

# Reports Finland May Seek Separate Peace

## Cigarettes and Letters Chief Needs of the Lads Now Serving Overseas

Many Send Thanks for Cigarettes Sent by Community Fag Fund. Capt. Pat Andrews Married. Other Interesting Letters from Overseas. Some Notes on the Fag Fund Committee.

The Timmins Community Fag Fund has received another group of letters of thanks for cigarettes received by the lads overseas. The letters suggest these things worth keeping in mind. First, the boys are appreciative, and this should spur all to greater interest in the Community Fag Fund. Second, cigarettes from Canada are particularly desired by the lads overseas, as they find the English cigarettes when they can get them are not as desirable as the Canadian brands. Third, in addition to cigarettes, the boys like letters from the home town. "Ask the citizens of Timmins to write often to the boys," says one soldier writing from overseas.

## Forecasts Stormy Weather

Weather Moderated in the Past Few Days.

Mr. Wheeler of the Hollinger Weather Observatory reports that the weather will be stormy, with a little sleet today, snow continuing for the next few days.

The coldest day during the past week was on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, when the thermometer stood at 20 below, and in the afternoon rose to 18 above. The warmest day for the week, although the weather has been considerably mild, was on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, when the thermometer stood on 28 above, the lowest being 16 above. Sunday was also warm with the temperature being 28 above, although it had dropped to 4 above.

At 8 a.m. this morning, the thermometer stood at 20 above. Maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week were:—Thursday, Jan. 28th, 22 above and 6 above; Friday, Jan. 29th, 18 above and 4 above; Saturday, Jan. 30th, 20 above and 8 above; Sunday, Jan. 31st, 28 above and 16 above; Monday, Feb. 1st, 4 above and 3 below; Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, 18 above and 10 below; Wednesday, Feb. 3rd 28 above and 16 above.

Snowfall for the past week was on Saturday, Jan. 30th, 3 inches, and Sunday, Jan. 31st, 2 inches, making a total of 5 inches for the week.

## Bruce McColeman in Charge of C.N.I.B. Stand Here

Mr. Arthur Green, who has been in charge of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind stand alongside the Goldfield's theatre, leaves on this afternoon's Northland for Toronto where he will take a position in a munition factory where several other C.N.I.B. men are already engaged successfully. During the thirteen months Mr. Green has been in Timmins, he has made wide circles of friends who will regret his leaving here, but wish him the best of luck in his new work.

His place here is taken by Mr. Bruce McColeman who lost his sight following an accident at the Hollinger where he was employed for years. He has been at the stand for several weeks, taking full charge this week and conducting the business efficiently and well.

## Margaret Keeley and Alex Fulton are Dominion Pair Skating Champions

Schumacher Couple Bring Honour to Porcupine Skating Club, by Winning Dominion Championship at Toronto Event Last Week. Other Entries from Several Large Centres.

There was very general pleasure in town and district at the week-end when it was known that Miss Margaret Keeley and Mr. Alex Fulton had won the Dominion Pairs Championship. These able, and graceful skaters have shown such talent here that the honour coming to the Porcupine Figure-skating Club is not altogether unexpected.

The Junior Championships of the Canadian Figure Skating Association were held over the week-end at Toronto. Due to so many of the Senior skaters being in the Armed Forces and the Women's Divisions also, no senior competitions were held. Rules of the contest also state that no previous champion can compete in this class, but can compete in the senior division. Ages are from 10 to 22. The Porcupine Figure-Skating Club entered two of its members: Miss Margaret Keeley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Keeley, Buffalo Ankerite Mine, and Mr. Alex Fulton, son of Mr. and Mrs. "Sandy" Fulton, Schumacher, in the junior pair. Both these clever skaters have featured in the Skating Carnivals, held at the McIntyre Arena in the past two seasons. Under the tuition of Miss Madge Austin, professional instructor, they became very proficient at the art. They wear the Bronze medal and bar for figures and the Silver Medal for dance tests. They have both practised hard



These two Canadian airmen were among the fighting fliers of the United Nations who helped light the fuse that exploded Hitler's pipe-dream. They were part of a bomber crew which flew with the air forces, keeping Rommel's Afrika Korps in frantic retreat. Advance Canadian personnel have arrived in North Africa for special training. The National Film Board's film in the CANADA CAR-

RIES ON series, "PINCERS ON AXIS EUROPE," gives a full report of the North Africa operation, from the landing of the vast United Nations force to the race across the desert after Rommel's fleeing army. Importance of the move to the United Nations offensive, in its relationship to the struggle on the Russian front is dramatically presented.

## Need More Attention to Artistic and Cultural Subjects in Education

Thought-Provoking Address to Timmins Kiwanis Club by Mr. J. J. Bowden on the Subject "Education for Leisure." Too Much Attention Paid to the Material.

Timmins Kiwanis Club at their luncheon at the Empire hotel on Monday had an address that held their keenest attention from beginning to end, and that has formed food for thought for them since then. The speaker was Mr. J. J. Bowden, of the staff of the Timmins High and Vocational School, and his subject was "Education for Leisure."

"Our approach to education has been fairly materialistic in the past," he said, "success being measured in terms of whether the student became financially successful, or entered one of the professions. The aim was not sought in terms of a fuller life or of improved citizenship."

There should be three general aims in education, each overlapping the other perhaps, but each distinct enough to be recognized, the speaker said.

"First," said Mr. Bowden, "we should provide as broad a cultural, artistic and aesthetic training as possible; second, we should train the intellect; and, third, we should teach as many skills

as possible. Our materialistic attitude has led us to emphasize the second, and now, partly due to the war, is leading to stress the third. This change is a good thing, but let us not let it obscure the need for artistic and cultural education."

Mr. Bowden proceeded to show the need for education for leisure. As industrialization has increased the hours of work per week have decreased gradually. This development, he said, will continue, so that the labouring man will have more leisure time in the future. Provision should be made for this by shifting some of our emphasis to the cultural and artistic subjects.

"We cannot allow the next generation to depend on entertainment or diversion that is purchased," the speaker said, emphasizing the need for "education for leisure." Beneficial changes, such as the introduction of music into the schools, better language texts, the introduction of manual and technical training, the greater freedom in the English literature courses, were cited, but the speaker pointed out that all this is little more than a beginning. He said that music should be carried further, and art should receive much more attention. Both deserve a place in the High School course. He felt it was regrettable that High School students receive so little opportunity to progress very far in these subjects.

"An obvious objection," commented the speaker, "is that we have always stressed the languages, social studies and kindred subjects, but these have been taught more as a basis for further education than as an end in themselves."

"We should make a greater effort to give a more complete and better rounded education to those who do not go on for higher education," was another thought expressed by Mr. Bowden. He added that, if necessary, those who have the ability for higher institution might be segregated.

Mr. Bowden suggested that one of the best ways to provide for leisure time would be to increase the scope of adult education. In this respect, he said larger communities fare better. Night school classes are available, though he thought there were often too restricted, being concerned chiefly with increasing working efficiency or earning power. He believed that these night classes should be extended to include as many cultural subjects as possible.

Mr. Bowden did not overlook the more optimistic part of the picture. "Hopeful signs," he said, "are the increased library facilities, the interest in group musical programmes, the flourishing state of the "Little Theatre" movement in some communities, and the encouragement given to gardening and landscaping by horticultural societies. One of the most promising developments has been the use made of university extension lectures and courses, where they are available.

In concluding his very thoughtful and effective address, Mr. Bowden said that adult education should be encour-

## CANADIANS CHASED ROMMEL

## Annual T. and N. O. Curling Bospiel Starts Monday

Large Number of Entries Expected from North.

The thirteenth Annual T. & N. O. Bospiel will get under way next Monday at the McIntyre Arena.

Both the ice services will be used up until Friday to accommodate the large number of entries that are expected to participate.

As the entries do not close until tomorrow night there is no definite number of curling teams that will take part, up to the present there are a large number already entered.

## Robin Seen Here Tuesday

A local professional man phoned The Advance on Tuesday afternoon to the effect that he had just seen a robin abroad on Hemlock street. Asked if it were the famous "Globe Robin", the noted prophet of spring, the gentleman was not sure that he had heard of the Globe robin, but he was sure that it was a robin on Hemlock street and that it seemed a prophecy of an early spring.

## Man Arrested on Serious Charge

Last night George Zabo, a man of about 40 years of age, was arrested after he had run from the barn of the Timmins Packing Co., and is held in jail here to face a charge of attempted sodomy. On account of recent injury and interference with cows at the property, the police were watching the place last night. Zabo ran out of the barn and was caught and brought back, and eventually placed under arrest. On his arrival at the police station a doctor was called and following further investigation, the charge was laid against Zabo. Last year Zabo was in court on a charge of defrauding his landlady and was ordered to pay her the amount due for board and lodging.

aged and supported by the government. If this were done, it might be possible to arrest the tendency to sensationalism and pleasure-seeking and find a contentment that is much more satisfying.

The guest speaker was introduced by Kiwanian E. H. King, while Kiwanian A. W. Pickering expressed the thanks of the Club for the thought-provoking and valuable address enjoyed.

The special visitor for the day was Dr. F. K. Switzer, of Toronto, who is in charge of the dental car touring the North Land. Dr. Switzer spoke briefly on the work that is being done, this dental car calling at all outlying areas to provide the dental services that would otherwise be unavailable in the sparsely centred areas far from the larger centres.

The winner of the War Savings draw for the week was Kiwanian Phil LaPorte.

The community singing at the meeting was led by Kiwanian P. Woodbury.

## Unless Finland Secures Food Supplies at Once May Have to Capitulate

Russia Continues Its Successful Progress in Southern Area. Only Twenty-two Miles Now from Kursk, German Stronghold. "Winning the War" First Objective in Progressive Conservative Platform.

## Observes Eighty-first Birthday

Mr. J. S. McGuire the Recipient of Congratulations and Good Wishes.

Mr. J. S. McGuire (affectionately known to hosts of friends as "Dad") celebrated his 81st birthday on Monday. He is in good health and active, and never misses a hockey match or other sporting event. He has been here since 1914 and in the years since he has won the regard and affection of all. An ardent follower of sports all his life, he has been a faithful attendant at all games. In his younger days he was himself one of the best Lacrosse players in Canada. His son, Frank, was for years a star in hockey in the North. Everyone who knows Mr. McGuire—and that means nearly everybody—will sincerely wish him many happy returns of the day.

A Reuters News Agency despatch from Ankara, Turkey, refers to reports received from Berlin, in which it is declared that the Finnish Ambassador to Germany informed Hitler that unless Finland receives urgently-needed food supplies at once there will be no other course left open to Finland but to seek to make a separate peace with Russia. Reading the above in conjunction with despatches from Rio de Janeiro, it is interesting to note that peace talk is in the enemy air. The Rio de Janeiro reports deny that Hitler is planning a peace offer through the Spanish government.

London despatches say that Soviet forces have captured an area only 22 miles north of the German stronghold of Kursk, and that successful progress is being made by the Russians in the Southern Russian area. Soviet forces have a huge German army trapped in the area south of Rostov.

At his first appearance in Eastern Canada as progressive Conservative leader Mr. John Bracken announced a ten point National programme, the first point of which is "winning the war." This was followed by "winning the peace," equality of opportunity for all, and national unity.

## Some Ease-up in Matter of Employment for Men in Gold Mining Industry

Those Coming Off Low Priority Work May be Sent to the Mines if Job of Higher Priority is Not Available at the Moment, Says Local Selective Service Officer.

## Trial Runs to be Held at Ski Club Sunday Afternoon

Trial Runs in Preparation of Laurentian Ski Meet at North Bay, Feb. 20 and 21

Trial runs for the Junior division of the Porcupine Ski Club will take place at the Gulch on Sunday at 2 p.m., in preparation for the Laurentian ski meet being held at North Bay on February 20th and 21st.

Instructors are available every week-end for seniors, and anybody desiring an instructor should make inquiries at the Club house.

It is hoped that a few will remain around the Club house later in the day to have a little get-together, with singing, supper, etc. This Sunday, following the trial runs, members and friends are asked to stay around.

The reports around town this week to the effect that the ban had been lifted on the employment of men at the gold mines do not appear to be as well founded as most people here would wish to believe. What has really happened is an ease-up in the restrictions on work at the gold mines. In conversation with Mr. Charron, manager of the Timmins Selective Service office, this morning, The Advance was told that the situation might best be described as follows:—The mines, like everybody else, can only secure employees through the Selective Service office. Until this week the Selective Service was not allotting men to the mines because there were demands for labour from other industries with higher priority rating. Now, however, if a man comes off a job in an industry with a low priority rating he can be sent to the mine, if a higher priority job is not available at the moment. This means an easing-up of the former restrictions, but until priority jobs are filled, it will not bring any very large numbers to mine work.

## Town Council Suggests More Interest Needed in the Matter of Elections

Endorse Resolution from Kitchener for Compulsory Voting. Applications for Tag Days to be Considered. Local Police Officers Appointed Under the Liquor Control Act.

At its regular meeting on Monday the mayor and all the councillors present a motion was passed endorsing the resolution from the Kitchener city council asking the Dominion government to appoint a committee to study legislation for compulsory voting, with penalties for those failing to vote.

Councillor Spooner pointed out that New Zealand had such legislation, and that the small vote turning out on occasion showed something was necessary. He referred to the recent municipal election in Timmins and other places where only a fraction of the voters turned out. Councillor Gladstone said that the vote was a duty as well as a privilege and if people would not exercise their privileges something should be done about it.

Kitchener city council also submitted a resolution urging that the government establish a minimum weekly wage of \$20.00 per week for women. This resolution was left over for further consideration.

Applications for tag days were received from the French-Canadian Ladies and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. These will be considered and decided with the others now in or pending.

Applicants for grants from the "Aid to Russia Fund" and the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, were left to be decided with the other grants of the year.

A Bellamy was appointed to the Sanitary Board, in place of Thomas Parsons.

The following were appointed as the Court of Revision for 1943:—A. Caron, W. King, Art. Morin, H. W. Warren and A. Wetmore.

The necessary by-law was passed to authorize the following police constables to act as officers for the enforcement of the Liquor Control Act within the town:—Joseph Handley, V. Belanger, M. Craig, D. Christensen, Lorne Johnston, Geo. Billbrook, S. Mainville, Cecil Bates.