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WAR FUND GOING ON

Organization Carrying on Effectively—Mrs. Lawrence New President

STEWART, Oct. 1: — The annual meeting of the Portland Canal War Fund was held in the Legion Hall last Wednesday evening with Mrs. C. E. Gibson in the chair in the absence of both the president and vice-president. The report of the retiring president, Mrs. W. J. Crawford, showed that during the past year the organization had made and shipped 1240 articles for the forces and for air raid victims as well as collecting and shipping many boxes of materials for the Salvation Army.

The treasurer's report showed that during the year the fund had handled $2485.29 with a balance on hand of $585.94. Of the $1899.35 disbursed only a very small part was for overhead expenses, all the balance being devoted to grants to various war charities, purchase of wool and sewing materials for goods made and shipped to the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire. Christmas presents to local men on active service and entertainment of visiting troops.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. W. J. Crawford, retiring president, H. V. Littler, retiring treasurer, William S. Orr, secretary, and the members of the executive.

Election of officers for the ensuing twelve months was all by acclamation and resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. S. G. Lawrence.
Vice-President, Joseph C. Hopwood.
Treasurer, H. Woodford.
Secretary, William S. Orr re-elected).

How Organization Functions

Each local organization in the district is entitled to nominate one of its members to the general council of the fund and these, with the officers elected at the annual meeting, form the council responsible for the operation of the organization for the year, thus co-ordinating all branches of community activity in connection with war charities.

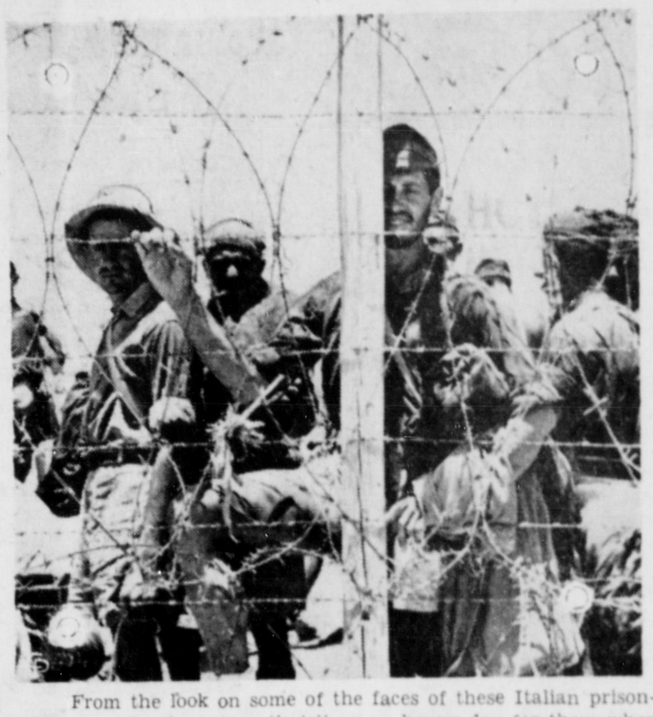
The closing of the Big Missouri mine caused some changes to be made in the bylaws which provided for three Big Missouri members on the council. The meeting confirmed a decision of the outgoing executive that all men who had enlisted from Big Missouri would be treated by the Fund exactly on the same basis as those enlisting from Stewart.

This annual meeting was held exactly three years to the day after the organization meeting when, on September 23, 1939, (thirteen days after Canada's declaration of war) a handful of local ladies met in the village municipal office and took the first official steps towards the formation of the Fund. During those three years all war charity work in Stewart and Big Missouri has been handled through this organization, thus eliminating all duplication of effort and expense. During the three years the women of the Fund have made and shipped to the I.O.D.E. 3817 articles. Operations of the Fund have been too great to list in detail.

Major war charities which have received substantial money grants include the Red Cross (both Canadian and Russian), Canadian Legion War Services, Canadian War Charities, I.O.D.E., Boots for Britain, Merchant Seamen, Chinese Relief, Lord Mayor's Air Raid Relief and many others. Christmas presents have been sent away every year to every enlisted man from the district whose address could be ascertained. Visiting military and naval men have been entertained as circumstances permitted. Salvaging has been contributed to. Magazines and books have been collected. In fact throughout the period the members of the community working through this organization have been steadily busy endeavouring to meet every need and request as it arose to the full extent of local possibilities.

The closing of the Big Missouri mine and the drop in population of Stewart will reduce the size and effectiveness of the Portland Canal War Fund to a great extent but the members are determined that this reduction shall be offset as far as is humanly possible by increased effort on the part of those who remain.

CAPTURED BY ANZACS IN N. AFRICA



From the look on some of the faces of these Italian prisoners one could almost say that it was a happy day for them when they were captured by New Zealand and Indian forces in a recent battle on the desert. Almost all the prisoners were from the Pavia and Berscia footslogger divisions.

ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. AND Y.W.C.A.

By DOROTHY GARBUTT, Hostess

Last night I went in behind the scenes at the 'Y' cafeteria. It was just at the peak hour and never have I seen work with a capital "W" as I did then. What struck me was the orderliness with which everything was done. Believe me, you don't need to worry about eating there. It's just the cleanest place I've ever run across in many a day (hope Mr. Trant reads this and gives me a free meal).

The chaperones and hostesses who are going to the regular fortnightly dance at the Midlands tonight will meet by 8:30 at the 'Y' as usual. As it is the music and movies program at the hut and the recreation hall may be in darkness by that time they may have to wait in the hall downstairs for the trucks or taxis to take them.

There's never a dull moment in these parts. Yesterday I spent the morning shortening sleeves on winter woollies for one of our airmen. Goes to show that on this job I have all the comforts of a husband with none of the discomforts.

Once again I should like to appeal to the good people of Prince Rupert to open their homes to those coming in—especially do I appeal, as usual, for the Navy boys on lodge and comp. The Salvation Army is doing wonderful work at its hostel but staying there can only be a temporary affair. The boys can't move their gear in there nor make anything like a settled home of it. The majority of them are young and perhaps away from home for the first time. And if they can't find warmth and comfort in a friendly home they can, or think they can, find simulated comfort in a friendly bottle. Please search your consciences and see if you can't find a spot for them in your heart and in your homes. Thank you.

TIME FOR ANOTHER

Earthquakes in Japan were recorded as early as 285 B.C., when more than 800 square miles of Japan shifted position.

Baptist C.G.I.T. Is Reorganized

Miss Kay Watson Is Leader of Group and Miss Joy Berg President

The Canadian Girls in Training of First Baptist Church has been reorganized as a separate unit for the coming season and is already engaged in the planning of its activities.

Miss Kay Watson is leader of the group with Miss Margaret Armstrong and Miss Inez Berg as assistant leaders.

Officers of the group are as follows:

President—Joy Berg.
Vice-president—Lillian Knutsen.
Secretary - Treasurer — June Berg.
Junior Representative — Oenwen Morgan.

WOMEN IN RAILWORK

Are Now Engaged in Round Houses As Well as on Other Jobs

Casey Jones may have some feminine rivals when the women who work in the Canadian National Railways yards at Prince Rupert as well as elsewhere in Canada finish their "roundhouse" training. At Prince Rupert the women come under Charles McNab, car foreman.

Although railway yards have been a traditional man's world for many years, the crew of girls who fill wartime jobs in the C.N.R. yards have proved women can be as efficient in a roundhouse as in their own kitchens.

Veteran railwaymen stare in amazement as the new employees polish up Pullmans and trundle wheelbarrows over the tracks.

Pleased with the girls' efficiency, C.N.R. officials "intend to employ more as they are required."

"Only requirement is that the women must be willing to work and have the intelligence to do a good job," says H. R. Battly, general superintendent of motive power and car equipment for the central region of the C.N.R. "After the crews are organized we will place a forewoman in charge of each group."

He said that women would receive the same wages as men and would be allowed to join the Brotherhood of Railway Employees at a later date.

Women have invaded another department of the C.N.R. yards, previously reserved for men only. In the commissary department they now polish shelves and pile them with canned goods and other provisions for dining cars.

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R.A.F. TALE ON SCREEN

"Desperate Journey" Thrilling Picture, Is Showing at Capitol

The stirring story of how a Royal Air Force bomber crew, forced down in the heart of Germany after a successful raid, fights its way back to England, leaving a trail of death and destruction behind, is told in "Desperate Journey," which is the feature picture at the Capitol Theatre this Friday and Saturday with Errol Flynn and Ronald Reagan in the starring roles.

Other members of the crew who find themselves prisoners of the Nazis along with Flynn and Reagan are Alan Hale, Arthur Kennedy and Ronald Sinclair. While being questioned in detail by a Nazi intelligence officer, played by Raymond Massey, the five fugitive Englishmen escape from the prison camp after putting Massey to sleep with a hard right to the jaw.

After many adventures in leading the Gestapo a merry chase across Germany and a good part of Holland, they finally steal a reconditioned British bomber. In a desperate fight against apparently overwhelming odds, they are finally successful and make their getaway to fly across the Channel and home.

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