

## Missing Woman's Body Discovered At Elk Lake

### Ralph Paul Resigns as Chief of Police in Town

Is Taking Another Position with Better Prospects. Police Committee of Council Appoints Detective-Sergeant Gagnon as Acting Chief. New Head of Force has had Long Experience in the Work.

There was considerable surprise at a special meeting of the town council on Monday afternoon when the resignation of Ralph Paul as chief of police of the town of Timmins, was presented by Mr. Paul for acceptance by the council. In giving in his resignation, Chief Paul said that he had been offered an opportunity to better himself and had decided to accept.

With the acceptance by council of the resignation, Ralph Paul concludes seven years of efficient service on the Timmins force. He started as a spare constable and within a year had been promoted on merit to the position of plain clothes detective. His good work won him further promotion to the position of sergeant when changes were made on the force. Within a few more months these were further changes eventually resulting in Ralph Paul's appointment as chief. For over four years he has acted as chief of police and has won a good name for himself for efficiency and earnest desire to keep the town orderly, law-abiding and clean.

Interviewed yesterday by The Advance Mr. Paul did not care to give particulars of the new position that he has taken. He said that he was sorry to leave his colleagues on the force but believed he had done his duty to the best of his ability while on the force.

"I have no one to answer to and I think I am safe in that the force is in better condition now than it was when I took it over. I have always had the fullest co-operation from the men under me and have nothing but praise for any of them," said the Chief.

The Police Committee of the council has appointed Detective-Sergeant Leo Gagnon Acting Chief. Chief Gagnon has been thirteen years in police work. He began in Walkerville where he was trained under the late J. P. Smith, who, when he died, was Chief of Police of Windsor.

From Walkerville Chief Gagnon went to the Michigan Central Railway at Fort Erie. From there he was transferred to Windsor and later to St. Thomas where he was Sergeant, second in charge of the railway's police attached to the Canadian division of the Michigan Central.

He came to Timmins in July, 1934, and was taken on the force here as a Sergeant. From the post of Sergeant he has now been promoted to that of Acting Chief.

### Rescue Fliers Wait for Better Weather

Eighteen Fliers. A mong Them a Canadian.

Eighteen rescue fliers are waiting in Alaska for better weather to enable them to take off and seek the whereabouts of the six lost Soviet transpolar fliers. Bob Randall, a Canadian, planned to take off from Point Barrow to check on the story of natives in the Barter Island area that they had heard what might have been an aeroplane motor four or five days ago.

### Liberals in Riding to Convene on September 1

Convention to Select a Candidate for South Cochrane Liberals to Be Held at Iroquois Falls. S. C. Platus, Timmins, Chairman of the Credentials Committee. Decision of Executive

Kirkland Lake, Ont., Aug. 18, 1937.—Special to The Advance.

A meeting of the executive of the Liberal Association of the riding of South Cochrane was held at Kirkland Lake this afternoon. Harry J. Fine, of Kirkland Lake, president of the association, was in the chair, with E. W. M. Paisley, also of Kirkland, secretary.

The meeting decided to hold the convention to select a candidate to carry the Liberal banner in the coming provincial election at the Iroquois Falls rink on Wednesday, Sept. 1st.

S. C. Platus, of Timmins, was appointed chairman of the Credentials Committee for the convention.

Another important matter before the meeting was a recommendation that the road from Kirkland Lake to Sessikinika be shortened some twelve miles by passing through Goldthorpe.

Among those present at the executive meeting were:—Dean Kester, Timmins; Sol Platus, Timmins; Dayton Ostrasser, Timmins; J. R. Todd, Schumacher; Sol Sky, South Porcupine.

The meeting was largely attended and was representative of all parts of the riding.

### Official Sees Rain at Week-end

Last Tuesday Night was Lowest Temperature of the Month. Showers and Wet Weather Prophecied for Today, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Showers today and tomorrow will augur in a wet week-end, said the weatherman this morning. He prophesied possible thunderstorms today and over Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Rainfall last week was light. From 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. on Monday there were thunderstorms with light rains amounting to 0.4 inches.

Maximum temperature on Monday was 72 and minimum 58. Tuesday's maximum was 70 and the minimum was the lowest we have had this week, 40 degrees. Yesterday at eight o'clock in the evening the temperature was fifty degrees and this morning at eight o'clock it was 64.

### Work Delayed on Nurses' Residence

Walls and Framework of New Italian Church on Cedar and Kimberley Have Been Completed. Workmen Starting on Roof.

Work has been held up on the new nurses' residence in the last few days because of the delayed delivery of steel. The foundations have been laid and creosoted and work can not go ahead now until the necessary structural steel arrives.

Another construction job that has been making strides in the past week or so is the Italian church on the corner of Kimberley avenue and Cedar street. The walls of the church have been completed and workmen are now starting on the roof.

The church is constructed of cement blocks lined with brick tile. Some trouble was experienced in erecting the steel framework but the last time has been more than made up on the masonry work and other construction.

### Ladies' Auxiliary to Join in Parade to Cenotaph

The ladies of the Auxiliary have been asked by Branch 88 of the Canadian Legion to meet at Legion hall Monday, August 23rd, at 5.15 p.m. to parade to the cenotaph. Members are requested to wear their white dresses, blue sashes and berets.

### Market Started on Saturday

Market at Ball Grounds is Held Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The Timmins market, which is held in the T.P.A.A. grounds on Second avenue and Pine street, opened last Saturday for the first time. There was a large turn-out of farmers and a good deal of produce displayed for sale.

The market is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. It opens at six o'clock in the morning and remains open until the last farmer has left. Last year the market ran until well on in the fall. How long it will run this year is largely dependent upon the plentifulness of the farmers' wares.

### Special Meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary

Making Final Arrangements for Zone Meeting and Legion Convention.

A special general meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion was held in the Legion hall on Monday evening. A large number of the members were present at this meeting where Mrs. Hemming and Mrs. Harding were elected as delegates to the Northern Zone Rally, which is to be held in the Hollinger Recreation hall on Tuesday evening, August 24th, at 7 p.m. The rally will be followed by a social gathering to which the convention visitors, delegates and Legion members are cordially invited.

Plans were completed for the Legion convention banquet and final arrangements made for the garden party which will be held in the spacious grounds of the home of Mr. Ennis Schumacher. It is expected the music will be provided for the latter event by the Croatian orchestra in their native costumes. Afternoon tea will be served.

The following ladies will act as the reception committee: Mrs. M. Price, Mrs. L. Keates, Mrs. Hemming, Mrs. L. MacMillan, Mrs. Charlton and Mrs. K. Johnson.

Mrs. Hemming, Mrs. Finchen and Mrs. Forrester, withdrew from the qualifying for the Northern Zone representative in favour of Mrs. Richardson of North Bay, who is the present zone representative, and the provincial second vice-president of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

It is understood that Mrs. Richards of the Timmins Flower Shoppe has kindly donated the flowers for the convention banquet.

### Theatre Exempt While Serving as Church Only

Council Writes off Taxes on New Empire Theatre for Time in Church Use. Town Decided Not to Reimburse Godson Co. Other Council matters.

The resignation as Chief of Police submitted by Ralph Paul to the council at a special meeting on Monday afternoon was formally accepted yesterday afternoon at another special meeting.

The clerk was instructed to draw up a contract between the town and Frank Feldman for the long contemplated purchase of three acres of land on the west side of the river to be used as a park. There was a flaw in the original agreement between the town and Mr. Feldman and it was necessary to have another drawn up.

At the last regular meeting of council Father Theriault, of St. Anthony's church appeared before the council in connection with a tax bill for \$1,800 he received from Leo Mascioli in connection with the Empire Theatre.

Father Theriault said the theatre had been used as a church during the time when it was billed for taxes and that therefore, it should be exempted. The council promised to discuss the matter.

The town solicitor advised that the theatre should have been exempted from taxation for that period as it undoubtedly had been used as a church, and at the special meeting of council yesterday, the council wrote off the bill.

The town clerk was instructed to get in touch with William Gagne, Inspector of Postal Services, at North Bay, and get a copy of the regulation governing mail delivery so that the town might act according to them.

The council decided against paying anything to the Godson Paving Company, of Hamilton. W. O. Langdon appeared before the council at the last regular meeting and asked \$1,200 for the company for "out of pocket" expenses incurred in connection with their tendering for the contract to pave Timmins streets. Mr. Langdon contended that his clients had been awarded the contract and that it then had been taken from them and awarded to Leo Mascioli.

The question of a purchasing agent for the town was again brought up but most of the council were of the opinion that a warehouse and a keeper would be necessary if the town intended to install a purchasing department. Consequently it was decided to drop the matter for the present.

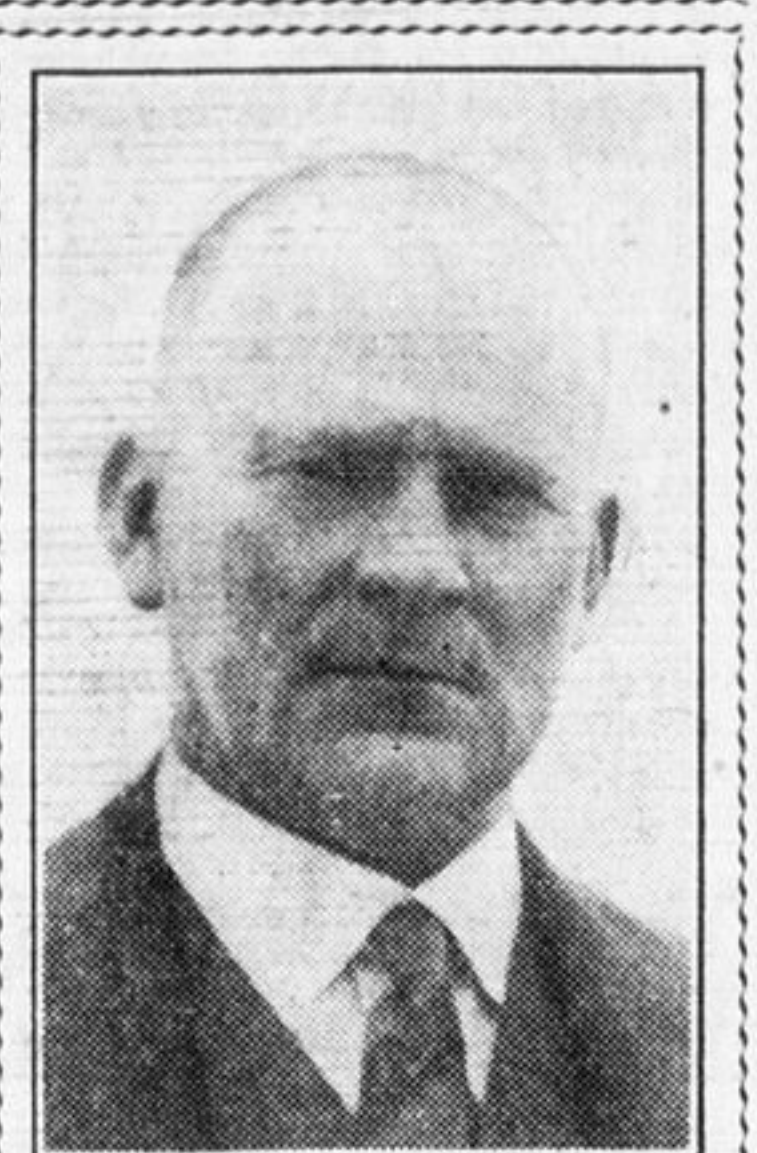
A delegation of Timmins hardware men will appear before council at the next regular meeting. They will contend that the town is buying too much hardware from out-of-town business places.

The clerk was instructed to sign the agreement to buy a book-keeping machine to be installed in the new town hall.

### CABLEGRAM TELLS OF DEATH OF MOTHER IN ENGLAND

Mrs. J. Huxley, of Schumacher, received a cablegram from England yesterday giving the sad news of the death of her mother. Sympathy in the loss will be extended by wide circles of friends.

### Invites Delegates



Col. the Hon. M. F. Brunner, Deputy Premier and Minister of Transport of New South Wales, who, while passing through Canada on his way home from London, extended an invitation to Canada to send a representative to the Imperial Conference to be held at Sydney, Australia, next year. The occasion will be the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the state.

### THOS. TORRENCE NOW WELL ON THE WAY TO RECOVERY

His many friends will be pleased to know that Thos. Torrence, manager of the local Vendor's Store, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is now making excellent progress to full recovery of health.

### Boy! Match! Gasoline! Fire!

Firemen Arrived in Time to Save More than \$5 Damage.

Firemen had only two minor calls since Monday. On Monday they were called to 43 Laurier avenue to attend to a chimney and pipe fire. It was only the work of a few minutes to extinguish it.

The combination of gasoline and a match was responsible for a fire at 12 Main avenue on Tuesday. A little boy set fire to a bottle of gasoline and the flames caught the side of the house. Damage amounted about \$5.

The combination of a boy, a match and gasoline is always bad.

### Executive Meeting of Conservatives

Members from All Parts of Riding to Meet at Matheson to Arrange Date of Convention.

An executive meeting of the officers of the Conservative Association of the riding of South Cochrane will be held in Matheson tomorrow at 3.45 o'clock to decide where and when the riding convention will be held.

Officers who will attend the meeting will be the president and secretary of each association. Dr. McClinton, president of the South Cochrane Conservative Association, said today that there will likely be four or five candidates before the convention for the riding nomination.

Small meetings that have been held throughout the riding have been well attended and a great deal of enthusiasm shown. A detailed organization of the constituency is being prepared at present by the Association.

### Accident Victim has Relapse

Miss Gertrude Helperin Lapsed into Unconsciousness Again Yesterday but General Condition Improved Slightly this Morning.

Miss Gertrude Helperin, who was struck by an automobile last Saturday morning and suffered a fractured skull is still in a critical condition in St. Mary's hospital.

Miss Helperin's life was despaired of immediately following the accident, but on Monday she had recovered somewhat and her physician, Dr. Harrison, thought she would get well.

She was unconscious for several days following the accident but suffered a relapse yesterday and again became unconscious. This morning she was still in the same condition but her general condition was somewhat improved.

### Injured at Ankerite but Not Badly Hurt

B. Johnson Caught Between Cage and Shaft Timber.

Ben Johnson, 180 Maple street, was injured at Buffalo-Ankerite over the week-end when he was caught between the cage and one of the shaft timbers.

According to officials of the Buffalo-Ankerite mine Johnson went to get on a cage on one of the lower levels while it was still moving or in clearance. He had no signal to board the cage. A screen on one side protected him from a fatal injury.

He was immediately brought to the surface and to St. Mary's hospital. His condition this morning was described as "good."

### A LONELY SPIRE WITHOUT A CHURCH



A local landowner at Dallington, Sussex, two hundred years ago made a bet that Dallington spire could be seen from his house, and in order to win the bet he had to build this spire in a field nearby. His name was John Fuller and he represented his particular constituency in four successive parliaments.

### Body of Woman Found in Cellar of Elk Lake Home

Thought to be Remains of Mrs. Leona Dolan, who Disappeared in March. Husband Being Held by Police. Services of Dr. Frankish to Be Used in Case.

### Coming by Seaplane for Convention

Hon. Mr. Power, Minister of Pensions and National Health, Likely to Land on Porcupine Lake.

The Hon. Mr. Power, Minister of Pensions and National Health, of Ottawa, will arrive in Timmins on Monday morning by seaplane to attend the Legion Convention here next week.

The plane will land probably on Porcupine Lake. Mr. Power will be met by an automobile and brought to the convention.

Citizens are requested to begin tomorrow to decorate their houses and places of business for the convention. Merchants are requested to put out street flags and do any other decorating that they think would give the town a convention atmosphere.

A good response has been received by the Timmins branch of the Legion from its appeal for rooms and billeting space for convention visitors. However, a few more rooms are necessary as hotels and rooming houses are well booked ahead.

Among the other distinguished visitors expected at the convention are mentioned the following:—

Major M. F. Greg, V.C., Dominion Treasurer; J. R. Bowler, General Secretary of Dominion Command; Rev. John Kelman, representative of the Tuberculosis Veterans' Society; Richard Hale, Chief Pension Officer; Geo. Kermaek, Imperial Representative.

Lorn Menzies, provincial secretary; S. A. Robinson, Senior Adjustment Officer; C. M. Strickland, District Adjustment Officer, Windsor; J. S. Adams, Adjustment Officer for Northern Ont.

### DR. HEIL NOW HERE AT DR. O. J. STAHL'S OFFICE

Dr. M. A. Heil, of Lemberg, Saskatchewan, recently arrived here as assistant to Dr. Oscar J. Stahl. Dr. Heil is a graduate of University of Toronto. He came to Timmins directly from Saskatchewan.

### Expect 400 Delegates at Legion Convention

Arrangements Completed by Local Legion to Welcome and Entertain Ex-Servicemen to Be Here at Week-end for Ontario Provincial Convention of the Legion. Outline of Programme. Many Distinguished Visitors.

The Timmins Branch of the Canadian Legion is all set for the Provincial Convention and it looks as if this year's event will excel all previous ones. An invasion of close to four hundred ex-servicemen with a large number of their wives and families will pour into Timmins over the week-end. A large motorcade of cars and trailers will be one of the modes of travel. Others will come by train, and Sunday should see the delegates all assembled for the big programme planned.

Several prominent veterans will be present, headed by Brig.-Gen. Alex Ross, the Dominion president of the Canadian Legion; Major C. G. Powers, Ministers of Pensions in the Dominion Cabinet; Archdeacon Scott; Jules Perry, president of the Ontario Command; and others who have been leaders in the Canadian Legion, since its beginning eleven years ago.

Convention Headquarters Headquarters will be the Empire hotel, and convention sessions in the High School auditorium, starting Monday, Aug. 23rd, at 10.30 a.m., when Mayor J. P. Bartleman will officially welcome the delegates and opening address will be made by the following:—

Captain Jules Perry, president, Ontario Provincial Command, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.  
Brigadier-General Alex Ross, President Dominion Command, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.  
Major Powers, Minister of Pensions, (Dominion Govt.).

Archdeacon F. G. Scott, Canadian Corps Padre.  
Mayor J. P. Bartleman, Town of Timmins, and others.

### Memorial Service Monday Afternoon

One of the highlights of the convention will be the Memorial Service. This will take place at 6.00 p.m. sharp at the Cenotaph. Citizens are asked to refrain from crowding onto the park, because of the large number of ex-ser-

vice-men in the parade which will be accompanied by all the bands of the district. Several Legionnaires are expected from various branches of Northern Ontario, swelling the total to close to 600 veterans in the line of march. Archdeacon F. G. Scott will officiate at the service, along with other clergy and local ministers. After the close of the service, the delegates in their colourful berets and decorations will march past the reviewing stand which has been erected at the Central school grounds at the corner of Pine and Fourth ave.

Convention Banquet The convention banquet promises to be the biggest ever held in Northern Ontario. Fully 500 are expected to be present at this event which is being held in the Timmins curling rink. The Ladies' Auxiliary are catering for this event, and serving a special menu for the occasion.

Convention Dance Following the banquet the convention dance will be held in the Riverside Pavilion commencing at 10.00 p.m. The general public are invited to the dance and Andy Cangiano's orchestra will provide the music.

Sessions will continue till Wednesday and may run into Thursday morning, but to ensure the smooth carrying through of proceedings a night session has been ordered.

Decorate for Occasion Citizens and business premises are asked to decorate in welcome to the delegates who are coming from all parts of Ontario. Some are making their first trip north and it is desired that for the betterment of this part of Northern Ontario, the citizens will show to one and all the true Northern spirit of welcome and hospitality.

The town will be illuminated during the convention with "multi-coloured lights and with the flags and bunting of the business section, should make a bright and colourful picture.

Constable Pretorius brought with him Frank Dolan, husband of the missing woman, who is lodged in the court house cells here on a nominal charge of vagrancy pending further inquiries. Dolan made no statement, police said, after he had been taken into the house by the officer, who told the correspondent he met Dolan on the street a few minutes after he had learned of the finding of a body. Dolan twice had been questioned by the authorities in the case, and has consistently maintained he knew nothing of the matter, but Inspector Creasy said yesterday police had discovered from enquiries that some discrepancies existed in the story told by Dolan of his movements on the night his wife was last seen.

The police have not been satisfied, the inspector declared, with stories told, and enquiries had been pursued into the mystery from time to time since March 31, when the case was first reported to Provincial Constable S. V. McClelland, at that time stationed in Elk Lake. This week, Sergeant V. T. Reed, who is familiar with the district through having been located there for a time, went back into the territory and Constable Pretorius began another search. A dozen men were engaged by the police to help hunting through the bush, and yesterday the sergeant with some of these men continued their search, while three were assigned to dig in the cellar.

Within an hour, according to Constable Pretorius, the body was found in five feet of earth. One arm and a foot were exposed by the diggers, and a brief expanse of back was examined. (Continued on Page Two)