

Canadian Hockey Star Urges More Schooling

ELK LAKE — Ralph Backstrom, Montreal Canadiens hockey star was guest speaker at a Scout's Father and Son Banquet held here last week.

Backstrom warned his young listeners that the road to a job in the big league was not an easy one, and urged them to keep up with their studies. "Only one player in 5,000 makes the NHL," he said.

Joe Sexton, president of the Elk Lake Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the First Elk Lake Scout Troop pledged continued sup-

port for the troop which has operated with continued success under the leadership of Scoutmaster Paul DeLong.

As a high spot in the evening was the presentation to the Moose Patrol of badges and knives for being the best among the four patrols over the past year. The award was based on games, cleanliness, neatness and adherence to the Scout laws.

Scoutmaster DeLong reported to the fathers and the committee on progress made during the year.



Football practice can be hot work in the middle of the summer but the district enthusiasts are determined to make a good showing in the N.O.R.F.U. play this year and are out three times a week to get into shape. First games of the season start the last week in August.



Two potential members of the reorganized N.O.R.F.U. in the tri-town practise a placement kick last week at the mining school. The footballers practise every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Organizers of the football club are urging everyone interested to turn out for practice so that the team will have the best possible team.

Fleming - Chapman

Miss Hilda Dianna Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest W. Chapman of Lombardy, and Mr. David Russell Fleming, son of Mrs. Fleming and the late Dr. D. R. Fleming of New Liskeard, were united in marriage on Saturday, July 18 at high noon in St. John's Anglican Church, Smiths Falls. Rev. S. H. Clarke officiated at the ceremony, and Mrs. Elton Hewitt presided at the organ, and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. H. Patterson.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Everett Chapman, wore a floor-length gown of silk organza over taffeta, with cap sleeves and cowl collar with V back. The bouffant skirt featured appliqued roses, and roses and sequins enhanced the neckline. She wore silk organza mittens coming to a V over the hands. Her shoulder-length veil fell from a tiara of sequins and pearls, and she carried a white prayer book with red Sweetheart roses on white streamers.

Mrs. J. E. Ellis of North Bay, was matron-of-honour, and the bridesmaids were Miss Iva Looby of Ottawa, and Miss Dorothy Jordan of Toronto. Miss Carolyn Looby of Toledo, was flowergirl. The attendants were gowned in blue silk organza over taffeta. Their flowered headdresses featured short veils, and they wore white gloves and carried nosegays of blue and white carnations. The flowergirl was winsome in a dress of blue nylon, with white flowered headdress and gloves, and carrying a nosegay of blue and white baby mums.

Mr. G. Ross Fleming, brother of the groom, of New Liskeard, was groomsman, and ushering were Mr. Arnold Chapman of Lombardy and Mr. Richard Fleming of New Liskeard.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Barker's Motel, Lombardy. The bride's mother received the guests in a dress of blue printed nylon over taffeta, with white accessories and a pink rose bud corsage. She was assisted by the groom's mother who chose a pink embroidered linen dress, white accessories and a corsage of yellow carnations.

For travelling the bride donned a brown sheath silk dress with matching duster, and beige accessories. A bronze carnation corsage completed her costume.

Football

With the pig-skin season just around the corner, Tri-Town football enthusiasts are dusting off their coon skin coats and looking forward to some rousing sport.

For the first time in several years the Tri-Town is entering again into the Northern Ontario Football circuit and plans are already laid to make this year's team one that will really be able to account for itself.

The good turn out at the practices give the organizers every reason to believe that this year will be one of the best yet.

Spokesmen for the club ask that everyone interested in participating turn out, practices are well under way, but the positions on the team have not yet been given out.

The team practice every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Mining School sports grounds.

The Tri - Town "Miners" whose executive consists of G. Morrisette, G. Rouse, M. Laveigne and W. Fleming Sr. have planned a stag to pay for the cost of bond and entry fee to be held on August 28.

The district will be treated to their first game on August 30, against Kirkland Lake, at the Mining School.

Grey Owl

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Bear Island Reserve, but shortly thereafter moved to Biscatasig. He guided and trapped in that region, which included the area now contained in the great Mississagi Provincial Forest, until 1914. In the latter year he obtained employment as a fire ranger.

In May 1915 he joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and in August, 1915, was sent to the 13th Battalion in France. Twice wounded he was discharged as medically unfit in 1917.

War service further strengthened Belaney's dislike of civilization, and determination to cut himself off from normal contact with white men. He returned to Northern Ontario and in the next four years adopted the life and customs of a nomadic Indian. His principal mentor in the Indian hand to which he attached himself was Negani-kabu, an elderly and philosophical Ojibwa. The latter added to Belaney's already considerable knowledge of the bush. Belaney was formally adopted into the tribe and given the name Washaquaonasin or Grey Owl. From this time until his death he was generally believed to be an Indian, an impression which he seems to have himself encouraged.

In 1925 he left Biscatasig and moved north to an uninhabited region, and later to the Temiscouta

area of Quebec province. In 1928 he gave up trapping and devoted the remainder of his life to conservation. Grey Owl displayed a remarkable ability at gaining the confidence of wild animals. This was particularly true of beaver. He built his cabins by the edge of lakes and actually had families of beaver living in a portion of the building with him after they had constructed tunnels to the water. He was thus able to make an unparalleled study of their habits.

During the winter of 1928-29 he wrote an article based on his experiences in the wilderness which was accepted by the English magazine "Country Life". This started an extremely successful literary career, during which he wrote such books as "Pilgrims of the Wild", "The Vanishing Frontier", "The Adventures of Sago and Her Beaver People", "Tales of an Empty Cabin" and "The Men of the Last Frontier". These books were widely read in North America and the United Kingdom. They came at a time when, after a period of comparative neglect, the public was displaying a renewed interest in the conservation of the forests and wild life. Although specialists in the field had long advocated public support for conservation measures, Grey Owl's books reached a mass audience and helped greatly to publicize these measures.

In addition to his writing ability, Belaney was an accomplished

natural speaker, and in 1937 made extensive lecture tours through the United Kingdom. One of these lectures was given before the Royal Family at Buckingham Palace.

The National Parks Branch of the Federal Government had been working towards the same goal in the field of conservation, and realized the value of the publicity furnished by Grey Owl. Consequently, from 1931 until his death he was employed by the branch to carry on his experiments with beaver. He was first assigned to Riding Mountain Park, but the lake on which he was stationed there proved unsuitable for beaver, and he was transferred to Ajawaan Lake in Prince Albert National Park. Department films and photographs featuring his work with beaver were widely distributed.

Grey Owl died at Ajawaan Lake on 13th of April, 1938. Following his death investigations by newspapers disclosed much of his well-concealed background, established the fact that he was an Englishman. This destroyed some of the romantic illusion with which he had surrounded himself. However, it did nothing to alter the fact that through his life and writing he had greatly stimulated the cause of forest and wild life conservation in Canada.

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