

EDITORIAL

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B.C. Conquer Cancer Campaign Publicity Director

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An all-out intensive campaign to further the conquest of cancer is now in full swing. In short, your donation is solicited to help achieve British Columbia's \$300,000 objective.

In British Columbia the B.C. Cancer Foundation and the B.C. Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society are uniting forces to combat Canada's No. 2 Killer, which annually takes a terrible toll of the lives of more than 14,000 Canadians, over half of whom could have been saved had they been diagnosed properly early enough and received prompt and adequate treatment.

Cancer is a subject which vitally concerns every one of us because ONE OUT OF EVERY EIGHT CANADIANS WILL DIE OF CANCER, in fact, 37 minutes after you have read this a Canadian will die from this scourge.

The average Canadian can do little to help, but the little he can do is important because self-awareness and constant vigilance may mean the saving or prolonging of his own life or the lives of his loved ones.

The first step for the layman is to make an annual medical check-up a "must" on his health calendar. After reaching the age of 40 years, the medical check-up should be semi-annual.

The second step is to be ever on the watch for the seven early unmistakable warning signals which may indicate the presence of cancer, and to seek immediate medical diagnosis if one or more appear.

These signs are:

1. Sores which do not heal, particularly on tongue, lips, or mouth.
2. Painless lumps or thickening, especially on breast or thumb.
3. Discharge from any body aperture.
4. Progressive change in color or size of mole, wart, or birthmark.
5. Persistent indigestion, especially over 40.
6. Persistent hoarseness, unexplained cough, or difficulty in swallowing.
7. Any radical change in normal bowel habits.

Presence of one or more of the above does not necessarily mean cancer has been contracted, but it is not safe to delay in seeking medical advice.

The success of the second annual Conquer Cancer Campaign depends upon the whole-hearted support of every British Columbian.

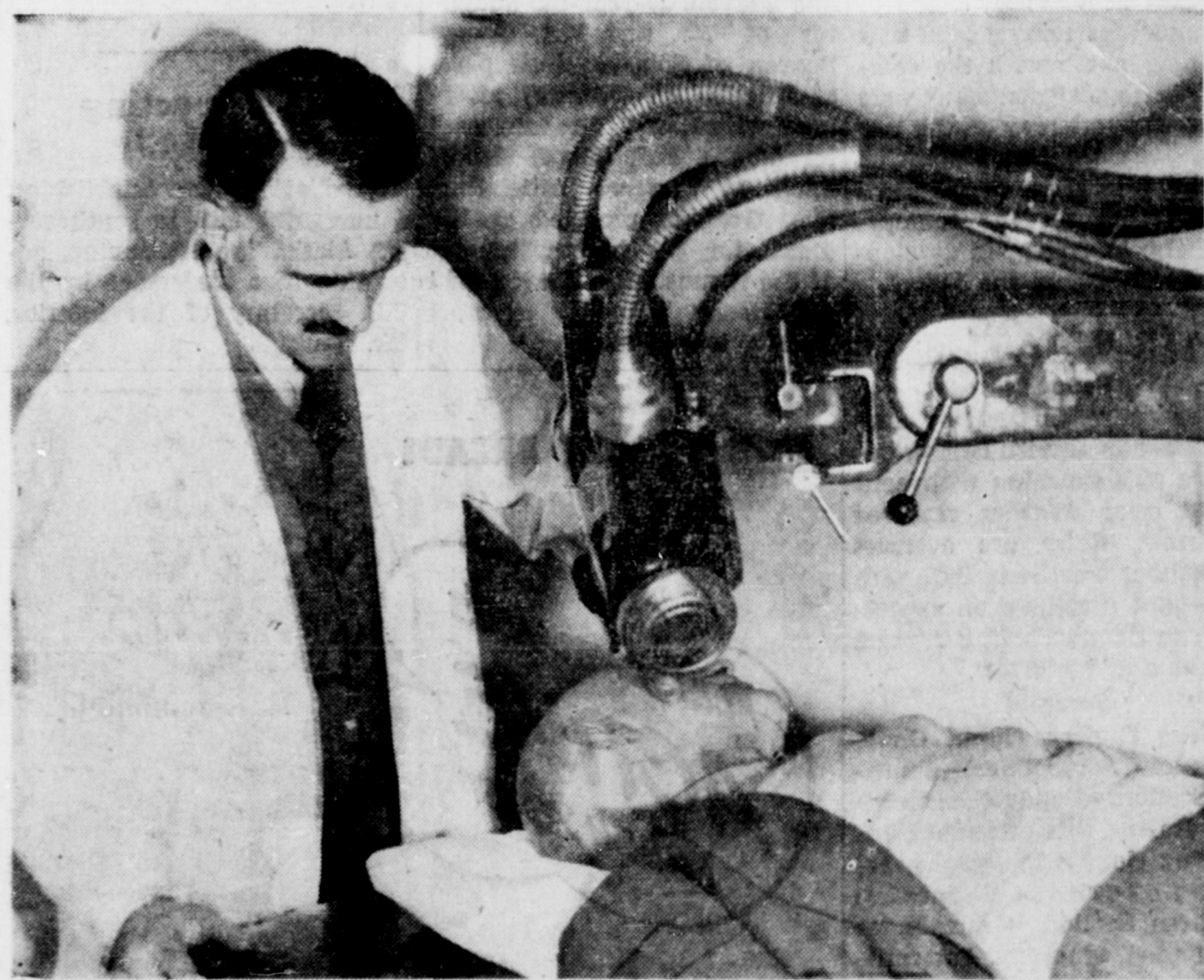
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DR. A. MAXWELL EVANS, Medical Director of the B.C. Cancer Clinic in Vancouver is pictured here preparing a patient for treatment by the new 100 Kv. X-ray machine which was bought with part of the funds subscribed in the 1946 Conquer Cancer Campaign. The machine, often used in place of Radium treatment for cancer of the skin and surface lesions, is only one of many costly items of equipment needed to fight cancer in British Columbia.

CAMPAIGN HEAD HERE IS MRS. J. D. FRASER

Mrs. J. D. Fraser, well known Prince Rupert social worker whose tireless efforts have sparked other local organizations to success, is chairman of the local Conquer Cancer Campaign.

Mrs. Fraser is being greatly assisted by Mayor Nora Arnold, and Mrs. J. C. Gilker, secretary of the local branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, as well as by scores of voluntary canvassers whose names have appeared previously.

In a statement today Mrs. Fraser expressed optimism that the drive would meet with good measure of success.

"The money asked for," she said, "is a trifling sum in relation to the value of the services and protection it will return us."

She pointed out the fact that no one escapes the threat of cancer, and that everyone will benefit from a concentrated attack on the disease.

Cancer kills more than 1,300 men, women, and children in British Columbia every year.

Prince Rupert Drive Aims For \$4000 2nd Major Campaign

unless we act
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CANCER

DRIVING HOME the warning to thousands of British Columbians that unless action is taken more than 200,000 men, women, and children now alive in B.C. will die of cancer, is this illustration appearing now in every newspaper in the province.

The government does not finance cancer clinics because cancer is not a communicable disease, and the government has not set up any machinery to handle non-communicable diseases. It's up to us to deal with this dread disease ourselves.

E. E. BUCKERFIELD, Vancouver, is provincial chairman of the Conquer Cancer Campaign. In a recent statement Mr. Buckerfield pointed out that in view of statistics which show that one person in every eight will die a victim of cancer, it is the "personal responsibility of each one of us" to support the campaign.

Everyone Asked to Aid Hospital Education Fund

Because one out of eight persons in this country will die of cancer "we act," a \$4000 Conquer Cancer drive has been launched here in conjunction with similar drives throughout the province.

Every person here will be asked to give to this drive, the second major campaign against cancer in Canada.

With Mrs. J. D. Fraser, campaign chairman, there is a city-wide canvass. Collections have been assigned to various parts of the city. The City and Junior Chamber of Commerce have undertaken to canvass the business section, workers from women's organizations will carry out the dental canvass.

Campaign headquarters occupy the former ration office in the City Hall. Mrs. Fraser will attend there every afternoon during the campaign which runs till the end of the month.

Contributions will help a capital fund established in 1946 for a cancer hospital in B.C. At present no such hospital exists and many thousands of the dread disease are unable to obtain proper treatment.

Part of the funds raised go toward vital cancer education in B.C. This work is essential in view of the fact that hundreds of people in this province each year allow cancer to too strong a foothold because they actually know the disease.

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TORONTO (C)—Two Ontario girls have won Canadian Council, Girl Guides Association, awards for lifesaving. They are Brownie Mary Jane Hatton of Napanee and Guide Barbara Garr of Aldershot.

Mary Jane won the silver cross award for saving Donna Asselstine, 11-year-old Guide, from drowning Dec. 27, 1946, when she fell through the ice on the swift-running Napanee River.

Realizing her companion's danger, Mary Jane crawled out on the ice pushing a ski pole ahead of her until Donna grasped it. Then she crept back drawing her friend along to safety.

The gilt cross was won by Barbara Garr for her part in averting death by fire of five neighbor's children Feb. 15, 1947.

While passing the neighbor's house she noticed a flickering light in a window. Curious, she called to another girl and entered. The house was full of smoke and a mattress was in flames. Barbara carried two of

the children out. Persons nearby rescued the other three children after the alarm had been given. The five tots were alone at the time of the blaze.

EARLY NEWS IS WELCOME

Local news items, to ensure publication, should be in the office by 10 a.m. Contributors are asked to bear this in mind. Items of social and personal interest are always welcome.

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PERT TAR SPARKS DEEP-SEA CRAFT

Wireless Telegraphy Gives Toronto Girl Chance to See the World

TORONTO (C)—Elizabeth Prescott always wanted to go to sea. Wireless telegraphy gave her an opportunity and since the end of the war she has travelled on Norwegian ships to many parts of the world.

An experienced wireless operator and secretary, the 24-year-old girl has visited Germany, Belgium, France and the British and Dutch West Indies. Early in her career at sea she was injured and flown to her Toronto home for an operation. On her recovery she got a job on an oil tanker.

Elizabeth found wartime work in a munitions factory tedious and took a wireless course. As a full-fledged graduate she obtained a job—on land—at Air Observers School in Quebec.

Her first sea job came just before the end of the war when she signed on as one of the two women operators aboard the Norwegian vessel Honningsvaag, bound for Britain with a cargo of benzene.

VE-Day found the Toronto girl visiting an aunt in Scotland and she was in Bremen when Japan surrendered.

On her fourth voyage Elizabeth was injured during a storm and following a plastic surgery

operation did secretarial work with CBS at Toronto. She returned to sea aboard the Harald Torsvik, an oil tanker. The only girl in the ship, she combined secretarial duties with her work as chief operator. Her latest ship is the Apollo, a converted war cargo carrier.

Miss Prescott, who wears a trim uniform with gold braid on the sleeves, admitted she was "terribly seasick" on her first voyage. Her parents get letters only occasionally, but they do not worry. They know she is happy doing the job she likes best.

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