

Allied Forces Pushing Steadily On In Tunisia

Give Justice to Small Nations Urged the Prime Minister of Luxembourg

Monsieur Pierre Dupong Shows How Small Nations Have Earned the Right to Live. Their Culture and Enterprise Enriches the World. Interesting Addresses at Joint Meeting of Service Clubs.

South Porcupine, May 5th. Special to The Advance.

The gymnasium at the McIntyre Arena was the scene of a gathering of the Service Clubs of the district on Tuesday evening at a banquet, held in honour of Monsieur Pierre Dupong, Prime Minister-in-exile of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

The ladies of the members of the Club were also invited and were there in force to greet Madame Dupong, who accompanied the Prime Minister.

Approximately two hundred and thirty guests were present and thoroughly enjoyed the excellent dinner and the addresses of the different speakers.

After the National Anthem was sung, Captain Church said grace.

An orchestra under the direction of Mr. George Hale (piano) provided excellent music during the banquet; and following the banquet, community singing was led by Captain Church, with "Scotty" Wilson at the piano.

Mr. W. S. Gardner, President of the S. Porcupine Kiwanis Club, welcomed all present, and expressed his pleasure at being able to secure such an outstanding guest as speaker for the evening. He specially welcomed the members of the other service clubs (Lions and Kinsmen).

Mr. Rud Langdon proposed the toast to the ladies. In humorous mood he enlarged on the virtues of the species, touched on the origin, and paid special tribute to the spirit of the women of today.

Mrs. F. H. Hall replied neatly for the ladies, thanked the Kiwanis Club for their hospitality, spoke of the privilege of being a guest, and complimented the Service Clubs for the great work they are doing in the community, and professed a strong hope and abiding faith in the future.

Reeve Evans, of Tisdale, spoke of the privilege it was to welcome distinguished guests from overseas and called it a unique occasion — unique in that the guests were of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. He welcomed them on behalf of the Municipality of Tisdale.

President Gardner then introduced Lt.-Governor of the Kiwanis Jack Linklater, who although only nominated to office last fall had already organized a club in Sudbury and had another under way. He it was, who had planned this special evening.

Lt.-Governor Linklater in his address remarked on the good fellowship apparent in the Porcupine Camp. He cited an incident concerning the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, who in the first world war, placed her car across the road to try to stem the might of the German advance. This sort of gesture, he said, would appeal to all Britishers. He then gave a few facts concerning Mr. Louis Thiesen President of the Noranda Club as introduction.

Mr. Thiesen is a native of Luxembourg who fought in the first world war, and who in the wave of depression following came to Canada twenty years ago. Not only does he live here but has become a part of Canada, a British subject. He is a citizen of Canada — not as a mere form of words — but as lived it to the full. He is active in every phase of war service. His father was a member of parliament in Luxembourg and is still there. He is an intimate friend of Monsieur Dupong.

Mr. Thiesen spoke of his embarrassment in public. (His English is good). "I am not to be considered as a tourist from Luxembourg," he said. "I am a British subject and am proud of it. Nevertheless the Cause of Luxembourg and the Cause of the United Nations is the same. I can therefore be a British subject and still cherish a love for my mother land."

He spoke of Mme Dupong as a charming woman, wife and mother. She left her castle in her native land to follow her husband and stand by him to win or go down. Her four children are here in Canada — her eldest son in the R.C.A.F.; her second son seeking service in the Allied Cause; her daughter, who is an excellent linguist, is in Ottawa in diplomatic service; and a younger daughter at McGill University.

Premier Dupong was born in Luxembourg (of good stock) in 1885. He studied at State College, earned his B. A. and B. Sc. in 1910, and studied further at the Universities of Berlin, Freiburg, and Paris. He practised at the Bar in Luxembourg and was elected to Parliament in 1915, and in 1926 was appointed Minister of Finance. In 1940 he was called to take over the premiership of the Grand Duchy.

On May 10th, 1940, the Grand Duchy left at dawn before the invading Germans to avoid co-operation with them. She was lucky to make Paris where an office was established, and later in the South of France with the (Continued on Page Five)

Big Victory Loan Parade Saturday

Expect 20 Organizations in Parade, and Three Bands.

Plans are all completed for the Victory Parade, Saturday, May 8th. There will be around 20 organizations in the parade, including all New Canadian groups. Three bands will also be in the line of march.

Those taking part are requested to assemble on the Old Ball Park, between Second and First avenue, on Cedar street south at 6:30 p.m.

The parade will then take the following route:—Cedar and Second to Pine; along Pine to Fourth avenue, taking salute at Town Hall; proceeding down Fourth to Elm; Elm to Third; Third to Spruce; thence to the Cenotaph. At the Cenotaph a special demonstration with special speakers. Return route will be arranged to suit groups.

All Legion members are specially requested to parade at the Legion hall at 6:30 p.m. and it is desired that a large number take part in this parade.

All other organizations taking part in the Victory Parade are urged to attend in full force. It is the wish of the committee in charge that this special demonstration be one of the largest of its kind held here.

P.O. Gordon Lawry is Presumed Dead This Week

Word was received this week by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lawry, of 15 Murdoch avenue, that their son, Pilot Officer Gordon Lawry, R.C.A.F., reported as missing a few weeks ago, is now presumed dead, according to despatches from the Air Ministry. Pilot Officer G. Lawry was killed in air operations over Germany on Monday, April 3rd.

Well-known throughout the district, the late Gordon Lawry attended both public and high schools here, and also a few years at University. One brother, Lee, is with the Canadian Army Overseas.

Merchants of Timmins Offer Grand Prize of \$50,000 in Unusual Contest

Public Control to be Conducted in Stores to Add to Publicity for Victory Loan. Fifty Local Merchants Co-operating in This Novel Competition.

The Retail Merchants Association of Timmins, represented by Mr. C. V. Kearns, president, agreed at a recent meeting of the Features Committee of the Fourth Victory Loan to sponsor a public contest to be conducted in the retail stores with the same public-spirited patriotism that they have shown in times past. The merchants have wholeheartedly endorsed the contest idea, and are putting up the grand prize of a \$50,000 Victory Bond.

The contest is now open and will close on May 15th. At the close of the contest the grand prize will be presented to the winner. It is a type of "hidden name" contest, the prize to be awarded to the contestant who presents the correct missing word. This word is one connected with the three services, army, navy and air force. Pick out the right word, write it on the form supplied by the merchant, and the bond is yours. There is no fee or charge in connection with the contest, and the rules are simple. All that entrants are asked to do is to sign their name and address on the small slip of paper provided by the merchant, and write one word pertaining to any of the three services, such as gun, rifle, ship, corvette, plane, etc., etc. The slip is then to be deposited in the box provided. Only adults are allowed to enter the contest, but all adults are asked to participate. You don't have to buy anything or pay anything. It is all free, thanks to the merchants supporting the contest.

The following are the fifty merchants participating:—

1. Mark Bowie & Co., Men's Wear
2. Jen Lang Shoppe.
3. Bruce Leek, Florist
4. D. B. Curtis Drug Store
5. F. W. Woolworth Five & Ten
6. George Taylor Hardware
7. Marshall-Ecclestone Hardware & Furniture
8. Cook's Shoe Store
9. Freidman's Department Store
10. Olive Thomson Shoppe
11. Tip-Top Tailors
12. Sutherland's Drugs
13. Metropolitan Stores
14. Sam Bucovetsky Stores Limited
15. Beaver Fur & Ladies Wear
16. Jerry Laflamme
17. Ostrosser & Co. Men's Wear
18. Wm. Rinn Ladies' Wear
19. Pierce Hardware Co. Limited
20. Kozak's Ladies Wear
21. Smart Set Ladies' Wear
22. C. A. Remus
23. Goldfield Drug Store
24. S. S. Kresge Co.
25. Albert's Bakery
26. Neil's Shoe Store
27. Graham's Shoe Store
28. Shaheen's Ladies' Wear
29. Falcon Shoe Store
30. Northern Ontario Power Co.
31. Herman's Dry Cleaning
32. Austin Andrew Grocery
33. Residential Groceries
34. B & S Groceries
35. Rosenfield's Grocery
36. Murlagh Drug Store
37. Laprarrie's Groceries
38. Burke's Drug Store, Kent & Preston
39. Mike's Super Market
40. Harvey's Drug Store
41. Moiseley & Ball Drug Store
42. Sole Bros. Jewellers
43. I. K. Pierce Furniture Co.
44. Agnew-Surpass Shoe Store
45. Yelles Furniture Co.
46. J. Martin & Co.
47. Varley's Men's Wear
48. Steinberg & Mahn
49. Sam Fishman
50. Blaney's Grocery.



PI. 15627 Made of two discarded oil drums, this sign announces to all that a Royal Canadian Air Force Spitfire squadron is operating against Rummel in North Africa. Leaning up against the squadron sign are Flight Sergeant G. M. Kruger, of Winnipeg on the left and LAC F. P. Williams, of Toronto, on the right. (RCAF Photo)

Timmins Has 44 per cent of Loan Objective With 50 per cent of Time Gone

Mattice has 147 p.c. of Quota. Special Names Now 128 per cent of Quota. Matheson, 71 per cent. Smooth Rock Falls 59 per cent. Returns to Yesterday at 2:30 p.m.

In the Fourth Victory Loan campaign with half the time gone, Timmins has 44.2 per cent. of its objective, which is encouraging, as the campaign here is picking up and there are ten days to go to reach the full objective. With all working together and doing their best it will be possible to reach the quota. As Chairman R. J. Ennis says:—"Don't say it can't be done." "We did it before. We can do it again."

Special names, under Miss E. M. Terry has \$160,000, or 123 per cent. of its quota.

Mattice is over the top with \$7,350 (147 per cent. of quota).

Matheson has turned in \$21,350, or 71.1 per cent. of quota.

Timmins, \$473,000—44.2 per cent. Ramore, Holyre, etc., \$6,450—43 per cent.

Fauquier, \$4,250—42.5 per cent. Val Gagne, \$2,050—41 per cent. Schumacher, \$68,800—37.2 per cent. Iroquois Falls, Ansonville, Nellie Lake, Calvert township, \$53,050—36.5 per cent. Cochrane and district, \$60,550—34 per cent.

Moonbeam, \$2,750—27.5 per cent. Hearst, 15,750—24.2 per cent. Porquis Junction, part of Calvert township, \$1,400—23.3 per cent. South Porcupine, \$63,850—21.6 per cent.

Kapuskasing, \$32,050—17 per cent. Total general canvass, \$836,850—37.2 per cent.

Grand total, \$996,850—41.9 per cent. These figures are all as at 2:30 p.m. yesterday.

Council Endorses Cochrane Idea to Speed Up Lignite

At the regular meeting of Timmins town council on Monday a resolution from Cochrane urging the speeding-up of lignite production to help the fuel shortage in the North was endorsed by Timmins council.

Council received a license from the Wartime Prices and Trade Board authorizing the town to buy and sell fuel wood, if necessary. The license was filed for the present.

The necessary readings were given to a by-law for the early closing of beauty parlours.

The formal by-law for the setting of the tax rates for the year was duly passed. Particulars of the tax rate for the year were given in The Advance last week.

Council passed a resolution authorizing the mayor, the councillors and the town clerk-treasurer to attend the meeting of the Association of Northern Mining Municipalities held at Kirkland Lake last night.

All-Slav Rally for Victory Loan Sunday at Schumacher

All New Canadians Urged to Attend.

In connection with the Fourth Victory Loan campaign, a meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in the Croatian hall, Schumacher. This is to be an All-Slav Rally and a packed hall is assured. Bob Crosby, chairman of the Schumacher division of Victory Loan sales, will be present, along with guest speakers. New Canadians especially those of the All-Slav groups, are urged to attend.

Blind Tag Day of I.O.D.E. on Saturday, May 29th

Mrs. W. Mackie was in the chair for the regular monthly meeting of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, held at the Municipal Building on Tuesday evening. The meeting was opened in the usual manner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. T. E. Warrnack, and were approved. Then R. Anderson gave the treasurer's report, which was very satisfactory.

The war work convener, Mrs. A. Booker, who has just returned from attending a convention of the Provincial Chapter of the I. O. D. E. at Hamilton, gave a very interesting and informative report on her visit there. The report will appear later. She also reported that the camp library has sent over 60 books to the armed services. Anyone having any new or good used books is asked to get in touch with Mrs. J. Keene, 110 Spruce north. A parcel was also packed at the meeting to be shipped to the armed forces.

Mrs. J. Keene, the convener of the committee for the blind informed the members that the annual I. O. D. E. blind tag day will be held on Saturday, May 29th. Anyone wishing to tag will report in the morning of that day to the Legion hall.

The meeting was brought to a close, the next one to be held on Tuesday, June 1st.

Grass Fires Again Give Firemen Most Calls in the Week

Timmins firemen had eleven fire calls during the past week. None of the fires resulted in any damage being done. Most of the calls were for grass fires and bonfires. More care on the part of people in general will minimize any danger from this sort of fire. Children should be warned not to set fires going on vacant lots. Such fires spread easily and quickly and are a serious menace to nearby property, as well as a possible danger to life.

The first of these grass fires was on the railway tracks toward the end of Cedar street. Children are blamed for setting this fire. The call came in at 11:04 a.m. on Thursday last. The same day at 2:40 p.m. there was another grass fire on the Bartlemans townsite. On Tuesday at 10:58 there was a call to 320 Pine north for a grass fire and at 12:58 p.m. the same day another grass fire had to be extinguished at 195 North Road. Two bonfires — one Tuesday at 10:58 p.m. at 251 Maple north, and the other yesterday at 12:13 p.m. at 221 Elm North — also meant calls for the brigade.

The other fire calls were due to such causes as:— hot stovepipes, plugged chimneys, pipes on fire, etc. On Saturday there was a call to 117 Elm street south — a shed at the rear being set on fire, presumably by children playing with matches. Neighbours had the fire out even before the firemen arrived — which was mighty quick work.

Notable Programme for Victory Loan Rally at McIntyre Arena Sunday

Hon. Alphonse Fournier, Minister of Public Works, to be Chief Speaker. To be Given Civic Reception. Algonquins to Serve as Guard of Honour. Programme of Outstanding Interest for Event May 9th.

The Fourth Victory Loan Rally to be held at the McIntyre Arena on Sunday evening, May 9th at 8:30 p.m. promises to be a most outstanding event. As special features may be mentioned the fact that the chief speaker of the evening will be Hon. Alphonse Fournier, Minister of Public Works in the Dominion Cabinet. Hon. Mr. Fournier is notable for his personality and his talent as a speaker. He has had a very interesting career that has given him a deep insight into life. He has been teacher, school inspector, lawyer, parliamentarian and now Cabinet Minister. He is a very gifted speaker in both English and French and many in town who have heard him speak elsewhere, are enthusiastic in saying that none should miss the opportunity to hear his message.

Other items on the programme for Sunday evening include a complimentary concert by the McIntyre Concert Band at the arena from 8 to 8:28 p.m.; selections by the Victory Chorus; outstanding dancing numbers; various musical specialties, etc. A civic reception is to be given at 4:30 p.m. at the T. & N. O. station for Hon. Alphonse Fournier. The mayor and council in co-operation with the Victory Loan Committee have planned a demonstration at the town park on Spruce street. All residents are asked to be on hand to give the Federal Minister a true Northern Ontario welcome. Timmins Citizens' Band will be on hand for the reception. The Algonquins will form a guard of honour for the occasion.

The following is an outline of the programme for the rally Sunday night:—"O Canada"—8:30 p.m. Short prayer. "Rule Britannia" and "V for Victory" by the Victory Chorus. Russian Dancers. "Song of the United Nations," by Victory Chorus. Address by R. J. Ennis. French Quartette. Band selections. Community singing 9 p.m.—Introduction of Hon. Alphonse Fournier. Address by Hon. Mr. Fournier. Dance by Annie and Michael Kuinka. Blackout, dramatic reading, bomb, etc. "Spanish Maiden" and "Conchita," by Helen Synos, soprano soloist; Kay Smuk. "Back the Attack" by Victory Chorus. Ukrainian duet with accordion. Address of thanks by J. A. Cousineau. "Land of Hope and Glory," by Victory Chorus. Benediction. "God Save the King"

Despite Fierce Fighting in Northern Tunisia the Allies Keep Pressing On

Some Progress Made Yesterday. Soviet Army Advancing in the Caucasus, Inflicting Heavy Loss on Germans. Japanese Cargo Ship Bombed. R.A.F. Bombs Rangoon.

Plans to Organize Twentieth Century Clubs in the North

Mr. Fred Norman, President of the Clubs for Ontario, Now Resident in Timmins.

At the recent Liberal convention held in Toronto, Mr. Fred Norman, office manager for W. Lang, was elected to the presidency of the Young Liberals 20th Century Clubs of Ontario. Mr. Norman is also vice-president of the Dominion body. The office of president also carries with it a seat on the executive council of the Ontario Liberal Association.

Mr. Norman, says that there are 31,000 members of the 20th Century Club in Ontario and he hopes to be able to form clubs in this district.

The features of the 20th Century Club is to foster loyalty, and combine social events with patriotic duty among the younger members of the Liberal Party in Canada.

Timmins to be Favoured by Visit Here of Famous Canadian "Army Show"

Classed as the Most Successful and Sensational Entertainment on the Road To-day. Timmins the Only Town in This North to Have Event. Parade on May 17th to be Featured. Seats on Sale Next Week.

Capt Squires was in town this week in connection with the "Army Show" to be presented in the McIntyre Arena on Tuesday evening, May 18th. This show is the sensation of the season and has played to "capacity houses everywhere it has been. Timmins is the only town in this North to be visited by this show, thanks largely to Capt. Wm. Wren formerly of Timmins, who was particularly anxious that it should show here and who found support from the local Civilian Recruiting Committee, of which Mr. Austin Neame is chairman. Another Timmins man with the "Army Show" is Sergt. Tom Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Maxwell.

At a meeting last night of the Civilian Recruiting Committee with Capt. Squires and others present, arrangements

According to despatches from Northern Africa, the American forces in Northern Tunisia, are still driving on despite two weeks of desperate fighting. They have inched forward towards Bizerte, with the Free French tackling new enemy positions on the road to Ferryville and pushing south from Mateur for a junction with the British First Army.

A 5,000 ton Japanese cargo ship was bombed and left burning and listing off New Guinea.

The R.A.F. bombed the railway yards of Rangoon and inflicted many casualties on the Japanese in a camp between Toungoo and Thazl, north of Rangoon.

Despatches from Algiers suggest that Gen. De Gaulle and Gen. Giraud are still apparently unable to agree as to where they shall meet in North Africa for their proposed unity conference.

Prime Minister Churchill is reported from London as having visited a closely-guarded airfield to inspect test models of the new secret R. A. F. aircraft, which will be placed in Britain's new battle fleet of the air.

The Soviet army has killed 7,000 Germans and captured the rail junction of Krymskaya, and pushed on to within nine miles of the Black Sea port of Novorossisk, last big Axis base in the Caucasus.

ments were commenced to make the visit of the "Army Show" a big event. The entertainment will be presented in the McIntyre Arena on Tuesday evening, May 18. Tickets will go on sale early next week at the usual places at \$2.50; a fair number at \$2.00; five hundred at \$1.50; and 1,000 at \$1.00. Rush seats will be 75c and standing room 50c according to present plans. The members of the "Army Show" are all active members of Canada's trained forces, and they are highly trained and even on tour are kept up to this standard. They are described as the smartest-looking soldiers on the continent, and people in general will have full opportunity to see them as there will be a parade here on their arrival on Monday, May 18th. There will be a civic reception for them and a parade around town in full equipment. The purpose of the "Army Show" is to provide entertainment for the various camps across Canada and to stimulate interest in the country's armed forces. Both these purposes are being fulfilled in striking way by the Army Show.

"The Army Show", currently touring the cities and camps from coast-to-coast is a travelling arsenal as well as a unique and colourful theatrical troupe. Rifles, Bren and Sten Machine Guns, Bayonets, and all the equipment of a fighting unit ride with the khaki-clad cast. And they know how to use them.

The entire personnel has completed initial training and they will carry on advanced training. Lectures will be given while the train rolls on its way, and other phases of military preparation, including route marches and parade ground drill, will take place at stop-overs.

Captain William Wren, (formerly of Timmins) whose title is administration and training officer, says that regular camp life, which the entire cast has been living since the first rehearsal, will be followed as much as possible during the cross-country jaunt. The idea behind this is strictly for logic.

"We are going to take our music and fun wherever Canadian troops may be", Captain Wren explains. "All the men are of Overseas Category. They will be equipped as combatant troops and used for that purpose if necessary. It is just as important that they be good soldiers as good entertainers — and we think they're both."

"The Army Show", is a gay and spectacular revue that is a combination of riotous comedy, exciting and tuneful song numbers, colorful costumes and a feminine chorus recruited from the Canadian Women's Army Corps.

All proceeds from civilian engagements of "The Army Show" will be devoted to welfare of the troops under the administration of Civilian Trustees.