

TOBRUK FORCES JOIN BRITISH TROOPS

Council Decides to Make Change in System of the Insurance Distribution

Find That Some Firms Operating in Their Private Homes Are Getting as Much Insurance Commissions as Firms With Town Offices.

The regular weekly meeting of the town council was held in the town hall yesterday afternoon with Mayor J. E. Erumette in charge and all of the council present. A large number of items were discussed and dealt with but none of the items assumed very important proportions. Longest discussion that took place on any of the items was the one that followed the presenting of the report on the placing of the insurance commissions.

It was shown in the report that several of the insurance firms in town were conducting their businesses in their own homes and were still getting almost as much insurance as other businesses that were paying high rents for up-town offices. Council thoroughly discussed the subject and finally decided that they would leave the matter for a week and let Councillors Terry and Clerk-Treasurer Art Shaw work out a more equitable system of distribution.

Mr. P. J. Dunlop appeared before the council with a proposition that the council build the school rinks on the separate school grounds. Council debated for some time on this question and finally left the matter with Councillor Roberts. He will submit a report on the matter at the next meeting. Mr. Dunlop suggested that as there were a considerable number of public citizens using the rinks in the evenings the council should at least build the rinks. The schools would look after the upkeep of the rinks but they were put to quite an expense to build them.

Councillor McDermott said that whenever the town engineer's department flooded any of the rinks or did any work on them they had to hire men from the Employment Bureau. He saw no reason why the school board could not do the same thing. The council seemed to be of opinion that if they built the rinks they would be assuming the ownership and responsibility for them and they were not in favour of that idea.

Mr. C. W. Yates of the firm of Caldwell and Yates, town solicitors, wrote a letter to the council and later appeared in person to fully explain the matter to the council, regarding an action that had been brought against the town for damages. It appeared that Mrs. Laura Tessier had the basement of her home flooded in 1938 and had sued the town for damages. She had consulted the town solicitors and it was explained to her that she had no right to sue and would only be spending money for nothing.

Mrs. Tessier then went to two other Timmins lawyers and explained the case to them and they also told her that she could not sue. She then hired another lawyer and he brought suit against the town. The case finally was heard before a judge and was dismissed with the costs to be paid by Mrs. Tessier. The letter from the solicitors was to the effect that they were willing to collect the money from Mrs. Tessier unless the town wanted to pay the expense themselves. The council gave Mr. Yates permission to proceed with the collecting of the money.

Two men applied for exemption from poll tax and their requests were refused. It was discovered that both men were working and had no reason to ask for exemption.

A circular from the Department of Municipal Affairs was received by the clerk and it contained information regarding the holding of elections for a two-year term. As the circular didn't affect the council at this time it was decided to file the circular.

Three applications for town positions were received at yesterday's meeting. One of the applicants wanted the job of rink supervisor and the other two requested positions on the town hall staff.

H. Rosenfield applied for permission to start a wood yard and accompanied his application with a petition signed by his neighbours. The request was granted.

Fairbanks-Morse Company forwarded a scale maintenance contract, to the

South Porcupine, Nov. 25—(Special to the Advance)—South Porcupine claims its first flying hero. Sgt. Harold Franklin, wireless air gunner of the R.C.A.F., was highly praised by the Chief of the Bomber Command of the R.A.F. to which Sgt. Franklin is attached.

Annual Concert Given by Pupils of French Schools

Over Three Hundred Students Take Part in Performance. Entire Programme in French.

Over three hundred pupils from the various French separate schools in Timmins took part in the annual Christmas concert presented on Tuesday evening in the basement of St. Anthony's Cathedral to an audience of over five hundred parents and friends. Music, recitations, singing, and short plays comprised the interesting programme which was entirely in French, and those who attended were enthusiastic in their applause.

One of the outstanding presentations was a short play by about forty girl students, based on a typical French-Canadian story about St. Kathleen and entitled "La Tire," in which one of the characters prepared a candy which is traditional to the day of St. Kathleen, and then distributed it to the audience.

Forty of the younger pupils comprised an orchestra which was another feature, and the boys did their part especially well, putting on a sport play and otherwise taking part in the programme.

For sound-effects, top honours went to the play "The Tempest," in which the thunder and lightning were so realistically given that the audience seemed actually to be in a storm. Throughout the performance, the pupils, from the youngest little one to the elder, were eager to give their best work.

Temperatures during the past week have been jumping from one point to another. Starting last Thursday it was rather warm and then on Sunday the temperature dropped to low of six degrees. On Monday and Tuesday the temperature started to climb again and then dropped suddenly last night and remained low till five o'clock this morning. Temperatures for the week were: Thursday, max. 42, min. 20; Friday, max. 22, min. 18; Saturday, max. 31, min. 15; Sunday, max. 18, min. 6; Monday, max. 27, min. 18; Tuesday, max. 36, min. 28; Wednesday, max. 28, min. 0; eight o'clock this morning, 2 degrees.

The forecast again for the week-end is fair and quite cold with indications that it will remain that way for some time.

Fire that broke out in the Consumers' Co-operative garage at 50 Waterloo Road about ten-thirty on Tuesday night damaged the building to the extent of \$150 and severely damaged two small trucks that were parked in the building. Origin of the fire is unknown and the actual loss is not yet estimated as there was no insurance on the trucks and the loss regarding them is not yet known.

The alarm was rung in to the fire hall from box 43 and in a short time the big fire truck was speeding toward the scene. Immediately as they arrived they strung out one line of hose and used five hundred feet of hose to pour thousands of gallons of water into the burning building.

Five calls came into the fire station during the past week for small chimney fires and stove pipe fires. In none of them was there any loss. One of the chimney fires was reported to have started when the lady in the house was burning a small cardboard box. The strong wind caused quite a draft in the stove and as a result the pipes started to burn.

Another experience that the firemen had in the past week was when a resident called the firemen to her house when the stove got red hot but when they arrived there was no danger. Another time an electric heater had been left on the table and it started to burn through the table cloth.

Yesterday the firemen were called out when a dishtowel fell on the stove and started to burn. The lady in the house phoned for the firemen and just after they left she again phoned telling them not to bother coming. The house was just filled with smoke when they arrived.

Another call that the firemen received yesterday was when they were called to the residence of S. Shub at 60 Fourth avenue. The house had recently been papered and the paperhangers had papered over a stovepipe hole in the wall. A blaze started from there, and the firemen ordered the hole covered and the firemen ordered the hole covered.

Weather Drops To Zero Mark

First Time Since Last Winter Temperature Hits the Low Mark.

For the first time since last winter the thermometer has dropped to the zero mark in the past week. Yesterday was the day that the drop took place when the low of zero was reached and a high temperature of 28 was registered. Indications that the thermometer will hover around the zero mark were present this morning when a temperature of two degrees above zero was registered at eight o'clock.

The weatherman reported this morning that the weather will probably remain fair and quite cold for several days now. Another warm spell may follow but it was generally conceded that the winter is here to stay.

There was only a very little bit of rain and snow in the past week. Last Thursday there was 1/2 inch of rain fell and at the same time three inches of snow covered the ground. That was the only rainfall and snow in the past week.

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Famous Players Co. Take Over Broadway Theatre at Timmins

Mr. Stanley Andrews, the new manager of the Broadway theatre, arrived in Timmins yesterday to assume his new duties. Mr. Andrews comes to the Broadway from Guelph, where he managed the Royal, one of the Famous Players theatres. Mr. Andrews has had over nine years' experience managing theatres in the larger Ontario centres.

Mr. Lorne Moore, popular manager of the Broadway for the past six months, leaves today for Kingston where he will open one of the new Odeon theatres on Dec. 12th.

Fire Truck Involved in Minor Accident Tuesday Afternoon

Two Minor Accidents Caused by Slippery Condition of Streets.

Two accidents on Tuesday afternoon on Timmins streets were blamed on the icy condition of the streets. About fifty dollars damage was done to the cars and the fire truck that were in the accidents.

Just after three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon the firemen received an alarm and the small fire truck, a 1/2-ton Dodge, sped to the scene. The truck was travelling west on Kent avenue and as it made a left turn onto Wilcox street, it collided with a car being driven by E. N. McGregor, of 8 Wende avenue. Police said that the McGregor car was travelling north on Wilcox street and was only moving at a moderate speed. When the driver saw the fire truck approaching he applied his brakes but the car slid ahead and collided with the truck. Damage to both the car and the truck amounted to only about six dollars.

Another minor accident happened at the corner of Vimy Road and Mountjoy street Tuesday night about half past ten when a South Porcupine car and a Timmins car crashed in the centre of the intersection. Damage to the two cars was about fifty dollars and the drivers of both cars agreed to settle the damages among themselves.

John Barabas, 21 Commercial avenue, and Clarence Campbell, 109B Golden avenue, South Porcupine, were the two drivers who were involved in the affair. They crashed while turning in the intersection and police who investigated said that the slippery condition of the streets was responsible for the accident. Fenders were dented on both cars and the headlights were smashed.

Chairmen of Committees Appointed by Citizens' Committee Meeting Here

Inspiring Address by Col. Hill Shows the Many Ways in Which the Citizens' Committee May Help Look After the Soldiers and the Soldiers' Families.

Col. Hill, Officer Commanding Auxiliary Services in Military District No. 2, addressed a gathering of the Citizens' Committee in the town hall last night. President W. O. Langdon was in the chair and was ably supported by the secretary of the committee, Mr. George Reid. In a word the aims and purposes of the Citizens' Committee are to look after the interests of the soldiers on service and their families and to co-ordinate the work of all other organizations, service clubs, etc., along these lines. Col. Hill gave a very effective presentation of the many ways in which these purposes may be carried out with success—seeing to the comfort of the soldiers at camps here, helping to secure furniture for their rest and recreation rooms, supplying them with reading matter, looking to entertainment features for them, assisting in educational efforts for the soldiers, helping them in any of their difficulties, looking to the welfare of their families, and above all planning for the proper rehabilitation of the soldiers in the days to come. Col. Hill's address on co-ordinating the services for soldiers and their dependents was much appreciated by all present and proved unusually helpful.

The meeting represented all the patriotic associations, service clubs and other organizations of the town and district. Col. Hill paid special compliment to the ladies of the C. W. S. P. who were well represented at the meeting.

A report by the secretary, Mr. Geo. Reid, showed the large amount of work that had been done in Timmins by the Citizens' Committee. The fact that about 500 letters had been written in this connection gives one illustration of the secretary's good efforts. Soldier's families have been helped until many pay was received and assisted in other ways. Dependents' allowances, professional services for families of soldiers, welfare of families and rehabilitation were given much attention and assistance. There was much work done in getting army pay for families concerned. The committee co-operated with other organizations in supplying Christmas cheer for soldiers' families last year. The committee had no funds for relief to soldiers' families, but in Timmins such cases had been all looked after, the town paying the costs.

There was considerable discussion in regard to officers and organization for the coming year. Eventually on the suggestion of G. A. Macdonald it was decided to elect chairmen for the several sub-committees; these chairmen to select their committees from the several organizations represented, also several committees were represented on the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Family Welfare—Mrs. Hardy, of the Ladies' Auxiliary.
Christmas Parties—A. Neame
Entertainment—Major (Mrs.) T. Wadsworth.
Home Investigation—Major Cornthwaite, S. A.
Education—W. S. Blake
Publicity—G. A. Macdonald

Three Cases from Timmins Being Tried at Cochrane

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One Man Already Convicted of High-Grading and Another Adjourned.

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Announcement is Made by British Command of the East African Army Today

British Forces Were Besieged in Tobruk Since Last Spring. Reported That the Two Forces Joined About Eight O'Clock This Morning at Ed Du Du.

A British war communique from Cairo early this morning announced that the main British forces attacking in Libya had contacted the British garrison that had fought its way out of Tobruk. The meeting was said to have taken place about eight o'clock this morning at Ed Du Du.

The meeting between the besieged forces in Tobruk and the main British army constitutes one of the biggest victories in the middle eastern campaign so far. The forces have been surrounded in Tobruk since early last spring when the British withdrew from Libya after a successful invasion. Since they were surrounded in Tobruk the British garrison has caused no end of trouble for the German and Italian forces by their gallant sorties and counter attacks. All the time they have been receiving supplies from the British Mediterranean fleet and from the R.A.F.

Coupled with the announcement that the two bodies of troops had met came another announcement that the smashing sorties of the Tobruk garrison and the powerful drive of the main British forces had virtually sealed the Nazi escape gap between Rezegh and Tobruk.

Axis forces reported that they had retaken Sidi Omar, near the Libyan-Egyptian border and near the spot where the recent British offensive started. They also report that Bardia is still in Italian hands. The British announced the capture of Bardia some days ago.

In Russia the battle is still raging around Moscow and though the Nazi forces claim large gains the Russians counteract the claims with statements that they are annihilating all Nazi troops that are anywhere near Moscow. One report says that in one sector of the Moscow front, 33 German tanks and five infantry battalions have been completely destroyed. The Germans claim that they are starting to penetrate the inner defences of Moscow.

The British report authoritatively that a German push south of Tula was continuing eastward toward the railroad joining Moscow and Ryzahak.

HEAR HUNS 16 MILES FROM MOSCOW

New York, Nov. 26—The Vichy radio today said German mechanized forces are now 25 kilometres, or less than 16 miles, from Moscow, having broken through southeast of Kilm. The radio quoted "German front reports." NBC heard the broadcast.

Vocational Guidance Committee in Charge of Programme at Kiwanis

Mr. Lyman Murray Explains the Meaning and Purpose of Vocational Guidance. Points Out that at the Timmins High and Vocational School the Career of the Pupil is Consistently Followed.

The programme at the Timmins Kiwanis luncheon at the Empire hotel on Monday was in charge of the Kiwanis Vocational Guidance Committee. A. G. Irving, chairman, and it proved both interesting, educational and valuable to all. Members expressed the opinion that it was one of the best meetings held recently.

Kiwanian Lyman Murray, principal of the Timmins High and Vocational School, was the speaker for the day and he not only explained the aims and purpose of vocational training but also detailed the way pupils are followed and assisted after they leave the school.

Vocational guidance, Mr. Murray said, is the process of educating a pupil concerning his future occupation, training him for this occupation, assisting him to find a place in this occupation, and also aiding him to progress in it.

Referring to the ideal set-up for vocational guidance Mr. Murray touched on the following points:—(a) One person should be in charge of department with no other duties. (b) His duties are to interview personally every new pupil as to plans for the future; to consider pupil in regard to general intelligence and special aptitudes; to advise pupil as to course to be taken and options chosen at end of school year; to be available for interview by older and more advanced pupils; to interview all employers in the locality as to qualifications required of employees and to acquaint them with the work of the school; to suggest placement of boys for end of school year; to obtain placements of graduates in positions best suited to their temperament and abilities; to follow up all placements, with a view to assist in adjusting any difficulties.

On the several points outlined Mr. Murray went into details that made the matter very plain and indicated the good work done by vocational training and vocational guidance. One special point that he made was that it is the plan now to give all pupils in the vocational school a general course for the first year, with a little of each type of shop work, to enable the student to make more intelligent choice as to his future work on the rest of the course.

Mr. Murray quoted figures to show the placements from the Timmins High and Vocational School in the years, as follows:—

Year	Commercial	Machine Shop	Electrical	Drafting	Assay
1941	14	10	3	2	0
1940	22	9	6	1	0
1939	24	2	5	1	0
1938	14	4	3	2	0
1937	24	15	4	2	0
1941	12	10	3	2	0
1940	24	9	6	1	0
1939	24	2	5	1	0
1938	14	4	3	2	0
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