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Thousands Crowd Liskeard Beach For Annual Firemen's Tournament

Ties and tie-breaking runoffs featured the 45th annual Tournament of the Temiskaming Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association held at New Liskeard Beach on Dominion Day.

And even then it took the toss of a coin to decide which of two brigades, from Ansonville and Iroquois Falls would take the grand aggregate prize. Iroquois Falls won the flip.

On Saturday one of the finest parades in the history of the town filed away from the Fair Grounds and wound its way to the Beach. Two corps of Majorettes and four Pipe Bands added color to the parade and gave a lift to the brogans of the smartly dressed brigades. Scouts from the New Liskeard troops acted as markers for the marchers.

Larder Lake Fire Department won top place for best appearance in the parade winning the Fuller Trophy. Close behind the winners were: La Sarre, Kirkland and Kapuskasing to receive a trophy from the host New Liskeard Department.

Before a packed grandstand and hundreds of railbirds, North Cobalt Fire Department work team won Thibeault Trophy as the best dressed competitors, and Ville Marie Brigade took second spot.

The first event was the firechief's race and Chief Baril of Duparquet out footed all opposition to win the race, on his heels were Chiefs Davis, Porcupine, Paradis, La Sarre and Pawson of Cochrane, in that order.

The firemen's race went to fleet-

footed Brien of Amos, with De-gurse, Kap.; Fox, Bucke; Bertrand, Rouyn, and Dontigny of Normetal.

The first team race of the afternoon was the ladder event, and the teams were so equally matched that a hiccuph by one man was enough to lose the race.

In the first round Calvert and Rouyn were tied for first place with an 18 second timing and Noranda Mines, each one-fifth of a second slower were also tied.

In the tie-breaker Rouyn beat Calvert by a fifth and took first spot, Iroquois Falls made the best time of the event, 17.4, to beat Noranda Mines for third place.

The same tight fit occurred in the Wagon Race; Iroquois Falls took first place with a fast 38.4 which was never challenged, but Cobalt, Ansonville and Noranda were all tied with a 42 second count. In the run-off Ansonville placed second, and Noranda third.

Kirkland Lake won the Fred Thompson Trophy for proficiency in the first aid competition, Noranda placed second and carried home the Hazel Thompson Trophy. Following were South Porcupine, Larder Lake and McGarry.

The Thomas Blair Trophy was taken by Calvert Department for top points in the combined wagon, ladder and fire aid events.

Mine Surface Rights Purchased by Cobalt

Silver Miller Mines, long associated with the town of Cobalt, has sold most of its surface rights within the municipality, to the corporation for the token sum of one dollar.

Dalton Dean, acting as solicitor for the town, immediately filed transfer papers at the Land Titles office. About 40 Cobalt homes are located on the transferred land which is approximately nine acres.

The transfer of the surface rights followed several months of negotiations between Cobalt council and the mining company.

"I am very happy about this," Mayor Fulton Purdy said. "It means that the home owners will be able to get title to their property, something they have not been able to do, and it will make them secure in their homes."

The mayor said that he knows of several families who intend to carry out major improvements to their homes now that they will be able to get clear title to the land. "And I have reason to believe that we shall see several new buildings go up," he added. Murray Cooper, president of the mining company,

said that he was glad to see the transfer effected.

"Silver Miller has always had a very happy relationship with Cobalt, and the people of Cobalt, and I feel that this move will cement the relationship," he said.

Mayor Purdy said that the lots will have to be surveyed, and that then the town will offer the land to the home owners at a reasonable price. "In my opinion this is one of the best things that has happened in Cobalt for many years, and is the first step towards unscrambling the land ownership muddle which has held the town back for so long," he stated.

Will Make Offer to Mastermet Mines

Cobalt council is preparing to make Mastermet Mining Company an offer for the surface rights the mining company has in the town.

The offer, as outlined by the council, would consist of paying Mastermet \$200 each for the 56 occupied lots, and \$15 each for approximately 80 unoccupied lots.

In addition the town would wipe out an outstanding tax bill of some \$3,800, and foot the costs of a survey and the legal expenses. The survey and legal fees would probably total around \$7,000.

All the costs involved would be assessed to the home owners now living on the Mastermet property and the town would recover all its expenditures when the lots were sold to the residents now using the ground.

The proposal has been unanimously approved by the council, and is being prepared for submission to the mining company. It is believed that the provincial legislature would have to pass a special bill to authorize the council to enter into the real estate transaction.



Taking a prominent part in the Firemen's parade were teams of Majorettes, high stepping all the way from the Memorial Arena to the beach.

By Pass

A \$319,569 contract has been awarded to the Finley W. McLachlan Company of Toronto for grading, drainage and granular base as first part of an estimated \$3,000,000 route to bypass Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard.

The department of highways said 16 companies bid for the contract, the second lowest bid being \$343,434.

Cobalt Kiwanis Club Sponsors Track Meet

The Cobalt Elementary Schools' Track and Field Meet was held this year on Wednesday, June 21. Excellent weather prevailed and competition was keen for the trophies and ribbons which were presented to the winners. The Cobalt Kiwanis Club sponsored the event and with club members and the teaching staffs on hand to supervise, all events were run off smoothly. Cobalt Public School emerged victorious with 93 points, St. Pat's followed with 31 and Ste. Therese, 29. The girls' champion was Miss D. St. Jean from St. Pat's School, who collected a total of 15 points while the boys' champion was Wayne Olan of Cobalt Public School with 13 points. This Track and Field Event completed the Spring program of the Boys' and Girls' Committee of the Cobalt Kiwanis Club which also included a Bicycle Rodeo for children of the Elementary Schools and the distribution of safety pamphlets to the school children. Winners for the various events in the Track and Field Meet were as follows:

Softball Throw (boys) 1. Chris Cull, Public School; 2. N. Lacroix, Ste. Therese; 3. R. Rody, Ste. Therese.

Boys' Shot Put 1. G. Bilodeau,

Ste. Therese; 2. John Cooper, Public; 3. Kevin Coles, Public.

Running Broad Jump 1. Raymond Rody, Ste. Therese; 2. Wayne Olan, Public; 3. G. Boudreau, Ste. Therese.

Standing Board Jump 1. Terry Gagnon, Public School; 2. John Cooper, Public School; 3. R. Rody, Ste. Therese.

High Jump 1. Harold Kenty, Public School; 2. Gordon Tryon, Public School; 3. J. Dunning, St. Pat's.

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Opportunities Here States N.O.D.A. Manager

The biggest opportunities for economic expansion are in our own backyard, according to W. H. C. Marsh, general manager of the Northeastern Ontario Development Association.

Mr. Marsh said that practically all the food and goods needed for some one million people in Northeastern Ontario and Northwestern Quebec is imported over long truck and rail hauls.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the NODA held in North Bay recently, Mr. Marsh said that these imports should be studied with a

view to replacing some with goods of local manufacture. "We must encourage new farmers from Southern Ontario to our vast agricultural lands to grow more of the food we eat," he added.

One of the first projects for the organization this year will be to compile a manual of industrial services for the area.

A study of the possibility of a water-borne feed grain movement to Manitoulin Island had revealed it appeared feasible from an economic viewpoint, he reported. A firm of grain dealers on the island

is planning to proceed with the plan.

Meetings will be held in North Bay and in Sudbury in mid-July with manufacturers interested in obtaining new products to manufacture and to discuss any export market problems.

A federal-provincial conference under the Ontario Department of Commerce and Development is being planned for October in North Bay. It will outline details and conditions that accompany development of an export market.

The association has been cooperating with the travel and publicity department in reorganization of regional tourist councils to make available the department's system of matching grants up to \$5,000 expenditures for publicity.

Mr. Marsh said "The development association is now in the strongest position that it has ever enjoyed." Approximately 40 member municipalities are expected to participate in the program this year, allowing a working budget of more than \$30,000, including the government's contribution.

Boy Killed on Hwy. 11 Sole Holiday Death

A little boy wanted to get in a family snapshot Sunday, and ran across Highway 11 into the path of a car. Robert Paul Simpson, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Simpson, Smooth Rock Falls, died instantly.

The Simpson car was parked on the west side of Highway 11 near Pine Land Camp, about 24 miles south of Temagami.

Mrs. Simpson was on the opposite side of the road taking pictures when the little boy ran across to join her, and was killed by a car driven by Robert Cyr, 22, of St. Elzear, Quebec.

OPP officers from the Temagami detachment are investigating the fatality.

The Simpson boy's death was the only fatality in the area during the week-end. Police in other areas reported:

Cobalt — one minor accident, no injuries.

Haileybury — two minor accidents, no injuries.

New Liskeard — one minor accident, no injuries.

Englehart — no accidents.

Elk Lake — no accidents.

Kirkland Lake — two minor accidents, no injuries.

Teck Township — three minor accidents, no injuries.

Matheson — no accidents.

Larder Lake — no accidents.

Virginiatown — no accidents.

Rouyn QPP — no accidents.

Petty Thefts

There was a rash of petty thefts last week-end in the Tri-Town area. George Marchese of New Liskeard had an automobile transmission stolen from his scrap metal yard.

Meanest theft of the week was when someone stole \$25 in cash and groceries worth another \$25 from the home of a North Cobalt old age pensioner.

Vandals also broke into the Judge Separate School, smashed a typewriter, damaged furniture and stole the Red Cross donations.

All the incidents are being investigated by OPP officers from the Haileybury detachment.