

## Canadian Red Cross Makes Appeal for Names in R.A.F.

Toronto, April 3.—A nation-wide appeal is being launched by the Canadian Red Cross Society for the names and addresses of Canadians who have joined the Royal Air Force in Great Britain. The information is needed so that in the event of these young men being either wounded or taken prisoners-of-war, the Red Cross can care for them and keep their relatives in the Dominion supplied with information concerning them.

Dr. Fred W. Routley, National Commissioner, said last night that on his recent trip overseas he had discovered that about 1,500 Canadian lads had gone over to England to join the Royal Air Force several months before the war was declared.

"We have already received some names and addresses from people who were aware of the services we have established overseas to care for the Canadian men, but there are still hundreds more to be secured. The hospital visiting committee had already been established in London by the Canadian Red Cross to look after wounded Canadian soldiers," he said.

Regarding prisoners of war, Dr. Routley pointed out that the Canadian Red Cross was able to send parcels of food and clothing to Canadians interned in belligerent countries.

North Bay Nugget:—The only persons who lost their votes on Tuesday are those who didn't vote.

## Education Seen as Best Preventive for Social Disease

### Physician Believes Facts re Diseases Soon to be a Subject in Secondary Schools.

Best preventive for social diseases was public education regarding them, said Dr. Peter Wenger, who spoke to the Kiwanis Club on "Social Diseases" and showed an explanatory film, at the regular meeting of the service organization held in the Empire Hotel on Monday.

Dr. Wenger said that he believed that the facts concerning the diseases would be taught in secondary schools in Ontario. He believed it would be a good thing, furthermore, for clubs, schools and church groups to have lectures on them.

According to statistics, said Dr. Wenger, roughly two per cent of the population of the nation was infected with venereal disease. In the United States the figure rose to ten per cent. One reason for the increase was that it was found very difficult to control the spread of the disease among the Negro population.

That the disease were controllable was evidenced by the fact that in the Scandinavian countries there were only about 2,000 cases a year.

It was the duty of clubs, such as the Kiwanis, said Dr. Wenger, to bring such important matters to the attention of the community.

Dr. Wenger was introduced by Dr. Lee Honey. Arthur Thompson thanked him.

Stan Blake, of the South Porcupine Kiwanis, said Dr. Wenger, to bring this was bringing a speaker a doctor who lived in Vienna prior to the time that city was absorbed by Germany. The doctor was an outstanding speaker and would discuss affairs in Germany as he knew them, when he left, said Mr. Blake. Many of this doctor's friends were in concentration camps.

New member Arthur Thompson was welcomed into the club by Rev. William Mustard who said that the Kiwanis motto "We Build" could be considered in two ways. Kiwanians could build by helping themselves through friendship and fraternity and at the same time, help others by assisting in the work of building the lives of the needy.

Speaking on behalf of the agricultural committee, W. W. Tanner announced that speakers from the experimental farm would address the club at its next meeting. Farmers from the district would be invited as guests.

Guests at the meeting were Dr. Wenger; E. G. Smith, Toronto; W. H. Armitage, Kirkland Lake; Stanley Blake, South Porcupine Kiwanis Club; C. S. Anderson, South Porcupine Kiwanis Club; Barney Quinn, Timmins, and V. H. Smith, Toronto.

President A. F. McDowell was in the chair and W. H. Wilson provided the piano accompaniment for singing.

### Social Credit Party Now Has 35 Members in Alberta

Despite all the prophecies and hopes, Premier Aberhart and his Social Credit party are back in the saddle in Alberta. Although returned by a reduced majority the Social Credit party is again securely entrenched. This week the election of C. E. Gerhart in Acadia-Coronation on the second count runs the total Social Credit members elected to 35. Nineteen Independents and one Labour candidate have also been defeated. The final result is a total of 35 Social Credit members in the Alberta legislature.

Exchange:—Maybe the meek might rise up and say they don't want to inherit such an earth.

## Fire at Port Arthur Takes the Lives of Six Persons

Port Arthur, April 3.—Six persons, two adults and four children, were suffocated early Tuesday morning when a house was destroyed by fire on the outskirts of Port Arthur.

The victims: Mrs. All Metsa, 29; her father, Oscar Blom, 54, and the woman's children, Elsie, six; Raymond, four, Harold, three; Allan, 11 months.

The bodies were found in a hallway not far from the door. Apparently the man and woman attempted to rescue the children but failed when overcome by smoke only a few steps from safety.

While firemen were attacking the door, cries of a child could be heard, but the children were dead when entry was gained.

The father of the children, Jauna Metsa, who works at night in nearby Port William, had not returned home at the time of the fire.

Cause of the blaze was not known.

## SIFTING THE NEWS

By Hugh Murphy

You know that remark about truth being stranger than fiction? Well, it is true. Strangely may be found in the story of the Brooklyn murder ring.

It all started when Abe (Kid Twist) Reles, Brooklyn gang chieftain, began to "sing" for District Attorney William O'Dwyer. From the information he imparted a vast syndicate which would, for emolument, dispose of objectionable persons for amazingly low prices, was uncovered by the law.

To trace the machinations of the syndicate and the progress of the investigation would merely be repetition. New York newspapermen have done that very well.

But it is the colour in the case which attracts attention. To begin with Mr. O'Dwyer has a score of long standing to pay off against gangland. His brother was the innocent by-stander who received fatal wounds in a long-past gun battle. There is the motive for the hero's unrelenting hatred of thuggery.

Most recent discovery was "Oscar the Poet," a long-haired individual who affects threadbare clothing and a Byronic collar. Oscar, it seems, had talent other than the appreciation of iambic pentameter. He was known as the most skillful disposer of "hot cars" in the underworld.

He had, it is reported, a fairly mysterious method of disposing of automobiles which had been used by syndicate members to take their victims for the last fatal "ride." The universal solvent, perhaps. There was another more mundane explanation of his ability to dispose of cars—he merely had them broken up—but why credit that when the more enticing possibility is present.

Another colourful character is a tall, striking brunette who is reported to have given men "the kiss of death." She would be seen with a man and then shortly after she left him he would run up against a fatal accident—a lead slug perhaps.

But to go back to Oscar, who by long odds is the most unusual of the syndicate members uncovered to date. Oscar apparently, did not carry a volume of poetry in order to provide good newspaper copy when he eventually was nabbed. He really was a lover of verse—disposing of "hot cars" was merely a vulgar occupation for which he was well suited and which made him a living.

He was tall and rather gaunt, as would befit the appearance of one who strode alone in parks softly reciting the melodious lines of Wordsworth. He was an ascetic; beneath his grey mane his face was lined and melancholy. One can see that Oscar did not have his heart in this slightly nauseating business of disposing of death cars—it very likely was a disagreeable interruption every time one of the syndicate thugs would approach him and plead with him to "get rid of it for me, won't you Oscar?"

Joachim von Ribbentrop, who used to sell wine and now sells his ideas to Hitler and Hitler's to everyone else who will listen, did not get a very friendly reception at the Vatican when he recently paid a call. It apparently was very definitely a frigid atmosphere into which he stepped when he went to see the Pope. For one thing the Pope, during the time he was talking to the German minister, had on his desk a report of German atrocities in Poland.

Ribbentrop begged the Vatican to cease its radio campaign exposing the actions of the Nazis in their apparent effort to annihilate nationalism in Poland by mass execution of its leaders. As a bait the high ranking Nazi offered a new agreement with the Vatican.

What was the use of signing a new concordat, he was asked, when the existing one had been violated a thousand times?

Upshot of the conversation between the German and His Holiness was that Ribbentrop "felt unwell" and left the room. He forgot his overcoat, rushed out of the palace and in his confusion jumped into a Cardinal's car instead of his own.

### Too Much Big Talk

The young lady from Boston was explaining, "Take an egg," she said, "and make a perforation in the base and a corresponding one in the apex. Then apply the lips to the aperture and, by forcibly exhaling the breath, discharge the shell of its contents." An old lady who was listening exclaimed: "It beats all how folks do things nowadays. When I was a gal, they made a hole in each end and blew." —St. Mary's Journal-Argus.

## Large Crowds at the Palace This Week for 'Gone With the Wind'

### General Opinion Seems to be That This is a Picture of Outstanding Merit.

The Palace theatre is being filled to capacity at each showing this week of the famous motion picture, "Gone With the Wind," a faithful dramatization of the book by the same name. "Gone With the Wind" will be at the Palace all the rest of this week. The picture is in technicolor, the scenery, settings, costumes and acting are outstanding in their attraction and the general opinion appears to be that this is one of the best motion pictures shown here for several years. "Gone With the Wind," which is a story of the war between the North and South, pictures in graphic way personalities and conditions in the United States at the time of the Civil War. The book on which the play is based was a "best seller," literally hundreds of thousands of copies of the book being sold. Among the outstanding artists taking part in the play are: Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh, Leslie Howard, Olivia de Havilland, Thomas Mitchell, Hattie McDaniel, Barbara O'Neill and many others. "Gone With the Wind" will be shown at the Palace for the balance of this week.

## Larder Lake Miner Rescued from Fall of Rock in Mine

### Percy Robinson Trapped Underground for Over 22 Hours.

Kirkland Lake, April 3.—Another chapter of bravery and perseverance was written into the annals of Northern Ontario mining today, as weary rescue workers rested after more than 22 hours of digging through rock and muck to save the life of 22-year-old Percy Robinson.

The miner was released from a prison 150 feet beneath the surface of Chesterville-Larder Lake mine early today, where he was trapped since being caught beneath a slide yesterday morning.

While officials of the mine 28 miles from here, near the Quebec border, investigated the cause of the slide, Robinson joined his mother and two brothers, apparently none the worse for his experience.

Shifts of 20 miners worked for hours without relief to crash through the 10 feet of rock which imprisoned Robinson near the first level of the mine. Working carefully to avoid creating a further slide which would have meant certain death for the young man who was employed as a machine-runner, the rescue crew was near exhaustion at the completion of their task.

Most of yesterday, the rescue crew were in communication with Robinson through a pipe which was forced through the debris. He thanked them for their efforts and told them he had plenty of room to exercise.

Soup and coffee sent down the pipe enabled Robinson to retain his energy and constantly send word of advice and direction to his rescuers. His only complaint as he puffed on cigarettes sent down by his fellow workers, was that he was cold.

### Mystery Device Traces Presence of Submarines

London, April 3.—The Admiralty has announced that the German freighter Mimi Horn, out of Curacao, Netherlands West Indies, intercepted in "northern waters" by British men-of-war, had been set afire and scuttled by her own crew.

The Ministry of Information in another announcement, revealed that the navy has developed a startling new device for locating submarines, even more terrifying to the U-boats than the "ears" that had located and brought to destruction so many raiders earlier in the war.

Capture of a submarine that raided a convoy "some weeks ago" was effected by this new device. Naval officers lyrically described it as "impalpable fingers groping beneath the surface of the sea." An escort vessel sighted the U-boat periscope and dropped depth charges. Later, the submarine was located two miles away.

Three British destroyers, a French destroyer and a British flying boat dropped depth charges and bombs, forcing the submarine to the surface, and there it surrendered, fatally damaged.

All of the submarine crew were picked up except the commander, who remained aboard his craft. The submarine then sank.

Members of the destroyer crews said the submarine was located by the new "hush-hush" device.

### New Algoma Judge Given Welcome at the Sault

Sault Ste. Marie, April 3.—Formal welcome to Judge John H. McDonald, newly appointed to the district of Algoma bench, was tendered Monday night by the Sault Ste. Marie Association.

Judge Fred Stone, predecessor of Judge McDonald, welcomed the new judge, commenting that Judge McDonald was the fifth he has welcomed since he himself was appointed to the bench.

Judge McDonald referred to his predecessor's 29 years on the bench and said he felt he was assuming "a very difficult role."

## Won't Call Liberal Meet for Ontario "Hot Heads"

At Toronto this week Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Minister of Highways, and president of the Ontario Liberal Association, was quoted as saying that no Liberal convention would be called at the present time. J. J. Sullivan, a Hamilton lawyer, had declared that the Liberal party in Ontario, was "in a horrible mess" and that Hon. Mr. McQuesten should not hold a cabinet position and the presidency of the Liberal Association at the same time. There is also the demand for the head of Premier Hepburn. "You know there are a lot of hot heads who want to lay about them, but my opinion is that we are doing very nicely," Mr. McQuesten said, in declaring that he had no intention of resigning as president or calling a convention or doing anything else along drastic lines.

## Eleven Births Registered Since Monday This Week

Born—on March 23rd, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Earl Alton of 15 Mountjoy street—a daughter.

Born—on March 25th, 1940 to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Boudreau of 102 Avenue Road—a daughter.

Born—on March 29th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Magnan of 67 Birch street north—a son.

Born—on March 20th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Edouard Briand of 136 Ann avenue—a son.

Born—on March 21st, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. James Jordon of 52 Birch street south at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter.

Born—on March 22nd, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Sinapoli of 30 MacDonald Hill, South Porcupine—a daughter.

Born—on March 20th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Poulin of 211 Waterloo avenue at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter.

Born—on March 27th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Courchin of 159 Rea street north—a daughter.

Born—on February 5th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Ludger Fortier of 221 Cedar street north—a daughter.

Born—on March 22nd, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Neil McCafferty of 108 Avenue Road—a son.

Born—on March 1st, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Brooks of 154 Cedar street south—a son.

## Social This Evening by I.O.O.F. and Rebekahs

This (Thursday) evening the Odd-fellows and Rebekahs are holding a social evening in the I.O.O.F. hall, Spruce street, the event to commence at 8:30 p.m. Invitations have been issued for the occasion. Events under the same auspices in the past have always proved delightful.

## Government Has 177 Seats Against 68 of All Others

Ottawa, April 3.—With announcement of the soldiers' vote, the results of the general election are now complete, except in one riding. Here is the party standing in the next House of Commons:

Lib.	177
Cons.	39
C.C.F.	8
N.D.	9
L.-Prog.	3
Ind.-Lib.	3
z.U.R.	1
Ind.	1
Ind.-Con.	1
Unity	1
Deferred	1
Doubtful (Acadia)	1
Total	245

x—National Government.  
z—W. G. Brown elected in Saskatoon City, died April 1.

## Prison For a Joke

A joke about the Nazis has earned a year in prison for the German comedian Weissferd.

It isn't his first "indiscretion." This was the wisecrack: "I see that Hitler has been returned with an 8 per cent majority. But the odd thing is I am always meeting the other two."—Sudbury Star.

## French and British Confer on Public Information

London, April 3.—The French and British Ministries of Information will co-operate on publicity in neutral countries, it was announced today after a conference between the French and British ministers, Oscar Frossard and Sir John Reith.

While Frossard was visiting the British ministry the French flag flew from the ministry's tower. The information chiefs decided to meet periodically for co-ordination of their work.

## Speaks on Highlights in the History of A.Y.P.A.

The regular meeting of the A.Y.P.A. was held on Wednesday evening at the Parish hall. The meeting opened with prayer, Captain Butler presiding.

The guest speaker, Mr. C. P. Walker gave an interesting talk on "Some Highlights in the History of the A.Y.P.A." He told the members of some of the difficulties which the A.Y.P.A. encountered before it became recognized as a church organization, and traced the growth of the A.Y.P.A. from its beginning in Huron Diocese to the present time, when there are branches from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Mr. Walker read some interesting notes from the Dominion Convention held in 1923. He has been an active member of the A.Y.P.A. since its beginning, and was, therefore, able to tell about many interesting matters.

On behalf of the members Captain Butler thanked Mr. Walker for his visit and later games were played.



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