

# TENSION GROWING IN PACIFIC

## Committee of Presbytery Urges Certificates of Health Before Marriage

Deplores What is Termed "the Growing Disregard of the Lord's Day." Establishment of Vacation Schools Urged. Campaign for Purchase of War Savings Certificates. Other Items at Semi-Annual Meeting.

The Cochrane Presbytery of the United Church met on the 11th and 12th of February in Timmins, United Church for its semi-annual meeting. The Chairman, Rev. R. S. Laidlaw, presided at all the sessions a guest speaker, Rev. W. H. Sedgewick, of Toronto, was present to lead in a series of devotional addresses. Several ministers were unable to be present on account of illness, and letters of sympathy were sent to Rev. F. J. Baine of Schumacher, Rev. C. H. Forth of Kapuskasing, and Mr. Bateman of Monteth.

The Committee of Evangelism and Social Service endorsed the view that certificates of health should be required before marriage license could be issued. In order that those suffering from certain diseases should be debarred from marriage. A resolution "regarded seriously the growing disregard of the Lord's Day, much of which met with the apparent approval of the provincial government; especially in regard to matters as ski trains, the advance sale of tickets for sport events, and other circumvention of the Lord's Day Act." It was recommended that the churches carry on a campaign of pledges signing, especially among their young people.

The Missionary and Maintenance Committee reported \$4,078 raised during 1940 as compared with \$4,445 in 1939. Allocations for 1941 were made: Clute \$85, Cochrane \$360, Connaught \$80, Hearst \$135, Iroquois Falls \$375, Kapuskasing \$365, Matheson \$125, Monteth \$60, Nakina \$100, Schumacher \$385, Smooth Rock Falls \$180, South Porcupine \$275, Timmins, \$2,050.

The Christian Education report by Rev. A. I. Manson urged the establishment of Vacation Schools, and also the practice of religious instruction in connection with Public Schools. The need of recruits for the ministry was stressed.

During 1940 the Stimulation Fund for the assistance of ministers on poor fields reported \$106. This fund will be replaced by the Moderator's Fund of which Rev. D. A. McKeracher is convener.

A campaign for the purchase of War Savings Certificates as a means to meet the deficit of \$1,700,444 of the United Church, was presented by Rev. Albert Johnson of Toronto, and a committee of W. L. Warrell, A. Gillies, P. Boyce, A. Trueblood and R. W. Sterns was appointed.

The Home Mission Committee under Rev. R. S. Laidlaw requested grants for Connaught of \$500, Hearst \$525, Clute-Island Falls \$650, Matheson \$500, Monteth \$537, Porcupine \$345. For Matheson the H. M. Board is asked to reduce accrued interest by \$100 if \$300 is paid on principal, and for Schumacher that interest for 1940 be (Continued on Page Four)

## Best's Rink Represents N. Ontario

Winner of T. & N. O. Bospiel Defeated Sudbury Rink in North Bay Play-off.

Don Best's Kirkland Lake rink, fresh from a record-breaking victory at the T. & N. O. Bospiel held at McIntyre Community Building last week, went on yesterday in North Bay to defeat the "Mac" Douglas Sudbury quartette for the right to represent Northern Ontario in the Macdonald-Brier Tankard in Toronto. It was a best of three match, with Best winning out in two straight. He won the first game in the morning 12-4 and then went out in the afternoon to come through with a 12-10 victory. It was his seventeenth straight win since he started in the T. & N. O. Bospiel here.

## Fish and Game Association to Gather To-night

Annual Meeting of Porcupine Sportsmen's Group to Take Place at Town Hall.

The Porcupine Fish and Game Protective Association are holding their annual meeting in the Timmins Town Hall tonight, commencing at eight o'clock. A number of important matters are included on the agenda for discussion and a full attendance of all members and other interested parties is requested. Officers will be elected to guide the affairs of the association for the next term.

## War Savings Stamps Prizes at Ladies Auxiliary Whist

Twelve tables of whist were played at the regular weekly whist drive by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion held at the Legion hall on Tuesday evening. Prizes were war savings stamps, the Auxiliary taking this method of furthering the sale of stamps.

Winners at whist were: Ladies: 1st, Mrs. Pigeon; 2nd, Mrs. Ormston; and 3rd, Mrs. J. Shaw; Gentlemen: 1st, Mr. W. Bezanon; 2nd, Mr. Lloyd, and 3rd, Mrs. Flusy.

## UNITED CHURCH PRESBYTERY MEETS HERE



## Police Car Is Attacked By Vandals In Mountjoy

Tires of Provincial Detachment Automobile, Cut and Punctured During Absence of Officers Making Raid on "Blind Pig". Two Men Held on Vagrancy Charges After Investigation.

For the past two days and nights, Provincial Police from the local detachment have been scouring Mountjoy Township to establish the identity of the party or parties who slashed four tires on the detachment car late Monday night.

Constables Rudolph Stromberg and Thomas Maxwell were making a search of a house on Coronation avenue and had left their car on Riverside Drive. When they returned about half an hour later, all four tires had been slashed and punctured.

An investigation was immediately launched and a number of persons have been questioned. Two men are still being held in jail in connection with the affair on vagrancy charges.

It is believed that the vandalism is a form of reprisal for continued police raids and convictions on liquor and vice charges. The attack on the police car however is being given the fullest investigation and officers are anticipating a "break" at any time.

## To Hold Display of Guide Craft Work at South Porcupine

South Porcupine, Feb. 12—(Special to The Advance)—There will be a display of Guide Craft and work in the Parish hall on Wednesday next (19th) at 7:30 p.m. and all interested are asked to attend. This will be preceded by a Brownie "fly up" and Guide enrollment.

## To-day Is Warmest This Year

Mercury Stood at One Degree Above Freezing at 8 O'clock This Morning.

Timmins is today experiencing its mildest day of the current year and this morning at eight o'clock the temperature was 33 degrees, one degree above freezing. The warmest, previous day of the whole year was on December 26, the mercury rose to 36 above.

Sydney Wheeler, Hollinger observer predicted today that the weather for the next few days will continue unsettled and changeable with a likelihood of light snow or sleet. Maximum and minimum temperatures since Sunday are: Monday, 22 above and 2 below; Tuesday, 10 above and 2 below; Wednesday, 32 above and 10 below.

## MINER INJURED TODAY

Struck by a piece of "loose" that hit him on the right hand, F. R. Johnston, a Coniaurum miner, was taken to St. Mary's Hospital this morning. A portion of the index finger was severed and his thumb lacerated. At the time of the accident Johnston was engaged in washing down walls.

## Movements of Jap Fleet Make Australia Jittery Cabinet Meeting Friday

War Council to Hold Emergency Session Following Government Warning to All Australians Concerning Gravity of Situation. Evacuate U.S. Citizens from Shanghai and Manila.

## Establish Venereal Clinic

Expect That Arrangements will be Completed Within Short Time.

Dr. J. A. McInnis announced today that arrangements are now almost definitely complete for the establishment in Timmins of a venereal disease clinic. In all probability it will be open about the end of March or the first of April, Dr. McInnis said.

Venereal disease in Timmins is declining the M.O.H. reported but he expressed the opinion that with a large transient population that is continually changing, a clinic for social diseases has become a necessary safeguard. Through a clinic it was also pointed out, a better check and control of the disease can be obtained.

A final announcement with regard to the clinic is expected shortly.

## Mistakes Crowd For Communists Smashes Window

"White Finn" Puts on Demonstration When He Sees Crowd at Former Finn Hall.

Confused when he saw a large crowd entering the former Finn Hall on Fourth avenue last night and believing that it was a Communist demonstration, I. Jussila, described by police as a "White Finn", armed himself with a large, wooden potato masher and proceeded to smash a window in a small cigar store next door to the hall entrance.

Actually the crowd in question was part of the big throng that attended the T. P. A. A. boxing match but Jussila had apparently forgotten that the hall had been taken over by the Government and later acquired by the Kiwanis Club. It had formerly been a headquarters for a Communist organization, outlawed by a decree from Ottawa.

Jussila has promised to pay the damages and as yet no charges have been preferred.

## Struck by "Loose" Coniaurum Miner Dies of Injuries

Struck on the head by a piece of falling "loose" on the 2450 foot level in Coniaurum Mines on Monday, J. R. Corbell, 25, and single, died in St. Mary's Hospital on Tuesday.

In company with his partner, Corbell was engaged in scaling down loose at the place they were working, when a piece of rock broke away and struck him on the forehead. The young man, only recently employed at the mine, resided at 201 Elm street south. An inquest will be held.

Apprehension grows more tense in the Southern Pacific and tomorrow the Australian war cabinet will hold an emergency meeting to consider Far Eastern policy. A meeting of the Australian Council was adjourned dramatically after receipt of cablegrams dealing with the situation abroad.

In a special statement, the Council said: "We think we should tell the people that in the considered opinion of the Council, the war has moved to new stages involving the utmost gravity. Implications of the existing situation are to be described as of the most serious import. Effective preparatory measures taken for Australia's safety have rendered essential the greatest effort of preparedness the country has ever made."

It was reported from Shanghai the United States Consulate General sent circulars today to U. S. residents of that city, urgently advising women and children and non-essential men to withdraw to the United States. It was further disclosed at Manila that about 400 dependants of U. S. Army men would leave the Philippines within a week.

The Netherlands consul has ordered two Netherlands-East Indies merchant ships into Manila harbour and it was reported that other Netherlands ships were being radiced to proceed to neutral harbours.

It was rumoured that a Japanese battle fleet had been suddenly concentrated at Haiphong, French Indo-China. Previously Japanese warships had arrived off Thailand, Bangkok, 700 miles from Singapore and British and Australian air force reinforcements had been sent up the Malay peninsula from Singapore. Thailand denied that it had granted Japan the use of its airport but said that negotiations would permit Japan commercial planes on the route between Saigon, Indo China and Bangkok.

## Tenders Closed For New Bridge Over Mattagami

Announcement of Contract Award Expected

Tenders for the building of the new bridge at the foot of Hollinger Ave., which were called by the Ontario Department of Highways, closed yesterday. Announcement of the contract award is expected within a few days. The structure will be built entirely of concrete and steel and will be of the most modern design. In earlier discussions regarding the new bridge it was expected that the concrete piers in the centre of the river would be built from the ice during the winter.

## Supper Event, Feb. 25th, by Presbyterian Church W.A.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Timmins Presbyterian Church are holding a hot supper in the Oddfellows' hall on Tuesday evening, Feb. 25th, and a very pleasant occasion is expected. The regular services of the church are being held in the Oddfellows' hall him on the forehead. The young man, only recently employed at the mine, resided at 201 Elm street south. An inquest will be held.

## Pin-Ball Machine By-Law To Be Strictly Enforced

Council Instructs Police Chief to Prosecute All Offenders. Clause Added to By-law Prohibiting Machines in Barber Shops. Permit For Midway Show is Refused.

At a special meeting of the Town Council held Wednesday afternoon, Chief of Police L. H. Gagnon was instructed to strictly enforce the by-law covering the operation of pin-ball machines in business establishments. At the regular meeting last week, warnings were given to several business men to cease operating the machines in their premises but it has now been decided to proceed with prosecutions for any infractions of the by-law. At the same time a clause was added to the by-law governing the operation of barber shops which will prohibit pinball machines in these places.

A petition was read during the meeting, signed by eleven persons, complaining that man of "enemy race" is being given work on the streets by the corporation. The matter produced a heated discussion between Councillor Bartleman and other members of Council and the petition was finally referred to the public works department for investigation.

**Midway Permit Refused**  
Gray's Shows made application for a permit to conduct a midway here this summer but the request was refused.

**Taxicabs to be Numbered**  
A resolution was approved, the provisions of which provide for the carrying of a town number plate inside each cab operated by the various taxi companies. It was claimed that some firms are not paying municipal licenses for all the cabs they operate and with each taxi equipped with a number, police can make a checkup at any time without difficulty.

**Weed Inspector Resigns**  
J. H. Knell, who for some time past has filled the position of weed inspector tendered his resignation, which was accepted. His salary of \$20 for the past year was ordered paid.

**Rent Town Snow Plough**  
John Power will be instructed that the Town will plough a road to his property on the DeSantis Road with a charge of ten dollars per hour for use of the plough.

**Gravel Claim Option**  
A tentative acceptance of an agreement covering an option on two claims to be used as a gravel pit, owned by George Drew, was made by council. The agreement will not be fully ratified until several minor alterations have been ratified by both parties.

**Stronger Street Lights**  
A resolution was passed authorizing an increase from one to hundred watts, the strength of twenty six street lights in Hollinger Townsite. The hundred watt bulbs were deemed inadequate.

## AT THE WOMEN'S DIVISION, S.J.A.B., AFTERNOON TEA



Above are pictured members of the Women's Division, S.J.A.B., who made a success of the afternoon tea and bake sale held in the St. John Ambulance hall yesterday afternoon. In the top photo from

left to right are: Miss Claire Morin, Mrs. A. Malouin, Mrs. J. Pelletier, Mrs. M. Calbridge, Mrs. D. Graham, Mrs. N. Allison and Mrs. Geoffrey Morris. At the bottom are pictured a group of those who served at the

tables; from left to right: Miss Gertrude Morin, Mrs. Bert McDivitt, Mrs. C. Osborne, Miss Anita Giguere, Mrs. G. Thibeault, Mrs. E. Simpson and Mrs. Varriday.

## Timmins United Church to Observe Twenty-Fifth Anniversary at Week-end

Rev. J. D. Parks, a Former Minister, to Preach on Sunday. Congregational Supper on Saturday 5 to 7. Lecture by Rev. J. D. Parks on Monday Evening. Three Services on Sunday.

This week-end Timmins United Church is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. A souvenir booklet, giving a review of the history of the church with pictures of ministers of the church in the past quarter century and scenes from the early days in Timmins, has been issued as a feature of the observance of the event.

On Saturday from 5 to 7 the W. A. of the church is providing the anniversary supper in the basement of the church. On Sunday Feb. 16th the Rev. J. D. Parks, of Toronto, former minister of

the church will be the guest preacher. There will be three services—one at 9:30 a.m., the second at 11:45 a.m., and the regular evening service. The idea of the three services is to give all his many friends here the opportunity to hear Rev. Mr. Parks.

On Monday Rev. Mr. Parks will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis luncheon. On Monday evening at 8 p.m. Rev. Mr. Parks will give a lecture "Here Comes the Bride."

The choir under the leadership of Mr. H. Treneer has special music prepared for all the services on Sunday.