

Old-Timers of the North Have Happy Time at Kirkland

There were two outstanding features at the annual meeting of the Kirkland Lake Electrical Association banquet last week at Kirkland Lake. One was the inspiring patriotic address by Reeve R. S. Carter, and the other was the fact that the old Cobalt and Porcupine Camp days were re-lived in memory and in song.

Reeve Carter emphasized the fact that Canada was one of the most fortunate countries in the world to-day but that this fact was scarcely realized. He urged that Canada should wake up to the war in fullest fashion. "What we need to-day is leadership," said Mr. Carter, "leadership of the type given to England by that wonderful Englishman Winston Churchill. He has accomplished what, I believe, could not have been accomplished short of a revolution. When he took over the reins of office overnight he accomplished something that could not have been accomplished before. Overnight all the barriers of class distinction, of capital and labor, were swept away, I hope and believe, never to return. The common equality of effort and sacrifice levelled all barriers and the people of England faced the issues squarely as one great people."

Speaking on behalf of the Association, President Bert Drew welcomed the 85 guests representing electrical-mining men of the Kirkland Lake camp, Cobalt, Porcupine, Cadillac and Malartic areas. The "Toast to the King" was given by the president following the singing of the National Anthem. Later, following the singing of "There'll Always be an England," the toast to the fighting men of the Empire was given by Percy Bennett.

Among those making brief responses to the call of the chair was Mr. Thos. Blackman, of Timmins, who told of the formation of a branch of the association in Timmins and urged electrical men to remember that their task was the utmost co-operation with every mine department.

Jock Liddell sang "True Till Death" and there were other impromptu numbers as well as community singing. Eventually the gathering seemed to take a turn to an old timers' affair. This part of the programme is described as follows by a columnist in The Northern News of Kirkland Lake:

When Old-Timers Foregather

It was a jam when electrical men met the other night in Delmona Hall. Waitresses had a tough time getting through the throng with the tomato juice, etc., for the tables until one gallant electrician offered his services as official way clearer.

Wonder who the slightly bald headed gentleman was who received a deluge of ice cold water from the waiter's tray as he passed through the throng?

"The old Cobalt crowd sticks together," said Angus Campbell of Omega Mines, as he delightedly looked over the room.

How the old timers greeted each other. It reminded the scribe that the old hard rock spirit still lives on. These men look each other in the eye and care not at all for what the world may think. They are right and that's all that matters.

And the old Cobalt song made the rafters ring. It was Bert Drew that started it but Angus Campbell insisted the song should be sung not just the chorus. Do you remember it?

"For we'll sing a little song of Cobalt, if you didn't live there it's your fault, O you Cobalt where the big gin rickies flow.

Where all the silver comes from Well live a life and then some. O you Cobalt. You're the best old town I know.

A nearby Cobalter remembered with glee a story told by Father Martin-dale of his visits to Rome and of his hearing there a familiar melody, so familiar he stopped to listen, went back to its source, a group of Italian workers in a ditch. It was the Cobalt song and the men had at one time worked in the silver camp.

It was suggested the Kirkland Lake song should be sung but no one knew it. Again Angus Campbell came to the rescue and to the tune of "O You Golden Slippers" he gave the following—and the boys sang it well too.

O you Kirkland Lake,
O my lucky break,
You work all day and you play all night
We drink hard liquor and we don't get tight.
O you Kirkland Lake,
You hold all my stake,
Lose or win just make mine gin,
We'll drink to Kirkland Lake.

Loss of Salvation Army Headquarters Building Heavy One

Disorganizes Work to Some Extent for the Immediate Present.

One of the recent victims of enemy bombing action over England is the Salvation Army's international headquarters building and the British national office building in the heart of London. A cable received last week reads: "Regret inform you international and national (British) headquarters total loss but pleased to say no loss of life."

No estimate is available of the property loss, or replacement value, but the immediate result will be considerable uncertainty and delay of normal business routine until details of

the actual records and files lost are known.

The international headquarters address became the head office of the Salvation Army for the world back in 1881. The building housed the international staff, and also staffs of various subsidiary organizations, such as the Salvation Army Assurance Society, operated solely by the Army.

Also believed lost was an undetermined quantity of clothing for bombed victims, gifts of countries of the Empire, United States and other American republics.

Young People's Societies to Hold Picnic on May 24th

Saturday, May 24th, is the date of a youth rally at the Buffalo-Ankerite Park, when members of the United Church Young People's branches at South Porcupine, Schumacher and Timmins, and the A.Y.P.A. branches at South Porcupine and Timmins will meet under the sponsorship of the newly-organized Porcupine Young People's Council, made up of delegates of the branches taking part.

The young people will spend the afternoon in playing games and a fire-side hour with community singing. A tasty picnic lunch will be served.

The aim of the rally is to promote fellowship between the different organizations, and it is the first of what is hoped to become an annual event.

Members wishing to attend are asked to get in touch with the leaders of the youth organization in their church; so arrangements can be made for transportation, etc.

Firemen Handle Eleven Minor Fires Since Thursday

Eleven fires since last Thursday have kept the firemen busy over the week-end. Last Thursday noon there was a call from D. Rondeau, 28 Middleton avenue, to put out a stove pipe fire. There was no damage.

On Thursday afternoon they were called to 9 Tamarack street to a house occupied by J. McFadden. A fire had started in a pile of wood in the basement of the house and the firemen were forced to use their gas masks to enter the basement. 500 feet of hose was used and the booster pump was brought into play. Firemen were called back to the same place yesterday afternoon for the same reason. Only damage suffered was smoke damage throughout the house and the loss of a small amount of wood.

Two fires on Friday afternoon within a half an hour had the firemen really moving. Both fires were chimneys. The first was at 84 Elm street, south at the home of J. McNeill, and the second one was at 95 Commercial avenue at the home of L. Monette.

The shavings that were packed around the base of the walls of a vacant house at 141 North Road, owned by G. Robichaux, caused a fire Sunday morning. The wall started to burn and the damage amounted to about \$50 200 feet of hose was used and the loss was covered by insurance.

A grass fire on a vacant lot at 45 Hollinger Lane was put out by the firemen yesterday afternoon. The booster pump was used.

Firemen were called to the end of Tamarack, in the Drew Townsite, yesterday afternoon to put out a grass and brush fire. 800 feet of hose was used and the booster pump was also used.

Last night at ten o'clock a phone call and box alarm sent firemen rushing to 30 Commercial avenue to a house owned and occupied by D. Walsh. Some wood in the oven was burning, and there was no damage.

Just before noon today the firemen were called out to a grass fire on Rae street between Carling and Crescent.

Money Disbursed by the Dome Employees' War Charities Fund

South Porcupine, May 17—The public will be interested in the following statement issued by the treasurer of the Dome Employees' War Charities Fund, which shows the large amount of \$5,900.00 disbursed since the inception of the fund in February, 1941. The Dome Employees' War Charities Fund is maintained by regular voluntary contributions made by the Dome Employees. The fund takes care of all patriotic calls, and thus relieves employees from the inconvenience of dealing with each call as it arises. How well the fund takes care of the various calls is evident by the fact that in three months the contributions from the Fund total nearly \$6,000.00. As each call is made, the employees decide on the amount that should be given and thus the call is taken care of. The following is the summary by the treasurer:—

DOME EMPLOYEES' CHARITIES FUND	
(Registered under the War Charities Act, 1939)	
STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS SINCE INCEPTION OF FUND	
February 1st, 1941, to May 12th, 1941	
The Canadian Red Cross	
Society	\$2,400.00
Canadian War Services Fund	2,400.00
Porcupine British Bomb Victims' Fund	900.00
Greek War Relief Fund	200.00
Total Disbursements	\$5,900.00

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Special Features at Variety Concert Thursday Evening

"Finlandia" to be Sung by the Timmins Finnish Choir, with Band Accompaniment.

Thursday of this week a variety concert of much interest will be presented in the Lions Club hall, corner of Mountjoy street and Second avenue. No one should miss this event for several very decided reasons. In the first place the concert is sponsored by the Timmins Citizens' Band, and that is full assurance of its excellence. In the second place all proceeds from the event will go to the local Bomb Victims Fund—a very worthy cause. By attending the event you will be sure to enjoy a very pleasing programme and at the same time know that you are assisting the gallant people overseas who have been suffering from the Nazi air raids. Incidentally it may be noted that the price of admission to the variety concert on Thursday of this week, May 22nd, is merely nominal; tickets being only twenty-five cents.

The concert should prove one where all attending will receive the biggest quarter-dollar's worth of entertainment yet offered. One of the special features of the programme will be the presentation by the Timmins Finnish Choir of the famous Finnish musical composition, "Finlandia." This will be presented by the Finnish Choir,

with accompaniments by the Timmins Citizens' Band. Those who have heard the Finnish Choir will be delighted at the opportunity to hear this musical aggregation again, especially with accompaniment by the Timmins Citizens' Band. The Timmins Citizens' Band will give a number of selections at this variety concert, and in addition there will be literary and musical numbers by outstanding local artists. A large attendance is expected at the event.

Many Plans Under Way to Publicize the Victory Loan

Parades, Meetings, Essay Contests, Blackouts, Decorations, Etc.

The features sub-committee of the publicity committee of the District Victory Loan campaign met on Friday evening and plans were made for many special features for publicizing the Victory Loan campaign which opens on June 1st. On the opening day there is to be a monster parade and drumhead service at the Hollinger Park, the whole district taking part. Another event is planned for Monday night, June 2nd, and from then on there will be special features practically every day or evening. These special features will include band concerts, the five bands in the district willingly donating their services. The Timmins Citizens' Band, the McIntyre

Concert Band, the Gold Belt Band, the District Pipe Band and the Boys' Bugle Band are all ready to take generous part. Decoration of buildings is another feature that has been given special attention. The Timmins municipal building and the Victory Loan district headquarters have already been decorated with flags and bunting and these decorations will remain in place until the campaign finishes. Sam Bucovetsky's Departmental Store on Third avenue is one business place that has already decorated in impressive way for the Victory Loan.

Another of the special features is the essay on the Victory Loan and its meaning, and from this effort it is expected that great interest will be roused.

Another feature in which the school children will take part is the idea of a parade of all the school children with a picked massed choir of the pupils to sing patriotic numbers.

Still another feature considered is the staging of a blackout in Timmins to impress upon all the situation that prevails overseas.

Police Seek Identity of Body Found Near Kirkland

Provincial police at Kirkland Lake and elsewhere in the North are seeking to establish the identity of an aged man whose body was found by a trapper nine miles north of Kirkland Lake last week. It is believed that the man died during the winter when overtaken by illness or exhaustion. The body was found leaning against a tree with snowshoes and pack-sack nearby.

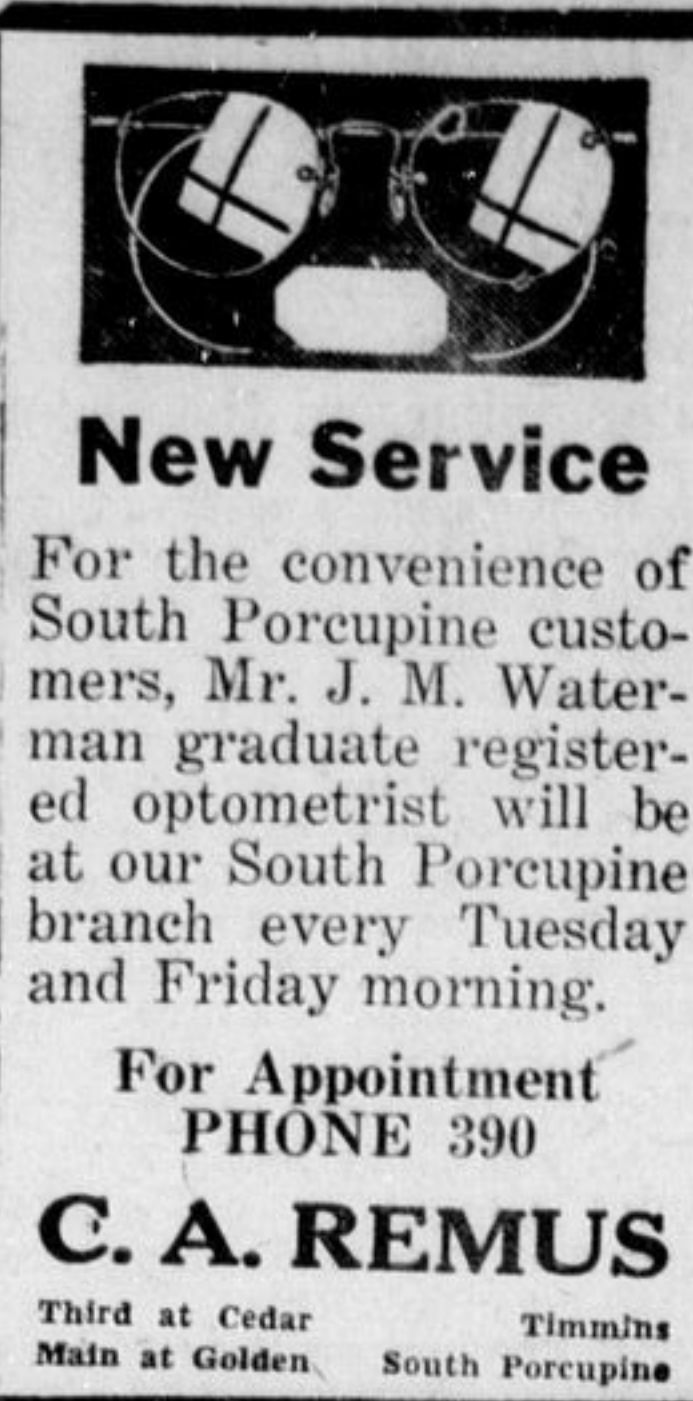
Funeral Yesterday of Late Mr. Matti Nikkola

Funeral services for Mr. Matti Nikkola of 84 Fourth Ave., were conducted by the Rev. A. I. Heinonen in the Chapel of Walker's Funeral Home Sunday, May 18th, at two o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. August Korhonen also spoke in remembrance of his friend. Relatives and friends of the late Mr. Nikkola filled the chapel on the occasion, many of the friends coming from outside points all over Northern Ontario as far as Sudbury. Mrs. L. Semelius sang a beautiful solo. Miss Laila Koskela and Miss Hellen Lehto, sang a duet.

To mourn his loss, the late Mr. Nikkola left three sons, Eric Nikkola, manager of Timmins Steam Bath; Eino and Ahti at Kurikka, Vaasa Province, Finland; and one daughter, Aura (Mrs. Muurimaki) also of Kurikka, Finland, and other more distant relatives in Canada and Finland. His wife Mary (nee Risku), predeceased him some twenty-five years ago. Mr. Nikkola was born at Nikkolan Kyla, Kurikan Pitaja, Vaasa Province, Finland, about 67 years ago.

The late Mr. Nikkola came to Canada about 12 years ago, having resided in mining towns of Northern Ontario, Sudbury District and Porcupine Camp. During the past few years he had lived on his farm at Wahnapitae, Sudbury District, but on account of illness came to stay with his son at 84 Fourth Ave., dying of cancer in the stomach at St. Mary's Hospital, last Wednesday, May 15th.

Many floral offerings were received from relatives and friends. The inter-



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ment took place at Timmins cemetery. The pallbearers were: Alec Koskela, Ilmari Sivunen, Salomon Schroder, August Korhonen, Paul Voutilainen and Hannes Pekuri.

London Punch: Near-sighted Old Lady (at party)—Look, Grace, there's a real old-fashioned girl. Her dress buttons all the way up the back. Daughter—Nonsense, mother. That's her spine!

"BLOOD...TOIL... TEARS and SWEAT"

This is a war for existence. It is war to the death. It is a war to win or to lose.

There can be no half way—no compromise. It is a war to WIN.

Money is the fourth arm of the service.

Whatever you are called on to pay or to lend, it is little compared to the lives that our sons offer.

There have been many and heavy calls upon Canada already.

There will be more.

Let us face the truth and the truth will make us free.

It is freedom we are fighting for, British freedom, the freedom of body and spirit that makes life worth living.

If we fail, we fall.

Be prepared for sacrifice.

Great Britain has set us an example on a scale of heroic magnificence history doesn't record.

Let us FIGHT!

Canada has the resources. Let us spare nothing. When our soldiers offer their lives, let us be willing to share our livelihood.

Presently the Government of Canada will call for money.

The money is here.

We are spending billions. We are already heavily taxed. But most of these billions and those taxes are being spent in Canada. That money comes back to you. Keep it rolling. Keep putting it back into the war effort, so that it may be spent again and again and again until Right prevails and the world is free.

FIGHT...WORK...PAY

Canada must be Free

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