

Chairman Rehabilitation Committee for District Explains Work Achieved

Stan. Wookey the Guest Speaker at Kiwanis Club on Monday. Praises Members of Committee and Sub-Committees for Good Work Accomplished. Between 6,000 and 6,500 Men Expected to Come Back to Camp. Must Provide Them with Good Jobs and Good Housing Says Mr. Wookey

"We owe a great debt of gratitude to the soldiers, the sailors and the airmen who have fought for us and risked so much, and given so much for us during this war," said Mr. Stan Wookey at the Kiwanis Club on Monday in an address on "rehabilitation." There were two things that the Rehabilitation Committee felt that they owed all returned men—good jobs and good houses to live in. These were the two things that the Porcupine Rehabilitation Committee had sought to assure for the men coming back, and Mr. Wookey outlined what the committee had attempted along these lines.

After an amusing and aptly turned story, Mr. Wookey said that he felt this was a fit and proper time to bring before the public the problems of rehabilitation. He referred to the interest with which all had followed the various campaigns in which the Canadians had taken so worthy a part. It is generally admitted, he said, that there is no better soldier sailor or airman than the Canadian. The Canadian servicemen have made a great name for themselves. "They saved us and our liberty," Mr. Wookey said, "and we owe them a lasting debt of gratitude." The least that Canada could do was to assure these gallant men a decent job and a decent place to live when they returned, he said.

Mr. Wookey gave a concise resume of what the Dominion and Provincial Governments had planned to do for the returned men. The Dominion Government gave a gratuity of \$100, a month's leave, and a month's pay. Then there was the basic gratuity of \$75.00 for each month of service overseas. There was a supplementary gratuity of a week's pay for every six months of service overseas. In addition there was the re-establishment gratuity, which was the same as the basic gratuity and could be used to pay off a mortgage or for training or education purposes, or to take up a farm. Other benefits offered by the Dominion Government were noted, including a gratuity of \$50 for single men and \$70 for married men if they were unable to get work. Mr. Wookey also touched on pensions. For total disability the maximum penalty for those below the rank of lieutenant was \$900 for single men; with \$300 extra for wives of married men and \$180 per year for the first child, \$144 for the second child and \$120 for each subsequent child. Widows of soldiers received \$720 per year with the same provisions for children as given in the case of pensions for soldiers.

Mr. Wookey pointed out that the Province had set up educational and vocational centres, under the direction of Prof. Geo. Langford, formerly of the McIntyre and well known in the camp. Special provision had been made to help men who wished to enter university and who desired a course that would allow them to write off their matriculation examinations in comparatively short time.

The importance of housing facilities was stressed by Mr. Wookey. Neither the Dominion nor the province had made provision for this. The Porcupine Rehabilitation Committee had done all it could. This committee, of course, could not build houses to meet the need, but it had secured the active co-operation of both the Reeve of Tisdale and the Mayor of Timmins. Kiwanian Jack Fulton was the chairman of the sub-committee on housing. A list of available places was prepared and these lists would be left at the town and township offices and would be available to all returned men seeking accommodation.

In referring to the work accomplished by the Porcupine Rehabilitation Committee, Mr. Wookey gave the credit to the others on the committee and the generous co-operation received from all concerned. Humourously he commented that it was a good thing for a chairman to get good men on all sub-committees because they did a good job and the chairman got some credit for their good work. The several service clubs in the camp had been particularly helpful. Mr. Wookey mentioned the various sub-committees and the excellent job they had done. He also noted several things accomplished by the committee as a whole. For instance there had been a Welfare Officer appointed here for the returned men, and he stressed the importance of this. Flying Officer Wm. Shields was to be the Veterans' Placement Officer.

Around six thousand men had left this camp and employment for these would need to be arranged.

The chairman of the employment sub-committee was Kiwanian John Beattie, and the speaker commented on his interest and effort. He had made a very complete survey of the mines and figures showed that 3,000 jobs would be available at the mines, but only 300 of them would be on surface and many of the men returning were understood to be averse to going underground again, so something more was needed. With the help of the Lions Club a survey of the whole camp, including all businesses and industries, was made and another 3,000 jobs were found as available after the war.

The Legion had always looked after pensions in the camp and had done an excellent job. The pensions sub-committee was under Legion auspices and so it was doing and would continue to do the best of service.

Kiwanian Frank McDowell was in charge of the sub-committee for the handicapped men, and this department was consequently in the very best of hands.

Mr. A. A. Rose, principal of the Timmins High and Vocational School, and a member of the Lions Club, was chairman of the vocational guidance sub-committee. He was ready to interview all returned men and his knowledge and good judgment would be at the service of all men returning from overseas. Mr. Rose had already given practical proof that he was the right man in the right place.

Kiwanian Geo. Drew, who was the chairman of the Welfare sub-committee, was backed by all the clergymen in the camp who were serving on this committee, and this valuable committee would prove its worth. The important sub-committee of reception was under the chairmanship of J. D. Brady. Signs directing returned men where to go for information or advice had already been erected at the stations at Timmins and the other towns. When the Welfare Officer recently appointed took over his duties the returned men would be directed to him for any help required.

Other sub-committees mentioned by Mr. Wookey were:—Housing, Jack Fulton, chairman; Publicity, W. Roberts; Trouble, Al Wetmore; Health, Dr. McClinton; War Brides, etc., Mrs. Hardy; and the speaker had a word of praise for the chairman and members of each of these sub-committees. He also gave merited praise to the interest and talent of Hugh Thompson, the secretary of the Porcupine Rehabilitation Committee.

"It is easy to forget," concluded the speaker, "but we must not forget what we owe to these gallant men who have done so much for us. I feel sure that the pride that Canadians take in what their fighting men have done will keep in memory the fact that we must see that all who return will be given a decent job and decent housing and that we build a Canada that will be greater and better than even the Canada of today."

The guest speaker was introduced by Kiwanian Jack Beattie, who said that Mr. Wookey was born in Jamaica, educated in Ontario, and had given several years of good service with the Canadian Engineers in the last war. His excellent service in this camp both in his profession and in community work was well-known.

Kiwanian Austin Neame, in expressing the club's thanks for the interesting and informative address, touched on several points of special interest. He voiced his pleasure at the fact that a Welfare officer had been appointed. This was something that had been badly needed in the interests of returned men. Kiwanian Neame also expressed thanks for the personal work put in by Mr. Wookey.

President Frank Bailey was in the chair. The community singing was led by Kiwanian Geo. Jenkin, with Secretary W. H. Wilson at the piano.

Visitors for the day were:—Warrant Officer Ken. Morrison, who was a prisoner-of-war for a couple of years, and who recently returned from overseas, James Allen, Toronto; Dr. J. A. McInnis and Orville Atkins, of Timmins.

Kiwanian Bob Mennie, chairman of the Spring Appeal committee, asked for very special effort on the part of the members selling tickets for the next five weeks. Special effort was necessary to make the event a complete success. It could be done if all would take the matter up in earnest. He suggested that each member of the ticket selling groups go ahead with the determination to sell at least two books per week until the end of the campaign. He also noted that Kiwanian J. Parker had kindly volunteered to

Progressive Conservative Candidate



Les Hornick, of Kirkland Lake, well-known business man and progressive citizen, who is the Progressive Conservative candidate in the Provincial election next Monday.

Liberal Candidate in This Riding



J. Emile Brunette, Mayor of Timmins, and long resident in the North, who is the Liberal Candidate in the Provincial Election.

Institute's Great Work for Blind Reviewed by Meeting of Local Board

Seventy-four Boards and Committees and Over 2,500 Voluntary Workers Help Along Good Work of Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Comment on Good Work of Local Board. Officers for Timmins and District Elected for Ensuing Year

The Timmins and District Advisory Board Canadian National Institute for the Blind, held its semi-annual meeting on May 23rd at the home of the treasurer, Mrs. R. S. Anderson, 28 Toke St. Besides the members of the committee there were also present the Field Secretary, Mr. W. T. Simmons and Mr. A. N. Magill, M. A., assistant supervisor to Mr. D. B. Lawley, who is supervisor to Mr. D. Services, and Mr. H. Treneer, a member of the C. N. I. B. council.

The chairman, Mrs. J. E. Keene, presided at the meeting. She gave an address of welcome to Mr. Simmons and Mr. Magill and to the guests, Mr. Treneer, and she also thanked the members for their loyal support and co-operation during the past year. After the secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer gave her report, The Welfare Convener, Mrs. Robinson, gave an excellent report on the work accomplished in her department, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered her for all the time and effort required on her part to discharge her duties so faithfully.

Over seventy calls were made on blind persons from Nov., 1944 to May, 1945, and many gifts of clothing, food, etc., were distributed where needed. Mr. Simmons gave an interesting report on the work accomplished by him since he assumed office five months ago, succeeding Mr. H. W. Henry.

The subject of the Tag Day was discussed and sincere thanks are felt towards Mr. A. A. Rose, of the T. H. & V. S., and Mr. Eastman, of Central School, for their assistance in supplying taggers on Saturday.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Hon. chairman—Mrs. L. E. Dorway. Chairman—Mrs. J. E. Keene. 1st. Vice-chairman—Mrs. William Mackie. 2nd. Vice-chairman—Mrs. H. Leng. Hon. Treasurer—Mr. F. A. Burt. Treasurer—Mrs. R. S. Anderson. Secretary—Mrs. T. E. Pritchard. Welfare Convener—Mrs. E. Robinson. Assistant welfare convener—Mrs. C. Pozzetti.

Tag Day Convener for Schumacher—Mrs. G. Shippam. Committee Members—Mrs. A. F. Carriers, Mrs. H. Lloyd, Mrs. A. Book-er, Mrs. M. Shaheen, Mrs. W. T. Men-ear, Mrs. L. Halperin.

The guest, Mr. Treneer, expressed his pleasure at being present and how much it means to one to meet old friends, i.e. Mr. Simmons and Mr. Magill, and to hear of and discuss new avenues of endeavor being opened up by the Institute and how much public support has assisted and made possible the tremendous increase in this magnificent work which is being accom-

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plished by the C. N. I. B. There are now fourteen Field Secretaries who naturally require a great deal of assistance from the local committees, each of which is an important cog in the vast wheel of work of the C. N. I. B., and he thanked the committee for the work being accomplished, as did also Mr. Simmons who feels the support is one hundred per cent.

Mr. Magill then gave a very interesting and informative talk, and a brief history of the C. N. I. B., paying a high tribute to Colonel Baker. They have now 74 boards and committees and over 2,500 volunteer workers actively engaged in the prevention of blindness.

Public opinion, he said, has been a wonderful help in the re-habilitation of blind persons, by having confidence in them and enabling them to prove they are worthy of that trust.

There are now over 600 blind persons in Ontario, alone, who are self-supporting. This has been made possible because public opinion has built up confidence in the blind.

Mr. Magill stated that the C. N. I. B. has taken full charge of all blinded soldiers and up to last April they had 74, and many more are expected before very long.

They are given a basic training, taught to read and write Braille, to weave, and do all sorts of handicraft. This helps them to become adjusted to a life of blindness, before they begin receiving training for their life's vocation.

Thirty-six stands are being operated across Canada by blind veterans of

Two Gallant Airmen Welcomed Home Here on Saturday

Warrant Officers Sebastian and Morrison were Prisoners of War for a Couple of Years

Two brave Airmen were officially welcome home again on Saturday afternoon on arrival of the Toronto train. They were Warrant Officer Camille Sebastian and Warrant Officer Kenneth Morrison, both of the R.C.A.F., and both having been pris-



oners-of-war in Germany for a couple of years. Warrant Officer Sebastian is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sebastian, 46 Sixth Avenue, Warrant Officer Morrison is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison, 64 Elm street, south.

Timmins Citizens' Band, under the leadership of Bandsmaster F. J. Wolno, was present for the reception at the station, and there were also present officers and members of the Timmins "K" Squadron Air Cadets. The band played the "Royal Air Force March," as the two Airmen got off the train, and "Auld Lang Syne" as they marched up to the bandstand. Acting Mayor W. McDermott tendered the official welcome to the returned men.

North Bay Nuggett:—Before a man is married he calls a girl's ability to read his thoughts and secret emotions "intuition"; after he is married he calls it "suspicion."

the last and the present war and every possible assistance is being given them. He stated that the real adjustment for each blind person is when he returns to his own home and environment, when he is no longer with his blind comrades and friends in the Institute. This becomes the work of the Advisory Boards to give them all the necessary assistance and to aid and help them in every way possible to be happy useful citizens.

The meeting then adjourned and the hostess, Mrs. Anderson, served a delicious lunch, Mrs. Keen pouring tea and several of the members assisting in serving the refreshments.

Twins and War-Bride from Britain



Over 200 British brides of Canadian airmen and soldiers arrived in Canada recently. Here are shown Mrs. Vincent Honig and her twin boys, Raymond and Roger, photographed at the Canadian Pacific Railway Windsor Station, Montreal, as they paused for a few hours before continuing their trip to the home of LAC Vincent Honig at Eastend, Saskatchewan. The trio will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. O. Honig, until their Air Force husband and father, at present fighting in Germany, returns to Canada.

Cochrane Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society Meeting Here

Beautiful "In Memoriam" Service for Heros of the War. Reports of Various Departments. Inspiring Addresses on Missionary Work. List of Officers for the Ensuing Term

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Cochrane Presbyterian of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada was held in Mountjoy United Church, Timmins, on Tuesday, May 22, 1945. The Theme of this meeting was "Advance". This is our faith tremendous.—Our wild hopes, who shall scorn?—That in the Name of Jesus The world shall be reborn.

Mrs. Arthur Jackson of Timmins First United Church, President of the Presbyterian, presided at all sessions. Representatives and delegates were present from the Auxiliaries of Hearst, Cochrane, Matheson, South Porcupine, Schumacher, Timmins First United Church and Mountjoy United Church.

Greetings of welcome were extended to the Presbyterian by Mrs. Rutherford and Mrs. Eddystone of the Mountjoy Church and Mrs. J. A. C. Kell from Cochrane responded on behalf of the members present. Mrs. Traver of Timmins, Secretary of the Presbyterian, read the summarized report of the Executive and the General meetings. Mrs. G. McNeer of Hearst, gave the treasurer's report which was very encouraging. The financial allocation for the year was more than attained. The Literature Secretary, Mrs. A. Rose, Timmins, presented a brief report of the missionary literature which was at hand and stressed the great need of missionary education as gained by reading such literature.

A very beautiful "In Memoriam" Service for those who have given their lives in the service of the country was conducted by Dr. Margaret Arkinstall, of Hearst. Following this a delicious dinner was served by the Women's Association of the Mountjoy United Church, after which Miss Preston, formerly of Honan, China, spoke briefly of the great need to stir the flame for Missionary zeal, and the need for new recruits to the missionary work at home and overseas. Evangelical missionary work, she pointed out, is the greatest challenge facing the Church on the foreign fields. Miss Betty Rose, of Timmins, gave a review of the Children's missionary literature.

Reports from the Toronto Conference Branch which met in Toronto at the beginning of this month were given by Mrs. H. Leng of Schumacher, and Mrs. W. V. Lane of South Porcupine. Mrs. Archie Gillies conducted a brief period entitled, "How Much Do We Know?—About Missionary Work. Our Missions, the Work of Societies and Regulations As Outlined in the "Blue Book". The guest speaker for the afternoon session, Rev. W. M. Mustard, chose "The Outreach of Missions" as the theme for his very challenging address. The need of missions and of missionary work is calling and challenging on all fronts, he said. Each individual must prepare himself to accept Christ and His Way if the crusade for Christ and His Kingdom is to be effected. Mr. Mustard went on to say that one person who is spiritually alive can do much to stir a great flame, and many such persons working seriously together can set a large area of the world on fire for Christ.

The new officers for the year were installed in a fitting ceremony followed by a service of Holy Communion conducted by the Rev. E. Gilmour Smith. Following the evening meal, Miss Louisa Mayowna, Deaconess for the New Canadians in the Porcupine Area under the Woman's Missionary Society, spoke of her extensive work among the new-comers to Canada. Mrs. H. Waddell, of Schumacher, spoke of the faithful work of Mrs. Jackson during the years of her Presidency of the Presbyterian and paid high tribute to her Christian sincerity. Mrs. McNeer presented to Mrs. Jackson on behalf of the Presbyterian a beautiful corsage of roses as a small token of their esteem for her zealous work.

A session, "Advance with Departmental Secretaries", was opened with a short address by the secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance, Mrs. James Carder, of Hearst. The report of the Supply Secretary, Mrs. W. Phillips, was given by Mrs. John Weir; the report of Mission Bands by Mrs. J. McGhie, of Matheson; of Associate Helpers by Mrs. J. P. Carter of Cochrane; of Temperance and Christian Education by Mrs. A. B. Ramsay of Timmins; of the Missionary Monthly by Mrs. H. Leng of Schumacher; of Baby Bands by Mrs. L. R. Anderson of Cochrane; of Literature by Mrs. A. Rose of Timmins, and the Press Reports by Mrs. J. C. Thompson of South Porcupine.

Miss Jean Summerville, Missionary in Honan, for the Church of Christ in China, was greeted as guest speaker at the evening session of the Presbyterian. In her address she paid high tribute to the fortitude of the Chinese during these many years of great tribulation. She stressed the need for more missionaries and workers to ally themselves with the Christians Chinese. The Morning Worship was conducted by the Schumacher Auxiliary. Afternoon by Matheson and the Evening Worship by First United Auxiliary. During the day lovely solos were given by Mrs. Surman and Mrs. Allan of Timmins. The slate of officers for the coming year of 1945-1946 was appointed as follows:— Past President Mrs. A. Jackson. President Dr. Margaret Arkinstall. 1st Vice President Mrs. G. R. Laillaw. 2nd Vice President Mrs. H. Waddell. Secretary Mrs. Harold M. Bailey. Treasurer Mrs. C. McNeer. Christian Stewardship & Finance Mrs. James Carder. Supply Secretary Miss Marquis. Community Friendship Secretary Mrs. Weir. Literature Secretary Mrs. A. Rose. C.G.I.T. Secretary Mrs. E. Gilmour Smith. Mission Band Secretary Miss. J. McGhie. Associate Helpers' Secretary Mrs. J. P. Carter. Temperance & Christian Citizenship Mrs. W. V. Lane. Missionary Monthly Secretary Mrs. H. L. Travers. Baby Band Secretary Mrs. Archie Gillies. The Finance Committee Chairman Mrs. McNeer.

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Meeting tonight to Discuss Plans for Memorial to V. C.

All Interested Urged to Attend Meeting This (Thursday) Evening

Another meeting is called for this (Thursday) evening at the municipal hall at 7:30 to take up further the plans in regard to the building of a community centre building here as a memorial to Sgt. Aubrey Cosens, the first Timmins man to win the V. C. in this war. Letters have been sent out to all organizations taking part in the recent V. E. Day celebration here, asking them to be represented at the meeting this evening. Also all others interested are urged to attend the meeting this evening. The need for a community centre building here is very apparent and all interested in this should be at the meeting.

On Thursday evening last week there was a meeting held on the same matter, following the Mayor's suggestion that such a building might be erected as a memorial to the late Sgt. Cosens, V. C. Among those present at the meeting last week were the Mayor; Jos. Dudley, representing the Sea Cadets; Les. Nicholson, representing the Legion; Pat. Larmer, representing the Algonquins.

Pat Bailey Called to Entertain the Occupation Troops

Timmins Branch No. 88 Canadian Legion learned last week with regret for themselves and for Timmins, but with pleasure for their comrades overseas, that Pat Bailey, the charming and talented radio and concert star who was to headline the Legion Carnival here next month, had been called to overseas to entertain the troops of occupation in Europe. Miss Bailey has paid several professional visits to Timmins and on each occasion has delighted the crowds here with her gifted stage work and her pleasing personality. As the headliner at the Legion she has been an outstanding attraction, and this year her stay here from June 25th to 30th had been looked forward to with the keenest anticipation. This year there was also special interest in her company of supporting stars. These stars are expected to be here, but Pat Bailey will be greatly missed. However, Miss Bailey has promised that she will send here artists in her place that will win approval. While unable to be here personally this year she has been interested in the success of the Timmins Branch Carnival and intends to provide fitting artists for the occasion. The list of artists for the Legion Carnival June 25th to June 30th will be available in the next few days. In the meantime, it can be taken for granted that this year's Carnival, like its predecessors, will be a complete success, and that the entertainment will be outstanding as in past years.