

Six hundred and forty-three physiotherapy exercises and treatments were given patients of the Queen Alexandra Solarium during February, according to the monthly report of Dr. Glenn Simpson, medical superintendent. There were sixty-two patients in the Solarium during the month.

Three new patients were admitted, seven patients were discharged

A total of 17,925 motor vehicles were licensed in the Greater-Victoria area up to February 28, or 2,184 more vehicles than at the corresponding period last year. Much of the increase, provincial motor record officials said, was due to the armed services in the area. The registrations included 14,148 passenger cars, and 3,777 commercial-type vehicles.

bigger the demobilization problem." Dr. Hall was introduced by Dr. C. M. Henry. The vote of thanks was expressed by A. C. Lindsay, president.

## RAID WARNING PROVIDES TEST

### False Alarm Proves Efficiency of Oak Bay's A.R.P. Services

Oak Bay's A.R.P. organization went through an unscheduled rehearsal of its duties when, shortly after nine o'clock Thursday morning, air raid sirens at Willows Arena and Monterey School sounded for a full five minutes after a telephone engineer inadvertently left a switch open when engaged in transferring cables.

Immediately the sirens sounded, Oak Bay's eleven hundred school children, following the instructions given them in previous drills, filed out under the guidance of their teachers in the High School, Willows and Monterey schools, and left in orderly fashion for their homes.

**WORKERS RESPOND PROMPTLY**  
Wardens, doctors, nurses, auxiliary firemen and other A.R.P. workers went to their posts, and were ready for action within from five to ten minutes of the siren's warning. A serious result of the occurrence was that the fire hall telephones were jammed with calls and had an actual fire occurred, it would have been impossible to receive word of it. Fire Chief E. G. Clayards said.

The public must not call the "alarm" number, E 2141, unless a blaze actually occurs, the fire chief pointed out. He congratulated the Oak Bay school teachers for the way in which they had trained their charges, and also praised the Boy Scouts, auxiliary firemen and high school boys delegated as runners for their promptness in responding to duty, even although it was a false alarm.

Chief of Police H. C. F. Repton said the sound of the sirens, though their tone and frequency were not that of a real air raid warning, was sufficiently ominous to make "pretty nearly everyone think it was the real thing."

Police officers, sent out on patrol by Chief Repton after he received word that the school children had gone home, reported that all pupils were in their homes within minutes, and that no panic was observed. The chief said that the impromptu warning provided a thorough test of the efficiency of

It demonstrated also, he said, that when the public hears the sirens sound, it will not wait to count the number of blasts or time them, or note whether they sound a fluctuating or steady note. "They are going to act," he said, "and that is what most of them did."

Capt. F. G. Dexter, superintendent of Willows and Monterey Schools, said that when the warning sounded the teachers could take no chances with the safety of their pupils, and accordingly carried out the drill already practised many times.

The B.C. Telephone Co. reported that the occurrence which caused Thursday's alarm was unlikely to happen again, and that steps were being taken to prevent a recurrence of it. The incident had one heartening effect—it showed A.R.P. officials that, up to the point of an actual raid, their organization is almost perfect.

### RETURNS TO SCHOOL

The pupils returned to their schools at 1 o'clock for the regular afternoon classes; by 11 o'clock the Oak Bay district had settled down, and citizens had all realized that the alarm was a false one. A.R.P. and civic officials had the satisfaction of knowing that their various services were functioning efficiently.

Major S. F. M. Moodie, officer commanding the civilian protection branch of the British Columbia Police, said that a committee is considering the matter of air raid sirens and the warning they are to give. The committee, which includes officials of the B.C. Telephone Co. and other sound experts, is studying results of the tests made in Victoria on Friday, and will submit its conclusions shortly.

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL HAS CASES

Plans and specifications of Miss M. S. Allan to convert 2147 Granam Street into a two-family residence were approved by the zoning board of appeal during a meeting in the City Hall committee room yesterday afternoon. An appeal of Miss H. R. Humphrey for permission to construct an air raid shelter in front of premises at 1322 Richardson Street was tabled indefinitely because she neglected to submit plans and specifications.

Members of the board disallowed an appeal of Mrs. V. E. Fawcett for permission to erect a four-room bungalow at Moss Street and Purcell Place. Plans of C. M. Cookson to convert 1655 Yates Street into a two-family home were disapproved. Plans of A. E. Alexander to convert 57 Marlborough Street into a six-suite apartment building were approved.

## FILM SHOWING

### Air Command Plans Special Programme With Noted Guests Attending

During the showing of the picture, "Captains of the Clouds," at the Capitol Theatre here a special programme has been arranged by the Western Air Command for Wednesday night, March 23, with representatives of the three services and invited guests in attendance.

Premier showings of the movie, patterned on the exploits of Canada's daring airmen and based on the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, were recently held in Vancouver, Toronto, New York, Melbourne, London and Cairo.

### BANDS TO ATTEND

Ceremonies will begin prior to the 8:30 showing of the picture and will open with the marching of fifty airmen guests, headed by the Patricia Bay Band, from a rendezvous several blocks from the theatre. The group, none of whom will rank above leading aircraftman, will include twenty men from the command, twenty from the R.C.A.F. station at Patricia Bay, and ten from No. 32 O.T.U. A corridor of guards of Air Force Cadets will be formed along the sidewalk in front of the theatre and the lobby will be lined with cadets.

The R.C.A.F. band will appear on the stage in a short programme and Flight Sgt. S. J. Prith will sing the air force song, "We Are the Air Force."

Squadron-Leader Owen Cathcart-Jones will be master of ceremonies for the stage show. Recently posted here from headquarters at Ottawa, he was technical adviser to Warner Bros. in producing the picture.

### THRILLING SCENES

The picture is replete with breathtaking scenes and was made in the United States and Canada. Canadian scenes were produced at No. 2 Service Flying Training Station, Uplands, Ottawa, and at Trenton and Ottawa. A plot dealing with bush flying is woven into the picture, for which scenes were taken at North Bay, Ontario.

Guests will include Lieutenant-Governor W. C. Woodward and party, and high-ranking officers of the Pacific Command in this area.

### CITY BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings in Victoria for the week ending yesterday totaled \$1,644,118 compared with \$1,679,032 for the corresponding week last year.

and minimum temperature recorded yesterday at the Meteorological Observatory. High were 48 and 46 respectively. The maximum tature observed on the Strathcona Hotel was 48 and the minimum 37 at

**Chimney Fire**—Cal night at 11:15 o'clock extinguished a chimney Dallas Road.

**New Dwelling**—F. A secured a \$2,280 city bid yesterday to construct dwelling at 959 B

**Eleven Fined**—Ten men each fined \$2.50 yesterday police court for violations of parking regulations; other paid a \$10 fine for street car about to take

**At Livestock Show**—MacDonald, Minister of and J. B. Munro, his deputy the Mainland yesterday the annual livestock show, Hon. G. S. Pears on the Mainland during

**West Coast Road**—A City Council that the road be completed, as measure has been referred appropriate officers of the National Defence, at letter received yesterday City Hall from Ottawa.

**Are Remanded**—A pleaded not guilty yesterday city police court to a charge as a chauffeur licence was suspended for trial. A taxi company not guilty to a charge of the man, and was also Monday.

**Fines Many Drivers**—Police court yesterday H. C. Hall fined a motor 1942 licence plate licence, \$15. Six drivers exceeded the thirty-mile were fined \$10 each, a \$5 for having no muffler. Two who had no driver paid \$5 each.

**No Jurisdiction**—A City Council that if Prices and Trade Board investigate prices stove wood and sawdu referred to the Public U mission for study, acc letter received at the C communication stated vestigation was not with the board.

**Judgment Held**—It reserved by Magistrate Hall until next Tuesday police court in the case represented by Gorman who pleaded not guilty to a charge of manner dangerous to the Hillside Avenue and Street on February 27 John Blackstock and Samuel McKenzie gave a collision in which the car caused damage of other machine.

**Pleads Guilty**—Hento pleaded guilty yesterday police court to a charge gasoline from a Stewar Retail Lumber Yard to Gorge Road on March 3, manded until this morning. Constables Thonson and Charles Webb found the accused sitting with a tank full of gas of a recent filling, and a tin and rubber hose. Six of gasoline were missing truck which also bore sline having been recent off.

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O.T.C. hoopers for Head last night defeated Canadian Navy, 36-23. In Basketball League fixture Patricia Bay.

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## Police Check Japanese Car Owners



Royal Canadian Mounted Police and civilian custodians had a busy day yesterday as Japanese from all over Vancouver Island arrived at the Exhibition Grounds to turn over their cars for the duration of the war. Seen above are a group of the first Japanese to arrive with their automobiles, receiving official receipts from police officers.