

# FIGHTING IN IRAQ NEAR END

## Second Annual Festival of Music Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 12, 13, 14

Event Promises to Eclipse Even the Big Success of Last Year. Programme of Outstanding Interest. Event to Conclude With Grand Concert Wednesday Evening.

Programmes have been issued for the second annual District of Cochrane Festival of Music, to be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 12th, 13th and 14th.

The programme this year is even more extended in scope than last year and the number of entries are nearly half as large again. Last year the total number of entries was 432; this year the entries number 616. There are no less than 65 school choruses; 1 male chorus; 2 High School choruses; 13 violins.

To realize the scope of the Festival all that is necessary is to secure one of the programmes printed for the occasion. Three auditoriums are necessary to carry on the Festival—the Timmins United Church, Harmony hall, Fourth avenue, Timmins, and the McIntyre arena at Schumacher.

The United Church numbers are chiefly vocal, while the instrumental selections will be given at the Harmony Hall. The McIntyre Arena is to be used Tuesday afternoon, May 13th, for the hearing of the school choirs.

The following gives at least a hint of the notable programme prepared:

### Monday Morning at the United Church

Boy's solos, 6 years and under, "Dapple Gray," 14 entries.  
Girl's solo, 6 years and under, "Cuckoo," 32 entries.  
Boy's solos, 8 years and under, "The Lazy Robin," 25 entries.

### Monday Afternoon at the United Church

Grade I, Chorus, "I Love Little Pussy," 7 entries.  
Grade II Chorus, "The Fairy Piper," 6 entries.  
Grade III and IV, "My Secret," 10 entries.  
Girl's solo, 12 and under, "The Running Brook," 58 entries.

### Monday Evening at the United Church

Rhythm Band, "The Crooked Man," and "Soldier's March," 3 entries.  
Girl's vocal solo, 20 and under, "A Brown Bird Singing," 3 entries.  
Piano duet, 14 and under, "King of the Forest," 9 entries.  
Contralto solo, "Now Sleep the Crimson Petals," 1 entry.  
Mezzo-soprano solo, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," 3 entries.  
Open piano solo, "Liebestraum," 2 entries.  
Contralto solo, "The Silver Ring," 2 entries.  
Violin duet, open, "Salute D'Amour," 1 entry.  
Tenor solo, "Where'er You Walk," 4 entries.  
Male chorus, "Comrades in Arms," the Porcupine Male Chorus.

### Monday Morning at the Harmony Hall

Piano solo, 8 and under, 16 entries.  
Violin solo, 10 and under, "The Rainbow," 3 entries.  
Piano solo, 9 and under, "Off to Camp," 19 entries.  
Violin solo, 12 and under, "A Playful Rondo."

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## Musical Festival Notes

Two of the patrons of the Festival of Music will be present Monday morning at 9 a.m. to officially open the sessions. Mr. J. A. Bradette, M.P. and Inspector W. F. Hiscocks will both give short introductions.

The Festival executive has decided that all school children will be admitted free to the McIntyre Arena on Tuesday afternoon when 34 of the 62 school choruses entered will sing. Mr. H. W. Brown, inspector of public schools, will officially open the adjudications.

The choir of the United Church, Cochrane, will come over on Tuesday evening for the rehearsal and on Wednesday evening to sing in the massed choir of 200 voices at the grand concert.

Detailed programmes may be obtained from Mrs. Peter Wanger, 110½ Pine street, south, at 5 cents per copy.

## Timmins Firemen Gathering Funds for British Firemen

Part of International Plan of Firefighters.

The International Association Fire Fighters (to which the Timmins Firemen belong) are carrying on a campaign to raise funds to help the British Fire Fighters who have suffered so seriously in this war, many of them being killed, many injured, and all having worked in the gallant and untiring way that is associated with firemen the world over. The International Association of Fire Fighters point out that the British fire fighters have not asked for any help—that is not the British way—but they must need it, and the gesture of friendliness and understanding from this side of the ocean will certainly cheer them.

Of course, Timmins International Local 535, I.A.F.F. would not be out of an international campaign of this kind. It was left to the local firemen to choose their own means and methods, and what they are doing is making a draw for a very fine bicycle. The bicycle has been on display in front of the fire hall and tickets are sold at the nominal rate of twenty-five cents each. Every purchaser of a ticket has a chance to win a very fine bicycle. In addition all have the certainty that every ticket bought means another quarter for the British Fire Fighters. The Timmins Firemen have posters on display showing the remarkable work being done by the fire fighters of Britain, the risks they coolly run and the losses they bravely suffer. To buy those tickets is to pay tribute to real valour.

## THIS KITTY REALLY HAS NINE LIVES



Kitty Connealey is 18 years old. At 17, Kitty left her home for a job in a Birmingham munitions plant. Four times in that year in Birmingham, German bombers demolished the houses where she lived. Returning to her home, she became a canteen cook at a station for firewatchers—and it was bombed, too. Here is Kitty, somewhat battered, but unbeaten, salvaging her belongings once again.

## United Church Y. P. U. Score Another Success in Dramatic Offering

Three-Act Comedy, "Don't Darken My Door," Presented Very Cleverly to Large Audiences on Tuesday and Wednesday Nights. All Take Parts Well and Some Outstanding.

An evening of laughs—that was given to the large audiences which attended the performances of "Don't Darken My Door," the three-act comedy by Anne Coulter Martens, presented by the Timmins United Church Young People's Union in the Harmony Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Each member of the cast changed character to become the person portrayed, and due to their realism, and the excellent direction of Mr. W. G. Schweitzer, the play was a decided success.

Anne Semchich, as Poppy Foster, the maid-of-all-work, and Warren Tansley, as Alec Stubbins, Poppy's devoted swain, and the estate's handyman, practically "stole the show," with their humorous performances, but it would be difficult to choose the most outstanding portrayals as each member of the cast carried through their parts in "professional" manner.

Gerald Doughty, as Roger Kent, the bachelor uncle of the heroine, was ideally cast as the soft-hearted gentleman, who loved his niece, but preferred to have her married to some nice young man, rather than washing out his pet pipes with soap and water, and cleaning his study—so that he couldn't locate anything.

Peggy Shaw, as Rosemary Kent, the romantic niece, made a pretty heroine, as well as a talented one. Her head and heart were filled with the romantic nonsense that she had read in "Jane Perkin's love novels," and true to her sex, she proved that she would always want and get that which she was forbidden.

William Black, portraying Tom Garrick, Rosemary's persistent suitor, brought delighted applause with his "smile of the disappointed man," and was quite suited to the role of the handsome young man who finally won fair lady.

Dorothy Taylor, as Jane Perkins, writer of romance, once again proved her dramatic ability and versatility. Miss Taylor has become a favourite with audiences at Y.P.U. presentations with past performances, and she won more "fans" with her portrayal of a "not-so-young" novelist who wrote about love because that was the only way she had of enjoying romance.

Marian MacLeod, as Louisa Featherstone, and Daphne Tupper as her "echo" sister, Susie, were the ideal maidenly ladies, who craved for romance and adventure, but who lived quiet and uninteresting lives in the country.

The story was enacted in the living-room of Roger Kent's country home, where Poppy told Alec that she would have none of him because "he had no romance in his soul." Unfortunately, Poppy had gotten silly notions about romance from her mistress, Rosemary, who believed from what she had read in Jane Perkin's novels that all men should have a checkered past, be dis-

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## Mr. and Mrs. Gutcher Celebrate Silver Wedding Event

On Saturday evening, May 3rd, a very enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Gutcher, of 64 Kirby avenue, Timmins, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of this esteemed couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Gutcher were married in Ottawa in 1916 while Mr. Gutcher was on the Army Headquarters staff during the last war. When the war was over they moved North where they have resided since, making many friends here.

Friends and relatives in the Porcupine Camp joined in the event on Saturday night and wished the couple the best of good fortune in the years to come.

The evening was spent in dancing, a three-piece orchestra providing the music, after which luncheon and refreshments were served. The host and hostess were the recipients of many lovely gifts.

Those in attendance included:—Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Bissonette, Mr. and Mrs. E. Belanger, Mr. and Mrs. P. Greise, Mr. and Mrs. J. Post, Mr. Leon Bissonette, Mr. and Mrs. W. Trollop, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rivera, Mr. and Mrs. N. Clement, Mr. and Mrs. C. Pacher, Mr. and Mrs. J. Heffernan, Mr. and Mrs. E. McWatters, Mr. and Mrs. J. Donovan, Miss T. Schroeder, Miss A. Lamarche, Miss H. Trollop, Miss Jeffries, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Gutcher and family, Mr. J. Forrester, Mr. S. Spencer, Mr. J. Starr, Mr. E. Cummings, Mr. Clement, Mr. R. Romaldi, Mr. A. Delmonte, Mr. J. Train, Mr. A. Rivera, Mr. T. Slatery, Mr. T. Morris, Mr. A. McConnell, Mr. P. Lamarche, Mr. Thrasher and many others.

## Timmins Citizens' Band to Present Variety Concert

Proceeds in Aid of the Bomb Victims' Fund.

A variety concert to be held in the Lions Club hall, Mountjoy street, corner of Second avenue, on Thursday evening, May 22nd, at 8.15 p.m., is sponsored by the Timmins Citizens' Band, which is guarantee that it will be an interesting and enjoyable musical event. The cause is equally worthy, the Timmins Citizens' Band to give the proceeds to the Timmins Bomb Victims' Fund. In addition to selections by the band there will be literary and musical and other numbers by talented local artists.

## Organizing for Victory Loan Drive in This District

Publicity Committee Meets and Forms Sub-Committees.

E. W. Brooks, of Toronto, organizer for the District of Cochrane Victory War Loan campaign, A. A. Ferland, of Toronto, assistant organizer and publicity director for the district, and C. W. McBride, of Toronto, assistant organizer, have been in the district for some days doing the preliminary work of organization for the campaign. They have made notable progress, practically having their organization complete for the whole district. A district office has been opened at 16 Pine street north (formerly occupied by the A. & P. Stores). This office is well equipped and patriotically decorated and everything is ready to go with a swing.

The publicity committee (W. Wren, chairman; G. A. Macdonald, vice-chairman; R. B. Stock, secretary) met in the district office last night. There was a brief but effective outline of the organization and the work to be done given by Organizer Brooks, and Publicity Director Ferland gave a detailed review of the activities of the publicity committee. The following sub-committees were formed:

Press Committee—G. A. Macdonald, William Wren.  
Literature Committee—William F. Lawry (Boy Scouts Association).  
Radio Committee—W. O. Langdon, William Wren.

Outdoor advertising and public buildings decoration—Wendell Brewer, Walter Greaves, Ken Helme, Alex Allen, Fire Chief Borland, Tony Ayotte, A. W. Boyce, Frank Evans.

Features Committee: (to include parades, public meetings, etc.)—E. Abrams, Vic Evans, Bob Crosby, Bill Wylie, Al Wetmore, Lieut. Kelman, Fred Wolno, Lieut. Lomas (McIntyre Band), Alex Welsh, Jimmy Cowan, A. Taylor, N. Roy Clifton.  
Store and Window Display—D. B. Curtis, Earl Severud, C. V. Kearns.  
Church Decorations (inside and out)—to be handled through various clergy.  
Theatres—Dan Mascioli, Frank Colomeo.

National Torch Committee—Service clubs and the Legion to organize and carry out.  
Women's Organizations Committee—Sam Spencer.

District Committees—Robert Armstrong, Iroquois Falls, R. O. Jennings, Smooth Rock Falls, H. A. Wills, Cochrane, R. T. Richardson, Kapuskasing, Ont., P. G. Whitehead, Matheson.  
Confidence was expressed that this district will exceed its obligation for the Victory Loan.

## Annual Dinner Meet Institute Mining and Metallurgy

W. G. McBride, President of Canadian Institute, to be Guest Speaker.

The annual dinner meeting of the Porcupine branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy will be held on Thursday evening, May 15th, in the McIntyre Community Hall, Schumacher. Election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.

Wilbert G. McBride, president of the Institute and director of the Department of Mining and Metallurgy at McGill University, will address the meeting.

## Churchill's Deputy



Determined to throw "every ounce of power" into Britain's war effort at a critical moment, Prime Minister Winston Churchill has elevated Lord Beaverbrook to the post of minister of state, a newly created portfolio which makes the Canadian virtual vice-premier and dictator over the British home front.

## British Sources Can See End of Fighting in Iraq Liverpool Bombed Again

Iraq Troops are Said to be in Full Retreat to Baghdad. Suggestion that Fighting in Iraq Started Through Misunderstanding. Casualties Heavy in Liverpool.

## Expect Fair Weather to Stay Now

Probability of Light Showers Over the Week-end. Though Temperatures are High This Week.

The weather is expected to keep on being mostly fair and warm and there is a possibility that there will be light showers in the next few days. It will continue fair and warm today.

The light showers that fell Tuesday night and yesterday morning left a bit of much needed moisture in the ground. On Tuesday night rain to a depth of .03 and yesterday morning between 4.30 and 5.30 .02 inches fell.

Temperatures have been high since Monday reaching the peak on Wednesday when the mercury rose to 72 degrees and the lowest point that the mercury dropped to was on Wednesday night when it touched 42 degrees.

Temperatures for the week so far were: Monday, max. 66, min. 44; Tuesday, max. 70, min. 52; Wednesday, max. 72, min. 42; this morning at eight o'clock, 50.

Forecast for the week-end is mostly fair with probability of showers.

## Organize Home and School Association

Mr. E. J. Transom was appointed president of the newly-organized Home and School Association, at an organization meeting held in the Central School on Wednesday evening, and other officers elected were as follows: Vice-president—Mr. C. Gibson. Secretary—Mrs. F. Burt. Treasurer—Mrs. Brown. Executive—Mrs. Fisher, Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. Rose, and Mrs. Hindson.

The public meeting which was called to decide upon the organization of the association, was wholly in approval of this measure, and while the vote was taken Mrs. A. Kinkel, president of the Buffalo-Ankerite branch of the Home and School Association, was in the chair. Mrs. A. A. Rose acted as chairman during the first part of the meeting, when Mr. Transom explained the aims and advantages of such an organization.

## Big Patriotic Parade and Drumhead Service Here on Sunday, May 25

All Groups and Organizations Who Will Take Part Should Get in Touch With President Walter Greaves of the Legion. Planned to Make Event Outstanding Evidence of Loyalty and Interest. New Canadians are Specially Desired.

A monster parade and a drumhead service are planned for Sunday, May 25th, at the Hollinger Park, Timmins. It is hoped to make this event an impressive evidence of the loyalty and faith of the people of the town and district and an inspiration to greater effort and interest in patriotic endeavour. To assure the success of the event it is particularly desired that all organizations and groups who will participate in the parade should notify W. Greaves, care of the Legion hall, Timmins, stating the number they expect to turn out so that places may be arranged for all in the parade. The co-operation of New Canadian groups is specially asked, so that all may take part in this patriotic display and give evidence of their loyalty and goodwill at this time.

Preparations were started for this monster patriotic parade and drumhead service on Monday evening, May 5th. Those represented at the meeting included:—Boy Scouts, Sons of England, Gold Belt Band, Timmins Citizens' Band, Canadian Legion, Algonquin Regt., Provincial Police, Auxiliary Police.

Lt. G. G. Countryman was in the chair for the meeting.

It was decided to call the organization "The Porcupine District Patriotic

British reports coming from London say the end of the fighting in Iraq is in sight. The Iraq troops are said to be in full retreat towards the capital, Baghdad. The airdrome at Baghdad has been bombed and direct hits were scored on magazines at Washash near Baghdad.

British officials say that the situation in Iraq has been quiet since Tuesday's successful action. No German help has reached the Iraq troops yet and it is expected that the fighting will be over before the Nazis can get any help over. There are suggestions that the fighting started through a misunderstanding. It was suggested that Iraq expected help from Germany and that when the fighting started prematurely that help could not be sent.

British fighters met the German bombers on the southeast coast of England last night and shot down some of them. It is reported that on the coast there were no bombs dropped but that the bombers flew low and machine-gunned the civilian population. People ducked into shelters and dropped to the ground to escape the Nazi bullets.

Between 300 and 400 German bombers roared over other parts of England last night and it is reliably reported that about five per cent of them were shot down or destroyed. King George sat in the operations room of one of the R.A.F. stations and listened to the results of the fighting. The King examined some of the Douglas BB7s, a United States-made night fighter.

Officials of the air ministry believed that the morale of the German Air Force would soon be worn down if the casualty rate hit last night could be maintained. New pilots who were fighting at night for the first time scored successes. One pilot who has shot down two planes a night kept up his average last night as he shot down two Heinkel 111's.

The Liverpool area was visited again last night for the seventh consecutive time. Large parts of the city are said to be in ruins. Damage is said to be extensive and casualties heavy.

The bright moonlight last night helped the Germans to find their targets but it also helped the ground crews as it made the planes particularly vulnerable targets.

The R.A.F. again bombed the French coast port of Brest last night. Direct hits were again scored on the two German battleships with armour-piercing bombs. It is said that the battleships are so badly damaged that they cannot be transformed to any other port.

## Short Meeting of Timmins Council Goes Through a Lot of Business Yesterday

Meeting Lasts Only Half an Hour But Much Accomplished. Seven Tag Days Granted.

A lot of business was put through at the regular meeting of the council yesterday afternoon in a half an hour. The agenda filled a sheet of paper, foolscap size, and it took only about half the time that the usual meeting takes.

A letter was read from the Ontario Municipal Board regarding the town's capital expenditure. Last year the amount was \$75,000 and this year the board would like the figure kept down to \$50,000. This letter was filed.

Another letter from the Minister of Highways was read regarding the installation of Parking Meters. It was pointed out that the matter of installing these meters was being investigated by the department and the investigation was expected to be completed about May 15th. After that date they would advise the town regarding the installation.

The Timmins Kinsmen Club wrote to the council asking for permission to hold a tag day on May 29th. The tag day would be called Peanut Day and wives of the Kinsmen would sell pea-

nuts on that day. The funds to be raised by this method would be used for constructive war effort and work in town. This permission was granted.

Galdick and Yates wrote to the council regarding a claim that had been made for damages. The solicitors told the council that the town was not responsible.

Another letter was received from Premier Hepburn regarding the coming War Loan Campaign. It was suggested that the town issue a proclamation asking the merchants to decorate their stores with flags, etc. during the campaign. Council was told that there would be a number of military parades to work up enthusiasm and that the flags would make a good background for the parades. Mayor Brunette suggested that the council issue a proclamation to decorate for May 24th and to leave the flags, etc. there until the conclusion of the campaign.

A letter was read from the Dominion Fire Commissioner asking that the

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