

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Legion Shown Interesting Views of Eastern Scenes by Zone Commander

One of the Features of Legion Meeting Monday Night. Officers Elected for Year. James Cowan, the New President. Zone Commander Urges Full Support for Membership Drive. Reports of Committees.

There was a good attendance at the Legion monthly meeting on Monday evening, the main business being the election of officers for 1943. President Austin Neame occupied the chair and as guest of the branch, Zone Commander W. J. Grummett, of Iroquois Falls was also present. Much business was carried through and was of interesting character. The finances showed the branch in good position and the Stagette of Saturday last a financial success. Reports of committees gave the members an insight into the splendid work being done by these workers. The pension report was one of progress and action on several cases. The entertainment committee also gave a good report and made announcement of the New Year's Eve party being planned for next Thursday evening in the Legion hall. Tickets can be secured from the members of the committee for this event and there are only a very limited number of these. Cigarette committee also told of donations received during the past month and that another shipment of cigarettes will be mailed in January.

Zone Commander Grummett in addressing the members spoke of the present membership drive and urged all to get behind the Legion in this campaign. "If we are to take care of the lads coming back we must have a strong front," said the speaker. The Timmins branch intend to go all out for members during the closing days of the year.

One very good point discussed at the meeting was the suggestion that there be a hut or a large sign placed at the station. This then could tell the Armed Forces coming home on leave where they will find a real welcome and perhaps the means of helping them enjoy leave better. In the case of those discharged their problems would be taken care of in prompt manner. The new officers promised to take up the matter at an early date.

The balloting committee then entered and announced the result of the count. This was as follows:
Fast President—Austin Neame.
President—James Cowan.
1st Vice-President—Fred Curtis.
2nd Vice-President—Les. Nicholson.

Executive—Brady, Shaw, Harris and Devine.
The unsuccessful candidates were W. Greaves, B. Kelley, P. J. Dunlop, Claude Desaulniers, and Menard.
At the close of the meeting the Zone Commander showed a series of highly interesting lantern views. These consisted of photographs taken by himself in Mesopotamia during the Great War 1914-1918. Comrade Grummett was a Canadian attached to the Norfolk Regiment in this campaign and he explained all the slides in a very interesting manner. The photos were clear and very picturesque and showed scenes of road-building, pontoon bridges, engineers building permanent bridges, gun emplacements, scenes on the desert, Armenians in thousands fleeing from the Turks, etc. Some of the pictures of the beautiful mosques in the Tigris river district were examples of exquisite beauty and Comrade Grummett must have taken great care in taking this series of historic buildings. With an easy swing as the pictures were shown the speaker gave graphic accounts of his life in this hilly and sandy country in the East. Three photos showed the camp under flood, and then the men trekking in knee deep mud. All who witnessed the showing were disappointed when the speaker came to the end of his talk. Comrade Grummett however promised to return soon to show another series taken in India. He will be a welcome guest indeed.

Annual Christmas Tree of Cornish Social Club

The Cornish Social club held its annual Christmas Tree party at the Hollinger hall on Tuesday evening of this week.

All the children sat down to a dainty supper, after which games were played. Mr. Chas. Lepic then showed moving pictures. His last reel, particularly pleased the children. It was titled, "It was the Night Before Christmas", showing the activities of Santa Claus.

The Timmins Citizens' band added to the enjoyment, playing carols, and the children joining in singing. Ice cream and soft drinks were served during the evening.

Firemen Hold Happy Christmas Party at Schumacher

Schumacher, Dec. 22nd. Special to The Advance.

When Schumacher Firemen start a job they see that it's well done. Such was the case Monday evening at the fire hall when the firemen were hosts to the wives and families of the members of the fire department. Christmas decorations were nicely arranged for the occasion and in the centre of the hall was a large Christmas tree nicely decorated and loaded with lovely gifts. Everyone was seated around the Christmas tree, singing the lovely Christmas carols when all of a sudden they could hear the sound of jingle bells. Nearer and nearer they came and what a surprise when the door flew open and in drove Santa Claus with his horse and sleigh. He was very cold but Fire Chief Jucksch had nice hot coffee and sandwiches for him. Some of the younger children were a bit frightened at first but they soon made good friends with Santa Claus. Before leaving he gave each one a lovely gift. Some of the ladies received a special gift. During the evening community singing was enjoyed. A delicious lunch served by the men brought a very happy evening to a close. Bert Corrie in his full regalia played his part well.

Reported as Missing Now Prisoners-of-War

In the official casualty lists published this week two Northerners reported as missing are now reported as prisoners-of-war. They are Bert Lloyd Perry; next of kin, Mrs. Hilda Perry (wife), 21 Commercial avenue, Timmins, and John Poolton; next of kin, Mrs. Violet Poolton, Kapuskasing.

McIntyre Band and School Choir Present Programme

Schumacher, Dec. 23rd. Special to The Advance.

The McIntyre Band under the direction of Lieut. Lomas and the Schumacher public school choir under the direction of Mrs. G. C. Armitage, director of music at the school, presented a very pleasing programme Sunday evening at the McIntyre Arena.

The programme opened with an overture by the band. Then the school choir, accompanied by the piano by Miss Gertrude Bristow, sang many lovely Christmas Carols. Mrs. Armitage delighted the audience with a solo "Holy Night," and won hearty applause. During the evening the band, under the direction of Lieut. Lomas played many lovely selections. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very splendid programme to a close.

Timmins Kiwanis Club Enjoys Another Happy Annual Christmas Party

Each Member Gave Another Member a Gift, Accompanied by Humorous Rhyme or Quip. Thus There Were Thirty Toys Sent to the District Children's Aid Shelter.

Monday's luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club at the Empire Hotel was the annual Christmas party of the club, and as usual it was a humorous and a happy occasion. This form of a Christmas party has been an annual event, and is right at the Timmins Kiwanis. Under the rules of this party every member present at the party is to receive a present, accompanied by appropriate message. Usually the message takes the form of verse, or worse, blank verse, or blankity-blank verse. Always there is the humorous touch. No member knows the donor of the gift, and this fact gives the humorist full scope to draw on his knowledge or his imagination in the message. The presents usually are of the toy type, but invariably selected for their suitability for the donee and for the occasion. The recipient of each gift has to read the message to the gathering, and usually this is embarrassing, but as all the victims as well as the perpetrators, and as all the humor is of the kindly type, friendly, though free, everybody has a happy time. Imagine combining the spirit of April First, Halloween and Christmas, all in one event, and you have an idea of what a Kiwanis Christmas party is like. Monday, in keeping with the Christmas spirit, there were thirty toys, all pleasing, though not expensive, sent down for the youngsters at the Children's Shelter.

Apart from the Christmas party, nothing but the most important business matters were given place on Monday. Members of the Matheson Potato Club wrote, thanking the Timmins Kiwanis Club. This was naturally classed as important business, for the Timmins Kiwanis are naturally proud of the Matheson Potato Club for the Matheson Potato Club won first prize for the Dominion of Canada for their product.

Under the heading of very important business was classed a letter from the Halifax Kiwanis Club, thanking the Timmins Kiwanis for money sent to be spent on servicemen in Halifax.

In addition there was a large group of letters from Kiwanis Clubs all over the continent, offering to members of the Kiwanis or members of their families in the Armed Forces the hospitality of these clubs at any and every time. The winner of the week's war savings draw was Kiwanian Phil Kinkel. President-elect Wm. Burnes presided at Monday's luncheon. Kiwanian Francis Woodbury led the community singing. The visitor for the day was Geo. Lake of the Toronto Kiwanis Club.

Christmas Day Mail Service

One Delivery Only. Wickets Open from 8 a.m. to Noon.

There will be general interest in the following schedule of mail service at the Timmins post office for Christmas Day, as supplied by Postmaster E. H. King:

Letter carrier delivery—One delivery only, commencing at 9 a.m.
Parcel post delivery—One delivery only.

Wicket service—From 8 a.m. to noon. Public lobby open—8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Special delivery service—As usual. Collections from sub-post offices and street letter boxes—As usual. Receipt and despatch of mail—As usual.

Local Red Cross Given All Commission Cheques for Recent Victory Loan

Interesting Little Ceremony This Morning When \$2535.30 Deposited to Credit of Timmins Red Cross. Local Red Cross Very Grateful for This Generous Contribution.

There was a very interesting little ceremony this morning at the Timmins Branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce when the Government cheques commission on the recent Victory Loan bond sales were handed over to the treasurer of the Timmins Red Cross Mr. A. H. Munroe, and deposited to the credit of the Timmins Red Cross. Those present for this event were:—Mr. R. J. Ennis, chairman of the Cochrane Unit of the War Finance Committee, Mr. P. J. Dunlop, chairman of Timmins War Finance Committee, and Mr. M. E. Williams, president of Timmins Red Cross, while Mr. Munroe, treasurer of the local Red Cross, was on hand to formally take over the generous donation.

The cheque totalled \$2535.30, and represented all the commissions on bond sales for the recent Victory Loan for the town of Timmins. This generous contribution to the Red Cross was made possible through the voluntary services of the many Timmins Victory Loan canvassers. As suggested above the Government cheques for the commission on the sales were made out and forwarded here and then all were turned over to the Red Cross, as noted.

The executive of the Timmins Red Cross Branch expresses to all those who contributed in this way, the thanks of the many people to whom their contribution will bring relief and encouragement.

North Supplies Further Recruits for the R.C.A.F.

Four More from Timmins Join R.C.A.F. and Two More the Women's Division.

The weekly summary furnished by Flight Lieutenant T. G. Holly, O. C., R.C.A.F. Recruiting Station, North Bay, shows that thirty-three men and women enlisted in air crew and other trades at the North Bay Recruiting Centre of the R.C.A.F.

Of this number the two joining the Women's Division were both from Timmins, and were listed as follows:—

Marion Hazel Fearn, Standard General Duties, 53 Preston street, Timmins.

Helene Lois Robinson, Standard Tradeswoman, 173 Pine street, North, Timmins.

Joining the R.C.A.F. for air crew and other trades were four from Timmins, as follows:—

Edgerton Lynn Ashton, 47 Third avenue.

Ernest Sydney Jeffries, 116 Mountjoy street, north.

Earl Verdun Alkenbrack, 101 Balsam street, south.

There were four from Kirkland Lake—Robert Charles Harris, Clifford Stanley Howell, Frank Novotny, Fern and Joseph Julien Aude.

Others joining this part of the North included Neil Puhakka, North Cobalt.

Following places:—Sudbury (6); North Bay (5); Sault Ste. Marie (4); Parry Sound (3); Falconbridge, Orillville, Copper Cliff, Bar River.

Winners at Legion Draw

Feature of Stagette on Saturday Last.

Each succeeding year the annual Chicken Stagette under the auspices of the Legion is one of the big features of the season, and the Christmas Cheer Club draw is a big feature of the stagette. This year there were fifteen valuable prizes for this draw, these including turkeys, geese, and legs of lamb. The winning of prizes and their addresses, together with the winning members are given herewith:—

- 1st Prize—J. Magee, 167 Elm street, ticket 725.
- 2nd—J. V. Bourke, 38 Patricia Blvd., ticket 255.
- 3rd, H. K. Nelles, 46 Third avenue, ticket 2345.
- 4th—Moyra Wilson, 8 Laurier avenue, ticket 83.
- 5th—W. Sesney, McDowell Motors, ticket 1579.
- 6th—R. Martel, 68 Tamarack street, ticket 932.
- 7th, Catherine Thomas, 112 Birch street, south, ticket 147.
- 8th—M. Cowan, 78 Balsam street, south, ticket 1748.
- 10th—E. Paquette, 79 1/2 Balsam street, south, ticket 756.
- 11th—Mrs. A. Blais, 54 Sixth avenue, ticket 1361.
- 12th—Mrs. D. Joalin, 176 Elm street, north, ticket 857.
- 14th—A. H. Kidd, Empire hotel, ticket 1799.
- 15th—H. Towers, 262 Elm street, north, ticket 449.

Firemen at South Porcupine Stop Dangerous Fire

About \$200 Damage to Residence Yesterday.

South Porcupine, Dec. 22nd. Special to The Advance.

Fire broke out this afternoon at the residence of Jake Novakuski on Main St. Firemen got there immediately but flames were coming from the roof. These were got under control in quick order but water from the hose which the ceiling and considerably dampened the furniture in the rooms below making it necessary for the family to move out for a time.

The fire was caused by an electric heater placed too close to a wall. Fire caught between the wooden partitions and shot upward.

Damage to roof and ceiling is estimated at under \$200.

It may be some days before the house will be habitable and dried out, and as the family has three small children, Christmas celebrations may have to be curtailed.

A threatening chimney fire at the home of Mrs. E. J. Rapsey on Main St. was quickly put under control no damage resulting — at 6 p.m. today.

United Nations Making Good Progress on All the Fighting Fronts in War

Russians Continue Their Drive in the Middle Don Area. Allies Making Fine Progress in North Africa. Now Within 180 Miles of Tripoli. United States and Australians Doing Well in New Guinea.

Porcupine Loses Honoured Pioneer in Death of J. Young

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The death of Joseph Young, oldtimer of the Porcupine Camp occurred on Sunday morning in St. Mary's Hospital, Timmins, at the age of 72 years.

He had been ailing for some months after a fall sustained in Golden City and had been taken to St. Mary's six weeks ago.

He is survived by his widow, and two children — James — overseas with the Canadian Active Army, in the signal Corps; and Evelyn — Mrs. John Gaze, of Timmins.

He was born near Teeswater in Bruce County on August 12th, 1870. He married Miss Annie Richardson in 1909 and moved north in 1910. He has been an honoured resident of Golden City (Porcupine) ever since.

He has been active in Municipal affairs serving Whitney on several occasions as Councillor, and member of the School Board, and was also Reeve of Whitney Township more than once. He was a great worker and one of the moving spirits in the Porcupine Agricultural Society during its successful days.

Deep sympathy is being expressed in town, where many knew him, to his widow and family.

The funeral took place from Porcupine United Church on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. Lora Carlson officiating and Masonic rites were conducted at the graveside in Tisdale cemetery. Pallbearers were:— Chief McInnis, of S. Porcupine; Chief Marshall, of Golden City; Norris Lett, Stanley Pearce, Wm. Bannerman and George Bannerman.

In his address, the Rev. Carlson spoke feelingly of the deceased and the loss his death would be to the community.

To day from all war fronts the news is encouraging to the Allied Nations. The Russians are continuing their drive against the Nazis in the Middle Don area and large numbers of dead Germans and prisoners are reported.

In New Guinea the United States and Australian troops are doing remarkable work and making pleasing progress.

Rommel's men are on the dead run in North Africa and the Allies are making fine progress on that front. Nazi casualties are reported heavy. The Allies have air superiority. The Allies are now within 180 miles of Tripoli.

F. W. Schumacher Again Remembers the Children Here

Beautiful Gifts Sent to School Children of Town Bearing His Name

Schumacher, Dec. 22nd. Special to The Advance.

Schumacher Public School auditorium was filled to its utmost Monday evening when the parents and friends of the pupils gathered to admire the beautifully decorated Christmas trees loaded with lovely gifts. Each year Mr. F. W. Schumacher, of Columbus, Ohio, remembered the school children and there is a gift on the tree for every one of them. During the evening Christmas Carols are sung by the pupils with the parents heartily joining in the singing.

Mr. Schumacher was one of the first pioneers of this part of the Porcupine amp. The town of Schumacher was named in his honour and his interest in the town and in the children continues from year to year. The gifts are all very pleasing lines and do not even lean towards cheapness, but are substantial and suitable kind that delight the hearts of the youngsters.

Eastern Porcupine Red Cross Ships 613 Parcels Overseas for Christmas

South Porcupine, Dec. 18th.

The Eastern Porcupine District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross has just completed the shipment of 613 Christmas parcels to all men in the armed forces who enlisted from our district and whose correct military addresses were procurable. To the officers and men overseas 234 parcels were mailed on November 10th and the 379 parcels for the officers and men still in Canada were mailed on December 15th. Like parcels were shipped to about 300 officers and men for Christmas 1941 and the many grateful letters of thanks received from the recipients of these parcels prompted our Branch to repeat the gesture again this year.

The despatching of over 600 parcels does not sound like a big undertaking, but it did tax the resources of the Branch and its workers and could not possibly have been carried out without the generous help of many people, firms and organizations outside our Branch. Each box contained a knitted article, usually a pair of socks, tooth brushes, tooth powder, shaving soap, razor blades, Christmas cake, candy and gum. The average weight of the boxes was a little over three pounds.

Under existing conditions it was very difficult to get these supplies and had they not been for Red Cross purposes many of the articles could not have been obtained in the quantities needed. The merchants of South Porcupine and district assisted very materially in getting these supplies and further aided us by supplying these at cost. In this respect we are indebted to Pearce and Cross, Marshall-Ecclestone Company, and the Dominion Bakery of South Porcupine, and to the Canadian Industries Limited and Gamble-Robinson Limited of Timmins. In addition we have to thankfully note the donation of 100 pounds of Christmas cake by the Canada Bread Company of Toronto. We also acknowledge gifts from some individuals of articles to go into these boxes.

The wool for the knitted articles was supplied by our Branch and the knitting was done by ladies who gave generously of their time for this Red Cross work. To all these ladies we express our sincere thanks.

Under the rules of the Canadian Red Cross our Branch could only supply the wool for the knitted articles, the boxes themselves and the postage for same. To cover other heavy expenses we had to solicit outside aid. For this aid we are almost entirely indebted to the Dome Employees' War Charities Fund and to the Paymaster Employees' War Charities Fund for contributions which they gave us, these contributions being specially earmarked for this use only.

Our thanks is also due to the ladies who worked so hard in packing these parcels and to those members of the Dome staff in the addressing, weighing and stamping of these parcels.

Some letters of thanks for this year's parcels have already reached us. All such letters received will be pasted in a scrap book and this will later be made available to anyone who is interested. Anyone who looks these letters over cannot fail to see what these gifts really mean to those in the armed forces.

J. H. STOVEL, President.

Timmins Branch of the Red Cross Shipped 583 Articles During Month

Many Items of Interest at December Meeting of Timmins Red Cross. Out of 380 Entries 300 Women Completed Home Nursing Course. Nomination Committee Appointed.

Mr. M. E. Williams presided at the December meeting of the Timmins branch of the Red Cross.

The treasurer's statement showed that accounts paid during the month of November for wool, hospital supplies, civilian clothing, sailors' comforts, etc., were \$1,045.27. Receipts amounted to \$1,057.76 leaving a bank balance, as of November 30, of \$9,012.49. It was decided to forward \$5,000. to headquarters.

Mrs. Goodings, convener of home nursing, in her report mentioned that out of 380 women who registered for the course in connection with civilian defence, 300 completed the course.

The date for the annual meeting was set for the evening of January 21, 1943. The following were appointed as a nomination committee to prepare a slate of officers for the new year: Mrs. J. Sullivan, Mrs. J. M. Douglas, Mrs. I. K. Pierce, Mr. M. E. Williams.

Mrs. Brown, wool room convener, reported that one new knitting group had been formed and a few new knitters took out wool.

A total of 536 knitted articles were received and 583 articles were shipped to headquarters. 144 lbs. of wool were received during the month and given out to knitters.

Shipments included the following articles:

- Seaman's Quota
- 65 pairs Seaman's 26" stockings
- 80 pairs Seaman's 18" Socks
- 46 pairs Plain Socks
- 37 pairs whole mitts
- 21 Turtleneck Tuck-ins
- 15 Aero Caps
- 4 Turtleneck Sweaters
- 16 Round neck sweaters.
- Total — 285 articles
- Seaman's Non-Quota
- 5 pairs Long Stockings All.

2 Seaman's Scarves

Total — 7 articles

Army and Airforce Quota

13 Sleeveless Sweaters

43 pairs Gloves

57 Alternative Caps

Total — 113 articles

Army and Airforce Non-Quota

8 Aero Caps

9 pairs Gloves

8 Plain Socks

1 Turtleneck Sweater

123 Face Cloths

1 Round neck Sweater

1 Plain Scarf.

Total — 151 articles.

Civilian Knitting

12 Boy's Sweaters 6 to 8 yrs.

1 Boy's Sweater 10 yrs.

3 Boys' Suits 4 yrs.

2 Girls' Sweaters 10 to 12 yrs.

3 girls' Sweaters 6 to 8 yrs.

2 girls' Dresses 2 yrs.

Total — 23 articles.

Civilian Defensers Workers

4 V necked Sweaters

Grand total — 583 articles

Mrs. J. M. Douglas chairman Women's War Work, reported that the attendance at the work rooms had been good and that work was continuing steadily on the hospital quotas. These will be completed and shipped before the Christmas recess.

A request for surgical dressings had been received and to meet this a new group of workers had been organized to meet in the basement of the Post-Office on Thursday afternoons 2 to 4:30 o'clock. Work has also been given to 25 ladies unable to attend the work rooms but willing to make compresses, wipes, etc., at home. If necessary a fourth group will be formed in January. The work rooms will re-open January 4, 1943.