

RUSSIANS NOW 135 MILES FROM BERLIN

Proposals of Post-War Reconstruction Committee Approved by Town Council

Plans for Public Works, Etc., Involve a Total Expenditure of \$2,636,480.00. Community Centre and Land the Biggest Single Item, \$410,000.00. \$75,000.00 Earmarked for Improvement of Parks, Etc.

Possibly the biggest item of business at the regular meeting of the town council on Monday evening was the approval by council of the plans and projects put forward by the Post-War Construction and Civic Improvement Committee. At least this item involved the largest amount of money, the total for all the projects and proposals being \$2,636,480.00. The Timmins Post-War Construction and Civic Improvement Committee was appointed to make a report to the Ontario Department of Planning and Development, outlining the necessary public works and enterprises that could be taken up by the town of Timmins after the war to avoid any unemployment during the transition period from war to settled peace, and also to make needed improvements in the town for the general benefit.

The biggest single item in the complete \$2,636,480.00 programme suggested by the committee is the establishment of a community centre. The land for this is estimated at \$60,000.00, while the community centre, which is designed to include auditorium, gymnasium, hockey rink, swimming pool, etc., is listed to cost \$350,000.00. As the proposed community centre is expected to equal the McIntyre Community Centre, or even on a more extended scale, the cost of the project is not over-estimated at \$350,000.00.

After the report had been considered, it was moved by Councillor McDermott, seconded by Councillor Bonhomme, and carried, that this council approves the Post-War Construction and Civic Improvement Committee for submission to the Ontario Planning and Development Department, for the amount of \$2,636,480.00, as detailed herewith.

The following are the details of the report:

Highways, Roads, Streets	
Sidewalks	\$128,000
Paving, concrete	208,000
Paving, asphalt	200,000
Curbs and gutters	109,380
Total	634,380
Bridges	
Holl. Ave. bridge	6,000
Airport Terminals, Strips	
Airport land	64,000
Strips	266,400
Total	330,400
Sewers, Water, Sanitation	
Sanitary sewers	\$ 61,200
Storm sewers	140,500
Water main extens.	185,000
Sewage and Disp. Plant exten.	60,000
Water treatment plant	250,000
Total	696,700
Public Buildings	
Garage stores, shops	75,000
Fire hall	60,000
Community centre	350,000
Land for above	60,000
Library	75,000
Total	620,000

Record Number of Donors at Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic Here This Week

The Blood Donor Clinic of the Porcupine district, held Sunday and Monday mornings in the Masonic Hall Tamarack Street, was the most successful yet. Sunday there were 155 donors, while Monday there were only 104, making a grand total of 259 donations for the month of January. In addition to this there were 21 rejects during the two days because that number of people had eaten some fatty foods in their breakfast. A week prior to the clinic 360 cards were sent out to volunteer donors—140 ladies and 220 men. The response of the ladies was particularly gratifying as a total of 103 answered the call.

All the way from Matheson came 14 donors, two of whom received their silver medals for sixth donations—one lady and one gentleman. Three citizens of Timmins also received silver buttons at this time. Another gentleman gave his seventeenth donation.

The man responsible for preparing the Hall for the clinic were Messrs J. M. Douglas, Jack Curry, Jordan, Cauley, Oram Stewart, D. Moore and A. Jackson.

Refreshments were served after the donations by members of the Kinette Club—Messdames R. Sturgeon, P. Jeffrey, L. Marshall, F. Robinson, C. B. Alton, J. Hepburn, C. Bowker, H. Ostromer, J. Poun, H. Hudson E. Smith,

Annual Meet. Timmins Red Cross, 8 p.m.

All Urgently Requested to Attend This Important Meeting This Evening.

The annual meeting of the Timmins Branch of the Canadian Red Cross will be held this (Thursday) evening Jan. 25th, in the council chambers of the Municipal Building, commencing at 8 o'clock. The chief business before the meeting will be the hearing of the reports of the various departments for the past year and the election of officers for the ensuing year. During the past year the Timmins Red Cross has done excellent work, but the coming year will require even greater efforts and interest. A very earnest request is made to all to attend the annual meeting, thus showing their interest in the work and encouraging the officers and workers with the thought of support. A large attendance will mean the starting of the new year with the officers for 1945 feeling that they have the people in general actively behind them.

Associated Boards Favours Game Sanctuaries in North

At the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade held last week at North Bay, there was a resolution urging the Government to establish enclosed game sanctuaries in the North, both as a wild life conservation measure, and to gratify the wish of tourists to see the animals in their native haunts. The resolution was duly passed.

Parks, Recreation, Etc.	
Gillies Lake Improvement	40,000
Mattagami River Imp.	35,000
Total	75,000
Extension Sixth Ave. to Highway	
Including paving	34,000
Total proposed expenditure	\$2,636,480

Other Council Notes
Council passed \$6,017.50 for Porcupine Health Unit, being the town's share of the Porcupine Health Unit's cost for first quarter of this year, Jan. 1st to March 31st.

The mayor was authorized to attend a meeting of the Ontario Mayor's Association Federal-Provincial-Municipal Relations Committee at Toronto, Jan. 29th and 30th.
Present at the meeting were Councillors Ellen M. Terry, W. Roberts, M. Karol, Karl, Eyre, W. McDermott and J. V. Bonhomme, with Mayor J. Emile Brunette in the chair.

Want North as a Winter as Well as Summer Resort

One of the resolutions passed at the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade was a motion to urge the Dominion and Provincial Governments' tourist and publicity departments to increase publicity featuring Northern Ontario as a winter as well as a summer resort area.

To Hold Leadership Training Classes

Leadership Training Classes have been planned by the Porcupine Religious Educational Council for Sunday School teachers, mid-week leaders, young people, parents and any other interested. Classes will be held in First United Church, Timmins on Mondays and Fridays commencing on January 29th and will continue for three weeks from 8 to 10 p.m. Optional courses will be given on "The Bible and the Christian Religion" by Rev. A. R. Chudwick; on "A Study in the Book of Acts" by Rev. W. M. Mustard; on "Teaching Beginners" and "Teaching Primary Children" by Mrs. A. A. Jackson and Mrs. E. B. Weir; on "Teaching Juniors" by Mrs. E. Gilmour Smith; on "Teaching Older Boys and Girls" by Mr. Lawrence Morley, Mrs. George Aitkin, Miss Elsie Clatworthy, Miss Kathleen Christopher, and Mr. P. A. Boyce; and on "Building the Young People's Program" by Rev. J. A. Breckenridge. Registration fee will be 50 cents for the course.

S.A. Divisional Commander to Visit Here at Week-end

Major Dixon to be Speaker at All Services at S.A. on Sunday.

Visiting the local Salvation Army Corps, this week-end, Major A. Dixon, Divisional Commander for Northern Ontario will be the speaker in the services all day Sunday.
Major Dixon, who had charge of the Peterboro Temple Corps, and previously Montreal Citadel Corps, before his present appointment, is well known as an outstanding Bible Preacher.
Major Dixon is now in charge of all Salvation Army work in Northern Ontario and Quebec, including the Red Shield War services, in Camp Borden.
The Sunday morning service will be broadcast over C.K.G.B. It will be well worth while to hear this outstanding speaker.

Former Timmins Man Loses Eye But Fights on

Blackpool, England, Newspaper Writes of Former Timmins Soldier.

Mr. J. Faithful, in early days in Timmins the plant superintendent of the Northern Canada Power Co. but in recent years resident at Blackpool, England, where he has been Air Raid Warden during the war, has kindly sent The Advance part of a copy of The Blackpool Gazette, in which there is an interesting article in reference to a young man from Timmins now serving overseas. The following is the article:

Fleetwood Man Fought On
After his eye was shot out during fighting for the Gothic Line in Italy, Private "Dick" Wadson, now home at 17 Abercrombie road, Fleetwood awaiting discharge from the Canadian Army, ran back under fire to lead forward a tank, and then went forward to try to rescue his dead major.

The Gothic Line assault is just one of the battles in which Private Wadson has fought since he went to Italy in October, 1943. He was at Naples, Cassino, Monastery Hill and the Hitler Line. He has been in the Army for two years, and was in England for two years before going to Italy.

In the same action in which he lost his eye Private Wadson was wounded in the temple and shoulder. His company commander was awarded the V.C.

Met Thornton Man
He was nursed in British military hospitals, and in one he made the acquaintance of a Thornton man.

Private Wadson is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Wadson. He is 39, and is in the New Westminster Regiment of the Canadian Army. He has lived in Canada since 1930, his home being in Timmins, North Ontario. In civilian life he is a commercial traveller.

His father is a retired member of the police force, now a guard at the Midland Bank.

Private Wadson lived in Fleetwood for many years. He hopes to bring his wife over soon.

Schedule of Dates Blood Donor Clinics For Next Six Months

Timmins blood donor clinics have done well, but the need remains. Indeed the need for blood donations is greater than ever and this condition will continue until the end of the war and even then will not be over. It is generally believed that there will be much bitter fighting before the war is won, and every engagement means wounded men, with the accompanying need for blood transfusions. In Timmins as elsewhere, the big need is for new donors. So that new donors may arrange to help in this good work, The Advance is publishing the dates of the clinics held here for the first six months of the year. These clinics are held in the Masonic hall from 9 to 12 noon on Sundays and Mondays in each month, as noted. The January clinic was the best held here to date. It was held on Sunday and Monday of this week. Reference is made to it in another column of this issue. The other dates for the first six months are as follows:

- February 18th and 19th.
- March 25th and 26th.
- April 22nd and 23rd.
- May 27th and 28th.
- June 24th and 25th.

Rev. Fr. Whissel Rector of Cathedral Dies Here on Monday

After an illness of about a year, Rev. Father E. Whissel, rector of St. Anthony's Cathedral, Timmins died in St. Mary's hospital on Monday. Although his condition had been critical for some days past, his death came as a shock to his parishioners and to the many friends he had made here. He had been ill much of the time during the past year, and spent much time in hospital. Some months ago he went to Montreal for treatment in hospital there, returning to Timmins in December of last year and being in St. Mary's hospital since then.

The late Father Whissel was born in St. Andre Avellan, Labelle county, Que. in October, 1900. He received his early education at Cochrane Separate School, later attending University at Ottawa, where he obtained his degree as Bachelor of Arts. After further theological studies, he was ordained to the priesthood at Cochrane by Bishop Rheame in February, 1928. He served for five years as Treasurer of the Diocese of Haliburton, and was parish priest at Notre Dame du Nord, Pontiac County, Que. for several years before coming here in 1940 to serve as rector of St. Anthony's Cathedral. He was the first rector of the cathedral after the establishment of the Diocese of Timmins, when St. Anthony's church became St. Anthony's Cathedral.

During his time in Timmins he made wide circles of friends, not only with his own parishioners, but also with all who met him. He was widely known for his ability and his friendly manner. He was devoted to the service of his church, but found time to assist in many community and patriotic activities. He showed much interest in the welfare of young people, and was a member of the committee for Christmas seals to fight tuberculosis in the Porcupine, and on such committees as the Victory Loan. He was the chaplain of a large number of orders and societies.

The late Father Whissel is survived by his father Norbert Whissel, of Cochrane; a sister, Mrs. R. Legault, of Cochrane; and a brother, Endore Whissel, of Timmins.

The body was at St. Mary's hospital where it was lying in state until Wednesday afternoon. Literally hundreds passed the coffin in the hospital to pay their respects to a loved priest. On Wednesday afternoon the body was borne in solemn procession to St. Anthony's Cathedral where it was lying in state and visited by further hundreds until the funeral services at ten o'clock this morning. Various organizations of the parish acted as guards of honour for the dead rector during the time the body was lying in state. Solemn requiem Mass was sung this morning by His Excellency Bishop Rheame. About fifty priests from the diocese came to town to take part in the solemn services and to pay their last tributes of respect to the late Father Whissel.

W. O. Langdon, of Timmins, Appointed King's Counsel

Among the list of King's Counsel announced last week by the Ontario Government was that of W. O. Langdon, Timmins. Mr. Langdon has won the honour by a long and successful practice of his profession. There is one other K. C. (Mr. S. C. Platus, K. C.) among the many lawyers in the camp. The late Dean Kester, was the last previous Timmins K. C. appointed.

Officers Elected for the Associated Boards of Trade

At the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade held last week at North Bay, W. O. Langdon, of Timmins, president for several years, announced that he would not accept the office another year, and the vice-president, E. J. Pifer, of North Bay, declined to stand. Mr. H. A. Willis, editor of the Cochrane Northland Post, of Cochrane, was elected president of the Associated Boards, and F. E. Heron, of New Liskeard, vice-president.

Boards of Trade Ask for University For the North Land

Among the many important resolutions passed by the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade at North Bay last week, there was probably none that had the same general importance to the country as the one asking for a university for this North Land. The resolution requested the Government to consider establishment of a university in some suitable centre in Northern Ontario. It was pointed out that distance placed a very serious barrier between young people of the North and southern universities. It was also pointed out that some subjects, such as mining, could best be taught close to the central points of the industry or business concerned. This resolution carried.

Kiwanis Told How Burns Urged Brotherhood and Humanity 150 Years Ago

Mr. M. B. Scott Describes the World of Bobbie Burns' Day, and the Poet's Gallant Battle Against Man's Inhumanity to Man. Paints the Great Scottish Poet as the Defender of the Rights of the Common Man

Mr. M. B. Scott, one of the highly esteemed Scottish pioneers of the Porcupine, having first come here in 1910, was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club luncheon at the Empire hotel on Monday. He spoke on "The Immortal Memory," and his address on the great Scottish poet held the deepest attention of the gathering. The address revealed the real secret why the Scottish bard has held the thoughts and hearts of men for over a century and a half, with fame that seems to grow with the years. "He, a son of the people, put pen to paper," said Mr. Scott, "and inscribed the most daring criticism of the manners and amenities of his time (and many of which exist to-day): he probed deeply with the scalpel of his piercing wit the festering sores that afflicted society; he took a stand that was the champion of the underdog." The speaker depicted the Scottish poet as the gallant champion of the rights of the common man, the doctory defender of freedom and a pioneer warrior for brotherhood and thought for others. In graphic words the speaker referred to "the basic facts that tell the outstanding message of this voice crying in the wilderness to make straight the devious ways of mankind, that liberty and the individual worth of man be always to the forefront in all our social relations."

To appreciate the life and work of Burns, the speaker said, it was necessary to understand the times in which he lived, and to modern minds this was difficult indeed. "This may be illustrated," said Mr. Scott, "by considering the changes that have occurred in the lives of those of us who have passed the three-score mark. You remember those days when the telephone was still more or less of a curiosity; when electric light was just coming into its own; the gramophone was yet to be invented; picture shows were little books with illustrations so drawn that when the pages were flipped fast enough one could see a man running or a dog wagging its tail; when the wings of flight were no further advanced than in the days of Daedalus; and many other inventions that to-day are just taken for granted. Workmen's Compensation, the eight-hour day, old age pensions, less costly hospitalization, and other social schemes were only academic discussions, some of them looked upon with bitter antipathy. Yet the rising generation takes them for granted and accepts them as if they had always been." Mr. Scott drew a clear picture of the days when poverty and want were apparently the certain lot for life of many of the people, when licensed beggars blotted the landscape, and when inequality and injustice seemed to thrive on every hand. Against these things a heaven was working, there being many kind-hearted and thoughtful people who mourned "man's inhumanity to man." To these good people Burns was a leader and a prophet. "And

United States Seventh Army Has to Retreat Some Seven Miles in Alsace

Russians Have Crossed the Oder River and are Driving Forward. General McArthur's Men Have Captured Clark's Field, Now Being Within 40 Miles of Manila. Germans Said to be Trapped in East Prussia

Third Anniversary Mountjoy United Church on Sunday

F.O. William Shields, D.F.C., to Speak After the Evening Service.

The third anniversary of Mountjoy United Church will be observed on Sunday, January 28th with services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. at which the guest preacher will be Rev. J. A. C. Kell of Cochrane. Mr. Kell is a veteran of the Great War. After graduating as a minister he served for a number of years in the Indian mission work at Northern Manitoba, and prior to his appointment to Cochrane was minister of Mount Denis, Toronto. He holds the office of chairman of Cochrane presbytery.

F. O. William Shields, D.F.C. will give a talk after the evening service.

Gen. McArthur's men have captured Clark's Field, with 13 air strips, thus being within 40 miles of Manila. The Russians have crossed the Oder river and late reports put them as 135 miles from Berlin. Several German battalions are said to be trapped in East Prussia with only the sea as a possible route of escape.

British 14th Army commands have made a fourth landing below Akyab, Burma.

British Second Army is still advancing in Holland within three miles of Roer border.

The U. S. 7th Army has had to retreat 10 miles in the Alsace area.

Mrs. J. A. Thomas First Woman Reeve Passes in Toronto

Mrs. J. A. Thomas, prominent in mining and other circles in the North for many years, died in Toronto this week. She came to Porcupine in 1911, and was well known here for her management of mining properties. She was elected reeve of Tisdale township some years ago, being the first woman reeve in Ontario. She has been living in Toronto for some years past. She is survived by two sons, her husband predeceasing her in 1925.

Pte D. Forretser Reported as Dying as Result of Wounds

Another local boy has made the supreme sacrifice. Word was received yesterday afternoon by his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Forrester, Lakeshore Road, that Pte. D. W. Forrester had passed away in hospital as a result of wounds. Serving on the Italian front, David sustained serious shrapnel wounds after being in action just about one month. The shock of his death is intensified by the fact that on Saturday last his parent received a telegram informing them that the critical period of the injuries was over and he was progressing favourably. Deep regret and sincere sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Forrester in the loss of their son by their many friends who have watched David grow to manhood in the town.

Ten-Year-Old Boy Slides Under Truck Suffers Broken Leg

John MacLeod the ten-year-old son of Mr. K. S. MacLeod, 3 Middleton Avenue, some days ago suffered a badly broken leg and cuts on the head when he slid beneath a truck on the road. The lad was ski-ing in a friend's back yard, and developing too much speed while going down a slide in the yard, he was unable to stop, and went out onto the road right in the path of a truck. The truck had no chance to stop and passed over the lad, inflicting the injuries noted. As a result of the accident the boy who is in the Sixth Grade at school, will be in the hospital for at least six weeks.

Report P. O. Frank Skelly As Among the Missing

Mr. T. A. Skelly Sixth Avenue, received word yesterday that his nephew, P.O. Frank Skelly, of Kirkland Lake, had been reported as missing after operations on Jan. 22nd. The word came from the airman's father, Mr. Richard Skelly, of Kirkland Lake who had just received the official notice that his lad was "missing." Frank who spent much of his boyhood in town where the family resided for several years, and who visited here frequently before the war, will sincerely hope that he will turn up safe and sound, as so many others have after being reported missing.

of New Liskeard, and Jas. Gells, of Timmins

Harry Fuke, chairman of the Boy Scouts Committee, presented the club with the Scouts' Honour Roll, which has already 25 names, with others to be added.

Community singing was led by Geo. Jenkin, with W. H. Wilson at the piano.

O. E. Kennie was the winner of the weekly war savings certificate.