

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Part of Tisdale Township To be Annexed by Town According to By-Law

McIntyre and Coniaurum Properties Are Affected by the Proposal. Council Leases Timmins Skating Rink for Eight and a Half Months.

A part of the Township of Tisdale will soon become a part of Timmins according to legislation that was set in motion yesterday afternoon by the council. A further account in the form of a statement from the clerk-treasurer appears in another column and is self explanatory. The McIntyre and Coniaurum properties are affected by the move. The lengthy by-law was read to the council yesterday afternoon and passed.

An agreement was also read to the council yesterday afternoon and a few changes were ordered made before it will be passed. The agreement concerns the Timmins Skating Rink. John Carnovale, the owner of the rink offered it to the council a couple of weeks ago and last week the council had their solicitors draw up an agreement. Yesterday the council wanted to make a few changes in the document and when they are made the council will be operating the Timmins Rink. Mr. Carnovale asked the council for six hundred dollars for the rent for the property for eight and a half months. The Hollinger consented to pay the rental fee if the town would undertake the operating of the rink. The town agreed to this and by next week they should be running the ice palace.

The Northern Broadcasting and Publishing Company, wrote to the council asking them to sponsor a programme on Christmas morning. It was their intention to present a recorded drama on Christmas morning for the children of the town. The drama chosen was Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", and the council was asked to pay the cost of the recordings, fifty dollars. After some discussion the council turned down the proposal, admitting that the idea was a good one but they couldn't see why some of the business firms shouldn't sponsor the programme instead of the town.

Caldwell and Yates, the town solicitors, wrote to the council telling them that they were not liable for damages in the case of L. Halperin. Last week Mr. Halperin wrote to the council telling them that when one of the town's sewers was blocked it had flooded his house and he wanted the town to pay the plumbing bill of seven dollars and fifty cents. The solicitors said that the town staff had corrected the trouble in less than two hours after the complaint had been received and they couldn't see where the town was responsible for the damage.

The department of Municipal Affairs wrote another letter to the council regarding the salvage campaign. They enclosed a circular letter that outlined the system used in the City of Toronto to collect fats and bones. Edward Rousseau and Donald Barr wrote to the council asking them if they would consider renting the Farmers' Market building to them in the winter. They said they were prepared to pay \$25 per month rent for the building but the council turned down the offer, saying that if they rented it to them it would be giving them a monopoly over the other farmers. They decided that the market would be closed after the beginning of the year.

A number of recommendations were received by the council for some new street lighting. The addition of several lights in different parts of the town was recommended but the council decided that they will leave the matter till next year.

C. McFadden was given a refund of \$15.03 when it was learned that the taxes on his property had been paid to the town twice.

J. Lebrun, W. J. Varin, Emerson

Carson and Mr. L. Worthington sang the duet, "O That We Too Were Maying."

Two little pupils of Mrs. A. Burt, charming little Shirley Thomas and Kathleen Burt, stole the hearts of everyone in the audience with their performance of "Sailors' Hornpipe," and two pupils of Mrs. Margaret Easton Shields, Joan Jeffries and Christine Rose, were popular with their rendition of the Highland Fling. Jack Thompson was the only boy dancer, winning more acclaim with his clever tap routine.

Comic songs by Jimmy Allen, with Mr. J. Thomas appearing as a woman, lent humour to the programme, while Tom Nixon's slight of hand tricks and magic intrigued both young and old, and made a special hit with the youngsters who occupied the front seats. Tom Wilkins, whose talent is known in this district, played a cornet solo, and the programme came to a close with the singing by the Porcupine Male Choir.

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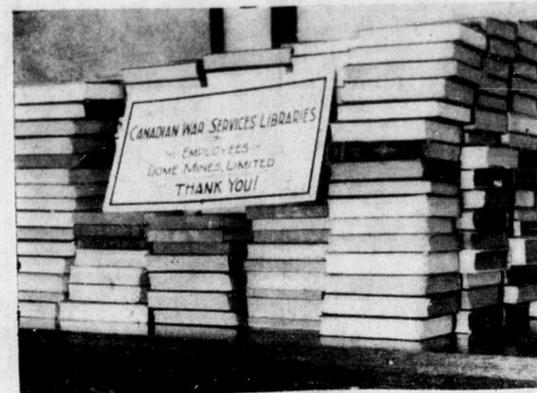
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600 BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS FROM DOME EMPLOYEES



A few weeks ago the Dome Mines Co. was approached by a representative of the Canadian War Services Library Council with a view to securing books for the men serving in the armed forces. The Dome passed on the appeal to its employees as requested, asking them to bring to the Dome office any books they could spare from their libraries at home. The employees, it should be noted were not asked to purchase new books, but merely asked to give any books they could spare from their own libraries. The response was certainly gratifying. Above is a picture of some of the books gathered for the Canadian War Services Libraries. The final count showed 600 books collected. A label was pasted in the inside of the cover of each book, so that the books can be identified as coming from the Dome employees. Recently the Dome was informed by the Canadian War Services Library Council that the books were sent as a unit to a new Royal Canadian Air Force training camp in the Maritimes. Any more books coming in at any time will be sent to the same station. There is no doubt but that the R.C.A.F. camp will be very much pleased with this gift.

Canadian Defenders of Island of Hong Kong are Reported Holding Well

Japanese Have Been Unable to Pierce the British, Canadian and Indian Lines in What is Described as the Fiercest Fight They Have Ever Engaged In.

The Canadian, British and Indian troops of the Hong Kong garrison are still holding out against overwhelming odds, a British communique said this morning. It added that many of the troops are isolated and are still fighting, but are attempting to break through to the eastern half of the island. Chinese troops fighting toward the west are attempting to break through to rescue the garrison. Military authorities in London held out very little hope that the brave men in Hong Kong could hold the entire Japanese army in an all-out attack by land, air and sea.

Another British communique said that the British defenders of Hong Kong had made small gains from firmly held lines and that the Malayan situation remained unchanged except for some aerial action in which two Japanese planes had been destroyed and two others badly damaged. The Japs were said to be in possession of the eastern half of the island. The British-Malayan troops were said to have inflicted heavy casualties on the Japs in a jungle battle about three hundred miles from Singapore.

From Manila it was reported that United States and Philippine forces were holding firm against a ferocious Japanese offensive on the Gulf of Lingayen. The attack was said to have been aimed at Manila. The far eastern army headquarters indicated that invasion fronts were blazing throughout the northern part of Luzon Island as the Japanese developed their landing on the golf coast 110 miles north of the capital.

District Price Control Office at North Bay

The regional office of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board for Northern Ontario has been established at 69 First Avenue West, North Bay, Ontario. This office supervises that part of Ontario north of a line west from Mattawa to Huntsville to Parry Sound and Georgian Bay including the Manitoulin Islands and all of Northern Ontario west from the Quebec border to a line running southerly from Hearst to Michipicoten on Lake Superior. Huntsville and Parry Sound are in the Toronto area.

A. T. Smith, prices and supply representative of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, is in charge of the district office. Mr. Smith, a North Bay businessman, received his appointment at the beginning of this month.

All enquiries, correspondence, claims and requests for information regarding the new "ceiling" law on prices, from the district, are handled through Mr. Smith and his staff.

Under the Wartime Prices and Trade Board Act, no retailer may sell goods at a price higher than the highest price charged for those goods during the basic period of September 15 and October 11. When the consumer or retailer finds that prices asked today are above those paid during the "ceiling" period, the regional office should be notified for necessary adjustments.

Intimidation Cases at Kirkland Lake Adjourned to Jan. 8

Kirkland Lake, Dec. 22—When 12 persons charged with intimidation in connection with the strike in eight district mines appeared in court before Magistrate S. Atkinson at Friday's session hearings were adjourned until January 8. Approach of the Christmas holiday period was given as reason for the postponement. Joe Rankin, vice-president of Kirkland Lake Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, faced two charges of intimidation preferred by E. Perry and A. Paquette, Tech Hughes mine workers who alleged Rankin attempted to deter them by threats from going to work. Rankin was not asked to plead. Others who appeared were: Barbara Pyskivey, J. S. Brown, Louis Radoman, George Lundstrum, Joseph LaFort, John Luta, E. Baxter, N. Greer, J. R. Hennessy, Joe Bozich and Cecil Peter. Peter, a non-union man, was charged with intimidating a union member. The strikers seek union recognition from the mine operators.

Young Men Wanted to Learn Air Force Trades and Crafts

From Flight Lieutenant O. W. From, Commanding Officer No. 7 Recruiting Centre, R.C.A.F., with headquarters at North Bay, Ont., there came to The Advance last week a letter suggesting some publicity in regard to the number joining the Airmen.

The letter refers to the number of recruits needed to keep pace with the demands of the R.C.A.F.

The following gives a good outline in regard to what is really needed and desired at present:—

The Galt Aircraft School operates under the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Programme and trains young men as Aero Engine Mechanics, Airframe Mechanics, or Wireless Operators (Ground).

Applicants for the Aero Engine and Airframe divisions should be from 18 to 30 years of age and have a minimum education of High School Entrance with some mechanical experience or aptitude. The length of the course is 16 weeks and 195 men are enrolled every 4 weeks.

Applicants for the Wireless Operator Ground division should be from 18 to 24 years of age and have a minimum education of 2 years High or Technical school with a fair knowledge of mathematics. The length of the course is 20 weeks.

Students are given a subsistence allowance of \$9.00 per week. Applicants must complete R.C.A.F. application form and furnish birth certificate, proof of education, registration certificate, and must pass an R.C.A.F. medical examination.

Each applicant is required to sign an agreement to enlist in the R.C.A.F. at the completion of the course. Transportation is provided from the applicant's home town to Galt.

For further information apply to the R.C.A.F. Recruiting Centre, 40 Worthington Street East, North Bay, Ontario.

Annual Christmas Party for Nurses and Friends

Auditorium of Nurses' Residence at St. Mary's Hospital is Setting for Event.

The nurses in training at St. Mary's Hospital, and many of their friends, enjoyed an especially pleasant evening on Monday night, at the annual Christmas party, which opened with an interesting programme by the probationary class, and continued with a social evening and dancing. The event took place in the auditorium of the Nurses' Residence, and about thirty couples were present to take part in the merriment.

Included on the fine programme were a Christmas play, a violin duet, a skit, and the singing of Christmas songs by a choir, while a special feature of the evening was a visit from Santa Claus with a gift for each person present. A large Christmas tree, with beautiful coloured lights and bright decorations, stood in one corner of the hall, and to this tree Santa Claus made his way.

A delicious lunch was served during the latter part of the evening, and Miss Virginia Brothers presided at the piano for the dancing.

Haileybury Officer is Chief of Intelligence Corps

Somewhere in England, Dec. 22—The new chief of the intelligence branch at corps headquarters is Capt. R. H. Unwin of Haileybury, formerly head of the intelligence section of 2nd Canadian Division. Serving with British Intelligence in the First Great War, he won the military cross in 1918 during the retreat from Cambrai.

Churchill and Roosevelt Meet in Washington and Talk of Victory Over Axis

Churchill Arrives Dramatically in Washington and Discussions Start This Morning. British Report That Axis Line of Retreat in Libya is Now Completely Cut Off.

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill put their heads together this morning on a unified victory programme for the destruction of the Axis powers and Japan had high priority in the discussions. Even before the capital had recovered from its surprise at Churchill's dramatic arrival, the conversations had got under way and the White House had become the general headquarters, at least for the time being, for the world-wide battle against totalitarian arms.

Accompanying Prime Minister Churchill on his historic visit were several important names from Britain, including Lord Beaverbrook and a staff of technical experts. There were also reports that the Prime Minister's visit might be of some duration.

British officials said today that the Battle of the Atlantic is going pretty well. No figures were given but officials said that the reduced level of British losses was being maintained. Strong Russian forces launching another phase of their battle to drive the Huns from the Moscow front were said to have hammered deep wedges into the enemy lines about seventy miles southwest of the capital. The momentum of the German drive has carried the Russians several miles into German positions.

Reports from Crimea described a major German attack against the Russian strongholds in that sector. The Russian situation in the Crimea was described as a desperate one. Russian defence lines are admittedly grave following German penetration of Russian defence lines in several sectors.

British communique regarding the battle in Libya reported that the Imperial columns now block the Axis line of retreat on the Gulf of Sirte, south of Bengasi and also reported the destruction of fifty-four planes in the air and on the ground. In London a military spokesman said that the German General Rommel may be forced to fight at Bengasi instead of falling back to Tripoli because of the success of the British troops in cutting off his line of retreat.

Lions Hold Final Meeting for Year Here Last Night

Next Meeting of Timmins Lions Club Will Be Held on January 5th.

The last regular meeting of the Timmins Lions Club for this year was held at the Empire Hotel last night and the meeting was very short and consisted mostly of carol singing. Guest at the meeting was Scotty Wilson, who played the piano accompaniment in the absence of Lion H. Trener, who had been called away owing to the death of his father.

A very inspiring Christmas message was delivered by Lion Mansell Napper, who told the members that he had been the recipient of \$250, a donation from a group of four ladies who had a knitting circle. These funds had accumulated and the ladies had decided to donate the funds to the Lions Club to be used in service work.

The date for the first meeting of the new year was decided on and the Lions will next meet at the Empire Hotel on Monday evening, January 5th.

Dennis Therrien Dies Suddenly at South Porcupine

South Porcupine, Dec. 23.—(Special to The Advance)—The death occurred suddenly this morning of Mr. Dennis Therrien, who arose as usual about seven o'clock and fell dead a few minutes later. It is expected that death was due to heart failure, although no inquest has yet been held.

The late Mr. Therrien, who resided at 56 Bruce avenue, was sixty-nine years old. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, two sons in town, and four children in the United States. No definite funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

Seven Men in Hospital as Result of Accident on Rea Hill Last Night

One Car Went Out of Control on Icy Hill, and Six Other Cars, Unable to Stop, Crashed. One Man Has Twisted Hip, but Other Injuries Not So Serious.

South Porcupine, Dec. 23.—(Special to The Advance)—Seven people are in hospital here today as a result of an accident, or series of accidents, which took place about ten minutes to six o'clock last night, about a quarter of a mile east of the Rea Hill on the highway. One car first went out of control on the icy road, and due to this same condition, six other cars were unable to stop, and crashed.

All in the cars were injured, although there are no broken bones, the most serious injury probably being a twisted hip, but all have received medical attention and are in hospital. Most of the injured were from Timmins: Albert Aubertin, of 75 Rae street north; Albert Osner, of 127 1/2 Wilson avenue; Geo. Fluter, of 184 Spruce street north; Noel Rich, of 57 Middleton avenue, and Walter Greenwood, of 57 Fogg street. One of the men is from South Porcupine: Einar Berglund, of 197 Front street, and the other man now in hospital, Edwin Bookler, is from the Coniaurum property.

The accident was investigated by the Tisdale police.

Excellent Programme at Birch Street Public School Benefit Concert

Audience Not as Large as the Event Warranted, but All Present Enjoyed a Delightful Evening of Music, Magic and Other Pleasing Items.

One of the most inspiring and interesting of Christmas programmes was presented on Friday evening in the auditorium of the Birch Street school by a group of local entertainers, to supply funds for the "B" club, a group of juveniles in their winter hockey. Although the attendance was not as large as had been expected, or as large as the programme merited, those present enjoyed every number of the programme, and eagerly applauded the performers.

Mr. F. M. Robinson, principal of the Birch Street School, acted as master of ceremonies, and Mr. F. Anglin thanked the performers at the conclusion of the programme.

The Porcupine Mail Choir, directed by Mr. Ron Jones, sang "O Come All Ye Faithful," "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," "Angels from the Realm of Glory," and by special request, the selection "Comrades in Arms." Vocal soloists were Mrs. P. H. Carson, Mr. Tai Bevan, and Mrs.