

**Five Births Registered During the Present Week**

There were five births registered the early part of the week at the Timmins town hall. At this rate the total number of births for the week will be ten or twelve, which is about half the average for a week last year. The following are the births registered this week:

- Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Hart Collins (nee Armando Hache) of Timmins, on July 14th—a son.
- Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Ormer Closeau of 160 Pine street north, on July 9—a son.
- Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Sydney Lang, of 50 Kirby avenue, on July 1st—a daughter.
- Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Hector St. Jean, of 261 Waterloo street, on July 20th—a son.
- Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Armand Valade, of 257 Mountjoy street south, on July 18th—a daughter.

**Questions to Come Before Convention of Canadian Legion**

**Several Questions to be Strongly Pressed by Northern Delegates.**

Reference was made in Monday's issue of The Advance to the zone meeting of the Canadian Legion held in Cochrane, Sunday last. At the meeting much discussion arose over a resolution asking for the War Veterans Allowance Board to grant a winter fuel allowance of \$5.00 per month for five

months, November to March, in addition to any cost of living bonus which may eventually be granted. W. A. Devine, pension officer of Timmins Branch, sponsored the resolution and pointed out to the delegates, that often a minimum cost of \$5.00 had been paid for fuel, and a minimum rental charge of \$5.00 had been deducted, it only left \$10.00 or \$25.00 per week, for the man to exist on. In the case of a married couple the cost would be proportionately higher and the balance would not be much more than the single man. Single men or widowers receive \$20.00 per month and married \$40.00 with no allowance for family. Much hardship was felt in Northern Ontario last winter as a result and he thought that if an earnest endeavour was made, this additional grant would be forthcoming. The resolution as noted passed and will be taken up at the Provincial convention.

The discussion however, took on another theme immediately after and dealt with the "Widowed Mothers' Dependents' Allowance." As this now stands by legislation the maximum amount a widowed mother with son serving in the Active Forces can receive is \$20.00, and in dozens of cases this is cut to the minimum of \$10.00. Several resolutions from all parts of the province, including Northern Ontario, have called attention to this unfairness. One delegate quoted a case of a common law wife living near a widowed mother whose son, her sole support, was overseas. The one woman receives full allowance of \$35.00 and the widowed mother \$15.00. The delegates to the Provincial convention were urged by those present at the meeting at Cochrane to make a strong stand in regard to this matter. All agreed that they felt very strongly on the

question and were determined to get this unfairness rectified, if in their power.

The resolutions dealing with Defence of the North and total conscription of man power, wealth and industry, as well as the very evident slackness of war service departments, were other matters that will have very strong backing from Northern Ontario at the provincial convention of the Legion.

It was shown by the attitude of veterans in attendance that not only the final victory of the present war is paramount in their minds, but also that those at home should be treated sanely and justly.

**More New Members Admitted Nursing Division**

The weekly meeting of the Nursing Division S.J.A.B. was held on Monday evening in the St. John Ambulance Hall. The usual meeting was carried on with Mrs. G. Morris, superintendent, presiding.

Mr. George Allison instructed the members and lectured on "The Structure and Function of the Human Body." In the latter part of the evening Mr. George Gibson attended for a short meeting.

During the evening four new members were admitted making a total of seventeen in the last two meetings. Officers for the S. J. A. B. Nursing Division are as follows:—Superintendent, Mrs. Morris; assistant superintendent, Mrs. N. Allison; secretary, Mrs. E. Leach; treasurer, Mrs. D. Graham; supply sergeant, Mrs. E. Morin; assistant supply sergeant, Mrs. E. McCoy.

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**PEOPLE IN THE STORY:**  
**PEGGY GARLAND**—Capable, good-looking companion to MRS. TRELAWNEY—Rich, elderly widow with a country house in Devonshire, which Peggy runs very efficiently.  
**EDGAR TRELAWNEY**—Weak-willed son of the widow, who dissipates his mother's money in London and only comes home for more.  
**PHILIP CHESHAM**—Edgar's unscrupulous gambling partner.  
**DR. JOHN ARKWRIGHT**—Recently settled in a practice which gives him Mrs. Trelawney as a patient. His bachelor prejudices include a dislike of professional companions.  
**MRS. JARDINE**—A new neighbour of Mrs. Trelawney.

**CHAPTER XXIV A NAME TO MAKE NEWS**

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It was three days afterwards that Peggy, breakfasting alone, read the first newspapers she had seen for two days. A head line took her eye, because it contained the words "Cat Burglar." She began to read.

It concerned a burglary at Wimbledon on Christmas Eve, in which the intruder was caught by the son of the house. He heard the thief at work on the first floor, got up, and wedged the door of the room in which the man was busy, then telephoned for the police.

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"That was even better than our last effort," Alan declared, when at last the music stopped and they found chairs at the far end of the room.

"I enjoyed it," Peggy said, simply. "Me, too. How are you getting on with Miss Rivers?"

"I'm very happy with her. No one could be kinder."

"I'm sure she's a good sort, but I wish she wouldn't dance with that bouncer, Trelawney." Peggy looked up quickly and saw Althea passing, in the arms of Edgar. She shivered slightly. Alan pursed his lips.

"Looks as if you didn't like him any better than I do."

"I don't believe I do," Peggy said, "but he has only once been to Belgrave Square. What's wrong with him?"

"Everything!" replied Alan, bluntly. "Men loathe him, but he seems to fascinate women. The rum thing is, he's a man of good family, and has a big place in Devonshire, but—between ourselves—I think he's a crook."

"What makes you think that?"

"Lots of things. In the first place his old mother got poisoned and at the inquest he accused her companion of giving her a double dose of sleeping draught. He hinted she'd done it on purpose because the girl had been left an annuity, but any fool could see that it was just spite on his part. He had to resign from one club after that. No member would speak to him." Edgar came past again and Alan gave him a scowl. He went on.

"Almost before his mother was cold in her grave he was running round with that Jardine woman. She's devilish good-looking, but as for her reputation—the stories told of her would scorch your ears. She kept him in tow till he'd spent all he could raise, then turned him down cold." Peggy shivered, but the news about Mrs. Jardine interested her.

"I've seen her. I can believe anything you say about her. As for Mrs. Trelawney, I hate to see Miss Rivers dancing with him. However, we're going to Switzerland and I shall keep her away as long as I can."

"Jolly wise of you. Where are you going?"

"But perhaps you won't want to be bothered with a couple of women?"

"What rot! I love company—good company," he added, looking at Peggy. "When are you going?"

"January the fifth. We're staying at the Kaiserhof."

"It's a good pub. All right, if I can get a room there I'll come along. I'll write at once, and as soon as I hear I'll let you know. Now let's have another turn."

"He told me he was going to Switzerland," Peggy said to Althea, as they discussed Ensworth on the drive home. "I suggested he might come with us. You don't mind, Althea?"

"A splendid idea. He's a nice man, too. How did you come to know him?"

"A Miss Glyde who lives at my old lodgings at Lower Chester Terrace introduced us." Althea nodded.

"It's a pity we couldn't get Mr. Trelawney to make up our party," she remarked thoughtfully. "But he's going down to his place in Devonshire in January."

"What luck!" thought Peggy with an inward shiver.

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above all to get news of John Arkwright. Peggy told Mr. Meakin of the reappearance of Edgar and, for the first time since she had known him, saw her old friend really angry.

"The man is hopeless," he said sternly. "Of course he is looking for a rich wife and, if he finds one, her money will go down the sink with the rest."

**CHAPTER XXVI ALPINE PROPOSAL**

"To-day it's snowing," Peggy wrote to Olive from Pontresina. "A thin fine powder resembling frozen sand, not a bit like the big soft flakes we get at home. But this is the first snowy day since we came. Most of the time there has been glorious sunshine and hard frost. Althea is enjoying it and I never felt more fit."

"Alan is a brick and has been kindness itself to us both. My chief trouble is that he and Althea, though excellent friends, don't fall for one another. At present I spend my time, collecting any men who seem nice, to introduce to her. I have become quite shameless!"

She posted her note, and in their sitting-room, found Althea reading a letter. Althea looked up and Peggy saw at once that she was excited.

"I've just heard from Edgar Trelawney, Ruth. He says he's coming here. He'll arrive on Saturday."

"The shock was so great that Peggy could not help showing it."

"What's the matter," Althea demanded and for once her tone was quite tart. Peggy hesitated and Althea went on. "You don't like him, Ruth?"

"I'm not going to lie to you, Althea. I don't."

"Why not? You don't know anything about him."

"I do. Miss Glyde told me that he had been mixed up with that Mrs. Jardine and you know as well as I what her reputation is."

Althea frowned.

"That's just gossip."

"It's true, Althea. I've seen them together. And Mrs. Jardine gives me cold chills."

"I like Edgar Trelawney," Althea retorted. "He has always been nice to me. When he comes I shall ask him about Mrs. Jardine."

"You don't expect him to tell you the truth, do you?" said Peggy. Althea flared up.

"Why not? Just because you don't happen to like him you believe any nasty story you hear about him. I never dreamed you could be so unfair."

Peggy was silent. She simply did not dare to speak. If she once started she felt she might not be able to stop. She turned and went out of the room and did not see Althea again till lunch, at which they scarcely spoke.

She had an appointment to go skiing with Alan, and soon the two were zig-zagging steadily up the long slopes among the pine trees. The sun had come out and the white glare was dazzling, yet very beautiful.

They were far up the valley when Alan pulled up at the head of a steep slope. Close above them was an enormous rock. Alan pointed to it.

glanced round. "Those clouds are rising fast. We'd better shove along if we don't want to be caught. We're a long way from the hotel."

The sunlight had gone, the sky was grey again and presently the air became misty with tiny ice particles. Alan quickened his pace. He did not speak but Peggy had a feeling that he was anxious. The mist thickened. The flakes grew thicker; they stung her cheeks. The horizon drew in. A tree loomed ahead, dim in the white fog. Alan kept to the right, but Peggy, who had fallen a little behind, swung left. She found herself dropping into a hollow which she had not seen.

Instead of letting herself go, she tried to swerve. The point of her right ski drove deep into the snow and over she went. An agonizing pain, shot through her right ankle and she lay helpless, half buried, at the bottom of the hollow.

In a moment Alan was bending over her.

"Hurt, Ruth?" he asked quickly. "My right ankle," Peggy replied faintly. Very quickly he had her skis off. He laid them together and lifted her upon them. Gentle as he was, the movement brought a little gasp from her lips.

"Is it broken?" Alan asked, anxiously.

"I don't know. I don't think so. Oh, Alan, I am sorry."

"Don't worry. There's a patrol not far away. We passed the post on the way up. I'll find him. But I'll have to leave you a few minutes. Do you mind?"

"Of course not. Go ahead. I shall be all right."

He hurried off and almost at once vanished in the thickly falling snow. Peggy lay very still. The pain was nothing to the fear and dismay she felt.

She began to wonder what would happen if Alan failed to find the patrol or if he himself lost his way. In this temperature she would not last long.

A shout came faintly, muffled by the snow. Peggy shouted back. Two figures loomed through the white fog. They were Alan and a sturdy young Swiss. The latter was pulling a hand sledge. Alan was breathing hard.

"I couldn't find him," he panted. "Are you frozen, Ruth?"

"Not yet," said Peggy forcing a smile. They lifted her on to the sledge and wrapped her in a warm rug. The patrol picked up a rope attached to the front of the sledge, Alan took the handles at the back, and they started for the hotel. An hour later Peggy was in bed, and the doctor was examining her ankle.

"No bones broken," he said, "but a severe sprain. You will not be able to put your foot to the ground for a least two weeks."

He gave her an opiate. But for that Peggy would have had little sleep that night.

(To be Continued)

**Eye Defects Cause of Most Rejections in R. C. A. F.**

Of 4,661 Royal Canadian Air Force recruits who were rejected for service in air crews, 2,966 were found unsuitable because of eye defects, a table prepared for a House of Commons sub-committee on war expenditures showed.

Defective color vision caused failure for 20.9 per cent of the men rejected for air-crew duties and defective visual acuity for 19.4 per cent. Other eye defects led to the rejection of 4.5 per cent of total failures.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE to Men Liable for Military Training**



FOR Public Safety, by Proclamation, dated June 27th, 1941 (under authority of The National Resources Mobilization Act 1940 and The War Measures Act), The Governor in Council has now made liable for military training for the defence of Canada—

—all male British subjects resident in Canada at any time since September 1st, 1939, who, on July 15th, 1940, were unmarried, or childless widowers, and who on July 1st, 1940, had reached the ages of

- Twenty-one years
- Twenty-two years
- Twenty-three years
- Twenty-four years

"and also men who attained or will attain the age of twenty-one years on or after the first day of July, 1940, and who were on the fifteenth day of July (1940), unmarried or widowers without child or children."

Extract from Paragraph 3 of Proclamation.

Men designated in the foregoing are further required "to submit themselves for medical examination and to undergo military training for a period of four months within Canada or the territorial waters thereof, and to report at such places and times and in such manner and to such authorities or persons as may be notified to them respectively by a Divisional Registrar of an Administrative Division."

Extract from Paragraph 4 of Proclamation.

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

designed to facilitate equitable conditions of mobilization

**Deferring of Training Periods to Avoid Individual Hardship**

If the Board is satisfied that the calling out of any man for military training will cause extreme hardship to those dependent upon such man, the Board may, from time to time, postpone the training period of the man: Provided that such man shall apply for a postponement order in accordance with the provisions of subsection one of section ten of the regulations.

**Postponement Applications Must be Made in Writing**

No application for a postponement order may be made otherwise than in writing, by the man called out, to the Divisional Registrar who issued the "Notice—Medical Examination" and within eight clear days of the date appearing on such notice. Any person who appears before a Board shall do so at his own expense.

**War Industry and Seasonal Occupations given Consideration**

In the national interest, applications for postponement of training of key men engaged in war industries, or in essential occupations, may be addressed to the Divisional Registrar concerned.

**Eligible Men Must Not Leave Canada without Authority**

No male British subject who is liable to be called out for military training shall, after his age class has been called out by proclamation, leave Canada, for any reason whatsoever, unless and until he has been so authorized in writing by the Chairman of the Board to whose jurisdiction such man is subject.

**Eligible men must notify authorities immediately of change of address or marital status**

If you are a single man or childless widower between the ages of 19 and 45 and if you change your address, or if you marry, you must immediately notify

**THE NATIONAL WAR SERVICES DIVISIONAL REGISTRAR IN THE DIVISION IN WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERED**

If you do not know the name and address of your Divisional Registrar, ask at your local post office.

Failure to comply with this requirement may subject you to a fine or imprisonment.

**CIVIL RE-EMPLOYMENT**

Provision has been made for the reinstatement of men in their positions of employment, after the periods of training or service, under conditions that will facilitate their re-entry to civilian life.

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