

# Canadians Making Progress in Italy Now

## Paul Pichette Instantly Killed in Accident on His Birthday, New Year's Day

Cars Collide at Corner of Seventh Avenue and Birch St. on Monday Afternoon. Others in Cars Escape with Slight Injuries. Victim of Accident Twenty-six Years of Age, Married and with Three Small Children

Tragedy touched Timmins on New Year's Day, when Paul Pichette, 26 years of age, married, and with three small children, residing at 43 Hollinger avenue, was instantly killed in a car crash at the corner of seventh ave. and Birch Street on New Year's Day at 4:45 p.m. Mr. Pichette and his father and mother were walking home after a New Year's call, when he hailed a Cartier Taxi and they were proceeding home when the accident happened. At the corner of Seventh and Birch the cars crashed together, the other car being driven by Ian MacFayden, Broadway avenue, South Porcupine. The cars hit each other just about the centre of the intersection. It is not known whether Paul was flung from the car or whether he attempted to jump, but in any case he was thrown against the pickets of a fence and death was instantaneous from the injuries thus received and from parts of the car striking him. When the crash occurred the Cartier taxi skidded and backed up along the fence by the side of the road.

## Interesting Coincidence In Numbers

It isn't everyone who can easily remember the number of the first war savings certificate purchased, especially when the number runs into six figures. But it is no trouble for L. J. May, 158 Birch Street South. He happened the other day to notice the number on his first war savings certificate, and it was 158090. His house number is 158 and his lot number is 90, so he is all set, especially as the total of these six figures is 23 and that is his lucky number.

During the month of December, 1944, there were a number of generous donations to the Timmins Legion Community Fag Fund. These included:—  
McIntyre Employees' War Chest Fund, \$500.00.  
Hollinger Employees' War Chest Fund, \$100.00.  
Kinsmen Club of Timmins, \$50.00.  
St. John Ambulance Nursing Div. No. 80, \$20.60.  
Porcupine Male Choir, \$20.00.  
J. H. Solitt, \$14.26.  
St. C.W.L. (Church of Nativity), \$10.00.  
R. Bertrand, \$1.00.

## 301,800 Cigarettes at Cost of \$988.80 During December

Generous Donations to Legion Community Fag Fund  
The December shipment of cigarettes overseas and to prisoners-of-war during December totalled 301,800 the cost being \$988.80

## Hundred and Eleven Soldiers Overseas Thank the Fag Fund

Letters and cards acknowledging with thanks the receipt of cigarettes have been received recently by the Timmins Legion Community Fag Fund from the following men serving overseas:—  
Pte. N. Narduzzi, LAC. Thomas, M.E., Dvr. C. C. Cameron, Sgt. A. Armstrong, Pte. W. Faulkner, LAC. T. O. Noonan, Pte. T. Rickard, Pte. H. G. Sanford, Spr. D. R. Burgess, Pte. P. Rochefort, Coder. P. H. Harrower, Cpl. J. P. Little, Dvr. H. Chalifoux, L-Cpl. Geo. Luff, LAC. N. Emarad, Spr. G. J. Jamin, Tpr. J. H. Currie, L-Cpl. G. W. Jeffrey, Tpr. D. Mackay, Lieut. H. R. Davis, Spr. P. Ojane, Pte. D. L. Duclos, Rfnm. D. Duff, Cpl. D. M. Roy, Tpr. M. Ferguson, LAC. G. E. Roy, S-Sgt. J. Spitz, Pte. L. Leduc, Spr. T. Anderson, Cfn. P. Griffin, Spr. J. Bennett, Pte. A. E. Theriault, Pte. W. A. Getty, Pte. R. J. Mousseau, Spr. M. J. Sweeney, Gnr. S. Jemain, Spr. A. J. Orr, Rfnm. C. Tippett, Cpl. S. E. Guindon, L-Cpl. C. McGill, Pte. R. L. Goulet, Spr. Van. Op. Den. Bash, Spr. E. T. Malone, Spr. E. M. Miller, Gnr. W. Mason, Cpl. B. W. Donaldson, Sto. L. E. Gauthier, Sgt. J. E. Backlund, Pte. P. E. Abrahams, Sgt. F. Saunders, LAC. H. Ryan, Pte. A. Pichette, Pte. J. C. Vallier, Spr. P. Loubert, Sgmn. J. L. Beaulne, Pte. J. W. Thrasher, Sgt. R. W. Smith, LAC. J. Shushewich, Cpl. A. C. Bannerman, Gnr. E. H. Graham, S-Sgt. A. Meechan, Pte. E. Halonen, Pte. K. Koczur, LAC. J. P. Lafranier, F-Sgt. W. Quisippe, LAC. O. Clusiau, Pte. T. A. Guine, A. Kleven, Sgt. H. Poole, W-O. G. F. Lacy, Lieut. R. J. Cunningham, Cpl. J. Innes, P-O. W. A. Thomas, Cpl. P. R. Turgeon, Cpl. A. Greychuk, Tpr. H. B. Whitman, Gnr. C. A. Currie, Spr. B. MacDonald, L-Cpl. N. Salomone, Cpl. C. Renaud, Spr. T. Searle, L-Cpl. W. Ward, Sgmn. A. F. Maxwell, L-Cpl. Bill Harris, Rfnm. G. St. Denis, Spr. C. A. Gilmour, L-Cpl. C. J. Hynds, Cfn. R. W. Doran, Spr. C. Kellow, Gnr. J. J. Carriere, Spr. N. Landers, CSM. J. E. Hamm, Pte. B. W. Philpott, L-Sgt. P. McDonough, L-S. T. H. Jones, LAC. J. Fortin, Spr. R. Robitaille, Pte. A. C. Gillard, Lieut. J. J. Asselstine, Spr. J. Guitart, Spr. M. I. Hunt, Pte. L. P. Lemieux, Cpl. W. Thompson, Pte. J. E. Atkinson, Cpl. G. R. Smith, Spr. E. McChesney, Pte. A. Howie, Cfn. V. E. Thompson, L-Cpl. W. G. Brough, L-Cpl. W. C. Pryor, Pte. J. O. Auger.

## Thanks Legion Branches for Their Earnest Support

Ottawa, January 3rd (Special)—In a Christmas message to all 1400 branches of the Canadian Legion, Alex. Walker, Dominion president, last week congratulated the branches on bringing the conscription issue to what he termed "a definite conclusion."

Mr. Walker's message said in part: "For the Legion, the year just past has been a most eventful one. A great many problems have arisen to confront us, but it is doubtful if, in Legion history, there has been any more serious challenge than that of the reinforcement issue which came to the force a few weeks ago and was brought—more by Legion efforts than anything else—to a definite conclusion."

"This was a national issue of grave significance and one we had been watching carefully for many months and years. When we decided to act, we did so with promptness and determination."  
"However, our determination would have meant very little had it not been for the whole-hearted and immediate support we received from all Legion branches across the country. And it is to the branches that the victory belongs and I want, on behalf of the council, and myself personally, to thank each and every one for your unquestioned confidence in us and for your individual efforts. Hundreds of letters and telegrams have been received at Dominion headquarters, from branches, assuring us of unwavering support. It is impossible to acknowledge them all personally, but our thanks is nevertheless sincere."

## Mr. William Baker Passes at Toronto After Operation

The many friends of Mr. Wm. Baker of 59, Balsam Street South, will learn with regret that he passed away last evening in the Toronto General Hospital following a major operation.

The late Mr. Baker was 76 years of age at the time of his death and was a pioneer resident of Timmins, having been employed at the Hollinger Mine for the past twenty-five years.

Two daughters, Mrs. B. Pecore, 59, Balsam Street South and Mrs. W. E. Gregory of Kapuskasing had already entrained on the Northland last night two hours after they had left, to the to be at the bedside of their father but unfortunately word was received here effect that Mr. Baker had passed away.

The body will be brought to Timmins for interment and arrangements will be in the care of S. T. Walker but as yet there is nothing definite.

## R.C.A.F. ANTI-BLACKOUT SUIT SAVES LIVES



PL 25123 Wing Commander W. R. Franks, O.B. E. of Toronto and Ottawa, (Centre) is shown adjusting the laces of the Mark III model of his anti-blackout flying suit on Flight Lieutenant J. A. Carr, of Campbellford and Toronto, (left) engineer of the Clinical Investigation Unit of the R.C.A.F., Toronto, which has pioneered many developments in aviation medicine. Once laced to fit the suit zips on and off in a matter of seconds and is worn under ordinary flying clothing LAC R. D. Harris, Asbestos, Quebec, at the (Right) assists. The suit, long on the secret list, includes a rubber lining which may contain liquid or gas. At high flying speeds which usually drain blood from the pilot's brain, the gas or liquid set up compensating pressures which permit normal circulation. (Royal Canadian Air Force Photos).

## Boy Scouts Association Medal of Merit Presented to W. Skinner, South End

First Award of Its Kind to be Made in This District by the Dominion Boy Scout Association... Unique Ceremony Held at the Scout Hall, South Porcupine.

South Porcupine, Jan. 3, Special to The Advance.  
A signal honour, and one of the first of its kind to be made in this district was conferred on Wednesday last upon Mr. William G. Skinner who has been a member of the Scout Committee in South Porcupine ever since the original formation many years ago.

Mr. Skinner was presented with the Boy Scout Association Medal of Merit, awarded for long and meritorious service, and the presentation was made in an unique ceremony at the Scout Hall.  
Mr. Skinner was in ignorance of the nature of the occasion when he was requested to attend a special meeting on Wednesday, A Rover Scout, a Boy Scout, and a Wolf Cub called to escort him to the hall, and it was not until he arrived there that he knew the reason for his special escort and the ceremony.

Mr. R. E. Dye, who is chairman of the Scout Committee made the presentation stating that "The Dominion Council of the Boy Scout Association recognizes at certain times, long and meritorious service. This group is gathered here tonight to witness the presentation to one of us, of the Medal of Merit."

He then handed the coveted insignia to the recipient amid the plaudits of the group.

## Eleven Fire Calls Answered in Week by Timmins Firemen

During the past week Timmins Fire Brigade had eleven fire calls for chimney fires and overheated stove, with no damage resulting.

A fire that started in the basement of 73 Wilson avenue caused some \$700 damage before it was extinguished. The fire started back of the furnace and gas masks had to be used by the firemen on account of smoke and gas.

One fire was brought to the fire hall in a taxi cab. One of the cushions in the car took fire apparently from a cigarette butt. The loss was not serious. Children playing in the basement at 169 Birch North started the new year badly by setting a fire in a disconnected stove. The result was a mass of smoke and a call for the firemen.

A furnace pipe too close to a cedar post started another basement fire on Wednesday at 86 Elm South, but damage not serious.

A couple of hundred dollars' damage was caused at 46 Fifth avenue near on Monday through a stove set too close to the wall.

L.A.W. Rose Nicholson, who is stationed at Rivers, Manitoba, is spending a New Year leave with her parents.

## Celebrate Their Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. P. Larmer observed the 25th anniversary of their wedding on Saturday, Dec. 30th, 1944, and the occasion saw a large number of the friends of this popular couple call at the house to congratulate them and to extend best wishes for many more years of happy wedded life. Saturday evening a large number of friends were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larmer, 58 Cherry Street, Timmins, and a very happy evening was passed. Mr. and Mrs. Larmer were married at Cadzow, near Hamilton, Scotland, on Dec. 30th, 1919. Mr. Larmer came to Timmins in 1922 and Mrs. Larmer in 1923. Both have been popular and esteemed here. Mr. Larmer is a shift boss at the Hollinger. Both he and Mrs. Larmer were valuable members of the Timmins Caledonian Society, of which Mr. Larmer was president for a couple of terms. They have taken a keen and helpful interest in music, sports, and other circles.

The friends who gathered in the evening presented Mr. and Mrs. Larmer with a very lovely coffee table as a tangible expression of the esteem in which the host and hostess are held by their many friends. A very handsome silver tea service and tray was presented to their parents by Pat (Jr.), Gerard and Moira.

A musical evening was spent during which Mrs. Wm. Roberts sang Gounod's "Ave Maria" accompanied at the piano by Mr. George Jenkin.

L-Cpl. Jean Dalgarno of Toronto, who is spending a leave in town, was present at the anniversary gathering and is one of the oldest friends of the honoured couple.

Mrs. Larmer served a most delicious lunch during the evening.

## Mayor and Council to be Guests at Kiwanis on Monday

Mayor J. Emile Brunette and Councilors Ellen M. Terry, W. P. McDermott, J. V. Bonhomme, K. A. Eyre, Michael Karol and Wm. Roberts will be the special guests of the Timmins Kiwanis Club on Monday, Jan. 8th, at the regular noon luncheon at the Empire hotel. It has been the custom of the Timmins Kiwanis Club to have the members of each new council as guests of the club at the opening of the year. This meeting each year is most interesting and is featured by the club as one of its community enterprises.

## Pte. Roger Boissonneault Killed in Action in Holland

Pte. Roger Boissonneault was among the casualties reported this week. This popular young man losing his life in Holland. Requiem mass was said this week in Cobalt, where the gallant young soldier's wife and children reside.

## Another Robert Raid on South England Last Night

### Maybe the Goose Didn't Lay the Golden Egg.

It May Have Been One of These Ore-Fed Chickens

Maybe it wasn't the goose that laid the golden egg, as the old saying had it. It may have been one of these ore-fed chickens. In any event one of the cases at police court on Wednesday morning suggests that up in this country gold ore is simply "chicken feed." Matthew Clement was charged with being in possession of gold refining equipment. The explanation of the defence in regard to the grinding up of some gold ore found on the premises was that they were simply grinding up rock to feed to the chickens. The magistrate did not seem very impressed by this explanation for he imposed a fine of \$200.00 and costs. On another charge of bribery, Clement was committed for trial by a higher court.

Tony Senyuk was committed for trial on a charge of illegal possession of gold ore.  
Absolom Demers was fined \$100 and costs on a charge of assisting in the illicit distilling of spirits. A charge of possessing illicit spirits was withdrawn. On a charge of being drunk in charge of a car, Leo Demers was given ten days.

Three young ladies were charged with assault causing bodily harm. The charge resulted from an attack by the three sisters on a lady who had been given charge of one of the children of one of the young ladies. Two of the young ladies were bound over for two years and the other for one year, the costs of the court also to be paid by the three.

## Pilot Officer F. B. Evans Married at Manchester, Eng.

South Porcupine, Jan. 3rd, Special to The Advance.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Evans, of Connaught Hill, announce the marriage of their eldest son, Frank Beverly Evans (Bud), which took place overseas on November 18th.

His bride is a member of the Signal Corps of the R. A. F. (a Corporal) and was the former Miss Ann Downward of 2 Edgevale Avenue Levenshulme, Manchester England.  
The wedding took place from the bride's home the ceremony being performed by the Rector in the Anglican Parish Church.

Flying Officer Eino Kautoo of S. Porcupine acted as best man for his friend and the groom's brother, LAC. Stephen Evans, also serving overseas was present at the ceremony.  
Pilot Officer F. B. Evans, R.C.A.F., has been overseas since 1941, and is due for holiday at home in the near future. It is not definitely known when his leave will be granted but he is expected home bringing his wife early this year.

## Town Council Appoints Committees for the Year At Inaugural Meeting

Regular Meetings of Council to be at 8 p.m. on Second and Fourth Mondays of Month. Committee Meetings to be Held in Afternoon at 4 p.m. Councillor McDermott Acting Mayor

## Curling Season Opens This Week at South Porcupine

South Porcupine, Jan. 3rd, Special to The Advance.  
This week marks the beginning of the curling season for South Porcupine. An opening bonspiel among the men is staged for tonight (Tuesday) and on Thursday afternoon a social and friendly game session will be held and tea served by the ladies.

Despatches this morning say that the Canadians are making progress in Italy. There was another robot attack on Southern England last night with some damage and casualties reported.

This morning there were reports that the Germans were starting another big counter-attack, throwing a large number of tanks into the battle. A heavy counter-attack by the Germans is reported north of Budapest.

## Ladies Night at Kiwanis Club at South Porcupine

Installation of Officers for the Year Held This Week

South Porcupine, Jan. 3rd, Special to The Advance.  
Kiwanis Ladies' Night last Wednesday proved a happy affair for all.

Special guests to dinner at the Airport Hotel, besides the wives of Kiwanians were:—Mr. and Mrs. Langdon (parents of Kiwanians Rud and W. O. Langdon), Miss McGregor, F. Woodbury, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson (Golden City), Mr. and Mrs. C. Lamanen, Mrs. H. G. Cook.

Kiwanian V. H. Evans gave a very complimentary toast to the ladies, to which Mrs. Ralph Ellis cleverly responded.

President Clarence Anderson welcomed the guests and introduced them, and Lt. Gov. W. S. Gardiner introduced the guest speaker Rev. H. G. Cook.

The speaker gave a very descriptive account of the Slave Indians of the McKenzie river where he was stationed for 8 yrs. His address was given great attention, as he held all interested, as he told of the superstitions of the tribes, the primitive life of the people in that region, and the wonderful possibilities which it held. Especially in agricultural lines.

Mr. Cook likes that North Country and hopes some day to go back about his children are grown up. "Get down to Edmonton to look at the country," were his finishing words.

The Kiwanis held their installation of officers on Tuesday of this week at the regular meeting.

Lt. Gov. R. S. Gardiner officiated and the following were installed:—  
J. R. Langdon — President.  
C. S. Anderson — Immediate Past President.

R. L. Ship — Secretary.  
R. H. Quesnel — Treasurer.

Directors (for 2 yrs.) — R. C. Ellis, W. G. Smith, G. Poppleton, L. Sauder — D. A. McLellan (holder).  
Proposed Chairman of Committees Administration — W. S. Gardiner, Community Service — Honer, Youth Service — W. G. Smith, Club Meetings — Rev. J. C. Thompson.

Hugh O'Neill, who has seen much service overseas in this war, as well as serving in the last war, was home to Timmins on leave during the holiday season.

happiness in their married life, and this wish we know, will be echoed by all who have known this gallant young airman from boyhood. He is one of the heroes who left school for the air force, and given the best years of his life in the service of his country.