

They know it from the number of men and women serving in the armed services from the Valley and they will do their bit in the Victory Loan without frills.

The Victory Loan objective for the Swan River Valley has been set at a quarter of a million dollars.

MAY 4th, 1944 - After having been taken off for the past two years, the bus service between Swan River and Yorkton will be resumed on June 1st.

MAY 11th - The artificial lake at the tourist camp is now an accomplished fact. In spite of what a number of our pessimists said, the water is coming in. There is now about six feet of water in the diving pool at the far end.

MAY 18th - Some three weeks ago, when Swan River district was asked to raise a quarter of a million dollars for the quota in the 6th Victory Loan, they doubted if there was that much money in the Valley. Now they know. They not only raised their quota in the first two weeks, making this the first point in Manitoba to go over the top, but they kept on working and now have raised an additional \$106,000, or nearly half as much as was raised in the first loan. The total subscribed to date is \$365,000, which is a lot of money to get from a district where there is no factory pay-roll; where the only source of supply is from farmers and those depending on the farmer. It is something to be proud of and goes to show not only have we given freely of our men and women power, until there is hardly any fit person of military age left in the Valley, but that we have also given to the limit in cash to back them up.

Early on Tuesday morning fire broke out in the restaurant of Dick Toy, at Birch River, and quickly spread to the general store, owned by Bradford's, next door. Tom Toy roused the roomers who were sleeping upstairs, and the Bradford family next door who just had time to grasp some clothes and get out before their building, too, was in a blaze.

AUGUST 3rd - At a meeting of the Bowsman Board of Trade in the Municipal Hall, Monday night, resolutions were passed urging the Rural Municipality of Swan River to get in touch with the proper provincial authorities in an effort to get the road into White Fish Lake completed so that it can be developed as a summer resort.

SEPTEMBER 21st - At the Western Fruit Show, which was held at Brandon during the week of August 4th, the entry of Mr. Art Douglas of Kenville, was placed second. First place went to Aubin Nurseries of Carman. Mr. Douglas' display consisted of 30 varieties of fruit, including 4 apples, 9 plums, 12 crab apples, 4 hybrid apples.

OCTOBER 26th - The Seventh Victory Loan got rolling on Monday. In Swan Valley, Unit 44, the quota for this loan has been raised to \$400,000. This sum can be raised; it must be raised!

Sunday, October 22nd was the 36th anniversary of the opening of the United Church in Benito. It was also the 26th anniversary of the opening of the Thunderhill church and the first anniversary of the Crestview Church. These churches are the charge of Rev. Florence M. Hunter. She was the guest preacher at Swan River United Church where the Pastor, Rev. Hislop Dickson, extended a hearty welcome as the first lady minister to preach in the Swan River United Church.

NOVEMBER 9th, 1944 - It has been disclosed that effective on or about January 1st next year, the two nursing homes in this town are to be discontinued or closed down. From opinions already expressed, the closing of these Homes would be a distinct loss to our community for many women prefer the home-like atmosphere of a private Nursing Home to the formality and sterilized atmosphere of a hospital.