

## 5 Italian Warships Sunk in Mediterranean

### Council Strikes Tax Rates Public School Rate 56.50 Separate School Rate 71.98

Public School Supporters Pay Almost a Mill Less While Separate School Supporters Mill and a Half More Than Last Year. Estimated Expenditure Set at \$886,198.41.

The mayor and town council met on Friday evening of last week to strike the estimates for the coming year. They met in the committee rooms of the town hall and the meeting lasted for two hours and twenty minutes.

The estimated expenditure for the year after the council had made allowance for all the public works and grants, etc., was set at \$886,198.41. This amount showed an increase of \$27,000 over the amount last year.

Almost all of the increase was accounted for in the school requirements.

The tax rate for Public School supporters was set at a lower figure than last year, the rate this year being 56.50 mills while the rate for Separate School supporters was raised to 71.98 mills. The rate last year was 57.30 for Public School supporters and 70.31 mills for the Separate School supporters.

The requirements for the Separate Schools in the tax rate jumped nearly two mills this year while the requirements for the Public Schools was lowered 47 mills.

### Over Seven Hundred Children Here Vaccinated in Week

Work Carried on by Dr. J. McInnis, Town Nurses and Princess Alice Club.

Approximately seven hundred school children and children of pre-school age have been vaccinated in Timmins during the past week, and it is expected that before the work is completed, this number will reach a much greater total.

The vaccination is being done by Dr. J. A. McInnis, and the town nurses, assisted by members of the Princess Alice Club, which was organized for this helpful work. In the morning, the doctor, nurses, and assistants visit the lower schools, and in the afternoon they receive the pre-school children at the Clinic in the Municipal Building.

The town nurses are Mrs. L. Hall, Misses Juliette Richer, Jeanne Mantha and Rhea Simpson, and members of the Princess Alice Club working with them are Mrs. J. Sloan, Mrs. E. J. Jarvis, Mrs. L. Murray. These nurses and their assistants work in relay groups, one group taking charge of the work in the morning, and the other presiding in the afternoon.

### Police Uncover Large Amount of Worthless Money in Raid Thursday

Find Almost Sixteen Hundred in Worthless Mexican Money and Forged U.S. Bank Notes. Four Men Face Variety of Charges.

Four men will face Magistrate Atkinson tomorrow in police court on a variety of charges in connection with worthless and counterfeit money. The men were arrested Thursday morning and Thursday night following a brilliant bit of detective work by Detective Ernie Gagnon and very ably assisted by Bert Braney and H. L. Thompson of the provincial police "Gold Squad." Timmins police were called to a restaurant on Third avenue on Thursday morning and when they arrived there they arrested Jack McDonald, 87 Hollinger Lane, on a charge of disorderly conduct. This charge was later changed to one of being in possession of counterfeit money. He is alleged to have been in possession of a Mexican 5-peso note.

In the course of questioning McDonald it was learned that another man was also implicated in the affair. Police then went out and arrested George Suzack, 24, of 83 Fifth avenue, and police say that he was in possession of a bogus American five-dollar bill.

After an intensive investigation by Detective Ernie Gagnon and Provincial Constables Bert Braney and H. L. Thompson, of the "Gold Squad" a raid was carried out at a house occupied by Walter Jamroz at 113 1/2 Birch street north, near where it is alleged that police found \$1530 in worthless Mexican money and \$60 in forged U.S. bills.

### Timmins Police Quiet

Only Three Drunks, Four Overtime Parkers and One Man not Having Registration Card Charged Over Week-end.

Since the Timmins police broke up the ring of counterfeiters last week there hasn't been much activity in the Timmins underworld. The police have been very quiet over the week-end. Three ordinary drunks were brought in Saturday night and Sunday, and four persons were summoned for traffic by-law infractions. One man was charged with not having a registration card late Saturday night.

#### FRENCH PROTEST

The Vichy Government has sent a stern note to London protesting against an attack that the British naval units made on four French merchantmen escorted by a destroyer off the coast of Algeria. The British naval units intercepted the French merchantmen suspected of carrying war materials to Germany and French coastal guns opened fire on them. They returned the fire.

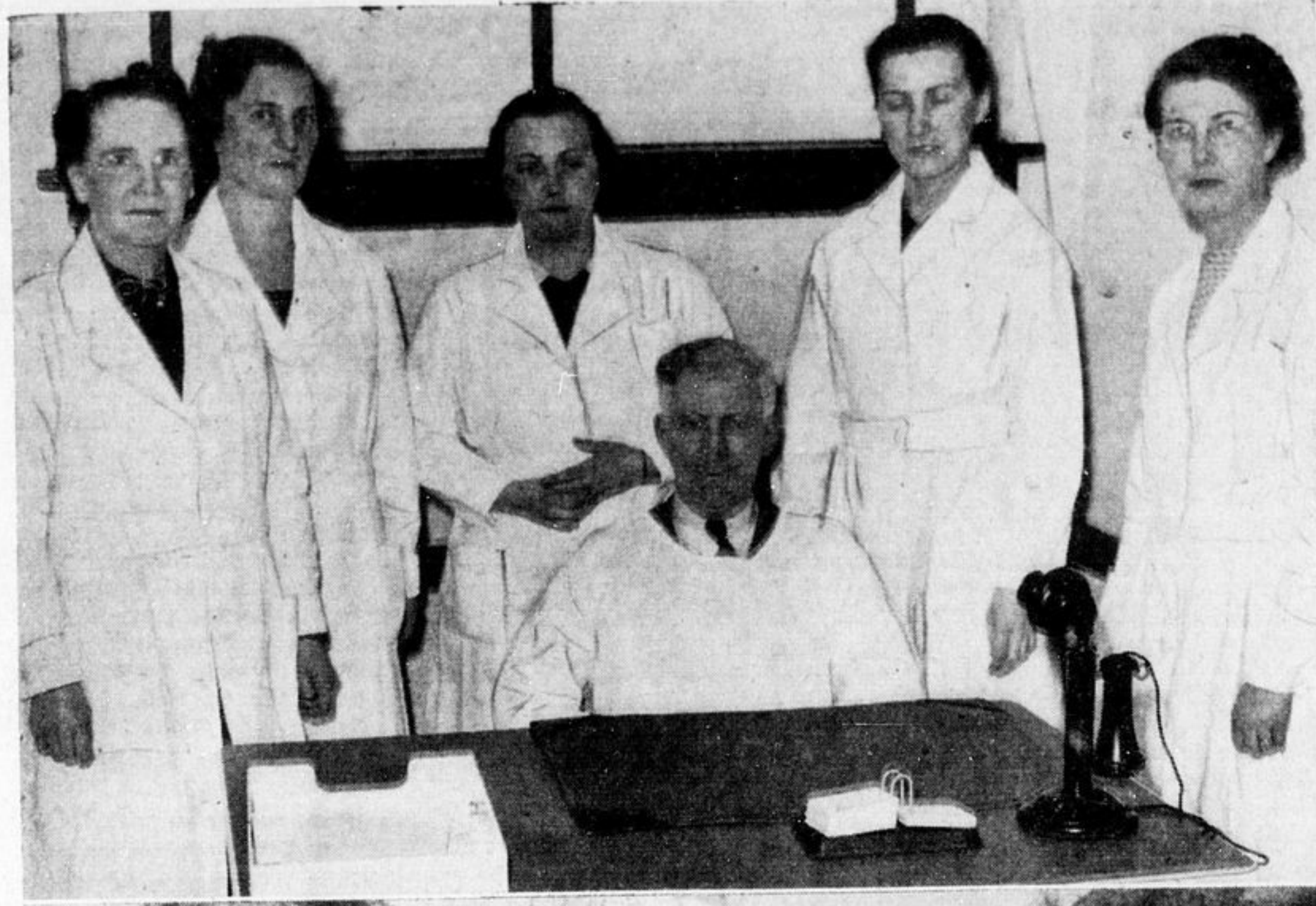
### Sad News Received of the Death of Mr. T. H. Richards

Wire Received This Morning by Mrs. Richards.

Hosts of friends in Timmins and district were shocked today to learn that Mrs. T. H. Richards, of 49 Kirby Avenue had received a wire at 11 o'clock this morning notifying her of the death of her husband, Mr. Thomas H. Richards, in Toronto. Mr. Richards was in the Safety First Department at the Hollinger, and was prominently connected with S.J.A.B. work here for many years.

The late Mr. Richards left on Friday for Weston Sanitarium, and although he was not in good health, the death was unexpected. There are no particulars at present but a large number of friends will extend sympathy to the bereaved widow and young son.

#### ADMINISTERED VACCINATION TO SEVEN HUNDRED CHILDREN



### Asks All in North to Give Wholehearted Support to War Services Campaign

"Men Overseas Deserve the Fullest Support. The People of the North Have Always Done Their Part," Says Mr. John Knox, Member of the National Citizens' Committee of the Canadian War Services Fund.

This morning, Mr. John Knox, of the Hollinger Mine, and member of the National Citizens' Committee of the Canadian War Services Fund, made the following statement in regard to the campaign now in progress:—

"This united appeal of the Canadian War Services Fund, which is being made to the citizens of the Porcupine, should be given the wholehearted support which it deserves. Many of our local men are now serving overseas in the Battle of Britain. They, along with all other Canadians in the Armed Forces deserve all that we can possibly do to sustain their morale. This can best be accomplished by supporting the combined efforts of the six organizations included in the Canadian War Services Fund. In this way we will be rendering a very real service to our Canadian soldiers and we will be helping to win the war. The people of the North have always done their part. Let us give generously."

### Lions Club Takes Over Local Hall

To Use the Ukrainian Hall as Headquarters for a Boys' Club.

The Lions Club announced on Friday that the government had accepted their offer to rent the Ukrainian Labour Temple at the corner of Second avenue and Mountjoy street.

The Ukrainian Labour Temple was one of the local halls seized after the outbreak of war. The other was the Finn Hall on Fourth avenue. Some months ago the Kiwanis Club rented the Finn hall from the government and have been using it as headquarters for the Boys' "K" Club.

The Timmins Lions Club intends to make use of the Ukrainian hall in a similar way, using it as the headquarters for a boys' club.

#### U.S. SEIZE AXIS MERCHANTMEN.

The United States has taken sixty-six axis merchant ships into "Protective Custody" under an anti-sabotage law that went into effect in the last war. In the surprise move twenty-eight Italian vessels totalling 168,244 tons, two German ships totalling 9,096 tons and thirty-six Danish vessels were taken.

### High School Students Inspect Engraving Plant

A number of Schumacher High School pupils visited The Advance on Saturday morning, and inspected the engraving department, being quite interested in the processes of development of the newspaper photograph.

Rev. R. E. J. Brockstone, who has been pastor of the Kapuskasing Regular Baptist Church since its inception has accepted a call to the Westboro Church and will leave for his new duties on April 16th.

### No Snow Here For Easter

Weatherman Predicts That Snow Will Disappear in Next Eight or Ten Days.

The possibility of having an Easter with no snow is quite likely for Timmins this year. Mr. S. Wheeler, the Hollinger weatherman goes even farther than that and says that there definitely will not be any snow here for Easter. He expects all the snow and ice that are on the streets of Timmins now to disappear in the next eight or ten days.

The forecast for today's weather is, fair with cold winds, and warmer in the next two or three days with the weather probably being changeable.

A quarter of an inch of snow fell on Friday morning.

The temperatures since last Thursday are as follows: Thursday, maximum 32, minimum 12; Friday, max. 20, min. 8 below; Saturday, max. 18, min. 4 below; Sunday, max. 32, min. 4; 8 o'clock this morning 6 above.

### Miss Florence Farr, Guest Speaker at Nurses' Alumnae

Miss Florence Farr was guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae, held in the nurses residence of St. Mary's Hospital on Thursday evening. As a representative of the committee for war savings drive, Miss Farr urged the members to donate to the cause.

This was the nomination meeting of the Alumnae, with Mrs. J. Morris in the chair, and it was decided to hold the election meeting on Thursday, April 24th.

### Allied Offensive Near Against Combined Axis Forces in Albania

Combined Greek and British Offensive Expected in Albania Soon. British Mediterranean Fleet Strikes at Remnants of Italian Navy.

### Week With No Fires

Last Call Answered by Timmins Firemen Was on March 23rd.

Timmins firemen haven't had a call for over a week now. The last call that the firemen answered was on March 23rd, over a week ago. Firemen were well pleased with the situation as March is usually considered a bad month for fires.

A total of twenty-seven calls were answered in March. The Advance was told this morning. None of the calls were very serious.

### Lions Club Needs 300 More Pledge Cards from Timmins

\$66,000 Raised in Timmins in February For War Savings.

The regular meeting of the Timmins Lions Club was held in the Empire Hotel on Thursday evening with President A. Allen in the chair.

A report was received from Lion Bill King on the Lions Club's War Savings drive. It was reported that this district which includes all the territory north of New Liskeard had subscribed \$33,000 in January and another \$111,000 in February. The Timmins district had subscribed \$14,000 in January and \$66,000 in February. It was also reported that there is a lull in the drive right now because of the drive that has been launched for the War Services Fund.

As soon as the War Services Fund drive is completed the club will get down to work again and get the 300 more pledge cards that are needed. The members were well pleased with the results of the campaign.

Ray Wales was the guest at Thursday's meeting and he was introduced by Lion Ted Byck. After Mr. Wales had entertained the members with a couple of songs he was thanked by Lion Walter Greaves.

Lion Herbert Treener was the speaker for the evening and his address made a decided hit. His subject was "Success" and the "success" he pictured was a genuine type of success—true success—the conquering of difficulties and the living of rich and helpful life. There was particular point to his attitude on the subject, as Lion Treener himself is blind but has made a true success of his life by his courage and cheerfulness.

The speaker was thanked for his inspiring address by Lion Nap Napper.

### Army Cutting Out Gold and Silver Braid Badges

Ottawa.—Gold and silver badges for field service caps of officers in the Canadian Army will not be authorized in future. Shortage of the metallic braids which previously came from France, expense involved and unsatisfactory reproduction in these materials are reasons advanced.

### Good Progress in Drive in District for Funds for Canadian War Services

Matheson Already Has 85 per cent of Quota; Kapuskasing Reaches 56 per cent.; Cochrane has 40 per cent. Total Already from Mines is 65 per cent. of the Objective.

Mr. J. D. Barrington, chairman for Cochrane district for the Canadian War Services Fund said this morning that if the people who have not yet been canvassed responded as well as those already interviewed there will be no difficulty in the District of Cochrane reaching its objective of \$50,000. On account of the extent of the work there are not so many returns in for the town of Timmins but reports from the canvassers are favourable and en-

Since the denunciation of the Yugoslavian pact with the axis powers it is entirely probable that the Axis powers will be faced with a terrific allied attack on Albania. Judging from the present indications it could result not only in a disaster of at least the magnitude of Dunkirk but could bring about Italy's elimination from the war. Italy's Balkan force of 300,000 is already suffering considerably from the extensive losses inflicted by the Greeks in the seven day spring offensive that was launched during the Duce's Albanian visit.

The Greeks are now believed to be preparing to launch an offensive of their own along the entire front, while Yugoslavia has concentrated a considerable army along her frontier and a large British force is pouring into Greece. British and Greek planes have carried a large British bombing of the Albanian fighting sectors and British motorized units have been seen moving in the vicinity of Albania. Timing of the offensive seems to be depending on Belgrade, which is still adjusting to the swift change in government and policy.

#### Italy Loses Five Warships.

Rome has admitted the loss of three cruisers and two destroyers in a naval action that took place on Friday when their battle fleet encountered the British Mediterranean Fleet. The British Fleet has returned to port without a scratch and without a single casualty. It was disclosed by the commander of the Warspite, flagship of the British Mediterranean Fleet, that the Italians may have inflicted more damage by firing at their own ships. After the British Fleet withdrew there was still some heavy firing heard and there was no possibility of the shots being fired at British ships because there were none in the vicinity.

The action took place about 150 miles west of Crete when the Italian fleet was taken by surprise. It is the first sea battle by night since the famous Battle of Jutland. The striking power of the Italian fleet has been reduced to a shell now.

### Accidental Death the Verdict in he T. & N. O. Fatality

Coroner's Jury at Haileybury Reviews Collision at Latchford.

The death of Henry C. Bell, service engineer for a Montreal firm, who was fatally injured in the collision on March 5th of a freight and a passenger train on the T. & N.O. at Latchford, was an accident with no blame attached, according to the verdict of a coroner's jury sitting at Haileybury last week in the case. There were eleven witnesses examined. Dr. H. A. Dunning, of Cobalt, said that death was due to a fractured skull and that Mr. Bell died instantaneously. He was riding in the cab of the engine and apparently fell out or jumped out when the freight collided with a passenger train. In addition to the fractured skull, Mr. Bell had his left leg severed between the knee and ankle. One member of the freight crew, Bruce Kerr, fireman, is still in bed from injuries sustained in the accident and could not attend the inquest.