

## Fifteenth Annual Vimy Banquet Under Auspices of the Timmins Legion

To be Held This Evening (Thursday) at the Legion Hall. Event This Year Has Double Significance for the Veterans of the Last War. Programme of Interest Prepared for Occasion.

"Will the Canadian 'Commando's' pull off another surprise attack on the Nazis to-day?" This is the question the veterans are asking one another the reason being that this April 9th marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the capture of Vimy Ridge, April 9th, 1917. Rumours and official statements released to the press of how the Canadian lads now in Great Britain are itching for a "crack at the Huns," and no better start could be made than to celebrate this special anniversary by some form of this "crack at the Huns." The Advance and all Great War veterans are looking for something to happen and have great confidence in the leadership and ability of the Canadian Forces to make it a good one.

The local branch of the Canadian Legion will fittingly celebrate the occasion. This will take the form of a turkey dinner in the Legion hall at 8:00 p.m. (to-night).

## Three Drunk Drivers are Given Jail Terms and Bootlegger Convicted

Three Motorists Plead Guilty to Charges of Drunk Driving. Aurele Charbonneau Hides Liquor in Snowbank but Provincials Catch Him Anyway. Acting Magistrate S. C. Platus Presides.

In the absence of Magistrate Atkinson, who was ill this week, Mr. S. C. Platus, relieving magistrate for this district, sat through the regular weekly police court in Timmins on Tuesday and handled the session in able way, and the docket was a lengthy one but most of the cases were settled before court opened and by the time the session got under way there were six cases to be heard. Three of the six were sentenced to jail terms when they pleaded guilty while the other three were sentenced after they had been found guilty of the charges against them.

Three of the men sentenced to jail terms were Frank Ash, Napoleon Bolduc and Emile Nadeau, who all pleaded guilty to drunk driving charges. They all received the customary term of ten days in jail and had their licenses cancelled for six months besides having their cars impounded for three months. All had been involved in minor accidents last week-end.

Edward Journeau, sixty-seven-year-old Timmins man, living at 41 Wilson avenue, again appeared in court to answer a charge of supplying beer to an interdicted person and pleaded not guilty. However, after considerable evidence was taken, he was found guilty and fined fifteen dollars and costs. He paid the fine.

Last week Mr. Journeau paid fifty dollars to the court when he lost the ball that he had put up for the woman who had been drinking the beer when the police arrived. This week's fine boosted his expenses to more than eighty dollars.

Sergeant Albert Lepic testified that he and Constable Vic Belanger had received information that an interdicted person was consuming beer at Journeau's home so they paid him a visit. When they entered the kitchen of the two-room house they found Journeau and two other men sitting around a table talking. In the bedroom they noticed Mrs. Arnelin Chenier, a woman whose name was on the interdicted list, and another woman whom they did not know so they went in to investigate. They found a party filled bottle of beer in front of each of the women and in front of Mrs. Chenier was a partly filled glass. Both of the women were under the influence of liquor, the sergeant said.

The sergeant then outlined the conditions within the house and said that a case of beer was on the floor of the kitchen but that neither of the men in the kitchen were drinking. He asked Journeau if he had served any beer to the women but he denied that he had given them any, adding that anybody who wanted beer just helped themselves. The sergeant said that all the people in the house were under the influence of liquor when they entered but that the two women were the only ones who had anything to drink in front of them.

Sergeant Lepic's evidence was corroborated by Constable Belanger. Journeau was then placed on the stand by the defence and he denied that he had given any beer to the women but said that they had come to his place and asked him if they could go into his bedroom to talk. He had given them permission to go in and talk but had not given them permission to take any of his beer. He told the court that the beer was in his bedroom and not in the kitchen as the constables had said. He admitted that both women had been drinking before they came to his place.

Another witness for the defence, Mr. Plourde, who had been in the kitchen talking to Journeau when the police

files of The Advance in connection with this first Legion Vimy banquet such names as A. Neame, J. G. Harris, Dr. A. S. Porter and W. A. Devine are mentioned as on the committee—each of these are still very active members. As year followed year the annual event gained in popularity, the "Legion plays" became one of the things to look forward to. Names mentioned in following issues of The Advance are Fred Curtis, James Cowan, Geo. Nippers, W. D. Forrester, C. Keates, Joe Ormston, along with those mentioned above. Some of the members who assisted in the programmes of Vimy banquets have left the camp; others have passed beyond; to the latter the Legion pays its respects in fitting manner at each and every gathering—"They are not forgotten men."

To-night's event, owing to the present struggle, will be minus a lot of frills, but the committee guarantee an enjoyable evening and a real good supper. There are only a few tickets left and these are going fast. If you are attending the Vimy banquet, be early. Supper sharp at 8:00 p.m., Legion hall (to-night).

Two-Way Soldiers And Two-Way Weapons



wasn't till he found that it was in the snowbank that he realized why he had never been able to locate it before.

Charbonneau took the stand in his own defence and admitted ownership of the liquor that the police had caught him pouring into a glass but denied that he was the owner of another bottle that had been found there. His excuse for keeping it in the snow was to keep it cool because it was always too warm in the house. He denied that he had ever sold liquor to any person.

When asked to explain the heavy traffic to his place the young man said that the taxis were looking for liquor but that they had never been sold any by him.

Acting-Magistrate Platus summed up before convicting and said that the police evidence was strong and that it seemed strange for a man to be putting his liquor in a snowbank. It also seemed strange for all the man's friends to be calling on him at the same time when the police happened to be watching the place. He decided to find the man guilty and sentenced him to two months in jail and declared the premises public for one year. The second charge against the man was then withdrawn.

Albert Fraser faced two charges, one of illegal possession of wine and another of disorderly conduct. He pleaded not guilty but his story was hardly convincing enough to earn him an acquittal. He refused to take the stand to give evidence saying only that he had done nothing wrong.

Two constables swore that they had seen the man stop at least half a dozen persons on Cedar street and ask them to purchase a bottle of wine for him. When questioned by the police the man said that he was doing nothing wrong and objected to being placed under arrest.

The man refused to take the stand but from the prisoner's box he said that he had spoken to several friends and had suggested to one of them that they purchase a bottle of wine for the next day as it was a holiday. He was found guilty and fined ten dollars or thirty days.

Arnelin Chenier paid a fine of ten dollars and costs on a charge of consuming beer while being an interdicted person when she pleaded guilty before court opened.

Mary Stefanuk faced a charge of having liquor without the necessary permit and she asked for a remand. It was granted to her.

Five drunkards greeted the police court docket and four of them were convicted while the fifth asked for a week's remand. One of the five, John Ristimaki, paid a fine of fifty dollars and costs as a second offender while the others paid the usual ten and costs.

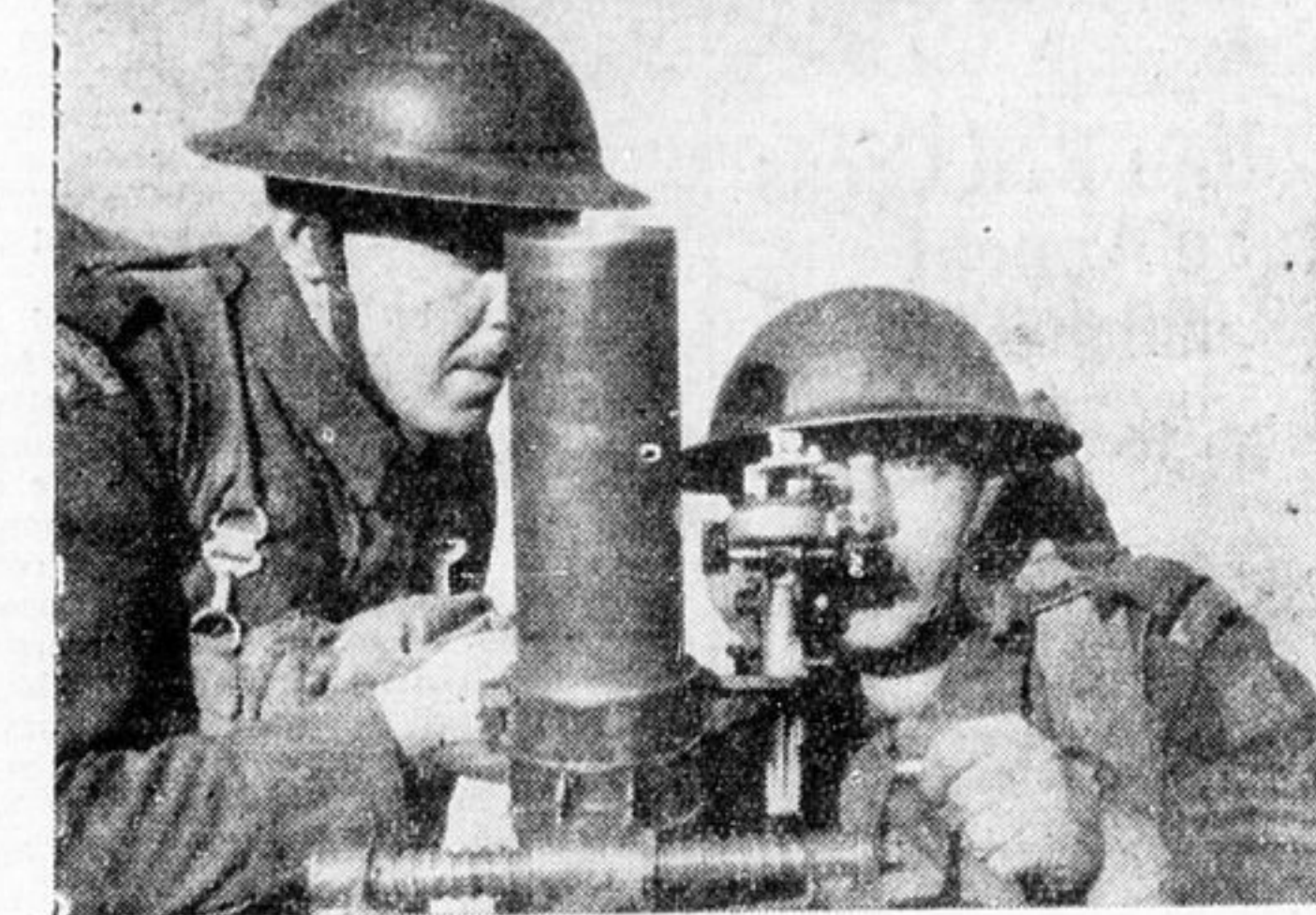
On a charge of illegal possession of wine Jack Morrison paid the usual ten dollars and costs.

Joseph Wadsworth faced a charge of disorderly conduct and pleaded guilty before court and paid ten dollars and costs. On a charge of common assault Frank Faulkner paid a fine of ten dollars and costs. The charge was laid by Norman Kwan, a restaurant proprietor. A charge of willful damage to property against Morton Lynch was withdrawn with costs.

George Anderson paid a fine of ten dollars and costs when he pleaded guilty to a charge of speeding and Basil Golka paid the same fine for driving his car without the necessary operator's license. Four motorists paid fines of a dollar and costs on charges of illegal parking.

## Another \$500 from Hollinger War Chest for Bombed Victims

This week the Timmins Committee for the Lord Mayor of London's Bombed Victim's Fund report the receipt with sincere thanks and appreciation of another \$500.00 from the Hollinger Employees' War Chest. Previously there had been several generous donations from the Hollinger War Chest for this worthy fund, and the present contribution of \$500.00 is particularly helpful and timely. This contribution will no doubt spur others to renewed interest and co-operation in the Bombed Victims' Fund.



Of the many weapons Canadian soldiers overseas are trained to use the mortar — in varying calibres — is one that calls for precision in drill and training. Teamwork is achieved by constant practice in which every member of a crew is trained to fill each position. Upper photo shows a mortar being loaded, lower, sighting and setting the range.

## Army Poem on 'Timmins' Inspires Naval Man to Write Poem on 'Porcupine'

Suggests That Some Porcupine Air Force Man (And There are Surely Lots of Them) Write a Poem and Make the Trilogy Complete. Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Read The Advance.

The Advance is often referred to as "the Home Newspaper of the Porcupine." Very particularly is it proving to be the "Home Newspaper" of the men from the Porcupine area now on active service. Some weeks ago a soldier on active service, who is a frequent contributor to the columns of The Advance, wrote a poem on "Timmins." This has inspired a man of the navy to write some very able and interesting verses on the Porcupine camp in general. The latter makes the suggestion that an Air Force man can complete the trilogy by contributing some verses. There are literally hundreds from Timmins and district in the Air Force and surely there is one among them who can follow the lead given and make a "direct hit."

The following letter explains itself:— Eastern Canadian Port, March 31st, 1942

Editor of The Porcupine Advance: Timmins, Ont.

Dear Sir:—The second-hand copy of The Advance that I receive every week is re-read many times by fellow "Porcupiners" now in the Navy. In the issue dated March 19th, I noticed a poem dedicated to Timmins and written by a soldier, Pte. A. Doling. Due to the friendly rivalry between the forces and a homesickness that comes natural to anyone who has lived in Golden City, Timmins and South Porcupine respectively, I decided to contribute my two cents in praise of the camp as a whole. Some people don't realize that Timmins is only a small part of the Porcupine. My favourite page is headed "News from South Porcupine, Dome and District," and there are others here who gain as much joy from it.

Perhaps if you can find space for my poem (?) we might inspire a homesick Porcupiner in the Air Force to make a ballad of his blues.

Yours truly,  
PETE LOUDON, R.C.N.

OUR HOME IN THE NORTH  
You've heard many lays of the pioneer days,  
When the Porcupine was a new camp.  
There are many who wish for the old tin dish,  
The beans, the shack and the coal oil lamp.  
But her charm is as great in her modern state  
To all those who must leave her behind;  
When one must depart there's an ache in his heart  
For the scenes she impressed on his mind.

Upon some mortals who drive through her portals  
There comes stealing a feeling divine  
I mind how we raved when our highway was paved,  
For full fifteen miles—(one at a time).  
Timmins now to us is the camp's nucleus,  
A city that is clean-cut and gay,  
But within the bounds of the ore-laden grounds  
Other scenes bring as much praise to-day.

At Schumacher is found the district playground,  
The arena, the ball park, the pool,  
And sports without menace,—badminton, tennis—  
Even bowling for nights that are cool.  
We'll never regret for those joyful nights spent  
At the hockey game, dance or the show;  
In Schumacher town there is seldom a frown  
And all grouchers know where they can go.

Great is the renown of that flourishing town  
That we know as old South Porcupine.  
As we nickname a friend, we call her "South End."  
We would never change her homely design.  
How often we've stood on her sidewalks of wood  
And remarked on the busy street scenes;  
Watched the women admire shop window attire,  
Heard the whistle of boys in their teens.

With mingled respects we think of the "Dome Ex."  
The Ankerite, Pamour and others.  
Here miners settle near the yellow metal;  
'Tis here that men seem most like brothers,  
How I miss the folk who see life as a joke;  
They still square dance at the pavilion;  
And when this war ends, we'll go back to our friends;  
We wouldn't trade them for a million.

## To Train Group of Women at Vocational School Here for Munition Factory Work

Approximately Twenty Women to Have Opportunity to Prepare for Munition Factory Work in Machine Shop of the Timmins High and Vocational School. Course to Take Ten Weeks.

## Timmins Airman Died in Battle on Return from Raid

Orville Platt Killed in Wreck of Plane. Only One Survivor from Crew.

Friends of Sergt. Gunner Orville Platt will find a sad interest in the letter given below. It gives particulars of the death of this Timmins airman who was reported as missing on July 17th. Orville Platt, who is a brother of John Platt, of the Hollinger staff, himself worked at the Hollinger Mine for four and a half years, and made wide circles of friends here who will deeply regret the death of this patriotic young man. In March of last year he finished a course with the R.C.A.F. and graduated as a sergeant gunner. He went overseas in April, 1941, having previously been married, the bride being Miss Joan Stutt, of Regina. After six weeks' training in Scotland, Sergeant Gunner Platt was in the thick of the air fighting. He was in one of the planes carrying out a successful raid on the enemy last July. The British airmen carried through their duty in effective way, and were on the return trip to Britain when attacked by enemy fighting planes. The plane in which Orville Platt was serving was shot down and he was reported on July 17th as "missing." As a matter of fact it develops that there was only one survivor from the plane in which Orville was serving, and that was Sergt. Jamieson, who is now a prisoner-of-war in German-held territory. Sergt. Jamieson recently wrote to his sister, Miss Edna Jamieson, giving details of the raid and the attack on the planes by enemy aircraft. Miss Jamieson, in turn, has written to Mrs. Orville Platt, who has been living at Regina since her husband went overseas. The letter from Miss Jamieson reads as follows:

Dear Mrs. Platt:—We have received word from my brother giving some details of what happened to me, so I am forwarding this information to you. It is sad, but I think you will feel better when you know your husband did not suffer a long time before he died. The bomber was on a mission to Hamburg, had successfully bombed their target, and was on its way home. When over the North Sea it was attacked by German planes. Some of the enemy shot found its mark and there was a terrific explosion, and the bomber went into a thousand pieces. All the crew except Ted (Sergt. Jamieson) were killed instantly by the explosion. Ted was knocked unconscious and blown out of the plane. This happened at a height of 14,000 feet. Somewhere on the way down Ted came to and pulled the cord of his parachute. He floated down to the sea. He then removed all his clothes and kept afloat and swam for 5 1/2 hours, when he was picked up by some fishermen. He was cut, scratched and badly bruised, but is quite well now. I do not like having to tell you these horrible details, but I realize that you would want to know. We have had only one card and one letter from Ted. He has been transferred from the transit camp where he was first to a permanent camp. He says the days are very long and I judge he is most unhappy. If this war lasts ten years as some pre-

dict it may, I am afraid he will return a mental and physical wreck. Your husband's fate would be much preferable to that. Should Ted at any time give us any information of their last trip, which would be of any interest to you, I shall gladly forward it to you. Thank you for your word of assurance of the treatment of prisoners. I only hope it is true.

Yours Sincerely,  
Edna Jamieson.

## Fails to Report for Training and is in Trouble Now

Timmins Young Man Fails to Appear at Training Centre and is Arrested Here This Week.

Michael Kalynuik, 48 Messines avenue, is getting into the army but is getting off to a bad start. Some time ago he received his call and was supposed to report for training at the North Bay Training Centre but he failed to appear.

This week he was arrested in Timmins by Corporal Frank Devine, of the Provost Corps, a former Timmins police sergeant, and is lodged in the Timmins cells awaiting an escort. Kalynuik is said to be twenty-four years old and he will face the charge before the army officials at the training centre and will not appear in court in Timmins. The charge against the man is that he failed to report for military training when called up. He was arrested at eleven a.m. Monday.

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## Notable Stage Show at the Second Annual "V" Celebration of the Legion

Miss Jeannette Garrette, Woodhouse and Hawkins, Miss Bernice McGrath, Margaret Easton Shields and Her Dancing Troupe, on Programme at McIntyre Arena for Full Week, June 22nd to 27th.

With the view of making the second annual "V" Celebration of the Legion the most outstanding summer attraction of the year, the committee planning the stage show and other organizing features of the event are now hard at work. A meeting of the Legion and local service clubs which will be held during the coming week, when all committees will be appointed.

The entertainment committee with the generous assistance, Comrade Jack Brady, have been preparing the main attraction for some time and are now able to announce the full programme for the stage show. Jack Brady, who has recently returned from Toronto, where he interviewed the sponsors concerned to release "Woodhouse and Hawkins" for a full week, came back with the contract all signed for this top-notch attraction. Miss Jeannette Garrette had previously signed her acceptance of the invitation to again appear for the Legion.

Another outstanding artist—a local one—in the person of Miss Bernice McGrath, soprano vocalist of much promise and whose voice has pleased hundreds in the camp, has generously con-

sented to appear also. Margaret Easton Shield, whose dancing pupils made such a big hit last year, has her talented dancers hard at rehearsals and will have a highly-trained troupe of young local dancers in a snappy dance revue. The programme will be as follows: Miss Jeannette Garrette, direct from New York City—in captivating and intricate dance routines. Woodhouse and Hawkins, the talkative pair of radio and stage fame—By popular demand and by permission of the C.B.C. Miss Bernice McGrath, soprano vocalist. One of the district's most talented vocalists, A real pleasure for all music lovers. Margaret Easton Shields and her troupe of juvenile dancers—in a clever dance revue. A thrill for all who delight in watching the talent of the younger generation.

The above stage show will take place at the second annual "V" Celebration at the McIntyre Arena, the full week of June 22nd to 27th. There will also be a monster bingo and other attractions. Plan now to attend this outstanding event.