

## THREE VALUABLE PRIZES FOR ATTENDING CLINIC

For Baby Attending Clinic Once a Week from January 1st to June 30th, 1926.

The Infant Welfare Clinic announces this week that through the courtesy and interest of the Kiwanis Club of Timmins the Clinic is able to offer three valuable prizes for the babies attending the Clinic once a week from January 1st, 1926, to June 30th, 1926. Any children are able to qualify for the prize from an infant at birth to one of school age.

The purpose of the Kiwanis Club in giving the prizes is to further encourage the attendance at the Clinic. It is recognized that the Clinic has been of very great service to children and mothers, and through them to the general health and welfare, and it is felt that more general and continued use of the Clinic will be of still further benefit. To this end it is hoped to increase interest in the Clinic and augment the regular weekly attendance. The Clinic has been a success and a blessing. It is hoped to still further increase its usefulness.

Excellent progress is being made on the new I. O. O. F. Hall, and this fine new building will be ready for use very shortly.

## NORTH BAY WINS 6 TO 4 FROM IROQUOIS FALLS

Trappers Find the Junior Paper Makers Easier to Handle Than the Gold Miners.

In the exhibition game at Iroquois Falls on Tuesday evening this week, the famous Trappers of North Bay won from Iroquois Falls Junior N. O. H. A. team, with the score 6 to 4. The Trappers found the going much easier at the Falls than at Timmins the previous night. Timmins held the North Bay lads to a tie, but the Falls were on the small end of a 6 to 4 score. The result of the two matches would seem to indicate that Timmins has a classy team this season. If the boys continue the season as they have started it will be the most popular hockey year yet.

The match as Iroquois Falls is reported as well contested and lively with the Bay boys having the edge on their opponents all the way through. At one time the score was 5 to 1 in favour of North Bay, but the Trappers eased up and took things easier when they saw that they had the game their way.

Mr. and Mrs. Tabbs, of the Wm. Davis and Co. staff, are among the Timmins people holidaying in the south.

## St. Mary's Champs of Junior S.P.A. May Come to Timmins

Plans Now Under Way to Have Exhibition Game With Noted Toronto Team. St. Mary's Also Expected to Play Matches at North Bay and Iroquois Falls.

Hockey fans who were so delighted with the Monday evening hockey match between Timmins and the famous Trappers of North Bay may have an opportunity to see another speedy exhibition game here in the next week or so. Plans are now under way to bring the St. Mary's team from Toronto for a game here. St. Mary's team is the Champion of the S. P. A., and has a noteworthy reputation in Junior Hockey. St. Mary's may come to North Bay for an exhibition match and the plan is to have the Toronto team include Timmins and Iroquois Falls in its itinerary of the North.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FOR YOUNGER S.S. PUPILS.

For the smaller children of the Baptist Sunday School a Christmas Tree event is to be held on Christmas Eve. For the older children of the Sunday School the Christmas treat will take the form of a sleighride this year.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Services in St. Matthew's church on Christmas Day will be as follows:— 8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion. 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. The anthem at the latter service will be "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem." On Sunday, Dec. 27th, the Christmas services will be continued, the anthem in the evening being, "A Son is given," (Semper).

## AGAIN A MERCANTILE LEAGUE IS SUGGESTED

Before, and since the junior game on Monday evening there has been considerable talk of the necessity of forming a Mercantile Hockey League in Timmins. There are lots of good players, and at least one of the clubs have a team ready to go on the ice when such a league is formed. All that is needed is some good sport in the town to take charge of affairs and get a club started, so that mercantile hockey may have a chance. Other seasons there has been Mines and Mercantile Leagues, and it is felt that with the renewed interest in hockey in the Camp that a Mercantile League is a necessity.

## SOLOMON INTO FINALS FOR THE TIMMINS CUP

Messrs Drew and Solomon the First to Get Into the Semi-Finals and the Latter the Winner Tuesday Night.

Interest continues very keen in the contest for the Timmins Curling cup. Messrs Solomon and Drew were the first to get into the semi-finals, and by defeating the Drew rink on Tuesday, the Solomon rink is now ready for the finals.

The following are the games since last Wednesday:— On Wednesday:— McGuire rink won from Ferland rink, 10-8. Todd won from Ramsay, 11-7. L. Walker won from Cadman, 10-9. Culbertson won from Treleven, 14-6. Caldwell won from Francis, 11-5. Wylie won from J. W. Jackson, 10-7. Emery won from Dr. Porter, 9-7. On Thursday:— Drew won from Grasset, 18-6. McGuire won from Williams, 12-5. Gordon won from Murdoch, 9-8. S. T. Walker won from H. M. Jackson, 12-6. McCracken won from Black, by default.

Solomon won from Kenning, 9-8. Gauthier won from Marshall, 18-7. Prout won from Ramsay, 9-8. On Friday:— Langdon won from L. Walker, 12-6. Williams won from Ferland, by default. McGuire won from Treleven, 16-9. Dr. Aiken won from Cadman, 8-4. Todd won from Emery, by default. A. Lake won from Kehoe, 12-9. Dr. Porter won from Ramsay, 15-5. On Saturday:— Gauthier won from Wylie, 9-5. Lang won from Chenier, 13-1. On Monday:— Culbertson won from Ferland, by default. Todd won from Prout, by default. On Tuesday:— Solomon won from Drew, 11-6. McGuire won from Williams, 14-5.

Dr. J. R. Byers left on the morning train for Toronto.

## ST. MATTHEW'S SOCIAL CLUB MEETING ON TUESDAY.

The next meeting of St. Matthew's Social Club will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 5th, 1926. Business will be the first item, followed by one or two new items, mainly musical. The Club is now off to a good start and the intention is to make it even better for 1926. So all are urged to be on hand at 8 p.m. sharp and give a hand to this effect.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 7TH, FIRST N.O.H.A. JUNIOR MATCH HERE

On the cards distributed this week and bearing the names of the members of the Timmins and North Bay Junior Hockey teams meeting here on Monday evening for an exhibition game, it stated that Monday, Jan. 11th was the date of the first N. O. H. A. Junior match at Timmins. This was a slip. Jan. 4th is the date of the first N. O. H. A. Junior match, but it is at Iroquois Falls. The first match at Timmins is on Thursday of next week, Jan. 7th. Remember the date, Jan. 7th, and do not miss the opening game.

## MEMORABLE EVENT AT UNITED CHURCH, FRIDAY

"The Christmas Quest" Shown by the Young People of the Sunday School.

A memorable event on Friday evening was the Christmas programme given by the young people of the United Church Sunday School. The tables were turned on the customary Christmas Tree entertainment, and this year the scholars one and all decided to make it a "White Christmas" and, as classes, planned gifts for others less fortunate than themselves. The evening's programme was entitled "The Christmas Quest," and was presented in three parts.

Part one, introduce by a prologue, told the familiar story of the first Christmas. An invisible choir is heard singing carols, while a bevy of Star-maidens enter and tell the Bible story of the birth of the Christ child. Mary and Joseph pass by; the Shepherds appear, followed by the Wise Men from the East. The dignified yet simple setting, a large tree with a bright star on top, the effective costuming of the characters, the lighting and the singing of the well-known Christmas hymns, combined to create a most impressive whole.

In the interlude, the return of the Christ child on Christmas Eve is told of, and his quest for those who are doing kindnesses and sacrifices because of him.

The end of the quest is found in part two where a present-day family is shown on the day before Christmas, a family blest with the true Christmas spirit.

Finally in the third and last part of the programme, representatives from the different classes in the Sunday School placed their gifts beneath the tree, or in a few words of their own told of the various forms these gifts were taking.

Those taking part in the programme, and in the interesting numbers, showed unusual ability, but undoubtedly much credit was due to the untiring interest and labour of the deaconess, Miss Quick, and her able committee.

The Beginners' department of the United Church Sunday School had their Concert and Christmas Tree on Thursday, Dec. 17th. Supper was served at 5.30, and at 7 p.m. there was a programme, consisting of recitations, songs, choruses, etc. Santa Claus distributed gifts from a gaily-decorated tree after the programme. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all present and the youngsters were agreed that it was a fine time and Santa Claus continues to be the very best yet.

Mr. Thos. Flynn is spending the Christmas holiday in Cobalt.

## PROF. DONAT MYSTIFIES CROWD TUESDAY NIGHT

Interesting Entertainment Under Auspices of St. Anthony's Church This Week.

At the New Empire Theatre this week there was an entertainment that merited much larger attendance than it received. The event was under the auspices of the St. Anthony's Church, and a chief feature of the programme was the wonderful magic and mystery work of Prof. W. Donat, of Belgium. Prof. Donat did startling sleight-of-hand tricks, card tricks, and novelties. One of the specially puzzling stunts was his power to prevent the strongest men in the audience to move him from the platform. His success in this number showed that he deserved the name given him elsewhere—"the unraisable man." As he is not heavily built, the feat is the more mystifying.

Another special feature was his ability to escape from a carefully locked Belgium mail bag. Prof. Donat has performed before H.M. King Albert of Belgium. Other numbers on the programme were:—a very ably rendered piano solo by Mr. A. Gauthier; solos in French and English, very effectively given by Mrs. J. A. Theriault; Scottish dancing by Miss Margaret Geils and Irish dancing by Miss Margaret Easton, both these talented young ladies winning unstinted applause. Mr. E. Fortin presided at the event, and also favoured the audience with effective solos. Another special number on the programme was Mr. A. Chisholm, whose singing and dancing turns were very pleasing. The programme throughout was a particularly attractive one and all present found it most enjoyable.

## INSPIRING CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO KIWANIS

Attractive Programme at Club Luncheon on Tuesday Afternoon This Week.

The Kiwanis Club luncheon at the Empire hotel on Tuesday this week was especially attractive. The attendance was up to the usual good standard, and all present were highly pleased with the event. The speaker for the day was Rev. J. D. Parks, who delivered a Christmas message that was inspiring indeed. He touched on the true Christmas spirit and showed how too often men in general attempt to evade the practice of the real Christmas mode of life. The essence of Christmas is thoughtfulness for others and especially those who are poor or neglected or in trouble. With the true Christmas spirit of care and effort for the unfortunate and underprivileged, Christmas would carry along blessings all through the coming year for all.

Another special feature of the luncheon was the singing of Christmas hymns by four boys from the United Church Junior Choir. These talented lads, Mr. A. Gauthier, Woodbury, W. Shevan and Percy Engle, won the heartiest appreciation for their gifted rendition of a number of Christmas hymns that added much to the effectiveness of the Christmas Kiwanis luncheon. Another clever young man—Master Jim McFadden—played the accompaniments on the piano with a skill and finish that added much to the effectiveness of the numbers.

ularly attractive one and all present found it most enjoyable.

## Three Hundred and Fifty Gifts to Schumacher School

Mr. F. W. Schumacher Makes His Annual Christmas Donation to Schumacher Children. Interesting Closing Exercises at School. Other Schumacher News.

Schumacher, December 23rd, 1925. Special to The Advance.

The closing exercises of the Public School were held on Friday afternoon, Dec. 18th. The attendance of parents, and friends was much greater than upon any former occasion due on doubt to the rapidly increasing school population in this thriving locality.

The programme in each room consisted of recitations, dialogues, songs, drills and plays and reflected very favourably upon the young performers, and the lady teachers who had worked hard to make the event a success. A lunch of sandwiches, cakes, and fruits followed and every one appeared to perform with equal skill.

The chief event of the day was the distribution of three hundred and fifty gifts, and three hundred pounds of candy from eight beautifully decorated Christmas trees. The presents were donated by the children's friend, Mr. F. W. Schumacher, of Columbus, Ohio, and consisted of one hundred and six sleighs, Eatonia dolls, cameras, silken scarfs, manicure sets, drums, bugles, etc. The members of the staff were also remembered, each of the ladies receiving a costly silken scarf, and the principal, "World's Famous Paintings," reproduced in colour.

Each of the teachers was the recipient of some token of esteem and remembrance of the happy Christmas time from the pupils in her room.

The closing number in the programme in the Senior Room was the presentation to the Principal of a fine Jersey coat, by Marguerite McKay, and the following address, read by Ronald Denny:

Dear Mr. Bush:—It gives us much pleasure to have you with us on this fifth occasion of the greatest festival of the year. We heartily appreciate the co-operation which exists between us as teacher and pupils and we hope that you may continue with us from year to year. We ask you to accept this Christmas remembrance as a sign of our sincerity, and appreciation.

Signed on behalf of Room 1. Myrtle F. Ritchie. Joan Huxley. Margaret Robertson.

The Principal in a few words thanked the pupils for their expression of appreciation and kindness.

On behalf of the pupils, staff and parents we have great pleasure in extending to Mr. Schumacher our very sincere thanks for this generous annual treat, and hope he may have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. R. J. Ennis left last week on a mid-winter trip to Florida, and the Southern States. Mr. Ennis, who has been ill in Toronto for some time, will accompany Mrs. Ennis from the Queen City on a health-giving tour to the Land of Sunshine.

The following teachers of the Public School left on Saturday for the Christmas vacation:—Miss Victoria Malkin to Orville, Ont.; Miss Annie V. Mitchell to Bruce Mines; Misses Irene and Helena Murphy, to Mount Forest; Miss Gertrude Sabine, to

Ridgeway; Miss Jacqueline Belanger to Elk Lake.

Mr. James Hughes, who has been employed at the Night Hawk Lake Mine during the past few months, returned on Wednesday and will spend the Christmas holidays with friends in town.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Lunan has recovered from his recent illness.

Miss Lillian Valentine is spending her holidays with friends at Cobalt.

The Caledonian Society held a very pleasant social evening on Wednesday, 16th inst. in the Recreation Hall. Hugh and Dick Calverley are spending their Christmas vacation in Matheson.

Mr. Malcolm E. Cushing has gone to New York for the Christmas holidays. During his absence he will visit other points of interest in the South.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Ratepayers' Association was held in the Recreation Hall on Monday evening, 21st, inst. for the purpose of selecting candidates to be nominated at South Porcupine for the Township Council. We were pleased to see several ladies at the meeting, and hope that the attendance will become greater. Several of the speakers discussed the needs of the town, and promised if elected to give their attention to the following: Greater economy in the general administration of township affairs, better street lighting, installation of a modern fire-alarm system, employment of local labour in public works, public ownership of utilities, new athletic grounds and permanent fireman. The candidates elected by the Association were Messrs John McGregor, and J. G. Barron. These men will be officially nominated at South Porcupine on Nomination Day.

The annual Christmas tree of the United Church Sunday School was held in the church on Tuesday evening, 22nd, inst. Two large artistically decorated trees, were heavily laden with gifts, books, and candies for two hundred and twenty-five children. Mr. C. W. Arnott played the role of good St. Nicholas, and of course did it very well. The usual Christmas programme of choruses, recitations, drills and readings was well rendered by the juvenile entertainers. The Sabbath School teachers, and workers were also remembered by dear old Santa Claus.

Mr. Roy Heath, of Third avenue, is suffering from blood-poisoning in the hand, the result of an injury received a short time ago.

Mr. Norman Naylor is ill from a severe attack of neuritis. At present he is a patient in the Timmins Hospital.

Special services arranged by the Adult Bible Class, will be conducted in the United Church at 11 a. m. on Christmas Day. The choir will render carols for the occasion. Rev. C. Armstrong Sales, the pastor, will preach the sermon.

Mrs. W. J. McKay returned on Thursday from an extended visit with her parents at Seaforth, Ont. Mrs. McKay was called to Seaforth about a month ago by the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. Smith, but we are pleased to report that she is on the way to recovery.

## Over Five Hundred at Third Charity Turkey Stag Party

Event One of the Most Enjoyable Ever Staged. About \$500.00 Netted by K. of C. for the Associated Charities of Timmins. Ninety-one Christmas Hampers Being Distributed This Week.

In attendance, enjoyment, financial returns and all other ways, the third annual Charity Stag Party, under direction of the Timmins Knights of Columbus, held in St. Anthony's Parish Hall, on Friday evening, Dec. 18th, for the benefit of the Associated Charities of Timmins, proved an outstanding and decided success. The total attendance exceeded five hundred, and everybody present had so happy a time that they have been talking about it enthusiastically ever since some evening talking in their sleep about the great night of big fun.

The striking success achieved makes it now up to "Lap" to see that there is a three-ringed circus here for the occasion next year, as he promised. The success this year exceeded all expectations. The Committee responsible directly for the big success included:—Chairman, Chas. Roberts; stage director, A. Laprairie; service captain, Hugo Shaw; bridge, D. Keely; 500, Geo. Lake; cribbage, E. MacDonald; 45's, D. Anderchuk; euchre, R. Scully; finances, Mr. McElhardie. Mr. Laprairie gave special time and effort to the many preparations for the event, and he secured the hearty co-operation and support of a band of workers in preparing for the occasion. There was also general co-operation and support from everybody in town approached in the matter.

About \$500.00 was netted from the event and the money has been spent to provide Christmas cheer for all the needy families in town. Ninety-one hampers have been packed with good things and are being distributed before Christmas so that none may want for Christmas cheer. These hampers, contain a card bearing the simple words, "From the Town of Timmins," and all those receiving baskets may know that they have the good wishes of all in town. Mr. I. E. Dunn, superintendent of the Associated Charities of Timmins, has been in consultation with the Committee from the beginning and all the work is being done on his advice and with his assistance. The baskets have been carefully graded according to the needs of the families, but all are so generous that none are to go shy. The Kiwanis Club has taken over the arduous work of assisting in the prompt and accurate distribution of the baskets. The Kiwanees have added 200 stockings with Christmas candies and kiddie kars have been added to the donations to the five largest families.

It may be noted that 5,600 lbs. of fowl have been handled. There will not be a needy family this year in town that will miss the Christmas fowl dinner, if their need is suspected. For the larger families concerned the following is what the hampers in each case contain:—12 lbs. fowl, 90 lbs. potatoes, 20 lbs. rolled oats, 10 lb. sugar, 7 lb. flour, 10 lb. beef, 5 lb.

bacon, 5 lbs. beans, 5 lbs. peas, 2 lb. corn syrup, 3 lbs. salt, 1 package pepper, 2 lbs. onions, 1 lb. raisins, 1 lb. butter, 1 lb. shortening, 2 cans milk, 2 cans tomatoes, 1 lb. macaroni, 1 lb. soda crackers, 4 loaves bread, 1 bar soap, 1 lb. tea. Just a glance at this list will suggest the immense amount of work necessary for selecting, gathering, packing and distributing the baskets. But the K. of C., the Kiwanis, the Kiwanees, the Associated Charities, and others have willingly performed the big task, so that this may truly be a Merry Christmas.

To return to the Stag Party Friday night, it may be said that everybody enjoyed the cards. There were 22 tables of bridge, 18 of 500, 25 of euchre, 20 of cribbage, and 2 of 45's. Next year it is the intention to have bridge and 500 decided by 6-minute games, so as to be absolutely fair and equal to all.

There were smokes in abundance, and all good. Cigars, cigarettes, clay pipes and tobacco were consumed in wholesale lots.

The Dutch Lunch went over big and went down good. There wasn't a bottle of beer or a soda cracker left, but everybody had enough. Following days the stories report a big demand for "Dome good cheese."

Of course, Lap's stories were beauties and made much fun. The Turkey Stag Quartette—Messrs Heffernan, Dodge, Cowan and Geils,—delighted all with their splendid vocal selections. They were certainly good.

The Orchestra Rambler de Stag was another musical combination that added much to the evening's pleasure with a generous supply of the finest instrumental music.

That double-barrelled yodeling and dancing dynamo, Mr. A. I. Chisholm, made a great hit with his songs and dances. "Good stuff," said the applauding crowd.

In the "Loud Tie" contest, Mr. W. Rinn was a sure winner with the new Victor Orthophone design in shop ties. He had to go outside when any of the vocal numbers were being given. Dr. Brennan won first for the loudest home-made necktie. He cannot wear it at his office, on account of the noise it makes. There was lots of fun in this contest, though three or four present who were considered for prizes claimed that they had not thought of entering the contest.

In the Kiddie Champ race, Mr. W. Wylie is still the champion rider and driver. Lap has promised that if Bill wins again next year he will give him a silver shield emblematic of the world's championship.

The great game of "Gimme" was played during the evening and was a whirlwind. Everybody all the time had a good time every way. Bring on your three-ring circus, Lap!