

Ask Road to Connect Wilson Ave. More Directly With the New Bridge

Letter Says Mattagami Boulevard is Provided for in Government Map Plan. Claims Construction Could be Done for \$500,000, and Not \$15,000.00 as Suggested in Letter to Council.

As noted in The Advance last week, the following letter was received too late for publication in that issue and is published herewith, with the deletion of a couple of unnecessary expressions that do not add anything to the force of the letter.

Timmins, Ont., Oct. 23th, 1942
Dear Mr. Editor: I think it is time for the citizens of Timmins to know more about the abatement for a connecting link between Wilson Avenue and Hollinger Avenue on that portion of land shown on the plans as Mattagami Boulevard, and which was formerly known as Gillies Street North.

Laugh, fellow townsman, laugh over the great "joke" for here is a copy of the "objection in the name of progress and beautification of the town" made by partly property owners and partly not so called property-owners. If I am right seven, or do I see an extra name? Who is he? Against the petition or one hundred and five of the west-end Timmins property owners to your Town Council for a connection link between the new Highway Bridge and Wilson Avenue.

September the Fourteenth, 1942
Mayor J. E. Brunette
Timmins, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Mayor: While we are tremendously sympathetic with the hardship which has been brought on the gentlemen interested in regard to their loss of business resulting from the diversion of traffic over the new bridge one must not lose sight of the fact that this is a sign of progress, and that the change in the physical approach to Timmins must consider the man, rather than the few.

Even though you were trying to restore the economic prestige of these citizens, I think you will admit that traffic will not divert itself through two right angles on to a small highway from a major highway, to trade at two stores who have less to offer than those in the main part of the town.

Furthermore, the construction of a road there would demand a retaining wall before sufficient width of road could be built which would be permanent. The drainage from the river bank unless this were adequately supported would result in a road, even though it were present, nobody would travel on if it were possible to avoid it.

The expense of even a make-shift is considerable, and the cost of an adequate road would probably be in the neighbourhood of \$15,000.00 which in a few years from now would be utterly useless because time would prove that traffic would not divert itself to the stores of the three citizens.

The expenditure of this amount of money at a time when man-power and materials are so sorely needed for our war effort is, we believe, very questionable. If the City feels a responsibility to maintain the economic status of citizens who have suffered through the progress of the town's evolution, then I think it would be much more satisfactory, and certainly much less expensive, to suggest that you would move the business of these citizens on to the new highway.

May we counsel that, quite apart from the depletion of value of the properties affected by this new road, which we believe would be much greater than the loss to the individuals under discussion, that this whole undertaking is of questionable value even in peace time, and extremely undesirable at present time.

Yours very truly,
(Signed)
James E. Barry
W. M. Widdifield
Helen V. Darling
Agnes M. Chesser
N. H. Russell
Helen M. Russell
Doris M. Walker
J. R. Walker

Now, fellow townsman, listen. This is not a personal question. This is not for the benefit of a few, but for the town in general. This requested connecting link between Wilson Avenue and the new highway bridge is "Expansion" and "Progress" and the blocking of the construction of this vital piece of road is only a unreasonable selfish hindrance of "Progress" by a few, who came to this town after the town was built, and without whom the Town of Timmins existed before and could very well manage to exist hereafter.

Furthermore, there is a provision in the municipal by-law which compels a town to maintain an accessible road on the outskirts of the town. The Mattagami River being a boundary the road asked for is covered by this by-law, and this piece of road is recorded in Cochrane in the Office of Land Titles on the originally filed Plan M-22 as Mattagami Boulevard. Should an accident occur on this piece of road through the negligence of the town, the town would be responsible and liable. Do our noble councillors and their so-called advisers wish a damage suit on their hands?

Wake up, fellow townsman, and see at your next municipal election whom you elect as your councillors. Will they represent your interests as a ma-

majority of sane-thinking ratepayers or will they "kowtow" to a few who think that they and they only can dictate what their whims prefer?

The gentlemen who composed and signed this so-called "objection" must be very near-sighted, when claiming that traffic will not make two right-angle turns to get on to Wilson Avenue. For the last twenty-five years the public, general traffic and later the but-line, have been making two right turns at the corners of Commercial and Main Avenues to get on to Wilson Avenue, which has been, and will remain, the business thoroughfare of the west part of Timmins.

Although the width to the actual edge of the river bank with a sheer drop of fifteen feet into the river for a considerable distance along Mattagami Boulevard, is only twenty-five feet, no \$15,000 retaining wall nor even a guard rail exists to this date.

We, the one hundred and five petitioning property-owners, did not ask for a \$15,000 road. We asked for a twenty-four foot road which, with the town owning the necessary machinery, could and should be put through for not more than \$500, which according to the town councilors' admission is available in the treasury.

As regards their beautification of this piece of land on which they claim to have spent \$2,500, I think they mean 2,500 cents, and even at that it would be very much exaggerated. Only a few years ago it was used as a dump. Afterwards, they scattered some grass seed to cover the dump, and five dollars would buy enough seed, for that purpose. Besides, who would buy well-lowered trees when there are millions of them all through the North? If they spent \$100,000 what matters it if it was spent on "town-owned property", which the property-owners in this west section have asked the Council to open up as a connection road between the business street, Wilson Ave. and the new highway bridge? Will two, or seven or eight, rule against the great majority of the west-end of the town of Timmins and the residents west of Timmins, who are also school ratepayers.

I wish to thank Mr. William Stewart for his recent letter to the papers on this subject. I consider that he takes a broad view of the issue, especially when you consider that he resides east of Mountjoy Street. I also feel that we should express our appreciation of the stand taken by Councillors Bartieman and Spooner in favour of the by-law requested by us.

Thanking you in advance for your kind courtesy, I am,
Yours truly,
A. R. HUBERT,
Representing the petitioners for the by-law.

Slav Group Donate \$50. to Cigarette Fund During Happy Hallowe'en Smoker

Croatian String Orchestra and Other Talented Individual Local and Visiting Talent at Legion Event on Saturday. Hallowe'en Fun and Frolic Also Featured on Program.

It was a happy evening last Saturday at the Legion hall when the Entertainment committee staged an Hallowe'en night smoker. Peanuts, candy and other favours were on the tables when the crowd began to come in. The attendance was very large and the programme another of the usual high standard set by this energetic group. Walter Greaves past president, Branch 88, occupied the chair. During the evening the Slav Group presented the "Timmins Legion and Community Fund Fund with a cheque for \$50.00.

The Croatian String Ensemble opened the programme with several very fine selections, a march, folk songs and folk dances. The splendid efforts of this talented group of musicians was greatly appreciated. Later in the evening the orchestra played popular melodies and these also drew loud and prolonged applause from those present. A vote of thanks was given to the members of this aggregation at their departure.

Mr. Forszen, violinist, played two beautiful solos, intricate movements and slow passages alike were easily mastered by the artist. This was Mr. Forszen's first appearance at the Legion and all present request an early return. Geo. Hale, accompanied the artist at the piano.

Colin Watkins, also accompanied by Geo. Hale, sang two lovely ballads. Mr. Watkins was in good form and his clear voice was heard to full advantage in each of his selections.

Al Martel, one of the Legion's popular songsters rendered "White Cliffs of Dover," and received his usual big hand. Pte. Fourcher, of the V. G. of Co. Monteth, was a visitor to the smoker and met an old friend who happened

CANADIAN EDITORS VISIT CANADIAN ARMY



Visiting editors at a tank brigade demonstration rode about in these "blitz buggies" and marvelled at the way they could negotiate any kind of rough terrain. These men were part of a party of Canadian editors who recently visited Great Britain at the invitation of the Canadian Government.

Annual Sunday School Convention of United Church

Held at Porcupine United Church, with Rev. Lora Carlson, Presiding.

The annual Sunday School convention of the Porcupine area was held at the Porcupine United Church with Rev. Lora Carlson presiding. Devotions were conducted by Rev. A. I. Manson and Mr. Charles H. Milton, and inspirational addresses were given by the Rev. Wilbur K. Howard who is secretary of Boys' Work for the province, and by Miss Margaret Fockler who heads up the Children's Work Board of the province. Group discussions for the various departments of the Sunday School were held to deal with class problems. Supper was served to the fifty-five delegates by the ladies of the Porcupine Church, and movies were shown under the auspices of the Workers' Co-op. At the evening meeting Miss Fockler gave a demonstration of teaching a class of girls. Captain Douglas Church and Miss Wallace played a cornet duet. The convention approved of the suggestion to secure Miss Nellie Lewis of the O. R. E. C. for a week in February to give instruction in Children's Work and a course in Recreation for Young People and leaders of boys and girls groups. The 1943 convention will be held in Mountjoy United Church, Timmins.

A Rally was held for the Trail Rangers and Canadian Girls in Training in First Church, Timmins at which Wilbur K. Howard and Miss Margaret Fockler and Mrs. A. I. Manson directed the activities.

Thirty-Four Enlist in R. C. A. F. at North Bay

At the R.C.A.F. Recruiting Centre at North Bay last week there were thirty-four enlisted in Air Crew and other trades. These included men from Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Bourlambaque, Que., Duparquet, Que., Siscoe, Que., South River, Parry Sound, Copper Cliff, Kirkland Lake, Halleybury, Geraldton, Chapleau, Nakina, Dome Mines Creighton Mines, Hearst, Kapuskasing, North Bay, Falconbridge and White River. These included:— R. H. Connor and J. J. Lazaron, Kirkland Lake; D. A. Day and H. H. Moore, Halleybury; W. G. Sorel, Nakina; R. Michell, Dome Mines; J. V. Fulton, Hearst; E. L. J. Creteau, Kapuskasing.

There were also eleven enlisting at the North Bay Centre in the R.C.A.F. Women's Division including:—A. Goodfellow, radiographer, and M. M. McGrath, wireless operator (ground), Irquois Falls; M. F. P. Cowan, standard tradeswoman, Kirkland Lake, Ont.; M. J. Boulanger, Dane, Ont.

Annual T. & N. O. Curling Bonselpiel at the McIntyre

It is announced that the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Curling Association will hold its annual bonselpiel in 1943 at the McIntyre Arena during the week of Feb. 8th. The annual T. & N. O. bonselpiel was held two years ago at the McIntyre, with 91 rinks from all over the North present, making the event one of the biggest curling features in the Dominion.

All-Slav Concert at Palace Theatre Very Successful

Theatre Filled to Capacity for Event. Numbers Presented by Young People Very Entertaining.

On behalf of the Victory Loan Campaign, an All-Slav concert was held at the Palace Theatre on Sunday evening, Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Michael Karol.

Mr. E. W. Brooks, district organizer of the Victory Loan Campaign, was guest speaker. Included among the other speakers on behalf of the Victory Loan, were Mrs. Bodnar, of the Russian organization, Mr. Wasyluk, of the Ukrainian organization, Mr. Michael Korol, of the All-Slav organization, and Mr. J. Sunich, of the Slovaks organization. Each speaker pointed out the fact that one must buy Victory Bonds. On the completion of the speeches, a canvass was made of the audience by girls to sell Victory bonds.

Musical selections were supplied by the Croatian and Ukrainian string orchestra, playing such numbers as "Croatian Bush", "Croatian Kolo" and many others.

Dressed in their native costumes, two young Slav girls, Eva Delost and Diane Brisky, rendered a vocal solo, and were brought back for an encore. Other solos were rendered by Miss Helen Synos, accompanied at the piano by Katy Smuk.

Musical selections were played by 6 year old Frank Anzek, on the accordion, followed by little Eda Snak, at the piano accordion. Pte. Bill Kuinka, on the mandolin, accompanied by Mrs. Jean Larcher, at the piano, delighted the audience with their music, and were brought back for many encores.

A group of six, three boys and three girls, dressed in their native costumes, performed their dance with much skill and charm. On completion of their number, Mrs. Annie Kuinka, appeared in a colourful garb, and executed a Russian dance that brought thunderous applause from the audience.

The concert then closed with the National Anthem, and a few words of thanks to the management.

Toronto Telegram: A man doesn't mind experimenting with money, provided you furnish the money.

Excellent Produce at Timmins Market

Although winter is rapidly approaching, business still continues at the Timmins Market on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. There has been a slight decrease in the produce on hand at the market, but what is left is of fine quality.

Tuesdays prices are:— beets, ranging from 5c a bunch, to 25c a basket, \$1.00 a bushel, 6 for 25c; carrots, 5c a bunch, 6 for 25c; small carrots, 15c a basket, 50c a hamper; large carrots, 25c a basket, \$1.00 a hamper; turnips, \$1.25 a bag, 25c a basket, 5c each, 2 for 15c; cabbage, 3 for 10c, 5c, and 2 for 15c; potatoes, 25c for a 6 quart basket, 45c for 11 quarts; parsley, sage, 5c a bunch; parsnips, 5c a lb, 30c a basket.

Both Members and Former Members of Algonquins Giving Notable Service

Major Morgan Now Brigade Major of Halifax Defences. Gwen Kinsey Intelligence Officer. Capt. Macpherson on Staff in Western Ontario. Maurice Belanger Transport Officer.

The Advance has always taken great pride in the Algonquin Regt., even in the days of peace when military matters were not held generally in the regard they deserve. It should be apparent now to all that the men who so valiantly and ably stood by the Algonquins in the thoughtless days after the last war gave a service to this country that now is seen at its real worth. Had it not been for the spirit and the talent of the officers of the Algonquins, and other regiments through the Dominion in the careless days of peace, Canada would have been found in even less fortunate position than the present war found this Dominion.

It is interesting at this time to note the service given by the Algonquin Regiment, its officers and men, and former officers and men. A letter received by Mr. Dayton Ostrosser from Maurice Belanger, formerly a popular officer of the Algonquins and a particularly popular citizen of Timmins, suggests the notable service given by the Algonquins in the present war.

Maurice Belanger is now a Transport officer "somewhere in England," and though he doesn't hint such a thing, all who know him will be sure that he is serving with courage, ability and thoroughness. Speaking of the Algonquins from whom he parted very reluctantly, and only following the call of duty, Maurice writes:—

"We have a splendid C. O. in our Col. Stewart — a man under whom it is a pleasure to serve. We have a splendid bunch of officers — a group that would be hard to duplicate. They are Northerners and have the spirit of Northern Ontario in their blood — chaps like Capt. Akehurst, who used to be at the Delnite; Major Troy and Capt. Cassidy, who taught in the High Schools of North Bay; Capt. Herbert, son of a A. L. of Cobalt; Major Mason, ex-mayor of Halleybury; and the others of lower rank, but a goodly bunch notwithstanding. . . .

"Major Morgan has left us and is now Brigade Major of Halifax defences — a job he is quite capable of holding, and in my humble opinion he is worthy of even higher rank and position. . . .

"We have lost some good officers, Capt. Macpherson, of Kirkland Lake, is now on the staff in some Western District, Gwen Kinsey is Intelligence Officer of a Brigade in Eastern Canada. We have a splendid bunch of men, but have lost a good number from time to time through being transferred to other branches of the Services, and who are scattered in so many different places. . . .

"You heard of Frank Stephens, the Timmins lad reported missing at Dieppe. He was with us two years, less a few months, and was really a splendid type

Pupils of Timmins Public School Present Three Notable Entertainments

Outstanding Programmes Last Week to Support Victory Loan Campaign and to Help the Navy League's Work for the Merchant Marine. Highlights of the Concerts.

"Hats off" to the School children of Timmins Public Schools, for their great

Noted Czech Leader Makes Eloquent Appeal for Loan

Senator Vojta Benes on Visit to Timmins.

At the Harmony Hall, Fourth Avenue, under the sponsorship of the Czechoslovak National Alliance, Senator Vojta Benes, brother of the President of the Czechoslovakian Government in exile Dr. Edward Benes, spoke on behalf of the Cochrane "Third Victory Loan" in unmistakably forcible terms he addressed the packed hall in their native tongue, urging them to back their adopted country and the Victory Loan to the fullest possible extent. He emphasized the suffering of the enslaved countries and the need to free the world of the Nazi menace. Although 65 years of age the Senator presents a smart military bearing and looks and talks like the fighter he has shown himself to be. His only son is in the Czech army in London and he is bearing the burden of anxiety because a daughter of his is still in Czechoslovakia under German rule. He himself escaped with his wife and two daughters after five months of German occupation of his country.

Third Victory Loan movies were exhibited by Mr. Ernest Savage of the Preston East Dome who is doing sterling work with the film unit.

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of man. I was very much saddened when I heard he was among the missing. At the time the call came for some men, he was one of the first to volunteer, as he thought it would bring him closer to the Hun. . . . I was in charge of "D" Company at the time and it was with much reluctance that I put his name in. He passed O.K. as I knew he would and to-day he is thought of as one of the heroes from Northern Ontario. His name will always be remembered. . . .

"Besides many of the men being transferred to other units we have had many changes in position. Capt. Johnson is now O. C. of D. Co., and a real chap. The men all like him. He won't tell a man to do anything if he couldn't do it himself. One of his batmen in a letter to a friend used the words, "I would go through hell for Capt. Johnson". . . . I, myself, was appointed Transport Officer, and had to leave D. Company. . . .

"During the past year we have also had the pleasant stay. During our stay in Port Arthur the unit endeared themselves to all the citizens of Port Arthur and Fort William. They were sorry to see us go. . . . We had a great crowd at the station to see us off, and many the tear was shed. Five months we spent in Shilo and earned ourselves the reputation of being the best in that district. . . . We have met a lot of people, have enjoyed their company and hospitality everywhere we have gone. . . .

"Besides being T. O., I am all Unit Gas Officer and also Area Gas Officer, which takes up considerable time. During the past four months I have really been kept busy. . . . This country is very much like our Northern Ontario. The weather has been splendid ever since we arrived here, and the people are good. . . .

"You will remember Mary Gray, who taught in Timmins and later married Harry Austin. Well, she married again, a Major Braithwaite, who is now in England. . . .

"I miss my friends of the Porcupine, and many are the time I wished I was back, but just for a visit, until this war is over. How long it will last no one knows, but as long as I feel I am doing something that will mean that my family and friends whom I hold dear will benefit in the years to come, I am willing to serve in my country's service, come what may."

efforts to boost the Third Victory Loan. Moneta, Mattagami and Central Schools each had large groups of talented young artists, and Birch street school contented itself with individual talent. Two portions of the programme presented would make very attractive radio programmes, these being the short play by Mattagami School and the Victory choir of Central School. Not a hitch was noted in the story told by the young painter in the play "Victory Picture" and the narrator of the theme of the Victory choir was inspiring and word perfect. The teachers of all schools deserve the highest of praise and the work of the young scholars gave full credit to their efforts.

Each evening the large gymnasium at Birch street school was crowded and the Sailorettes who took up the collection for the Navy League, made a bright picture in the smart middles and snappy skirts. The show was presented Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The programme opened with the Junior choir of Moneta public school, under the direction of Mr. H. Bellek. They sang in unison and two-part harmony, old-time melodies. John Pezola, in black-face and large straw hat, took the solo part of "Cape Town Races" and made a parody of the last two verses in keeping with the Victory Loan. "Johnnie" has a very pleasing voice and a happy stage way and made a big hit.

"Here Comes the Goblin" was a special Hallowe'en song rendered by the choir, each member wearing a mask. This made a very attractive picture with beautiful well balanced singing.

The dancing of the three little pupils of Birch Street school, Misses Margaret Thomas, Sylvia Thomas and Kathleen Burt, won the hearts and applause of all. "The Irish Jig" and "Sailor's Hornpipe" were their choice and it was a grand sight to see the pep and vigour each one put into her actions. They got a great hand at the finale of their dance and fully deserved every hand-clap.

Joan Jeffries, young talented Scottish dancer gave the "Highland Fling" and the "Sword Dance." Joan is well on the road to fame with her talent and at each appearance marked improvement is noticed. The loud applause this young dancer received was responded to with her pleasant smile and happy "thank you."

Annie Podolan and Mary Mohyluk, danced gracefully a Ukrainian Folk dance. This was a very spirited number and from time to time as the dance proceeded with its difficult routine the audience would show their pleasure and the young girls came in for some very highly complimentary remarks.

The sketch, "Victory Picture" by the Mattagami School pupils was a highlight, the scene being the setting of a rural community in Canada. A young artist was busy painting the scene and as he painted his character came to life. Airmen, soldiers, sailors, marines, miners, war workers, farm workers, villagers, all appearing in turn. The young painter told the story of how the villagers and farmers, must give the money for the armed forces to keep their village and farms free of the gangsters. "Nothing Matters Now But Victory" was his closing words, as all marched off the stage. It was a stirring message, well phrased and acted with skill. All concerned earned the compliments of all who witnessed the show.

Central School senior choir, grades 7 and 8, were the highlights of the Victory show. The choir was under the direction of Mr. Baillie. This choir was arranged in attractive setting, the boys forming a "V" in their dark clothes in the centre of the girls all dressed in blue and white middles. Norma Shankman was the narrator and told of how the last war of 1914-1918 was a war to end wars. The choir would honour these men by singing "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" and "Pack All Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag." Doreen Whitman who has a beautiful soprano voice took the solo part in "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground." This was a real treat for music-lovers and many have asked for this to be repeated at an early date. "Norma" then recited "In Flanders Fields." Her elocution was perfect and drew the applause of the audience. The choir then sang songs of the present war. "Wish me Luck" etc. Norma again spoke on the Victory Loan, followed by a beautiful rendition by the choir of, "Dear Land of Canada." The final choice of this young group of 65 talented singers drew loud applause from the audience when they sang "V for Victory."

During the three evenings Mr. Savage showed the Victory Loan pictures "The People's War," and speakers from the War Finance Committee made short addresses. Those speaking were: Rev. Mr. Mustard, Mr. Hartman and Dr. Lee Honey.

The proceeds of the collection will be handed over to the Navy League and a two-fold purpose was served in addition to fine entertainment provided, namely to boost the Timmins quota for the Third Victory Loan and to help the merchant marine secure comforts for arduous and dangerous tasks.