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## Cobalt Council Considers Home for Aged Project

Jack McGarry, head of one of three families being evicted from their residences on Lang St. in Cobalt on April 15, appeared before the Council last Tuesday night to appeal for aid in their plight.

"Back taxes on his property amount to \$215," said Mr. McGarry, "and under these circumstances cannot sell my house".

Council said that their hands were tied and that they were not able to be of assistance in this instance. The Council could only recommend that Mr. McGarry get in touch with the magistrate who passed judgement on the case and ask for an extension of time, since the date set for eviction is in the middle of winter and as yet he has nowhere to go. The property belongs to Mastermat Mining Co., who intend to use the site for a gas station.

Mr. McGarry was hurt some years back in an accident when he suffered a 30-foot fall from the warehouse he was working on and since that time has been unable to work.

Several complaints have been received by the Councillors and by the police department concerning parked cars obstructing the removal of snow and blocking of drive-ways, preventing the owners of homes from having their houses refueled.

Council decided that strong action must be taken to correct this and authorized the police to have these vehicles removed at the cost of the owner.

Three new hydrants are to be replaced along Lang St. and in other parts of town. It was decided that new equipment should be purchased in that the "price of used equipment was not realistic compared to its value".

The people of Cobalt are certainly not gaining much from the revenue of parking meters this year. According to the financial report for 1958 parking meters only earned \$147 which comes to around 30 cents to 40 cents per day.

The cemetery board reported that there was considerably more spent in improving the grounds in the year 1957 than in 1958 and in the forth coming year of 1959 there should be a much larger grant awarded by the town so that Silverwood Cemetery could be a place "more attractive to the residents of Cobalt than others in surrounding towns." The Council will consider this at budget time.

Canadian Institute for the Blind requested a grant from the Council so that work with blind people in this area might be carried on with the same success as in past years. The Council decided that this could be more aptly assessed at budget time.

Correspondence was received from the New Liskeard Recreation Board announcing the formation of a Senior Citizen's Organization for the Tri-Town area. The first steps toward the formation of such an organization would be in the form of a seminar at which members of all the Tri-Town Councils would be represented, in this way the idea could be ably discussed and perhaps some concrete agreement could be reached towards its foundation.

Jack Mathews said that while this subject of our senior citizens was still open for discussion that the matter of a "home for the aged" be reconsidered.

A previous Council had given this project a great deal of work a few years ago but the time was not then ripe and it had not met with success.

John Hunt who was a councillor at that time presented his findings

to the Council. He claimed that generally the larger towns were for the idea except that they all wanted it located in their own municipality, but the main stumbling block was the smaller places. He said that since the finance would have to be handled on a per capita basis this put a much larger strain on smaller communities, and naturally this was not agreeable to them.

This time the Cobalt Council decided that they would take the initiative in approaching other towns and seeing the project through to some solution.

Council unanimously donated \$30 toward advertising on TV in the aid of the National "Do-It-Now" Campaign.

Ontario Hydro announced new rates for coloured street lights. The new rate is to come into effect this month, and the new rate for coloured lights would be \$25 as compared to the old rate of \$10.80.

## Honor Geologist

Charles Camsell of Haileybury will leave this week-end for Ottawa where he will join Hon. Howard Green, Minister of Public Works, Mrs. Green and party to fly to Vancouver by Department of Transport plane to take part in the launching ceremony of a new ice breaker.

The vessel, which will be used in the Western Arctic, will be named in honor of Mr. Camsell's father, the late Dr. Charles Camsell and will be christened by Mrs. Howard Green, wife of the Minister of Public Works.

The party will fly from Ottawa Sunday, returning Wednesday.

## TV Cable Service Available in Town

Perfect TV reception is moving daily closer to Haileybury, according to information received from Dave McLaughlin this week.

"We are ready to go on with the work," said Mr. McLaughlin, "but we would like some assurance that sufficient home owners are interested in buying the service to make it an economic possibility." On another page of the Haileyburian is a coupon, to be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Mr. McLaughlin also provided some information regarding the potential of the new service and its cost to users.

The TV cable system starts with a tower and antenna installation to pick up the signal from Elk Lake, Rouyn and will have a good possibility of bringing in Sudbury.

The signal pick-up may be weak, but equipment will clean out any interference, and strengthen it, before it is piped via cable into the homes.

The cable has the advantage of eliminating roof-top antenna, and the inherent shortening of the life of the roof, and to other property, in event of its falling onto other homes, cars, property or persons.

It would also eliminate the need for checking antenna for a possible source of trouble in reception. The cable is also safer in a lightning storm.

The owner who subscribes for cable service will get a signal of sufficient strength to produce a



His Excellency, Dr. L. N. Palar, Ambassador to Canada of Indonesia was a visitor in New Liskeard during the weekend. He is shown (left) above, being introduced by John McKay-Clements (centre) President of the South Temiskaming Canadian Club to W. J. Barr (right) who welcomed His Excellency in his official capacity as Mayor of New Liskeard. During his visit Dr. Palar spoke to the New Liskeard Kiwanis Club at their regular Monday luncheon and later returned the welcome he had received from the Mayor by visiting Council Chambers and meeting members of Council. During the weekend he was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brotherhood, Judge and Mrs. J. B. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. H. Taylor. He was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. John McKay-Clements during his stay and after Monday evening meeting of the Canadian Club met a number of Club members and other guests at Mr. and Mrs. McKay-Clements' residence. He left for Timmins on Tuesday morning.

## Victorian Order of Nurses To End Services in Cobalt

COBALT — The annual meeting of the Cobalt and Coleman Branch, VON was held Friday evening, February 6th in the Community Hall. Mrs. T. J. Duncan presided. The treasurer's report, which showed deficit for the year, was presented and adopted as read.

In her report, Mrs. Duncan, the president outlined the years activities. She regretted that she could not report a better year fi-

nancially. In April Mrs. Duncan attended the VON 60th annual meeting. In June Miss Kossowska nurse in charge resigned and was replaced by Miss Gwen Miller, present nurse in charge. In October a new Volkswagen was purchased for the branch. This was paid for by a car fund set up some years ago.

Mrs. I. B. Hayes resigned as treasurer and Mrs. L. Humphreys took over. In November, Mrs. Duncan attended a Regional Conference in Timmins. In concluding Mrs. Duncan thanked all those who had assisted the VON during the year. Miss Miller, nurse in charge gave her annual report. She gave a brief discussion of VON work, and spoke of the co-operation of the VON and the Temiskaming Health Unit, working together for the same goal—enabling the public to lead healthier and therefore happier lives.

In 1958 there were 785 nursing care visits and 833 Health Instruction visits. There were one polio and three immunization clinics held in co-operation with the Health Unit. Total attendance at the well baby clinics was 267. The secretary's annual report was read. In 1957 the number of members on the board of management dropped to seventeen. The board met the third Monday of each month in the nurses office in the Federal Building. There was one special meeting called in November. There were four committees, Finance, Car, Publicity and Nominating. In the year two dances, a bingo and raffle were held. Letters were sent to local organizations and firms soliciting their financial help. Posters were placed in a local store in VON week and a short film shown at the theatre. Miss C. Maddaford, Regional Director visited the Cobalt and Coleman branch in March and November. The 1958 slate of officers agreed to carry on in 1959. Meeting was then adjourned.

D. Houghton, acting Reeve of Coleman Township was chairman at a special meeting of the Cobalt and Coleman Branch VON, which followed immediately after the annual meeting.

The meeting was called to discuss the recommendation that the Cobalt and Coleman Branch terminate its service to the community. Mrs. T. J. Duncan, president of the branch, expressed deep regret that changing conditions had forced the board to reach such a decision.

The branch was organized in 1911, when there were fewer hospitalization plans and home nursing care was much more accepted method of caring for the sick.

Maternity cases, for example, were usually cared for in the home. Regular clinics for prevention of illness and immunization for many childrens diseases has cut illness in schools and homes. Costs have been advancing from year to year and the number of nursing care calls has been decreasing.

A smaller population in the district also adds to the difficulties in financing.

These combined obstacles make it a too difficult task to continue and the board asked permission to terminate the service.

Miss Catherine Maddaford, Regional Director of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada was asked to address the meeting—Miss Maddaford stated that, though National office regretted it, support was given to the recommendation that the service in Cobalt and Coleman be terminated.

She explained that the primary function of the VON is to provide bedside nursing care to patients in their home on a visit or part time basis. Its services are available to all regardless of financial status, race, creed or colour.

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## Bingo

Mrs. William Lathem of North Cobalt was the winner of the \$325.00 door prize at the bingo sponsored by the Cobalt-Haileybury Curling Club, on Saturday night in the Club Lounge. The prize was won on a black-out.