

Russians Said To Be Forty Miles From Berlin

FROM SMALLEST TO LARGEST

Timmins Kiwanis Observe To Anniversary Events at This Week's Luncheon

Twenty-first Birthday of Timmins Club and Thirtieth Anniversary of the Founding of Kiwanis International Observed at Meeting on Monday. Heads of Other Service Clubs Guests of Honour.

Monday's luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club was a double anniversary event, the club observing the 21st anniversary of the Timmins Kiwanis Club and the 30th anniversary of the Kiwanis International. Past Lieutenant-Governor W. O. Langdon read the birthday message from Kiwanis International. President, Ben Dean, and Kiwanian W. Rinn one of the four charter members still with the Timmins Club, gave a concise but comprehensive review of the history of the Kiwanis in Timmins.

President Frank Bailey was in the chair for the occasion, and special guests for the day were:—President Rud Langdon, of the South Porcupine Kiwanis Club; President Bob Crosby, of the Schumacher Lions Club; President George Richards, of the Timmins Kinsmen Club; and Mr. N. C. Napper, representing Councillor W. P. McDermott, President of the Timmins Lions Club.

The meeting opened with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by "America" the national anthem of the United States, and two minutes' silence was then observed in memory of those who had given their lives that others might live in freedom and safety.

Community singing was led by Kiwanian Geo. Jenkin, with Secretary W. H. Wilson at the piano. Visitors for the day included Bill Dawson, Orilla; J. M. Leith, Hamilton; and Major A. Dixon, Divisional Commander for Northern Ontario for the Salvation Army.

Past Lieutenant-Governor W. O. Langdon very effectively covered the Kiwanis International anniversary by reading the Birthday Message of President Ben Dean. This message pointed out that the Kiwanis was founded in 1915—twelve years before Lindbergh's flight of the Atlantic, five years before the first broadcast, four months before the sinking of the Lusitania four years before the U.S. went into the last war; no one had heard a talking picture, nor seen a one-piece bathing suit, nor read a gossip column; insulin and jazz and daylight saving, nylon hose and neon lights were still in the future. In the thirty years of Kiwanis existence there have been two world wars, an unparalleled depression and a period of feverish, unnatural prosperity. "Kiwanis," said the message, "has never known normal times. It has stood the acid test. That in the face of these difficulties it should have grown until to-day there are more than 138,000 members and 2,246 clubs, is proof that Kiwanis has something that fills a vital community need in the United States and Canada."

President Dean's message also referred to the friendships that grew between men interested in Kiwanis. "Truly these thirty years of Kiwanis have yielded a rich harvest of human and spiritual values," the message said. In concluding, the message pointed out that there was a direct challenge to all Kiwanians to meet the grim test of the transition period with its employment and other problems. "These are the challenges that confront Kiwanians in this fateful year," the message concluded; "these are the issues that must be solved if we are to preserve our liberties. Let Kiwanis, in this thirtieth anniversary year, dedicate its power and its influence to this great task."

Kiwanian W. Rinn gave a most interesting review of the story of Kiwanis in Timmins with many flashes of wit and humor that added to the interest. He had been one of the charter members of the Timmins Club and a continuous member ever since, the only one present who had that distinction. He sketched in interesting way the formation of the Timmins Kiwanis Club on Nov. 21st, 1914. The formal presentation of the charter of the club was made on Jan. 31st, 1925. Pembroke Club sponsoring the new club, and a large number of Kiwanians coming here from Pembroke for the occasion. The Timmins Club was the first Kiwanis club in this part of the North. Mr. Louis Neville was the moving spirit in starting the Kiwanis here and was the first president of the club. Mr. Rinn gave a list of the charter members of the Kiwanis here and also a list of the presidents to date. The largest membership the club ever had was in 1925, when there were 71 members. The membership later went as low as 23, but the club has survived all difficulties and all adverse conditions and to-day was growing in membership and in usefulness. To-day the total membership of the Timmins Kiwanis Club is 63. Mr. Rinn touched on some of the projects carried to

Mrs. Sharp Observes 91st Birthday

On Monday of this week Mrs. Sharp, 103 Birch Street, South, observed her 91st birthday. Though feeling a little the toll of the years, Mrs. Sharp is in good health for one of her age and is able to get around remarkably well most of the time, though having the occasional day when she is not able to get up and around as usual. On Monday she received the congratulations and good wishes of many friends. Her son, Mr. George Sharp, of the pioneer citizens of Timmins, being here since the early days. Incidentally he is a famous crib player.

Three House Fires Well Handled by Firemen in Week

Timmins Firemen answered thirteen fire calls during the past week, one of them being a false alarm and nine others being chimney fires, hot pipes, furnaces backfiring, etc., with no damage done.

On Friday at 3:07 a.m. there was a call to 112 Willow avenue, the home owned and occupied by Capt. Gordon Pooley, of the Fire Dept. Capt. Pooley was on duty at the fire hall when Mrs. Pooley phoned in the alarm. The fire started from unknown cause behind one of the stoves in the house and ran up the walls and ceilings. It had quite a headway before discovered, but the firemen soon got it under control, but not before about \$500 damage was done.

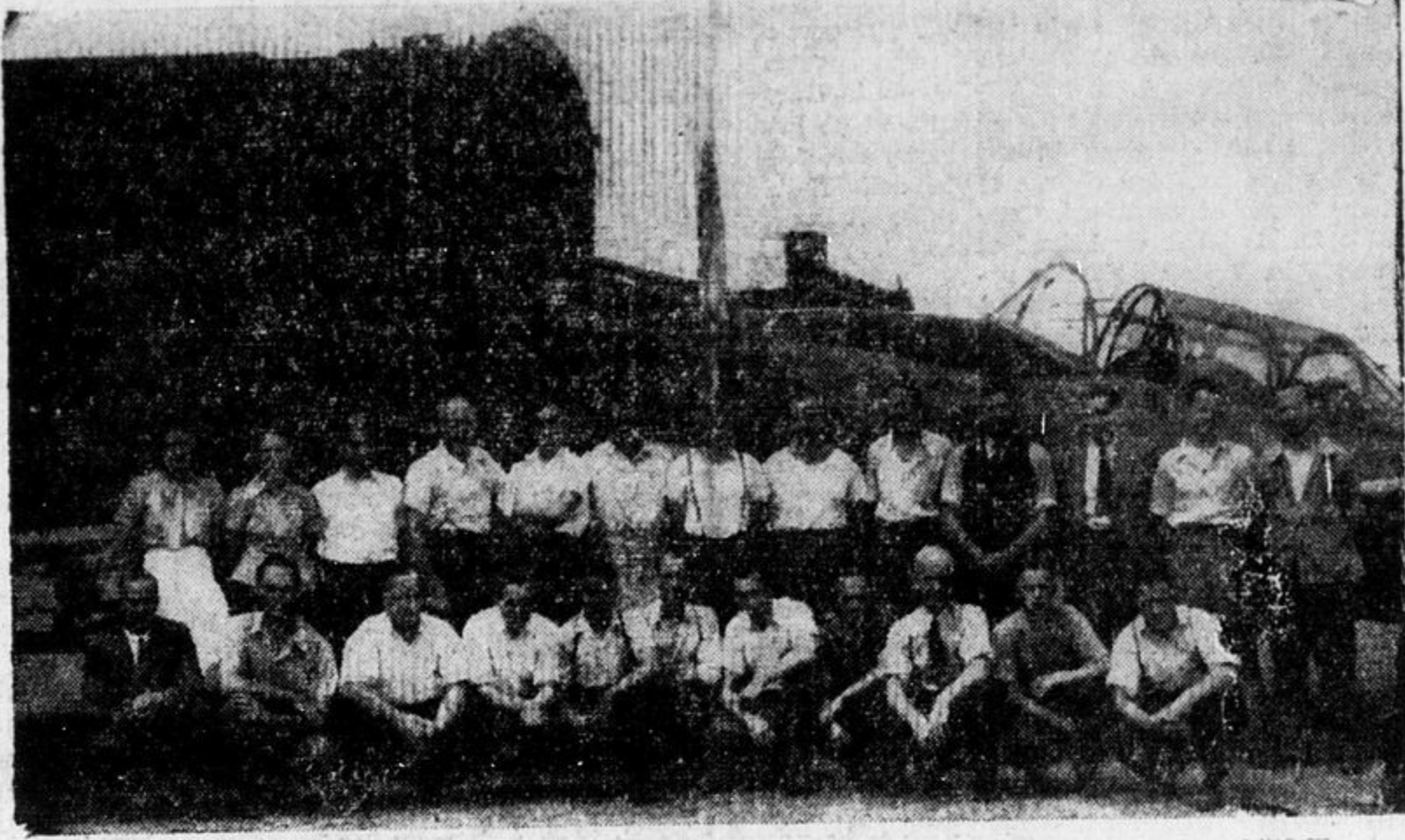
On Sunday morning about 3 o'clock fire started in Mr. T. Braithwaite's home, 263 Balsam North, from pipes too close to the wall. Mr. Braithwaite had just started a fire in the stove and when he noticed that the walls had caught fire, he first saw that all his children were safely out, then he phoned the fire hall and proceeded coolly to fight the fire himself. He had the fire under control when the firemen arrived and they have good words for his coolness and good judgment. About \$150 damage was done.

On Tuesday fire at 15 Maple North, owned and occupied by A. Roberts did several hundred dollars' damage. The cause of the fire was a defective electrical switch. The fire spread from the cellar to the attic in very short time, but was soon brought under control.

Success by the Timmins Kiwanis and others that were under way. In concluding he urged that each and every member make a special effort to get out to every meeting. This kept up interest in the Club and encouraged the officers and members to special effort.

Kiwanian Ted Rowe expressed the regret felt at the loss of one of the very valuable members of the club, Mr. O. E. Wall. Mr. Wall was leaving on Wednesday for Halleybury where he will be principal of the new Ontario Government Mining College. Coming to Timmins in 1940, Mr. Rowe said that Mr. Wall had been "a tower of strength to the pupils, the staff and the board" of the Timmins High and Vocational School. Mr. Wall had been a member of the Kiwanis Club for the past year and a half and his talent and his interest had been of great value to the club. "He will be greatly missed here," concluded Mr. Rowe, "but all sincerely wish him the best of luck in his new sphere, confident that his ability, his integrity and his geniality will bring him further success."

Kiwanian Alfie DeiGuidice was the winner of the weekly war savings certificate. One of the features of the double birthday event was a handsome birthday cake suitably inscribed. Charter Member Bill Rinn made the first cut on the cake. All the members sampled the cake, some of the Scottish members having double helpings on the plea that it was a double anniversary. Slices of the cake were also sent to Past President C. R. Murdock, Kapuskasing, Past President Dr. Lee Hone, Toronto, and Squadron Leader J. D. Parks, Toronto, all of whom were charter members of the club as well as giving other outstanding service to the Timmins Kiwanis, and who will be interested in this tasty souvenir of the double birthday occasion.



Posing before a Cornell elementary air force trainer and a Lancaster wing, these workers at Fleet Aircraft, Fort Erie, have just been presented with pins as five and ten-year veterans. They have seen their plant turn out hundreds upon hundreds of trim little Cornells on which R.C.A.F. air-

men have received their first flight training. The Cornell is the smallest plane used by our air forces in Canada. Now they're working on the great Lancaster program helping to build the largest bomber built in the British Empire.

Good Work Accomplished by the Timmins Red Cross During the Past Year

Excellent Reports from All Departments Submitted at Annual Meeting Last Thursday. J. M. Douglas the President for 1945. Thanks Extended to Officers, Workers and Others Assisting.

The annual meeting of the Timmins Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society was held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Thursday evening, January 25.

A. W. Pickering, President welcomed the members and officers present. Reports of all phases of the work carried on under the Timmins Branch were presented and after H. J. Fuke, Chairman of the Nomination Committee, read the slate of officers for the new year, elections were held.

Officers for 1945 are as follows:—President, J. M. Douglas; first vice-president, A. P. McDowell; second vice-president, K. H. Stubbs; treasurer, H. J. Fuke; Women's War Work chairman, Mrs. H. W. Brown; chairman of Prisoner-of-war committee, Mrs. J. Kinsey; chairman of Home Nursing and Emergency Reserve, Mrs. G. Gibson.

As is the custom additional officers and executive members will be appointed by the above officers at an early date.

Financial Report: H. J. Fuke read the financial report for the year 1944. The statement showed receipts of \$42,575.92; disbursements including transfer to Headquarters, of \$30,486.92; and a bank balance as of December 31, 1944, of \$12,089.00. Mr. Pickering thanked Mr. A. A. Harkness for auditing this report.

Women's War Work Mrs. H. W. Brown, Chairman of Women's War Work, thanked the Red Cross workers in Timmins for their splendid co-operation during the past year and mentioned how fortunate the Branch had been in having Mr. Pickering as president as he had so willingly helped at all times himself, as well as freely using his car whenever needed.

Mrs. Brown commented on the work done in each of the three workrooms. Early in the year the Surgical dressing group convened by Mrs. J. E. Barry, was notified to cease making dressings until further notice. Since that time gauze handkerchiefs, diapers and aviation belts have been completed by this group. 3183 yards of gauze used during the year, 13,665 articles were completed and shipped. The basement of the Post Office, used by this group, is also used by the Cutting Committee convened by Mrs. R. E. Osborn. Members of this group of workers cut 2,479 1/2 yards of material assembled and labelled the pieces for the women in the Sewing rooms.

The Sewing rooms in the basement of the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bardessona, are in charge of Mrs. W. J. McCoy, daily supervisor, who has such a thorough knowledge of the work that each month the maximum number of articles may be shipped. From the number of workers who come out regularly. A total of 2,374 articles were shipped from these rooms during the year.

The work in the Wool Room located in Room 12, Municipal Building was of the usual high quality, but the quantity was down—the year's quota not being filled. Only 4,113 articles were shipped from the Wool Room during the year.

Survey of Workers During October and November, Mrs. H. L. Traver conducted a survey of workers so that service pins may be given to the workers. Results of this survey showed 264 workers had given five years' service; 86 with four years; 109 with three; 116 with two; and 193 with one year; making a total of 678 workers. Mrs. Brown wished the following be thanked for their services during the year—Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bardessona, the Timmins Town Council, E. H. King Postmaster, The Porcupine Advance, The Timmins Daily Press, Radio Station C.K.G.B., Canadian National Express Office, Star Transfer and New Method Laundry.

Blood Donors' Committee J. M. Douglas, chairman of the Blood Clinic Committee stated that the clinic had functioned smoothly and efficiently and in almost every case had operated at maximum capacity. It had been found that it was almost impossible to take care of more than 250 donors, because the majority must come on Sunday. Since the beginning of this service here, 3,050 donations from 14 clinics, or an average of 218 per clinic had been shipped. Of 1,250 people who gave their blood, 50 were visitors in town 100 were from Matheson and only 1,100 represented donations from the whole Porcupine District.

Russians Advancing in Germany at Rapid Rate to Threaten Capital

Despatches from Moscow say that Russia sees early defeat of Germany. The Russians are now within forty miles of the capital of Germany and Berlin will soon be besieged.

United States First and Third armies have smashed across the German border at four new points. Gains are also reported for the French First Army and for the Canadian and other British troops. The Nazi are reported to be "purging" Germany of all who are urging peace terms.

Officers of Porcupine Squadron Send Thanks For Gifts from Porcupine

Various Gifts From Porcupine Squadron War Services Committee Fund on Display in Front of one of the Aircraft. Gifts Much appreciated by Members of the Crews of the Squadron. Pictures to be Sent Here at Early Date.

own story, and will be read with interest and pleasure by Advance readers.—

No. 433 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force, Overseas. Jan. 20, 1945

Mr. P. H. Murphy, Secretary, Porcupine Squadron Committee War Services Fund, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Murphy:—As Adjutant of the Squadron, I have requested permission from the Officer Commanding to acknowledge the receipt of the comforts received from your Committee, not only for the Christmas period, but throughout the past twelve months.

I have had the honour to serve with this Squadron practically since its inception, and I can assure you that the magnificent manner in which you and your committee have looked after the welfare of the personnel of this Unit has been second to none. The pyjamas and socks which were distributed two days ago along with chocolate bars, razor blades and cigarettes made a very complete Christmas parcel, and I would like to state that the articles of clothing fill a long felt want due to the fact that it is impossible to obtain these items in this Country at the present time.

I had the pleasure of arranging a large display of all the various gifts in front of one of our aircraft and a great many photographs were taken with many members of our ground crew staff in the picture. Unfortunately at the time it was impossible to have any photographs taken of the aircraft although we did manage to get one with the various leaders taken. These are in the process now of development by the Security Officer.

There were only three members of the ground crew who originated from the Porcupine Area, but sets of pictures were also completed showing the Officer Commanding distributing comforts to them.

The late Mrs. Anson, who was highly esteemed in Timmins, where she had lived for eighteen years, was born in Madoc, and had reached the age of 98 years at the time of her death. She had many interesting memories in her long life. One of these was remembering Dr. Dafoe of Madoc, father of Dr. Allan Dafoe, who won world fame as doctor for the Dionne quintuplets. Mrs. Anson (Annie Wannamaker, as she was then) was a waitress in Moon's hotel at Madoc when Dr. Dafoe, Sr. was a young doctor there. In those days there was a gold rush and an iron rush north of Belleville, before the Grand Trunk Railway was built through that section of country.

Mrs. Anson is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. R. Broad and Mrs. J. Edgerton, and one son, Arthur, all of Timmins. In addition there are 17 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Executive Meeting Presbyterian W.M.S.

The executive of Cochrane Presbyterian W.M.S. of the United Church held its mid-winter meeting Friday, Jan. 26th, in Cochrane at the Manse, the home of Rev. and Mrs. Kell.

Officers from the various towns who comprise the executive of this Presbyterian attended, and were entertained to luncheon in homes of Cochrane Auxiliary members.

The business session opened with a Worship Service conducted by Mrs. Wicks of Cochrane Auxiliary, the theme being "Faith and Courage."

A review of the past year's work and results and plans for the annual convention to be held in Mountjoy United Church in Timmins, in the late spring, were dealt with.

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Porcupine Skating Club Members Won Honours in Dominion Championships

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Schumacher Jan 31st. Special to The Advance. Congratulations to the Porcupine Skating Club's entrants in the Dominion Championships held at the Varsity Arena, Toronto.

Miss Doreen Dutton, whose home is in Drunkeller, Alta., but who was a representative of the Porcupine Skating Club, won the Junior Ladies' Singles. Olga Bernyk and Sgt. Alex Fulton, R.C.A.F. won the Senior Pairs Championship of Canada. They also won the Ice Ten-Step Championship.

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Timmins Boy Scouts to Collect Waste Fats on Saturday

The Boy Scouts are collecting waste fats on Saturday morning of this week Feb. 3rd. It has been some time now since the last collection. Householders are asked to co-operate on Saturday as in the past.

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