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New Processing Plant May Move to Cobalt

Cobalters are anxiously awaiting news concerning a new silver processing plant to serve the area's mines. Since Delora closed, the local silver mines have had to ship their concentrates to the United States for smelting.

A group of local mine managers returned from Toronto on Wednesday, where they met with Premier Leslie Frost and Mines Minister James Maloney and representatives of several mining and refining concerns.

Jerry Gerome, manager of Langis Silver, said yesterday that he is reasonably hopeful of a satisfactory solution being reached in the near future.

Mr. Gerome said that the very well-known mining concern of Sherritt Gordon made the local mine operator's one proposal for handling cobalt concentrates, but did not make a proposal for silver.

However, a tariff for hand-

ling both silver and cobalt is being prepared by the company, and will be offered shortly.

Mr. Gerome said that at least one, and possibly two other concerns are also interested in handling the Cobalt area concentrates, and it is possible that the local mines will have a choice of three proposals.

Bucke Township Ratepayers Meet

At an executive meeting of the Ratepayers' Association of the North-West Township of Bucke last night, it was decided to recommend to the Membership that the Constitution be changed so that the name in future shall be the Ratepayers' Association of the Township of Bucke, thus making the membership available to those who are entitled to vote at Township of Bucke Municipal Elections, or non-residents who are tax payers in the same area. It was agreed that the Association as at present constituted was formed for the purpose of protecting the interests of those tax payers in the area north of Haileybury, but that the picture had changed since that date. It was agreed that to be effective, the Association should serve all tax payers in the Township of Bucke, and that recent events had made this more necessary than ever. Recent developments regarding the proposed "scrapping" of the new 1961 Assessment stress the importance of providing reliable information to tax payers, and to do everything possible to not only conserve the taxpayers' money, but to try and bring into effect one of the principal objectives of the Association, an equalized assessment. This can be attained by making full use of the advice and facilities provided by the local office of the Municipal Board. A general meeting of the Association members will be called on or about March 1, and a notice will be forwarded to all paid-up members.

Consols Playoffs At Haileybury

Five rinks from the Cobalt-Haileybury Club entered the local playoffs to determine who should represent the Club in the British Consols.

The winning rinks were Ron Morissette, skip, with William Grozelle, John Morrison and Ralph Hargrave; William V. Fleming skip, with Wilm E. Fleming, Roger Fleming and Bud Dempster.

Personnel of the defeated rinks were Taylor Pipe, skip, William Backland, Robert Hinds and George Stewart; Clayton Dunn, skip, William Mallett, Ted Fitzgerald and Jack Buffam; Ben Bourget, skip, R. Campeau, Glen Moody and Ron Taylor.

These winners will be playing off in Haileybury this week-end, with two rinks from New Liskeard and one from Temagami.

Next week-end the district Play-downs will be in New Liskeard, starting February 2.

Emmett Smith Bonspiel Held At Boulevard Club

A former member of the Cobalt-Haileybury Curling Club was honoured by the Boulevard Club in Toronto, where he is now a member, by an "Emmett Smith Bonspiel". This was held on January 7, 1961 at the Boulevard Club in Toronto to celebrate Emmett's 50 years of curling. It was on this day that Emmett first joined the Haileybury Club in 1911.

Entries were limited to 24 rinks and curling continued during the morning and afternoon. Two ten-end games were played by all competing rinks and suitable prizes were awarded.

At seven o'clock a cocktail party was held by the club and at eight o'clock over two hundred attended a banquet in his honour.

Representatives were present from the Dominion Curling Association of which Emmett is a life member and past president. The Cobalt-Haileybury Curling Club was represented by Mr. Alec Mosher a past president who spoke on behalf of the club. Representa-

tives from the ladies' section and business girls section of the Boulevard Club were present and acknowledged the guidance and instruction Emmett had given to their players.

Wires were read from the President of the Boulevard Club at present in Florida, regretting his absence, from the Cobalt-Haileybury Club, Northwestern Quebec Curling Association, Northern Ontario Curling Association, Sigma Mines Curling Club, Ladies' Section of the Sigma Mines Club, Montreal Thistle Curling Club, Elliot Lake Curling Club, Bevecon Curling Club, Sudbury Granite Curling Club, Siscoe Mine Curling Club and a great many personal wires from curlers in Ontario, Quebec and the other provinces in Canada.

The Boulevard Club presented Emmett with a diamond studded Boulevard Club Pin the first one ever cast by the club. A very fine floor show was provided by the Club during the evening.



The home of Mr. and Mrs. Cezare Corbelli of Third Street, Cobalt, was seriously damaged by fire during the early hours of Wednesday morning. The fire started in the upstairs apartment occupied by Maurice Trudel, which was almost gutted. The downstairs apartment was badly damaged by smoke and water.

Bucke Council Busy Township in a Tizzy

Reeve Harry Groom and his merry men of Bucke township went into a secret huddle last Thursday, and came out with a resolution that is throwing the township into a tizzy.

The Reeve and council voted to throw out the recent reassessment and levy taxes for 1961 on the basis of the 1959 assessment.

The reeve said that the township is setting a precedent, but they believe that if the department of municipal affairs investigates, it will find that the council's actions are justified.

Mr. Groom claims that the council has petitions before it signed by 160 persons, asking for the reassessment to be scrapped. There are also some 150 appeals against the court of revision's decisions before Judge J. B. Robinson.

All the councillors are said to have voted in favor of the motion except Councillor Chester Hopkins, who abstained.

"I tried to persuade the council that it had no jurisdiction in the matter, and they are wasting their time and the taxpayers'", Mr. Hopkins stated.

Mr. Hopkins said that he is in favor of ironing out any unjust situations that have arisen during the reassessment, rather than trying to scrap the whole thing.

"The judge and the town solicitor have already told the town council that they cannot throw out the assessment unless they can find that the previous council did something illegal", he continued.

Mr. Hopkins said that he has written to the department of municipal affairs, asking that an expert be sent up to put the council on the right track.

The township councillor also criticised Mr. Groom for recent statements in which he claimed that the township is in bad financial shape.

"Last summer Mr. Groom urged

all the taxpayers to refuse to pay taxes unless the council resigned. Now he can see that a good many took his advice. If we are short of money, he must take his share of the blame", he added.

The Weather

Week ending January 24, 1961	Max.	Min.
Wednesday	00	-14
Thursday	-9	-25
Friday	-3	-14
Saturday	-7	-17
Sunday	-4	-20
Monday	00	-23
Tuesday	-10	-17

- denotes below zero.

Laurent Belanger Returning Officer For Temiskaming

Laurent Belanger, Earlton, has been appointed Returning Officer for the Federal riding of Temiskaming. His appointment was made effective by order in council.

Mr. Belanger recently returned from Ottawa where he attended a course of instruction for returning officers at the office of N. Castonguay, Chief Electoral Officer for Canada.

Mr. Belanger told the Speaker that his first task will be a complete revision of the polling subdivisions throughout the electoral dis-

Scholarship Awards For Mining School

Mr. O. E. Walli, principal of the Provincial Institute of Mining in Haileybury has announced the awarding of 21 scholarships, valued at \$2,227.00 to high ranking students at the school.

The Major J. H. Rattray, M.C., Memorial Scholarships, each valued at \$200, went to Joseph Mather, Sudbury; Lionel Gunter, Ormsby; David Barnes, Normetal, Que.; Chester Kajdas, Kirkland Lake; J. P. Lessard, Val d'Or, Que.

The Interational Nickel Company Scholarships were awarded as follows: Michael Weatherley, St. Catharines, \$200; Laurent Caron, Evain, Que., \$125; George Green, Kirkland Lake, \$125; James Nicholls, Haileybury, and Paul Willmott, Gravenhurst, each received \$75.

The Mines Scholarships went to Brian Glassford, Hamilton, and

Terence Ferderber, Bourlamaque, Que., each received \$125; Gary Vedova, Timmins, and Bruce Irvine, St. Catharines, each received \$50.

The Women's Association of the Mining Industry of Canada, donated four prizes of \$50 each and these were awarded to Donald Sirkka, Copper Cliff; David Wetmore, Port Credit; Robert Blackie, Beaconsfield, England, and Marcel Caron, Haileybury.

The Prospectors and Developers Association donated two prizes one of \$75 and one of \$50. These were won by Balfour Thomas, Capreol, \$75; and Charles Camshell, Haileybury, 50.

David Barnes of Normetal, Que., received the Association of Canadian Testing Laboratories prize of \$50.