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# Council Moves To End Taxi Tie-up

# Mayor Rises To Defend Councillors Resume Operations By

# Bonhomme's Newspaper Statement "Cowardly" Mayor Tells Council

Philip Fay Demands Apology For Statement; Demand Is Refused

"It is my duty to see that people work | together." Mayor J. E. Brunette told Dept., given to Council yesterday afterthe council on Wednesday afternoon. "This is the first time in my seven years as Mayor I have had to come down to speak in this way."

The Mayor had asked Councillor W. P. McDermott, as Deputy-Mayor, to to take the chair, so that he could take freer part in the council discussion. He sat next to Councillor J V. Bonhomme, but although close enough together physically, the Mayor and Councillor were miles apart in

opinion. "Councillor Bonhomme is trying to get publicity for himself over the question of the water contract," the Mayor declared, rising to speak on behalf of the three councillors who are also employees of the Hollinger Mines.

"I will say on behalf of these men that they have been honest and above- who elected me". e, boy still in Germany."

"It was a cowardly action for a councillor to make publicity for himself because these men are working at the mines," the Mayor continued. " am ashamed that I have to be one of council where a man seeks publicity

for himself in this way." "I have no apology to offer for the statements made in the Timmins Press." Councillor Bonhomme retorted. "When I see that already results

have taken place." Councillor Bonhomme claimed to have in his possession a letter which would necessitate amendments in the Gore-Storrie report on the waterworks question. He stated the letter had to do with a matter of assessment which had not been considered by the engineers making the report, and which he thought would upset the conclusion they had come to.

"You are not creating the right atmosphere here." Mr. Bonhomme told the Mayor. "I have nothing else but appreciation and admiration for the gentlemen who devoted their time to the welfare of the people."

Councillor Bonhomme voiced his disagreement with the Mayor's contention that he had offended the coun-

Mines. Press," Councillor Fay stated. never thought when I joined up the above resolution. said I was dishonest."

"It is an insult to me and to my comrades and to the men working with me in the mines," Councillor Fay Contended. "I demand an apology.

"I will not give it," Councillor Bonhomme retorted. "Where is this state-

ment you refer to?" "In the Press," replied Mr. Fay.

Library Board's Annual

Children Visited Library

During 1945

last week.

the report stated.

Report Shows 162,389

Circulation Last Year

Seventy - Six Classes Of John Blackshaw Elected

#### Eighty-One Fires Cost Timmins Citizens \$7735

The report of the Timmins Fire noon, stated there were 81 alarms received in January with damage assessed at \$7,735, \$2,540 of which was covered by insurance,

council. "I was also surprised when read the Press. It is not often one gets publicity, and I don't care for that type of publicity. I've carried a lunch pail for 25 years and have been a member of council for seven years. I will leave it to the people to decide what they think."

"I am surprised that a colleague of it had received its third reading. This mine should try to guide me in how to vote," Councillor Roberts continued. "You may rest assured that when the cerned. question comes up I will do the proper thing - it was not the Hollinger Mine

board in all decisions," the Mayor "I would like to answer Mr. Bonstated. "Every one of them has homme's contention that if he had his raised a family here and carried his own way this report would have been Ave., as extended and west of North lunch pail to work for many years. referred to a committee," Mayor Road is to be annexed by the town of Mr. McDermott has a son in France. Brunette stated. "When something is Timmins, on a resolution passed by Mr. McDermott has a son in France. Brunette stated. "When something is Timmins, on a resolution passed by Mr. Roberts was in the last war. Mr. brought before council, we set up a Council on Wednesday. Councillor Merchants Ponder Fay was active in both wars and has committee to report on it, but when J. V. Bonhomme, stating he was



#### Pass Building By-Law

A letter from the Ontario Municipal Board advised Council on Wednesday that they could not consider approval of the amended building by-law until the council attended to and the by-law is now passed so far as council is con-

#### Timmins Is Growing

A small section, north of Jubilee

## a report comes back from competent interested party, received permission to refrain from voting. (Continued on Page Four) Mayor Proposes District Judge Pass On Merits Of

Town's Water Contract

Is Suggestion; Council Approves Resolution

Consolidated Gold Mines and the Cor- living porate Town of Timmins, dated De-4, 1922; its execution by the parties thereto, and any other matters relative to the contract and its execution under the provisions of the Municipal Act".

Asking Councillor W. P. McDercillors who worked in the Hollinger mott, Deputy-Mayor, to take over the chair, Mayor J. E. Brunette stepped "I was much touched when I saw the down to the council floor on Wed-I nesday afternoon to introduce the

second time that I would have a In so doing, he grabbed the ball finger pointed at me by a man who from Councillor J. V. Bonhomme's eager fingers and scored a touchdown -not, as yet converted.

"The people do not seem to be clear on the set-up on this matter," Mayor Brunette stated in introducing the motion. "I thought the best way to handle it would be to have the District Judge handle the whole thing and so take it out of politics."

"For the past 23 years we have been "I heartily concur with Councillor chewing the rag about the water works Fay," Councillor Roberts told the and I think it is time we cleared up

A letter of thanks for the treatment It is stated that some 75% of the accorded their delegation to the re- merchants must sign petition for cent conference of Boards of Trade early Saturday closing before it can "It is proposed that the Judge of here, was read to Council from Sault be made effective. Meanwhile stores the District Court of the District of Ste. Marie yesterday afternoon. It hours will continue as at present, and Cochrane be requested to inquire in- charaterized Timmins citizens as the public will be advised of any to the contract between the Hollinger | "wide-awake -- filled with the zest of change in their shopping hours.

> the whole thing," the Mayor continued. "It will cost us a little extra money, but we will get details correct from all parties."

The Mayor asked Councillor Wm. J

Doran to second the resolution. "Is this the best way to handle it"?

Councillor Doran asked. "If there is anything wrong on either

side, we will get an unbiased report this way," the Mayor replied. "I agree," Mr. Doran stated. "But should we not try to clean it up our-

The Mayor found another seconder and Councillor Bonhomme got back into the game. He doubted if the council was qualified to thoroughly weigh the pros and cons of the water

"If there is something coming to the Hollinger, they should get it," he declared. "But if the people are being over-charged for their water, we should know that, too."

"It is a good step," Councillor Bonhomme stated. "I congratulate the up for it. Mayor on this action."

The Motion was carried unanimous-

#### Presbyterian Church To Honour Memory of Soldier

A special memorial service will be | Some of the stories regarding the at the Mackay Presbyterian church on of the custom is not known. Others Chairman of Board Name

chairman, Mr. J. Blackshaw, was given, the posts of his present home.

### HERE'S WHO!

At the right -- Mayor J. E. Brunette who started the fireworks yesterday in defending the integrity of his minercouncillors. At the left -- Councillor J. V. Bonhomme, whose press interview suggested the miner-councillors refrain from voting on the water contract Below -- Councillor Philip Fay who demanded an apology from Counciller Bonhomme.



# Possible Change In **Shopping Hours**

Some Merchants Favour Change; Some Don't

Petitions for the purpose of determining whether Timmins merchants will continue to remain closed on Wednesday and open all day Saturday or reverse the procedure by taking a holiday Saturday afternoon and remain open Wednesday, are now being cir-"Take It Out Of Politics" You're Wide Awake, Chum! culated by the Timmins Merchants



## BOY SCOUT WEEK COMMENCES ON SUNDAY, FEB. 17

To Various Churches

mins from Sunday Feb. 17, to Satur- the Mayor stated. day Feb. 23. Commencing Sunday, the at 11 a.m. and from there will proceed to the different churches. Roman Catholic church parades will be held at the Church of the Nativity at 11,30 a.m. and the Protestant parades will be he'd at St. Matthews Anglican church at 12 noon.

Beside the special events scheduled for the week the flag at the Cenotaph will be raised and lowered by each of the different troops for that period. On Tuesday night the South End Troop will hold a father and son ban quet and the local troops will hold their banquet on Thursday night for patrol leaders and sixers.

#### Wants Algonquin Gladioli Planted In Station Park

K. G. Cambridge, obviously a keen gardner, urged in a letter read to council on Wednesday, the planting o red Algonquin gladiolii in the Station Park They were available at \$80 per thousand, Mr. Cambridge stated.

cillor Wm. Roberts, comments, and ional Convenor of Price Study panels, further consideration.

# Even Police Force Has Valentines, Reporter's Investigations Disclose

Despite Dubious History, St Valentine's Tradition Carried On Today

To day is St Valentine's day and any readers who might have forgotten the fact have doubtless by this time been AVAILABLE reminded of their neglect and have made a quick dash down to the corner for a box of chocolates or have promised to take the girl to stands at 2.30 p.m. this afternoon The the All Services Ball tonight, to make Advance was able to learn . . . ex-

For the day of St. Valentine, an | At 3:30 p.m., however, the situation Italian Saint, has been celebrated as had changed, and information was rea lover's festival since the middle ceived to the effect taxi companies

The origin of St. Valentine's day is noon. surrounded by many pretty legends, but scholars say there is no proof for any of them. (naturally).

conducted by Rev Dr. George Aitken occasion state that the exact source Sunday morning for the late Tpr. offer the opinion that St. Valentine Munroe MacLeod, who was killed in was in no way connected with the Normandy following the D-Day opera- origin and still other tales of the A total of 162,389 books was circr- The following book buying com- A presentation of furniture for the initely responsible for the starting of night, we will put on extra busses," described the present situation, pre- pounds; the surplus going overseas. day imply that St. Valentine was def-

> only misdeamour, being that of hav- ting there. ing too many friends.

dungeon, one of his pigeons, previous-ly trained to carry small gifts to his Of Kiwanis Club . Two new homes are among the plans friends among the poor, perched on

With the object of introducing all appointment of committees, estimates mercial Ave., is building a \$1,200 home. small piece of paper and a few violets. Nick Basciano.

## EXTRA BUSSES FOR LEGION BALL IF TAXIS ARE NOT

In a last-minute round-up of the taxi actly nothing.

would be in operation later this after-

So many rumours and counterrumours were buzzing around town, scarce as lark's tongues.

One bright spot on the transportation horizon was given by Dalton's whose busses and taxis are running as

"It the taxi stands are not open to-One of these stories states that St. include a trip to the All Services Ball competition. that had but one small window, his sure -- thanks to Daltons -- of get- time production.

# shortly after he had been taken by his enemies and thrown into the Scouts To Be Guests

construct a house at an estimated cost way to get his little gifts to his of the Boy Scout Week activities. no difference until new crops come Mrs. Wrights concluding words. Besides the election of officers and of \$8,000, and Wm. Pigeon, 158 Com- many friends. He had with him a History of the Troop will be given by in.

talks and to browse around the shelves Library and Board, prepared by the son of 101 Elm St. South is renewing in two small holes made in the heart master Joe Lucciantonio, Miss Bar- be shortages but we are urged to be meet a woman of Mrs. Wright's (Continued on Page Three) bara May, Cubmistress of "A" Pack, patient.

# Friday Noon Or Else, Is Council's Demand

Mayor Describes Drivers Wages As "Damn Shame" Congratulates Dalton

"We have no by-law to compel opera-

the fares."

The Mayor asked for authority to speak over the radio, advising the opertors toget back into business by Friday or their licenses would be can-

"I congratulate Dalton's," the Mayor said. "They are the only ones in busiday at \$5 a day, a week ago. It is a damn shame how the others have been paid."

"On Sunday I got a call about Dal-Will Begin With Parades ton's and what they were paying and registered letter?" asked Councillor the others said they would join a union Terry to get the eight-hour day. The employers asked their men if they had Boy Scout week will be held in Tim- joined the union, then fired them all,"

"Then it is a boycott by the com- | the radio," Mr. Doran said troops will meet at the Hollinger Hall panies?" Councillor Ellen Terry asked. "Yes," the Mayor replied

> the strike has been started by the registered mail to resume operations back into business or else.

"We will get the same answer as and passed unanimously.

# Val' Dor Suggests Action

For Northern Air Route

considered the invitation from Val-D'Or to attend a conference to be held there on the subject of northern airlines, particularly a project to estabwould include landings at Kirkland this Lake. Timmins and other northern towns. There is everything to be think the taxi owners need to raise gained if we act together with a single purpose," the letter stated

they have already given." the Mayor

stated. "Let them come to us." "I believe there are other firms who have had trouble with labor but they did not close down, even if they took a loss," Councillor Wm. J. Doran ness. They went on the eight-hour pointed out "I do not think the operators should have closed down,"

"I agree with the Mayor's suggestion," said Deputy-Mayor McDermott. "How about sending the operators a

"That might be an idea," the Mayor

"Then they would not have the excuse that they were not listening to "Anything that will get results," the

Mayor said. "I don't think we should dictate," | The Mayor's motion, "that the local said Councillor Win. Roberts. "But if taxi-stand operators be instructed by operators, we should tell them to get by noon Feb. 15, 1946; failing which, a special meeting of the council be held "Let's have a meeting with the on Friday, Feb. 15 at 4.15 p.m. to conoperators," suggested Councillor Bon- sider cancellation of the licenses," was seconded by Counciller Bonhomme

# WPTB Speaker Urges Greater Understanding Of Govt. Regulations

More Milk Consumed Thereable, Women Told

"A very beautiful thought," Coun- Mrs. C. M. Wright of Toronto, Natied by Mrs. Harvey, Field Represen- South, was found dead in the basement tative, WPTB active in press and radio of his home this forenoon. work, gave a most interesting talk to Police were notified of the happening mins on Tuesday afternoon.

as chairman at this meeting and the wounds to the side of his head, near guest speaker was introduced by Mrs. the ear. On the arrival of the police, Maxwell-Smith of South Porcupine. Mr. Twaddle was dead and both Dr.

many ladies as should have been in- summoned. terested but those who did attend en- | Mrs. Twaddle, an invalid, was in the joyed and were thoroughly interested upper storey of the house at the time in Mrs. Wright's topic. was thrilled to be back in this country outside the home, to come to her asagain, she said, and paid the women of sistance.

excellent results obtained. Price control is only effective by co-operation, which she urged. In- | The butter situation was given a flation is the bugbear which must be new angle of thought. Much more kept down, now that the war is over. milk is being consumed by children

keep a controlled and orderly decon- introduced and people are drinking next few years. Supplies of neces- milk, she stated. sities are adequate, but of necessity | And of course if milk is consumed

conditions, the speaker stated.

competition, she said.

Controls will be removed when sup- must be answered in the affirmative."

ing gradually removed.

## fore Less Butter Avail- Thos. Twaddle Found Dead

will be held in the early part of Council agreed the matter meritted in connection with WPTB accompan- Mr. Thomas Twaddle, 57 Elm St.

women in the Oddfellows' Hall, Tim- at 10.40 and Sgt. Lepic answered the call. Mr. Twaddle was found lying Mrs. A. A. Rose of Timmins acted on the floor near a .22 rifle, with The meeting was not attended by as Day and Dr. Minthorn, coroner were

and unable to investigate herself, she Mrs. Wright, north Country born, called to town employees, working

the north, and of Canada, great com- Mr. Twaddle has been a resident of pliments concerning their activity Timmins for many years, operating a through the war years in the con- small grocery store on Birch St. South. sumers branch of the WPTB, and the | Information other than this is as yet not available.

"We still are trying to control, and since the "Baby Bonus" scheme was more, too, Young people, due to soft-She spoke of the problems of the drink shortages, are drinking more

there must be waiting for some things where it is doing most good, the less which are scarce on the market to- butter is produced for people who may that accurate information seemed as day. Women are urged to understand be better in health with less," the speaker said.

Emergency war time rationing and | Milk too, in canned form is going controls must now give way slowly to overseas. Sugar shows a world shorpeace-time democratic ways, and trade tage. Owing to meat rationing individual annual consumption in Can-"A delicate balancing operation" she ada is now 136 pounds as against 149

The Advance was told. If your plans venting inflation, and yet allowing for | Miss Byrne Saunders, cairman of Women's Committee of the WPTB, at Plants must be reconverted to peace- a recent conference in Ottawa, spoke of women as the largest educational The board has no intention of re- force in a country. Women can make moving controls on the fundamental or break a nation, she said. And the essentials of living, only on luxury nation has now come to the period when "Am I my brother's keeper?"

plies are adequate. Subsidies are be- Women are asked to be understanding to find out from the proper sources curred this year, it is reported, due in Mayor J. E. Brunette, J. Blackshaw, indicated by the taking out of build- the little opening that served as a No. 5 Troop, the Kiwanis-sponsored | The food situation is grave, she said, and to be informed — to know the

Mrs. Rose thanked the speaker for The "bottomless pit" of supplying her address and regretted that so school children to the library, classes for the coming year were discussed. F. W. Gill of 30 Knox Ave., is build- and by tearing the paper into heart- Among the guests will be Scout- sufficient children's underwear must many had neglected to take advanare invited to visit, listen to book A review of the work of the Public ing a new woodshed and Wm. Pater- shaped sections, placing the violets master D. Charbonneau, District Cub- gradually right itself. There will still tage of the rare opportunity offered to

# (Continued on Page Four)

with more reference books.

Building Committee

lated by the Timmins public library mittees were appointed: Miss A. Habib, primary department of the Sunday the age-old custom. in 1945, according to a report presented K. Stubbs and C. McCann as buyers school is being made on behalf of the by the librarian, Miss Alice Habib, to of fiction; Fr. O'Gorman and J. Black- late Mr. MacLeod, and a small tablet Valentine was thrown into a dungeon at the McIntyre, therefore, you can be annual meeting of the library board shaw as buyers of non-fiction; Miss C. will be unveilled in his memory. MacKeracher and S. M. Robinson as Of the adult books, 64,846 were Eng-buyers of juvenile books, Miss C. Vallish and 17,769 were French. In the chon, F. Gauthier and L. Boulley as Permits Issued For juveni'e class, 48,595 books were circu- buyers of French books; Miss A. Habib, 770, lated, in English and 31,179 in French. F. Burt, S. M. Robinson and F. Gau- Two New Houses thier as buyers of periodicals and

culty in supplying all books ordered, pointed as members of a building constant of a Kiwanis Club on Monday, as part lessened production and there will be "The government is the people," was and school libraries supplied students mittee.