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Why Wait Until April? . . .

While we agree that it is quite correct to take a plebiscite on the conscription issue we do not see any good reason for waiting until March or April before giving the people of the country the right to declare themselves. If the move is good for April, it is good for January. If there is a strong movement against Canada taking part in the war we should like to know it. However, we are glad to have the opportunity to cast our vote in favor of an all-out war and we think most western people will feel much the same about it. Naturally there are a good many who have felt the delay has been already too long.

Keep Up the Pace . . .

Evidently there has been a good start in the collection of scrap iron and steel. Judging from those behind the move we think it likely that the campaign may gain speed as it moves forward. Every dollar secured in this way helps the Red Cross and every pound of metal is a help in providing guns and ammunition for pounding the enemy at a time when the enemy needs pounding and needs it badly.

Wanting a House . . .

An average of about ten to fifteen people a day call at The Daily News asking if anyone knows where they can get a house in which to live. If we do not know of a house they would be content with a flat, an apartment, a room, furnished or unfurnished, in fact any old place to hang their hats and sleep at night—dry, warm and sanitary. That is the present situation at Prince Rupert. All we need is a few hotels, a few hundred houses and a dozen or so nice apartments on a reasonable rental.

Favors Prince Rupert . . .

In the legislature this week, E. E. Winch, member for Burnaby, made a statement to the effect that, while Burnaby paid \$2,700 to a firm of lawyers for drawing up the refunding bill, Coquitlam paid \$1,000 and Prince Rupert paid only \$125. If these services were similar, it does seem as if somebody was overcharged. It is, however, just possible that there were extenuating circumstances. We know that the late E. F. Jones, city solicitor, did most of the work for Prince Rupert and the amount paid over and above that was to a New Westminster man, the cost being \$125.

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SESSION OF A.R.P.

Young Folk Showing Interest Although Attitude of Older Responsible Citizens Still Apathetic.

Various matters in connection with plans for local civilian protection in the event of emergency arising through enemy action were discussed at another general meeting of Air Raid Protection warden in the Canadian Legion Hall last night. Interest in these activities, which might well prove vital to the community in view of the spreading theatre of war, continues to be well sustained and there was again a substantial attendance at last night's meeting. Notable among those present were a number of senior high school students, several of whom were enrolled as wardens. However, lack of interest on the part of a certain type of usually responsible citizens was again to be noted.

J. J. Little, chairman of the local A.R.P. organization, gave a lecture on the subject of bombs, of which, he said, there were three principal varieties—high explosive, incendiary and gas. It was felt that, should a bombing attack be made upon Prince Rupert, there would be a spray of incendiaries on objectives along the waterfront with a follow-up of explosives. That Prince Rupert was recognized by the authorities as one of the most vulnerable points was indicated that this place had been the first to receive air raid alarm sirens, Mr. Little said. The impact and penetration of bombs was discussed by Mr. Little. The maximum depth of penetration into solid matter so far had been sixty feet. The Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. at Seal Cove was pointed to by Mr. Little as an example of ideal protection of an industrial plant from the effects of air raids. Fragmentation of bombs and resultant fire were among other aspects of the bomb subject touched upon by Mr. Little who emphasized the necessity of each individual householder being prepared to meet the situation in case of fire in his own home.

Mr. Little, in reviewing some of the activities of the local A.R.P. organization, mentioned that the building of a corduroy road out of Prince Rupert to some point of refuge within easy distance such as a short distance up the Skeena River for the purpose of evacuation in a sudden emergency was already being dealt with. He told how the various branches of A.R.P.—first aid, nursing, fire fighting, decontamination, demolition, patrol, etc.—were getting organized. There was still need for further volunteers.

Fire Watching

Fire Chief H. T. Lock emphasized the vital importance of fire patrol and roof watching. This was something that should be impressed before an actual emergency came. Mr. Lock spoke of the failure of the appeal for volunteers to engage in digging of water holes for the fire pumps. The idea of a working bee had been called off for the time being and the possibility of having the city supply the labor was being taken up. The fire chief told how tests had been made of pumps from the provincial government which had just arrived. They had proven most effective, three streams which topped the Savoy Hotel having been developed from one pump deriving water from the pool in Alder Park on Fraser Street. Mr. Lock also disclosed that the fire marshal for the province, during a visit here this week, had expressed concern in regard to the oil tank situation on the local waterfront for which, as yet, there was not adequate protection.

Under the heading of district wardens' activities, it was announced that a new division had been made of the districts between the business section and the waterfront whereby the latter would be extended to take in that region north of Second Avenue between McBride Street and Westview Bridge. As soon as troops now in occupancy were moved out, the museum building would be available for use as headquarters for the downtown district. At the request of Wilfrid McLean, J. McGlashan was taking over as district warden at Seal Cove.

A letter from a citizen dealing with some more or less inconsequential matters arising out of blackout patrol was read.

The question of sand for handling incendiary bombs was discussed and the feeling was ex-

Inspector Gammon Shrine President

Elected Head of Local Club—J. J. Little Is Vice-President

The Prince Rupert Shrine Club, at its annual dinner meeting, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

President, Inspector Ernest Gammon.

Vice-President, J. J. Little.

Secretary-Treasurer, John Dybhavn.

Directors, Dr. C. H. Hankinson, S. E. Parker and Gilbert Campbell.

pressed that people should be interested enough in their own protection to obtain sand for themselves. Ashes were also effective in connection with incendiaries, it was pointed out. There may be some demonstrations, however, as to how to deal with incendiary bombs.

The matter of enrolling youths as A.R.P. wardens came in for discussion, the consensus of opinion being that their interest and willingness to assist was something that should be appreciated and taken advantage of.

J. S. Wilson, the chief warden, referred to the apathy and "Let George Do It" attitude on the part of many citizens who failed to appreciate that their own interests, homes and families were very much at stake but who, however, showed no inclination to assist in any way. Only a few hours work were required now and it would lighten the burden which was now being carried by comparatively few.

Continue Activity

A number of other matters were discussed and it was decided to hold the next general meeting of wardens two weeks from last night, district wardens and executive to carry on activity in the meantime with particular reference to further instruction and organization of A.R.P. workers.

RED TANK CREW MEMBERS PAUSE FOR LUNCH



Smiling cheerfully as they continued to push German forces back the way they came, members of this Russian tank crew halt their march westward, for lunch. Rigors of Russian winter don't seem to have any terrors for them.

Kitkatla Church Elects Officers

KITKATLA, Jan. 24.—St. Peter's Church officers for 1942 have been elected as follows:

Lay Readers — William Ridley, Solomon Brown and Wilfred Jackson.

Rector's Wardens—William Lewis and James Lewis.

People's Wardens — Matthias Shaw and Henry Collinson.

Honorary Secretary — Russell Gamble.

Treasurer—William Lewis.

Lay Representatives — William Ridley, Wilfred Jackson and Solomon Brown.

Organists — Henry Brown, Norman Lewis and Jonathan Hill.

Choirmaster—Henry Brown.

Basketball Buzz

Dry Dock and Barons, now on even footing in the standing, will meet in tonight's Intermediate League basketball fixture. The Dry Dock team will consist of Pavlikis, Sheddin, Bill, Montesano, Farber and Vuckovich. Sonny Stiles will act as referee.

The Barons' team has been strengthened and this, it is expected, will create more competition among the teams for the intermediate championship.

The league standing is now as follows:

	W	L	Pts.
High School	3	1	6
Dry Dock	1	2	6
Barons	1	2	2

Y's Wives Whist Drive Enjoyable

Affairs Being Held Alternate Day Nights to Provide Social Intercourse.

The Y's Wives fortnightly whist drive was held yesterday afternoon at the Young Women's Christian Association Hostel House, the affair being very enjoyable for all present.

The prize winners were Mrs. Sarginson of the Signals, Mrs. MacIntyre of the Canadian Scottish, second, and Mrs. Peterson of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, consolation.

The purpose of these affairs is to have soldiers' wives and their families meet each other and get together socially.

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