

Gains and Small Withdrawals on Soviet Front

Transport Controller Prevents Bus Service for Northwest Part of Town

Failure to Secure Buses Makes it Impossible for Dalton Bus Lines to Inaugurate Service. Other Matters of Interest at Monday's Meeting of Town Council.

At the regular meeting of town council on Monday afternoon complete answer was received from Mr. John Dalton, Sr., of the Dalton Bus Lines, in regard to the recent petition from some two hundred citizens for a bus service for the northwest area of the town. The special committee of the council to deal with the matter of transportation in Timmins had passed the request of the petitioners to the Dalton Bus Lines. Mr. Dalton's reply made it clear that the fault did not lie either with the Bus Lines or the town, but directly at the door of the Controller of Transportation for the Dominion. The letter explained that it was naturally impossible to operate a bus line without buses, and that it was impossible to secure buses at this time. Mr. Dalton pointed out that some time ago he had decided to give bus service to the northwestern section of the town and for this purpose it was imperative that new buses be available. The Transport Controller's reply was that no new buses would be available until the second or third quarter of next year. The Controller's response to pointing out the needs of Timmins was to the effect that Timmins was not suffering as much as many other places. Mr. Dalton added copies of letters from Ottawa to prove the point that the reason for no service being given the northwestern section of the town must be blamed on Ottawa rather than any place locally. These letters also suggested that the Ottawa authorities were keeping very close check on the bus service, that they objected to the number of stops on some of the lines and also that they desired that the buses be fully loaded on all trips.

Councillor Karl A. Eyre, chairman of the council's special committee on transportation, said that it seemed clear that nothing could be done at present to force a bus service for the northwestern part of the town and he thought the petitioners for this service would realize that the committee had done all possible at the present time. He added that the special committee on transportation was drafting a full and extended system of bus services for the town after the war. He felt sure that the council in office at that time would see that such a service was established and maintained to fully serve the needs of all. Whether this service would be provided by a private company or by the municipality, the research and the plans of the special committee would be available for the general benefit of the town.

The council thought the petitioners should be informed of the reason for the lack of bus service for the northwestern area of the town. It was impractical to send the information to each individual on the petition, but some members thought that the newspaper reports would be enough to inform all fully in the matter. Some of the councillors, however, thought that four or five of those prominent in the petition should be sent letters telling them the facts of the case. The difficulty with this plan, was that the names of the originators of the petition were not known. It was decided to select four or five names for the addressing of the letters with the request that these pass along the information. It was felt that with this plan, and publicity in the newspapers the full case could easily be known to all concerned.

Council received a letter from the Timmins Legion Fag Fund thanking the town for the very generous support given the fund by the town council and the people. Soldiers overseas, the letter pointed out, would certainly appreciate the thoughtfulness of the town in sending the special supply of cigarettes overseas for Christmas. These cigarettes, with a card bearing the name of the town and the good wishes of council and people, had already been shipped, while those for Timmins men prisoners-of-war were following immediately. Mayor Brunette referred to acknowledgements received by him for cigarettes sent overseas, and Councillor Karl A. Eyre told of receiving a card of thanks recently for cigarettes he had been sending to a prisoner-of-war.

Council also received a letter from the Porcupine Medical Society in regard to the town's plans to have a medical plan for town employees similar to that in force at the mines of the Porcupine. The letter pointed out that the Dominion Government planned to introduce a general health insurance plan at the next session of parliament and there was also a plan of this broad scope being considered by the Province of Ontario. Because of these facts the Medical Society felt it would be best not to inaugurate a plan for town employees at this time, but rather to wait and see the scope of the Dominion and Ont.

ario legislation. Councillor Karl A. Eyre, in referring to the letter, said it was somewhat of a disappointment as it had been hoped that all town employees would be covered by a plan of health insurance before the new year. However, the delay was not as serious as it appeared at first glance. It would be necessary to wait a month or two longer, but danger of confusion or overlapping would be avoided. If the Dominion legislation did not fit the needs, there was the provincial plan to consider. If the provincial plan did not promise special benefits then the town's own plan could be proceeded with. "It is only a few weeks to February when the Dominion House will meet," said Councillor Eyre, "and we can manage for that time."

Fire Chief W. Stanley's monthly report was received and filed. There was also a letter from the Dominion Fire Chiefs' Association thanking the council for the invitation to hold the 1944 convention in Timmins. The letter said that the kind offer of hospitality was being very carefully considered by the association and that the town would hear further from the association in the near future in the matter.

On motion it was decided to close the town market for the winter season after Saturday, Dec. 18th.

By-law No. 837 to appoint deputy-returning officers, poll clerks, etc., for the municipal elections on Tuesday, Dec. 14th, was given its required three readings and finally passed.

Authority was given for the payment of the town's half of the cost of repairing the road to the Bigwater Lake area to facilitate the bringing of log wood into the town. The Dept. of Highways had agreed to pay the half of the cost, the town stipulating that its half of the cost should not exceed \$500.00. Councillor Eyre commented that the wood dealers had given fine co-operation in regard to improving the condition of this road and that the expenditure had been well worth while. Councillor J. W. Spooner suggested that it might be possible yet to secure some return on the town's half of the cost.

Fair and Cold Over Week-end

Forecast of Hollinger Weather Bureau for Coming Few Days.

To-day will continue to be mostly cloudy with some light snow, says Mr. Wheeler of the Hollinger Weather Observatory, and it will be mostly fair and cold over the week-end. At eight o'clock this morning, the thermometer stood at 20 degrees. Maximum and minimum temperatures for the week were:— Thursday, December 2nd, 18 and 4; Friday, December 3rd, 28 and 5; Saturday, December 4th, 30 and 2; Sunday, December 5th, 12 and 0; Monday, December 6th, 20 and 17; Tuesday, December 7th, 28 and 17; Wednesday, December 8th, 31 and 20. Snowfall since last Thursday has been six inches.

Realistic Air Films Shown at Palace Sunday Evening

Auspices of the R.C.A.F. and the Air Cadets.

With a house filled to capacity, a two-reel film, "Divide and Conquer," was shown at the Palace theatre Sunday evening under the auspices of the R.C.A.F. and the Timmins Air Cadets. This picture includes a number of sections of film captured from the Nazis and is the most impressive picture yet seen of the war. The German films show the "blitz" in actual operation in Belgium and France, while the pictures of Dunkirk show both sides of the story. Those who saw the film Sunday night agree that it is the most graphic picture of the war yet shown. The crowd was thrilled and impressed by this remarkable film showing.

During the evening Flight Lieut. Gordon B. Hislop, Officer Commanding the Mobile Recruiting Unit here this week spoke on recruiting work. The Timmins Air Cadets attended the event about 175 strong. Timmins Citizens' Band was in attendance.

CANADIAN-BUILT LANCASTER HELPS SMASH BERLIN



PL 19981 Radiod from London before the take-off, this picture shows the crew which took the first Canadian-built Lancaster bomber on its first operation against Germany. The big four-engined aircraft, named "Rhur Express", flew in a Pathfinder Squadron which led the way in a devastating attack on Berlin. Left to right, the crew members are:— Flying Officer John William Asbury, 20-year-old bombardier from Portage La Prairie, Man.; Sgt.

Ellwood Houlding, 21, of Saskatoon, the flight engineer; Pilot Officer Harold Florin, 21, of Weyburn, Sask.; pilot; Flight Lieut. William Thatcher, 28, of Hamilton, Ont., navigator; Flying Officer Jerry Souillard, 21, of Montreal, wireless operator; Flight Sgt. Lloyd Annis, 20, of Barrie, Ont., air gunner and Flight Sgt. Nick Leone, Toronto. (Note: No Reproductions of this photograph may be transmitted to the United Kingdom.) (R.C.A.F. Radiophoto)

Urgent Need for More Sewing and Knitting at East Porcupine Red Cross

Still Need for More Leaders to Knit and Sew, Says Eastern Porcupine Branch of Red Cross. Branch Shipped Total of 2,651 Articles Last Month.

The following is the report of the Eastern Porcupine Red Cross for the month of November.—

South Porcupine, Dec. 8th. Shipment from Eastern Porcupine District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society for the month of November:—

- Knitting — 128
- Christmas Knitting — 326
- Sewing — 391
- Quilts — 6
- Compresses — 1800
- Total — 2651 articles

KNITTING — Seamen
14 Turtleneck sweaters
15 26" ribbed stockings
8 prs. 18" ribbed socks
23 prs. mitts
5 Ribbed helmets
Total — 61 articles

Non-Quota:
5 Aero Caps (Navy)
Total — 5 articles

Army & Air Force:
4 Khaki Aero Caps
2 Airforce Aero Caps
2 Khaki Ribbed Helmets
2 Khaki Toques
2 Khaki Alternate Caps
6 Khaki Tuckins
5 Airforce Tuckins
Total — 23 articles

Capture Parcels:
33 prs. Khaki Gloves
3 ribbed helmets — Air Force
Total — 36 articles

Civilian:
1 Womens Sweater — 16 yrs.
1 Girl's sweater — 12 yrs.
1 Boy's sweater — 8 yrs.
Total — 3 articles

In addition to the above 326 prs. of socks were knitted for Christmas parcels.

SEWING: — Civilian
40 blouses — 6 yr.
40 pinafore dresses — 6 yr.
7 pantie dresses — 2 yrs.
Total — 87 articles

Non-Quota:
1 pr. boy's pyjamas, 2 yr.
2 dresses, 4 yrs.
2 pr. bloomers, 4 yrs.
1 woman's nightgown, size 38
Total — 6 articles

QUILTS
5 large
1 crib
Total — 6 articles
Seamen's Leather Jacket — 1 article

HOSPITAL
25 Bed Jackets
85 suits men's pyjamas
19 prs. extra pyjama pants
39 wash cloths (Knitted by Public Schools — Dome & So. Porcupine)

82 Hot Water Bag covers
25 Hand Towels
Total — 275 articles

GREEK RELIEF
11 prs. Underwear shorts, size 38
11 Underwear shirts, size 38
Total — 22 articles

Dressings
1800 Compresses
Total — 1,800 articles

We still need ladies to sew and knit. Our last sewing quota is an emergency one for fifty (50) Bed Jackets and fifty (50) Dressing Gowns for Hospitals. These are marked URGENT. Come in any afternoon or evening to help out. We also have a large Civilian quota of smaller articles.

There is also a very URGENT need for Seamen's Knitting, especially Turtleneck Sweaters and 26" ribbed stockings. Even though it is nearly Christmas and many feel they have no time, our men in the Services must carry on. They cannot stop. Let us all realize our responsibility to these men and really do our part.

Ladies' Night at Timmins Kiwanis on Monday Evening

Monday evening next, Dec. 13th, will be Ladies' Night at the Kiwanis Club gathering at the Empire hotel, commencing at 6:30 p.m. A fine programme of varied entertainment has been arranged. An orchestra will be in attendance for the occasion.

Monday, Dec. 20th, will be the Members' Christmas Party at the Kiwanis Club, and Monday, Dec. 27th, is to be a "Father and Child" meeting.

Salvation Army Christmas Tree Event, on Friday

Attractive Programme to be Given by Sunday School Children and Others.

The annual Christmas tree and concert at the Salvation Army will be held on Friday evening of this week, Dec. 10th, commencing at 7:45 p.m., at the S. A. Citadel, Birch street south. Mr. Arch Gillies will be the chairman for the occasion. There will be a happy programme of tableaux, dialogues, recitations, Christmas cards and novelties, most of the numbers being presented by the Sunday School children under the leadership of Miss Agnes Smith who has very particular talent in making such events enjoyable and successful. Those who enjoyed the programme given at last year's Christmas event will agree that Miss Smith is able to select the right talent and use it to the best effect.

Of course, there will be the usual yearly visit of Santa Claus during the evening.

Mrs. W. Bedard Seriously Hurt in Auto Accident

Leg Badly Fractured and Other Injuries When Hit by Car.

Tuesday evening at 6:30 Mrs. W. Bedard, of 4 McLeod street, was badly injured when hit by a car at the top of the hill opposite 87 Rae street. Mrs. Bedard had one leg badly fractured and also suffered from bruises and shock. She was taken to St. Mary's hospital in the S. T. Walker ambulance. At time of writing she is in satisfactory condition in view of the injuries suffered. The driver of the car has been charged with dangerous driving.

Mrs. Bedard was walking south on Rae street in the road, there being no sidewalk. The car driven by Edward O'Neill, in the employ of the Cartier Taxi was driving south on Rae street. Police investigations after the accident showed that the car had travelled 100 feet after Mrs. Bedard was hit, but it is not determined yet whether or not this was due to the fact that the accident occurred just at the top of the hill and the car may have simply rolled down the hill from its own weight. It was snowing at the time. Until this afternoon Mrs. Bedard was not sufficiently recovered to tell what she knew of the accident.

Be Sure to Vote Tuesday

Here is a List of All the Candidates.

Tuesday next, Dec. 14th, is municipal election day for Timmins. Voting will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the voting places being at Central, Moneta, and Mattagami public schools, and Holy Family Separate School. The following are the candidates for the various offices:—

For Mayor
One to be elected.
J. Emile Brunette, sales supervisor.
James Frederick Parker, merchant.

For Council
Six to be elected.
Urbain Aubry, miner.
J. Vincent Bonhomme, insurance agent.
Karl A. Eyre, machine shop proprietor.
Eugene W. Gladstone, insurance agent.
Michael Karol, miner.
Horace G. Laidlaw, manufacturer's agent.

William P. McDermott, mine captain
Samuel J. Morgan, mill operator.
Harold A. Proctor, organizer.
J. Arthur Servais, locksmith.
J. Wilfred Spooner, insurance agent.
Ellen M. Terry, business college principal.

For Public School Trustees
Three to be elected.
L. C. Cousins, mill foreman.
W. Roy Dunbar, geologist.
Geo. William Hobbs, miner
Wm. Rinn, merchant.
F. W. Simpson, mining engineer.
Geo. Webber, mine captain.

Russians Gain Ground in Dnieper Bend Area; Fall Back West of Kiev

Turkey Expected to Join the Allies at Early Date. Dutch Ready to Help in Invasion of Europe by Allies. Austrians Force Back Japs in New Guinea.

R.C.A.F. Recruits Needed

Mobile Recruiting Unit Here This Week for Enlistments in R.C.A.F. and Women's Division.

The R.C.A.F. Mobile Recruiting Unit here this week is meeting success in its work of seeking recruits for the R.C.A.F. and the Women's Division. Flight Lieut. Gordon B. Hislop is the officer commanding. Up to noon today they had 45 approaches — a fifth of them women. The headquarters are in the basement of the post office, and any man or woman wishing any information about the Air Force and its needs and opportunities has only to call there to receive all the data required.

Christmas Seal Campaign Again in Progress

Tuberculosis on the Increase so Need is Greater than Ever.

The Christmas Seal campaign sponsored by the Lions Club of Timmins is under way again. Tuberculosis in Canada is on the increase again and so the need is greater than ever. Through the donations received in the Porcupine by past campaigns much has been done to lessen the toll taken by tuberculosis. Since 1938 there have been 13,369 tuberculin tests made, and 2,602 X-rays taken. All school teachers in the Porcupine were X-rayed last year. Up to date 807 food-handlers in the Porcupine have been X-rayed.

The Christmas seals this year are very attractive and will add much to the effectiveness of Christmas packages. They are priced at \$1.00 a sheet, and all purchasing them will be doubly advantaged—they will have the attractive seals and the money will do its part to stamp out tuberculosis in the Porcupine. Already a number have sent their donations to Dr. Graham B. Lane, the treasurer. A list of donors to date will be published in next issue of The Advance.

Six Nominated for Office of Mayor and Twenty-five for the Council Board

Two Qualify for Mayoralty Campaign. Twelve Running for Council. All 1943 Council, Except Councillor Phil Fay in Field. Six for Three Places on the Public School Board.

The change in time for holding nominations as put into force Friday night when nominations were taken for mayor, council and public school board during the one hour, did not bring out as large a crowd as some expected although there was considerable interest shown.

There were six nominated for mayor — J. P. Bartleman, Emile Brunette, E. W. Gladstone, Dr. J. A. McInnis, J. V. Parker and J. W. Spooner. Only two qualified—the present mayor and J. P. Parker.

For the council there were twenty-five nomination as follows: W. S. Ackroyd, U. Aubry, J. P. Bartleman, J. V. Bonhomme, J. E. H. Chateauvert, L. C. Cousins, W. J. Doran, K. A. Eyre, E. W. Gladstone, Michael Karol, H. G. Laidlaw, Leo Lalonde, W. P. McDermott, D. McCrory, Dr. J. A. McInnis, Geo. Mondaui, S. J. Morgan, Daniel Mousseau, P. H. O'Gorman, Harold A. Proctor, W. Roberts, J. Arthur Servais, J. W. Spooner, Ellen M. Terry and H. W. Warren. Of this number twelve qualified, their names being given elsewhere on this page.

For the School board seven were nominated for the three places: Roy Dunbar, W. Rinn and F. W. Simpson (present members of the board) and L. C. Cousins, Geo. W. Hobbs, E. L. Reid and Geo. Webber. All but Mr. Reid are running.

The Russians are having varied fortune making good gains in the Dnieper Bend area, and having to make slight withdrawals west of Kiev.

The Japanese have been forced back two miles by Australian troops in the Huon Gulf area of New Guinea.

Allied bombs have devastated a quarter of the total area of the German cities which have been attacked, Air Vice Marshal Saundley said yesterday.

Turkey is expected at early date to enter the war on the side of the Allies. United States troops are firmly entrenched on an important hill north of Mignano, Italy, which they seized from the Germans yesterday in bitter fighting.

Lord Keyes, British Admiral of the Fleet, has voiced an optimistic prediction that the end of the war is not far off. The Germans, he said, have had a taste in their own cities of what war means.

The Dutch are ready to take an important role in an Allied invasion of Western Europe. A Dutch military organization will cross the channel from Britain as soon as a part of Holland is liberated by the Allies.

INQUEST TOMORROW INTO DEATH OF LITTLE GIRL

An inquest into the death of little Jemmetta Smith who died from injuries received last week when hit by a car at the Timmins Dairy will be held to-morrow (Friday) at 4 p.m.

Seven Calls Here in One Day for Chimney Fires

The firemen had fourteen calls during the past week, twelve of them being for chimney fires that were promptly dealt with and no damage resulting. On the one day alone (Saturday) there were seven chimney fires. That same day there were two other calls — one to the corner of Birch and 11th street where a lady in attempting to thaw out a water service set fire to the little building holding the service taps. Neighbours assisted in stopping this fire before it got started and no damage was done. Both Timmins and Schumacher brigades were called to the scene, the building being in Tisdale, but Timmins being the closest.

The other fire was in the seat of a taxi where the cushion got on fire. The car was driven to the hall and the firemen put out the fire with no loss except some damage to the cushion.

All the present council with the exception of Councillor Fay are in the field again. Their record speaks for itself.

Among the new candidates H. G. Laidlaw has been in the North since 1909. He has occupied a number of important business positions, at present being representative for the North for mining supply firms. He has served on both public and high school boards, has been prominent in Kiwanis circles. He is a worker able to get things done.

Messrs Aubry, Bonhomme and Morgan, who are on the slate with Mr. Parker as Social Reform candidates, are well known having been candidates for council on previous occasion.

Another slate comprises Michael Karol and Harold A. Proctor. Mr. Karol won prominence in recent Victory Loan campaigns for the work he did. Mr. Proctor is the organizer here for the Labour Progressive party.

J. A. Servais is an old resident of the town and well known as a locksmith and gunsmith.