

Berlin Reports Major Offensive Opens In East

Local V.O.N. Committee Re-elected Mr. Geo. Gedge as President for 1943

Timmins Branch of Victorian Order Did Excellent Work in 1942 Despite Many Handicaps. Reports for Year Presented at Annual Meeting Tuesday Evening.

Mr. George Gedge, president for 1942, was in the chair for the annual meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses held in the council chambers of the Municipal Building, on Tuesday evening. Miss Helen Carthy, secretary for 1942, was also in attendance. Members of the executive committees and friends were present, also.

The meeting was opened with a prayer of thanksgiving, by Reverend E. Gilmore Smith.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, Thursday, Jan. 29th, 1942, were read and approved by Miss Helen Carthy, secretary.

The president, Mr. George Gedge, gave his report, addressing all present as fellow members. He stated that this meeting was the 17th annual meeting, and gave a brief outline of the organization and order of the V. O. N. group, and their assets to the Canadian citizens. A vote of thanks was given to the 1942 executive, to the nursing staff, the mayor and council, and the many citizens for their donations.

The secretary's report, given by Miss Helen Carthy, pointed out the good and bad points of the year 1942, and expressed the hope of improvement in 1943. Miss Carthy welcomed a new member, Mrs. A. Neame, and expressed the regret at the loss of two fine members, Mr. J. F. Anglin, and Mr. E. L. Longmore. Two new nurses were welcomed to the staff, Miss Alice McGee, who has been on the staff for about a month, and Miss Arlie Wright, of Ottawa, who is just a recent addition. Thanks were given to various organizations and people for their help during the past year, and Miss Carthy concluded her report with other points of interest to the members.

The treasurer's report, presented by Mr. W. S. Jamieson, in place of Mr. J. F. Anglin who is out-of-town, proved to be very satisfactory.

Financial Statement, 1942.

Balance brought forward	\$1,313.76
Receipts	
Grant—Town of Timmins	\$3,500.00
Donations	\$ 106.00
Federated Charities	\$ 247.86
Nurses' Collections	\$3,492.93
	\$8,660.55
Disbursements	
Salaries: Staff Nurses	\$5,356.91
Salaries: Relief Nurses	853.24
Automobile Operating Expenses	478.43
Medical and Surgical Expenses	51.72
Stationary, etc.	15.84
Postage—Excise Stamps	9.01
Telephone and Telegraph	9.56
Laundry	78.82
Convention Expenses	50.00
Sundry	55.00
Automobile purchased	724.06
Balance forward	977.97
	\$8,660.55

A survey of the V. O. N. work during 1942 was given by Mrs. W. S. Jamieson in her report. She pointed out the objects of the V. O. N. work, and gave a brief outline of a nurse's day.

The Statistics—Nurses' Report 1942

Patients cared for	1037
Medical and surgical	132
Prenatal	356
Obstetrical and infants	411
Others	132
Canadians—English Speaking	365
Canadians—French Speaking	540
Others	131
Number of visits	7831
Bedside nursing	4787
Instructive and educational	3044
Delivery—confinements	271
Operation—operations	44
Number of confinements	271
Paid	213
Part paid	23
Free	35
Visits to families of men in armed forces	283

Mrs. Jamieson concluded her address with a brief welcome to Miss Arlie Wright, the new member of the V. O. N. staff, who is replacing Mrs. Jamieson, now retiring from nursing work.

Mrs. A. F. Carriere, convener of the nursing supplies committee, gave the 4th annual report as convener of supplies. She acknowledged many donations, those including the Catholic Women's League, the Hadassah Chapter, Junior Catholic Women's League, Ladies of Charity, Notre Dame de Lourdes, Rebekah Lodge, Arbutus Chapter of Order of Eastern Star, Buffalo Ankerite Employees' Fund, DeSantis Service Fund Association, John Knox, R. E. Dye, Porcupine Advance, Timmins Press, Radio Station CKGB, Northern Ontario Telephone Company, St. Mary's Hospital, Northern Lights Royal Arch Masons.

The guest speaker for the evening, Dr. J. B. McClintock, was ably introduced by the president, Mr. G. Gedge. In opening his address, Dr. McClintock explained that the V. O. N. nurses were a group of noble women giving unselfish service.

A. G. Slight to Represent Town in Appeal

Bartleman Townsite Case to Come Before the Appeal Court in Toronto.

At the meeting of the town council on Monday afternoon a letter was received from the town solicitor, S. A. Calabick, informing the council that notice of appeal had been served on the town to the case recently decided by His Honour Judge Danis, of Cochrane. The dispute is in regard to land expropriated for municipal use. Arbitrating the case His Honour Judge Danis decided that the price of eleven cents per ft. offered by the town was an equitable one, and that the Townsite had suffered no damages from the expropriation. The Bartleman Townsite owners were also required to pay the costs of the court. This judgment is now being appealed by the Townsite owners. The town solicitor referred to the importance of the case to the town and urged the retention of the best available counsel to handle the appeal. Council decided to have A. G. Slight as solicitor in the case.

Timmins Council K. of C. Contributed to Army Huts

Timmins Council 2403 Knights of Columbus during the past year through their cigarette fund have contributed to the Army Huts \$120.00 for cigarettes in addition to twenty \$4.00 war savings certificates given out in raising of these funds. The Knights wish to particularly thank the Ca-bo-gie Club, who generously assisted in raising this fund, and all who have given their kind support.

Mr. A. Laprarie, popularly and widely known in earlier days as "Lap", was a visitor to town last week in connection with his line of duty with the C. I. L. He was given hearty welcome by all the old friends who had the privilege of seeing him during the visit.

Food as Essential in War as Arms Mr. W. Montcalm Tells Timmins Kiwanis

Essential that Production be Still Further Increased, Speaker Says. Three New Members Inducted into Kiwanis Club Here. Presentation of Past President's Badge to Kiwanian Fred Burt.

There were three highlights to the Timmins Kiwanis luncheon at the Empire hotel on Monday. Three new members were formally inducted. There was the presentation of the Kiwanis Past President's Badge to Kiwanian Fred Burt. The third special feature was the address by the guest speaker for the day Mr. William Montcalm, B.S.A., Superintendent of the Hearst Demonstration Farm.

"Agriculture in Northern Ontario" was the subject of Mr. Montcalm's address, and the topic was made one of very special interest. He pointed out that in wartime food was just as essential as arms. There had been notable increase in production in Canada but still further increase was necessary. In 1939, three and a half million hogs were marketed; in 1942 there were six million; and this year the objective was set at eight million. In 1939, 125 million pounds of cheese were marketed; while last year there were 200 million pounds. Of the entire Dominion's output, Ontario produced 34 per cent, of all bacon, 64 per cent of all cheese, and 29 per cent of all butter.

RED CROSS REFITS MERCHANT SEAMEN



Clothing for merchant navy shipwrecked survivors is only one of the many services performed by the Canadian Red Cross. Above illustration, taken in a Canadian Red Cross workshop somewhere in England, shows a merchant navy sailor being fitted with a new pair of boots. This completes his entire new outfit, replacing the clothes which went down with his ship.

Red Cross Campaign in Timmins and District Making Good Progress

Approximately \$20,000.00 of the \$35,000.00 Quota Raised at End of Yesterday. House-to-House Canvass in Progress. Some Special Contributions Received.

The Red Cross campaign in Timmins and district is making satisfactory progress. Up to last night approximately \$20,000.00 has been collected or pledged. It is confidently expected that the quota of \$35,000.00 will be reached, but to do this it will be necessary for the canvassers and the public alike to do their very best in the next few days. It may be expected that there will be a special effort on the part of both not to fail the Red Cross at this time.

House-to-house canvassing is now in progress and appears to be going well, though many of the canvassers have not yet made their returns. It may be necessary to carry on for a few days next week.

There have been some special contributions that were especially encouraging and worthy of note. The Roumanian ladies of the town have turned in \$20.00 from a social held. Pupils of Rooms 7 and 8 at the Holy Family School have contributed the very handsome sum of \$95.00 by themselves. Mr. J. W. Reed, Los Angeles, California, one of the pioneer business men of Timmins and district, and who still has interests here including the ownership of the Red Block, has sent in a cheque for a substantial sum for the Red Cross.

St. Patrick Event Celebrated by the Legion, Wednesday

Members of Legion and Wives Enjoy Social on Wednesday.

A delightful evening was spent by the members of the Canadian Legion, their wives, the Ladies' Auxilliary, and their husbands, when St. Patrick's Day was appropriately celebrated last night at the Legion Hall.

In keeping with the occasion, Irish numbers were enjoyed, Jim Reid, with his banjo, and Mr. E. Nicholson, guitar, both of Connaught, and W. A. Devine, piano, supplying the music. The evening was mostly spent dancing, songs being rendered at various occasions.

The door prize was won by Mrs. F. J. Hornby, for the ladies, and Mr. E. Nicholson, for the gentlemen.

At the close of the evening, the entertainment committee served one of their special lunches, that they had catered for the occasion.

The hall was filled to capacity, and the evening was voted by all as one of the most enjoyable ever spent.

Popular Couple Now on Way Home from British Guiana

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. King received word this week that their daughter (Patricia) and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Gooding are now at Montreal on their way home from British Guiana, where Mr. Gooding was on the engineering staff of a large corporation. Mr. and Mrs. Gooding are expected here in the course of a few weeks, visiting first in the South with relatives of Mr. Gooding.

Squadron Leaders Parks and Vlastos to be Here April 16

To Tell of Visit to the R. C. A. F. Overseas.

As announced in The Advance last week Squadron Leaders J. D. Parks and G. Vlastos will visit Timmins on April 16th. Squadron Leaders Parks and Vlastos some time ago were sent on a special mission to R. C. A. F. stations in Canada and overseas. They were to inspect the conditions under which the men of the R. C. A. F. live, train and fight, to observe their spirit, courage, enthusiasm and skill, and then deliver a report on what they had seen. To accomplish this purpose they are making a tour of Canada. Timmins is fortunate enough to be one of the places to be visited. There are so many from Timmins in the R.C.A.F. that the mission will have particular interest here. There will be added interest on account of the fact that Squadron Leader Parks is a former very popular resident of Timmins, having spent a number of years here as minister in charge of the First United Church. During his years here he held the regard and affection of all classes and creeds and he is sure of a very hearty welcome here on any visit. Details of the visit here have not been completed but it is practically arranged that the visitors will have a wide audience on their visit to Timmins.

Among the tentative plans is a joint meeting of the service clubs of the district with Squadron Leaders Parks and Vlastos as guest speakers. Some of the schools may be visited also, and, of course, there will be a general gathering where the public will have opportunity to hear and to welcome the visitors.

Details of the visit here will be given in coming issues of The Advance. In the meantime it would be well for all to reserve the date—Friday, April 16th.

Clothing Needed to Help Russians

Telephone Calls May be Left at Town Hall and Trucks Will Call for Articles.

At Monday's council meeting Councillor E. W. Gladstone referred to the request made to council by the "Aid to Russia Committee" that the town give facilities for the collection of articles of clothing for the Russian people who were greatly in need of such articles. The council had left the matter in his hands and he had arranged that those wishing to donate articles of clothing could telephone the town hall and the municipal switchboard operator would take the names and addresses and trucks will make regular calls to pickup articles for this "Aid to Russia."

Will Plough Roads for Wood Men

Town Snowplough to do the Work Free to Help Fuel Situation.

If there is any shortage of fuel wood in Timmins next winter it will not be the fault of the town council. Councillors Spooner and Gladstone were appointed a committee to look after the matter and they have been right on the job all the time since. Some days ago Councillor Spooner noticed that there was not the usual amount of wood being hauled into town. He approached the wood dealers. "The roads are blocked with snow," they said. "Well, we'll stop that!" was the response.

Accordingly, a resolution was passed at Monday's town council meeting to the effect that the town snowploughs would clear the roads for any wood dealers who wanted to bring in fuel wood.

"I'm trying to help prevent any fuel wood shortage," said Councillor Spooner, "and that's why I am asking that the snowploughs be made available for any wood dealers to get their wood into town."

Other members of council commented on the fact that everything was being done to help the wood dealers.

Councillor Spooner added that if the wood dealers would not or could not take advantage of the opportunities offered them, he saw no other way out than for the town to go into the wood business.

Mayor Brunette said that he felt that all possible had been done to make it easy for anyone to get wood into town now. He felt that farmers and settlers and others who had wood should be taking advantage of the chances and getting a supply of fuel wood into town.

Allied Circles Do Not Confirm Report, but Much Activity on Eastern Front

Japanese Said to be Worried Over Way War is Going in the Pacific. Prime Minister Churchill to Make Important Announcement at Early Date. Other Notes on War.

From North Africa comes the statement that Allied circles do not confirm

the German report from Berlin that the 8th British Army has started a major offensive against Rommel. Reports, however, are to the effect that there is considerable activity on the Eastern front.

From the Western Pacific comes the news that the Allies have bombed Rabaul Harbour, New Britain, setting explosions and apparently inflicting heavy damage.

Norway reports that naval forces of Free Norwegians based in Britain have steamed into Floro Harbour sinking two enemy supply ships.

General Charles de Gaulle, chief of the Fighting French, will visit General Henri Giraud, commander-in-chief of the French in North Africa. It is reported.

40 Tons of Fats, Quota for Timmins

Only 2,800 Pounds Collected to Date. Special Effort Needed to Meet Quota for Year.

Councillor J. W. Spooner at Monday's council meeting emphasized the need for special effort in the collection of fats in town. The quota for the town had been set at 40 tons for this year. With nearly a quarter of the year gone, Timmins was far from sight of the quota. Fats were essential for the making of munitions, and he felt that if all realized the need, the quota would be reached. So far this year 2,800 lbs. of fat had been collected, largely through the enterprise and effort of the theatres.

Councillor Eyre commented that the theatre plan of calling for two pounds of waste fat for admission was a fine idea and should be encouraged. "If you can get the youngsters interested," he said, "things will move along."

Councillor Spooner endorsed this but added that considerable might be collected from cafes, hotels, etc. All that was necessary was to put the waste fat in a tin and it would be collected along with the garbage. The town looked after the rendering of the fats and shipped when there was a reasonable quantity available.

Timmins Has Plans to Spend Over a Million for Post-War Stabilization

Has List of Necessary Public Works Required in Town that Will Assure Employment Here. Until Conditions After the War Return to Normal.

One of the features of the regular meeting of the town council on Monday afternoon was the discussion that was brought out by a letter from the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs.

The Minister wrote to call attention to the danger of unemployment in the period when war work would be through, and industries and business would not be back to normal. He recommended the appointment of a committee in each municipality to study post-war conditions, to prepare a list of public works that could be undertaken to provide employment.

Councillor Karl Eyre pointed out that the council was ready to appoint the committee asked, but there was already prepared a lengthy list of essential public works for the post-war period. For some time past the public works committee under the chairmanship of Councillor W. McDermott had been compiling the list now asked for.

Councillor Spooner said that there was a motion to come before the council to appoint the committee suggested by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. He did not think, however, that the list of public works needed by the town should be brought alone to the attention of the government. There were other public works essential to the benefit and progress of the district that should also be called to attention. He suggested a road to connect Timmins and Sudbury as one such work, and he felt the interest and effort of the Association of Northern Municipalities should be enlisted to press such needed works on the notice of the authorities.

Councillor E. W. Gladstone spoke along similar lines, emphasizing the value to both Sudbury and Timmins of a connecting road. With a program all ready for action the danger of unemployment in the transition period after the war should be avoided. He asked the newspapers to emphasize the fact that on account of conditions and restrictions it was not possible for the town to start many public works now.

People who were properly enough calling for sidewalks or roads or sewers or other public works should remember this and be assured that their interests were not forgotten or overlooked, and as soon as it was possible they would be given the needed improvements and extensions.

Councillor W. McDermott was named as chairman of the post-war planning committee, all the members of council and Town Engineer J. D. MacLean being the other members of the committee.

Some of the suggested items on the list, with the estimated cost are as follows:

New Fire hall	\$48,000.00
Filtration Plant	\$250,000.00
30 miles sidewalk	\$190,000.00
Five miles of Paved Streets	\$209,000.00
Water Mains	\$185,000.00
Storm Sewers	\$142,000.00
Extension to Sewage Plant	\$47,000.00

In addition to the above there are a number of other smaller public works and services on the comprehensive list prepared.

It is expected that in any program undertaken for post-war benefit there will be financial assistance in some form or another from the Dominion or provincial governments, or both.

Mayor J. E. Brunette presided at the meeting on Monday and Councillors Ellen Terry, J. W. Spooner, E. W. Gladstone, Philip Pay and Karl Eyre were present.

A grant of \$625.00 was passed for the volunteer firemen for the first quarter of the year.

Permission was granted to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind to hold a tag day on Saturday, May 29th.

Resolutions were passed to have the public works department undertake the collection of nightsoil after April 1st and sludge removal after May 15th, these previously being done under contract.

The contract for the making of new uniforms was awarded to W. L. Booth, his being the lowest tender. The contract to supply shirts was also awarded them being only the one tender submitted.

It was decided for the town to join with the Townships of Teck and Tisdale in retaining the services of H. E. Manning, K.C. of Toronto, to prepare a brief to be presented to the Ontario Government in regard to having a revision made of the assessment law regarding the taxation of mines.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs for Ontario also wrote the council regarding the application of the cost-of-living bonuses to civic employees. The Minister appeared to think that the Federal government should not encroach in such matters on municipal rights, and council agreed with this.