

Allies Turn Tables in Tunisia

Special Features of Programme in Timmins for B. P. Scout Week

Radio Addresses Each Day at 5.30 p.m. Meetings of Boy Scouts and Cubs, Motion Pictures and Other Methods Used to Demonstrate Boy Scout Work.

This is Boy Scout Week in Canada and it is being well observed in Timmins. The observance started on Sunday with a special parade of Boy Scouts and Cubs to several of the churches, special services being held. Further references to the church parade will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Each other night of the week is being featured by a radio address at 5.30 p.m., with a prominent speaker on the air to say something about the Boy Scout movement. Among the list of radio speakers are:—Rev. E. Gilmour Smith, Police Chief L. Gagnon, Mr. Wm. King, Mayor Brunette, Rev. Fr. Murray and Mr. G. Filion.

On Monday evening there was a joint meeting of Cub Packs 4A and 4B in the basement of St. Anthony's church, with demonstrations of Cub activities, presentation of badges and trophies, and a special programme of songs and stories.

Tuesday evening the Scouts observed by first listening to the address on the radio at 7.30 p.m. by Lord Somers, Empire Chief Scout. From 7 to 9 there was an open meeting of the First Timmins Cub Pack at the Hollinger hall, with games and demonstrations of Cub activities. There was also a joint meeting of the Third Timmins Cub Pack and the Scout Troop at the Church of the Nativity hall, with displays and presentation of badges.

Last night was Parents' night at a joint meeting of the Fifth Scout Troop and Cub Pack at the Moneta School, with an interesting programme, including presentation of prizes.

Further reference to the above events will be found in the Boy Scout column of The Advance next week.

To-night (Thursday) the address over the radio at 5.30 will be by His Worship Mayor Emile Brunette. At 7 p.m. there will be a special meeting of the Second Timmins Troop and Cub Pack in St. Matthew's church hall. The life of a boy from the time he joins the Scouts until he passes through the Scouts will be presented, including investiture and going-up ceremonies. From 7 to 9 there will also be a meeting of the Sixth Timmins Troop and Cub Pack at the Lions' hall, with demonstrations of various activities and presentation of badges by the group committee. All interested are specially and cordially invited to attend any or all of these events.

Friday (to-morrow) night, Rev. Fr. Murray will be the speaker on the radio at 5.30 p.m. From 7 to 9 p.m. there will be a special meeting of the First Timmins Troop at the Hollinger Recreation hall, with demonstrations, ceremonies and the showing of some interesting films. All interested cordially invited to attend. At 9 p.m. there will be a social evening at the Masonic hall, Tamarack street, with an orchestra in attendance. Refreshments will be served. This is the only event at which any fee is charged and in this case the amount is only the nominal one of fifty cents per person.

\$8,940.42 for Bomb Victims

Timmins Sent Handsome Sum Overseas Last Year.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a complete and detailed statement duly audited, of the Timmins executive of the Lord Mayor of London's Bomb Victims' Fund.

The good work done by the Timmins executive is shown by the fact that in the past year contributions to the amount of \$8,940.42 have been forwarded overseas to the Lord Mayor of London for the victims of Nazi bombing in the Old Land. The local fund has a larger balance standing this year than was on hand at Dec. 31st, 1941, and are planning further material contributions this year to aid those who have borne the brunt in Britain of the enemy's fury.

Sub-Lieut. Cy Hale Guest of Honour at Party on Saturday

Entertained While on Visit Home Last Week.

On Saturday evening, Sub-Lieutenant Cyril Hale, of the Royal Canadian Navy, was honoured at a party held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hale, 100 Fifth avenue.

A very delightful evening was spent singing and dancing, the singing being both of the solo variety and community singing. Soloists were Messrs. Tom Williams, Joe Jago, and Frank Boisvert, while Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bird, Sr., rendered duets.

During the course of the evening a tasty lunch was served by Mrs. Hale, assisted by several of the ladies.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. George Hale, Miss Lillian Hale, Sub-Lieutenant Cyril Hale, Mr. and Mrs. George MacDonnell of the Dome Ex., Miss Elsa MacDonnell, Mr. and Mrs. George Webber, Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. William (Bill) Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bodell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bird, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. T. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. F. Boisvert, Mr. George Meredith, Miss Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jago and Patsy, Mrs. C. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. D. McKie, Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. R. Tomkin, and Mr. Bob Whiteman.

FORMER BOY SCOUTS IN ARMED SERVICES



This is Boy Scout Week in Timmins, and so it is timely to re-publish the above picture, which suggests the value of the Boy Scout movement. Most of the Boy Scouts and their leaders shown in the picture are now serving in Canada's Armed Forces. Those serving in the war effort are as follows: R.C.A.F. Scoutmaster Ab. Wright, Charles Gray, Jimmy Forrester, Reg. Parsons, Frank Eade, L. Lemieux, Gordon Parks. Army—Assistant Scoutmaster Gerald Doolan, T. Rickard, Jack Jelbert, Keith Powell, Eric Ormston, Basil Trethowan, Keith Powell, Godfrey Jelbert. Standing—back row—left to right—Eric Ormston, Reg. Parsons, J. Lemieux, Gordon Park, Frank Eade, L. Lemieux. Seated on the floor, from left to right—T. Rickard, Earl McNeil, Sidney Simmers and Scoutmaster Ab Wright.

Standing, front row—left to right—Charles Gray, Jack Jelbert, Jimmy Forrester, Gerald Doolan (assistant Scoutmaster), Jimmy Walsh, Cyril Ormston, Basil Trethowan, Keith Powell, Godfrey Jelbert.

Standing—back row—left to right—Eric Ormston, Reg. Parsons, J. Lemieux, Gordon Park, Frank Eade, L. Lemieux. The nineteen in the picture twelve are in the Armed Forces. Another of the lads has served in the Army but been discharged, two others have been placed in lower medical categories, while the others are too young for service. This makes it practically unanimous for the war effort.

Close to 18,000 Ration Books Issued Here at Schools on Saturday

School Teachers Volunteered One Hundred Per Cent for Work of Distribution of Ration Book No. 2. Public Also Co-operated in Very Pleasing Way. Another Distribution on Saturday, February 27th.

Two days—Saturday of last week and Saturday of this week—were set as the times for the distribution of the new ration books in Timmins. The distribution on Saturday last was notable for the excellent way in which it was carried out, and the co-operation of the public. One hundred per cent of the teaching staffs of the schools volunteered for the work, and actually responded 100 per cent. For example, there were over 200 at the Central School, 25 at Moneta, 50 at Mattagami and 23 at the Holy Family School to look after the distribution. Accordingly it was possible to cover fully the hours between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. by working in shifts. There were approximately 5,000 ration books issued at Central School; 4,303 at Moneta; 5,060 at Mattagami; and 3,477 at Holy Family School. This made a total close to 18,000.

Another (and final) distribution of Ration Book No. 2 will be made on Saturday of this week Feb. 27, at the four schools named above under the same plan. Anyone who has not yet secured their ration book should look after the matter on Saturday. Particulars in the matter will be found on the front page of the second section of this issue.

Legion Smoker on Saturday This Week to be Extra Special

Mayor and Council to be Special Guests.

"All Set" is the word from the Legion entertainment-committee for the smoker, Saturday evening, Feb. 27th. Fred Curtis will be chairman and the Mayor and council are expected to be his guests at the head table.

The McIntyre, six-piece orchestra will be on hand for several fine selections. Mr. Walli and Mr. Young will again be special guests. Mr. Robt. Bailie also is on the programme for vocal renditions. Ron Jones and supporting vocalists and one or two surprise items will fill the bill.

Hot sausage and mash potatoes will be served during the evening. All who had this special last year are sure to be early. The pretty baby who decorates the piano will be raffled off towards the end of the evening. Don't forget to come early as the accommodation is limited and the date is Saturday, February 27th, at the Legion hall.

Geoff. Morris Making Progress to Recovery

Mr. Geoff. Morris, who had the ill-luck to fall on an icy sidewalk on Third avenue, Timmins, in the early part of February, and suffered a fracture to the same leg that was badly broken in 1940 when he was one of several of the Algonquin Regt. struck by a car that ran into the regiment on the march. His many friends will be glad to know that Mr. Morris has been able to leave the hospital and is at home making satisfactory progress to recovery from his recent injury.

Jury Finds Death of Joseph Legare from Natural Causes

No Blame Attached to Anyone is Verdict of Jury.

The jury empanelled to enquire into the death of Joseph Legare, yesterday afternoon after full consideration of the evidence and facts of the case, returned a verdict that death was due to natural cause; and no blame attached to anyone. In view of the fact that the man died while in custody the law required an inquest. Some weeks ago Legare, while working at Turpin's Camp, made an attempt at suicide by cutting his throat. He was brought in to Timmins and at the hospital it was found that the wounds in his neck were not serious, but that he appeared to be mentally ill. He was brought into court here and duly committed as mentally ill. He died a few minutes after he was returned to the hospital. He was 67 years of age.

L.A.C. Donald H. Hardy Married in Scotland

There will be much local interest in the announcement of the marriage at the Registry Office, Forres, Scotland, of L.A.C. Donald H. Hardy and Corporal Georgia B. McKechnie, of Dundee, Scotland. L.A.C. Hardy is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hardy, 67 Maple street, south, and is a well-known and popular Timmins young man, who has been serving overseas for some time with the R.C.A.F. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. J. McKechnie, of Dundee, Scotland, and she has also been on active service in the war effort, being a corporal in the W.A.A.F.

Pte. Elmer Wheeler, of the R.C.A.C., Hamilton left yesterday after spending a few days with his wife and parents, 9 Hemlock St. Timmins.

First Game of N.O.H.A. Finals at the McIntyre Arena, Saturday, Feb. 27

The Second Game in the Series Will be on Monday, March 1st. Porcupine All-Stars and Sudbury Flood Tigers to Try Conclusions for N. O. H. A. Honours.

The first game of the N. O. H. A. finals between the Porcupine All-Stars and Sudbury Flood Tigers will be played at the McIntyre arena this coming Saturday, February 27th, and the second on Monday, March 1st.

Owing to the Sudbury players coming on the 8.10 train, Saturday's game will not start before 9 p.m. Monday's game will start at 6.10 p.m.

Timmins Skiers Do Well at Northern Championship Meet

Took Three Firsts, Two Seconds and Two Thirds in Events.

Timmins skiers made an excellent showing at the Northern Ontario Junior and Ladies Championship meet at North Bay on Feb. 20th and 21st, with North Bay's Laurentian Ski Club as hosts for the occasion. There were six from Timmins going down to North Bay for the event and they brought back three firsts, two seconds and two thirds places in the events put on.

Loring Quesnel won first in the Class C. Boy's Slalom (65.2); and second in the Downhill (32.8).

Miss Mary Thomson won first in Class C. Girls Slalom (58.5).

Mrs. Dave Wemyss won first in Class 2 Ladies (88.6) and second in the Downhill (65.5).

Jerry Moran won third in Class A. Boys' Slalom (114.8), and third in the Downhill (31' 32")

Miss Elizabeth Jamieson and John Barry also placed well up to the fore in the events entered.

The meet was a decided success. There were entries from the Ski Clubs at North Bay, Timmins, Kirkland Lake, Val d'Or, Iroquois Falls, Sudbury and Leaside. There were 28 or 30 entries in practically all the events.

Kirkland Lake won two firsts and two seconds. Iroquois Falls skiers won two thirds places.

Eliert, of the Royal Norwegian Air Force, took top honours in the senior jumping event, with leaps of 104 and 108 feet off the big jump. Helge, another Norwegian airman, made the longest leap of the meet (115 feet on his second leap) but Eliert's form was best. Ole, another Norwegian flier rated second in the jump standings, with C. Skavass, Sudbury, third.

W. Taylor, Kirkland Lake, won first in both the closed and open events of Class A. Boys' Downhill.

All the first honours in Class B. Boys' Cross Country went to Sudbury.

Downhill and Slalom Races, Juniors Under 17

At the Porcupine Ski Club on Sunday the feature of the day will be the Downhill and Slalom races for Juniors under 17. The races are scheduled to begin at 1.30 sharp.

Following the supper a special feature will be a "Movie Night."

Combined British and American Forces Throw Rommel Into Retreat

Red Army Surging Westward Over a Wide Front. Allies Ground Jap Warship at New Britain. Bomb Dropped from Plane Hits Near Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Week-end to be Fair and Warmer

Forecast of Local Weather Bureau This Morning.

Reports today from the Hollinger Weather Observatory say that the weather will be fair over the week-end, and gradually getting warmer.

Monday, Feb. 22nd, was the warmest day of the week, in fact of the month, with the thermometer standing at 40 above, and not dropping below 28 above. The coldest day for the week was on Wednesday, Feb. 24th, with the temperature being 4 below, and 20 below.

Snowfall for the past week was:—Thursday, Feb. 18th, 3 inches; Saturday, Feb. 20th, 1/2 inch; Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 2 1/2 inches; making a total of 6 inches of snow for the past week.

Maximum and minimum temperatures for the week are:—Thursday, Feb. 18th, 22 above and 8 above; Friday, Feb. 19th, 36 above, and 20 above; Saturday, Feb. 20th, 32 above and 0; Sunday, Feb. 21st, 30 above and 2 above; Monday, Feb. 22nd, 40 above and 28 above; Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 33 above and 6 below; Wednesday, Feb. 24th, 4 below and 20 below.

At 8 a.m. this morning, the temperature was 20 below zero.

Mice and Matches Cause Fire Here

Several Hundred Dollars Damage Results.

There were five fire calls for the Timmins Fire Dept., one of them being an unusual one. It was a fire that was caused by mice nibbling at matches in a cupboard at 20 Pearl Ave., owned and occupied by E. Campbell. After the mice and matches had started the fire, the flames spread quickly through the little house. The occupants had to make their escape in night attire, the fire being discovered at 1.22 a.m. on Monday morning. Several hundred dollars' damage was done by the fire before it was brought under control. The loss is covered by insurance.

At 3.05 p.m. on Monday, there was both a phone call and an alarm from Box 17, corner of Pine and Third. The call was for a fire in a Sedan car owned by L. Coultas. The booster pump and a chemical tank from Marshall-Ecclestone's soon conquered the blaze. The damage to the car was not serious.

The other three calls were for chimney fires or for overheated pipes, with no material damage done.

J. P. Bartleman Waiting Legal Opinion as to the Desirability of Appeal

Judgment in Arbitration Case Over Bartleman Townsite Very Strongly in Favour of Town. Claimants Awarded \$15,282.30, While \$97,022.05 was Final Amount Asked.

The decision of His Honour Judge R. A. Danis, acting as Municipal Arbitrator in the case between the town of Timmins and the Bartleman Townsite (J. P. Bartleman, R. Bannino and J. P. McLaughlin) was made public last week. The decision in every point is against the Townsite owners. The amount awarded for the land expropriated by the town for streets is at the same rate (11 cents per foot) as offered by the town. The claimants are required to pay costs of the arbitration.

When the case was in progress, it was suggested that whichever side won, there would likely be an appeal. Asked this morning if he contemplated an appeal, Mr. Bartleman said that the matter was under advisement. He understood there were six weeks allowed before it was necessary to enter an appeal. He was having the whole case reviewed by expert legal talent and would await their opinion before deciding for or against an appeal.

The arbitration award is a lengthy one, comprising eleven pages of type-written foolscap, and sets out the case in full detail. It shows that in the first place the claimants asked 20 cents per foot for 138,930 square feet expropriated by the town for roads, \$27,786.00; damages of \$12,410.40 for injury to other lots; other damages, \$1,861.57; damages

Despatches from Algiers this morning say that British and United States forces have thrown Marshal Rommel's tank columns into full retreat from the outskirts of Thala, this being their first defeat in Tunisia. The Churchill tanks upset the enemy completely. The battle continues in Tunisia with the Allies on the offensive and going strong.

London, England, to-day reports that the Red Army is crashing forward on a 300-mile front. Several more Axis strongholds are said to have fallen in the drive forward.

From Melbourne, Australia, comes word that Allied bombers forced a Jap warship aground, damaged two other warships and a merchant ship at Raboul, New Britain.

From Charlottetown, P. E. I., comes the story that an unidentified plane dropped a bomb on the outskirts of the city. The bomb exploded about 100 yards from a house outside Charlottetown. Windows were shattered, buildings shaken and a crater ten feet in diameter was torn in the ground. However, no one was injured, and the damage was not serious.

Expect Butter Ration to Return to Half Pound

Announcement was made at Ottawa this week that the Wartime Prices and Trade Board expects the butter ration to go back to half a pound a person a week by March 15th at latest. The regular weekly ration of butter was set at half a pound per person per week, but since Jan. 20th that has been reduced to five and two-third ounces per week per person, by the expedient of eliminating two of the coupons that would otherwise have fallen due this month. The purpose of the reduction was to conserve the supply during the time of the lowest butter production. It is said at Ottawa that the conservation that had taken place will enable dealers to honour Coupon No. 9 due next week. The resumption of the half pound per person per week ration, officials say, will depend on the absence of bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances that may retard the production of butter or the delivery of the same.

Officers Elected for Ontario Scouts' Council

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts Association was held at Toronto on Saturday last, and elected the following: President—W. J. Cairns, Toronto; Provincial Commissioner—Lt. Col. H. M. Hill, Hamilton; Executive Com.—Dr. S. W. Bromley, North Bay; Harold Burns, Fort William; George Lake, Timmins. Mr. Lake has been a member of the Council for several years.

Past President's Button Presented at Meeting of Schumacher Lions

Timmins Legion Pension Officer Speaker for Meeting. Explains Work Carried on to Secure Fair Treatment for Soldiers of the Past War and Those of the Present.

A very interesting event took place at the weekly meeting of the Schumacher Lions Club last evening in the McIntyre Community Bldg., when Past Dis. Gov. Lion W. Wylie, presented Lion Jack Fisher, with a beautiful Past President's button. The badge was set with pearls and was given as a tribute for the Past President's work during his term of office. President C. McDonald occupied the chair for the meeting.

Guest speaker for the evening was W. A. Devine, who addressed the meeting on the topic, "The Legion and Its Pension Work." The speaker has been the Timmins branch pension officer for the past 8 years and is well versed in this special service to all veterans of the last war and the problems of the present war. He gave a full review of how claims are built up for presentation to the government, this being enlightening to the members present. Touching on present day conditions, W. A. Devine showed that the men serving in Canada are not receiving just treatment in the matter of pensions for disabilities received. He cited various cases to illustrate his point. The speaker also reviewed briefly the various funds available to assist men and dependents, now available.

A vote of thanks was extended the speaker at the close of his address. Com-

Timmins Men Bereaved by Death of Their Mother

Messrs. James and Leslie Tait, of Timmins, were called to Aylmer a week ago last Tuesday owing to the illness of their mother, Mrs. Jas Tait, Sr.

Mrs. Tait passed away Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. Collin. She was in her 74th year.

The body was taken to Pembroke and the funeral took place from the residence of Mrs. E. W. Brown on Tuesday last. Fr. McGallagher read High Mass in the Holy Name church. The remains were interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Left to mourn her are her husband; six daughters, Mrs. O. Collin, Aylmer; Que. Mrs. A. Lance and Mrs. H. Madore, Des Joachims; Mrs. L. Vendette and Mrs. E. W. Brown of Pembroke; Mrs. A. McDonough, Niagara Falls; and three sons, James and Leslie, of Timmins and Ralph of Des Joachims.

Besides many floral tributes, quite a number of telegrams were received, also a number of Mass Cards.