

Is the Red Cross Work Worth While? Soldiers From District Answer!

Extracts from Letters Written by Men from Schumacher and District Should Prove an Encouragement and Inspiration Not Only to Red Cross Workers but to the Public at Large.

Is the Red Cross work worth while? Schumacher Red Cross has the answer to that one — an answer that should prove an inspiration and an incentive not only to Red Cross workers but to the general public to increased support of the truly wonderful work of the Red Cross.

Here are letters from men overseas — men from this district — men known to many here — men in position to know.

Last December the Schumacher Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society forwarded a parcel to each of the men in Active Service who came from Schumacher and district. Many replies have been received from these men expressing their appreciation. Here are a few of them with quotations from their letters.

S. H. Cowden, Spr. wrote: "I certainly appreciated the fact that the members of the Canadian Red Cross Society have not forgotten us fellows over here who are trying to do our bit, and who are proud to be doing so."

"I am sure that the rest of the boys think the same as I and hope that we can repay you all, not only in Canada, but all over the world by winning this war."

Archie Villeneuve expressed appreciation for the parcel and wrote: "I have just received your gift parcel. I must say it was a very nice one and it was very nice of you. Thanks a million. We had a swell Christmas and very good food. We also had a very good concert given by the Red Cross."

T. W. Thomas, Sgt. wrote: "I must first say that I wish to express my deep appreciation for this gift. You really can have no idea just how much a parcel of that kind is valued, containing practically everything a soldier needs and most of these articles are practically unobtainable in England nowadays."

"Will you please express to your fellow committeemen and members, and ladies who assist you my eternal thanks for their thoughtfulness and try to express how grateful we all are at this time."

Included in each parcel was a list of men from the district who were then overseas, and in numerous letters appreciation was expressed for this list as it recalled to them many friends, some of whom they had not heard of for some time.

Tom Tyrrell, Lieut. R.C.E. wrote: "I was very pleased indeed to receive, by today's mail, the very fine parcel from the Schumacher Branch of the Red Cross."

"Not only were the things in it much appreciated but the letter, with names of fellows I knew was like a touch of home."

In speaking of rehabilitation following air raids Lieut. Tyrrell wrote: "I have a few suggestions to make, if I may, for little additional touches, based on my own experience. When bombing victims have finally been made comfortable (the first necessity — and your "normal" sort of gifts do that wonderfully) there is nothing perks up their morale nearly so much as some sort of extra gift they would not otherwise obtain. The following simple articles are almost unobtainable here:

"Chocolate bars, razor blades, toys, Bobby pins, lipstick and Kleenex."

A. J. Orr, Spr. wrote: "We all have to take our hat off to the Red Cross for helping us boys keep in fighting shape. In England the Red Cross sure are doing their share in this great struggle for peace. We meet many Red Cross workers and they are always willing to give us boys a hand when we go on leave."

Basil McDonald, Spr. wrote: "I received your parcel from the Red Cross and certainly was pleased to be remembered by them. I wish to thank the Committee for their time and work and I can assure you it certainly was appreciated."

H. L. Davis, Sgt. wrote: "Your box of 'Soldiers' Comforts' arrived here at the unit yesterday in very good condition. May I take this opportunity of thanking each and every one of you who have made this very nice remembrance possible."

"Your parcel came as a great surprise but believe me each and every article is well appreciated and very acceptable. We have been receiving Red Cross articles regularly since arriving overseas."

A. D. Jackson, Pte. wrote: "We have received a lot of socks, sweaters, scarves, etc. from the Red Cross here. They are very nice to get and far superior to the army issue."

D. Duxfield, Pilot Officer, wrote: "Practically everyone in uniform and 'muff' over here these days benefit sometime by your Society's great work. All we can offer in return is our appreciation and a promise to do a good job of our work."

No one can read these letters and not be spurred to greater efforts. A great work has been done, but there still remains much to do.

Victory Bond is Purchased by Gold Nugget Rebekahs

Report of Month's Work Given at Regular Weekly Meet.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Gold Nugget Rebekah Lodge held on Thursday evening in the lodge rooms of the Oddfellows' Hall, the members decided to purchase a Victory Bond and to give a donation to Chinese Relief.

The Noble Grand, Mrs. C. F. Lacy, reported that forty-two pairs of socks, two turtle-neck sweaters, and one scarf were among the knitted articles completed during the month of February and that also during the last month, two quilts were made for England's Bombed Victims.

Plans were completed for the afternoon tea on Wednesday, March 4th, at the home of Mrs. M. McChesney, 20 Hart Street.

VICTORY BONDS WILL HELP PROTECT THEM



—Courtesy of The Vancouver Province

Woodhouse and Hawkins to be Here in Person at Legion Event in June

Miss Jeannette Garrette, Famous Dancing Star, Also to be Here, as Well as Pupils of Mrs. Margaret Easton-Shields, Crowded Programme of Headliners for Second Annual "V" Celebration Week.

With a view to giving the people of the Porcupine Camp an opportunity to enjoy a good show and at the same time help along one of the district's outstanding war efforts, the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion are now completing preparations for its second annual "V" Celebration Week.

Many requests have come from far and near for a return engagement of Miss Jeannette Garrette, the dancing star, whose talent and art won her many friends in the Porcupine. It is now assured that Miss Jeannette Garrette will be the featured star of the grand stage show planned.

Looking over the radio features, "Woodhouse and Hawkins," by public opinion ranked the highest and after checking their schedule for the year, they find that they can accept the Legion's offer for a full week's engagement.

One of the highlights of last year's show was the dancing of Margaret Easton Shields' talented pupils, after only a few days of rehearsals. Mrs. Shields has accepted the invitation to again present her pupils. They are now busy on a charming dance revue which will please all attending.

From time to time other features will be added and the carnival games along with bingo should attract many.

The "V" Celebration will be held the week of June 22nd to 27th and the proceeds will go to the Legion war effort. Much could be written in regard to this work, but The Advance feels that this is not necessary, because every citizen is familiar with all activities of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion. Check your calendar for the above dates at the McIntyre Arena and plan to see a real top-notch show while helping the boys on Active Service.

Smith Falls Record-News — Let's hope the sugar rationing eases up a bit ere the rhubarb season comes around—one of our Spring treats.

Gasoline Ration Books Ready at A. W. Lang's if Applications Made Out

Application Forms Available at Post Office. No Delay at A. W. Lang's if Applications Completed Before Presentation. Ration Books Ready to be Handed Out.

Last week Mr. A. W. Lang told The Advance that he had the new gasoline ration books ready to hand out, the only requirement being that the application forms be completed before being handed in to him. Without these books the motorist will find it impossible to purchase gasoline.

Application forms are now available at the Timmins post office. All that the motorist needs to do is to call the post office and fill out the application form. Mr. Lang emphasizes the fact that the application form must be completed before it is handed into his office. If the application is properly made out in full and duly signed, there

Results in Recent Tests at Porcupine Skating Club

During a recent week-end, three well-known Canadians acted as judges for the Porcupine Skating Club at the McIntyre Arena. The judges, Mrs. Constance Wilson Samuel, Mr. Gordon Jeffries, and Dr. J. A. Priestman, were entertained during their visit by Mr. R. J. Ennis, general manager of the McIntyre Mines, as well as by other officials of the McIntyre.

The following are those who passed in the tests:

- Preliminary Test — Betty Gilbert, Hikka Filippula, Jacqueline Byers, Roger Tondhurst, Anita Flynn, Harold Neilly, Bill Paul, Julie Popovitch, Catherine Pecaric, Marjorie Wharton, Mrs. Urquhart, Mrs. Seal, Francis Murray, Joan Lacasse, Mr. Lafontaine, Dorothy Pratura, Velma Popovitch, John O'Donnell, Sheila Moran, Kathryn Lafontaine, Betty Keeley, Eileen Johnson, Miriam Bucovsky, Madeleine Fournier, Jimmie Fraser, Roy Dunbar, Katie Burke, Patricia Campbell, Mrs. Dobson, Joyce Jenkins.
- First Test—Patty Scully, Elizabeth Sandul, Gloria Lilloco, Margaret Keeley, Vera Jenkins, Tom Harkness, Alex Fulton, Olga Bernyk, Mildred Verbik, Marjorie Tomkinson.
- Second Test—Patty Scully, Gloria Lilloco.
- Third Test—Gloria Lilloco, Patty Scully.
- Fourth Test—Gloria Lilloco.

Dance Test Results

Continental Waltz—Olga Bernyk, Katie Burke, Alex Fulton, Joyce Jenkins, Vera Jenkins, Mrs. Thompson, Barbara Barry, Margaret Keeley, Elizabeth Sandul, K. Urquhart, Madge Austin, Gloria Lilloco.

Fourteen Step—Olga Bernyk, Katie Burke, Jim Dutton, Anita Flynn, Alex Fulton, Tom Harkness, Joyce Jenkins, Vera Jenkins, Mrs. Thompson, Patty Scully, Margaret Keeley, Francis Murray, Elizabeth Sandul, Marjorie Tomkinson, Madge Austin, Gloria Lilloco.

Township of Tisdale Has \$10,000 Victory Loan Bonds

In announcing a special purchase of \$10,000 worth of Victory Loan bonds by the township of Tisdale, Mr. E. W. Brooks, organizer for the second Victory Loan for the District of Cochrane, said this week:

"The Township of Tisdale has bought \$10,000 worth of the new Victory Loan. This purchase was not made from surplus funds but from a reserve fund that was set up for future use. Rather than leaving the money idle in the Bank the Township gets 3% and the Government gets the use of the money."

Toronto Telegram—The girl who sets her heart on a good catch sometimes misses the throw.

Porcupine Skating Club, McIntyre Concert Band Present Fine Programme

Event in Interests of Victory Loan Proves Very Pleasing Entertainment. Selections by Band, with Cornet Solos, Feature Musical Programme, Skating Numbers of Special Interest. Inspiring Address by Mr. W. H. Wylie

Hundreds of Timmins, Schumacher and district residents formed the enthusiastic audience which applauded the Victory Loan Show at the McIntyre Arena on Sunday evening. The McIntyre Concert Band and members of the Porcupine Skating Club provided a continuous programme of music and skating, while Mr. Wm. Wylie spoke on behalf of the Victory Loan Drive.

Mr. Joe Pratura gave two cornet solos, "The Volunteer" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," as part of the programme presented by the McIntyre Band, while, directed by Bandmaster J. W. S. Lomas the band played several selections, including "There's Something About a Soldier," "Star Spangled Banner," "Freedom's Flag," "The Mountain Rose," and the national anthem.

Mr. Wylie thanked the McIntyre Porcupine Mines for providing such excellent facilities for the event, and gave a special vote of thanks to those who took part in the programme. He mentioned that most towns and villages of the Cochrane district had reached their objective in the Victory Loan Drive, that South Porcupine had exceeded her objective, and that Timmins and Schumacher only had about forty per cent. of their objective.

In closing, Mr. Wylie quoted the poem "A Message From Singapore," written by a Canadian airman, and read recently by Sir Cedric Hardwicke on the Victory Loan National Show.

In opening the figure skating programme, Dr. W. D. Robson announced that the Porcupine Skating Club had purchased a one thousand dollar bond, five hundred dollars of which was to be paid from the treasury, and the other five hundred dollars the club hoped to accumulate from the proceeds of the annual carnival on April 18th and 20th.

Solo skating was performed excellently by Alex Fulton, Mildred Verbik, Olga Bernyk, and Velma Popovitch, while pair-skaters were the graceful Jenkins sisters, Joyce and Vera, talented Margaret Keeley and Alex Fulton, and the charming juniors, Jacqueline Byers and John O'Donnell. The juniors gave a display of fine group work in the Precision number, while the seniors danced the Formation Ten Step as a finale.

Many Local Lions Curling in Big District Bonspiel

Meeting Monday is Short so That Members May Curl in Porcupine Bonspiel.

The regular weekly dinner meeting of the Timmins Lions Club was short this week although there was a good attendance. Other activities in the district cut the length of the meeting as most of the members wanted to get away so they could attend the hockey game at the McIntyre Arena and others were scheduled to curl in the Porcupine Bonspiel that is in progress this week.

Most of the time at the meeting was taken up with community singing during which period Ken Hulme held the spotlight with his accompaniments on the guitar.

Guest at the meeting was Henry Roy, and the chairman was Lion Bill McDermott who was pinch-hitting in the absence of President Stan Fowler.

South Porcupine Trying for 125 per cent. of Quota

Passed Objective Set. Still Going Strong.

Mr. E. W. Brooks, organizer for the District of Cochrane in the Victory Loan campaign is well pleased with the success of the drive at South Porcupine. In this connection he said this week:

"South Porcupine Canvassing District reached its quota on Friday night with a reported total of \$204,000 as against an objective of \$195,000. The canvass is being done by members of the South Porcupine Kiwanis augmented by Mrs. Jennie Makie, Mrs. Linnie Laine, Mrs. Anne Kemp, Mrs. Aileen Laitinen, Miss Marjorie Costain, Mrs. Capt. Eva Ewing, Miss Margaret Roberts, Miss Beulah Rayner, Mrs. V. Rayner, Miss Mary Leeney, Miss Mary Houston, Mrs. J. A. Wilder and Mrs. J. W. Bawtirheimer.

"Some of the highlights of the campaign have been the purchase of \$3,000 by the Porcupine General Hospital Fund and the fact that every member of the Hospital Staff purchased a bond. The Township of Tisdale has taken \$10,000 worth of bonds.

"The South End canvassers are now striving to add 25% to their objective."

Beer Booster is Fined Two Hundred Dollars in Tuesday Afternoon Court

Ben Zerkowski Pays Big Fine for Supplying Beer to Blindpig. Serious Charge of Obstructing Justice is Withdrawn. Charge is Reduced from Keeping for Sale

Magistrate Atkinson expressed his opinion regarding "beer boosters" in police court this week as he fined Ben Zerkowski, an agent for Canada Bud Breweries, two hundred dollars and costs on a charge of keeping for sale. A vigorous argument was put up for the defence by Mr. S. C. Platus, who argued that the man was not guilty of the serious charge of keeping for sale but might be guilty of illegal possession.

Magistrate Atkinson pondered for some time before reaching a decision and finally fined the man, telling him at the same time that he was fortunate to get off that lucky. He had no use, he said, for any of these persons who make a business of supplying blindpigs with beer. He told the man that the next time he appeared before him on a similar charge he would probably fine him a thousand dollars.

Police testified that they had raided the premises of Mrs. Marie Pelletier on the night of February 20th and had seized a quantity of beer. The beer had not been bought by the woman and when queried by the police as to where she had purchased it the woman was said to have answered that her "booster" had supplied her with it. She then went into detail explaining how the "booster" would deliver her beer any time she wanted any. She said that she didn't give him any written instructions or didn't accompany him to the Brewer's warehouse to purchase the beer.

The police wanted to question her again the next day and found that she was sick but the woman's son had explained the same thing to them all over again and it was then suggested to him that the "booster" be apprehended. The man was given a ten dollar bill from which the police had copied the serial numbers and was asked to place an order with the man. The son then phoned for Zerkowski and shortly afterwards Zerkowski appeared at the house and the order for two cases of beer was given to him verbally. While this was going on the police were in an adjoining room making a note of all conversation.

Zerkowski then disappeared and the police came out of concealment and issued further instructions to the son and then went into a woodshed that was attached to the building to await the return of the "victim." About fifteen minutes later Zerkowski was noticed by the police to be approaching the house with two cases of beer in his arms and then they saw him enter the house. They waited till Zerkowski again came out and then arrested him.

They searched Zerkowski and found the ten dollar bill that they had given to Mr. Pelletier in his pocket and Mr. Pelletier told them that he had paid for the beer which was on a chair in the kitchen of the house.

In reply to questions from the defence both of the constables were quite

frank and clear in their answers and they told of Pelletier's readiness to help them out. Both testified that they had accompanied the deputy-chief the night before on the raid to Mrs. Pelletier's residence. Both officers denied that any inducement had been offered to Pelletier to play his part in the case.

Mr. R. Charlebois was called to the stand and he swore that Zerkowski had not purchased any beer on the day the charge was laid. He said that the police had approached him and asked him to check up on the day's sales and he said that he had not found Zerkowski's name among the slips. When asked by the defence if a Mr. Dave Mitchell had purchased any beer that day, the witness replied that he had.

Mr. Pelletier then took the stand and related practically the same story as the constables. He told, in detail, what part he had played in the case. Mr. Platus then placed Zerkowski on the stand in his own defence and the witness told of receiving a call from a person whom he thought was Mrs. Pelletier and of going to her home. When he arrived there he found that Mrs. Pelletier was sick and that her son was in the house. He asked him to bring two cases of beer and he had departed to get the beer. When he delivered the beer and collected for it the police appeared and placed him under arrest. He told of meeting a Mr. Mitchell on the way to the warehouse and said that Mr. Mitchell had ordered two cases of beer from him so he had merely delivered that beer to Mrs. Pelletier's home so that he could make a purchase for himself later in the day. When he made his own purchase he intended to purchase two cases for Mr. Mitchell as well.

In the cross-examination the witness admitted that he had not received a written order from Pelletier but had been asked to deliver the beer to him. Mr. Platus, in summing up for the defence, said that beer boosting is not illegal and although his client might be guilty of an offence he certainly wasn't guilty of keeping for sale. The crown might be able to prove him guilty of a charge of illegal possession but not selling, he said. He described how an agent is allowed expenses each week to advertise his product and told of the manner in which the product is advertised.

Assistant Crown Attorney Yates then replied to the defence by saying that the man admitted his guilt of keeping for sale. All that the crown was required to show in proving the case was an act of purchasing the beer and of selling the beer. It was not necessary to show that the defendant had made a profit or not, but it was simply a case of showing whether the defendant had sold the beer and in this case he contended that the defence had already admitted that. He added that it was an unusual case in

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Hundred Dollar Fine for Having Beer While Being on the Interdicted List

Napoleon Migneault Told by Board that he Can't Have Beer in His Possession but Police Find Over Three Cases and He Admits Ownership. Several Motorists Charged.

Napoleon Migneault, a young man who seems to get into trouble with the law quite frequently, was in court again this week. He was facing a charge of keeping beer for sale as well as another charge of having a quantity of beer in his possession while being prohibited by the Liquor Control Board. On the first charge the crown withdrew the charge when Magistrate Atkinson imposed a penalty of one hundred dollars fine or three months in jail on the other charge when the accused admitted to him that he owned the beer.

Police testified that they had raided the establishment kept by Migneault at 376 Cedar street north, on March 1st and they found three full cases of beer and seven loose bottles. Migneault admitted that he owned the beer so the police arrested him.

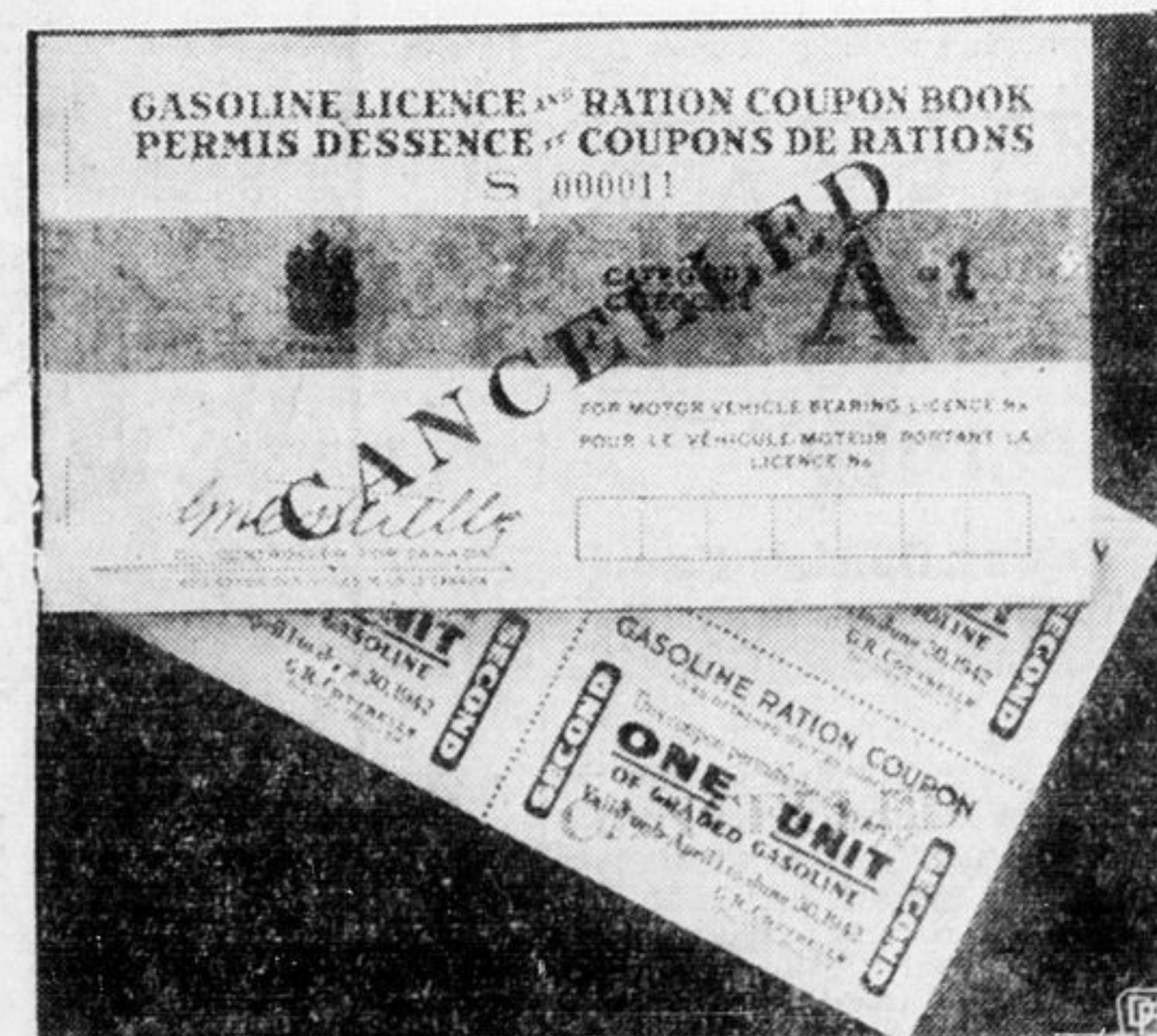
Migneault conducted his own cross-examination and asked Sergeant Lepic if he had told him that he had been on the interdicted list a year before but understood that he was no longer on the list. The sergeant said that he remembered the question about being on the list a year ago but couldn't remember whether the accused had told him that he didn't know he was still on the list.

Magistrate Atkinson then interrupted and told the accused that it didn't make any difference anyway as he should have made sure that he wasn't on the list before he kept any beer in his possession. The magistrate then asked him if he owned the beer and when he answered in the affirmative the magistrate imposed the fine.

The charge of keeping beer for sale against Migneault was then withdrawn by the crown.

Jeanette Sturgeon pleaded guilty to consuming beer while being an interdicted person and was fined ten dollars and costs. Two ordinary drunks paid the ordinary ten dollar fines.

Leon Cousineau was charged by Wilfrid Laurin with failing to pay his wages but he agreed to pay the wages so the charges were withdrawn with costs.



"Fill her up" will become an unfamiliar phrase when gasoline rationing goes into effect in Canada on April first. For each coupon the service station attendant catches from your book, shown here, he will deliver one unit of gasoline. If you want only half a unit, the seller can bisect one coupon along a perforated line. When the plan was first announced it was thought a coupon would be for five gallons, but the shortage is becoming more acute and no one can predict how much it will represent.

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