

# South Porcupine Pupils Enjoy Christmas Events

### Pleasant Closing Exercises at School Before Holidays. "The Dream Dolls," a Pleasing Play, Cleverly Presented in One Room. Debate Featured by Another Class. Excellent Musical Event Also at United Church.

There surely was a 'song in the air' as we neared the Public School on Friday afternoon. The Christmas spirit could be felt as soon as one entered the portals. In their various rooms the pupils were having their

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annual Christmas tree and entertainment. Christmas decorations were everywhere. Happy children and busy teachers!

In Mrs. M. D. Colborne's room we found a play entitled, "The Dream Dolls" being put on. By special request this had been given in three of the other rooms. The officials in charge of this play were: President Camille Goulet and Vice-president and Director, Stella Smith, both of whom acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner. The Dramatic Club of South Porcupine will not have to look much for talent in the next few years while such ability as these pupils displayed is being nurtured in our schools. The cast of the play was:—Susan (the Dreamer), Camille Goulet; Jack (her brother), Harold Melnis; Rag Doll, Esther Bucovetsky; French Doll, Betty Baker; Dancing Doll, Marjorie Dysart; Clown Doll, Carlo Cattarello; Japanese Doll, Ivy Freeman; Lollipop Doll, Bessie Mansfield; Mama Doll, Helmi Kinneman; Tin Soldiers, Earle Hamilton, Owen Wright, Walter Larson; Girls—Irene Burke, Mabel Ferguson, Kathleen Gallagher, Maude McKay, Roma Cattarello; Boys—Lennox Childs, Abbie Frumpkin, Henry Huot, John Lampi, George Burns. There were also other recitations and songs given by Kathleen Gallagher, Ivy Freeman and Marjorie Dysart. A trio by Stella Smith, Bessie Mansfield and Irene Burke, accompanied by Kathleen Leroy on the mandolin, was very good indeed. Two musical selections from pupils of Miss Wilson's room were also heartily enjoyed. Then came Santa with all his goodies.

In Miss Lamb's room, the following took part in the programme: recitation, Clifford Schmelze; riddle, Harold Dillon; recitation, Jack O'Shea; story, Borden Blood; recitation, Rupert Martin; Regular Fellows, dialogue, Homer McIntosh, Leo Goulet, Albert Boyle, Jack O'Shea; recitation, George Kaufman; violin solo, Clifford Schmelze; song by four girls; play, "Tom Sawyer"; song, Eileen Hastie and Eleanor Boyle; violin solo, George Kaufman; play, "Bringing up Father"; dialogue, "Moody Miller and Borden Blood; trick, Rupert Martin; recitation, Bill Morgan; Christmas story, Leo Goulet.

As we could not be in two places at

one time we did not hear this programme. What we did hear, however after school was dismissed from a group of girls who seemed to be lingering for fear they might miss something, was the impulsive exclamation of one of them as their teacher started for the street "O Miss L., we hate to see you go away at all." When this bond of love exists between teacher and pupil we can surely feel, "all is well."

In Miss Wilson's room recitations were given by Leta Owens, Violet McNulty, Harry Vermer, Mary Gallagher, Mike Miller, Kathleen Reynolds, Annie Bucovetsky, Betty Martin, Rose Baker, Finley McEwen, Ada Wilson and Aurora Huot. There were several choruses by the class. Toivi Parkko played the mouth organ, Suri Huhti the mandolin and Rose Gibson and Victor Hanberry each gave violin solos. Then came their Christmas tree with Jerry McNulty as Santa.

In Miss Belanger's room the pupils were looking very happy after a Christmas party. No programme was on the list here, just a real party, eats, candy, etc.

Miss Roney's class also had a party and the prizes obtained in Art were presented. These were special prizes given by the F. W. Gillet Co., Toronto, for the best decorated cook-book covers done by this class and were won by:—1st, Muriel Miller; 2nd, Newsham Hanberry; 3rd, Wilfred Ketola.

In Miss Michaelson's room there was a programme of some length given by these tots, viz: recitations by Beatrice Smith, Mary Morgan, Bernice McDonald, Kate Miller, Edith Rapsey, Tessie Kesnesky, Ruth Vermer, Madeline DeRosa, and Madeline Urbanovitch. There were several violin solos by Madeline DeRosa also choruses by the class and in groups. The Kindergarten had their Christmas tree earlier and had each taken home to mother and daddy the "surprises" they had been making for them during the month.

In the Principal's class, Miss Shaw had invited the parents and a most creditable afternoon programme was put on by Class IV pupils. Not being several people at once we missed this also, but the parents present were highly pleased with the lengthy and interesting programme cleverly given. One of the special features was debate very ably taken by both sides.

Miss Shaw is spending the holidays at Kirkland Lake, Miss Wilson is at her home in Whitby, Miss Lamb in New Liskeard, Miss Roney at Pembroke, Miss Belanger at Elk Lake, Miss Hodgins is at Preston, Miss Burns in Lindsay, and Mrs. M. D. Colborne is holidaying in Detroit. The Misses Snyder of the High School Staff have left for their home in Clinton, Ont.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Mrs. Golding, of Lakeview Road. She is the grandmother of Mrs. A. Reamsbottom. Special Christmas services are being held at the United Church on Sunday, December 27th at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Are you getting your masquerade outfit ready for the Firemen's Ball on New Year's Eve? It is THE event of the season. Master Earl Doherty, who has been staying with his brother, Mr. Farrel Doherty, of Lakeview, is spending the holidays with his parents at Ottawa. During the past week the following were guests at the Gold Range Hotel: Mr. Hoffman, Cobalt; Mr. Mortimer, Toronto; Mr. Witman, Toronto; E. Brown, Toronto. On Monday evening a very fine musical programme was given in the United Church. Besides local talent, Messrs Spraggs and Pappone, of Timmins and Mr. Gilbert of Schumacher very effectively helped to make the evening a musical treat. Several loudly applauded readings were given by Mr. Perry, who kindly helped to fill in where one or two performers were unable to attend. Mrs. W. G. Bowles was of course very well received when she gave two solos. Mr. Spraggs and Mr. H. Martin were accompanists for the evening. Mr. Spraggs also giving a clever piano selection at the beginning of the programme. Mr. Pappone's clarinet playing is well-known here and is always welcomed by music-lovers. Among his cleverly rendered numbers were a waltz from Faust and Traumerel. The cello playing of Mr. Gilbert is an innovation in South Porcupine at the present time, and was very much appreciated. The playing of Handel's "Largo" was particularly fine. Mr. Gilbert says he played in this church eleven years ago but we hope it will not be as long as even eleven months before he is heard again. As usual Mr. Baine charmed all with his violin selections. The instrumental trios (violin, cello and piano) also the quartettes (clarinet, violin, cello and piano) were selections par excellence and will be long remembered by those present. A vote of thanks to those taking part was moved by Mr. G. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. A. H. Reamsbottom, and heartily endorsed by all.

Dinner was late in being served. "The Missus" went out into the kitchen to learn the reason for the delay and came back weak from laughing very heartily. "Oh, Katrinka looks so-o funny, John," she informed her waiting, hungry husband. "The cooking brandy is all gone and she's trying to knit a sweater out of the spaghetti."

## SHOPS AND LEFT-OVERS TIED FOR FIRST PLACE

### Bowling in McIntyre League Will Be Stopped During the Vacation Period.

Bowling in the McIntyre League will stop until the second week in January. Shops team are now tied with Left-Overs for first place.

Tuesday night—Office took three points from Steel shops. Ellis rolled high single 261 and 599 total for the Office. Price was high for the Steel Shops 223 single, and 484 total.

Office	Ellis	115	261	223	599
Gray	106	132	132	324	
Dr. Honey	142	182	182	324	
Talcott	171	110	110	281	
Sandwith	196	157	157	353	
Newlands	180	138	138	318	

Steel Shops	Price	161	223	102	486
Andrews	135	147	117	399	
Dummy	125	125	125	375	
Mullens	130	148	119	397	
Leng	122	176	176	474	

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Wednesday night—Schumacher Hardware took three points from the Mercantile. Platus rolled 287 single and 614 total. Bonnell rolled 237 single and 564 total for the Mercantile.

Schumacher Hardware	Goldstein	163	153	230	536
Lawson	228	180	157	565	
Abrams	178	177	177	355	
Feldman	115	115	116	116	
Lewis	115	165	124	404	
Platus	289	195	132	614	

Mercantile	Arnott	165	173	206	544
Hall	166	150	176	492	
Bonnell	237	181	146	564	
Campbell	109	154	147	410	
Starr	144	185	195	524	

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Thursday night, the Engineers took three points. Simpson rolled 207 single and 593 total. Yorke rolled 228 single and 528 total for the Mill.

Engineers	Hall	126	117	181	424
Budgeon	169	149	129	447	
Keeley	185	178	159	522	
Gray	158	142	157	457	
Simpson	207	188	198	593	

Mill	Yorke	177	123	228	528
Briden	149	219	186	554	
Sands	127	86	128	341	
McFarlane	149	165	158	472	
Tothunter	190	220	116	526	

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Friday night, the Shops took three points from the Left-Overs and tied with them for first place. S. McMillan rolled high total 577 for the Shops and McGarry 553 total for the Left Overs.

Shops	Angrignon	154	118	228	500
M. McMillan	211	186	172	569	
Cushing	138	176	181	495	
Costain	145	238	97	480	
S. McMillan	218	219	140	577	

Left-Overs	McLellan	156	131	149	436
Furlong	136	218	151	505	
McGarry	191	167	195	553	
Williams	166	229	126	521	
Blanchfield	178	129	236	543	

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## TAX COLLECTING DOING WELL IN HAILEYBURY.

The Haileyburian last week says:—"Mr. J. A. MacArthur, tax collector, reports that the collections of taxes this year have now reached and passed the total amount on the tax roll for 1925. This is the first time for a number of years that the collections have come in to this extent before the end of the year. This does not mean that all the taxes levied for 1925 have been collected, as a portion of money received has been for arrears, but it shows that conditions are improving in the town and bodes well for the future. It is satisfactory to note that very little trouble has been found in making the collections, stringent measures having been unnecessary with the exception of a very few cases."

## IT PROMISES TO BE A DRY CHRISTMAS FOR MANY.

The following is from The North Bay Nugget:—"There isn't any Santa Claus for there will be at least a few dry and disappointed Northerners on Christmas morning as the result of two seizures of liquor made by License Inspector John E. Gagne and Provincial Constable Roy G. Elliott. It was extra good liquor which will probably add to the disappointed thirst. The first seizure was made when the officers visited the T. & N. O. freight sheds and found twenty-four quart bottles of John Haig Scotch whiskey en route from Montreal to the K. and S. stores at Ironquois Falls. The bottles and their contents are valued at around \$150.00. Smelling some more liquid Christmas cheer, the two visited the C. N. R. Express office and seized eighteen bottles of good Scotch whiskey shipped from Montreal to J. C. Rippert, North Bay. The bottles were concealed in an egg crate."

# South Porcupine Men Sell Important Claims in Carmen

### Initial Payment made by Gen. G. O. Eaton, of New York. Sleighride by Young People's Club. Home and School Association Meeting. Skating Rink Ready for Christmas Day. Other South End News.

South Porcupine, December 22nd, 1925. Special to The Advance.

Mr. F. Lendrum, of The Northern News, Cobalt, was the guest of his brother-in-law, Councillor Boyle, for a short visit during the past week.

Mrs. S. Demers and children, of Toronto, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Singelton.

Mrs. Pelkie, of Latchford, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Starling.

Misses Ivy and Gladys Forster, of Toronto, are home to spend the holidays with their parents on Bruce Ave.

Mr. Walter Grewcoe, of Australia, is the guest of his brother, Harry Grewcoe.

Mrs. Percy Clark and little daughter, of Toronto, are to arrive Wednesday, December 23rd, to spend a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Boyle, Connaught Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Kincaid are in Kirkland Lake, where they are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Kay over the holiday.

Owing to the Christmas rush and the fact that some of the members were ill, the meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church at the home of Mrs. Wm. Fairhurst last Wednesday night was poorly attended and it was decided to postpone the election of officers till early in the New Year.

Mr. Irvin Haley leaves this week to spend his holidays under the parental roof at Cobden, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Percival, and little daughter, Lottie, of Cobden, arrived this week for a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Harry McGinn.

Dr. Cameron-Smith is back in town after an extended holiday.

A jolly crowd of about forty members and friends of the Young People's Social and Literary Club enjoyed a sleigh-ride to Timmins on Tuesday last. They were the guests of the El Shadi Bible Class. The South Porcupine Club supplied the program, consisting of a trio by Mrs. McIntosh, Miss G. Snyder and Mr. Bain; readings by Mr. Bain; violin selection by Mr. Bain, reading by Miss MacDonald, also by Miss V. Snyder; and musical selections by the Porcupine Juvenile Orchestra. Wholesome and pleasurable refreshments were served by the Timmins Club, to which the sleigh-riders did ample justice. After a cordial invitation to return the visit our young people left for home feeling that the evening had been one of pleasure indeed.

The Home and School Club met on Wednesday evening but owing to the Christmas busy season was not nearly so well attended as usual. The December meeting has always been cancelled before, but from the fact that prizes are being awarded to each class in the school it was necessary to hold this meeting so that all the classes may be covered by next May. The competitors were Miss Belanger's class and the subject "Writing," the winning pupils being:—Sr. Class—1st, Stella Bepalko; 2nd, Pat O'Shea. Jr. Class—1st, Tynne Hakannen; 2nd, Frank Vroniek. Special prizes were also awarded to Joseph Stern (Miss Roney's Class) and Rose Cosco (Miss Michaelson's Class). It was decided to accept the generous offer of the South Porcupine Dramatic Club to put on a play for the benefit of equipment for the children's playground, possibly sometime during March. There is around sixty dollars in the treasury for this fund now, but it has been found that the standard steel equipment, although quite expensive at first, is much more lasting, and hence really the cheaper finally. A short discussion of the telephone system took place, some of the mothers feeling that it was scarcely justice to them as patrons of a public utility to be accessories, as it were to the employing of girls for the long hours, which the system here entails. As to the employees themselves, no fault could be found, the service they are giving at present being remarkably courteous and efficient. But in case of such a thing as sickness or other cause preventing either of them being at the post of duty, it was felt that the long stretch of a 12-hour system under one not so efficient, might prove a serious menace to the using public in the case of an emergency, for it is not very often physically possible to be thoroughly alert after a period of eight hours steady application to a task is passed. As those present had sought no information from employees or officials of the company it was decided to postpone any further discussion until more of the details were known, and there was a larger attendance.

We are told that the Skating Rink will be ready for Christmas Day. The manager states there has been some trouble in getting a proper skating sheet of ice, owing to the fact that the ground beneath the snow was not frozen solid enough to be non-absorbent, but the last few cold nights have helped considerably. In addition to the accommodation for the band, mentioned by us before, there is to be a canvas covered space 7 feet wide the

full length of the ice for the comfort of on-lookers.

A mining deal of importance culminated during the past week, when Dr. Cameron-Smith and Messrs. Fred Croteau and Wm. Rutt received the initial payment on their claims in Carmen township, which have been sold to Gen. G. O. Eaton of New York. Gen. Eaton, who, by the way, is a retired general of the American army, sent Prof. Alberti, of New York, here some time ago to make an exhaustive examination of these claims. They are located near the western boundary of Carmen, one and one-quarter miles northeast of the Triplex Mine. Prof. Alberti was much pleased with the results found in his examination of the property and hence the option, which Gen. Eaton took on the property some time ago, was taken up and we wish to congratulate the fortunate ones who were the owners of this valuable property. We also extend to Gen. Eaton the very best wishes of this community for success in his undertakings on this newly-acquired property. It is rumoured that platinum was found in the re-searches re these claims.

## DECEMBER HONOUR ROLL OF MATTAGAMI SCHOOL

### Total Enrolment for Month 350. Standing of the Pupils in the Several Classes.

The following is the Honour Roll for December for Mattagami Public School:—

IV Class—E. J. Transom, B.A., Principal—Doris Lloyd 90%; Leonard McFadden 83%; Ingre Teider 83%; Ruhama Mitchell 82%; Lewis Field 81. Sr. III—Mary Ferguson, teacher—Aileen Milton 84%; Edna Kulju 80%; Ray Wallingford 77%; Winnifred Harvey 77%; Meda Bennet 75; Marjorie Dunstan 75.

Jr. III—Bessie Ralston, teacher—Kustaa Jaakkola 88%; Ethel Taylor 82; Jaek Neilson 82; Ervie Jutila 79; Arne Jaakkola 79; Kirsti Hakola 78; Vernier Wallingford 77; Urmas Hill 77; Elsie Jackson 77; Madelane Webb 75.

Sr. II—Inez Carruthers, teacher—Maynard Raycroft 81%; Margaret Davidson 80; Stella Bohonos 79; Mary Budzak 78; Ruth Stevens 77.

Jr. II and Sr. I—Grace Purvis, teacher—Roy Janes 86%; Margaret Gordon 81; Barbara Hawse 80; Reggie McWhaw 79; Edward Garrow 77; Emily Hornby 78; Marion Garrow 77; Oscar Tasane 77; Mary Mason 75.

Sr. I—Vilho Taskinen 78%; Paali Sillanpaa 77; Leslie Thompson 76; Reginald Rochon 76; Harry Armitage 75.

Jr. I—Mrs. S. Andrews, teacher—Douglas Robertson 98%; Blanche Coaty 94; Elsie Richardson 92; Agnes Owens 84; Taimi Forsberg 82; Margaret Hornby 82; Arthur Redstone 81; Pentti Prussi 80; Arthur Manhire 80; Morgan Dodd 79; Elsie Wallingford 76; Ella Veinola 76.

Primer—Mary Gray, teacher—Lillian Mason 83; Billie Mason 79; Virginia McDonald 79; Marie Getty 77; Violet Edwards 75.

B.—Lillian Rigg 77; Sarah Martin 77; Lillian Loughton 76; Russell Moore 76; Elsie Tempine 75.

Kindergarten—Primary—Class A—Janet Garrow 79%; Ronald Unsworth 78; Dorothy Chynoweth 78; Helen Crews 78; Warren Carver 76.

Class B.—John Pedder 77%; Albert Hornby 77; Virginia McIvor 76.

Total enrollment, 350.

## MR. R. CRAFT AND FAMILY BACK AGAIN IN TIMMINS.

Mr. R. Craft, formerly Chief of Police at Timmins, returned this week to Timmins with his family, after an absence of about eight years. Mr. Craft will spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. F. M. Wallingford, after which he intends to do assessment and development work on some promising mining claims in the district. It is eight years since Mr. Craft left Timmins and he is astonished at the remarkable progress made by the town. When he was Chief of Police here there was only one brick building in town, the police force was only two men, there were few sidewalks and the stumps had not been taken from all the streets. The town was about a quarter of its present area. He returned here after eight years to find a progressive young city, with paved streets and up-to-date in practically every way. Mr. Craft left Timmins on account of his health and has been living for some years past on his farm near Ottawa. With the outdoor life of activity he has won back his former good health.

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