

Pleasing Christmas Events Held at South Porcupine

Santa Claus Apparently Comes from the Sky's. United Church Christmas Tree and Entertainment. Fire in New Strain Block. Death of Mrs. M. Holovaci. Other South Porcupine News Items.

South Porcupine, Dec. 30th. Special to The Advance.
Mr. Allan Percival, of Englehart, visited over the holiday at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. McGinn.
Mrs. P. Brown and little daughter, of Cochrane, are visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Brinton.
Mr. Victor Evans is holidaying at his home in Winnipeg.

Among the many visits that Santa made to South Porcupine during the festive season the most largely attended was the occasion of his visit to Mr. S. Sky's store. Here he was greeted by some five hundred or more children from town and the surrounding country. He presented each with a bag of nuts and candy which Mrs. Sky and staff had helped him to get ready. The kiddies were ushered in through the Gents' Furnishing Dept. and greeted by Santa as they entered the Womens' and Children's Dept., then left, five at a time, by the door leading from that store to the street. Quite a number of adults also viewed the happy procession. Mr. and Mrs. Sol Sky have always been among the foremost to help in any progressive or patriotic movement in the town and this visit of Santa Claus is one more instance of this worthy couple's public-spiritedness. As a community we are proud of such citizens.

The Christmas tree and entertainment on the 23rd at the United Church was a decided success. Much credit is due to Mrs. Bain, Mr. Childs and their staff of workers for the interesting programme put on. After the Opening Chorus and prayer there was a Chorus "Napoleon's Army" by some girls from the Dome. They were a motley of varied expressions from the google-eyed to the one-eyed soldier and no one could be sure whether the army was coming or going till the close of the song and a right-about-face proved the singers to be Misses Irene Armstrong, Meta Melville, Irene Rove, Norma McPhail and Jennie Doran. After recitations by Ethel Cunningham and Beatrice MacDonald and a duet by Muriel Wilson and Alice Berry there was a comic chorus, "The Christmas Shoppers," in which Homer McIntosh, Jack McInnis, Victor Hanberry, GORMACHINE No. 2, ALTON don Roy, and Finley McEwen represented shopping-weary, purse-empty men laden with parcels that persisted in clattering down and cluttering the street on their homeward way. Then came a recitation in pantomime by Baby Jane Haggart and a solo by little five-year-old Dorothy Sharpe. Everyone was surprised at the understanding of music and the fine voice Dorothy possessed for one so young. The musical world will surely hear more of her in future. Jack Deacon, in a manly way, told of "Jerry's Joy" while Marion Gibson and Beatrice Dowzer showed both talent and training in their recitations. As "Last Year's Dolls," Marion McEwen, Glenna Strain, Newsham Hanberry and Marry McIntosh looked very limpy, battered and worn. The "Ten Little Nigger Boys All in a Row," thoroughly enjoyed themselves and in their excitement caused several laughable incidents. Then came the main feature of the evening, entitled "The Star of Bethlehem." The scene was in the manger with the young Mother watching over Him, while Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men, came to adore Him, the leper and the blind came to be healed, the Gentile women to worship. All were in picturesque costume and the parts taken well. Then came a band of fifteen tiny girls dressed as angels and led by Ada Wilson with a harp. These all grouped around the Manger and sang their songs of praise. It was arranged so that different colored lights played on the scene during the acting and the Sunday School choir also sang Christmas hymns. The whole effect was very pleasing. There came Santa with presents for all.

Dr. Harper is spending the Christmas holidays in Toronto.
George Nelson of Cobden, was renewing acquaintances in town this week.
Miss Vera Denspay holidayed at her home in Cochrane.
Mr. W. T. Mitchell, of Iroquois Falls, renewed acquaintances in town over the holiday.

We hear that Mr. Wm. Donoghue, Mining Recorder, is much improved after his recent operation in Toronto and will be back at the post of duty sometime early in the New Year.
There was a fire in the recently-finished Strain block at noon on Saturday last. It was in the apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. Thomas. The alarm was given by Mrs. C. Tucker, another occupant of the block, who called to Mrs. Thomas' door telling her she smelled smoke. Upon investigation a room occupied by a couple of boarders was found to be in flames and an alarm was promptly rung. The quick response of the firemen prevented it spreading any fur-

ther than round the box stove where it had started. A box of excelsior from which a Christmas present had been unpacked had been left near the stove and it is supposed a spark had in some manner got into it. It was off to a good start and would have meant a serious conflagration right in the centre of the town if it had not been discovered in the early stages. As it is, there was little damage except to the walls of the one room and that caused by water in different parts of the block.
Mr. Dan O'Connor, of Connaught, was a visitor in town this week.
Mr. Morelle Rosenbloom is on a visit to Toronto.
Miss M. Windle, of Calgary, Alta., was on a visit to her sister, Mrs. D. McLellan, for the holiday. She is this week in Renfrew but will be back to spend the New Year here before leaving for Calgary where she is Principal of one the Separate Schools.
Mr. Vic McCoshen is home from the Hospital in Timmins.

Mrs. Nick Holovaci died at 1.40 p.m. on Christmas Day at the home of Mrs. C. Fadoeac, Dome Mines. Mrs. Holovaci has been a sufferer from tubercular trouble for sometime and the day before Christmas was moved from her home on Golden Ave. to that of her fellow-countrywoman, in the hopes that she might improve under her care. Mr. and Mrs. Holovaci were married two years on Nov. 10th and at the time of her death she was only twenty years of age. Being of a very likeable disposition and picking up the English language very readily Mrs. Holovaci has made many friends during her short period in Canada and the sincere sympathy of all goes out to the bereaved young husband. A brother in Detroit also survives her and a short time ago a ticket was sent to a sister in Roumania to come out to be with Mrs. Holovaci during her illness but she had not yet arrived.
Mr. H. Grevcoe spent the holiday in Toronto.
Major A. MacDougall is on a business trip to Toronto.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Gagnon returned from Cobalt this week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Gagnon's young brother, Ernest Whitehead.

The South Porcupine Curling Club are putting on a Novelty Bonspiel beginning Dec. 28th. These games are open to any person, whether a member of the club or not and for both men and women. Eight ends are points for each woman or a rink and no more than two experienced curlers will be allowed to a rink. There are four prizes. No entries will be accepted after Jan. 1st, 1926. There are no entry fees.
Mrs. Stern and little son Joseph left for Toronto on Sunday.
Mrs. C. Munro, milliner of Sky Bros., spent Christmas at her home in Timmins. Her sister, Mrs. F. H. Parker, and Mr. Parker, of Sudbury, also her brother, Mr. A. C. Stevens, of Kirkland Lake, spent the holiday at her home.
We are sorry to hear of the indisposition of our courteous postmaster, D. McLellan, who is confined to his home with a very severe cold.
Miss Evelyn Forster is leaving on Saturday for Toronto.
On Saturday, Dec. 26th, the 500 Club gave a farewell party to two of its members who are leaving for California this week. It was held at the home of Mrs. T. Farrell and the guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parnell, were made the recipients of a handsome linen tea-set, accompanied by the following address:—
"To our beloved friends, Mr. and Mrs. Parnell:—Our Five Hundred Club will not be complete without you, we know, but with this little token we wish you the best of luck and prosperity in your new home."
Signed—Mr. and Mrs. Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. W. Raynor, Mr. and Mrs. H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hanberry, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sky, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tomkinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. McDonald.

FOR THE GOLFER

The golfer nonchalantly stepped up to the tee and swung one of those carelessly careful drives.
The ball sailed straight down the fairway, leaped gaily across the green and dived into the hole like a prairie dog.
"What have you suddenly gone crazy about?" inquired the golfer's wife, who was trying to learn something about the game.
"Why, I have just made a hole in one," yelled the golfer as he essayed a double handspring with a wild gleam of delight in his eyes.
"Did you?" sweetly said the little woman. "Please do it again, dear I didn't see you."
There is no kind of achievement you could make in the world that is equal to perfect health.
—Carlyle.

Keen Contest Promised for Tisdale Reeve and Council

Five Nominated for Reeve and Fifteen for Council. Two Standing for Reeveship and Seven for Councillors. Interest Very Keen in the Election. Other South Porcupine News Items.

South Porcupine, Dec. 30th. Special to The Advance.
At the Nominations for Tisdale township the following were nominated for Reeve:—
C. V. Gallagher, by J. Shewan and I. Solomon.
W. R. Sullivan, by J. Shewan and I. Solomon.
D. Kerr by Geo. Elliot and D. Gannon.
S. Kennedy by F. Horne and Jas. Alexander.
H. Boyle by A. Bucovetsky and G. McIntosh.
Mr. Gallagher received several other nominations besides those mentioned. Messrs. Gallagher, Sullivan and S. Kennedy withdrew leaving the field to H. Boyle, South Porcupine, and D. Kerr, Schumacher.

For Councillors the following were nominated:—H. M. Wilson, F. LaForest, John McGregor, G. McIntosh, N. H. Russell, John Barron, Dave Craig, G. Helmer, K. A. Deacon, D. Kerr, W. G. Harris, H. E. Owens, P. Cooper, John Robertson, H. Boyle.
The following have qualified and will stand for election on Jan. 4th:—
Dr. N. H. Russell, South Porcupine, nominated by Frank Horne and S. Kennedy, also by others.
G. Helmer, South Porcupine, nominated by E. MacDonald and K. A. Deacon.
K. A. Deacon, South Porcupine, nominated by C. B. Morgan and H. E. Owens.
W. G. Harris, Schumacher, nominated by R. Sims and C. Young.
John Barron, Schumacher, nominated by Frank Corris and J. McGregor.
John Robertson, Dome Mines, nominated by Frank Horne and S. Kennedy.
Harry Owens, South Porcupine, nominated by K. A. Deacon and S. Kennedy.

When the nominations were closed Mr. Geo. Cole was elected as Chairman of the meeting and upon taking his place he made the remark that he would not limit the time of the speeches but allow the old council to talk themselves to death and the new ones to talk themselves into position. Reeve Gallagher was first to speak. He spoke of the various achievements of the present council, among them the foremost being the waterworks, and also the road from Timmins to South Porcupine which was acquired with a minimum of cost to Tisdale. He thought that possibly something could be done by making arrangements with the municipality of Timmins and doing something re lights and telephone during the coming year. He explained how the income taxes collected at the Dome were higher than those collected from Hollinger employees owing to the fact that the Hollinger people came under the laws for towns, Timmins being incorporated as such while the Dome and McIntyre came under township rates as apart of Tisdale.
Mr. Mason of the Dome Mines who has been a most conscientious councillor for two years stated that he was now going to take a rest.
Mr. Hugh Boyle, who has headed the poll for the Councillors' vote in the last two years, spoke briefly of some of the needs of the town and township, among them being the need of a proper fire-alarm system which was now being planned for installation, also the need of the Hospital which the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church chose to locate here. This hospital he stated would be ready for occupancy about the middle of January. He also spoke of the need of more school accommodation at Schumacher or the western part of the township. He explained the method of estimating depletion on certain municipal property.
Mr. D. Kerr told of how the increase in taxes would soon be counterbalanced by a reduction in fire insurance rates. He said the waterworks system was working satisfactorily in Schumacher and explained how the system used in South Porcupine was one of the newest and most up to date. He also spoke of the introduction of the hospital here, and later, explained the audit that is made each year and defended the police force.
Mr. Geo. Helmer said that his reason for going into municipal politics was to really find out things for himself and see how they were run. He said there was no such thing as a council that could suit everybody. He also mentioned that people should plan for their taxes from the 1st of January so as to be ready when the bills really came.
Among the newly-nominated councillors who spoke briefly were F. LaForest, G. McIntosh, J. McGregor, H. Owens and John Robertson. The majority of them congratulated the council on the work done during 1925.
A few criticisms were offered by J. McGregor, one being the lateness of the tax-bills this year. This, the Reeve explained, was due to the inability to strike a rate, pending the appeal from the assessment of some of their power lines, situated within

the township by some of the big companies concerned. Until the Judge's decision was given on this assessment no correct rate could be struck. Hence the delay. The Judge upheld the Court of Revision and hence the taxes accruing from same will make the township that much richer. Another disputed point was an audit of the books being requested. It was clearly shown that the out-going Council each year appointed an auditor. For 1926 the Edwards, Morgan Co. of Toronto will do the work for which they are to receive \$300. It was also clearly shown that the placing of the new hospital here was not an act wherein the council gave preference to South Porcupine over Schumacher but that South Porcupine had been the choice of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society.
Prof. Albert, of New York, is in the town on a business trip.
Dr. MacLaren is holidaying in Ottawa and will be absent till Jan. 5th.
The Anglican Sunday School held their Christmas tree on Tuesday, Dec. 29th. About forty kiddies took part in the festivities which were in charge of Mr. Geo. Watson, Supt. of the Sunday School. Archdeacon Woodall was up from Porcupine for the occasion. Those taking part in the programme were:—violin solo, R. Miner; instrumental duet, B. Mansfield and P. Smith; recitations by Gordon Owens, Albert Boyle, Ada Wilson, Dorothy Farrell, Leta Owens, and Mary Morgan; a Christmas play by Stella Smith, Ivy Freeman and Thomasena Boyle; dialogue by Eleanor and Albert Boyle; songs by Ada Wilson, Mary Morgan and Ivy Freeman. Santa sent several telegrams during the programme, then really and truly arrived bringing a present and a stocking full of nuts and candies for each boy and girl. This Sunday School was just organized in the summer and has made splendid advancement under the energetic superintendent and his staff of willing workers. The Skating Rink opened for the first on Tuesday. There was a large crowd in attendance. Next Tuesday, Jan. 5th, will be the first Band night. Season tickets are now on sale.

BELIEVED HEIGHT OF LAND THEORY IN 1909

Mr. H. A. Preston Writes to Prove Mr. Cyril T. Young's Idea is Not a New One.

A couple of weeks ago The Advance published a review of a booklet by Mr. Cyril T. Young, in which Mr. Young advanced the theory that the mineral belts of the North Land have a decided relation to the Height of Land. This week The Advance has received a letter from our old friend, Mr. H. A. Preston, who proves that the Height of Land theory is not a new one. Here is Mr. Preston's interesting letter:—
"Having read in The Advance a story by Cyril T. Young that he has a new theory, and telling about the gold and mineral following the Height of Land, I wish to state that this is not new by any means, because I have been preaching and telling hundreds of prospecting and mining men for the past 16 years, ever since I discovered the Big Dome property. I wrote Mr. Young several years ago when he was at Foley Station, asking him about that part of Ontario. In my letter I drew his attention to the mineral following the Height of Land, and that is the very reason I wrote him because the Height of Land is near there. Yes, I can produce hundreds who will tell anyone that I have mentioned this idea to them years ago, and many of them live in Timmins and South Porcupine, and a few mining engineers and geologists among them. In the year 1912 I met Mr. J. T. Eastwood, stockbroker, of Toronto, with a party of others on a hunting trip, and I had quite a conversation about mining and I mentioned this Height of Land idea to Mr. Eastwood and showed him all the camps where gold was being got were so close to the Height of Land. When Mr. Eastwood got to Toronto he published a story about it in his weekly market letter and also had a map showing it. I think I was the first man to take notice of this idea, and that was first in 1909, and I have been preaching about it ever since. I have even been told I was talking foolish, the same as I was told I would go crazy at Porcupine when I wanted Wilson to take us to the lakes west of Porcupine. After being told that I got mad and was going to quit if I were not allowed to go to the first two lakes. I was allowed to go eventually and found what is to-day called Big Dome.
(signed) H. A. Preston."

Miss Evelyn Carson is home from North Bay Normal for the Christmas holidays.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AT PORCUPINE LODGE

W. Bro. R. LeHeup Installing Officer on St. John's Night at South Porcupine.

On the evening of St. John the Evangelist, Dec. 28th, the formal installation of officers took place at Porcupine Lodge, A. F. & A. M., South Porcupine. Wor. Bro. R. LeHeup, of Haileybury, was the installing officer, and the following officers were duly installed:—
W. M.—W. Bro. W. H. Johns.
S. W.—Bro. A. H. Yeomans.
J. W.—Bro. Geo. R. Starling.
Chaplain—Bro. C. S. Watt.
Treasurer—Bro. L. Orr.
Secretary—Bro. R. C. Vaughan.
S.D.—Bro. R. S. McWilliams.
J. D.—Bro. James Reid.
D. of C.—Bro. J. Brown.
S.S.—Bro. J. Costain.
J.S.—Bro. T. Fell.
Organist—Bro. W. E. Honer.
I.G.—Bro. A. Pearce.
Tyler—Bro. E. Day.

After the installation, a banquet was held, the event proving very pleasant and enjoyable. There were the usual attractive addresses and a number of excellent musical numbers.

Reference was made in a recent issue to the proposed trip of Mr. Neh. Faulkenham to Red Lake. A correspondent of The North Bay Nugget this week adds the following particulars. "Neh Faulkenham, with an Indian trapper, as interpreter, has left for Red Lake, 500 miles west of Cochrane, and 225 miles from the railroad track. The journey will be made in 7 weeks by means of dog teams, ten dogs in number. Mr. Faulkenham will buy furs from the Indians."

Sandy: "So ye dinna go away for the New Year, Mac?"
Mac: "No 'Sandy. The Macgregors wrote an' invited me to their place, an' I'd like to have gone, but they forgot ta enclose a stamped envelope for reply."
—London Passing Show.

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Your Vote and Influence respectfully solicited for
DR. N. H. RUSSELL
For Councillor for 1926
If elected I will give my best efforts for the best interests of all the people of the Township.

VOTE FOR KENNETH A. DEACON FOR COUNCILLOR
Progress with economy, and a fair deal for all parts and people of the Township.

GEO. F. HELMER FOR COUNCILLOR
If re-elected, I will give the same interest and effort for the advantage of the Township as a whole that I endeavoured to give in the past year.
VOTE FOR GEO. F. HELMER FOR COUNCILLOR FOR 1926.