

100 BRITISH BOMBERS RAID GERMAN BASES

Nine Nationalities Now In National Festival and Two More Expected

Plans Under Way to Make Event at McIntyre Community Building in June the Most Impressive Yet. Nine Entries Already in (Three More Than Last Year) and Two More Assured.

Plans are proceeding along very favourable lines to ensure a very successful National Festival this year. At a meeting held this week the following organizations showed their willingness to take part in the event:

- Scotch People—Pipe Band and Dancers.
 - Young Roumanian Cultural Club
 - Ukrainian Pr'evita Assn.
 - Polish White Eagle Society
 - Czecho-Slovak National Alliance
 - Hungarian Cultural Society
 - Finnish People
 - Order of Halo-Canadians
 - Croatian Society, Schumacher
- Negotiations are proceeding to secure two more entries and these are awaiting decisions of their membership.

A handsome trophy has already been generously donated as the grand award and all New Canadian organizations are busy at practice for the forthcoming event.

Dr. Maresch to be Guest Speaker at Banquet To-night

Notable Speaker to Address Inter-Club Meeting

South Porcupine Kwanis Club, with the co-operation of Timmins Kiwanis and the Schumacher Lions Club, are presenting a feature of unusual interest to-night. This is an inter-club banquet to be held at the McIntyre Community building in Schumacher commencing at 6:30 o'clock this evening, April 25th, with Dr. Richard Maresch as the guest speaker. To add to the evening the clubs have also made it "Ladies' Night."

Dr. Maresch, who is an educationist of world-wide eminence, barely escaped from Nazi Germany with his life. Had the Nazis been able to capture him it would have meant death for Dr. Maresch, as his liberal views are particularly offensive to the Nazis. However, he was able to make his way out of Austria and friends in Canada were able to secure a position for him on the staff of Pickering College, Newmarket, Ont. It is part of the contract, however, that Dr. Maresch is free to accept calls to address service and other patriotic clubs. Learning of this clause in the agreement, the South Porcupine Kiwanis Club have made arrangements whereby the people in general have the chance to see and hear Dr. Maresch. He will from a wide knowledge and experience give much information in regard to Russia, Germany, Austria and other countries with which he is intimately acquainted and particularly in regard to Austria.

Norwegian Official



Carl J. Hambro, president of the Norwegian parliament, is next in power to King Haakon. Heard recently in a broadcast from Sweden, Hambro is known to Canadians. He visited Canada in November, 1935 when this photograph was taken.

Allies Have 7,000,000 Men in Field

Germans Between 8,500,000 and 9,000,000 Under Arms

Allied troop strength is now said to be 7,000,000 men. Britain has 2,000,000 men mustered exclusive of the Navy and the R. A. F. France has the other 5,000,000 army men. Germany's strength is estimated at between 8,500,000 men and 9,000,000. A large number of these men are needed however, to police conquered areas.

Resident Here 25 Years Passed Away Yesterday

The death occurred at St. Mary's Hospital on Wednesday of Mr. Roiman Napreycheck of 175 Birch Street north. The late Mr. Napreycheck was a native of Russia, and was sixty-five years old. He came to Canada twenty-eight years ago, and was a well-known resident of Timmins for the past twenty-five years. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife in Russia. No definite funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

Executive Elected by Timmins Golf Club Monday Night

Meeting Held in the New Quarters Being Completed.

The annual meeting of the Timmins Golf Club was held on Monday evening in the new locker room at the golf club house. There was a large attendance and all present were enthusiastic for a big season in golf here in 1940. The following were elected as the executive of the Timmins Golf Club for 1940:

Executive—Mr. John Knox, Mr. R. J. Ennis, Mr. R. E. Dye, Mr. W. H. Pritchard, Mr. W. Rinn.

The executive will appoint the president and other officers at the first meeting of the executive.

Captain for the season is Mr. L. R. Simard. Vice-Captain—J. R. Hall.

Membership and locker dues, if payable not later than May 15th, should be noted by all interested.

Snow Piled High on Highway in the Ramore District

Water Not Able to Get Away Quickly Enough.

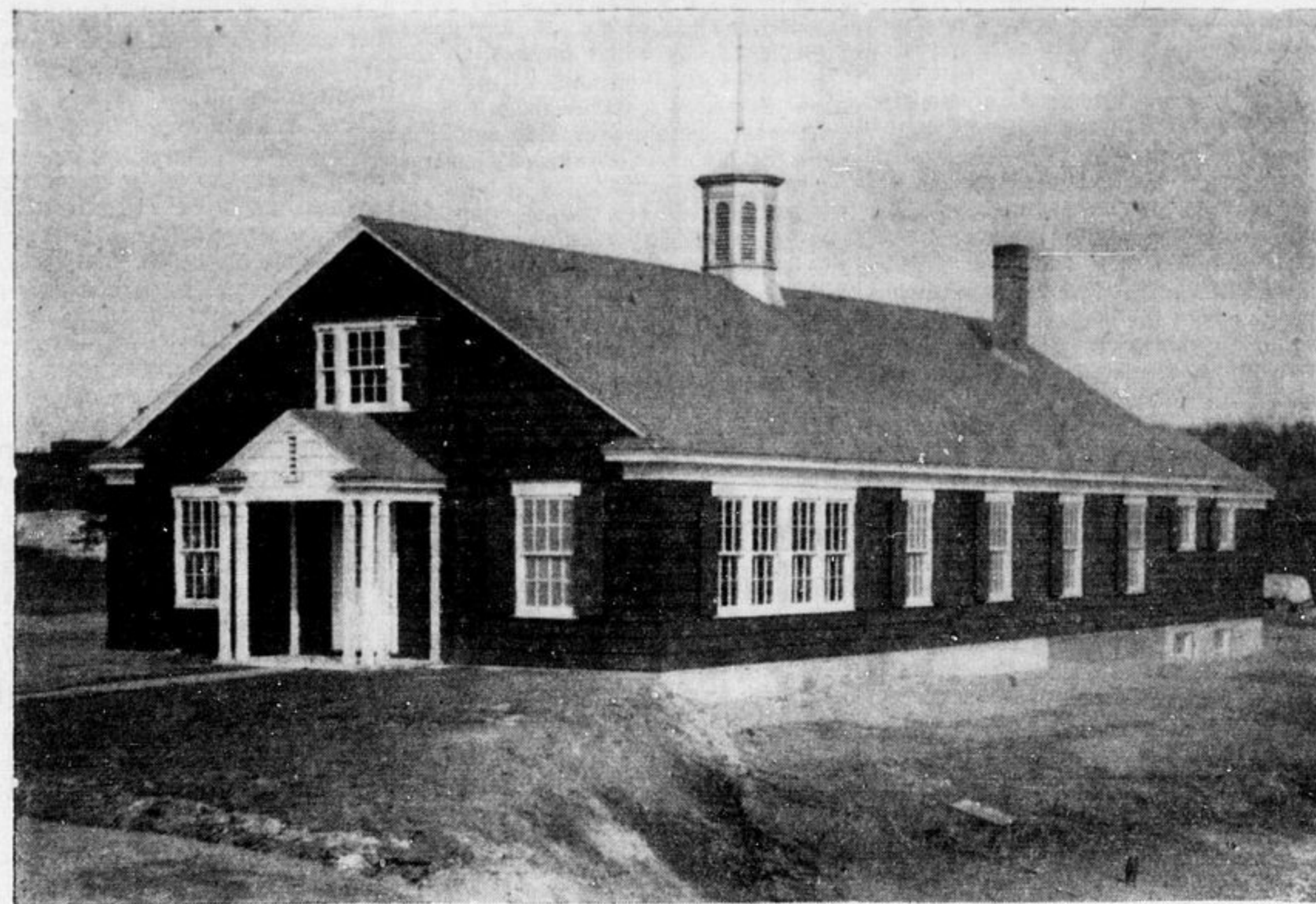
Mr. J. M. Woods ("Happy") Woods to most people in this district, where he was one of the popular old-timers, moved to Schumacher this week. Mr. Woods was for many years a resident of Schumacher where he was well-known and popular. On one occasion he was elected to the council of the township of Tisdale by a good majority. For some time past, he has resided in Haliburton.

When asked about the roads, Mr. Woods said that he had no difficulty in his motor trip until he reached the Ramore district. There the road was badly cut up, because the water had no way to escape. Instead the water rested on the road and proved a decided handicap to the people.

"I have seldom seen snow piled as high as it was during recent days at Ramore," said Mr. Woods. "In some places the snow is eight to ten feet high and the quantity of the snow thus drifted onto sections of the highway is proving a decided difficulty for the snow ploughs. There is no place for the snow to go without too much expense for cartage, and the snow lying on the road and melting makes a very particular hazard for the roads."

Mr. Woods said that snowploughs were at work in the Ramore district and that every effort was being used to remedy the situation, but that little could be done for the moment to make the road safe and comfortable. The rest of the highway from Haliburton, he said, is in pretty good shape, though drivers should exercise care all the way along, especially on the road from the Junction to Timmins.

HANDSOME NEW GOLF CLUB QUARTERS



Above is the attractive new quarters for the Timmins Golf Club. This will be used for locker rooms and club purposes for the club, while the former club house will be used by the ladies' section. The interior of the new building is not fully completed, painting and decorating being under way. When completed it will be one of the best in the North.

Would Damage Bases to Prevent Raiding Troops In the Trondheim Areas

Bomb Sylt With Incendiary and High Explosive For an Hour and Forty Minutes. Raid Comes as Complete Surprise. Sylt, Oslo, Kristiansand, Stavanger and Aalger Raided. Hangars and Aeroplanes Damaged.

Taking off from clipped English and Scottish airfields, nearly a hundred British bombers yesterday raided five air bases in Norway and Denmark and on the North Sea island of Sylt. The British air ministry described the raids as "highly successful."

Eighty bombers are said to have taken part on the raid on Sylt. Indicating that the raid was a complete surprise, hangars and outbuildings at Sylt were not blacked out. For an hour and forty minutes the bombers sent wave after wave of high explosives and incendiary bombs down on the German base. Fires were said to have been started by the incendiary bombs. One hangar was hit and another damaged by a bomb which exploded on the runway outside.

Pilots who returned from this raid said that after a time anti-aircraft batteries were set up, and near the end of the raid, retaliatory fire was intense. Two airships did not return.

Oslo, Kristiansand, Stavanger and Aalger also were raided just before dawn yesterday. Twenty German planes scattered around the edge of the Stavanger field were said to be damaged and some ruined.

Authorities said that hangars and runways were badly damaged at Kristiansand and that on all fields the flying fields themselves were badly cut up and damaged. Several salvos of bombs increased the damage done at Oslo in a raid the previous night.

Purpose of continual British raiding of German air bases is becoming more clear. Until the British can capture an air port in German occupied territory it is going to be difficult to fight against the waves of German bombers which have been consistently attacking Allied troop concentrations in the vicinity of Trondheim and Lillehammer areas.

The British have decided they can do the most damage by using their own bombers to attack the German bombers at their bases to damage the hangars and cut and gash the landing fields with bombs in order to make taking off and landing of heavy flying machines impossible or at least difficult. Further repeated raids are expected in the next few days.

Maple Sugar Party For Children

Interesting and Very Happy Event Yesterday with Father Guevremont as Host.

Students of the various Roman Catholic Schools in the town enjoyed a "maple sugar" party in the basement of St. Anthony's Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon, when the Rev. Fr. Guevremont acted as host to the large group of youngsters.

Fr. Guevremont had arranged the event and it was a special treat for the youngsters. The children enjoyed maple sugar candies to their heart's content, and were thankful to the reverend father for the delightful event.

Cool But Fine Says Forecaster

Highest Temperature This Week Yesterday When Mercury Rose to 45.

The remainder of today and for the next twenty-four hours will continue fine with some cool wind, said Sydney Wheeler, Hollinger weather expert, this morning. Maximum and minimum temperatures since Monday have been as follows: Monday, maximum, 44, minimum, 26; Tuesday, 48 and 30; Wednesday, 45 and 26. At eight o'clock this morning the temperature was 28 degrees.

Funeral of the Late Mr. Frank McGrath to be Held Tomorrow

Popular Resident Here for Twenty-seven Years Died Tuesday Night.

Funeral services will be held on Friday morning at 9 o'clock, from the residence of his brother, Mr. Joseph McGrath, 13 Murdoch avenue, to the Church of Nativity, for the late Mr. Frank McGrath, popular and respected old-timer of the Porcupine, who passed away at St. Mary's hospital on Tuesday evening.

The late Mr. McGrath was known throughout the North Land for his many charitable and kind deeds, and has numerous friends here who feel a deep personal bereavement in his death. He was born in Hancock, Michigan, sixty-two years ago, and was an efficient employee of the Hollinger Mines for the past twenty-seven years. A year ago, Mr. McGrath was married to Jervel Twolan at Calabogie, and besides his wife he leaves to mourn his loss, five brothers, Joseph, of Timmins, Michael, of Detroit, and Bert, Martin, and William, of Hancock, Michigan; one sister, Mrs. Mollie Leary, of Hancock, Michigan. Also resident in Timmins are four nieces, Miss Bernice McGrath, Mrs. G. McKechnie, and Misses Kathrine and Eugenia Young.

The late Mr. McGrath underwent an operation in Toronto about four weeks ago, and later was brought back to St. Mary's hospital. Complications arose, and despite the best of medical care, Mr. McGrath passed away on Tuesday evening.

Relatives from out-of-town who will attend the funeral include Mr. William McGrath and Mrs. M. Leary, of Hancock, and Mr. Jack Twolan, brother-in-law, of Calabogie. Pallbearers will be Messrs Pat McDonough, Owen Farnum, Joe Cunningham, Tom Platts, Jack Gurnell and Charles Cummings.

London—R.A.F. raids German air bases at Sylt and four Norwegian cities; appointment of Sir Walter Monckton as chief of publicity in neutral countries announced.

Well-Known Old-Time Resident of Timmins Died on Tuesday Night

Clarence T. Cook Passes After Long Illness.

Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, at the Salvation Army Citadel for the late Mr. Clarence T. Cook, who passed away at St. Mary's Hospital on Tuesday evening. Death was due to a complaint which he has suffered from for the past few years.

The late Mr. Cook had been at the sanitarium in Hamilton for some time, prior to returning to Timmins about a year ago, and was ill at his home here, being taken to the hospital on Tuesday.

The deceased was born in Halifax, sixty-eight years ago, and came to Timmins from Cobalt seventeen years ago. Until the year 1925 he worked on the T. & N. O. and was active in the service of the Salvation Army. During the war, he served with the Canadian Navy. He was at one time active in the Canadian Legion, and will be buried with Legion honours.

The late Mr. Cook resided at 10 Crescent avenue and he is survived by his wife, Elizabeth and a daughter May.

Highlights and Sidelights OF THE WAR NEWS

Nazi Military Garage Fired
Eupen, Belgium, April 24—A military garage forming part of the Siegfried line was destroyed today by fire reported to be of incendiary origin.

The garage was a large structure situated at Losheim, on the German-Belgium frontier.

The fire was the second of its kind in a few weeks.

The German authorities were understood to be investigating the circumstances in the belief that both fires were due to sabotage.

20 Hun Planes Downed
London, April 24—A Reuters News Agency despatch from Stockholm today said that British and Norwegian anti-aircraft guns had shot down 20 German planes in Norway during the last week-end.

Three Killed in Explosion
Billingham-on-Tees, Eng., April 24—Three persons were killed and 19 injured in an explosion today at a munitions plant of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited.

The blast was the second in a British munitions factory in less than a week. Last Saturday five persons were killed and 15 injured in an explosion in North London.

An official statement concerning today's blast said material damage was not of great importance and that production will not be held up.

Sharp Fighting in Area of Trondheim: Remnants Of Nazi Force Surrender

British Making Encircling Movement Around Trondheim. Allied Forces Are Increasing and Men Being Debarked North and South of Nazi-Held City of Trondheim. Remnants of Trapped Battalion Give Up.

Players To Receive Car, Money

There is a persistent rumour in local hockey circles that each of the fourteen members of the Lake Shore Hockey team which won the Allan Cup in Toronto last night by defeating the Calgary Stampeders in three straight games, will receive an automobile and \$150 as a reward.

Donor of the cars and the money is said to be the Lake Shore Mine. Under the revised regulations of the C. A. H. A. such a gift would be permissible.

Programme for Sunday's Concert by the McIntyre Band

Another Very Pleasing Programme to be Presented by the McIntyre Concert Band.

Music-lovers will be delighted to know that the McIntyre Concert Band under the direction of Bandmaster G. Baden, F.S.M., (Medaille Militaire), formerly of the French Army, will present another concert over the air on Sunday, April 28th, from 2 to 2:30 p.m. The following is the programme to be presented, some of the numbers being by special request:

- 1—"The Maple Leaf Forever."
- 2—"March, 'The Squealer,' by Huff."
- 3—"Overture, 'Orpheus,' by Offenbach."
- 4—"Regimental Airs of the British and Canadian Armies." (a) The 38th Regiment (Dufferin Rifles). The 36th Regiment (Peel Regiment).
- 5—"Idyll, 'The Glow Worm,' by P. Lincke."
- 6—"Idyll, 'The Glow Worm,' by P. more."
- 7—"Hymn, 'Abide With Me.' God Save the King."

Nurses' Alumnae to Hold Election Meeting To-night

The Nurses' Alumnae of St. Mary's Hospital will hold its election meeting this (Thursday) evening in the auditorium of the Nurses' Residence of the Hospital. All members are asked to be present at the meeting, as in addition to the important election, there will be various reports and other interesting business.

After sharp fighting British infantry has re-established its lines in the Trondheim area. The British are said to be pressing an encircling operation around Trondheim and the Nazis are making desperate efforts to break it.

Allied forces in this area are increasing. Troops are being debarked at Namsos and Andalsnes, north and south of the Trondheim respectively.

The nearby town of Steinkjer is in ruins from German bombing.

The Germans in the garrison of Trondheim can resist but their position is said to be precarious as long as they have to depend on planes from the south for food and reinforcements.

Meanwhile, in the Narvik area: The plight of the completely surrounded garrison of 2,000 Germans holding the northern iron ore port, is acute. Survivors of a battalion of 1,000 men, haggard with hunger and without ammunition, surrendered after being lured into a trap twenty-five miles north of Narvik.

Chancellor Hitler is said to be personally exhorting the Commander of the Narvik Garrison, General Dettl, to hold out as long as possible. He is promising him aid by air.

French and Norwegians, fighting against Tyrolean skiers around Narvik are pushing towards Bjornfjell on the Swedish-Norwegian coast to try to trap the Nazis still in Narvik. The Allies are pushing east from Rombak heights along the iron ore railroad to Sweden hoping to cut off the Germans' last means of escape.

The German battalion which surrendered at Gratangen was credited as the first victory for the Norwegian forces in the Narvik sector. The Germans went north in retreat and found their retreat cut off while the Norwegians sniped from the hills.

The Germans held out for six days and then were forced to surrender when their food and ammunition was gone.

Fire Call to the Ambassador Hotel Cellar Full Smoke

Find Stoker Pulling Hot Coals Out of Furnace Into Empty Bin.

Firemen were called to the Ambassador Hotel at 6:04 a.m. yesterday. When they arrived the basement was filled with smoke. Investigation revealed the fact that the automatic stoker had emptied the coal bin and was pulling burning coal from the furnace back out into the bin. Firemen used foamite on the stoker motor.

Boys put in an alarm last evening. When firemen got to 115 Commercial Avenue they found only a minor chimney fire. Occupants of the house were much surprised when they saw firemen.

A call was received from 57 Pine St., north, at 8:57 p.m. on Tuesday. Residents of the house thought they saw a fire. What they did see were small boys waving sparklers.

A chimney fire at 253 Balsam Street north resulted in a call at 11:20 a.m. on Monday.

"He's All Man"



Col. W. E. Sanson, D.S.O., commands the second infantry brigade in the first Canadian division now overseas. "He's all man" was the tribute paid Col. Sanson by one of the men in the Edmonton regiment which, with the Princess Pats and the Seaford Highlanders from Vancouver, constitutes the 2nd Infantry Brigade.

Devotional Programme for Next Week's A.Y.P.A.

The regular weekly meeting of the A.Y.P.A. was held on Wednesday evening in the Parish Hall, with a good attendance of members. Captain Butler presided.

After a brief business meeting games were enjoyed, with everyone finding this a pleasant manner in which to spend the evening.

A devotional programme is being arranged for the regular meeting next Wednesday, and as this is the last devotional programme for the season, it is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

Meeting of Finnish Y.P.S. Friday Evening, April 26

This week, Friday, April 26th, will be the monthly "Physical Recreation Night" at the Y.P.S. of the Timmins Finnish United Church. Lunch will be served. This evening Group No. 3 will be in charge of all arrangements. Miss E. Nykanen is the convener, with the members of the group assisting.

Build Huge French Fleet
Paris, April 24—Navy Minister Cesar Campinchi today announced a naval