

Occupied, Enemy Countries Feel R.A.F. Might

Another Successful Concert in Aid of Fund For Victims of Bombings

Timmins Citizens' Band and Number of Clever Local Artists Present Pleasing Programme at the Cartier Theatre Last Night. Many Special Items on Programme.

The concert held at the Cartier theatre last night in aid of the Bombed Victims Fund proved to be a decided success. Mr. Fred Kitcher (chairman) opened the proceedings by giving some details about the aim of the fund. Mrs. J. Griffin rendered two solos that won much appreciation. The dancing troupe of tiny tots from Mrs. Burt's school and dancing were heartily received and cheered. Albert Shaw was funnier than ever in his two comic songs. A clever acrobatic dance by Miss Hilka Pitpala, a Finnish school girl was well applauded. Master Jackie Thompson again delighted the audience with his tap dancing and was brought back many times. Two popular songs were given by Miss Peggy Bellamy and were very popular with the audience. Members of the Polish String Orchestra played the music of some of their folk dances, and were given much appreciation by the crowd in attendance at the event. The Timmins Citizens' Band played some of the well-known Christmas carols for the community singing of the evening, after which they presented "Hallelujah Chorus," to the great delight of all. The programme closed with "Abide With Me," and God Save the King. The committee of the Bombed Victims Fund have asked The Advance to express their sincere thanks to the management of the Cartier Theatre and to all the artists who assisted in making the concert the decided success it proved to be.

Next Issue on Advance on Monday

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Thursday of this week, the regular publication day of The Advance, being a public holiday ("Boxing Day") there will be no issue of The Advance on that date. The next issue of The Advance will be on Monday of next week, Dec. 30th. Advertisers, correspondents, and others concerned are asked to kindly note this fact and act accordingly. On Monday next, Dec. 30th, The Advance will be published as usual, and will resume its regular semi-weekly publication—every Monday and Thursday—after that date.

Christmas Tree for Porcupine United Church Children

Concert Given by the Children of the Sunday School.

Porcupine United Church held its Christmas tree for the Sunday School children on Wednesday evening, and the children gave a concert under the direction of Mr. Roy Irwin, which was well received by a large audience. Carols interspersed the various items on the programme, and Santa Claus came in at the finish.

The programme—
Recitation—"Welcome"—May Gibson
Address, by the chairman
Recitation, by Mary Jean Barber
Beginners' Drill
Recitation, by Dorothy Dunbar
Lullaby—Intermediates
Guitar Quartet—Irma and Daphne Lane, Joan Mason and Darwin Johnson
Recitation—Isabel Barber
Play—"Kidnapping Betty"—In the cast—Betty Mumstedt; Ralph Richardson; Irene Barrett; Helen Rotondo; Mr. Roy Irwin; Daphne Lane, and Alvin Bannerman.

Carol Festival at Birch Street Public School Pleases All

There was a good attendance at the carol festival presented by the pupils of the Birch street Public School on Thursday evening, and all who attended were delighted with the singing by the pupils, as well as with the short films which were presented. Many of the best-known Christmas carols were sung by two mixed choirs and a boys' choir, and during the evening, the audience was asked to join in the singing of some of the selections. (A complete account of the festival was given in Thursday's Advance).

Says Work to be Started! On Trans-Canada Road From Hearst Westward

Understand that the Work Will be Carried on All Winter. Considerable Number of Men to be Employed on the Work. Information Understood to Have Come from Toronto.

For many years The Advance has been advocating the completion of the Trans-Canada highway by the linking up of the highway running west from Hearst with the highway built east from the West. This would provide highway facilities in Canada and avoid the necessity for travel in United States territory to get from Ontario to Manitoba, as at present. This seems particularly desirable in war time. Up to the present the issue seems to have been confused by the agitation from Sault Ste. Marie to have the Trans-Canada pass by the Steel City. The Sault Ste. Marie scheme means building along the rocky shore of Lake Superior, which means not only a costly job but one that will take years to complete. The highway is now built some twelve miles west of Hearst, and on the western end is built to Geraldton. It will be good news to all in the North (indeed, to all in Canada) to learn that the intention now is to resume work west of Hearst and continue this until the link to Geraldton is made. Last week The Northern News of Kirkland Lake announced that work is to start immediately on the completion of the Trans-Canada highway link between Geraldton and Hearst. Authority for the announcement is credited to W. L. Nixon, provincial member for Temiskaming, who, in turn, says that he secured the information direct from Toronto. Mr. Nixon told The Northern News that he had been given to understand that the job would proceed all winter and that a considerable number of men would be employed.

Succeeds Halifax



Mr. Anthony Eden has been named to succeed Viscount Halifax as British Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Eden formerly held the leadership of the Ministry of War.

Their many friends will extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Twaddle, in the loss of Mrs. Twaddle's mother, who died in Pennsylvania, on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Twaddle received a wire saying that she was seriously ill, and left immediately for Pennsylvania, but en route received the news of her death.



Ten Cars Involved in Hollinger Road Crash

Cars Pile Up in Jam Near Hollinger Mine. Unable to Stop on Ice-Covered Roads. No Personal Injury Suffered by Any One of Persons Involved. Charges May be Laid.

Two Holidays Here This Week

There are two public holidays in Timmins this week. Wednesday is Christmas Day and a statutory holiday to be observed by all. Thursday is "Boxing Day" (the day after Christmas), and a public holiday in Timmins, all business men and others being asked to observe it as a holiday. In most of the centres of the North "Boxing Day" has been proclaimed a public holiday, and generally throughout Ontario there is a growing tendency to make this day a general holiday.

Memorial Service Held Here for the Late Kyosti Kallio

Great President of Finland Honoured by Fellow Countrymen Here.

In connection with the devotional period conducted by the Rev. A. I. Heinonen at the opening of the Christmas concert, a sad note was struck in a short service which was held in memory of late President Kyosti Kallio, of Finland, who died Thursday night (Dec. 19th) of a heart attack in the arms of the country's greatest military leader, War Marshal Baron Gustaf Mannerheim, just as Kallio was saying farewell to Helsinki and to public life. A few hours earlier, Risto Rytty had been elected his successor as President of Finland, and Kallio with his wife was driving from the President's Palace to the railroad station through streets ringing with cries of Goodspeed from half of the 330,000 residents of the capital city who lined the streets to have a last glimpse of their beloved president. Rev. Heinonen, in a few chosen sentences, paid tribute to the fine qualities of a devoted Christian statesman-farmer, who in his life-time was able to unite the people of Finland as no other statesman in Finland had ever been able to do. Mr. Heinonen also recalled some of the statements as to noble Christian character and life-work of Kallio made in Timmins by Mr. F. Oimala at a concert held in this same church. Mr. Oimala was a boyhood friend and nearest neighbour of the late President, and the statements were made by Mr. Oimala at a concert held at the time in 1936 when Kallio was elected President of Finland.

Boxing Day to be Celebrated in Most Towns of the North

As in recent years, "Boxing Day"—the day after Christmas—will be celebrated in most of the centres of the North. As noted in The Advance last week the Timmins council has passed a resolution to declare the day after Christmas as a public holiday and calling on the citizens to observe it as such. Similar action has been taken by Cobalt, Halleybury, and New Liskeard, while Kirkland Lake—always ready to assent to any plan to make matters more agreeable for any body of citizens—will also be on the list of the Northern towns observing this holiday. The observance of "Boxing Day" as a holiday is a great boon to the owners and staffs of stores that have been so busy in the pre-Christmas rush. The extra day allows them opportunity for a genuine "rest-up" after the rush, and the fact that they have this extra day makes them feel that they can really enjoy Christmas.

Santa Claus Visits Christmas Tree of St. David's Society

Annual Event a Very Happy One Again This Year.

Santa Claus and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree were the highlights of the evening at the St. David's Welsh Society Christmas Tree held in the Hollinger hall on Saturday evening. A large number of children enjoyed the event, and the adults were happy in taking part with the children. During the evening, a dainty lunch was served and the children made up a fine programme. When Santa Claus visited the hall, he presented nice gifts to each child. Following the children's party, the adults enjoyed a social evening, with dancing and other merriment.

Along the sea-washed coast of southern England, patrols like this keep ceaseless vigil in readiness for the long-awaited German invasion. They deal immediately with anything suspicious—and it's a bold Nazi who will tackle the network of fortifications, gun emplacements and hidden traps which make this whole coast a hornet's nest.

Ask if Trainees Will be Required to Pay Poll Tax

Mr. J. A. Cousineau Resigns as a Member of the High School Board.

The question of whether or not men who have taken their thirty day training period will be required to pay poll tax was deliberated at the regular meeting of council held in the committee room on Friday afternoon. Men who are members of the non-permanent active militia are not required to pay the tax, it was pointed out by one member of council. Consequently, it was felt, men who have taken their training period and so become members of the N.P.A.M. would be classed in the same category. The question was precipitated when a letter was received from a man who had taken his training. In the letter the man asked that his \$10 paid for 1940 poll tax, be refused. The matter was turned over to the clerk for investigation.

Cancel Taxi Permit
The Chief of Police, in a letter to the council, asked that the taxi driver's license issued to Eugene Guinard be cancelled. Guinard was sent to jail for three months on Tuesday last when he was convicted of lashing liquor.

Resigns Post
Mr. J. A. Cousineau, who has been a member of the Timmins High and Vocational School board for the past year, tendered his resignation. He gave as his reason the fact that pressure of business made it seem advisable. An appointment will be made by the council to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Cousineau's resignation.

Makes Report
As required by the Municipal Act, the town clerk reported to the council the number of polling subdivisions in Timmins where more than 300 votes were cast at the last municipal election. There were five in Timmins. Reason why the clerk is required to make such a report is so the council may determine if it is necessary to divide all or any of the polling subdivisions. It is likely that one of the five will be divided in Timmins. As Mayor Emile Brunette was out of town, Councillor William McDermott occupied the chair as acting mayor.

Presentation at Annual Party Schumacher School

Schumacher, Dec. 21st. Special to The Advance. Thursday evening Schumacher Public school principal and staff enjoyed a dinner party. This is an annual event and the men cook and serve dinner. A delicious dinner was served. After dinner each teacher received his or her gift sent by Mr. Schumacher. During the evening Miss Catherine MacDonald on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage was presented with a lovely silver cake plate also a beautiful relish combination. Miss MacDonald will become the bride of Mr. Robert Peavoy. The wedding to take place during the Christmas holidays.

British Airmen Spend a Busy Week-end in West of Germany and Italy

Strike Hard at Mannheim, Important Rhineland Rail and River Junction. Believe British Concentrating on Land, Sea and Air Attacks to Knock Fascists Out of War and Release Mediterranean Fleet for Other Duties.

Cold With Snow on Christmas

To Have Real "White" Christmas Weatherman Predicts To-day.

Christmas Day will very likely be moderately cold with snow falling, predicted Sydney Wheeler, Hollinger weather observer, today. Mr. Wheeler said that the next day or so would be cloudy and that it would snow intermittently between today and Wednesday. It snowed and sleeted on Friday to a total depth of .04 inches. Snow to depth of an inch fell on Friday and Saturday respectively. Temperatures, maximum and minimum: Thursday, maximum 30, minimum 22; Friday, 32 and 10; Saturday, 25 and 12; Sunday, 14 and 0. At eight this morning it was 6 degrees.

Art Classes of the High School Here Help "Spitfire" Fund

Sale of Christmas Cards Made by Students Brings in \$21.40.

The story of how the art classes of the Timmins High School contributed to the Spitfire fund through their own good work and effort is told by the following letter sent to the treasurer of the fund:—
To the Treasurer of the Spitfire Fund:—
Dear Sir:—We, the art classes of the Timmins High and Vocational School give you this \$21.40 for the "Spitfire" Fund. We raised this amount by making Christmas cards and selling them, and we hope it will be enough to buy one wee spot in "The Northern Spitfire" which we can really call ours, and which will always be "winged" about by our very best love and good wishes. Yours very sincerely,
The Art Classes (Form D)
Timmins High and Vocational School.
Due acknowledgement has been made by the treasurer of the fund of the generous donation by the students.

Mr. Don Clarke, popular athletic instructor at the Timmins High and Vocational School, left after the fall term to take up residence at St. Catharines, where he has a new position. Before leaving, Mr. Clarke, was presented with a handsome gift from a number of boys at the school.

Wild Driving Taximan is Sent Down Three Months

Not Usual Run-of-the-Mill Careless Driving Conviction But More Serious, Magistrate Says. Evidence is That Taximan Drove Away After Striking Workman and That He Was Drunk When Arrested.

Ambassador to U.S.



Viscount Halifax has been named Ambassador to the United States, succeeding the Marquis of Lothian, who died recently. Lord Halifax leaves the post of Foreign Secretary to take up his new duties.

Climaxing a busy week-end of raids in western Germany, the occupied countries and Italy, R.A.F. bombers struck hard at Mannheim, important Rhineland rail and river junction. Observers believed that the new attack on much-bombed Mannheim was intended to sever the main link between Germany's vast Saar Valley coal fields and the vital, heavy industries of northern Italy. Reports from Switzerland indicate that unidentified planes passed over the Alps last night for the second consecutive night and indicated that the British might also have struck in Italy. One source said such raids were the Royal Air Force's part in a British land, air and sea effort to knock the Fascists out of the war thus releasing Britain's Mediterranean fleet for Atlantic convoy duty and the guard against the threat of German invasion. Most spectacular of the raids was a 1,600 mile round trip attack across the Alps to the head of the Adriatic, and daybreak bombardments of German naval bases at Wilhelmshaven, Germany, and Lorient and Brest, France. The air ministry reported fires started in a petroleum refinery and docks and factory buildings at Porto Marghera, near Venice in a half hour attack around Saturday midnight. Flyers said they broke through the heavy anti-aircraft fire along the Nazi-held coast of France and crossed the Alps flying at 17,500 feet in temperatures of 30 degrees below zero but could see the dark line of the Venice Canal distinctly as they neared their target.

Families of Firemen Enjoy Christmas Tree

Between 90 and 100 enjoyed the delightful Christmas tree event given by the Timmins Fire Department, including both the salaried and the volunteer firemen. The event was held in the fire hall loft, which was suitably decorated and arranged for the occasion. A feature of the occasion was the Christmas tree which carried candies and fruits and other presents for each youngster present. Another feature was the presentation of motion pictures, giving a couple of hours of entertainment, interest and humour. Fireman Morris Dahler looked after the motion pictures. Another special feature was the presentation to Councillor Karl Eyre of a handsome signet ring from the volunteer firemen as a mark of their regard and appreciation for his kindness and co-operation in fire department matters during the present year, in which he acted as chairman of the fire and light committee of the town council. Mr. Ron King will spend the holiday at his home in Peterborough.