

R. A. F. Smashes in Germany, Italy

London Has Quietest Night Since Luftwaffe Began Bombing Attacks

No Raids in London and Perhaps All Over England Reported for Full Forty-Eight Hours. R.A.F., Despite Bad Flying Weather Makes Heavy Attacks on Italian Bases and German Industrial Centres.

Although London experienced one of the most peaceful nights it has known since the German Luftwaffe began its heavy bombing attacks last September the R.A.F. was busy bombing Italian industrial centres and railroad and commercial centres in Germany.

At an early hour today it was forty-eight hours since an air raid alarm sounded in London or possibly throughout the nation although it was impossible to definitely check.

Meanwhile, the R.A.F. struck hard at the great Italian industrial centre, Milan, where factories and docks were set afire. An airdrome at Genoa, Italy's largest port, was also heavily attacked.

The R.A.F. also raided Mannheim, Rhine port and railroad and commercial centre in Germany for the third successive night despite unfavourable weather conditions which kept most of the German air force on the ground.

Four new fires were started during this third successive night of raiding. Smoke from the fires set during previous raids still hung over the town.

Further raids were made on the German submarine base at Lorient—all of the planes participating in all raids returned to their bases.

Fires in Milan, which has been bombed frequently during the past six months, were said by returning pilots to cover a large area.

Three German planes attacked a convoy off the southeast coast of England but watchers reported that the bombs fell harmlessly into the water.

Shortest Day is Saturday

Season of Winter Officially Begins. Have Just Over Eight Hours Daylight.

Saturday, December 21, will be the shortest day of the year. After Saturday the season of winter will officially begin. On that day the sun will rise at 8:12 a.m. and set at 4:35 p.m.

Today will continue cloudy and mild with the possibility of more snow. Mr. Sydney Wheeler, Hollinger weather observer, predicted today. Next few days will be unsettled, changeable, colder, and with snow.

Temperatures, maximum and minimum, since Monday: Monday, maximum, 20, minimum 11 below; Tuesday 21 and 11 below; Wednesday, 24 and 9. This morning at eight o'clock, it was 22 degrees.

Seven inches of snow fell between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Monday

A sweeping new plan under which the United States government will take over future British war orders and release the materials for use abroad on a lease or mortgage basis has been announced by President Roosevelt.

Singing of Carols the Feature at Birch Street Public School Concert

Concert Given Yesterday for Pupils, to be Repeated This Evening for Adults. Programme Made by the Pupils Very Attractive and Artistic. Pleasing Films Also on Programme.

The Annual Christmas Concert of the Birch Street Public school for 1940, will take the form of a carol festival, this (Thursday) evening, an afternoon presentation of which was given at the school on Wednesday for the pupils. Along with the carols will be presented a number of short films.

The carols will be sung by pupils of rooms 3, 5, and 6, and the lovely programmes were made by the pupils of the school. Each programme copy features a novel painting and is titled "Christmas Carols," containing a brief resume of the programme and the words of Christmas carols in which the audience will join.

After the words of welcome by the principal, Mr. Robinson, yesterday afternoon, the boys' choir gave a group of Christmas carols which included, "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Bethlehem Babe," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "Holy Night." The singing was very melodious, and the children who heard the carols on Wednesday afternoon were as pleased with the boys' choir as will be the adults who attend the performance this evening.

The boys in the choir were Richard Wilson, Clifford Kleven, George Bakalar, Jack Thompson, Ernest Keefe, Vernon Brown, Nore Flynn, Mervyn Wales, Joe Phibbs, Bransby Williams, Joseph Easterbrooke, George Westine, George Chornawka, Arnold Dolan, Selwyn Saban, Charles Viasick, Alvin Patterson, Teddy Szpara, Stanley Franklin, Bob Ryan, Sam Grychuck, Douglas Towers, Ronald Turner, Jack Muir, Victor Maksymuk, Earl Hadley, Eric Rosne, Peter Van Tent, Bob Kremer, John Vintar, Andy McFarlane, Bob Gray, Lyndon Seyler, Kenneth Jackson, Ralph Mintz, Ted Boychuck and Bob Maxwell.

Muriel Melville delighted her fellow-students with the solo "O Holy Night," and a mixed choir sang "The First Noel," "The Holly and the Ivy," and "Christians Awake," a group of carols with descant. The following are the students who formed this choir:

Descants—Louise Wheeler, Eric Rosene, Peter Van Tent, Lyndon Seyler, Bob Kremer, Stefie Hocovar, Irga Maki, Bob Ryan, Hazel Hopkins, Susie Gotch, Earl Hadley, Joe Kubie, Velma Laurila, Joseph Easterbrooke, Goldie Viasic, Charles Viasic, Bransby Williams, Shirley Alkerton, Joan Jeffries, Shirley Rickard, Joyce Hunt, Enid Chynoweth.

Melody—George Westin, Nore Flynn. (Continued on Page Five)

Christmas Cheer Social of I.O.O.F.

Timmins Lodge No. 459 I.O.O.F. held their Christmas cheer social last Tuesday evening in the I.O.O.F. hall. There was a fair attendance. The proceeds go to provide Christmas cheer for the widows and children of departed brothers and any brothers or their families in need.

Walter Avery acted as M.C., and the proceedings opened with all joining in community singing. A duet by Mrs. E. Keene and Mrs. E. Webb was greatly appreciated, as were also recitations by Mrs. O'Connor, solos by Mrs. Mason and songs by Walter Avery. Round and square dancing added to the enjoyment of the evening. Mr. A. Garraway presided at the piano. Mr. L. Bailey called off for the square dances. Mr. Guidice sang and played the guitar and accompanied the pianist for the dancing, his services being much appreciated.

Among the guests of the evening was Bro. W. M. ("Dad") White.

Dr. J. Kelly Guest Speaker at Meeting of Nursing Auxiliary

Interesting Films to Illustrate Address.

Dr. J. Kelly was guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Nursing Auxiliary of the S. J. A. B. held in the St. John Ambulance hall on Monday evening. Dr. Kelly illustrated his address with a series of interesting films, and the members found the educative address very interesting.

The first film shown by Dr. Kelly outlined child care and emphasized the various means in which to restrain a child during examinations. Tuberculosis, with x-ray explanation, was fully accounted and blood transfusions, showing the various methods was the topic of another film.

One of the most interesting films showed the operation performed by a local doctor at St. Mary's Hospital.

There will be no meetings of the Auxiliary until Monday January 6th, and it was announced that examinations will be held on the last Monday in January.

BIRCH STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOIRS SING CAROLS



Above will be seen two of the school choirs that pleased all at the Birch street public school carol festival. The books held by the boys' choir in the lower picture were made by the pupils themselves and were attractively bound in Christmas colours.

Annual Concert of the Schumacher United Church S.S.

Large Attendance at Very Attractive Event on Tuesday Evening.

Schumacher, Dec. 18—(Special to The Advance)—The Trinity United Church Sunday School held their annual concert on Tuesday evening in the church hall. A very large number attended. The Mission Band repeated their programme from Monday evening. The programme included the following: "Away in a Manger"; recitation by Janet Malkin; "Harmonica Blues," by Percy Barker, Billy Prior, Barry Baine; skit, "The Night Before Christmas," by the Juvenile Boys' Club, which included: "Santa Claus" Robert Harper; "Father," Donald Wills; "Mother," Ted Phillips; harmonica solo, Barry Baine; "Christmas Party," by classes of Isabelle Flowers and Doreen Wills; recitation by little Miss Nichols; skit, "Flipper McFee and Polly," by the Boys' Club, including announcer, Bob Harper, "Flipper," Bob Shaw, "Polly," Jack Waites; "Bloomer" and "Silver-sleeve," Nell Miller; Mrs. Puppington, Dick Baine; radio announcers, Gerald McCarthy and Eldon McCarthy.

The programme was much enjoyed by all who attended and great credit is due the teachers for the time and patience spent in training the children.

The Duke of Windsor has announced that he would accept the post of British Ambassador to the United States if it were offered to him.

Timmins First Ontario Town to Start Women's Military Training Asscn.

Headquarters for Recruiting at the Legion Hall. About Seventy-five Timmins Women Have Already Entered Their Names. Expected That Three Hundred will Enlist Locally.

Timmins will take the initiative among Ontario towns in training women to actively assist the Canadian Active Service Force, was the statement given by Miss Kay Duder to The Advance this week. Miss Duder, accompanied by Miss Christina Kingston, arrived here about a week ago to recruit girls and women between the ages of eighteen and forty years in a form of military training, which includes the various nursing instructions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Motor Mechanics training, and drilling.

Miss Duder, whose home is in Toronto, and whose work was that of a switchboard operator, is the holder of a private pilot's license, and has had lengthy training to make her capable of handling the work. She returned a few months ago from San Francisco, where she had been a guest, with the idea of beginning a practical course of instruction for women. In Toronto, she was joined by Miss Betty Graham, Miss Margaret McMaster and Miss Kingston. Discussing the matter before them, they decided that Timmins, which has not, as yet, any active wo-

men's training course, would be an ideal location. Miss Duder and Miss Kingston will recruit women here, and when the work is well started, they will be joined by Miss Graham and Miss McMaster.

Headquarters for recruiting are at the Legion Hall, where the two young ladies, attired in khaki uniforms, will receive all who wish to join. The fee is only two dollars, which is less than is charged by most other units. Already, about seventy-five Timmins women have entered their names, and will be members of the classes. Miss Duder and Miss Kingston say that they expect at least three hundred local girls and women to take part in the course.

The uniforms, which will be supplied by each recruit, resemble the uniform of the Canadian soldier. Times for classes will be arranged to accommodate recruits.

NAVY ADDS NEW DESTROYERS
The U.S. Navy has accumulated sufficient surplus to make possible the building of forty additional destroyers at a cost of \$283,300,000.

To be No Community Christmas Tree This Year at S. Porcupine

Hampers as Usual for Needy Families with Candies for the Children Included.

South Porcupine, Dec. 18—(Special to The Advance)—There will be no community Christmas tree this year, Township of Tisdale authorities tell us. No coloured lights across our streets, no joyful children's choruses to welcome Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, as in former years.

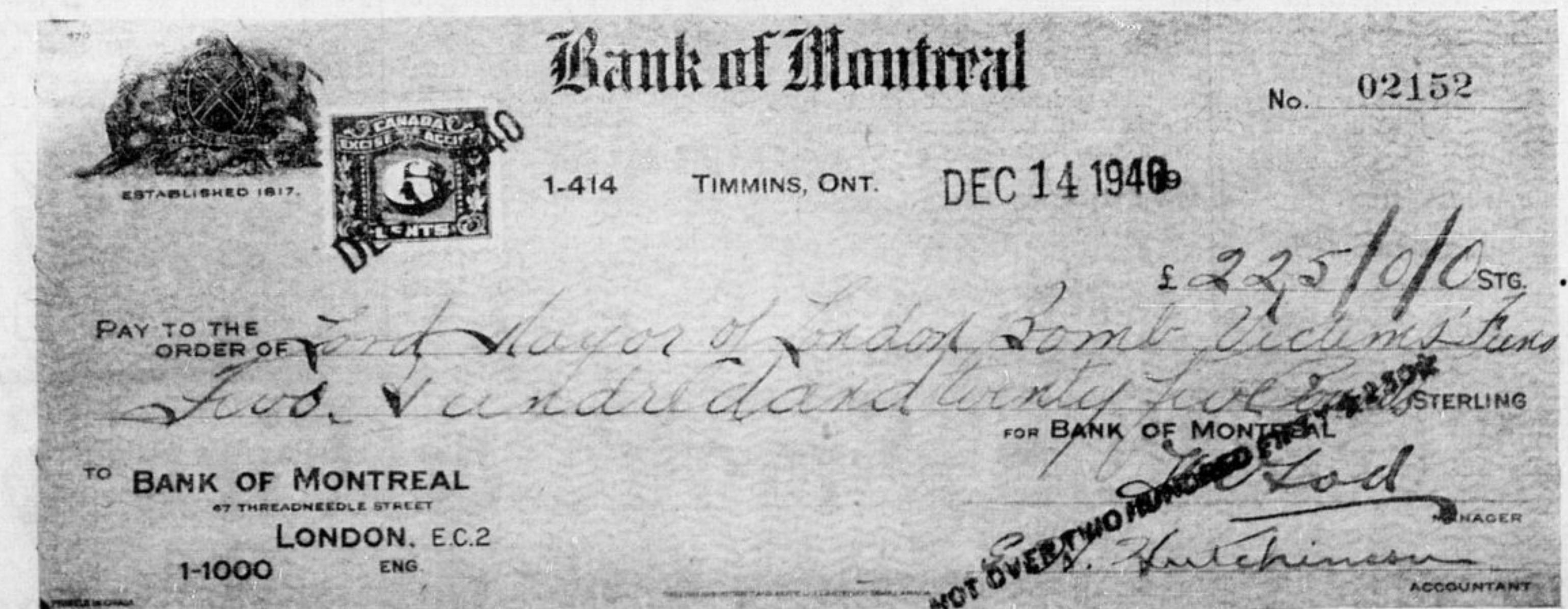
Instead—cigarettes will be sent to every man who has enlisted from the township with the C.A.S.F.

Hampers will go as usual to needy families and candies for the children will be included in them.

Ken Morrison Called to Duty in Canadian Air Force

Kenneth Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison, 64 Elm street south, who enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force some time ago, received his formal call for service last week and left on Sunday for the South to take up his duties.

LOCAL COMMITTEE SENDS \$1,000 TO BOMB VICTIMS



This week the local committee collecting here for the victims of Nazi bombings in the Old Country sent the cheque above to the Lord

Mayor's Fund in England. The cheque is for two hundred and twenty-five pounds sterling (£225), equivalent to \$1,000.00. This is but

the first of many similar gifts from Timmins and district it is hoped. Contributions may be given to any of the local committee or left at

the Timmins branch of the Bank of Montreal. "Keep on helping the victims of Nazi bombings!"

Gifts For the Soldiers' Children

Addresses Asked by Legion of Frontiersmen.

The wives of men now serving with His Majesty's Forces and who have families, are requested to hand in their address, and the names and ages of their children, as soon as possible to the Mines Rescue Station, 52 Cedar N., Phone 75, or to the Legion of Frontiersmen's Hdqrs., phone 1660.

Cars will be sent to children's homes to bring them to the Rescue Station for Christmas gifts, on Monday morning, Dec. 23rd.

Sixty Women Here Complete Course in Home Nursing

A group of sixty women have just completed a course in Home Nursing under the Red Cross of Timmins. These ladies will soon receive a certificate signed by the Governor-General of Canada, who is Honorary President of the Red Cross Society.

These lectures have been under the chairmanship of Mrs. Robt. Goodings and were taught by graduate nurses in Timmins. Mrs. Gordon Johnson, Mrs. L. Croteau, Mrs. Jack Dalton, Jr., Miss Florence Farr, Mrs. Jas. Reid—all graduate nurses of ability—taught one night a week for the last four months to classes of ten to twelve ladies.

These lectures were demonstrations by the nurse followed with practice by the students. Symptoms of disease, care of the bed patient, treatments, communicable diseases, resuscitation from drowning, gas poisoning and electric shock, infant and maternal care, first aid, food needs of the family, general health in the home, are some of the subjects covered by this course and give reasons for its popularity.

Recognizing the difficulty encountered by the average housewife and mother of getting acute and reliable instruction in these subjects, the Canadian Red Cross Society instituted its home nursing courses in 1924. Since then 44,000 women and girls of the province have availed themselves of this training.

The lecture on maternal care was ably demonstrated by Mr. R. Langer and enjoyed by the students.

Dr. Scholes and Dr. Honey gave very interesting lectures on dental care, and with the presentation of motion pictures on prophylaxis and proper diet in the building of healthy bodies and sound teeth made a very vivid presentation of the case. Mr. M. Daher kindly assisted in the showing of these movies.

The lecture on emergencies was explained by Dr. McKechnie who kindly gave his time for this important information.

The lecture on nutrition was ably given by Mrs. F. Graham.

The Red Cross Society expresses its appreciation of the voluntary services given by the nurses, dietitians and doctors and dentists of this town through whom this work is carried on.

United Church Choir to Present Cantata on Sunday Evening

Supper Party and Social Evening for Choir Tomorrow Night

"The Hope of the World," a cantata, will be presented by the United Church Choir at a service in the United Church on Sunday, December 22nd. The choir has held regular practices during the past week to make this an especially beautiful service, and it is hoped that a large congregation will be present to hear the cantata. Special Christmas music will be rendered at both services.

On Friday evening, the members of the choir will enjoy a supper party and social evening in the church basement, and a special feature of the event is a visit from Santa Claus.

High School Commencement Exercises at S. Porcupine

South Porcupine, Dec. 18—(Special to The Advance)—Commencement exercises will take place on Friday afternoon in the High School auditorium at 1:30. Any interested will be welcomed.

High School students have hit upon a novel way of raising money toward their \$1600 objective for war purposes. They are taking orders for Christmas nuts. Each pupil is 'working' a given area. Their objective—selling 1000 lbs. of nuts profits for the fund. (They are delighted with the way you are responding.)