

Timmins Legion Doing Much Valuable Work for Men Here and Overseas

Seven New Members Join Legion at Meeting Monday. Legion "V" Celebration Will Net About \$2,000. Soldiers Overseas Appreciate Cigarettes. Planning for Decoration Day and Poppy Day.

The ex-servicemen of the district are becoming more and more Legion conscious every day. There is without a doubt a new spirit arising among local veterans and this was shown on Monday evening, at the Legion hall. Seven applications were read and passed, two of them being men discharged from the present forces. One of these is an amputation case, having been seriously injured while on duty in Quebec. Old-time members of the Timmins branch assembled at the monthly meeting were pleased indeed to see this new spirit manifest itself. When one considers the report of this meeting, and the work that is being accomplished, all those who are not active members will be wishing they had a hand in the efforts.

Major Cornthwaite, 1st vice-president, was given the honour of occupying the chair and conducted the meeting in efficient manner. Walter Greaves, president, took the other chair at the table and gave assistance when necessary. It was a popular innovation and the members expressed the wish that others be given the opportunity of conducting a meeting from time to time.

The Legion "V" Celebration will have a profit of around \$2,000 after everything is cleared up, Secretary W. D. Forrester reported. The "bang" came when Chas. Keates, chairman of the Legion cigarette committee, asked for \$345.00, and this was sanctioned. "Charlie" read a number of letters from England, and it was gratifying to learn that all the branch shipments have arrived safely to those to whom they were addressed. This is the Timmins branch No. 1 war effort and by the letters received, the cigarettes are more than appreciated.

No. 2 war effort is magazine collection and forwarding. This is carried through by Comrade A. Jenkin, and for September, 1500 lbs. of good reading matter left Timmins for the camps in England. "Art" made the suggestion that as winter is approaching a new method of collection should be devised. It was adopted that the school children take the books to their schools and place them in boxes, and at the end of each week, a truck will pick them up and deliver them to the Legion hall. Comrade Al Wetmore, stated if this were done, he'd get the truck.

Comrade Jenkin is also the energetic sick visitor and reported a number on the sick list, with two members dangerously ill.

No. 3 war effort—that of looking after dependants of the present army and securing pension adjustments, etc., for those of the 1914-1918 war — is handled by Comrade W. A. Devine. He reported the Geoffrey Morris case completely cleared up, from the very night of the accident, and with full pension payable till his release from hospital when a re-board will decide future disability. A War Veteran's allowance granted to an unfortunate veteran who is nearly blind was also noted. Two dependants' allowance granted were also mentioned. This work entails a lot of time, and W. A. Devine was thanked for his report.

A Decoration Day ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 19th, at the Timmins cemetery. All members are urged to attend this annual event. The time will be 2:00 p.m., with members assembling at the Legion hall.

In another column will be found the plans for Poppy Day. This meeting was held on Tuesday evening.

Major Cornthwaite asked the fullest co-operation of all, to assist in making this a record year. "The need for this fund may not be now, but when the lads come back we shall need all the money we can get to give them a helping hand," said the chairman.

Nominations for officers after a re-arrangement of election rules was called. Among those nominated for president were—W. Greaves, Al Wetmore, Jack Brady, Major Cornthwaite. Several names were mentioned for the executive, and as these must qualify, those standing will be published later in The Advance.

The meeting closed with mention of the opening smoker on Saturday and a large number will be present for this event it was indicated.

Singing of the National Anthem closed the meeting.

S. J. A. B. Recruits Needed

One Hundred Recruits to Learn First Aid, A. R. P. and Stretcher Work are Needed.

One hundred recruits are needed immediately by the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Timmins, it was announced yesterday by Acting Superintendent of S.J.A.B. Russ Bailey. Any persons interested in learning the fundamentals and advanced work in First Aid, Air Raid Precautions and Stretcher Work should contact officials of the S. J. A. B. immediately.

Regular classes for the various courses are held every Sunday afternoon at the St. John Ambulance Hall at 3:30 p.m. The St. John Ambulance hall is located at 14 Birch street south. There is also an opportunity for five or six more women who wish to obtain the St. John Ambulance Brigade First Aid Certificates for First Aid and Injured. Any ladies interested in this course should contact Mr. Bailey, Acting Superintendent of the S. J. A. B. at phone 502, or George A. Gibson, Corps Superintendent at phone 2216J.

Evening Classes for New Canadians at Schumacher School

Public School Again Offering Opportunity.

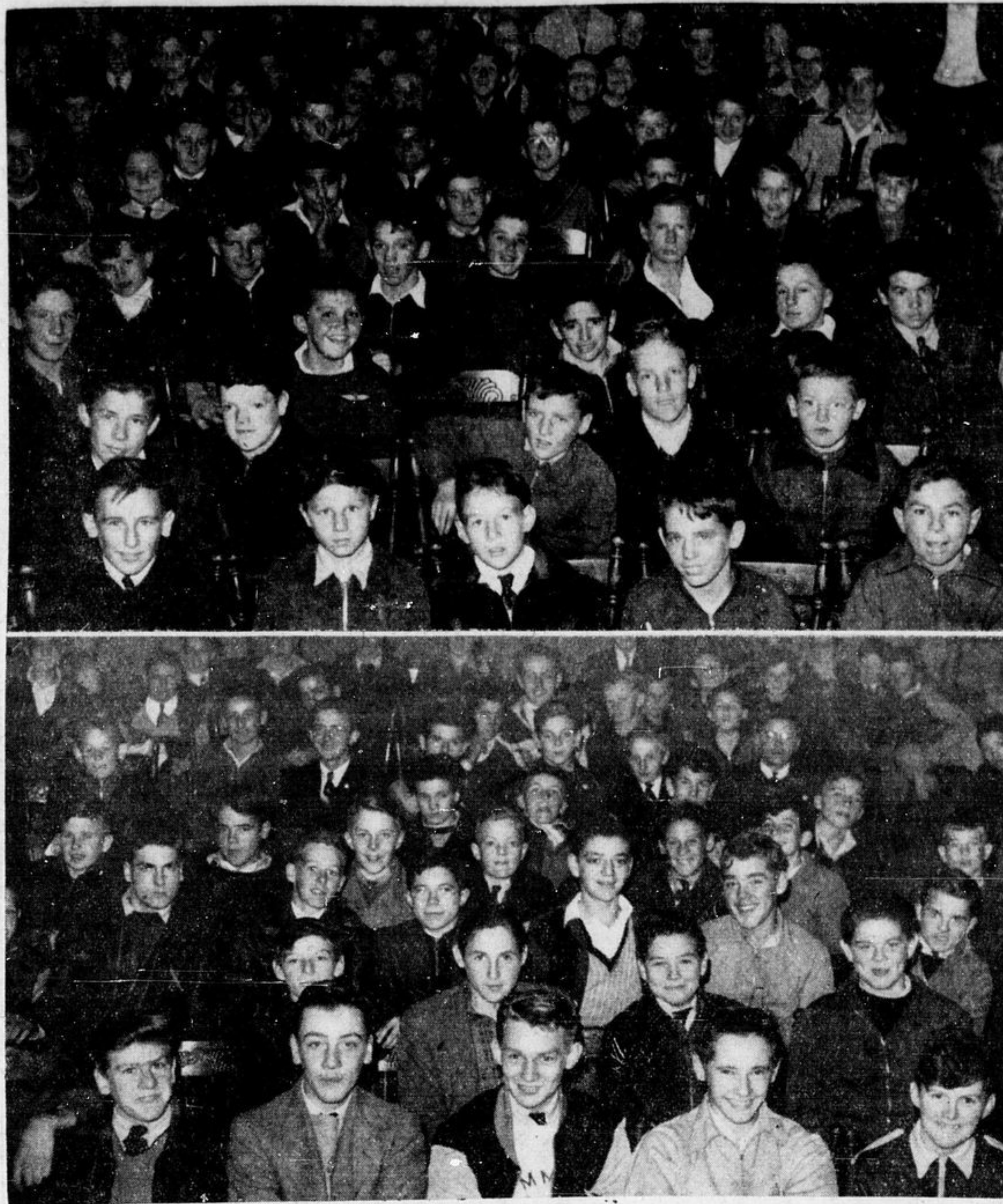
The Board of Trustees of Schumacher Public School have for the past several years conducted classes for New Canadian women and girls who wish to improve their English.

There is a small registration fee which is not returnable. The only additional expense is for books not regularly supplied to the pupils of the day school.

The night school will be from seven until nine in the evening each Tuesday and Thursday, beginning October 14. The night school will be for forty nights.

Those desiring to take advantage of these classes should get an application form from the school.

HUNDREDS OF BOYS HERE INTERESTED IN AIR CADETS



Above are two views of the crowd at the meeting of the Boys "K" Club addressed by Squadron Leader Hodgetts this week. These bright lads are keenly interested in the Air Cadet movement and promise to make "Timmins Air Cadets No. 10" an outstanding unit in the Air Cadets of Canada.

Squadron Leader Hodgetts is Speaker at Meeting of Timmins Boys' "K" Club

Outlines Work That Will be Done by Taking Course in Air Cadets. Work Is Very Interesting but Requires Much Work and Lots of Time. Instructors Introduced.

The Timmins Boys' "K" Club Air Cadet Squadron No. 10 was addressed on Monday evening of this week by Squadron Leader G. A. Hodgetts, R.C.A.F. No. 1 Training Command, Toronto, who was making a tour of the different squadrons recently formed across Canada. The talk that he prepared for the Cadets was very interesting and informative.

Squadron Leader Hodgetts was introduced to the Cadets by P. T. Molesley, officer commanding No. 10 Squadron. Squadron Leader Hodgetts had previously given a talk to the Timmins Kiwanis Club.

Squadron Leader Hodgetts explained that boys all over Canada had been asking for the type of training given in the R.C.A.F. In fact these requests had been pouring into government headquarters ever since the last war. Because of the fact that at the beginning of World War 2, the organizing of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan demanded an all-out effort, and further because of the fact that until now, time and equipment have not been available to organize and train air cadets, this factor had to be overlooked. Now the time and material is available and air cadet squadrons are being formed all over the country.

The training given to air cadets is the same as that given to members of the R.C.A.F. in Initial and Elementary Training Schools, but in a slightly modified form. Such training received would definitely be of great value to any of the air cadets enlisting in the R.C.A.F. At this point in his talk the squadron leader asked how many of the boys would like to join the R.C.A.F. and every hand in the hall went up. Seeing such enthusiasm Squadron Leader Hodgetts told them that on their eighteenth birthday they would be eligible to join the R.C.A.F.

The different courses covered in the Air Cadet Training is very complete but not easy and will demand considerable time and hard work to be successful. He pointed out that the course is intensely interesting.

The subjects covered by the course are: Aero Engines—mechanized construction and repairs; Aircraft Recognition—both home and enemy aircraft; Armament—rifle training and machine gun drill; Drill—this part of the training is immensely important and every man entering the air force must undergo extensive military drilling; First Aid; Knots and Splices; Maps and Map Reading; Mathematics—when Squadron Leader Hodgetts mentioned mathematics groans were heard among those in the hall but the squadron leader enlightened the boys

by saying that to be an observer or pilot one must learn mathematics because it was the basis of the training of air crews; Model Airplane Building; Physical Training—The health of an airman must be perfect as flying at 400 miles per hour at 30,000 feet demands perfect physical and mental condition; Signals—morse and semaphore; Theory of Flight.

To complete that course the cadets must put in many hours for two or three years. Squadron Leader Hodgetts also mentioned that he hoped it would be possible for the boys to have uniforms soon and he hoped that they would be as proud of their uniforms as the men in the air force are proud of theirs.

O.C. Percy Molesley thanked the speaker and then introduced the men who had volunteered to help out the cadets by teaching some of the subjects: Mr. Bates, Flight Commander; Mr. Reg. Fisher; Mr. Watson, Flight Commander; Mr. Roy, Radio and Signals; Mr. Sparrow, Maps and Map Reading; Mr. Croteau, Engineering and Aerial Mapping; Mr. Bailey, Flight Commander; Mr. Geo. Gibson, First Aid; Mr. Fritz Woodbury, Secretary of Boys "K" Club; Mr. Fairhurst, Drill Sergeant; and Mr. McClung, Woodworking.

Hollinger Bombers Win Title

Take Seventh and Final Game from Coniston Yesterday Afternoon 4-0.

Vince Barton's Hollinger Bombers yesterday won the championship of the Northern Ontario Baseball Association at Sudbury when they defeated the Coniston Buzzers 4-0 in the seventh and final game. The series this year was the most keenly contested in the young history of the Association. After the Bombers had taken a three game lead by big scores the Coniston team fought back furiously to tie the series and force the seventh game.

This year's championship is the second N.B.A. title for the Barton Bombers as they also won the title last year in an easy battle. The team is expected to arrive in Timmins sometime this afternoon.

Mining Municipalities Meet at Whitney Township Hall Yesterday Afternoon

Association Asks That Government Increase Mothers' Allowance and Old Age Pension Due to Increased Cost of Living. Other Important Matters Discussed.

Motorized Convoy to Visit Here

Lieut. Countryman in Toronto to Take Part in Conference to Plan Route.

A motorized convoy of the Canadian Active Army will visit Timmins in the next week or week and a half, officials at the Timmins Armouries announced yesterday afternoon. Lieutenant G. G. Countryman, district recruiting officer, left for Toronto yesterday morning where he will meet Major L. W. Sharpe, recruiting officer for Military District No. 2, Northern area. Recruiting officers from other districts will also be present at the conference from which will be drawn the plans and route of the convoy.

The convoy will consist of almost every bit of motorized equipment in the Army including workshops, repair shops, Bren gun carriers, ambulances, army trucks, etc. It is expected to be the biggest convoy to travel in Canada up to the present time.

The object in the convoy making the trip to Timmins is to give the people in this part of the country a clearer understanding of Canada's war effort and to stimulate some interest in the recruiting in this district. It was announced last week by Major Sharpe, after a visit to recruiting centres throughout the province, that the northern centres had been recruiting more men per capita than the southern centres. This convoy is one of the ways of showing the people what the men are being used for.

The convoy will start out on Monday morning from Camp Borden and will arrive in Timmins as soon as possible but it isn't likely that it will reach here for several days after the start. Stops will be made all along the route before the convoy reaches Timmins.

The local Recruiting officials are planning a welcome for the soldiers in the convoy by holding a dance at one of the district's dance halls. There will be no admission charged at the dance and the people of the district are cordially invited to attend and meet Canada's fighting men.

To Broadcast the Interviewing of an Army Recruit

Monday afternoon at half past four the Timmins Recruiting Centre will go on the air. Officials at the Armouries are planning the broadcast now and it will cover all stages in recruiting from the time that the recruit enters the armouries till he leaves to join his unit. It will be a most complete description of the recruiting situation and is presented to show the people that there is no pressure put to bear on any person requesting information from the recruiting officials.

The broadcast will start when the recruit enters the office and is interviewed. If he has a trade he will be told in what part of the army his trade will be of most use. When the recruit has decided what branch of the army he wants to join he will be told what to expect to do if he joins that branch. He will then be medically examined, sworn in, and despatched to his unit.

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Russians in Leningrad Throw Germans Back in Fierce Counter Attacks

Russians Claim Recapture of Four Villages and Important Hill Near Lake Ilmean, 135 mile South of Leningrad. Many Uprisings in Czechoslovakia Lately.

The besieged Russians of Leningrad, are fighting back and are driving the German menace away from the city according to reports from both London and Moscow today. The Russian communiqué says that the Red armies have recaptured four important villages and a hill of great tactical importance in a big counter attack in the Staraya-Russo area near Lake Ilmean, 135 miles south of Leningrad. They also claim that there are steadily developing Russian guerrilla activities in the Odessa area.

The London communiqué regarding the fighting in Russia is the brightest that they have issued for some time. They claim that the Russians in Leningrad have broken the German lines at four points and have joined their

A meeting of the Northern Mining Municipalities was held yesterday afternoon in the Township Hall at Porcupine starting at three o'clock. The meeting lasted for almost four hours and the attendance was large with a large number of subjects being thoroughly discussed.

Delegates from Timmins, Kirkland Lake and the host council, Porcupine, consisted of their entire councils and their reeves and mayor. From Tisdale there were three councillors and their reeve present. Chairman of the meeting was Councillor Bill Roberts of Timmins. All the clerks of the municipalities were present. Two visiting delegates were also present at the meeting. They were: L. M. Stark, clerk of Coleman Township, and T. H. Powke, chief of police and assessor, of Larder Lake.

After the delegates were welcomed by Reeve Bannerman of Whitney, the delegates got down to business and after some discussion a number of resolutions were passed.

Councillor Roberts reported to the association on the visit of the association's delegation to the government last July. This visit was made just after the last meeting of the association.

A resolution was passed asking that the government increase the payments of the Mothers' Allowance and the Old Age Pensions due to the increased cost of living.

Another resolution was passed asking the government to grant the northern municipalities an increase of 25% in the Northern Relief Allowances.

The Highways Department of the provincial government were asked to be more careful in selecting their examiners for drivers' licenses. They were also asked to stiffen the requirements for any person applying for a license and they also asked that the examiners be paid in some other form rather than a fee on each license sold. This form of payment tended to let the examiner give licenses to many motorists who should not have them.

All the municipalities were asked to make a survey in their own municipalities of disputed Workmen's Compensation claims and to make a report to the association at the next meeting.

The government was asked to make a change in the system of giving medical care to indigent patients. This is the second time the government has been requested to do that by the association.

The question of membership in the Ontario Municipal Association was discussed but the association decided that it could wait till next year.

Councillor Wilf. Spooner, of Timmins read a paper on Welfare Activities in the Municipalities. This talk was greatly appreciated by the delegates and the same subject will be one of the main topics of discussion at the next meeting of the association.

Also on the agenda for the next meeting is a request asking the government to change the section of the get that pertains to buildings on mining properties. This subject will be discussed at length at the next meeting. Reeve Carter, of Kirkland Lake, invited the delegates to hold the next meeting of the association at Kirkland Lake.

After the meeting the delegates enjoyed a fine supper tendered by the Township of Whitney.

Corp. Hugh O'Neill, of the Ontario Tank Corps, stationed at Camp Borden, was home to Timmins on leave this week.

600 Pound Bear is Shot Stealing Pound and-a-half Chicken at Mountjoy Farm

Toivo Niemi, Mountjoy Township Farmer Bags Big Prize When he Catches Bear Raiding Neighbour's Chicken Coop. Bear Fell from Sheer Weight of Bullets.

During the past few weeks there have been a lot of bears in this district and much damage has been done by them. It is believed that the bush fires in other parts of the North have driven the bears here, and the scarcity of berries and other natural food has tempted them to get near the communities and individual houses.

Toivo Niemi, a farmer about a mile north of Timmins, has a plan to abate the bear nuisance. Mr. Niemi hasn't suffered from the bears, but a neighbour certainly has. Several nights recently this neighbour lost chickens, and he told Toivo about it, and the two of them figured out a plan to save the chickens and get the bear. The other night a bear took six chickens in one raid and that was the last straw. Monday night they sat up at the neighbour's farm waiting for Bruin. About nine-thirty along came Bruin and entered the chicken coop. He took only

one chicken—weighing a pound and a half—but as he emerged he must have thought he was a Russian bear on the Eastern battlefield. Shot after shot was poured into him, but he refused to fall, just staggering drunkenly around the yard, trying to locate where the shots were coming from. Finally he crumpled to the ground with almost a pound of lead buried in his hide.

The two men went over to examine their prize and were astounded at his size. They say he was more than six hundred pounds in weight, which is some bear. The skin is almost big enough to make a rug to cover the entire floor in one of the farmhouse rooms. The neighbours add that they expect to be eating bear steak for months as a result of their fine shooting. The main thing, though, is that the chickens will be safe, unless another bear comes along—in which case there will be more shooting.

Town Debentures Brought the Best Price in 1939.

But This Year's Debentures the First Callable Ones.

Councillor J. P. Bartleman points out that a statement in The Advance last week that the sale of debentures for this year drew the best price in the town's history is not correct. While this year's sale of debentures was a specially satisfactory one there were three or four other years where the price was as good or better. In 1939, the debenture sale drew the best price in the town's history. Councillor Bartleman was mayor at the time. In that year the debentures sold for \$100.62 at 4%. This year's price was \$98.0 at 4%. However, this year is the first time that callable debentures have been sold.