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"Grey Owl" Honoured In Temagami Ceremony

On Sunday the 2nd of August, commencing at 2:30 p.m., ceremonies in connection with the unveiling of an historical plaque commemorating Grey Owl (Archibald Belaney) will be held in the Finlayson Point Provincial Camping Grounds one mile south of the village of Temagami.

This plaque is one of a series being erected throughout the province by the Historical Branch of the Department of Travel and Publicity, acting on the advice of the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board of Ontario.

Sunday's ceremony is being sponsored by the Temagami Chamber of Commerce, whose president, Mr. W. Spooner, will act as chairman. The plaque will be unveiled by the Honourable J. Wilfrid Spooner, Ontario's Minister of Lands and Forests, and the Historic Sites Board will be represented by Mr. Leslie R. Gray, a past-president, Mr. W. Spooner, will act Society. Among those who are expected to take part in the program are: Mr. Robert Herbert, (M.P.P. Temiskaming) and Colonel C. E. Reynolds, Chairman of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission.

Archibald Belaney was born in England in 1888. His mother was an American, and he later claimed that she was of Apache Indian blood, but no proof has ever been obtained for this statement. His father, George Belaney an Englishman, abandoned his family and "Archie" was brought up by his grandmother and aunts in England.

From an early age he displayed a strong interest in the out of doors, and was determined to live the life of a frontiersman. In spite of the opposition of his relatives, he emigrated to Canada in the spring of 1905 at the age of 16. After a short stay in Toronto, Belaney obtained work in the Latchford-Cobalt area as a canoeist and packer. In his first introduc-

tion to the bush he was greatly aided by the skilled instruction he received from an Ojibwa Indian named Michelle, with whom he stayed during the winter of 1905-6.

In the summer of 1906 he obtained employment with William Guppy, who was planning to start a hunting and fishing lodge at Temagami. Even at this stage of his career, Belaney had adopted the dress and mannerisms of an Indian, and although he gave Guppy his correct name, he was otherwise most uncommunicative about his past life.

From 1906 to 1910 he worked as a guide for Guppy during the summer and as a trapper and mail carrier during the winter. He lost no opportunity to learn bush lore from the Indians and experienced white trappers, and became an extremely skilled woodsman. In 1910 he married an Indian girl from the

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New Road Surface Runs To Earleton

The Ontario Department of Highways is planning considerable work on district roads this season, and a number of contracts have been let for the work.

A. R. "Bob" Herbert told the Speaker today that tenders have been awarded to Standard Paving Limited for applying a granular base and hot mix paving to Highway 11, from 8.25 miles north of New Liskeard to Earleton; secondary road 571 from Highway 11 southerly .32 miles and Highway 11 through Earleton 1.3 miles.

Tenders have also been called for crushed gravel to be applied on Secondary road 560 from Elk Lake easterly.

In addition there is a proposed schedule of tender calls for capital construction during July and August; one for structural steel work at Blanche and Wright Creeks on Highway 65.

The new bridge over the Blanche and Wright Creek will replace the Bailey now in use and straighten a dangerous bend at that point.

Bucke Fire Brigade To Build New Hall

Bucke Township has a newly formed volunteer fire brigade, and the men are training hard to be ready for the first run with the new equipment that will be on hand shortly.

The brigade is also launching a series of fund-raising projects towards the cost of building a fire hall in North Cobalt.

Councillor Oliver Shaver, chairman of the fire committee was appointed fire chief, but is anxious to have someone take over the job as soon as possible. He feels that he would be unable to vote on council on any fire department issues if he held this post.

Meanwhile Bucke Council has

decided to combine a fire hall and the new township offices in one building, selling the present town hall. Council feels that the combined building should not cost more than \$6,700.

Recently the Ontario Municipal Board signaled the go ahead on the purchase of a new \$11,300 fire truck. The council have already placed an order with American Marsh Pumps (Canada) Ltd., and delivery is expected some time in August. The new truck, which will service all of Bucke Township will be equipped with an 800 gallon tank which is capable of delivering water at the rate of 500 gallons per minute at a pressure of 300 pounds per square inch. The pump will be front mounted.

The firemen, who will man the new equipment on a strictly volunteer basis, have already had one week of rigorous training. Headed by Fire Chief Oliver Shaver it consists of Aurele Belanger, C. W. St. Cyr (secretary), Henry Caron, Lawrence McCoy, Bud Shaver, John Coe, Cliff Kelly, Larient Madore, Hermes Pelletier, George Sorenson, Morris Brown, Dillon Labine, Al Beauchamp, Lawrence Plante, Gus Dessureault, Ed Evans and Gordon Coe (truck drivers), Hector MacFarlane, Joe Arvour, J. D. Watson, Conrad Grenier.

Appeal to Campers

One thoughtless, careless moment can cause a dangerous and costly forest fire.

Appealing to vacationists to do their part to preserve the forests Ontario Department of Lands and Forests officials here point out: "It doesn't take much to transform a beautiful forest into a fire-wasted area. Just one carelessly thrown live match or cigarette stub or an improperly extinguished camp fire can do it.

"Drown camp fires completely. Use safety lighters and vacuum bottles, and remember that it's bad business to smoke at all while walking in wooded areas. Stop when you want to smoke.

"Don't throw bottles in the bush—the sun may focus through them and start a forest fire. It has happened before and can again."



Dick Frost is in possession of a rather unusual early southern Ontario antique flower pot. The unique container is nearly ninety years old and has been assessed as a genuine early Ontario antique by art dealers who came to see it last year. The vase was made by a southern Ontario grandmother and her grandchild in the early days as entertainment for the child. It is assembled from hundreds of bits of broken fine china from all over the world including Dresden china doll fragments, spode china, and even a glass eye from a doll. Cherub faces, cup and saucer fragments, and other bright bits of odd glass all go together to make the flower pot a very pleasing composition.

Watch Your Smoking When Picking Berries

With the blueberry crop ripe, berry-pickers are being warned about smoking while picking berries. In a weekly report from the Swastika District Department of Lands and Forests by D. A. Scott, berry-pickers are warned to smoke only when sitting down in a safe area.

Berry-pickers are also warned to use a lighter and not matches to light cigarettes. Pickers must also make sure that cigaret butts are out before walking away.

Of the 28 fires in the Swastika district this year, investigation by the department has shown that all but one of these fires were caused by human carelessness. The other fire was a small lightning fire. The largest fire to date this year in the district was one in Willison Township in which 590 acres were burned over. The 28 fires in the Swastika district this year have burned over an area of approximately 920 acres of land.

Seed scouting to date in the Swastika district indicates that this is not a heavy seed year, the report says. The department plans to collect quotas of white, red and jack pine and white spruce cones. Persons interested in picking cones should contact the district office at Swastika.

The department also warns property-owners who have spruce trees planted around their homes and lawns to examine plants carefully for the yellow-headed spruce sawfly. The sawfly is present in the Swastika District. For a small number of trees property-holders can use one part of 25 per cent DDT Emulsible Concentrate in nine parts of water. Apply this to the foliage of the spruce trees with a hand or pack sprayer.

Boat operators in the district are

also being warned of safety rules. In a recent court case in Kirkland Lake, a boat operator was fined for running his boat in the evening without lights.

Local Golfers In Noranda Test

Cliff Oliver of Noranda is considered an oddson favourite to win the Northern Ontario Seniors' Golf Association championships which open at the Noranda Mines Golf Club on August 3. Mr. Oliver was the winner of the championships held at Haileybury last year.

Contestants from all over Northern Ontario and Western Quebec will take part in the two-day tournament. In the various age groups, the Association's secretary, J. Lewis Brown, told the Press that he expects all the 1958 trophy winners to be among the starters in defence of their laurels.

These players include Charlie Hughes of Noranda, Joe Sloan of Haileybury, B. F. Merwin of Idylwyld and Dr. J. C. McDonald of Sudbury. They are holders of the Miller, Morissette, Green and Doran trophies.

It is possible, reports Mr. Brown, that a new trophy will be presented for competition for those over 70 years of age.

The condition of the Noranda Mines Golf Club has evoked much praise from the Association's president, J. R. Laidlaw. He described it as one of the north's better courses and made more interesting because of the number of natural hazards.

Advise Amalgamation Of Norwesto - Nortelco

Mr. D. McKelvie, President of Northern Telephone Company, Limited and Norwesto Enterprises Limited, announced that at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of Norwesto a resolution was passed that the Board recommend to the Shareholders of Norwesto that an amalgamation be effected between the Company and Northern Telephone Company, Limited, on a basis to be mutually agreed upon. Certain economies and better administration would result.

Norwesto, of which Northern Telephone Company holds over 52% stock control, serves a large area of Northwestern Ontario stretching from the U.S.-Canada boundary at Fort Frances in the south to Hudson Bay in the north, and from the Manitoba boundary in the west to Lake Nipigon in the east. The major exchanges in this large area include Red Lake, Minaki, Sioux Narrows, etc., with an extensive long distance network. Mr. McKelvie went on to state that the amalgamation would give Northern Telephone Company one of the largest communication systems in Ontario and Quebec, stretching from Senne-terre, Quebec, to the Manitoba boundary.

At the same meeting Mr. McKelvie said that if the present trend continues he expects 1959 to be another record year for Northern. A condensed statement for the five months ending May 31st, 1959, shows total revenue up 6.8% over the corresponding period of last year and the net income also shows a gratifying increase.

He reported that the dial conversion program was well advanced with "cut-overs" at Timmins, Ontario and Senneterre, Quebec planned for this year. Work is under way to convert South Porcupine, Ontario and Barraulte, Quebec, in 1960. The exchange at Jamestown and the extensive toll network from Hearst to Sault Ste. Marie was completed in June of this year.

Budgetary items were studied and it is expected that the financing planned for 1960 will complete the major projects planned for the almost complete dial conversion of the System. However, the Company is actively engaged in preparing estimates for the provision of a large number of circuits for the SAGE program which may require a further large capital expenditure.