wage war on battlefields the world over. Here at home we, too, must carry on: building the ships and planes, making the guns and shells, producing the food on which our fighting men depend. And, we must continue to help pay for all these things through our purchase of Victory Bonds.

When V day dawns, when our boys come home, we all want to be able to hold our heads high—be able to say, *"I did all I could."*

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