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Re-establishment Credits Unclaimed by War Veterans

Representatives of the Canadian Legion from the Tri-Towns and Englehart met in New Liskeard Monday, April 18, to attend a school of instruction for Legion Branch Service Officers. The session was under the guidance of E. H. Gray, Canadian Legion Provincial Service Officer of North Bay. Mr. Gray comprehensively covered phases of Service Bureau procedure, and sources of information, designed to enable Branch Service Officers to efficiently process applications from war veterans for assistance.

An interesting side light was information concerning the existence of \$6,000.00 held by the Department of Veterans Affairs in North Bay. This sum represents re-establishment credits unclaimed by World War II Veterans in Northern Ontario. Since the period during which such credits may be claimed expires in September of this year, Legion representatives were urged to endeavor to advise veterans with credits due them to take prompt action and submit

their claims. Service Officers present were provided with forms for the purpose.

In attendance were: President F. Desjardins and secretary, J. Jones of the Cobalt Branch; President W. K. Hurst and Service Officer, J. L. Simard, Haileybury; President P. Birnie and Service Officer W. A. H. Washburn, New Liskeard; President V. R. Burke, Service Officer E. A. Smith and Zone Commander J. J. Clancy, Englehart.

Mr. Arnold Peters, M.P. for Temiskaming and a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee at Ottawa, was introduced to the gathering. Mr. Peters attended in response to a request from local Legion leaders to discuss the Legion's brief to Parliament.

It was pointed out to Mr. Peters that the Legion members present represented some 1,500 war veterans in Zone 1 of Ontario District "K" of the Legion. None received disability pensions or War Veterans Allowances, therefore all were entirely uninfluenced by any suggestion of personal benefit. Nevertheless, they were very much concerned regarding their less-fortunate comrades, handicapped as a result of war services. They expressed displeasure that the Government apparently intended to ignore the Legion's reasonable submissions on their behalf. Mr. Peters stated that he was well aware of this displeasure, having received considerable mail, not only from his own riding, but from widespread areas of Ontario as well, protesting the Govern-

ment's apparent intention to disregard war veterans during the present session of Parliament.

It was felt that an article by Elmore Philpott, which had appeared in the Vancouver Sun, very aptly described the "failure of disability pensions to keep step with rising costs and it was reviewed at some length. The article, in part stated, "When Canada set up the very first war veterans pensions scheme back in 1919, the stated fundamental principle was very simple. It was that the basic rate of full pension for a single man was to be equal to the going pay of a day laborer. That is what was then called a "pick and shovel man". We took over this fair principle from the British."

Again, in part, the article continues, "Now see how this has actually worked out over the years.

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Haileybury Legion Wants Members

Canadian Legion Branch 54 Zone K1 meeting was held in the Haileybury Legion Hall.

The meeting was opened by the President Com. W. Hurst, after which the chair was turned over to Com. Zone Commander J. J. Clancy of Englehart. There was representation from all zone branches but one, which was newly formed. The Zone includes from Temagami to Englehart and west to Elk Lake.

This was a lengthy business meeting, many things were discussed over zone operation plus plus motions to take to the District meeting.

The District meeting is being held in Kirkland Lake, April 23, 24, 1960, at which there will be my discussions.

Com. L. Simard chairman of the Membership committee reports that at this time of the year there are approximately 65 paid up mem-

bers out of a possible 300 veterans. There were 125 paid up members last year. Any veteran who wishes to join the Legion is asked to send his membership to the Legion secretary or call the president and he'll pick it up at your home.

Welfare and Pension: Mr. Gray was at Haileybury at the Legion Hall April 18, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Since the advent of the year 1960, your sports office hasn't been too busy. In March a challenge was sent to the Elk Lake Branch to participate in the annual broom ball game but they would not accept the challenge.

The dart club is very active and competition is keen for the O'Keefe dart trophy.

Cribbage is another popular pastime around the branch and the Champions are ready to accept all challenges.

On April 30 and May 1st the dart champions are entering the elimination dart contest to be held at the Cobalt Branch to fight for the chance to enter the Elk Lake Branch contest. The winners will be declared Zone K1 dart champs.

At the Canadian Legion Curling Bonspiel held at Elk Lake, Haileybury Branch entered three rinks.

Many sport events are planned for this summer including that fine old game of Horse Shoe.

Cancer Society Stages Blitz Drive

Next Wednesday evening, from seven to eight o'clock, a special canvass is being made to solicit funds for the Cancer Society.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. S. B. Bond, the town has been divided into ten sections and volunteer canvassers will call at every home. The fire siren will sound to start the canvassers on their way and at the end of one hour, they will meet in the Home Economics room of the Public School where the contributions will be counted and coffee and cookies will be served to the workers.

There are approximately thirty patients in the Tri-Town area who are being assisted by the Society and no one needing assistance is ever refused.

Won't you help those in charge to carry on this work?

Silver Miller Mines Finding New Veins

Silver-Miller Mines, which resumed milling April 4, appears off to a good start.

Silver output for the first week (5½ running days) is estimated at 21,800 ozs. If grade stands up to the 25.7 oz average—and management is confident that it will—production for the month will run 80,000 ozs., a very profitable level.

Last month, a shipment of hand cobbled high grade netted \$17,915, which pretty well paid operating expenses for that month.

While costs will be up somewhat now that the mill is running, operating costs have been slashed drastically from the company's hey-day operations. An 80,000-oz. month today would be just as profitable as the 125,000-150,000-oz. months of a few years ago when two mills were operating. Murray Cooper, president, points out.

Present plans are to maintain the mill rate at around 150 tons daily, with heads expected to hold around the 25-oz. mark. In addition, there will be shipments of hand cobbled high grade to supplement production income.

Developing New Ore
At the present time, 75% of the mill feed is being drawn from the

recently acquired Kerr Lake claim, with the balance from the stockpile that has been built up at the Brady Lake mine.

Good ore is currently being broken in two stopes at the Kerr Lake with some high grade being cobbled near the top of a raise that has been driven from the 400-ft. to the 300-ft. level.

A drive on the 400-ft. level has now been extended across the Kerr Lake and into the adjoining Conisil claim, where a nice looking vein is currently being drifted. Management is hopeful of developing a lot of ore in this virgin ground.

Mining Institute

Dr. M. W. Bartley of Bartley, Greer and Associates, Port Arthur will be the guest speaker at the April meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy in the Haileybury Legion Hall on Friday, April 22, at 8 p.m.

Dr. Bartley's subject will be "The Iron Ore Situation in Canada as It Affects Our Future Economy".

Girls in Training Plan District Rally

At a recent meeting of St. Andrew's United church CGIT the girls were preparing for their affiliation with the Women's Federation, following their study of Africa. During this study they followed the various age groups, starting with babyhood and following through to the adult groups of forty years and over.

A Rally of all CGIT groups in the district will be held in Englehart on April 29 and 30, and May 1, with the Englehart United Church supervising. At this Rally there will be a program of songs, games and discussion groups, plus instructive films. They will attend a banquet on Saturday night and following this, each group will present a skit as their contribution to the program. Sunday morning they will all attend service at the United church.

As many as possible of the Haileybury group are planning to attend with their leader Mrs. W. Gagnon.

In New Liskeard, two groups are making plans to attend. St. Paul's United expect all their girls will attend with their assistant leader, Miss Lillian Waite. And St. Andrew's Presbyterian group all plan to attend, with their leader, Mrs. T. A. Duke and assistant leader, Mrs. C. Martin.

The girls will be billeted during their stay in Englehart.

A feature of the April meeting of the Women's Federation of St. Andrew's United church was the ceremony of affiliation of the CGIT group with the Federation. A welcome was extended to the girls by the president, Mrs. H. G. Pickard.

It was announced that Mr. H. Whorley would provide flowers for the front of the church on Mothers' Day, in memory of his

mother, Mrs. J. Whorley. The devotional period was led by Mrs. C. E. Peacock.

Mrs. W. C. Arnold, Miss Cecelia Somerville and Miss Muriel Rice assisted Mrs. L. Childs in preparing Easter baskets for shut-ins.

A motion sponsored by Miss Somerville and Mrs. C. W. Tyson was passed, which authorized a donation from the Federation to send one of the CGIT girls to the Ontario Camp Council, if her application is accepted.

Following the business session, Mrs. W. C. Arnold gave an interesting and thought-provoking talk on conditions in South Africa, illustrating her points with many newspaper headlines and magazine stories.

New Ball League For District Town

J. M. Shouldice has issued a call for all good citizens interested in promoting Junior and Pee Wee Fastball to a meeting at the Court House, Sunday afternoon, April 24, at two o'clock for the purpose of organizing the summer schedule for the big league players of tomorrow.

Last year over 70 boys played on the various teams in the leagues and it is expected that this year the number will be increased.

Mr. Shouldice speaks enthusiastically about the assistance received last year from the citizens of the town, not only in coaching but in other ways as well, and hopes for the same co-operation this season.

Moosonee Seaport Planning Sparks Interest in North

By C. H. Martin

Most seaports in the world today are not working to the limit of their capacity and consequently, unless there are cogent reasons for doing so, there is little likelihood of any new seaports being opened up. However, along Canada's longest coastline, the Arctic, there is but one port which has any commercial significance that of Churchill, Manitoba. It is against this background of an almost complete absence of any outlet to world markets in the north that a report on the possible effects of a seaport at Moosonee, recently made public, must be considered.

Like the intelligence brought back by the spies dispatched by Moses to view the promised land, the report prepared for the Ontario Government by the North Eastern Ontario Development Association,

tells of an exceeding good land, flowing with the 'milk and honey' of twentieth century commerce—iron, wood, coal, gypsum, limestone and fireclay. Up to the present these materials have remained in the ground waiting for someone to develop them, and it is because a port at Moosonee would greatly assist their exploitation, that such a port is likely to be a success.

The consultant to the Association, Mr. H. F. Wiemar, predicts an outlay in the initial construction projects of some \$277,000,000, forty per cent of which sum would be spent within the Northern Eastern parts of Ontario. A second stage would call for an additional construction program costing in the region of \$224,250,000. Our own local manufacturing, agricultural, construction and commercial undertakings could expect to benefit

from this activity, and it is for this reason that the conclusion to be drawn from the report that the siting of a seaport at Moosonee is both feasible and desirable, is to be welcomed.

The same reception cannot be accorded to another suggestion put forward by a Sudbury mining engineer. Briefly this proposal is to reverse the flow of the Harricana River by diverting it into the Ottawa River and thence by way of the Mattawa into Lake Huron. The promoters of the project estimate that they can divert up to 25,000 cubic feet of water per second in this manner, the purpose of which is to raise the water level in the Great Lakes in order to allow Chicago to take an additional 1,000 cubic feet per second for use in their sewage disposal plant.

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