

BRITISH BLOW UP HALF MUSSOLINI'S FLEET

# MAYO MINNER

BOBBIE BURNS DIES

CPR BOAT IN TO-DAY

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## GREEKS ROUT ITALIANS - R.A.F. RAISE HAVOC IN GERMANY

GERMANS LAUNCH HEAVY  
RAID ON COVENTRY

### News Flashes

NOV. 13 - British naval units and bombing planes struck swiftly and surely on Wednesday to destroy half of Italy's fleet in a sensational victory in the Port of Taranto, Italian naval base. Two destroyers were sunk as well as a number of cruisers and other vessels. The entire port was a mass of flames after the sudden British attack which has rendered Mussolini's fleet its worst defeat since it entered the war on the Nazi side.

NOV. 15 - Greek troops, aided by British naval and air units, have driven the Italian invaders back at all points in the Battle of Greece and Greek forces are reported driving deep into Albania. The Italians have suffered high losses in men, equipment and guns and planes. At least 150 Italian officers have been captured, including a number of generals while entire Italian crack divisions have been trapped by the Greeks. British bombers have struck terrific blows at main Italian supply bases, factories, oil refineries and ammunition depots in Italy, Albania, Egypt and Ethiopia.

NOV. 15 - In one of the fiercest mass attacks of the war, five to seven hundred Nazi bombers raided England Thursday night, causing heavy damage in Coventry, centre of Britain's great engineering industry. Night raids continued over England Friday night with 20 German planes reported shot down between dawn and dusk.

NOV. 15 - Bomber squadrons of the Royal Air Force pressed home mass attacks against scores of German centres from Norway to the French coast, striking at huge munition factories, storage tanks, rail depots, supply and naval bases and dozens of airdromes. Berlin was subjected to a terrific night bombardment on Thursday night when all the main railroad depots were bombed relentlessly, disrupting traffic seriously.

NOV. 15 - Serious discord has broken out between the Vichy-Laval Gov't. of France and the Nazis as the result of the ousting from Alsace-Lorraine of thousands of French people to make way for Germans. Friction over the wholesale eviction has thrown Laval's schemes for closer French-German co-operation all out of kilter.

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## OLD TIMER FOUND ILL AT HIS HOME

Bobbie Burns, pioneer Sourdough of the Yukon and especially Mayo district, died at an early hour Thursday morning in Mayo General Hospital. A native of Tasmania, the old timer was about 70 years of age. Funeral services, it is understood, are being held on Monday.

En route in from Haggart Creek Tuesday, Ed. Barker and party found Burns seriously ill at his cabin at the junction of Haggart Creek and the McQuesten River. He had been ill for several days and so weak he was unable to cut wood for his stove. He had burned up a number of boxes in his cabin and other material in an attempt to keep warm.

First aid was administered to the sick Sourdough by Miss V. Page, R. N., who was returning from a visit to Haggart Creek with the Barker party. Four hours were spent at Burns' cabin preparing him for the long trip to town. Barker got in at 4 a. m. Wednesday morning when the old timer was rushed to the hospital where he passed away Thursday morning.

For twenty years Bobbie Burns had lived at the same place by the McQuestion River where he hunted and trapped. He was well known by all residents of this district, especially by those who travel regularly in and out from Haggart and Dublin.

Further details will be published after the funeral.

### "HARD TO BELIEVE" WEATHER HERE

Mayo & district is undergoing what many veteran Mayoites believe is one of the finest, mildest, fall periods ever experienced here. All week practically the temperature has been above zero while it was even thawing out on Wednesday. To date there has been no snow to speak of with roads and trails in perfect condition.

Caribou are now fairly numerous throughout the district with many hunters reporting good bags of caribou after hunting expeditions. Hunting caribou, these days, seems to be the most popular diversion around this neck of the woods.

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## SILVERLAND RECRUITS GIVEN GAY SENDOFF

Mayo's first band of recruits got away in a body, by plane, Wednesday morning. But before leaving the silver volunteers were given a gay sendoff both up the hill and in town.

A dance in their honor was held last Saturday night up at the Calumet where a gala time was spent by all present, the festivities lasting until 7 o'clock in the morning.

The night before they left, the volunteers were guests at a gay farewell party in their honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kimbel.

Those who got away on Wednesday's plane were Roy Thomas, Billy Boyle, Jack Cook, Bill Lamb, Louis Kazinsky, all ex-T. Y. employees at the Calumet and E. F. McDonald, of Mayo.

Although sorry to leave Mayo and many pleasant memories of the Silverland behind, nevertheless the silver contingent was anxious to get under way with the hopes of soon being able to take a crack at Herr Hitler and Co.

Jack McCrimmon, who is also a former T. Y. miner at the Calumet, has also signed up but is waiting for the final word on his medical exam from the coast before being able to head south. Jack would like to have gone along with the gang Wednesday but expects to catch up with them at the coast very soon.

Although those leaving this week were the first to leave here under the new Yukon recruiting setup, a number of other well-known Silverites have already gone from this district to join up with the colors outside, on their own hook.

Actually the first young man to leave this camp and proceed outside on his own to join up was Norman Whitman, former master mechanic at the Elsa. Norm left here shortly after the war broke out last fall, joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and is now in England on active service.

Another former popular young Mayo man now serving with the colors on active duty in England is Roy Hallin, erstwhile member of the local radio station staff.

**HOSPITAL NOTES:** Neil Keobke was in the hospital for a few days last week but is now back on the job again. George Bacon came in from the Elsa Tuesday night to spend a few days in hospital with lumbago.

Bobbie Burns, who was brought to the hospital seriously ill Wednesday morning, passed away early Thursday a. m.

Mrs. Robinson, who had been in the hospital recently, left on last Sunday's plane for Dawson to enter St. Mary's Hospital there. Mrs. Robinson, one of the oldest pioneer women in this district, regretted leaving Mayo and her many friends here.

## AN OPEN LETTER

MAYO, Y. T.  
Nov. 15/40

My Attention has been drawn to the Editorial in the last issue of the Mayo Miner, in which the attention of your readers has been drawn to the disallowing of an Act, passed by the Yukon Council at the last session and the implication that such disallowance is a violation of our constitutional rights.

Also appearing in the issue is a copy of a letter to the Governor General in Council from Mr. Corp, asking why this particular Act, sponsored by Mr. Corp, has been disallowed.

As far as I have been able to ascertain the Judicial Authorities of Canada, have the power to disallow any legislation of any Province or Territory of Canada, if in their opinion the said legislation is "ultra vires" (outside their power).

While a worthy purpose is served by an open discussion of this subject, it appears to me that NO violation of our constitutional rights is involved.

GORDON LEE.

## BISHOP HERE TUESDAY

Bishop Geddes is expected to arrive in Mayo next week, probably Tuesday, and will remain for the Sunday services at St. Mary's on Nov. 24th.

## DENTISTS LEAVING DAWSON

We see by the Dawson News that Drs. Franks and Snider plan on leaving Dawson for the south in a few weeks time. Undoubtedly one or both of them will be coming to Mayo before going to Whitehorse en route outside for their annual winter holiday. Doc Snider stepped into a new athletic role recently in Dawson when he and Bud D'Easum put on an exhibition ping pong battle in connection with the big recreation Social held in the Gold City.

## RECEIVES NEW APPOINTMENT

S. M. Wood, Mayo's versatile mining recorder, has just received the appointment as Justice of the Peace, from Ottawa. Hitherto the office of Justice of the Peace for this district has been handled by the Yukon Council member for Mayo district. Sam received the final notice and papers pertaining to his new appointment this week.

**WE HEAR THAT:** Wm. Jeffrey, Sr. is expecting his wife and their daughter Nancy in on one of the next boats, maybe to-day's, to spend the winter in Mayo. During the past few years, since their return from the Old Country where Nancy won high honors at College, they have been residing in Victoria. Since leaving Mayo a number of years ago, Nancy has won enviable honors in connection with her scholastic studies.

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## PLANES & PILOTS

Pilot Kubicek flew the Bellanca North on  
Sunday last, bringing as passengers for Mayo  
Mrs. J. Scott and child.

From Mayo Pilot Kubicek went to Dawson.  
Mrs. Robinson was an outgoing passenger  
from here.

Sunday's plane brought in the delayed air  
mail from the Yukon Southern plane which got  
into Whitehorse last Saturday, Nov. 9th. - the  
first airmail to reach Whitehorse via YSAT  
in November.

PILOT ALEX DAME flew the Fairchild to Mayo  
Tuesday and went on to Dawson. There was a  
small amount of airmail.

Southbound with the outgoing airmail, Pilot  
Kubicek returned from Dawson with Louis Kaz-  
insky the only passenger for here.

RECRUITS LEAVE: Pilot Kubicek flew the Bell-  
anca to Dawson Wednesday morning and returned  
south via Mayo. Emplaning here were the rec-  
ruits from this district: Roy Thomas, Billy  
Boyle, Bill Lamb, Louis Kazinsky, Jack Cook  
and E. F. McDonald. Also boarding the plane  
here for the flight south was Mrs. Hazel Dal-  
ton.

LOCAL ROUTE THURSDAY: Pilot Lionel Vines  
brought the Travelair in Thursday, having  
come over from Whitehorse via Carmacks, Sel-  
kirk. He continued to Dawson. The plane brot  
a sack of local mail. Pilot Vines was schedul-  
ed to head south Friday.

MANY LEAVE DAWSON: White Pass planes flew  
around 40 persons out of Dawson this week.  
Most of the southbound passengers planned on  
catching the S. S. Norah out of Skagway to-  
night. The aerial exodus started last Sat-  
urday and continued throughout the week.

ALASKA CRACKUP - Pilot Bob Ausley of Pollack  
Flying Service, basing at Fairbanks, had a  
narrow escape from serious injury on Wednesday  
of this week when his plane crashed during a  
takeoff from a small field in one of the less  
populated interior centres. A fellow pilot  
flew Ausley to Fairbanks hospital. Although  
it was impossible to fly the crippled plane  
off the small field, it is said that the ship  
was repairable.

BOAT SAILINGS. Southbound - Nov. 16 and  
Nov. 26th.

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fect night for skating than was afforded on  
Wednesday night of this week at Five Mile  
Lake, Mayo's ideal summer swimming resort.

There was a full moon shining on the froz-  
en lake which was smooth as glass, affording  
a mile and a quarter of perfect skating sur-  
face. The night was mild, well above freez-  
ing and the big bonfire at the lake's edge  
added a note of gay color to the setting.

Charley and Betty Taylor rounded up a num-  
ber of friends and drove out to the Lake for  
a skating picnic. After a couple of hours  
spent gliding over the moonswept ice, the  
skaters adjourned to George Nagano's summ-  
er cabin to enjoy piping hot coffee and an  
assortment of good eats.

Even the ride out to the Lake and back was  
a real pleasure on such a perfect night.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**  
Estate of Sven Alfred Swanson  
Late of Mayo, Y.T.

All persons having any claims against the  
estate of the above named deceased are  
required to file the same with the Public  
Administrator at Dawson, on or before the  
9th. day of February, 1941, supported by  
statutory declaration, after which date the  
estate will be distributed, having reference  
only to claims which have been so filed.

All persons indebted to the said estate  
are requested to make immediate payment to  
the Public Administrator.

Dated at Dawson, Y. T. this 5th. day of  
November, 1940.

C. E. McLEOD  
Public Administrator

Nov. 9, 16

**COUNCIL ELECTION ONLY  
10 DAYS AWAY**

The Yukon Council election is now only 10  
days away with the result that both candidates  
in this district are now busy with their  
respective campaigns.

R. G. Lee, long-time resident of Mayo, who  
is contesting the Mayo District seat as a  
Progressive candidate, began his campaign  
tour on Friday. Gordon expects to cover con-  
siderable ground in his swing around the dis-  
trict visiting the voters.

It is understood that E. J. Corp, former  
Council member now seeking a third term, is  
also actively engaged in canvassing voters up  
the hill.

Although there has, as yet, been no heavy  
bombardment of oratorical thunder, such as  
during the Federal election last March, never-  
theless the outcome of the Council election is  
attracting considerable interest in the Dawson  
and May Districts.

In Whitehorse District W. L. Phelps has been  
elected by acclamation.

**ARMISTICE DAY QUIETLY  
OBSERVED HERE**

For the first time in many years there was  
no public celebration of any kind here on  
Armistice Day Monday. The Bank, Government  
Offices and stores closed in observance of the  
occasion; the stores for half a day. Special  
Remembrance Day Services were held in St.  
Mary's Church last Sunday night.

## NEWS OF THE NORTH

## DAWSON

MRS. GEO. BLACK received a wire Tuesday morning, Nov. 12, stating that Captain Black finally reached Winnipeg after a five-day wait at Whitehorse for favourable flying weather. At Winnipeg he learned that Trans-Canada Airways had taken their planes off & that he would have to leave for Ottawa by train on the following day.

WEDDING: The wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Osborn, Sr. on Monday night, Nov. 11, of their son Franklin, Jr. & Miss Doris Cameron. The ceremony was performed by Inspector Grennan, RCMP, and the young couple was unattended.

The newlyweds planned to leave by plane Wednesday en route to the outside to spend their honeymoon.

EDUCATION WEEK: Education Week, Nov. 10-16 inclusive was observed with special ceremonies in the Dawson School. Wednesday, Nov. 13 was set aside as Visitors' Day in all schools in Yukon Territory. All residents of the Territory were cordially invited to attend the schools throughout the Territory on that special day to witness the classes being conducted.

NEW MEDICO ARRIVES: A baby son was born to Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Duncan in St. Mary's Hospital on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

THE YUKON RIVER closed in front of Dawson Wed. Nov. 6th. at 8.40 a. m.

WITH SERGT-MAJOR FRANK HEATH, RCCS., acting as Master of Ceremonies, a big recreation Social was held last Thursday night in the Palomar Hall. Basketball games, badminton, ping pong exhibitions and other novelties proved a great hit. A banquet brought the big event to a close.

MISS MARY DENNIS, of the NCCo. clothing Dep't. and Mr. Arthur Carnsew, bookkeeper at the McCormick Transportation Co. office, were married last Saturday night at the Anglican Church, Bishop Geddes officiating.

## FAIRBANKS

United States Refining & Mining Co. has acquired important properties in Chicken Ck. and Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile River formerly owned and operated by the Alaska Gold Dredging Corporation, organized originally in 1936 by H. D. Cowden.

Operations of the McRae mining interests on Coal Creek & Woodchopper Creek closed down Oct. 14th. after a very successful season. A total of 90 men were employed during the past season. Work still continues on properties owned and operated by the McRae interests in the Goodpaster District and on Spruce Creek in the Atlin District. A second mining unit is planned for Clear Creek early in 1941. E. N. Patty, general manager for the McRae interests announced.

WON ICE POOL BUT LOST LOVE: Lila Palm, winner of half of the Nenana Ice Pool last April told Judge Simon Hellenhall's district court, Anchorage, that her husband Axel, in Seattle, doesn't love her any more and she wants a divorce on the grounds of incompatibility. Axel has contested the suit and asked the court to dismiss the case on the grounds that Lila is a resident of Seattle. If that is proved true, Axel stands to get half of the \$42,000 fortune of his wife because of the Washington law.

## FAIRBANKS (Cont'd)

Lila testified they were married in Nov. 1939 and a few days later Axel left Seattle & she did not see him again until last spring when she went out from Anchorage to visit the States after winning half the Nenana Ice Pool. They lived together four days. Lila gave Axel \$500 when she got to Seattle and both discussed plans for supporting their children by previous marriages. Mrs. Palm applied for work in Seattle, she testified, and found Axel had taken to drink and had no affection for her.

KILLS BEAR, DROPS DEAD: After shooting a bear near Dunbar station on the Alaska Railroad, Theodore Knudsen, 75 years of age, a Sourdough of the Northland, dropped dead of a heart attack.

LOSES ARM, WOODSAW: Claude Tucker's left arm was cut off at the elbow this afternoon while he was cutting wood with a rotary power saw. The arm came in contact with the saw.

FORMER ELSA TEACHER  
LIKES AIR FORCE LIFE

Alex Berry has received a very interesting letter from Art Lanyon, former teacher at the Elsa School who left here this summer to join the Royal Canadian Air Force as an observer.

Art is now at Manning Pool, Toronto, where most of the recruits are sent for polishing up before being drafted to their stations to begin their courses. Although he was turned down as an observer (it was found out Art was color blind) he is now an armament artificer and starts his 6-weeks training course shortly.

For the time being Art is acting Corporal in his unit. He writes that he is up at 6 a. m., breakfast is at 6.30 and parade called at 7.40. "You have to hustle to make it, too," Art writes. "There are long lineups at the mess tables but the food is excellent and the mess hall ultra modern and well organized & conducted.

Physical Training till 8.15 and then they change into their blue uniforms and appear for inspection parade at 8.50. This is followed by drill or route marches till 11.30 when they are dismissed for lunch. At 1.10 p. m. there is more drill or a route march and the squad is dismissed at 4.30. Then comes supper following which the airmen are allowed to go out till 10.30 p. m. with the exception of one 2 a. m. pass each week. Lights out is at 10.45 p. m.

Lanyon writes that he is the only Yukon "Sourdough" in the crowd. He finds army life very interesting. The airmen have their own theatre where they play softball and other recreations including boxing and wrestling cards, generally Army vs Air Force. Art has taken in many football games which, he says, are real spectacles with crowds of twelve & fifteen thousand, bands, parades and all the trimmings. The airmen get into the football games free. He has also attended the big league hockey games, concerts and other attractions in Toronto which is "a hockey mad town," he relates.

Art wishes to be remembered to all his friends in the Silverland.

Note: Art's home is in North Vancouver, B. C. He came to Mayo to teach the Elsa school when it was started two years ago.

## LOCAL &amp; PERSONAL

## AROUND TOWN

**BANK MOVES BACK:** Manager A. T. Hall and Fraser MacNaughton, Teller, were back in their former Bank of Montreal premises in the Binet Building on Monday of this week... and glad to be back. Since the fire of several weeks ago the bank staff had been carrying on in one small room in the Mervyn Hotel. The bank building has been re-lumbered on the inside and is again in tip top shape.

**WINS HIGH HONORS:** Mr. Hall passed on to us this week the interesting information that E. T. (Bud) Winslow, formerly Teller at the Mayo branch until this spring, recently passed his Bankers examinations highest in Canada. Bud is now attached to the 14th. Field Regiment, R. C. A. at Kingston. At present he is taking up a gas course in connection with his army duties.

It is interesting to note that another former Mayo staff member passed with high honors in connection with the Bankers Association Examinations two years ago. He was "Chuck" Harrison who led all Canada with highest marks in two branches of the course.

**GORDON LEE** and **ALEC BERRY** went on a short mining cruise this week, over towards the west where they hiked to within a short distance of Minto Lake via the "Lost Trail." They camped out one night and report that caribou swarmed around them on all sides but they carried no guns. The two mineral cruisers returned home Wednesday night.

**MR. AND MRS. GILBERT RICH** were visitors in Mayo this week from their home at Mayo Lake, having come in with Johnnie Ross in the latter's truck.

**WM. C. SIME**, Gov't. Assayer at Keno, paid a visit to Mayo Monday, returning up the hill next day.

**ED. BARKER** and **MR. AND MRS. IRWIN RAY** returned to Mayo Wednesday from Haggart Creek where Ed. and Irwin had been finishing up some late fall work. Also making the trip in were Mrs. Whitney and Nancy and Miss Page who went out to Haggart on a visit two weeks ago.

Mrs. Ray reports that the pet moose calf which they had been taking care of all summer died shortly before she returned to Haggart two weeks ago after her visit in town.

Barker and Ray went up as far as the Mc-Questen Friday to bring in their truck and Lance-Corporal W. W. Sutherland, R.C.M. P., made the trip with them to Bobbie Burns cabin. They all returned to town Friday night.

**THOS. MCKAY**, "The Keno Lodestar" and Bert Lamb, famous mining-barrister, paid a flying visit to Mayo Friday in Tom's car, returning up the hill to-day, taking with them, among other things, a fresh consignment of doughnuts for Senator Martin, President of the Keno City branch of the Sons of Rest Club.

**WE HEAR THAT:** The new physician for Mayo, who will succeed Dr. Geoff. Homer, who is leaving to join the Army Medical Corps, may arrive on to-day's CPR boat and be here on the first plane in from the south.

**PILOT VINES SOUTH:** Pilot Lionel Vines, at the controls of the Travelair, returned south along the "milk route" Friday, via Mayo. Dick Steeves, who had been on a visit to Dawson, was a returning passenger for Mayo.

## NEWS FLASHES

**NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN DEAD.** London, Nov. 10 - Neville Chamberlain, former Prime Minister, died peacefully at his country home near Oldham, England, Sunday morning. He was 71 and had been in failing health these past several months.

**KEY PITMAN DEAD.** Wash, D. C. Nov. 10 - Senator Key Pitman, chairman of the United States Foreign Relations Committee, died suddenly on Sunday. A former Yukoner, who went to the Klondike goldfields in the gold rush days, Senator Pitman was a staunch supporter of silver and leader of the strong silver bloc in the Senate. Funeral services were held Thursday from his home city, Reno, Nevada. Pitman was known as the "man who raised the price of silver and brought prosperity to Nevada." Hundreds attended the funeral.

**RUSSIA-HITLER TALKS.** Moscow, Nov. 15 - Premier Molotoff arrived back in Moscow Friday night to receive a rousing welcome following his recent two-day conference with Herr Hitler and his aides in Berlin where it is believed important plans pertaining to the two countries were discussed. No details re the future plans have been made public but it is believed Hitler arranged the conference to enlist Russia's aid in the former's plans for a new Order in Europe as a result of the war.

**TERRIBLE QUAKES.** Nov. 16 - The worst earthquake in the country's history struck Rumania early Sunday morning and temblors continued throughout the week, reaching as far as Moscow. Thousand were rendered homeless while the dead were estimated at over 2,000. Whole cities were levelled to the ground by the force of the quake. Rumania's oil fields and plants were seriously damaged and Nazi troops, busy building airports and bases in Rumania were forced to turn from their tasks to help in rescue work.

**STORMS TAKE HIGH TOLL.** Nov. 13 - Worst November storms in years left a toll of death, injuries and destruction in its wake as blizzards and high winds, accompanied by rain, sleet and cold whipped through the midwestern and eastern United States and Eastern Canada early this week. At least 100 persons lost their lives while damage ran into a high figure. Greatest loss of life occurred on the Great Lakes where freighters and other boats were sent to the bottom by the terrific storm.

**SABOTAGE IN STATES.** Wash. Nov. 13 - Gov't. authorities were investigating a series of terrific explosions in widely separated United States powder plants and ship yards. 16 persons lost their lives in explosions at vital powder plants in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Some of the plants damaged were working on National Defence orders. Sabotage is feared in a number of the explosions.

**PLUCKY FIGHT.** Nov. 12 - The heroic story has been released regarding the plucky action of the armed cruiser Jarvis Bay which attacked the German surface raider Admiral Scheer in the Atlantic last week and kept firing until it sank, enabling majority of the ships in the convoy to which it was attached to escape to safety. 65 members of the crew were saved, including 13 Canadians who reached an eastern port this week.

**NEWS FLASH.** Nov. 12 - It is reported the Bremen, crack German liner, was sunk several weeks ago with a huge loss of life.