

British Now Closing In On Rommel Remnants

Town Hall Reserved for Use of Patriotic Welfare and Charitable Meetings

Council Re-Affirms Decision Not to Open it to Political Organizations and States Reasons. Other Matters at Regular Meeting of Council Yesterday.

The regular meeting of the town council was held yesterday afternoon, with the mayor in the chair and Councillors W. Roberts, W. McDermott, J. W. Spooner and J. P. Bartleman present.

The chief item of business was the announcement of the decision in the matter of the request of the Timmins C. C. F. Club for the use of the town hall for its regular meetings. Mr. Parker, president of the C. C. F. Club, Mr. Harold Hopkins and Mr. Wm. Stewart, who had presented the case for the C. C. F. Club at the previous meeting of the council two weeks ago were again present to receive the definite answer promised at this meeting. Mayor Brunette told the delegation that they would receive a written reply in the matter. Mr. Parker presented a list of a number of other towns where the C. C. F. was allowed the use of the town hall for meetings. He quoted from a letter from a C. C. F. official in Toronto to the effect that they could not recall a refusal where any responsible body of citizens were willing to pay the reasonable rental charged.

Councillor W. Roberts in reply said that no other municipality in Northern Ontario allowed the use of the town hall for political meetings. He had written to a number of towns of similar size to Timmins and out of sixteen replies received eight were for and eight against the idea of allowing the use of the town hall in this way. Of the eight allowing it, six made a charge. In some cases the charge was a high one. The towns quoted by Mr. Parker were nearly all smaller places. In any event Councillor Roberts said the council had decided to adhere to its policy of allowing the use of the hall only for patriotic, welfare and charitable meetings. No other policy seemed practical, as the hall already was in use 75 per cent of the time and to extend the list of those using the hall would make it so that it would not be available for the purposes specified.

The report of the Timmins Industrial Survey Committee was before the council and council decided to hold a special meeting on Monday to consider it fully. Other reports before council were one in reference to the recent meeting of Ontario town engineers, as submitted by Town Engineer J. D. MacLean, and one in reference to the recent deputation from the North to Ottawa. Further reference to this latter report will be found in another column of this issue. Letters of thanks and appreciation were received from the Cochrane District Victory Loan Committee for cooperation and support; from St. Mary's Hospital for grant passed at last meeting; and from the Community Cigarette Fund Committee for \$360.00 from the town for Christmas cigarettes for Timmins men overseas.

A letter from Ralph Dispolo, South Porcupine, enclosing a map showing a good route for the road to Kamiskotia, was filed. The letter suggested that the road proposed would be as short and as easy to build as the one being built and it would have the additional advantage of passing through specially promising mining land.

H. McCulloch, 118 Hemlock street, wrote the council pointing out that because of a car parked in front of the property, the snowplough in seeking to avoid hitting the car had gone too close to the fence and knocked off the coping from the wall. The letter was referred to the town solicitor.

Permission was granted for a wood-yard at 39 Bannerman avenue. On motion of Councillors Spooner and Bartleman a resolution was passed to ask the director of salvage to have an organization arranged here so that the greatest returns might be secured here from salvage.

Accounts were passed for payment and other routine business dealt with.

Schumacher Firemen Avert Bad Fire by Speedy Response

Schumacher, Nov. 18th. Special to The Advance. Due to the quick response of the Schumacher fire department what might have been a very disastrous fire was averted. Fire broke out Saturday evening about 8.30 p.m. in the apartment owned by Mrs. Mackie, 47 Second Ave. The building was formerly the Schumacher Steam baths but now consists of five apartments. Fire broke out in the radio and spread to the chesterfield and other pieces of furniture before it was noticed.

Expects Snow for Week-end

Eight Inches of Snow Fell Last Week, but Did Not Stay.

"Mostly cloudy and a little warmer today, probably followed by snow for the week-end" was the forecast of Mr. Wheeler of the Hollinger Weather Observatory, this morning.

In the snowstorm of last Thursday and Friday 8 inches of snow fell. On Sunday it turned very mild and by Tuesday evening practically all the snow had gone. A very light rain fell on Tuesday the 17th.

The highest temperature of the week was on Tuesday when it reached 50, and the lowest temperature was last Saturday when it went to 3 below zero.

The maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week were as follows: Thursday, Nov. 12th, 18 and 6; Friday, Nov. 13th, 14 and -2; Saturday, Nov. 14th, 18 and -3; Sunday, Nov. 15th, 40 and 18; Monday, Nov. 16th, 48 and 40; Tuesday, Nov. 17th, 50 and 34; Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 34 and 20.

At 8 o'clock this morning it was 23.

Joint Meeting of Kiwanis Hears Valuable Talks on North African Centres

Four Timmins Members Give Brief Addresses on Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. Why These are Important in the Present War. Joint Meeting of South Porcupine and Timmins Kiwanis.

Timmins Kiwanis were the guests of the South Porcupine Kiwanis Club at South Porcupine, the meeting being held as a joint event of the two clubs, and with President Stan Gardiner, president of the South Porcupine Club, and President-elect W. H. Burnes, of the Timmins Club, jointly presiding.

The chief features of the meeting were the brief addresses of Geo. S. Drew on Morocco, Austin Neame on Tunisia, and A. H. Brown on Algeria, with W. O. Langdon showing how these three centres fitted into the plan of the Allied Nations in the present campaign. Kiwanian Geo. S. Drew took as the subject of his talk, "Why is Morocco important in this conflict?" He did not touch on Morocco's military importance but gave a graphic description of Morocco and its people, so that its value to the Allies was apparent. The boundaries of Morocco were explained, mountain ranges discussed, the forests referred to and much said about the fertile valley of Morocco. In this valley wheat, corn, peas and beans were grown in abundance. Mr. Drew touched on the development of railways, canals and highways. Exports of Morocco, sheep, wool, phosphates, grain, have risen from twenty-five million francs in 1912 to eight hundred million francs recently. Morocco is divided into five districts, occupied by five races, — Berbers (farmers), Arabs, Moors, Negroes and Jews. Morocco he said, was claimed to be important on account of its railroad connection to all important centres.

Kiwanian Art Brown dealt very ably with the question:—"Why is Algeria important in this conflict?" He pointed out that Algeria, situated in the west coast of Africa, extends from the Mediterranean to French West Africa on the south, and from Tunisia and Libya on the east to Morocco and Rio de Oro on the west. Algeria has 880,000 square miles of territory and a population of seven million, mostly Mohammedans. It has considerable self-government and is represented in the French Chamber. Minerals extracted on commercial scale include iron, zinc, phosphate rock. There are some manganese mines. Reference was made to the railways, details were given in regard to Algiers, the capital of the country. The number and tonnage of vessels, which frequent the port, place it close to Marseilles and Havre in importance among French ports. Over 40 per cent of the present population is French, about 24 per cent Moors, and there are many Jews.

Other important cities and towns were also effectively described. From air bases in Algeria, Mr. Brown said, Rome is less than two hours by air; the same may be said in regard to Naples. Sicily is less than one hour away, and Spain still nearer. Air and naval bases in Algeria provide strong support to the United Nations' convoys in the same sea. These bases are helping to keep Spain out of the war. The principal exports of Tunisia are wine, wheat, live stock, tobacco, raw silk, eggs, alfalfa grass, tropical fruits. "It should make you feel good," said the speaker, "to know that our boys in Africa will have lots to drink, lots to eat, lots to smoke, silk pajamas, etc., with alfalfa grass to sleep on.

"Why is Tunisia important to this conflict?" was the question ably answered by Kiwanian Austin Neame. Tunisia, he commented is the smallest of the directorates under discussion. The population is about three millions. The area is 350,000 square miles. Tunis the principal city, is about ten miles from the sea. It was described as a "city of walls," the houses being all built of stone. Tunisia is principally inhabited by Arabs, French, Jews and Italians. It is a great agricultural centre, wheat, barley, oats, dates, oranges, henna being the chief products. The principal ports are Bizerta, Tunis, Sousse and Sfax. Native industries are spinning, weaving, saddlery, pottery and matting. The importance of Tunisia, said Mr. Neame, is centred about the fact that it has some fine ports, some 4,000 miles of roads, and 1,500 miles of railways.

The fourth speaker, Kiwanian W. O. Langdon entitled his address, "Why did the Allies Decide to Acquire the Southern Coast of the Mediterranean?" In the first part of his address, Mr. Langdon used the words of Premier Winston Churchill in answering the question:—"It exposes the under belly of the Axis." The occupation of this coast, the speaker continued, will work as a springboard for a second front. Also, for the transporting of supplies and acquiring naval bases. It will definitely give the Allies control of the Mediterranean. It has also reacted as a great morale, and has and will bolster production. There was another point that Mr. Langdon made that was a very important one—the campaign in North Africa has proven that the United Nations are co-operating in the most effective way. Mr. Langdon also

5 MILLION QUARTS OF MILK-FOR-BRITAIN



Pictured above is one more carload (120,000 quarts) of Milk-for-Britain being loaded on ship for convoy to the children in Britain. This recent shipment brings the total number of quarts of vital "whole" Canadian milk, sent to England by the Kinsmen Clubs of Canada and Newfoundland, to more than five million quarts in the past 13 months. Kinsmen Milk-for-Britain is shipped regularly every month, in carload quantities the equivalent of 120,000 to 144,000 quarts. The milk is powdered, retaining all its body-building nourishing qualities—in the purest form in which milk can be purchased—and shipped overseas in sealed vacuum packed containers. Even the containers are put to service in feeding of little children in the bombed areas of Britain by the Women's Voluntary Services who distribute Milk-for-Britain for the Kinsmen Clubs. The need is still serious "Over There". The Kinsmen objective is another four million quarts before July 31st, 1943. Every dime contributed to this national and vital fund sends a full quart of milk to a British youngster in very real need.

Hockey Starts To-morrow

Ankerites and McIntyres Clash in Opener.

The local hockey season will get under way, to-morrow night (Friday) at the McIntyre Arena at 8.15 p.m. when the Ankerite Bisons clash with McIntyre in the opening game in the Lions' Cup series.

Hollinger drew a bye and will meet the winners of to-morrow's game next Friday, November 27th. With the final arrangements there will be plenty of good hockey this season. The Canadians finally decided not to enter into the league, leaving the three other teams, well balanced.

Heaslip Couple Married To-day

Reception in Evening. Out-of-Town Guests Present. Formerly a Local Girl.

At 2.30 this afternoon, at St. James Church, Heaslip, Miss Dorothy Bates and Mr. Jos. Fanning took wedding vows. The bride was attractively attired in a beige frock, with brown accessories, and wore around her neck, a fine strand of pearls.

In the evening a reception will be held at the Community Hall. Miss Bates is one of the popular local girls, having been employed in town for a number of years, until last fall. During her stay in town, she made a wide number of acquaintances.

Prior to her wedding, the bride was entertained at a shower held by Mrs. Wm. Smith, of Heaslip, at the Community Hall, on Monday evening. Out-of-town guests for the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Campbell of this town.

LEAVES FOR TORONTO

James Whyte, who for the past year and a half has been the barber at Scotty Andrews' barber shop on Third avenue, left this week for Toronto with his family to take up residence there. During his stay in Timmins, "Jim" made a host of friends, and there will be regret at his leaving here.

expressed the opinion that the occupation of this coast by the Allies will in a very short while clean up the French situation.

At the joint meeting members of the Timmins Club supplied the talent for the evening. Community singing was led by Kiwanian Francis Woodbury. The guest of honour for the evening was Bob Adamson, a South Porcupine boy home on leave from convoy duty.

Timmins High School Teacher Leaves for Air Force Sunday

Miss Grace Hayden, Domestic Science Teacher, Receives Rank of Assistant Section Officer in Women's Division of R.C.A.F.

Miss Grace Hayden, of the teaching staff of the Timmins High and Vocational School, left on Sunday to report for duty with the Women's Division of the R.C.A.F., at Rockcliffe, Ottawa. Miss Hayden enlisted with the Women's Division in the latter part of October and was given a few weeks leave of absence. She received the rank of Assistant Section Officer and is to teach domestic science in the Air Force.

Miss Hayden has been a member of the teaching staff of the Timmins High and Vocational School for the past two years, and has been teaching domestic science. She was originally from Cobourg, Ont., where she was employed for a number of years.

She is a graduate of Toronto University and John Hopkins University, where she obtained her degree of dietetics.

Dismissed Charge of Assault at Court Here

At Tuesday's police court A. Weino charged P. Labrash with assault, but the case was dismissed, the magistrate considering the whole affair was the result of a drunken brawl. Weino appeared in court with his face and head heavily bandaged, but admitted that he had not been wearing all this a couple of days previously. He claims that the assault was completely unprovoked, but the defence held that Weino had first attacked Labrash and that the trouble was jealousy over a young lady.

Northern Delegation Receive Encouraging Consideration at Ottawa

Brief for Northern Mining Towns Presented. Ministers to Consider Proposals Made. Interest Shown in Moving Soldiers' Families to North. Moratorium Being Considered.

Mayor J. Emile Brunette represented Timmins on the delegation from the Northern gold mining towns interviewing the Cabinet Ministers at Ottawa re the curtailment of gold mining. The following officers were on the delegation:—Reeve Evans, Councillors, Harper, Helmer and Somerville, Clerk Murphy, Solicitor T. R. Langdon, and Stephen Harkin, Miners' Union, All-Slav Committee and Finnish Organization, township of Tisdale; Councillor A. Bromley, township of Whitney; Reeve Carter, Clerk McEain, Councillors Trudeau and Church, and Ted Niron, president board of trade, township of Teck; Mrs. Seelye, Larder Lake; Messrs Sumner and Tucker, South Temiskaming Farmers' Association Mr. Peterson, market promoter, Ont. Dept. of Agriculture; Mr. Lachapelle, Casey township.

J. A. Bradette, M.P. for Cochrane, Walter Little, M.P. for Temiskaming and W. R. McDonald, M.P. for Pontiac, Que., also accompanied the delegation. Premier King was unable to be present, owing to a war cabinet meeting, but the following ministers interviewed the delegation:—Hon. Crerar, Minister of Mines; Hon. I. L. Lisle, Finance; Hon. St. Laurent, Justice; Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Pensions and Health; Hon. Gibson, Revenue. Elliott Little, Director National Service was also present.

Reeve Evans acted as chairman for the delegation and T. R. Langdon presented the brief for the North with an effectiveness that won him general praise.

Various members of the delegation spoke briefly and the Ministers asked many questions. The three M.P.'s also spoke briefly endorsing the brief.

Hon. Mr. Crerar referred to the difficulties due to the war. If the war continued for two or three years there would not be supplies for the gold mines. He said that the government had earnestly considered war industries for the gold mining areas and further study would be made now. He was interested in transferring of families to the mining areas and referred the idea subsidizing of mining municipalities to Hon. Mr. Lisle.

Hon. Mr. Lisle thought it a very good idea, if possible, to have war industries in the mining areas. He felt, however, that no further capital assistance should be made, and Hon. Mr. Howe agreed in this. He was also much interested in the idea of moving soldiers' families to the North. In regard to subsidies to offset the loss of mining tax revenue due to curtailment he thought some arrangement might be made to help the mining municipalities at the expense of municipalities

now booming. A declaration of a moratorium was being considered by the government. It was felt that something might have to be done soon, but he pointed out that the provincial government also had this right.

Hon. Mr. Laurent said that all farm produce, all labour and all housing were required and that all available should be used as far as practical. He stressed the fact that a breakdown of municipal services must not be allowed, and the government will do something to help mining municipalities in this regard.

Hon. Mr. Gibson said that the points in the brief would be given every consideration.

Nearly every speaker, both in the delegation and among the cabinet ministers, took occasion to compliment Mr. T. R. Langdon, of South Porcupine on the able way in which the brief was presented by him.

Advancing on Wide Front to El Agheila Defile Where Germans May Stop

Enemy Army May Attempt Last Resistance, but Have Only 15 Left of 500 First-Line Tanks. Australian and U.S. Troops Closing in on Buna.

Next Monday to be Air Cadets Day at Kiwanis Club

Club Seeking to Arrange for Prominent Air Force Officer as Guest Speaker.

Next Monday will be Air Cadet Day at the Timmins Kiwanis Club luncheon at the Empire hotel. The officers, instructors and N. C. O.'s of the Timmins Squadron of the Air Cadets will be the guests of the Club for the occasion. The Timmins Kiwanis Club has sponsored the Air Cadets here since the organization of the squadron which was one of the first in the Dominion. Throughout Canada the Air Cadets have made remarkable progress not only in numbers, but also in the high regard in which they are held by the general public. Nowhere has this been more pronounced than in Timmins where it is considered that the Air Cadets have proved one of the most outstanding organizations in its advantage not only to the boys but to the community at large.

It is planned to have a high-ranking officer of the R.C.A.F., with which the Air Cadets are affiliated, or some visiting official of the Air Cadets, as guest speaker for the day at the Kiwanis Club

Five Fire Calls in 17 Minutes

All Apparatus Out and Car Requisitioned.

With a high wind blowing at noon on Tuesday, Timmins fire fighters answered no less than five fire calls within 17 minutes. Before the rush was over all the apparatus was out and for the last call a car was requisitioned to take chemical tanks to the scene. Chief Borland after the second alarm called all the firemen off duty and brought them to the hall, and they were all needed. There was a call also for the volunteer firemen and as usual they helped out the situation. While all the calls were for chimney fires and no damage resulted, the high wind made them all dangerous, and had Timmins lacked its able force of skilled firefighters, the story might be much more serious.

At 12:10 the first call came in by phone from 409 Pine street south; then at 12:12 there was one from 115 Mountjoy street; and one at 12:17 from 59 1/2 Wilson; one at 12:23 from 44 Mid. dleton; and at 12:27 from 255 Maple N.

On Monday the firemen had one call with a fire loss of several hundred dollars. It might have been more but for the firemen. It was at 160 Elm south, where a fire believed to have been caused by a cigarette or lighted match threatened to be a serious fire.

Saturday at 9:10 p.m., there was a call to 17 Borden Ave., but there was no fire.

On Friday the thirteenth, there were four calls, two of them for chimney fires with no damage and another a false alarm. There was one, however, where damage of about \$200.00 was done at 12 O'Neill street. This fire was caused by overheated stovepipes and thimble.

Support of Expansion of Lumber Industry Urged by Survey Committee

This Would Help the Town Most at Present Time. Difficulties of Securing War Industries Outlined, but Council to Continue Efforts. Reports Made on all Phases of Question.

At yesterday's meeting of the Timmins Town Council the report of the Industrial Survey Committee was presented. The council are to hold a special meeting on Monday next to go fully into the report.

The Timmins Industrial Survey Committee was appointed by Mayor Emile Brunette and the Council, following a public meeting at which the condition of the town was considered. At this meeting it was pointed out that the expansion of the lumber industry seems to offer the best opportunity for Timmins. The securing of a new war industry appears out of the running, as the Government does not appear desirous of encouraging the establishment of new industries, but is seeking to expand established ones. As will be noted from the report everything possible is being done in connection with the expansion here of machine shops, etc.

It will be noted that the Timmins Industrial Survey Committee has said nothing about the gold mining industry, it being considered that this matter was being dealt with otherwise. The Industrial Survey Committee appointed several sub-committees and these made detailed report in writing, these reports (Continued on Page Three)

Despatches to-day from Cairo say the British 8th Army, pursuing the shattered forces of Marshall Rommel have reached a point less than 70 miles from Bengasi. The British are advancing on a wide front toward the El Agheila defile where the Germans are expected to attempt to make their last stand. Out of 500 front-line tanks, it is said the Germans have only 15 left.

From Allied headquarters in North Africa comes a communique to the effect that British and United States troops thrusting into Tunisia from North and south have battered back German patrols in clashes foreshadowing the start of the battle to decide the fate of the Mediterranean.

From Melbourne comes the announcement that Australian and United States troops closed in on the Japanese New Guinea base of Buna to-day, as heavy bombers streaked ahead to attack eight enemy destroyers manoeuvring off the North Coast, apparently in support of enemy ground forces.

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