

British Still Hold Singapore

Clerk Leaves Tonight to Interview Government Re Mines Income Tax

Provincial Treasurer Has Not Yet Forwarded Town's Share of 1941 Mines Income Tax or Municipal Subsidy. Reported Three Departments in Argument About Paying It.

The Timmins council yesterday afternoon had quite a discussion in regard to the Municipal Subsidy and Mines Income Tax, when they held a special meeting. The discussion started when the clerk-treasurer informed the councillors that the town had not yet received its share of the mines income tax or the municipal subsidy for 1941. He suggested that the matter be attended to immediately as the provincial house opened this week and that the matter be brought before the proper officials.

The clerk-treasurer outlined a plan that was being followed in the townships of Teek, Tisdale and Whitney whereby they were sending their representatives to Toronto to interview the responsible parties. Teek had received their share of the income, the clerk said, but neither Tisdale, Whitney or Timmins had collected a cent of their share yet. He told the council that he had been in conference with the department of Municipal Affairs in Toronto on his last trip to the Queen City last month and he had been told at that time that the payment was being held back and was also given an inkling as to why this was being done.

It appeared that the department of education was complaining about the amount collected from the province going into the general funds of the town when it should go into the funds set aside for the school boards. It was pointed out that the department of education had refused to give their assent to the payment of the money so the provincial treasurer had his hands tied and couldn't pay out the tax.

The clerk said that Pat Murphy, clerk of Tisdale township, had outlined a proposal to be presented to the department officials explaining how the affair might be straightened out and he had suggested that the town of Timmins send a delegate to Toronto, as well. The council finally passed a resolution authorizing Clerk-Treasurer Art Shaw to represent the town on the delegation.

The council also passed a resolution authorizing the paying of a ten-dollar membership in the Association of Assessing Officers Ontario for Assessment Commissioner Art Shaw and Assessor A. Longmore. The letter from the association outlined the advantages of securing a membership in the association and said that the recent conference that resulted in the birth of the association had proved very successful and helpful to all who attended. Those attending had gained much assessing practice that would eventually result in more equitable assessment all over Ontario.

Two letters were received from the Timmins Library Board, one thanking the council for advising the board of the re-appointment of F. Burt to the board and the other asking for an increase in the annual grant to the board. It was pointed out that the Library Board would require \$11,500 this year while the grant was \$10,500 last year. The matter will be considered at a later date when the estimates for the year are considered.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind requested permission to hold a tag day on May 30th through the Timmins chapter of the I.O.D.E. Mrs. Keene, regent of the local chapter, asked for the tag day and said that the I.O.D.E. was in charge of it. Councillor Roberts said that the tag day was being considered.

The secretary of the Timmins Boys' Bugle Band wrote to the council asking the council to consider giving them a grant this year so that they could continue to function. It was pointed out that the band had done some fine work in the past year and that they had been financed practically all by private contributions last year but that they felt that they shouldn't ask for private contributions this year as the people were already overburdened with payments. The request was filed and will be considered with the estimates.

G. Dodd wrote to the council asking for permission to operate a woodyard at 257 Cameron street, north, and it was accompanied with the required petition signed by all adjoining property owners. The request was set aside so that it may be investigated and a decision will be reached at the next meeting.

The question of the bonding of various municipal employees was discussed and a few changes were made. Some of the employees had been given new jobs since last year and their bonds were raised in the proper proportion. Others were no longer with the municipality and their names were removed.

Councillor Eyre suggested that the council clean up the matter of Air Raid Precautionary work. He mentioned that he was receiving a large number of phone calls daily and didn't know what to tell the people. They all wanted to help out in some way but he was unable to inform them in one way or another till the council reached a decision. It was pointed out to him that the council was still tied up with the question and couldn't take any action at the present time because they lacked information about the whole thing. The clerk had written to the government about who was going to

bear the cost of the work and had not yet received an answer. The Municipal Act says that the municipalities are forbidden to spend any money on the work and so far the government has not informed the council that they will bear the expense. It was left over till next week and it was suggested that the newspapers publicize the fact that the council is unable to act on the question yet so that the public would discontinue phoning Councillor Eyre about the matter.

It was decided yesterday that the garbage collection trucks will be fitted with boxes to collect fats and bones so that the town could assist in the National Salvage Campaign. Mr. Wendall Brewer, of Timmins, had agreed to take the salvage if it was collected and, although he didn't guarantee anything, he promised that the venture would not cost the town anything. They might even get a profit from it. Miss Terry suggested that the bones and fats be collected anyway so that the public could see that the council was at least trying to help out.

A resolution was passed asking the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to broadcast the national newscast at ten o'clock instead of eleven o'clock. It was embodied in the resolution that a large number of miners who had to start work at eleven o'clock missed the newscast and others couldn't stay up late enough to hear it. Councillor Terry suggested that the resolution probably wouldn't get anywhere but said that it was a good idea to send it. A letter from the Second Victory Loan Committee asked that the large "V" lights and other street lighting be turned on for the duration of the campaign. A resolution was passed authorizing the power company to erect the lights for the duration of the campaign.

Scouts Hobby Show

The Kiwanis Boy Scout Troop will hold their second Hobby Show in the "K" Club hall, Fourth avenue, on Thursday evening next, Feb. 19th. There will be a notable display of crafts, novelties, etc., and everybody is invited.

Capt. Maxwell Allen to be Guest Speaker at Kiwanis

Capt. Maxwell Allen will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis at the Monday luncheon at the Empire hotel, and his address is looked forward to with the keenest interest. The meeting is to be a joint meeting of the three local service clubs, the Kiwanis, Lions and Kimsens. Capt. Maxwell Allen will be the special speaker at the second Victory Loan opening event at the Palace theatre on Sunday evening.

Cavalcade of Canada at Palace Theatre to Open New Victory Loan Drive

Pageant to be Presented Sunday Evening by High School Students. Capt. Maxwell Allen, Here in the Early Days to be Guest Speaker at Rally. Other Items in Drive for Victory Loan.

The second Victory Loan will be introduced in Timmins by a grand rally in the Palace theatre on Sunday evening after the church services. At this event, "Cavalcade of Canada," a pageant by the Timmins H. and V. S. students, will be presented. Capt. Maxwell Allen who was one of the first student ministers in charge of the Presbyterian church in Timmins, will be the guest speaker. Since he left Timmins 25 years ago, he has had a notable career both as a clergyman and in the service of his country. He has been with the Canadian Legion War Services since Jan. 1940. Community singing will also be featured Sunday night. Admission is by ticket only, and only a very few of these tickets are available at the Victory Loan office in the Empire hotel.

At the meeting of the Publicity Committee last night it was learned that the plan for a blackout in Timmins has to be dropped. Attorney-General Conant has refused permission for the blackout, saying that no blackouts are permitted until the town or city has A.R.P. arrangements completed. One of the coming features is the lighting of beacon fires across Canada. This will be here on the 20th, with a regular ceremony. The event will be



Anniversary Supper of Timmins United Church

Ever since the early days of the town the anniversary supper of the Timmins United Church has been an outstanding event, greatly enjoyed by all. This year it promises to be even better than ever. It will be held in the basement of the United Church on Saturday, Feb. 14th, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., sponsored by the ladies of the Women's Association of the church.

Boy Scouts to Hold Open Meetings for Baden-Powell Week

New District Commissioner to be Invested Monday Night.

Next week all over the civilized world the birthday of General Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts movement, is being observed. Local Boy Scouts are joining in the general plan of observing Baden-Powell Week.

On Monday evening at the Masonic hall Mr. S. A. Caldwell, the new Commissioner for the district, will be duly invested at a social evening event.

During the week each group of Boy Scouts and Cubs is holding open meetings. All the parents, the group committee and all friends of Scouting are cordially invited to come to these meetings and see a regular Scout gathering and what is done at these events.

On Sunday morning, Feb. 22nd, before the regular church services, all Scouts are to meet at the Scout hall, parade the streets, going up Fifth avenue, whether the Catholic Boy Scouts will drop into their churches for special services there and Protestant Boy Scouts proceed to their respective churches for special services there.

Joint Meeting Held by Schumacher and Timmins Lions Club

A joint meeting of the Timmins and Schumacher Lions Clubs was held on Monday night at the Lions Hall on Mountjoy street in Timmins. Speaker for the evening was Cecil Drummond, deputy district governor, who was in the district on his official visit. The speaker was introduced by Lion Willem Wylie, District Governor, and his fine talk was much appreciated by the members. He was heartily thanked by Lion W. Brewer and was presented with a clock. The hall was nicely decorated for the occasion with red, white and blue "V" for Victory signs.

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Saturday, Feb. 28th, Date of St. David's Night Banquet

The annual St. David's Night Banquet under the auspices of the Welsh Society of Timmins will be held in the Hollinger hall on Saturday night, Feb. 28th. This event is always one of the most delightful occasions of the year, and this year's programme promises to be of very special interest.

Funeral of the Late Eugene Leblanc Held Yesterday

Late Mr. Leblanc Won Hosts of Friends Here by His Friendly Geniality.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Church of Nativity for the late Eugene Leblanc, whose death on Saturday at his home, 1 Crescent avenue, came as a great shock to his many friends throughout the Northland.

The late Mr. Leblanc, a genial, friendly gentleman, well-liked and respected by all who knew him, came to Timmins in 1939, after twelve years spent in Cochrane, where he acted as manager of the Empire Theatre. For about two years he was manager of the Cartier Theatre here, and was later employed with the Palace Theatre. In his capacity of Cartier Theatre manager he came to know many Timmins and district residents, all of whom will extend sincere sympathy to his bereaved wife and family.

Born in Montreal, the late Eugene Leblanc was forty-six years old. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, the former Vera Gordon, two daughters, one in Quebec City and the other in Timmins, and one son, Bud, also in Timmins, as well as three sisters and three brothers.

For some time, the late Mr. Leblanc developed pneumonia during the latter stages of his illness, and in his weakened condition, was unable to combat this further illness. Burial was made in Timmins Catholic cemetery.

Deputy-District Governor Gives Members Short Talk, To Reorganize the Boys' Band.

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Canadian Legion Entertains Cubs at Happy Party

The Scout Committee of the Canadian Legion, Branch 88, entertained the Legion Cubs on Wednesday evening, the Cubs giving a display of work under the direction of Cub Leaders, Miss Simpson and Miss McDonald.

The hot dogs and "pop" which are among the most popular of boyhood treats, were served to the boys by the Ladies' Auxiliary, and a brief talk was given by Mr. Austin Neame, president of the Legion.

Included in the programme were imitations by Gerald Mackey; mouth organ selections by Nick Basicono; piano accordion solos by "Geno" Marescotto; and piano selections by Mrs. W. Johnson during the cub games. All the boys, and those who acted as hosts and hostesses, joined in community singing.

Have Permanent Secretary-Treasurer at Central School

Office Hours on School Days 9 to 12 a.m. and 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Last year Mr. J. R. Walker, who had been secretary-treasurer of the Timmins public school board for a number of years, resigned on account of the pressure of other business, but the resignation was not accepted until the end of the year. In December last year, however, Mr. Walker finding it necessary to discontinue as secretary-treasurer of the school board, it was decided by the board to secure a permanent secretary-treasurer on a full-time basis, the duties of the office being very numerous and constant. The board felt that a permanent secretary-treasurer would be a valuable asset to the board and to the town. The position was given to Mrs. Springham and an office given her in the Central school. Mrs. Springham has been carrying on the work very successfully for the past couple of months and the service has been of value not only to the school board and the school staffs, but also to the ratepayers who happen to have any business with the board or with the schools. Mrs. Springham's office hours are from 9 to 12 in the morning and from 2 to 4:30 in the afternoon on all school days.

Six McIntyre Rinks to Compete in Toronto 'Spiel'

Six curling rinks from Timmins and Schumacher will attend the big Ontario Tankard Bouspiel that is being held in Toronto next week. The rinks have been picked up from curlers of the McIntyre Curling Club. Some of the rinks are leaving for the Queen City tomorrow while others are motoring down on Saturday.

The following is the personnel of the rinks with the first-named being the skip, the second, the vice-skip, the third the second and the last-named as the lead:

Dr. Lou Hudson, Dr. Henry Hudson, Dick Fleming, Jack Dalton, Jr., Dr. Oscar Stahl, J. McNeil, Ken Hulme, O. Staples.

George Drew, Bill Rinn, Jack Davis, Horace Laidlaw.

Charles Arnot, M. E. Welt, H. Wheaten, C. Olliver.

Ike Solomon, George Mihm, R.edy Steski, Jerry Abrams.

Karl Eyre, Jack Gauthier, Fred Dwyer, Dan Pilon.

Funeral Yesterday Morning of the Late Mrs. P. J. Dunlop

Interment Made at Pembroke Cemetery.

Funeral services were held at the Church of Nativity at 1:15 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon for the late Mrs. P. J. Dunlop, popular resident of Timmins for the past several years, who passed away in St. Mary's hospital on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Dunlop, who had not been in good health for some time, was only in the hospital for one week, being taken seriously ill only shortly before her death. Her death came as a great shock to her numerous friends, who feel they have lost a true friend.

The remains were shipped to Pembroke for burial after the service, and were accompanied by the Mrs. Dunlop's husband and mother, Mrs. Ludgate of Pembroke, who arrived here on Tuesday evening. As the cortege left the church, the pupils of the Separate Schools, for which Mr. Dunlop is chairman of the board, formed a guard of honour, and school teachers followed the relatives in the cortege.

Also attending the funeral were members of the Catholic Women's League, of which the late Mrs. Dunlop had been a valued member. She was also valued as an energetic worker for the Red Cross, being a member of the group headed by Mrs. A. R. Harkness. The late Mrs. Dunlop, who made her home at 3 Patricia Boulevard, was forty-three years old. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, three daughters, Daphne, twelve years, Margaret, ten years and Shirley, seven years; her mother; a sister, Mrs. Evans of Schumacher, and a brother.

Japanese Troops Reported in Nipponese Comunique to be in Streets of City

Japs Claim to Have Complete Mastery of Air With Not One Single British Plane in Sight. Also Claim to be Blasting Twenty-Five British Transports in Harbour. London Admits Situation Serious.

United Church Anniversary

Dr. R. S. Laidlaw to Conduct the Services Sunday.

Dr. R. S. Laidlaw, of the United Church at Iroquois Falls, and Past President of the Toronto Conference will give the sermons at the morning and evening services of the Timmins United Church on Sunday, these being the twenty-sixth anniversary services of the United Church in Timmins. The anniversary supper will be served on Saturday evening in the church, and will also be attended by the Rev. Mr. Laidlaw.

Ministerial Association Against Sunday Funerals

Schumacher, Feb. 11 — (Special to The Advance)—At a recent meeting of the Porcupine Ministerial Association the subject of Sunday funerals was considered and it was unanimously carried that—Whereas the practice of holding funerals on Sundays is undesirable because of Sunday work involved in connection with the undertaking staffs and grave diggers, and whereas it disrupts Sunday duties of the clergy, therefore the Porcupine Ministerial Association express its disapproval of this practice.

The Rev. N. A. Healey, secretary-treasurer of the association, reports that the next meeting of the association will be held March 9th at the Church of England Rectory, South Porcupine.

Mrs. R. Chalmers Died at Hospital This Morning

Esteemed Resident of Timmins for Fifteen Years.

Numerous friends throughout Timmins and District mourn the death of Mrs. Robert Chalmers, who passed away at St. Mary's hospital (this Thursday) morning. Well-known and popular with all who were privileged to call her "friend," the late Mrs. Chalmers had been a resident of the town for the past fifteen years. No definite funeral arrangements have been made, the remains resting at the Walker's Funeral Home.

The late Mrs. Chalmers was born in New Brunswick forty four years ago, and made her home in Timmins at 56 Tamarack street. She was a valued member of the Eastern Star, and was active in the work of the United Church. Left to mourn her loss are her husband and three children, Catherine, Roberta and David.

Councillor Spooner Tells Council of Changes Made in Milk Control Order

Price of Milk to Both Producer and Consumer Remains Unchanged Under New Order. Milk Must Now be Sold for Cash and Deposit Required on Empty Bottles.

Some important changes in the sale of milk were brought out at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the council when Councillor J. W. Spooner presented a report to the council. Councillor Spooner is the consumers' representative on the milk board.

One of the important items in the report is that the price of milk to the producer as well as the consumer will remain unchanged. Certain restrictions are placed on the sale of cream and no more homogenized milk will be sold for the duration of the war. Milk will now be sold for cash or tickets only and a deposit will be required on bottles when no empty is left for exchange. Another of the changes is that no advertising will be carried on the bottles.

The changes were recommended to the Ontario Milk Control Board last October when Councillor Spooner was in Toronto.

The following is the report as presented to the council: February 11th, 1942 The Mayor and Councillors: Regarding Milk Prices

The Ontario Milk Control Board has issued a new order which will become effective on February 27th. The price of milk paid the producer will remain the same as formerly, that is \$3.24 per hundredweight. The Federal Govern-

ment is now paying a bonus of 30c per hundredweight. The retail price of milk and cream to consumers will remain the same, that is 14c per quart for milk and 90c per quart for whipping cream. The sale of cream is restricted to whipping cream containing no more than 33% butterfat and cereal cream containing no more than 12% butterfat. No homogenized milk shall be sold for the duration of the war. All dairy products must be sold for cash or tickets only. A 5c deposit will be required on all bottles where there is no empty bottle to exchange. Public Welfare accounts may receive a 10% discount below the retail price when such accounts are paid directly by the municipality. Distributors will discontinue advertising through the medium of applied lettering on bottles. The distributors shall operate a bottle exchange and shall use their best endeavours to see that bottles are returned to their rightful owners. I might say that all of these changes were recommended to the Board when I visited Toronto in October last. All of which is respectfully submitted for your attention. J. W. SPOONER, Consumers' Representative

The battle of Singapore still rages on today but even the British communique from London admit that the situation appears hopeless. The British troops were believed to be still holding out but military quarters in London admitted that they had not received direct communication from Singapore since 4:30 p.m. yesterday. The Singapore radio was heard weakly yesterday morning at eight o'clock but its signals were unintelligible. Cable companies reported that their lines to the island were still open. Though the British stand was feared to be hopeless the military expert voiced the opinion that it was undoubtedly still strong. The Japs, with their landing operations across the Straits of Johore now unimpeded, were known to be using light and medium tanks in the battle and it was admitted that they were undoubtedly using the causeway that connects the island with the mainland. All airdromes on the island were reported to be under fire and were untenable.

The Japanese communique regarding the fight for Singapore claimed that the Jap troops were already in the streets of the city and that they had asked the civilians to leave the zone of operations and seek shelter. It also claimed that the Jap planes were in complete control of the air and that twenty-five transports in the harbour, preparing to dash for freedom, were bombed with half of them either sunk or left burning. They claimed that every avenue of escape had been blocked and that they were now mopping up parts of the city.

From Rangoon comes the report that the British are fighting hard to stem a Jap thrust at the vital Burma road. The Japanese offensive, driving northward from Martaban was said to be a fierce battle with casualties high. The loss of Martaban was acknowledged yesterday by the British. The most imminent threat to Burma and the lifeline to China was said to be along the lower Salween and northwest around the Gulf of Martaba to the capital of Rangoon.

Pilot Officer O'Neill Now Presumed to be Dead

Parents of Pilot Officer Barney O'Neill received word this week that as no further report has been received about their son, who was reported missing after a flight over enemy territory a few months ago, the government presumes him to be dead.

Home and School Club to Meet on Wednesday, Feb. 18

The February meeting of the Central Home and School Club has been changed to Wednesday, Feb. 18th. The Finnish people are taking over the programme, and they hope there will be a large attendance of both Canadian and Finnish people.

The Past Grands of Timmins L.O. O.F. are to exemplify the First Degree at the lodge meeting at the hall here on Tuesday evening, Feb. 17th.