

THE OFFICERS' COLUMN

The last specialist training parade a very interesting discussion was held on the matter of recruiting and it is hoped that most of the chaps went home with a lot clearer picture of this phase of our programme. Some interesting observations were brought to light during this discussion. One person spoke out saying that he thought that the Korean War was a deterring factor. Another pointed out that most people wanted a good rank at time of enlistment without working for it and were not content to wait for promotion. Still another spoke out saying that possibly the general public weren't sufficiently acquainted with the part that Ack Ack has to play in the critical period. Another person spoke up on "esprit de corps" and emphasized the point of how important this could be. These reasons and a few more were determined as being the main ones why the enlistments in the Reserve were below par. The question before us is, how to overcome these difficulties in Terrace Bay and add greatly to our strength. Some of the suggestions brought forward were: To put on an open night, primarily to get the public out to see what we are doing. Sponsor a film showing every Sunday for the public. Abolition of the income tax on Army pay or complete exemption of tax. Increase in Reserve pay. Competitive rifle shooting. Construction of an Ack Ack range in our immediate vicinity overlooking the Lake. The staging of an all-rank dance. To sponsor frequent Smokers. Certainly all of these are feasible and worth looking into.

Training is progressing very favourably and a scheme has been laid on for us just as soon as the snow has disappeared. An outdoor Rifle Range is on the books to be built around May of this year and will be suitable for rifle, L.M.G., and pistol firing. Our genial Gas Instructor Sgt. Jim Cumming has left to take a course on Atomic, Bacteriological and Physiological war-fare and we hope to learn a lot from him when he returns. Once again we request all ranks to turn out promptly to all regular and specialist parades and remember that all recruits will be warmly received.

A reminder that "THE TRUE GLORY" will be shown on Tuesday, April 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the Rec. Hall.

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L.C.B.O. STORE TO OPEN SHORTLY

For the information of all residents who are concerned, advice has been received that the New Liquor Control Board store in the townsite is expected to be open for business on Monday, April 16th. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, the store does not open on Monday, it will open on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES (Cont. from page 1)

Mixed High School Activities: Chairman Al Lindskoog. This group will investigate and promote any recreation needs for the mixed high school group.

The Boy Scouts and Cubs are being asked to name a representative to sit in on the committee meetings to help co-ordinate their activities with those of the other groups.

As the need for other groups arises they will be formed. The executive will welcome any suggestions or help from anyone interested in promoting additional activities.

The Chairmen of the various groups have been asked to form their committees, plan their activities, decide on facilities needed and submit this plan along with a budget for the year to the next executive meeting.

As can be seen from the foregoing there is a great deal of work to be done and plenty of elbow room for lots of help and the committee is taking this opportunity to call for volunteers. Anyone who is interested in sewing or any of the committees named or in forming any other committees is requested to contact Ozzie Dalzell to be signed up. Here is your chance to pitch in and help promote a healthy youth program for Terrace Bay. It doesn't matter if you can spare a little time or a whole lot but we do want enthusiasm. Lots not let the kids down.

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The regular monthly meeting of Silver Birch Chapter No. 264 U.D. was held on April 9th with Mima Moore, Worthy Matron presiding.

The regular business was transacted and preparations were discussed for the inspection on June 30th by Ted Phillips Worthy Grand Patron.

After the meeting closed, a delicious lunch was served by the Schreiber group.

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