

# RUSSIANS MAKE AIR RAIDS ON FINLAND

## Cochrane Presbytery Discuss Various Social Problems of the Day

Presbytery Deplores the Spread of Venereal Disease. Urge all Christians to Take Firm Stand Against Immorality. Various Reports Received. Officers Elected.

The Cochrane Presbytery of the United Church, meeting in Schumacher United Church on Feb. 15-16, discussed at length various social problems and expressed great concern at the increasing laxity in sexual relations, and the easier acceptance of fornication as natural and of slight significance. The seriousness of the situation is evident in the increase of illegitimacy from 1939 to 1941 of 10 per cent in Canada, and the estimated deaths each year from syphilis is 6,000 to 12,000. Whereas in Sweden 4 in 100,000 have syphilis, in Ontario the rate is 175. The presbytery stated that their mind is expressed in pronouncement of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, "The problem is moral as well as medical. The chief cause of the spread of venereal disease is fornication. On this the teaching of Christianity has always been clear and uncompromising. It fully recognizes that the right use of sex contributes to the happiness as well as to the life of human beings, but it demands that it should be treated with reverence and respect. It therefore condemns fornication as a sin, for it misuses for momentary pleasure what was intended both as an expression of abiding love and for creation of new life. It thus degrades personality. We therefore call upon all who claim to be followers of Christ to take their stand against this sin."

The presbytery also urges our provincial government that, as a safeguard to the innocent, no marriage license be issued until a medical certificate of health is obtained. Approval was expressed of the announced intention of the Dominion government to deal with urgent social problems relating to public health and social security, and particularly of family allowances.

Churches were urged to carry forward evangelistic work during the Lenten season by means of communicant classes, special preaching services and a wide use of devotional literature.

The Home Mission report presented by Rev. W. M. Mustard recommended request for grants of \$575 for Clute-Island Falls, \$625 for Hearst, \$550 for Matheson, \$600 for Monteth-Connought, \$150 for Hearst rural, \$575 for Nakina. Schumacher was commended for paying off \$1900 on the Home Mission loan, and the H. M. Board is requested to remit all interest if the remaining \$2500 is cleared during 1944. Kapuskasing repaid \$1700 during 1944 on their H.M. loan. It recommended that all interest charges on the \$5000 loan to Monteth be remitted.

Rev. James A. Lytle, the superintendent of missions, was supported in his motion that in view of the shortage of men, the frequent duplication of work by other denominations in various places, that a policy of closer co-operation be approved, and that the ecumenical spirit be fostered. The secretary, Rev. J. A. C. Kell, reported a decrease of 836 families in the past two years, and of 5,390 persons. Membership has increased from 2770 to 2843 during 1943, and congregational liabilities have decreased from \$22,000 to \$15,000. This included over \$3,000 paid off by Mountjoy on their building debt.

The Missionary and Maintenance Fund reported by Rev. J. C. Thompson showed \$4,678 raised during the year an increase of \$230. The yearly canvass of the whole congregation was commended.

Rev. H. M. Bailey for the Missionary Education Committee urged the duty of the church to foster good-will, understanding and generous tolerance of other nations and races at a time when hate was disrupting the world. All churches were urged to share in the famine relief offering for the starving peoples of India and China which is planned for February 20th.

The Christian Education report by Rev. A. I. Manson announced the boys summer camp July 5-15, and the girls camp July 17-27. The camp committee is seeking a new permanent site for the summer camp. A Rally Day is May for rural Sunday Schools which operate only in the summer was suggested. Religious Education is given by United Church ministers in 11 schools and to 403 pupils in the presbytery.

The treasurer of presbytery, Mr. W. L. Warrell reported total receipts from charges of \$590, expenditures of \$487, and a balance on hand of \$197. \$100 was paid on the camp debt, reducing it to \$494.

The Pastoral Relations committee approved and forwarded to Settlement Committee the request of Rev. A. I. Manson of Matheson for a change of pastorate. Delhite church was attached to the care of Mountjoy church.

At the evening meeting Rev. J. A.

## PAPER SALVAGE IN ACTION



Canada hasn't enough paper to meet all her demands. But paper is a war material, essential both to the Dominion's armed forces and to war production. In recent weeks the Boy Scouts have become willing paper salvage collectors, as the picture above shows. Here three lads have commandeered a cart in which to pile all the waste paper they collect from their neighbourhood. They know that there are 700,000 different items shipped to United Nations' armies overseas from North America, and practically all of these are paper-wrapped or boxed.

## Urges Roads as One Way to Help the Prospectors

F. M. Wallingford Makes Special Reference to Road to Wawaitin.

In introducing his brief for the prospector to the Ontario Mining Association, Mr. F. W. Wallingford made special reference to ways in which the prospector could be helped. He referred to roads as a real help to the prospector, and particularly mentioned the road to Wawaitin which would help the prospector and also give a chance for several very promising properties in various stages of development. This road would also be of special service to lumbermen and settlers. His chief point was that what the prospector needed was to be relieved from the regimentation that made it impossible for him to get a grubstake or to develop claims that he staked. The brief he presented will be found elsewhere in this issue, as will also a resolution passed at the Prospector's and Developers' meeting here.

## Archdeacon to Visit Schumacher on Sunday Morning

To Pay First Visit to Anglican Mission on Sunday, Feb. 20th.

This Sunday the preacher at the Anglican Mission in Schumacher will be Ven. J. E. Woodall, D.D., Rector of St. Paul's South Porcupine, and beloved Archdeacon of the diocese of Moosonee. This will be the first visit the veteran Missionary and Church leader has made to this Mission, and besides conducting the morning service, he will speak to the children of the Sunday School at 10 a.m. The members of the Girls' Auxiliary will attend dressed in their uniforms.

## Because There's a War On

Another Enlistment on Staff of The Advance Emphasizes the Point.

No one needs to mention to The Advance, "Don't you know there's a war on!"

Another enlistment from the staff this week has made special difficulties in "setting up the type," so that several items of interest are omitted from this issue, because of the impossibility of getting them "set up." They will appear next week—we hope.

With the apologies to readers goes the suggestion that everybody by this time must know "there's a war on."

From a staff of seventeen The Advance has lost ten due to war activities.

## Return Verdict of Murder

Jury Enquiring Into Death of David Palmer Gives Findings Yesterday.

South Porcupine, Feb. 16. Special to The Advance.

At the adjourned inquest into the death of David Palmer at Porcupine to-day, there were no new witnesses heard and no new evidence taken. Crown Attorney S. A. Caldwell gave a review of the evidence taken, after which the jury retired to consider their verdict. They were only out about ten or fifteen minutes, returning with the following verdict:

"We, the jurors, find that David Palmer was murdered at the Gold Ridge Stock Farms in the early morning hours of May 14th, 1943, by being struck two or more heavy blows on the head with an instrument in the hands of a person or persons unknown."

When extracted.

One of the main premises on which the brief is based is "that the chief function of mining municipalities is to provide for the mining companies and their employees those services which, if the mines were in isolated sections, would be provided by and at the expense of the mining companies." The submissions are designed to "show that the primary function of any scheme of fine taxation should be the provision of sufficient revenue to mining municipalities to enable them to furnish an adequate standard of municipal services at a reasonable cost to all taxpayers."

## Two Raids Last Night on Capital City, Helsinki, and One on Town of Sabo

Russians Have Ten Nazi Divisions in Death Trap. Artillery Firing Point Blank into Remnants of Nazi Forces. Great Fires Now Raging in the Baltic District.

## Christmas Seals Bring \$2,859

Largest Amount Yet Received for Any One Year.

The Porcupine Christmas Seal Committee is still receiving and welcoming donations to their annual appeal. The donations received to date total \$2,859.99. The following is a list of subscriptions received recently:

James J. Aspinall, H. R. Bielek, Mrs. A. Bergstrom, P. Bettli, G. L. Chenier, Irene Cunningham, John Crocco, Hugh Doyle, Ronald F. Dewar, A. J. Garraway, J. H. Knell, Burk Leibold, A. Michaelson, J. K. Ramberg, M. Summers, A. Sloggett, Timmins Daily Press.

## Death in Toronto of Resident Here for 29 Years

Mrs. E. Colborne Passes Away at Toronto. Funeral at Timmins.

The death occurred in Toronto General Hospital, on February 13th, of Mrs. Eva Colborne, at the age of 59 years, after an illness of only a few months. The late Mrs. Colborne was a resident in Timmins for 29 years moving to Toronto two years ago this day. During her long residence here Mrs. Colborne won the highest regard of all, and her death will be deeply mourned by all.

The funeral took place from the First United Church in Timmins, and interment was made in Timmins cemetery. Pallbearers were H. MacQuarrie, W. Hayes, W. Stevens, G. Sinclair, R. Potvin, W. Nankervis. The deceased is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Yelland, one brother Carl H. Yelland, of Toronto; and seven children: Marianne (Mrs. E. Kemball, Timmins); Elizabeth (Mrs. E. McCuaig, Timmins); William (Canadian Army in Sicily); Gertrude (Mrs. K. Vail, Schumacher); Carleen (of Toronto); James (Canadian Army); Beatrice (of Toronto); and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were under S. T. Walker's Funeral Home.

Russian aircraft made three raids last night against Finland. Two were on Helsinki, the capital, and one on Sabo, a town on the southeast coast. It is reported that Finland is making earnest efforts to secure a peace with Russia.

Russian artillery is now firing point blank into the remnants of the Nazi divisions in the death circle in the Dnieper Bend. 2500 Germans were killed yesterday and 107 tanks destroyed when a desperate attempt was made to break out of the trap. The Russians now have the initiative on all sectors of the front.

Great fires are reported as raging now in the Berlin district after the greatest air raid in history on Tuesday night.

Word from Algiers says that ground fighting will soon turn in favour of the Allies on top of Mount Cassino which has been blasted by Allied planes. The Benedictine Monastery there, turned into a fortress by the Germans, has been bombed by the Allies and much of it destroyed.

## Col. Hamilton Bliss Urges Aid to the Soldiers After War

Suggests Hospital Accommodation in North for Servicemen from this Area.

One of the most eloquent and impressive addresses heard in recent years was given at the Kiwanis Club on Monday by Col. R. Hamilton Bliss, C. O. of Monteth Camp. He emphasized the responsibilities of service clubs, churches and others in seeing that ex-servicemen receive a fair deal after the war. He touched on many ways to help rehabilitation of the soldiers. He suggested among other services for returned men a military hospital in the North where Northern men could receive treatment and breathe "the Northern air." He made it plain in forceful words that plans should be made now and perfected to treat all ill or wounded servicemen, to provide employment for all and to guard against injustice or neglect of those who had served.

## Mining Municipalities Urge Changes in Mining and Assessment Acts

Brief Presented at Kirkland Lake to Ontario Mining Commission by the Association of Northern Mining Municipalities. Number of Proposals Suggested.

Kirkland Lake, Ont., Feb. 16—A joint brief presented here Monday to the Ontario Mining Commission by the Association of Northern Ontario Mining Municipalities explores in about 13,000 words the association's reasons for urging an entire revision of mines taxation to provide more municipal revenue without increasing the total tax burden of mining companies.

The brief, representing the pooled submissions of the town of Timmins and Townships of Teck (Kirkland Lake), Tisdale (South Porcupine) and Whitney, suggests legislative changes which may be summarized as follows:

1. To change the method of mines assessment to allow taxation of the first \$10,000 of income, which is exempt at present.
2. Not allow deduction from municipally-taxable income of money spent in development in another part of the province.
3. Revision of the system of allowing mines to deduct from municipally-taxable income all taxes paid to the federal government.
4. Revise or eliminate the deduction from taxable income of arbitrary allowance of 50 cents a ton for ore milled.
5. To provide for assessment of mining lands limited to actual value of surface rights whether the mine is operating or not.
6. Provision of means of appeal against mining assessment through regular assessment appeal channels.
7. That all procedure for assessing mines for municipal taxation be provided in the assessment act, instead of being partly affected by the mining tax, as at present.

Further detailed proposals are made for changes in assessment practice, with the main points made in the brief contending that present legislation has the following deficiencies:

1. Does not provide equalization of costs of supplying municipal services as between mines in the municipalities and mines in territories which have no municipality.
2. Allows deductions from taxable income of cost items which although they may encourage mining development, are not the responsibility of the municipality.
3. That municipal taxes, which the brief contends should be part of the mine's operating costs, are not a first charge on the value of the ore—as taxes of other jurisdictions are permitted as cost items before municipal taxes are computed.
4. That not sufficient revenue is produced for mining municipalities to provide for the needs of local government and simultaneously keep tax rates at a reasonable level.
5. That, because certain valuable mine properties are tax exempt while not producing at a profit, municipal tax revenue is insufficient to repay the municipality for its services to the mine and its employees.
6. That the present system has not avoided litigation.
7. That the assessment is not made by the municipality which also is not given information on how the assessment is computed and has no appeal against it.
8. That the system discriminates against other property owners by limiting the rate of tax on the value of ore

## Timmins to Join Rest of Canada in Observing Special Boy Scout Week

Purpose of Boy Scout Week is to Make Known the Aims and Purposes and the Accomplishments of the Boy Scouts in General and the Local Troops in Particular.

Next week, Feb. 20th to 26th, is to be observed in Timmins and throughout Canada as "Boy Scout Week." This is an annual event that is looked forward to by many and has won general public interest as well as giving special publicity to the efforts of the Boy Scouts in the different locality.

Boy Scout week is not a money-making event, but instead is used for acquainting the public with the activities as well as aims and purposes of the Boy Scouts. Few people have anything like a complete idea, for example of what is being accomplished by the several troops of Boy Scouts in Timmins. Many know that the Boy Scouts are always useful in the many community and patriotic efforts such as salvage work, assisting in parades and other events, but the general purposes and actual successes of the Boy Scouts are overlooked in the picture. During Scout Week the idea is to have Scout gatherings open to the general public and attended by as many as possible so that there may be general realization not only of what the Boy Scouts are doing, but also what the movement hopes to accomplish. One local Scoutmaster questioned about the efforts of the Boy Scouts suggested that the Boy Scout oath, taken by each Scout on joining the organization, summed up the whole matter in a few words: "On my honour, I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and the King, to help other people at all times, to obey the Scout Law."

A little consideration will show how this solemn promise must be a notable factor in building good citizenship and keeping Boy Scouts along right paths.

Some notes about the Boy Scouts may be of special interest at this time: The Boy Scouts were founded in 1908 by Lord Baden-Powell, the hero of the siege of Mafeking.

The Earl of Athlone, Governor-General of Canada, is the Chief Scout for this Dominion.

There are nearly 90,000 Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs in Canada.

More than 120,000 former Boy Scouts are serving in Canada's armed forces, proving the point that boys who join the Scouts have the habit of seeing their duty and doing their duty without undue thought of self.

Canadian Boy Scouts have sent over \$45,000.00 to Britain to help Scouts of the Motherland who were bombed from their homes.

Seven British Boy Scouts have been awarded the Victoria Cross since the opening of the present war.

It is estimated that 25,000,000 boys have been Boy Scouts since the Scout movement came into being 3 years ago.

There are 1,723 Boy Scout Troops and 1,591 Wolf Cub Packs in Canada.

## Next Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic Here on February 20th and 21st

New Donors are Required for Enrolment at Once. Work of Chairman of Women's War Work Praised. Report on Prisoner-of-War Work. Revised List of Items for Next-of-Kin Parcels. 5,572 Articles Shipped from Here in January.

President A. W. Pickering conducted the regular monthly meeting held recently, of the Timmins Branch of the Red Cross Society.

Owing to the absence of the treasurer the financial statement will appear in the next monthly report.

Mrs. H. W. Brown formerly Vice-chairman of Women's War Work was appointed as Chairman. The executive approved the appointment of Mrs. W. J. McCoy as daily supervisor at the Sewing Rooms.

It was announced that the annual campaign had been organized by Chairman A. P. McDowell. H. F. Burt has agreed to look after the publicity.

Mrs. Brown spoke of the Red Cross work done by Mrs. J. M. Douglas during four and one-half years with special mention of her untiring efforts for the three years she has been Chairman of all Women's War Work for the Timmins Branch. In commending Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Brown said that few people realized the number of hours of training and work that Mrs. Douglas had put into this office and was always willing to help those associated with her. A vote of thanks, moved by Mrs. Brown from the Society to Mrs. Douglas for her work was heartily endorsed by all those who have worked with her. Mrs. Douglas in replying said that she was glad to have been able to do whatever she could for the Red Cross and that she would continue to do so.

A letter was read from Mrs. J. C. Fraser Provincial Chairman of Women's War Work, requesting the presence of each branch chairman at a meeting in Toronto, March 29. Among other items a round table conference of problems will be conducted. The Executive approved the attendance of Mrs. Brown at this meeting.

**Blood Donor Clinic**

It was announced that the next Blood Donor Clinic for this district will be Feb. 20 and 21. New donors are required for enrolment at once.

**Prisoners-of-War**

Mrs. J. Kinsey, Prisoner-of-War Liaison Officer, Timmins Branch, has been asked to notify the next-of-kin and any persons corresponding with prisoners-of-war either in Europe or the Far East that any mail from Allied Nations addressed to prisoners-of-war marked "V for Victory," "Loose Talk Costs Lives," and similar slogans will be confiscated by the detaining power without notifying the prisoner to whom the mail is addressed.

The following is a revised list of permissible items in next-of-kin parcels: Dehydrated fruits, up to one pound in weight. Dehydrated soups up to half pound in weight. Dehydrated vegetables may be substituted for dehydrated soups. Shelled nuts up to one pound in weight. Peanut butter may be substituted for nuts.

Hard chocolate and/or cocoa up to three pounds in weight.

Coffee up to one pound in weight. Tea up to quarter pound in weight.

Sugar or hard candies up to two pounds in weight. (This does not include such candies as fudge or chocolate of any description; the candies (Continued on Page Two)