

Petty Officer W. L. Hitch Met Men from Timmins on Boat and Overseas

Interested in Architecture and Other Matters in the Old Land.

Petty Officer William L. Hitch, E.R. A., R.C.N.V.R., who is now in Great Britain, has written a very interesting letter to his wife, Mrs. W. Hitch, Tokelau street, referring to persons and places he has seen. The letter in the early part of February is in part as follows: "Feb. 1st—We had a very quiet crossing. We came aboard the transport one night and sailed the next morning. On the first day out some of the boys in the other services were quite ill but after that they seemed to settle down. As some of the lads could play accordions, guitars, violins, and trumpets, we amused ourselves in the evenings by carrying on with songs. I have found that the daylight hours drag most because we are up by 6.30 in the morning and from then until supper there was nothing to do but sit around upper deck and read, and believe me that can get monotonous. I met Ron Lake on here just a few minutes ago, which goes to show that no matter how far you travel you never know who you are going to run into. After coming ashore we had a 12 hour trip into the Highlands, so here we are settled down, miles from God only knows where. Had my first experience with the money here to-day. I got my Canadian money changed into the equivalent of pounds and shillings and I am afraid I'm going to have a little trouble with it. I get a kick out of the trains over here, they seem so different from our trains, and the freight cars are so very small."

"Feb. 2—We are located now where there is no fear of having anything

dropped on us, and that is one consolation. We were just inspected by a Canadian admiral and I must say it was one of the easiest inspections I have ever experienced. I met Johnny Cocklin over here yesterday. Apparently he has been here for some time. Haven't been ashore since we came into these barracks so I can't very well give my impressions of the surrounding district, although on our way up here we did see one or two places that had taken quite a bit of pounding."

"Feb. 4—We are in the bush three miles from the nearest village. When it is not raining it is snowing and the wind blows all the time. After supper last night we went to a dance in the village and the style was much different from ours. After the dance we had a three mile walk through a snowstorm back to camp."

"Feb. 7—We have had our first weekend pass which most of the boys spent sight-seeing. We certainly had a wonderful time. I saw architecture which I never dreamed existed and which dated back for centuries. We visited a castle with its shrine, and I saw one idea of 1313, so that will give you an idea of how long it has been there. The shrine is in the castle and the tableaux in it are dedicated to the men who have lost their lives in all wars up to the last war. It really is wonderful. Every place you turn there are small pubs where men like Bobbie Buns and John Knox, the reformist, lodged. On Saturday night we went to a dance in one of the big dance halls. It certainly was different from the dance we went to in the village, and just like one of our own. The hall was nicer than any I ever saw in New York, and there were two orchestras. The stage on which the orchestra played would turn right around. One band would play for about 20 minutes and when it was just about through a number, the stage would start to swing around and on the other side of it was the other band playing the same number and in this way the dance carried on. I was looking through the register in the Legion and came across Billy Shaw's name. There were several others from Timmins but he was the only one I knew. The people here treat us well. There is nothing they can't or won't do for us."

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Helpful Hints on Flowers and Gardens

(Contributed by the Timmins Horticultural Society.)

Spring is lurking just around the corner. If we are to believe Andy Clarke, we see no signs of Spring yet in these northern latitudes, but, nevertheless, it is time to start a few of the long winded varieties in preparation for the coming season.

Speakers at the Annual Convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association issued a warning that there may be a shortage of potatoes, carrots, cabbage, tomatoes, beans, onions and green peas. Don't forget that there will be twice as many Allied troops in the field this year as compared to last year and the dehydration plants will be working to full capacity.

So get busy you Victory gardeners! There are very few Dutch sets available for planting. You must grow your onions from seed. The seed should be started now. Ailsa Craig and Red Wethersfield are both good bets in the onion field. They are vigorous growers, grow to a good size, and keep well.

Try growing a few leeks, they will take out your onion crop and can be used in stews or creamed as a separate vegetable. They should be started now. Although home grown vegetables have become a necessity if we are to live in the style to which we have become accustomed, there is no reason why we should not grow a few flowers; as well. They brighten up the old homestead and help morale. Petunias, lobelia, verbena, should be planted immediately. If sown now single dahlias will give you a wealth of cut flowers from July until frost.

Now we can get down to the job of planting. First make yourself a few wooden boxes, about three or four inches deep and of a convenient length and breath to fit the inside of your window frame. Do not forget to bore a couple of holes for drainage; place a layer of small stones along the bottom of your box for the same purpose. Then you must procure some earth, not an easy thing to do at this time of the year unless you prepared for this last fall.

Any good garden soil will do. Omit fertilizer of any kind. You don't stuff an infant to make it grow quickly. Save the fertilizer until your seedling is strong enough to stand forcing. Sterilize your soil by baking in an oven or scalding it with boiling water. All kinds of little wiggly things are liable to hatch out while your seeds are germinating. That's bad for your seedlings. Sterilize and exterminate them. There may also be tiny grubs lying dormant in the soil; fungus spores just waiting for a little warmth and moisture to blanket your box with a coating of mould. Boiling water is the more convenient method to use.

Don't cover small seeds. After seeding, press them into intimate contact with the soil and cover with a piece of brown paper or cardboard until your crop shows signs of life, to conserve moisture. Don't be too sparing with seed. Remember—there is strength in numbers. Tiny seedlings can push their way upward much earlier with the support of a few friends. Besides, you may lose a few through dampening off, or through other causes. Never water seedlings with cold tap water. Use tepid water.

Mrs. L. Luhta Passes Away at South Porcupine

The death occurred Wednesday night last week of Mrs. Lillian Luhta, at the age of 25 years. The late Mrs. Luhta (nee Lillian Niemi) passed away at her home 6 Golden Avenue, South Porcupine, after a lengthy illness. Surviving are her husband, Pte. Kusti Luhta, who has been serving overseas for three years, at present in Italy; two sisters Saima and Ina; and two brothers John (overseas) and Eino.

Games in the Timmins Dart Club League in Past Week

Bill Doran Trophy; Fives League; Feb. 25th, games: 2 Wanderers vs Windsor 0 2 Imperials vs Legion 0 2 United vs Moose 0 2 Seven Up vs White Cross 0 2 Legion vs Moose 0 1 Windsor vs White Cross 1 0 Wanderers vs United 2 1 Imperials vs Seven Up 1

League Standing table with columns P, W, L, T, P

Final games, March 4th: Moose vs Wanderers White Cross vs Imperials Legion vs United Windsor vs Seven Up Moose vs Seven Up Legion vs Wanderers Windsor vs Imperials White Cross vs United Dominion Trophy; Singles results: G. Gibson defeated S. Watts A. Bertelo defeated J. Gordon A. Moreal defeated L. Larivee R. Dunsmore defeated J. Bim J. Cote defeated R. Lazenby A. Southcott defeated H. Beard N. Barette defeated V. Taylor

Man Finds There's No Moonshine About Fine for Moonshine

Number of Liquor and Other Cases at Police Court This Week.

At police court Tuesday, Nick Varbonoff was fined \$200 or three months for the illegal possession of liquor otherwise popularly known as "moonshine." He took the three months.

Oscar Malo, for illegal possession of liquor, was fined \$100.00 and costs, while four who were at his party when the police visited the place each paid \$10 and costs as found-inns. Three of these were ladies.

On a charge of careless driving Wilfred Moses was assessed \$20 and costs or ten days. Evidence showed that he made a sharp left turn in front of another car causing damage to that car of about \$100. Wilfred Torangeau on a similar charge only had to pay \$10 and costs. Unlike the other Wilfred, his mistake in coming out from the curb without proper warning did not cause any serious damage.

To a charge of being drunk in charge of a car L. Hachey entered a plea of guilty. He was given the usual ten days with additional time if the costs were not paid.

The charge of attempted suicide against Joseph Rus who slashed himself badly with a knife some days ago, was withdrawn, but he was committed to the Ontario Hospital as mentally ill.

A man charged with failing to pay the wages due a maid explained that his wife was ill and as the girl did not arrive in time to look after the family he had to miss shifts at his work and so was not able to pay the wages. Crown Attorney Caldwell pointed out that if he kept the girl at work he was obligated to pay her. If she was not satisfied he should have discharged her. The man was ordered to pay \$18 for the time worked by the girl, but he was given eight days to make the payment.

Orders were made for weekly payments for the maintenance of a couple of families.

Illegal possession of liquor cost one man \$10 and costs. Two drunks paid \$10 and costs each. Cdein Fortin, Geo. Wasyluk, H. Pouffe, on charges of breach of the National Selective Service Mobilization Act, were each given a day in jail and then to be taken to North Bay recruiting centre for army tests. A charge along the same line against W. Gagnon was withdrawn by the R. C. M.P.

A case of illegal parking brought the usual \$1 fine.

There was a number of cases remanded to next week.

Funeral Services for Mrs. L. L. Luhta at South Porcupine

Funeral services for Mrs. Lily Lydia Luhta, nee Niemi, wife of Gunner Kosti Ernest Luhta, of the 1st Field Regt. R.C.H.A., C Bty., C A O, C.M.S., on active service, now in Italy were conducted in Finnish and English by the Reverend A. I. Heinonen in the Full Gospel Pentecostal Assembly Church, Golden Avenue, South Porcupine, on Sunday, Feb. 27th at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. A great number of friends filled the church to overflowing. Many had arrived from other mining communities all over the Porcupine area as well as other communities in Northern Ontario. Many beautiful floral offerings surrounded the casket. In connection with the service Mrs. Linnea Laine read a suitable poem as a last tribute to the worth of the life of Mrs. Luhta. A chorus of eight singers, Mrs. N. Ihander, Mrs. T. Ihander, Mrs. Heini Haapala, Mrs. Olavi Kaura, Sanfrid Bergman, T. Ihander, N. Ihander and Olavi Kaura, rendered two beautiful hymns.

The late Mrs. Luhta was born at South Porcupine, June 15th, 1918. During the past six years she has been seriously ill from T.B. During the first 17 months she was in the Halleybury hospital, and the balance of time she spent in Muskoka Sanitarium at Gravenhurst, arriving home quite recently. She passed away quietly at her home 6 Golden Avenue, South Porcupine, Feb. 23rd.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Gnr. Kosti E. Luhta, now overseas; her mother Mrs. Lempi Niemi, nee Kangas; one sister, Miss Saimi Niemi, at home; two brothers: Pte. Ernest John Niemi, on active service overseas, and Eino Niemi at home; also one cousin Mrs. Aino Harri, at home 6 Golden Ave., South Porcupine. Her father John Niemi, died about 20 years ago.

The pallbearers were Messrs: Oscar Ylijoki, John Kantokoski, Andrew Harri, Sulo Luhta, Nick Ihander and Sanfrid Bergman. The interment took place in South Porcupine Cemetery.

F. Melville defeated H. Hepplewhite K. Hulme defeated A. Jenkin

Mr. William Hway Dies at Age of Thirty-six

The death occurred on Tuesday, February 22nd, after a lengthy illness, of Mr. William Hway, at his home, 44 Fourth Avenue. The late Mr. Hway died at the age of 36 years. He had been a resident of the North for 22 years.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife and son, Victor; his father, Mr. Max Hway; his brother Nick; and his sister Mrs. Fred Kapitan, 163 Balsam St.

The funeral was held on Friday last at 5 p.m. from the Ukrainian Farm Labour Temple.

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

Red Cross Schedule for the Bardessona Workrooms in March

The following is the Red Cross schedule for the Bardessona workrooms for March:

Wed., March 1—Ladies of St. Anne and Mrs. Allen's group. Thurs., March 2—Mrs. Hardy's and St. Matthew's groups and Princess Alice group. Friday, Mar. 3—United Church group Monday, March 6—Mrs. Pickering's group and Finnish Organization and Eastern Star. Tuesday, March 7—Finnish Women of Harmony Hall and Hadassah group. Wed., March 8—Presbyterian group and La Ligue Feminine Catholique (Mrs. Dubelin's group). Thurs., March 9—C. W. L. (Mrs. Moran's group) and Princess Alice Club. Friday, March 10—French Federation. Monday, March 13—Mrs. Ostrosser's group and Finnish Organization and Eastern Star. Tuesday, March 14—Finnish Women of Harmony Hall and Hadassah group. Wed., March 15—Ladies of St. Anne and Mrs. Allen's group and Home and School Club. Thurs., March 16—C. W. L. (Mrs. McCoy's group), and Princess Alice Club. Friday, March 17—United Church group and I.O.O.F. Monday, March 20—Mrs. Pickering's group and Finnish Organization and Eastern Star. Tuesday, March 21—Finnish Women of Harmony Hall and Hadassah group. Wed., March 22—Presbyterian group and French Federation. Thurs., March 23—Princess Alice Club and Women's Institute. Friday, March 24—Rooms closed. Monday, March 27—Mrs. Ostrosser's group and Finnish Organization and Eastern Star. Tuesday, March 28—Finnish Women of Harmony Hall and Hadassah group. Wed., March 29—Rooms Closed. Thurs., March 30—Rooms closed. Friday, March 31—Rooms closed.

Sudbury Star: Though issued hourly on the hour, reports of the duce's death are not lightly to be dismissed. There has to be a first time.

Fashions Displayed Yesterday Were Suited for Spring

The second floor dress salon at Bucovetsky's store was the setting for the Spring Fashion Show and Tea held yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the Princess Alice Club. Individual tea tables with snowy white madiera cloth were arranged throughout the room, which was very tastefully and patriotically decorated in red, white and blues. Circling the entire room was a platform from which the various fashions were displayed to the audience. Nearly two hundred and fifty ladies witnessed the show and enjoyed the tea and refreshments served at intermission. Music for the occasion was provided by a small orchestra, Gene Crocco, clarinet, Ken Tomkinson, piano, Jack Bridges, saxophone.

Mrs. M. Korman was master of ceremonies, describing each fashion to the appreciative audience. As a grand finale to the show, the most outstanding of the present fashions were shown—the uniforms of the Army, Air Force and Navy, worn by Pte. Yvonne Jean, A.W.2 H. G. MacQuarrie, and Wren Dora Hamilton respectively.

Modelling the fashions were Mrs. F. Bowman, Mrs. K. Cade, Mrs. J. McKay, Miss Lucille Clement, Miss Louise Ferrari, Miss Mildred Wallace, Miss Phyllis McCoy, Miss Anne Sullivan, Miss Elsie McFadden, Mrs. J. Dalton, Jr., Mrs. R. Stock, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Q. Smith, Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. J. Dixon.

Arrangements and presentation of the show was under supervision of Mrs. J. Scholes.

The fashion show was under the co-sponsorship of Mrs. J. W. Thompson, assisted by members of the Princess Alice Club. Organizer for the event was Mrs. J. Barry. During the afternoon a raffle was conducted, Mrs. O. Kennie drawing the lucky tickets. Winning the choice of spring coat was Mrs. J. Easton, and for the choice of a new spring outfit, the winner was Mrs. J. Thompson.

Toronto Telegram: We read where a dressmaker is now turning out varnish. Maybe it was just a matter of changing the labels on the bottles.

Police Found Regiment for Man "Losing Memory"

There was some interest recently in a man in soldier uniform who visited Timmins and who posed as losing his memory. The police became interested in him when he bought valuable rings at a jewelry store in the town, tendering a cheque in payment and taking four or five dollars in change from the amount of the cheque. He was quite agreeable to leaving the rings until the cheque was cashed but that day did not arrive. When the police questioned him he seemed to have lost his memory, did not know what regiment he belonged to or where he came from. He also had different names at different times. The police, however, were able to discover his name, W. J. LeClear, and to locate his unit at Barriefield. He is now back at his duties in that camp, no charges being preferred against him here.

Toronto Telegram: They used to say that election year made it bad on business. Now there is so much business that it's bad for election year.

ICE SKATING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY—Juvenile Hockey Finals Helman's vs. Schumacher Lions 8.15 SATURDAY Public Skating—8.15 p.m. MONDAY Hockey or Public Skating TUESDAY Porcupine Skating Club WEDNESDAY—Northern Ontario Hockey Finals Sudbury vs. Porcupine All Stars THURSDAY—Second Game N. O. H. Sudbury vs. Porcupine All Stars

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