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THE CIRCLE TIGHTENS

Aggressive, merciless Germany is now fighting in her own yard—East Prussia—with a determined Russian foe that will show no quarter. Only too well for the Nazi horde does the Red army remember the horrible crimes of the Germans as they overrun Western Russia in the early days of the war.

The entire Democratic world rejoices over the latest drives of the Russians.

British, American and Canadian forces, ably helped by the French, are continuing their successful conquest of Normandy.

Cheering reports of a changing attitude on Turkey's part are now current in Europe and the Near East. She is breaking off relations with Germany, and the Allies are expected to ask her material help against the Nazis, with a later request to join completely as a belligerent.

Anthony Eden told B.C. newspapermen on his visit to Canada that Turkey could be relied upon to come into the war at "a quarter to 12." By that reckoning the deadline for war in Europe is almost here.

U.S. ARMY NEWSPAPER

Anything that helps to maintain the morale of the soldiers of the United Nations is important. For that reason the United States army in most of its posts has arranged for a public relations department to publish daily and weekly papers. Even in the battle areas printing presses are set up and local newspapers giving local news about the men themselves and messages from home are run off.

Canadian army camps soon realized the value of such newspapers and followed suit, with the result that many fine editions have been created.

Prince Rupert may well share with the local U.S. army establishment a pride in the locally-produced weekly newspaper, the Acropolis News. This paper, printed weekly and issued in mimeograph form daily with current wire news is a first-rate publication reflecting high credit on the army establishment, its Special Service officers, its managing editor, Pfc. Duane "Dip" Page, and his photographer, Cpl. Steve Brylinski.

Pfc. Page is a veteran newspaperman from Washington State. As the only regular reporter, cartoonist, editor, circulation and business manager of the Acropolis News he is doing a smart job. His weekly printed edition in tabloid size compares favorably with most of the army publications and far ahead of many. The publication is well illustrated with the fine photography of Cpl. Brylinski and cartoons by Pfc. Page. It is breezily written and is filled with local and homeland stories of appeal.

THANKS TO THE BANDS

Shakespeare told us long ago: "Man that hath no music in his soul, nor is not moved by concord of sweet sound, is fit for treason, strategy and spoils."

Music provides both a stimulus and a balm to the majority and is welcomed everywhere. People are happiest when there is music.

The 300 men, women and children who relaxed on the Court House green Sunday afternoon and listened with pleasure to the splendid program given by a band comprising musicians from Prince Rupert Garrison Band and Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury Regiment, under the able direction of Bandmaster W.O. 1 Frank Delamont, came away high in their praise of holiday concerts.

This was the second in a series of six concerts given as a public service through the co-operation of the United military services of Prince Rupert area.

This splendid gesture and fine music should not go unnoticed. Each member of the Garrison Band, Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury Regiment Band, Royal Canadian Naval Band from H.M.C.S. Chatham and the United States Army Port Band, together with their bandmasters and all persons responsible for this entertainment series should be sincerely thanked. It would not be amiss for the city council to send official letters of thanks to each band.

Too frequently we do not voice our thanks with the same enthusiasm with which we accept the contributions of others. In this case everyone should feel happy to say, "Thank you."

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Brothers Fined Under Indian Act

Two brothers, Wilfred and Cyril Parnell, of Massett, pleaded guilty to liquor charges under the Indian Act in city police court Saturday morning and were fined \$25 each by Magistrate T. W. Brown.

Wilfred, 26, the elder, was given the alternative of a month's imprisonment for possessing liquor, while Cyril received an alternative of five days for intoxication.

Arrested on Third Avenue at 2 o'clock this morning by Constable Gardner and McLeod the pair were intoxicated, and Wilfred was in possession of a full bottle of Rye Whiskey. Corporal Lashmar told the court.

Wilfred said that he had paid \$15 for the bottle from "a guy down the street." He and his brother had previously been given a drink by "a couple of soldiers in an alley."

An adjournment for eight days was granted this morning by Magistrate T. W. Brown in a case against Samuel McGill, a soldier, charged with retaining stolen property. No plea was entered.

TERRACE

The well known Corlett property, south of the river has been purchased by W. Jolsen, who will move his family here from Prince Albert in September.

Warm weather continues to prevail in the district. Hottest day of the summer so far was recorded early in June.

STOCK COAL NOW OR BE COLD NEXT WINTER, DEALERS ADVISE

Good Supplies Are Available in City

Government warnings of a probable coal shortage this coming winter should be taken seriously here, a survey of Prince Rupert coal dealers indicates. They warn that there may be a recurrence of the frigid conditions which harried householders in the grim winter two years ago, if home owners do not take advantage of the plentiful coal supply to build up a reserve.

At present coal is flowing freely from the mineheads to make such foresight possible throughout the country. However, no one can tell when the supply may be pinched short.

NEVER SURE OF AMOUNT AVAILABLE

"We can never be sure of how much coal our mine will be able to supply," one dealer told the Daily News. "Operating difficulties or labor trouble might stop our supplies indefinitely. Last spring the mine where we buy our coal was flooded by heavy rains. Fortunately the local demand was light at the time."

He said that many of his customers had already started to fill their coal bins, adding that his company had storage space for about 700 tons of coal.

"That is about a month's supply for our customers in winter, and maybe not that if it is a cold month."

Brooding over the picture on this coast is the possibility that the government may divert the biggest part of next winter's mine output to eastern Canada, leaving the coast to enjoy its climate on short rations.

Equally earnest was another coal dealer who felt that every household should have at least three tons in reserve.

"Now is the time to stock up," he asserted. "Every house should have at least a three-ton reserve of coal, and it should be held until at least the end of the year."

PLENTY OF COAL ON HAND NOW

The mine which supplies his company recently experienced an underground fire, but will be in operation again next month. However, he now has plenty of coal.

The manager of a third company said that the mines were continually emphasizing the probability that they may have to divert their output elsewhere at any time.

"They do not like storing coal at the minehead. They would rather have it tucked away in the consumer's basement while it is available," was his comment.

His company has storage space for 700 to 800 tons, a month's supply in winter.

AN EARLY START

By the 4th century A.D., Rome had 28 libraries.

ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. (By Dorothy Garbutt)

Sid Woodside gave me the following clipping from The Daily Mirror, which some of you may wish to keep for yourselves for its beauty and comfort. It is by Patience Strong.

A PRAYER FOR PRISONERS

"May Thy blessing rest upon the place of their captivity. Give them courage, health and strength that they, enduring patiently, may greet the coming of each day with hope renewed and faith reborn; finding comfort in Thy presence with the light of every dawn."

"May the mantle of Thy mercy round their prison walls be spread: Safely through all tribulation home at last they may be led . . . Guard them Lord, and have them ever in the shelter of Thy care . . . While we wait for their return with loving heart and constant prayer."

I received the following invitation for the hostesses for the next Soo Suds dance, which I hope all the girls will attend:

"The Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury Regiment takes great pleasure in inviting all Y.W.C.A. Junior hostesses to attend their regular semi-monthly dance, to be held at the Regimental camp, on Thursday, August 3, 1944. Transportation has been arranged to carry guests to and from the dance, picking them up at Moose Hall at 8:30 p.m. and leaving at the camp at 12:30 a.m. Dancing is to last until 12:30 a.m. A splendid luncheon will be served at 11:15 p.m. Music will be supplied, as usual, by our fine

Compulsion In Rebuilding Law Not Happy Note

LONDON, July 31—Few persons, actually, in England are really happy about the first House of Commons measure for the physical rebuilding of Britain. It stands uneasily against the unsettled questions of private or public ownership and control of the land.

Briefly, the bill gives power to local authorities to purchase by compulsion if necessary whole areas which have been devastated by bombing or which have been planned badly so that they can be rebuilt with enlightened planning. The price to be paid for land would be based on the standard values as of March 31, 1939.

Government grants would be made to local authorities to help them buy blitzed areas. Socialists have been protesting that the 1939 ceiling also would become a "floor," so that persons whose land has decreased in value since 1939 will get higher prices than they deserve.

Soo Suds dance band." Chester and I went to an auction sale Saturday. There was only one thing I really wanted there, a pair of red lacquer clogs and he got his hands on them first and kept them there. But I got even for I bid against him and left him holding the bag—or the clogs—for a much higher price than he intended to pay originally. There are ways and means.

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MORE GAS FOR WAR MEANS LESS FOR US

IT'S a matter of simple arithmetic. There's only so much gasoline to go round. With over 50,000,000 gallons of petroleum products going from this hemisphere to the fighting forces every day—there's not a lot left for the civilian.

Think of aviation needs alone. The present demands for aviation gasoline exceed, in themselves, the peak total demand for all petroleum products during the last war. From 1939 to 1944 Canada's demand for aviation gas increased more than 3,000%. Only 5,453,980 gallons were used in 1939 for pre-war flying. More than 176,198,000 gallons were used by Canada in the fourth year of the war.

Think of invasion needs. Oil drove the ships to the point of rendezvous. Oil drove the battleships that pulverized enemy coast defences. Oil drove the landing craft ashore. High-octane gasoline sent the bombers and fighters into action. Gasoline is powering the tanks, trucks, jeeps, mobile guns, bulldozers and portable cranes that are swarming by thousands into France. The invasion surges ahead on a wave of oil.

Think of the needs of the war at sea. Canada's navy today has more than 43 times as many ships as in 1939. These ships are on patrol from Murmansk to Cape Town. The vast majority of them are powered by oil. Many of these are fast craft, designed to chase submarines—and heavy consumers of fuel. Yet, never has a single Canadian ship been held up for lack of fuel oil.

Every drop of petroleum for war comes from the same common pool as the gasoline for your car. The gasoline allowed for your car is issued for a purpose—to keep essential civilian transportation rolling.

Waste here at home means want in the battle zones. Thoughtless, needless, frivolous use of a single gallon robs the fighting man.

LESS CIVILIAN GAS MEANS MORE "FIGHTING GAS" FOR THE FORCES

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Answering YOUR QUESTIONS about the GASOLINE SHORTAGE

How far would an AA ration book—a year's supply—take a heavy tank? . . . Less than 50 miles. How long would the normal peacetime amount of gasoline used by a Canadian motorist in one month last the invasion forces? . . . Only a fraction of a second! How is car sharing in Canada helping to save gasoline? . . . 50,870 shared cars under Canada's Wartime Industrial Transit Plan are carrying 203,000 war workers in 2,077 industries with a total employment of 962,805 employees.