

ITALIANS WITHDRAWING FROM BENGASI

Bonspiel Banquet Sees
Monster Crowd Present

Gymnasium at McIntyre Community Building Taxed to Capacity to Accommodate Curlers Taking Part in Annual T. & N. O. Event. Enjoyable Programme Presented During Evening.

With almost a hundred per cent attendance, a monster banquet was held in the gymnasium of the McIntyre Community Building last night. The spacious gymnasium was taxed to capacity when approximately three hundred and seventy-five curlers taking part in the T. & N. O. Bonspiel sat down to bountiful repast.

Those at the head of the table included R. J. Ennis, General Manager of the McIntyre Mines, T. E. Newkirk, president of the McIntyre Curling Club, A. E. Stephenson, New Liskeard; Archie Freeman, North Bay, Mayor J. E. Brunette, Timmins; C. G. Kemsley, Dome Mines, President of the T. & N. O. Curling Association; Reeve Evans, Tisdale; Capt. T. Maglader, New Liskeard; I. A. Solomon, McIntyre; and Frank Goddard, Timagami.

President Newkirk presided at the banquet as chairman and short speeches were made by R. J. Ennis, A. E. Stephenson, Archie Freeman, C. G. Kemsley, Frank Goddard and Capt. Maglader.

A group of dancers from the Margaret Easton school presented a number of routines that drew rounds of applause. Wilson Thompson's monologues provided an amusing interlude and a song by the North Bay curlers was another much enjoyed item. The McIntyre band provided incidental music throughout the evening.

Elsewhere on this page will be found some very interesting facts and figures given by Mr. Ennis in his address.

12,200
Tons of
Curling
Stones

In his address of welcome and good wishes to the T. & N. O. Curling Association at the banquet last night, Mr. R. J. Ennis gave some very interesting statistics on the bonspiel, all carefully compiled and indicating the size and power of the big bonspiel. There are some of the items quoted by Mr. Ennis:

Number of rinks competing, 91
Number of players competing—364.
Total number of games to be played—302
Individual plays to be made—28,400
Total number of stones to be delivered—56,080
Weight of each stone—42 lbs.
Distance moved, approx—138 ft.
Total distance stones moved 1,518 miles.
Total weight of stones moved—12,200 tons.
Energy expended for each stone delivered—633 h.p.
Total energy expended for moving stones only—1,850 h.p.
Energy expended per player, plus moving his own weight—5.8 h.p.

During the game each player probably sweeps and walks on an average of three miles per game.

Parking Meters Favored
By Councillor Roberts

Member of Local Municipal Body, Recommends Adoption of Meters Here on Six-Month Trial Basis, Following Visit to Sudbury. Question to Be Considered by Council Soon.

Councillor Bill Roberts, at a committee meeting of Council held this week, recommended the adoption of parking meters in the downtown area of Timmins as a means of solving increasing traffic congestion.

Accompanied by Assistant Town Engineer Jack Kelman, Councillor Roberts visited Sudbury recently where the meters have been installed on a six-month trial basis. The Retail Merchants Association have declared in favour of the meters and similar endorsement was received by the Timmins representatives when they interviewed individual business men.

In recommending the installation of parking meters in Timmins, Mr. Roberts suggested that they be introduced on a six-month trial basis, similar to the plan in Sudbury.

In Sudbury the meters are in operation from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cars may

Colder
Weather
Predicted

Yesterday's Mild Spell to Come to an End Says Hollinger Observer.

"Becoming colder tonight and Friday" was the forecast of Sidney Wheeler at Hollinger observatory this morning. Yesterday and today were unusually mild and the lowest temperature last night was 18 above zero. Half an inch of snow fell from ten o'clock last night until eight o'clock this morning.

Maximum and minimum temperatures since Sunday are:—Monday, maximum, 3 above, minimum, 13 below; Tuesday, 18 above and 8 below; Wednesday, 28 above and 18 above.

Bonspiel Results
To-day

SCOTCH ANTHRACITE TROPHY Preliminary

J. Amm, McIntyre, 11; B. Fraser, Englehart, 6.

H. Moscoe, McIntyre, 11; A. L. Sharpe, Pamour, 9.

J. R. Hall, McIntyre, 11; T. Tooke, Kirkland Lake, 9.

A. E. Riddell, Kirkland Lake, defeated A. E. Lake, McIntyre, by default.

Dr. O. J. Stahl, McIntyre, 11; C. D. Stevenson, Pamour, 5.

D. Cloutier, Timmins, 11; H. A. Leach, Siscoe, 5.

A. W. Lang, McIntyre, 10; T. Rowe, Kirkland Lake, 5.

F. R. Gibson, Haileybury, 11; K. Kilborn, McIntyre, 7.

A. Pugsley, Dome, 13; S. G. Eplett, New Liskeard, 2.

D. Sutherland, Haileybury, 10; A. Bettiol, McIntyre, 9.

L. Sauder, South Porcupine, 14; W. Hyndman, Noranda, 3.

A. Stephenson, New Liskeard, 8; W. McMahon, Dome, 6.

J. Seubert, McIntyre, 9; D. Hannan, North Bay, 8.

Dr. H. Hudson, McIntyre, 11; J. A. MacMillan, Kirkland Lake, 10; H. Graham, McIntyre, 2.

R. Howey, Haileybury, 11; O. M. Henderson, South Porcupine, 6.

J. Isherwood, Haileybury, 13; A. Hubbard, Kapuskasing, 3.

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Past Grands to Exemplify Third Degree at I.O.O.F.

At the regular meeting of Timmins Lodge No. 459, I.O.O.F., on Tuesday, Feb. 11th, the Third Degree will be exemplified by the Past Grands of the Lodge under the direction of Bro C. P. Lacy, P.G. After the meeting the entertainment committee have arranged a special entertainment for the members. A large turnout is requested. Visiting members are cordially invited. South Porcupine members are specially asked to please note this event.

UMPIRE NEEDED TO DECIDE THIS "END"



It required the services of Umpire Ernie Hill to decide this end in a game at the T. & N. O. Bonspiel yesterday between rinks of E. L. Reid, Timmins, and W. R. Thompson, of Kirkland Lake. Reid's stone was the closest to the "button." In the picture above the interested parties look on as the umpire makes his findings. They are: W. S. Donnelly, Kirkland Lake, B. McDivitt, Timmins, D. Stevens, Timmins, W. Howes, Kirkland Lake, and E. B. Sherwood, Kirkland Lake.

Trans-Canada Plane Forced Down
Safety of Passengers Uncertain

Missing Plane Located To-day in Air Search. Condition of Machine Not Disclosed. Conflicting Reports as to Location of Disabled Airliner Received in Kapuskasing.

Unreported since four o'clock this morning, the Trans-Canada Airlines cross continental plane, which left Toronto last night at eleven o'clock, has been located by a rescue plane, officials at the Kapuskasing airport informed The Porcupine Advance in a telephone conversation this afternoon. Conflicting reports as to the location of the disabled plane have been received in Kapuskasing. In one report the big airliner, with nine passengers and a crew of three, was said to have landed at Savant Lake and in another message the ship was said to be down at a spot fifty-eight miles from Sioux Lookout and South of Armstrong.

No information could be obtained in Kapuskasing as to the safety of the passengers and crew or the condition of the plane. It was the first accident since the Trans-Canada lines went into service.

The plane was last heard from by

radio about 4 a.m. today, when, approximately eighty miles west of Armstrong and about 200 miles east of Winnipeg, its next stop. The plane, T. C. A. trip number 3 from Montreal, was due at Winnipeg at 5:20 a.m. today. "Making routine forced landing now over Savant Lake", the radio operator sent from the machine to ground stations. Since that time nothing has been heard. The machine's gasoline supply could not have kept it aloft after 9 a.m. today.

Women Walking Several
Miles Daily to Attend
Domestic Science Classes

Forty-three in Attendance at Foods, Nutrition and Home Management Classes in the Old School at Val Gagne. Classes to be Continued for a Month.

Appeals Decision
of Magistrate in
Game Law Charge

Harry Hall to Contest Court Finding in Illegal Beaver Trapping Case.

Harry Hall, Tisdale Township miner, sentenced to pay a total of \$160 for illegally trapping eight beaver, has served notice of appeal from the decision of the Magistrate. Hall was ordered to pay a fine of twenty dollars each for eight beaver that he admitted having trapped in Deloro Township. He is represented in the appeal by J. E. Lacourciere, of Timmins.

Iron Guard Chief Held



Iron Guard Chieftain and Vice-President Horia Sima is reported under arrest in dispatches from Bucharest. Rumors are current he has been executed for leading the revolt against the Rumanian government.

German Plane Drops
Down in County Cork

Dublin, Feb. 5th.—The Eire government announced today that "this morning a German aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Schull, County Cork." Five of the crew were killed and the sixth man, badly injured the announcement said.

Schull is a little coastal town in Southwestern Ireland. Nazi long-range bombers from French bases have been operating off Western Ireland against shipping in the Atlantic.

Claim Motorized Columns
Leaving Fascist Town as
British Sweep Westward

New Drive Expected to Bring British Forces to Gates of City Within Forty-eight hours. Italian Troops and Settlers Tangled Up in Retirement Eastward Toward Bengasi.

Minister
Of Mines
Visitor

Hon. Robert Laurier Guest of John Knox For Past Two Days.

The Hon. Robert Laurier, Ontario Minister of Mines, left here this afternoon after a two day visit in the Porcupine, during which time he was the guest of John Knox, General Manager of the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines. There was no particular significance attached to the Minister's visit. He conferred this morning with Mayor J. E. Brunette and explained that the purpose of his coming here was merely to become more familiar with the industry his department controls. He also plans to visit Kirkland Lake before returning to Toronto.

Motorized Italian columns were reported today from Cairo to be withdrawing from Bengasi as British troops swept westward across Libya at a pace which, if maintained, would bring them to the gates of that Italian base in forty-eight hours. Pilots of R. A. F. bombers, blasting a path for the British advance, told of seeing Fascist trucks rolling Southward out of Bengasi, along the coastal road, which offers the only overland line of retreat, from the town. There was no indication of the magnitude of this movement but East of Bengasi, the Italians were in full retreat toward the town with British troops at their heels.

Panic-stricken Italian settlers, who emigrated in large numbers recently, were believed to be tangled with columns of Blackshirt troops falling back on Bengasi.

Big Response
By Applicants
For Air Force

Over two hundred applications for admission to the Royal Canadian Air Force have been received at the recruiting centre that opened here on Monday morning. Up to last night, two hundred and eleven applicants had made formal application to be accepted into the various categories required. Flying Officer E. C. Cross is particularly pleased with the response in Timmins, which is the largest the mobile recruiting centre has handled at any town in Northern Ontario.

Nutrition and Home
Nursing Classes at
South Porcupine

Between Fifty and Sixty Enrolled on Monday.

South Porcupine, Feb. 5.—(Special to The Advance)—First classes in Nutrition and Home Nursing in the public school were formed on Monday, and proved to be extremely popular, between fifty and sixty members enrolling. Will all members please note that beginning on Monday next the classes will be divided — Nutrition classes starting at 7:15 p.m. to be followed by Home Nursing at 8. Miss Morgan of the Porcupine General Hospital is in charge of the Home Nursing classes; Miss Higgins in charge of Nutrition.

POST OFFICE "TAKE" MILLION A DAY

A million dollars a day equals \$365,000,000 a year and that's the approximate amount being turned over to the finance department by the post office in Ottawa.

Mayor and Councillor
In Bitter Verbal Tiff

Mayor Brunette Orders Police Chief to Escort Councillor Bartleman from Meeting Here Yesterday. Altercation Arose Over Discussion of Subject Not on Agenda.

The regular session of Council yesterday ended in a bitter verbal battle between Mayor J. E. Brunette and Councillor James Bartleman, when the latter attempted to discuss a question not included on the agenda.

A motion to adjourn had been read by the clerk when Councillor Bartleman rose to his feet and commenced a discussion on the matter of obtaining work for persons being assisted through the welfare department.

"This matter is not on the agenda and can not be discussed at this meeting," thundered the Mayor. "It doesn't say in the procedure by-law that a councillor has to give notice at a committee meeting of his intention to discuss a subject at the next regular meeting. This only applies to ratepayers," Mr. Bartleman declared. "You're out of order and I ask you to sit down," roared the Mayor as he pounded his gavel.

Mr. Bartleman remained standing and the Mayor ordered the Chief of Police to escort Councillor Bartleman out of the meeting. The Chief moved forward and drew back the Councillor's chair but didn't put a hand on him.

"You could have brought this up at the committee meeting yesterday," interjected Councillor Eyre.

"I would suggest that you bring it up at the next meeting," Councillor Terry remarked.

"All right. Cover up just like you did with the \$2800 payment to Hill-Clark-Francis," Councillor Bartleman threw back as he took his chair.

The motion to adjourn was re-read and passed and the meeting came to an abrupt end.

To Give Merchants Warning

At the request of Chief of Police Gagnon, seven merchants in Timmins will receive a warning to stop operating pinball machines in their places of business. They are to be advised that the by-law prohibiting their use is to be rigidly enforced.

Vehicles Must Be Insured

In future all trucks or cars hired by the town will have to be insured for public liability and property damage. Before any vehicle is allowed to work for the municipality, the owner will have to show proof that his insurance is in force. A resolution to this effect was approved.

Court of Revision

Members of the 1941 Court of Revision will include Alfred Caron, J. Van Rassel, H. Warren, Percy Moseley and William King. They were formally appointed by resolution.

Defer Requests For Tag Days

Requests for permission to hold tag days by the Polish National Aid Committee and the Lord Mayor of London's Bomb Victim Fund, were deferred for consideration with other applications on February 15.

Taxi License Cancelled

At the suggestion of Chief Gagnon, the taxi driver's license of Phillip Julien was cancelled. Julien was recently sentenced to three months in jail on a charge of keeping liquor for sale.