

Allies Drive Through Rome's Outer Defences

Is This the Solution for Development of the North Lignite Fields

W. A. Caunt, of Burlington, Ont., Has a "Retort" for Those Who Think that Northern Lignite Can Not be Processed Successfully. Lignite Briquettes, Gas, Tar-Oils, the Products from Use of the Caunt Retort.

Mr. A. W. Caunt, of Burlington, Ont., was in Timmins last week and called on The Advance. He has a plant known as the Caunt Retort that seems the answer to the problem of the development of the lignite deposits north of Cochrane. In the early stages of work for development samples of this lignite were taken to Germany where they were processed by a talent method there. It was found that the products thus secured made the lignite fields well worth development. Mr. Caunt says that his retort works on identically the same principle as used in the German tests. The Caunt retort is in successful use in a number of Canadian cities.

This is how Mr. Caunt describes the "Caunt process":—"A process of manufacturing a coke fuel equal in all respects to American anthracite—producing a cooking and heating gas at low cost yet marketable as a substitute for natural gas now running low, and distilling about 20 gallons of tar oils from each ton of soft coal—providing sizeable quantities of gasoline, fuel oil and valuable chemicals for any manufacturing centre. All from low grade coal available now—Canadian or American."

Mr. Caunt says that the process will work equally well with lignite. Indeed, he had samples of the lignite that had been briquetted, and they were much superior apparently to other samples turned out by other processes. The latter were more like soft coal and to handle them left the fingers smudged. On the other hand the little briquettes from the Caunt Retort were as clean or cleaner than anthracite coal. Mr. Caunt says that treatment by his retort would mean that not only will the lignite be turned into usable fuel, but there will also be by-products of gas, tar-oils, etc. If this is correct it would mean that the development of lignite fields north of Cochrane would bring not one industry as general expected, but several industries, all of value to the country.

There should be general interest in any new or improved processes for fuel production. The briquettes from the Caunt process will recommend themselves to the average user on account of their cleanliness. Mr. Caunt says that they give off much less smoke than ordinary coal. Canada seems to have special need for such a fuel. There is still danger of a fuel shortage here before the war is over. There certainly is a shortage here of GOOD, CLEAN FUEL.

People in the North should have very special interest in the matter. The development of the lignite fields in the North is a matter of the greatest importance to the country. The Governments have been fooling around with the problem for years and do not seem to be any further ahead. Last year there was a definite promise as ever can be secured from politicians that the lignite would be in production last fall. Instead, a new government was elected in the province, and from recent reports it may be years longer before any of this fuel is on the general market. There is also the suggestion that in the contemplated form it will not be available for common use. If this is the case, half of the interest will go out of the development. The Caunt briquettes appear to be coal acceptable to anybody and everybody.

Apparently the governments have fooled around enough on present plans which do not seem to get anywhere. Why not put the Caunt Retort to the test. If it proves all that is said for it, the whole lignite problem seems to be solved. If it does not fill the bill, then a trial would satisfy all concerned. The Caunt process, however, has so much to recommend it that it appears to be only sense and fair play to give it a trial. According to Mr. Caunt it has been successfully used by private firms with good results. Why should the government be likely to find it less effective? The cost of a Caunt Retort to try out the process is so reasonable that it seems difficult to understand why the governments have overlooked this possibilities so long. Surely, it is not because it is a Canadian enterprise. But whatever the reason for failure to test this plan before, it does seem incumbent on the new government to give this plant a trial. This "cooking coal at low temperature" appears worthy of some form of test or trial. It may easily prove the answer to all the problem of the lignite development. It seems to The Advance that boards of trade, municipalities and other bodies in the North should take some special interest in this matter. The whole question might easily be investigated

and if the Caunt process stands up to all the tests, then pressure might well be brought to bear on the government to see that this particular process is thoroughly investigated at once and the production and distribution of lignite hastened.

Inspection Air Cadets To-night

Event to be at the Hollinger Park at 7.15 p.m.

The annual inspection of the Timmins Kiwanis Air Cadets, Squadrons 10 and 355, will be held this (Thursday) evening at 7.30 p.m. Spectators should be in their seats at 7.15 p.m., so as to see the full inspection. The inspection will be held at the Hollinger Park, except in case of rain. In the latter event the inspection will take place in the McIntyre Arena.

The inspecting officer will be Group Captain D. C. M. Hume, National Director Air Cadets League of Canada. He will be accompanied by other high-ranking officers of the Air Cadets, and by officers from R.C.A.F. headquarters at Toronto. Timmins Citizens band will be in attendance.

There will be inspection of both Timmins Kiwanis No. 10 Squadron Air Cadets of Canada, one of the first squadrons organized in Canada, and of Timmins Kiwanis No. 355 Squadron.

The latter is the second squadron to be organized here to take care of the growing number of boys joining the Air Cadets. To-day the two squadrons include some 260 young men who are gaining a very complete knowledge of R.C.A.F. work.

In case of rain, the inspection will be held at 8 p.m. at the McIntyre Arena.

Transfer of Capt. Ralph Neelands to Camp Borden

Capt. Ralph Neelands, who was the Progressive Conservative candidate in the Provincial election in this riding last year, has been transferred from Month Camp to Camp Borden where he will be on the Army Medical staff.

Governor of Kiwanis Urges Unity for Victory and for Post-War Effort

John R. Linklater, of Noranda, Guest Speaker at Timmins Kiwanis on Monday. Outlines Kiwanis Aims and Ideals. Lieut. Governor Gardner, of South Porcupine, Also Guest at Club.

At the regular weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club on Monday at the Empire Hotel, the special guest for the day was Mr. John R. Linklater, of Noranda, Governor of the largest Division in Kiwanis International, the Ontario-Quebec-Maritimes Division. Another warmly welcomed guest was Lieutenant Governor Stan. Gardner, of South Porcupine.

Kiwanis W. O. Langdon, a former Lieutenant-Governor of the Ontario-Quebec-Maritimes Division, made the formal introduction of Lieut. Governor Gardner, while the Lieutenant-Governor introduced Governor Linklater. The address of the Lieutenant Governor, while brief, was effective and inspiring.

In his able address, Governor Linklater effectively discussed the aims, ideals and the purposes of the Kiwanis. He outlined what should be done by recounting what had actually been accomplished by individual Kiwanis Clubs. One Ontario club shipped \$1,000.00 worth of cigarettes overseas last year, and in addition operated an entire blood clinic for the Red Cross, paying all expenses. Another Ontario club cred for 5,000 servicemen and women in one year, supplying them with food, sleeping quarters and recreation while on leave. Northern Kiwanis clubs had collected 14,000 books for the Navy. The Sudbury Kiwanis Club had contributed 9,000 books for this purpose. Many of the Kiwanis clubs, including Timmins and South Porcupine had sponsored Air Cadet Squadrons, while others sponsored

TO VISIT TIMMINS TO-MORROW NIGHT



Mr. John Bracken, National Leader of the Progressive Conservative party of Canada, who will visit Timmins to-morrow (Friday) night on a tour of the North. He will be at the Empire Hotel (Main Dining Room) from 8 to 11.30 p.m. to-morrow night, where he is anxious to meet as many men and women of the town and district as possible.

Great Northern Welcome Given to Flight Lieut. Hedley (Babe) Everard

Big Crowds Gather and Cheer Returning Airman. Timmins Citizens' Band in Attendance. Guard of Honour of Air Cadets. Mayor Brunette Extends Civic Welcome to Timmins Airman who has Given Distinguished Service Overseas.

Timmins gave a regular Northern welcome home to Flight Lieutenant Hedley (Babe) Everard on his arrival at the T. & N. O. Station on Tuesday afternoon to spend a leave in Timmins after distinguished service in the R. C. A. F. overseas. The platform, park and streets were crowded with cheering crowds to greet the returning airman. There was a guard of honour of members of the Timmins K. Squadron Air Cadets. Timmins Citizens' Band was in attendance to furnish music during and before the reception. Mayor Brunette gave the Timmins airman a civic welcome home.

Flight Lieut. Everard was accompanied from Matheson by his mother, Mrs. Emilie Everard, who met him at that station. He was greeted on his arrival by his father, Mr. Emilie Everard, his brother Flying Officer Marcel Everard, who was on extended leave from the Ferry Command, his grandfather, Mr. J. B. Pare, and other relatives and friends as well as the public and civic reception he received. Emilie Everard, R.C.A.F. arrived by plane Wednesday morning from the West to greet his brother. Flight Lieut. Hedley Everard was awarded the D. F. C. for his special work in bringing down 3 or more Nazi planes and showing great daring in protecting younger flyers from the enemy. He was a member of the famed City of Windsor Squadron.

The returning airman and party were taken to the bandstand where they spoke over the radio installed there. Mayor Brunette in welcoming the hero spoke of the pride of his town in the services rendered. Flight Lieut. Everard in thanking all for the great reception said that he had been well received in Italy, England and other places, but there was no welcome anywhere like a Timmins one. Mr. Emilie Everard and Mrs. Emilie Everard and others gave brief addresses over the radio.

Fined for Allowing Fire Hazard on Premises in Town

At police court on Tuesday, H. Brunette was fined \$10 and costs for allowing a fire hazard on his premises. This hazard and when not removed after his taxi stand on Spruce street. The fire department inspection noted the hazard and when it not removed after several warnings, prosecution followed. The fire department intends to keep down all possible fire hazards and asks the co-operation of all. In cases where this co-operation is not given action will have to be taken for the general safety.

Injured When Car and Truck Collide on Ankerite Road

South Porcupine, June 1st. Special to The Advance. Yesterday afternoon when Mrs. L. Goedbloed, of Pamour, was driving to Buffalo Ankerite to fetch her children home from school, her car and a truck collided. An ambulance took Mrs. Goedbloed to South Porcupine hospital. She received several severe injuries but is making good progress to recovery.

Residence on Maple Street Damaged by Fire on Tuesday

Firemen Had Eighteen Calls During the Past Week.

Timmins firemen had 18 calls during the past week, ten of the calls being for grass, brush and rubbish fires. These were all dealt with so promptly and effectively that no damage resulted and no danger allowed to persist. The serious fire of the week was at 170 Maple Street North on Tuesday night at 10.37 at the house owned by Mrs. A. Lorraine and occupied by R. Bernier. Mr. Bernier was outside at the time the fire started in the building apparently from a stovepipe or the chimney, and the fire had such headway before it was noticed that Mr. Bernier had difficulty in getting into the house at all, and could not make further trips in to attempt to save any of his furniture or fight the fire. In the meantime an alarm was sent in and the firemen were promptly on the scene.

They had a heavy fight but succeeded in getting the fire under control, but not before the building was badly damaged and the furniture largely destroyed. The roof of an adjoining house was also slightly damaged. The fire had such a grip before it was discovered and spread so rapidly that the firemen did well to save adjoining buildings.

During the past week the Timmins Brigade has had men and equipment out to help the fire rangers fighting the big bush fires in the district.

General Meeting of Porcupine Festival Music, June 5th.

The general meeting of the Porcupine Festival of Music will be held in the Town Hall on Monday, June 5th at 8.15 p.m. sharp. At this meeting the officers will be elected to carry on the Festival for 1945.

The Festival of Music this year was a great success both financially, and by the talent displayed by those taking part. Next year it is hoped that the New Canadian groups will take an active part. Timmins and district has some very talented singers and instrumentalists among the New Canadian peoples and it has been suggested that these would add another step in making the Porcupine Festival of Music a truly community enterprise.

Another point is also expressed that some of these New Canadian musicians should be added to the executive of the Festival committee. All music-lovers and those who have given the Festival their support are cordially invited to attend the meeting Monday evening, June 5th, in the Town Hall.

Friends Saddened by Sudden Death of Mrs. Alex Boyd

Former Miss Marian Twaddle Passes Away on Sunday.

The sudden death on Sunday of Mrs. Alex Boyd (formerly Miss Marian Twaddle) came as a shock and a sorrow to hosts of friends in town and district. Mrs. Boyd had been around the previous day in apparent good health, but on Sunday was taken ill, and despite all that could be done, she died in a few hours. She passed away at her home at 63 Elm Street south.

The late Mrs. Boyd was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Twaddle, Birch street. The family have been popular residents of town for many years and Mrs. Boyd had made hosts of friends here who will mourn her loss. She was 24 years old at time of death. She is survived by her husband, her parents, and by one brother, William Twaddle.

The funeral which was largely attended was held on Wednesday, service being conducted at Mackay Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Aitken officiating. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of S. T. Walker's Funeral Home.

Mrs. Victoria Smitheram Dies at St. Mary's Hospital

The death occurred on May 27th, of Mrs. Victoria Smitheram at St. Mary's hospital. The late Mrs. Smitheram was in her 42nd year, and had resided at 8 Cambrai Ave.

Funeral services were held on May 30th at the First United Church, and interment was made in South Porcupine cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under S. T. Walker.

Left to mourn her loss are her husband, Garfield, and a daughter, Helen.

German Radio Reports Street Fighting in the Key Point of Velletri

British Bombers Again Smashing Along the French Coast To-day. DeValera Re-Elected as Prime Minister of Ireland. Germans Lose Heavily in Counter Attacks on Russian Front.

Tag Day for Blind Here \$619.34

The tag day for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind last Saturday netted \$619.34 in Timmins. In Schumacher there was \$100.00 taken by the taggers. The general campaign was equally successful, the list of donations to this worthy cause being generous as usual. The objective for the campaign will be reached when all returns are in according to present indications.

Body of Roy Jilks Recovered from the Mattagami

On Sunday the body of Roy Jilks was recovered from the Mattagami River after several days of search. Mr. Jilks was drowned on May 18th near Sandy Falls. He and a friend had been on a fishing trip and the canoe upset, due to currents in the river. Mr. Jilks, who was a powerful swimmer, advised his friend to cling to the canoe while he attempted to swim to the shore. Mr. Jilks drowned some little distance from the bank, while his friend was rescued.

The late Roy Jilks was born in Toronto 41 years ago. He was associated with the American Watch Case Co. in that city for some years, but six years ago he came to Timmins where he has been connected with mining.

He is survived by his widow; two sons, Gordon Timmins, and Douglas, overseas; his mother in Toronto; and a sister, Mrs. Creighton, Toronto.

Funeral services were held in Toronto on Tuesday, the body being taken there for interment.

Mr. Jack McCaffrey of the Dome, Dies at New Liskeard

South Porcupine, June 1st. Special to The Advance.

It was with great shock and deep sorrow that the death of an esteemed and popular resident of the Dome was learned this morning. The death occurred at 5 a.m. of Mr. Jack McCaffrey in New Liskeard hospital at the age of 53 years. Mr. McCaffrey had been a resident at the Dome Mine for over 25 years. He had left recently to visit his mother in Ottawa, stopping off to visit with friends in New Liskeard where he was struck with a heart attack.

The body of the deceased will arrive Friday morning and the funeral will be held Sunday at the United Church.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, who had been called to New Liskeard

Despatches from Naples this morning say that the Allied Armies have driven through Rome's outer defences to a point west of Velletri, a key point in the Germans' new mountain line before the city. The German radio claims that street fighting between Nazi shock troops and Fifth Army forces rages in Velletri itself. In the Liri Valley the Eighth Army has taken three towns north of the Via Cassina.

Dublin despatches say that Prime Minister DeValera of Eire has been re-elected, and appears to have made new gains in the general election.

Children and old people are being evacuated from Changsha, capital of China's Honan province. Two Japanese columns have driven into the city's outer defences four miles to the north.

British bombers crossed the Channel early to-day to give the French coast from Cape Griz Noez to Calais its heaviest pounding of the war. The targets seemed to be the Nazi long range guns which have often shelled the Dover district.

German forces striking at Russian armies in Roumania have left thousands of dead on the fields as the Red troops have thrown back attack after attack.

Co-operation Asked in Preparing the Local Roll of Honour

Names of Those Killed in Action or Dying Overseas Should be Sent to President of Legion.

As previously announced in The Advance the Town Council intend to erect a roll of honour at the town hall in the near future. To facilitate the work of preparation Mayor Brunette has asked the Canadian Legion to assist in this work. All who have had relatives killed in action or who have passed away while overseas are courteously asked to send all particulars—unit and rank and approximate place and date of death to President Les. Nicholson, c/o Branch 88, Timmins, Canadian Legion.

The names of the district and concerns who have maintained a roll of honour are also asked to assist in the above work of preparation of the Timmins Roll of Honour.

So that the records can be quickly compiled all are asked to give the above information as soon as possible.

and will arrive back to-morrow; eldest son Kenneth in the Maritimes; Clarence of Montreal; and Vivian, Mrs. Vic Haneberry, of the Dome.

Lieutenant H. J. Gurnell Wounded in Action in Italy

Mr. John Gurnell, 7 Toke Street, Timmins, has received word that his son, Lieut. H. J. Gurnell has been wounded in action in Italy and is in hospital.

Heavy Rains Check the Bush Fires that Have Been Raging Near Here

Timmins Board of Works Send Men This Week to Assist the Forestry Branch in Fighting Two Fires Not Far From Town. Timmins Not in Serious Danger at Any Time, Despite Some Alarmist Reports in Outside Newspapers.

The heavy rains and the change in temperature yesterday and to-day have checked very strongly the bush fires that have been raging some distance from Timmins. The closest one was out the North Road and on Sunday it looked as if it might head this way. Against the danger of this fire, which was only about five miles away, was the fact that to bring it this way a wind from the North was necessary and when there is a wind from the North there invariably is snow or rain. Snow or rain would check the fire so it is not too much to say that the town was not in serious danger, despite the alarmist reports given by some outside newspapers.

The other fire near here was to the south of the town but was kept in check by the good work of the Ontario Forestry men who have done remarkably effective work in the past few weeks in checking the district bush fires.

To guard against danger to the town and to help protect the settlers in the district, the town of Timmins has given the Forestry Branch help in the way of men and equipment to fight the bush fires. Timmins firemen, sometimes as many as twelve, with A. E. P. equipment have gone to the bush to help in fighting the fires. Timmins board of works also sent out twenty-one men to help in the fire-fighting.

In other parts of the North, notably at Larder Lake and near Kirkland Lake bush fires have been bad but have been successfully fought without loss of life though some property loss has resulted.