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## Several Timmins People Enjoy Merry Christmas Down in British Guiana

Group at Mackenzie City had Christmas Tree, Santa Claus and Everything that Makes Christmas, Even to a Little Rum. Former Timmins Young Lady Writes Entertainingly of Event.

vance has published several letters to come, and I'm quite beside myself from Mrs. Matthew E. Goodings (formerly Miss Patricia King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. King, of These letters, written from Mackenzie City, British Guiana-to which place the young couple after their marriage here-have been most interesting and entertaining and have given people here a graphic picture of life in British Guiana, There vance is able to respond to this call ingly descriptive of Christmas at British 26th Dec., 1942, Mackenzie City

British Guiana

Sunday School arranged it; and we Love,-Patricia. sang a few of the favorite carols. couldn't quite get through some

We had a rather active Christmas so far, and I'm writing this while Thursday afternoon, Dec. 24th, I R.C.A.F. Last Week Thursday afternoon, Dec. 24th, thought that I should invite all the Timmins people in that night, and Timmins Again Heads the have a small celebration on Christmas Eve, so I dusted around and asked them, and fortunately, they were all able to come. I had Mr. and Mrs. Burr, Mr. and Mrs. Cartan, Mr. and Mrs. Beares, Mr. and Mrs. Dewhurst, Jack Bowker, and Ken. Lytle. Then Matt asked the Griffiths, (from Jamaica,) and Sandy Kulai, (Vancouverite,) so it was a bit of a party. A couple of that out of 48 recruits in the week of other bachelors dropped in around 2 Jan. 8th to 14th, inclusive. Timmins a a.m. and we got to bed about 3 a.m. gain headed the list with eight re-Oh Boy! Believe it or not though we cruits. North Bay had 6; Sudbury, 5; Opinion Given on Gold Mines got through some Christmas rum Sault Ste Marie, 4; Ferris, 3; Kirkland little Patsy was so busy looking after | Lake, Iroquois Falls and Cache Bay, the guests that she only had time for 2 each. Each of the following had one one "swizzle" during the whole time. recruit in the list: - Schumacher, An-We had peanuts, peanut brittle, bread sonville, Kapuskasing, Noranda, Val d' spread with cheese paste, and Christ- Or, New Liskeard, Douth River, Blind mas Cake, thanks to you, Mom. think everyone had a good time.

Christmas Day, and then opened our eyes, our presents and our mouths. We just gobbled our breakfast, and Netherton, 258 Cedar street north; Antore down to Griffith's for a Martinique Punch. Gill was still sleeping, so Walter Greaves, 120 Elm street, south; we tore down to the Big House for the Walter Louis Quast, 271 Cedar North; Enddies' Christmas Tree, Just about when it was over, the rain came down as it only can in the tropics. After it let up a little, we tore back to the Griffiths, and got soaked all down our fronts, but our backs were not even spotted. Anyway, Sadie and Gill insisted on our changing. Sadie's clothes weren't much too big for me, but Gill is nearly as big as you, Daddy, so you mer. can imagine how Matt looked. Well, we had our punch, and then came back | Sheldon. home to a Curry luncheon. I slept all afternoon and at 5 p.m. began to get dinner. We sat down to the table at 9 Shane, Wm McEwan Hoffman. and our guests departed at eleven, and we made one wild drive for our own Kerr.

Matt. had to work this morning, but he let me sleep, which I aid until 10. Then I got up, and went calling, and A.F. Women's Division, these including what I didn't hear about the doings in the following:-Camp last night. It seems there was

all kinds of fun. One of the men was found lying on a street, Timmins. shelf in the drying cupboard at one house, reading magazines. When they Standard General Duties. found him he was sure he had been invited there for dinner, and was quite Clerk-Stenographer W. E. T. P. peeved because the table wasn't set. Kirkland Lake - Gladys Jean Hen-Can you just picture him, as he was rick, Std. Tradeswoman. later, sitting at the head of the table which held only a bowl of flowers, and raving because he couldn't even smell things that don't turn out quite as you anything cooking. (Actually there was expect are people who drive cars. no cooking, because the people there had been invited out for dinner)

The same gentleman got his 3-year old son tight; but it wasn't really his fault. The youngster is evidently uesd Red Cross to be Held on to drinking coco-cola, and when he found a glass of it, (with a stiff shot of rum in it,) he drank it. Both father and son staggered home. I wish I could have seen what happened then. Friday (To-morrow) Night

This morning, one fellow (who had four little hammers going in his head), was paddling the now-sobered threeyear-old around the living room in a canoe consisting of two stools. A few other now painfully sobered men got aboard, and it looked very real, as they all leaned to the left at the paddler's command, (they were going around a curve); I never laughed so hard in all the Timmins Red Cross Society. The and able work during the past year. The my life as I did at those people this meeting will be held in the council work of the Timmins Red Cross has chamber of the Timmins Municipal been carried along as smoothly and morning.

Apparently there was an impromptu Building and will commence at 8 o'- efficiently that many may be inclined party at the Big House, and afterwards | clock. they went out for eats. One man took | The chief business of the meeting | Often a poor attendance at these anhis partner home about 6 a.m., just as will be the hearing of the annual re- nual meetings is due to that sort of the whistle was blowing, and as he ports of the several officers and heads idea. "Everything is going fine," people was leaving, he met all the maids in of departments, and the election of of- say, and they leave it at that. It is well on Sunday of last week. There were a preachers of the United Church. camp coming to work. The servant at ficers for the ensuing year. The reports to remember, however, that the very number of inspiring addresses, the that house tried to wake the lady out of | will be of special interest, as the work | fact that affairs have been well con- | event being under the chairmanship of a very deep sleep about 8 a.m. and when for the past year has been carried on ducted is all the more reason for a large Harry Atkins, Kirkland Lake theatre she didn't get any results, she got pretty with special interest, enthusiasm and and enthusiastic attendance at the an- manager. The main speaker of the scared, and said later, "that she thought skill. This is true of every department nual meeting, not only to encourage the evening was Percy Waxer. The hand- tion of the dum-dum bullet in this war

they really do kick up their heels here! there should be a big turnout for the creased interest and effort.

During the past year or so, The Ad- | But the most important news is yet about it. Matt handed in his resignation on Monday last, and gave his reason as mainly climatic conditions. So our days here are numbered, 3 months at the very outside, and after that, our plans as yet are rather indefinite. . .

> We got your Christmas card, Vera; it came last night. I liked the verse on it.-quite a good one for war-time, too. Your brief letter came too, Mom, thanks for the stamps for Matt; but would you keep them in Canada for him; they'll stick to each other and everything else if this weather gets at them. Talking of your new hair-do, Mother, I've

heard down here how much younger you are looking. If you keep it up, I'll Dear Folks:-I thought of you all a look like your mother instead of you lot yesterday. There was a "Christmas looking like mine. Gosh, that would be Tree" and Santa Claus at the Big funny. I'll be looking forward to your House for the kiddies yesterday; the next letter to hear about the puppy.

## **Eight More From** Timmins Enlist in

List for Number of Recruits.

The list of those enlisting in air crew and other trades at North Bay Recruiting Centre, R.C.A.F., as furnished by Squadron Leader T. G. Holley, Commanding Officer of the Unit, shows River, Sundridge, Oba, Garson Mine, Kewagami, Larder Lake, Sturgeon Falls, Well, we slept till ten to nine on Gunton, Man., Glendale, N.S.

Timmins - Hugh Borden Honsberger, 9 Cedar street south; Russell Lloyd drew Robert Turcotte, 165 Pind South; John Grant Hammer, 118 Toke street; Henry Patton, 58 Toke street; James Booth Johnston, 123 Elm North.

Schumacher - John Strell McCus ker, 47A Second avenue. Schumacher Iroquois Falls - Lawrence Harman Cutten, Wm. WcKellar McLaren.

Ansonville - Golfred Corbett Plum-

Larder Lake - Frederic Wallace

Kapuskasing-Gordon Richard Kraby Kirkland Lake - William Curtis on scheelite, the ore of tungsten. The New Liskeard - Gordon McKenzie

Larder Lake - Stephen Bellan. Noranda — Norman Aldridge.

There were ten recruits for the R.C.

Timmins - Mary Elsie Sullivan, Standard Tradeswoman, 218 Spruce

Ansonville - Hazel Irene Gagne,

Magazine Digest: Among other

ment to the Officers and Workers.

## R.C.A.F. Women Get New Uniform



The Royal Canadian Air Force (Women's Division) has a new and streamlined version of its trim blue uniform; and as present ones wear out, they will be replaced by this attractive design. Planned and executed by Canada's foremost fashion authorities, it is practical, becoming, and incidentally saves fabric.

Most notable change is the cap - a curving, widevisored model of fabric on felt. The tunic has slimmer lines, false upper pockets and patch pockets below; its back is tailored in one piece, with a detachable belt. Kick-pleat skirts are giving way to a style with six flat gores and plenty of swing to the hemline. The greatcoat, with an inverted pleat and half belt at the back, with its lapels flaring higher, and pockets on a diagonal slant, promises greater warmth as well as

Color, material, and insignia have not altered their proud Air Force identity. Only one "extra" has been added - a flat shoulder bag of blue leatherette, which, swinging from right shoulder to left side, will more than compensate for the departed pockets.



#### Tungsten Mining Not Necessarily Profitable Work

With Tungsten Ore.

In last week's issue of The Northern Miner there was an interesting reference to tungsten mining. This article contains a number of facts about tungsten in the gold mines that are new and interesting. The article was in answer to the following query sent to The Northern Miner by a Montreal reader:

"From time to time you have mentioned in your paper discoveries and development of tungsten ores at such properties as Hollinger, Little Long Lac. Dome, Sullivan, etc. have read some of your articles on tungsten and understand from them that the mineral has a high value. Can you say that any of the mines might make much money out of this side-line? This point I have not seen discussed in your paper."

The following is the reply of The value. Northern Miner:-

none of the mines expects to make ed. much, if anything, out of the work done mineral has been found in mining gold ores at certain points in the veins. It does not occur continuously in any vein and consequently has to be sought out with the aid of ultra-violet ray lamps With some practice it has been possible to mine a certain tonnage of the ore, or This ore, hand picked, is stockpiled for treatment in a concentrating plant, one Cochrane - Mary Helen Bendetti, Long Lac for its own and the neighboring mines; The Department of Mines at Ottawa has a recovery plant; another is at the Quebec government's Val d'Or customs mill; another has been erected by Hollinger and there are other plants across the Dominion which have undertaken to produce scheelite concentrates.

The concentrates are valuable, being worth \$26.50 per unit of 20 lbs. of 70 per

to stay away from the annual meeting.

This Includes All Who Contributed to the Last Red Cross

Campaign Large Attendance will be an Encourage-

To-morrow night (Friday, Jan. 22nd), annual meeting and that is to encour-

#### cent. WO3. Even lower grade concentrates can be marketed, from 10 per cent. up, by shipment to certain treatment plants in the United States where Leisure to be Topic a 90 per cent, recovery can be effected. There has not been sufficient exper- for Address Here ience to date in the handling of a straight tungsten project to provide profit data. The Emerald mine in British Columbia is the most ambitious project in Canada so far and the mill has just recently started operation; it is a government financed undertaking. However, we gather that you are seek-

grade gold ore had to be mined to maintain tungsten production. In Hollinger's case the tungsten, or scheelite rather, is found in veins low in gold. We have observed that in Kerr-Addison, also, the

What a straight tungsten mine (non-As a generality we could say that gold) can do has yet to be demonstrat-

The price at present is of course much higher than could be counted

## Another List of Donations to the rather to apparate it from the gold ore. Christmas Seal Fund

upon in time of peace.

for the Fight Against Tuberculosis in the Porcupine Camp.

uberculosis in the Porcupine Camp.

Henry Ainsworth, J. C. Biggs, Mrs. J. Bodell, Frank Byck & Son, Mrs. W. J Annual Meeting Timmins Cahill, Mrs. F. R. Cauley (Kingston), Alfred Cook, Joseph Demuynch, H. M. Goodfellow (S.P.), Mrs. J. Goodman, Harvey's Drug Store, Albert E. Huyton, Ken Hulme, Signs, J. Jago, Miss E. Joyner, Mrs. Chas. Keats (Burke's Falls), Kingston Hotel, J. C. Kirkland, J. Knott, F.X. Lauzon, Phil Laverdiere, A. Loveless, Mrs. Alex Malouin, H. R. Manary, F. F. Milton, G. Monahan, All Members of the Red Cross Society Urged to Attend. Hunter Mackenzie, M. H. McCourt, J. E. McGrath, Neill's Shoe Store, Order of Eastern Star (S.P.) Eldridge Orr, E. J. Rapsey (S.P.), R. J. Stoneman, F W. Simpson, J. W. Thompson, Chas. E. Tucker (S P.), J. A. Wilson, Wm. is the date of the annual meeting of age those who have done such earnest

#### Dinner at Kirkland Netted \$605.00 for "Aid to Russia"

Lake Jewish Community held a dinner recognized as one of the outstanding her mistress was a-dyin' in there." of the work. The interest of these re- officers and heads of departments who some sum of \$605.00 was netted from The dum-dum, of course, is that nasty And so for Christmas! I wonder what ports should attract a large attendance have worked so hard and so efficiently, the event and will go to swell Kirk- little bullet that is hollow and flattens it will be like on New Year's Eve, when in itself. There is another reason why but also to start the new year with in- land Lake's quota to the Canadian Aid out like the Duce after one of his to Russia Fund.

# **Education for**

J. Bowden, M.A., to be the Guest Speaker at Home and School Association.

The Central School Home and School Association, will hold their regular mines. We would not count on tungsten | Special speaker will be Mr. J. J. Bowtreatment activities of these mines den. M.A., and the subject of his remaking much difference in the earning | marks will be "Education for Leisure. Mr. Bowden is an honour graduate of We recently reported, in reviewing University of Toronto in English and Hollinger, that tungsten itself was History, and is well equipped to deal mildly profitable but this was offset by with this timely topic, stressing the new the fact that large quantities of low emphasis on the use of leisure as a factor in education.

All parents can be assured of a profitable evening.

Miss Lois Skelly, a former pupil of the school, who has distinguished herscheelite is in areas of low or nil gold self as a pianist, will return as guest

Mr. R. Bailey, Musical Director of the school, will provide music by the pupils.

#### e Openings for Recruits Women's Division R.C.A.F.

Women between the ages of 18 years and 41 years who have Public School Entrance or the equivalent are eligible for enlistment in the R.C.A.F. (Women's Division) subject to being medically fit and passing required tests. There are many openings now for with the Nursing Division. early enlistment in the following trades

-teleprinter operators, standard genof which has been erected by Little Further Contributions Made eral duties cooks, standard tradeswomen, clerk (steno), clerk medical, hospital assistants, photographers, par achute riggers, clerk steno. (medical).

trades may be obtained by writing No. 7 Recruiting Centre ,40 Worthington The following are further donations St. E., North Bay, or you may visit the received to further the fight against R.C.A.F. (W.D.) office any day in the week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and ger thanking these men for such a mag-Dec. 18, 1943: Clark Adamson, Mrs. Friday evenings from 7-9 p.m. or Sat- nanimous gift to the Red Cross Society. urda yto 4 p.m.

#### Mountjoy United Church to Observe **Anniversary Sunday**

Rev. Dr. R. S. Laidlaw, o Iroquois Falls to be Guest Preacher.

day, Jan. 24th, with special services at of wool were received and 158 lbs. 10 which Rev. R. S. Laidlaw, D.D., of Iro- oz. placed in the hands of the knitters: quois Falls will be guest preacher. The 290 knitted articles were received and choir will render special music. First 286 articles shipped to headquarters United Church will cancel their even- | Wool 100m shipments included. ing service in order that their people may worship at the Mountjoy Church. Dr. Laidlaw was formerly minister at Erskine Church, Toronto, Krox As part of their effort to help the Church, Winnipeg, and St. Paul's "Aid to Russia" Fund, the Kirkland Church, Brandon, Manitoba, and he is

#### FLOPEROO

Up to now there has been no menspeeches.-North Bay Nugget.

# Russian Boys, 12 and 10 Fight and Die Alongside Their Gallant Grandad

Peasant Stalked Highways Telling War Prisoners How to Escape. Paid for Bravery Under Blast of German Belly Guns. Courage and Ingenuity of Russians a Challenge to All Loving Freedom.

(By Gregory Clark) Russia Fund have been addressed to parties of prisoners of war. the Women and girls of Canada. With | This old man and those two youngthe three-quarters of a million mark sters were themselves guerrillas. As now clearly in sight, it is time the men their little party, staggering along the and boys of Canada were challenged to roads, was overtaken by the party of display their ingenuity in raising money | marching Russian prisoners , under for this tribute to the men and boys of guard, the soldiers would the other great race which shares with greetings to the old man. And the little us Canadians the northern hemisphere. | boys would banter back and the old concerts, teas, sales, all manner of at- | curses at being forced into the ditch tractions for raising donations. What to let the traffic past, can men and boys do?

the men and boys of Russia, not only in of the little boys, the imprecations of their armies but in the vast civilian the old man, had carried to their feldynamo of Russia, that is the secret of low countrymen in the prisoner of war their success, against the professional gang the instruction that, at a certain hordes of Germany

Germans Frightened

Germans are frightened to take prison- past a certain village, where comrades ers because out of every batch of prison- awaited them, with arms. ers sent to the rear a definite proportion | Every pitcher goes once too often to of them escapes and joins the guerrilla the well. The old man and the little bands that are increasing in size and boys died under a blast of German fury with every week of this terrible belly guns, on a roadside. winter campaign.

prison compounds are raided at night, as a whole, in uniform and out, are and holes blown in the barb wire en- | fighting this war tooth and nail.

a few weeks ago, a trio who will surely some schemes to raise money for the go down in Russian history as national Aid to Russia Fund that will carry it herces, an aged man and his two the last quarter of a million dollars at small grandsons, aged 12 and 10, were a greater clip than the first quarter the liberators of hundreds of Russian million. soldiers to join the guerrillas behind the | Send your donation and the dona-German lines.

and with his two small grandsons hold- | fellow players in this still blessed Caning his hands, and all laden with ada, to the Canadian Aid to Russia bundles of worthless chattels, they | Fund, 80 King St. W., Toronto.

walked the highways along which the Most of the appeals of the Aid to military traffic moved, including

Women and girls can stage bazaars, man would mumble his apparent But in the exchange, the warnings

For it is the power of invention in had been passed. The harmless gibes spot not far ahead, a guerrilla band would attack the escort and everybody Right now, according to Igor Sol- who was fit and willing must run a ovyev, Red Star war correspondent, the certain direction, to a certain wood,

#### Ingenuity Needed

Sometimes the marching parties of | But it shows you how aged men and prisoners are raided by guerilla parties little boys can be ingenious. And it rewaiting to free them. Sometimes the minds you how the people of Russia,

And it may be, a few hundred Can-But until they were caught and killed adian men and boys can dream up

tions you can collect from your friends The old man posed as a blind peasant, and fellow workers or fellow diners or

# production on profits at various gold production on profits at various gold January 21st, at 8.15 at the school. Special speaker will be Mr. J. J. Bow-Red Cross Shipped 9,473 Articles in December

Two Representatives of Local Red Cross to Take Nurses' Refresher Course at Western University. Slight Increase in Membership of Junior Red Cross. Local Society Grateful for Donation of Victory Loan Commissions.

Tre president, Mr. W. E. Williams, I presided at the regular monthly meeting of the Timmins Branch of the Red!

The resignation of Mrs. Goodings, convener of the Home Nursing and Emergencies Committee, was accepted with regret.

It was decided to send two representatives to take the Nurses Refresher Course being given at the University of Western Ontario at London. This for the sewing and surgical departwill be an inspiration to those working

The treasurer's statement showed a

bank balance of \$6,725.53 on December 31st., 1942. The accounts paid during the mothh of December for wool, hospital supplies, etc., amounted to \$450.69 quarters: A transfer to headquarters of \$5000.00 All information concerning the above was made during the month as well as the special donation of \$2535.30 received as commissions from the canvassers of the Third Victory Loan. Mr. Munro also read a letter from Mr. L. R. Strin-Mrs. R. Taylor outlined the plans of the Nutrition Committee.

Mrs. Kinsey reported that the near- cap. est-of-kin of prisoners of war might now send in their parcels every three months such items as tea, sugar, coffee, dehydrated fruits and soups, chocolate, hard candy and shelled nuts. Coupons for rationed foods may be obtained from Ottawa.

Mr. Transom reported a slight increase in membership of the Junior Red Cross. Mrs. Brown, wool room convener, in

her report mentioned that the wool The Mountjoy United Church will room was open eleven days during Deccelebrate its first anniversay on Sun- ember. One hundred and eighty lbs.

### Seaman's Quota

- 39 pairs Seaman's 26" Stockings 30 pairs Seaman's 18" Socks.
- 29 pairs Plain socks
- 15 pairs Whole mitts 9 Turtleneck Tuck-ins
- 1 Turtleneck Sweater 2 Round neck Sweaters
- Seaman's Non-Quota
- 4 pairs Seaman's Stockings (Alt.) Army and Airforce Quota
- 4 Sleeveless Sweaters 4 Round neck Pullovers
- 4 Alternate Caps 18 pairs Gloves

2 Aero Caps

Army and Airforce Non-Quota

- 1 Turtelneck Sweater
- 6 Aero Caps
- 5 pairs Gloves 2 Plain Scarves.
- 1 pair Plain Socks 107 Face Cloths
- Civil Defense Workers

3 'V'-necked Sweaters 225 Articles

Mrs. J. M. Douglas, chairman of Women's War Work, presented the reports ments. Although the sewing rooms were open but twelve days during the month of December, the average daily attendance exceded twelve workers and the hospital quotas were completed. The following articles were shipped to head-

#### Hospital Supplies Quota 180 face Masks

152 Nurses Operating Room Gowns

304 Nurses Operating Room Caps 50 Hospital Bedgowns

Civilian Clothing - Quota

15 Boy's Units size 3, each contain-

ing: - 1 pr. shorts, 2 shirts, 1 jacket, 1

686 Articles

75 Articles 25 prs. Boy's long trousers, size 12

10 Infants nightgowns 110 Articles

3 Afghans 1 Quilt (crib size)

1 Woman's Sweater size 36 1 pr. Boy's Khaki Slacks size 12

5 prs. Children's Mitts size 1 & 2

Civilian Clothing - Non-Quota

11 Articles Surgical Supplies — Quota

6 units of Dressings each containing

120 Small Dressing Pads. 80 Medium Dressing Pads 30 Large Dressings Pads

400 Wipes 600 Compresses

1230 Total — 7380 Articles

The total shipments from the Timmins Branch in December were 9473 articles.

The Annual Meeting of the Timmins Branch of the Red Cross Society will be held in the Council chamber of the Municipal Building on Friday January 22nd at 8 p.m There will be the presentation of reports and election of officers for 1943 and all those interested in Red Cross work are urged to attend.