

Schumacher Children Again Have Special Christmas Gifts

Mr. F. W. Schumacher Remembers the Youngsters in Generous Way. Choral Society Event a Genuine Musical Treat. Election of Officers at L.O.L. Other Schumacher News Items.

Schumacher, Dec. 15th. Special to The Advance.

Schumacher L.O.L., the banner lodge of the North, held its annual election of officers on Thursday, Dec. 9th. The Wor. Master, Mr. J. C. Bonnell, who was responsible for organizing this lodge was re-elected to the chair by acclamation. Great credit is due the Wor. Master for the progress of the organization and the skilful way in which he directs the lodge. All members feel assured that the Wor. Master will carry on the good work in the same able manner for the next year. Bro. A. W. Boyce was elected to the Deputy Master's chair after a lively contest. The Rev. Bro. I. E. Kennedy was elected to the chaplain's chair by acclamation. Other officers were elected as follows: Rec. Sec., Bro. N. Tario; Fin. Sec., Bro. W. C. Amott; Treasurer, Bro. J. Besley; Marshall, Bro. E. White; 1st Lecturer, Bro. H. Cornish; 2nd Lecturer, Bro. W. Trollope; Tyler, Bro. H. Cook; 1st Com., Bro. N. Naylor; 2nd Com., Bro. J. G. Harris; 3rd Com., Bro. C. Pennie; 4th Com., Bro. E. Spearing; 5th Com., Bro. L. Andrews. The installation of officers will be held December 30th.

The event given by the Schumacher Choral Society in the Maple Leaf Theatre on Tuesday evening, December 14th deserved a crowded house, so there will be general disappointment and regret that so meritorious a concert should not have been more widely patronized than it was. The many counter-attractions, and the general disarrangement of plans through the Christmas season no doubt accounted for the fact that there was not a crowded house. The superiority of the programme certainly merited the limit of patronage by the public. The programme consisted of classical numbers, elocution and costume dancing, and was perfectly rendered by the members of the Schumacher Choral Society. The chorus has spent many weeks in faithful work under the able direction of Mr. Geo. Hale, and too high praise can not be given for the success of the programme. Mr. James Shewan presided in very capable manner. The choruses were wonderfully well given and delighted all, the "Excelsior" chorus being especially well received. The scene from "The Pirates of Penzance" was an extra special unusually well given by Messrs Hale and Smith, Mrs. Mills and Miss Cotcher. The quartette in which Mrs. Roberts took a leading part was also another specially appreciated selection. Mr. Pypor, as usual, delighted all with his solo work. Another special was the duet in costume, "The Gypsy Maiden"

by Mr. Hale and Mrs. H. McCulloch. Mr. Kearney, as accompanist, rendered valuable service. The director, Mr. Hale, may well be proud of his chorus. The recitations by little Miss Betty Patterson and little Miss Jones were delightfully given and much appreciated. Miss Margaret Easton, of Timmins, and Miss Gertrude Hawkins, of Schumacher, brought unstinted applause by their talented dancing, each of these little misses being graceful and gifted.

Mrs. S. O'Hara returned last week from a short visit to Rouyn, Quebec. The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. White who received a message during the week announcing the accidental death of the latter's brother in the city of Windsor.

The many friends of Mr. James Monaghan will regret to hear of his illness at his home on Second avenue. An early restoration to health will be good news.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jones were recent visitors in Porquis Junction.

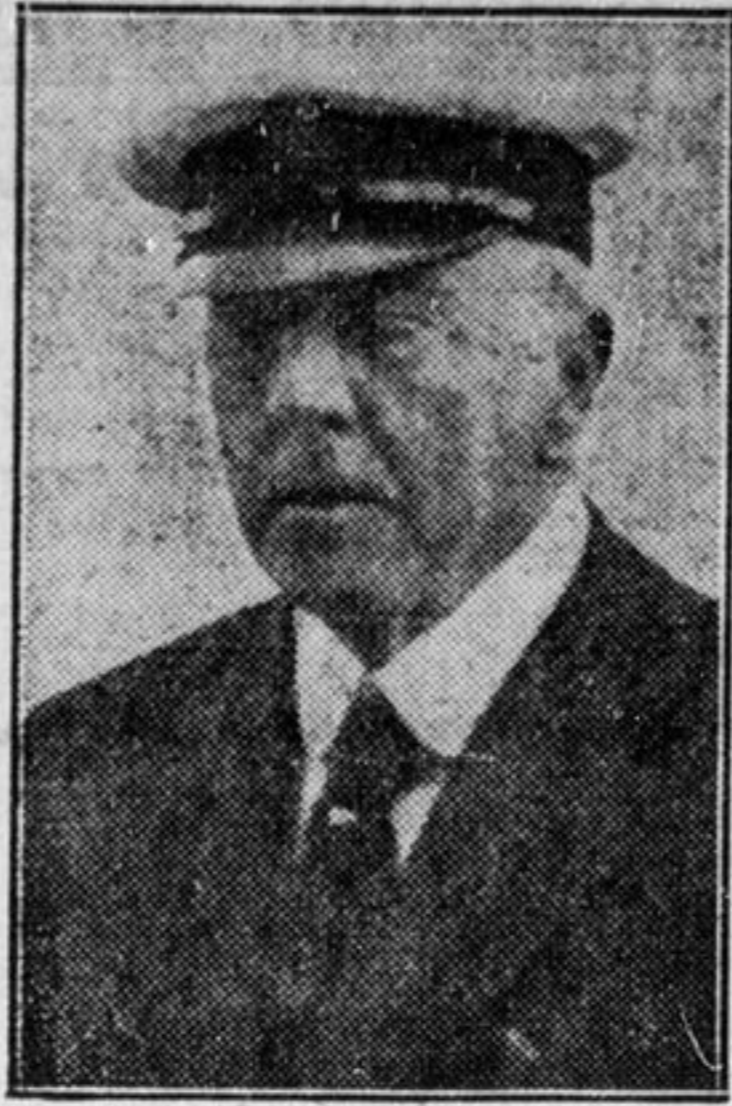
Mrs. Thomas M. Busby left on Tuesday to attend Brethren Gospel meetings at Haileybury.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Waddle have moved to the eastern residential district and are now occupying the residence recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. E. Keeley.

The excellent programme rendered by the students of the Timmins High school at the Commencement Exercises on Friday evening was very much appreciated by many interested visitors from Schumacher. Three of the four athletic championships came to our town:—Jack Leng, senior boys; Alma Tario, senior girls; Elsie Henderson, junior girls. The following pupils also received special prizes for general proficiency during the year:—Lawrence Cooper, Kitty Duxfield, Richard Dainton. The success of our local students at the Departmental Examinations in June was very creditable, many receiving honour standing. Congratulations.

Don't forget the pageant, "The Greatest Gift," by the Senior Sunday School on Friday evening in the auditorium of the Trinity United Church. Encourage the efforts of pupils and adult workers by your attendance. Silver collection.

Mr. F. W. Schumacher, of Columbus, Ohio, will again play the role of Santa Claus. A consignment of one hundred and twenty-five sleighs and other suitable gifts arrived last week and will be distributed from Christmas-trees to four hundred school children on the afternoon of closing day, Dec. 22nd. Parents and friends



BLAMES THE MISSIONARIES

Lord Incheape, one of the greatest of British shipping magnates, who in a speech at London laid the blame for the troubles in China at the door of the Christian missionaries. "China's ancient faiths are as sacred to them as Christianity is to ourselves," he said, "and the attempt to break them down is to be deplored." His words have aroused a storm of protest in England.

are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sullivan were in Powassan, last week attending the wedding of Miss Grace Carr, the sister of Mrs. Sullivan. Miss Carr, who has been a frequent visitor to Schumacher, has many friends here who extend best wishes for a long and prosperous journey.

The Junior Sunday School will hold their Annual Christmas tree and concert in the United Church on Tuesday evening, December 21, commencing at six o'clock.

The many friends of Mr. John Fulton, the manager of the local branch of the Marshall-Ecclestone Hardware Co., were sorry to learn that he had received a message on Saturday announcing the death of his brother in the town of Sudbury.

REPORT OF JUNIOR ROOM

S.S. GERMAN AND MATHESON

II. Class—Bergetto Salo, Donna Simpson, Clare Little, John Sekulie, Jack Korrie, Russell Luxton, Ralph Dixon and Mable Convery (equal).

I. Class—Ruth Creed, Clifford Creed, Ruby Knox, Eva Norgold, Florella Convery, William Reid.

Sr. Primer—Douglas Warren, Charles Kranevich; Annie Convery, Elmer Long and Maxie Verio (equal); Angus Reid, Dorothy Reid; Lorne Dixon and Lillian Bass (equal); Elsie Creed, Sadie Convery, Muriel Reid.

Jr. Primer—Kenneth Long and Glen Little (equal); Lewin Bass, Ellwood Swayne and Ada Convery, absent.—Lillian Hainstock, teacher.

Christmas Band Concert, in the Goldfields Theatre, Sunday evening, Dec. 19th, after the church services. Carol singing will be one of the features of the programme.

FIRE DESTROYS BUILDINGS AT CONNAUGHT LAST WEEK

Overheated Stovepipes Thought to Have Been the Cause of the Fire. Other Connaught News

Connaught, Ont., Dec. 14th. Special to The Advance.

Misses Irene and Aldia Taplin, of Kaspuskasing were the guests of Miss Olive Dixon over the week-end.

Mr. Ray Swayne returned from a pleasant holiday spent at his home in Trenton and was successful in bringing home two deer.

The Connaught Community Club held a successful bridge last Wednesday in the committee rooms. Miss J. M. MacDonald was the winner of the ladies' first prize, Mr. J. A. O'Donnell carrying off the honours among the gentlemen. Ladies consolation was given to Miss Laronde.

On Thursday morning last fire broke out in the shoe repair shop of Mr. Fred Burt and completely destroyed building and equipment. The caretaker had made a fire in the morning as usual and it was about ten when smoke was noticed coming from the windows. It is presumed that the fire originated from an overheated stove pipe.

Shortly after the noon hour another alarm was given and the Manse which is occupied by the Rev. Mr. Wm. Farmer and family was found to be completely enveloped in flames. Overheated stove pipes is also given as the cause of this fire. The prompt and efficient action of the men of the neighborhood resulted in considerable of the household effects being saved, and through their efforts the Union Church was only damaged to a small extent. Both places were covered by insurance.

Last Friday the Community Club entertained to a pleasant social evening and dance in the school house in honour of Misses Irene and Aldia Taplin, who have been here over the week-end. A dainty lunch was served at twelve under the competent direction of Mrs. Knox.

Mr. Jim Reid spent Saturday in Timmins.

Mr. Ed. D. Brown, of Johnsonburg, Pa., was a business visitor to town last week.

Mrs. Leo. Racicot has her young sister and brother visiting her.

Mr. Bert Fawcette was a visitor to

town Saturday.

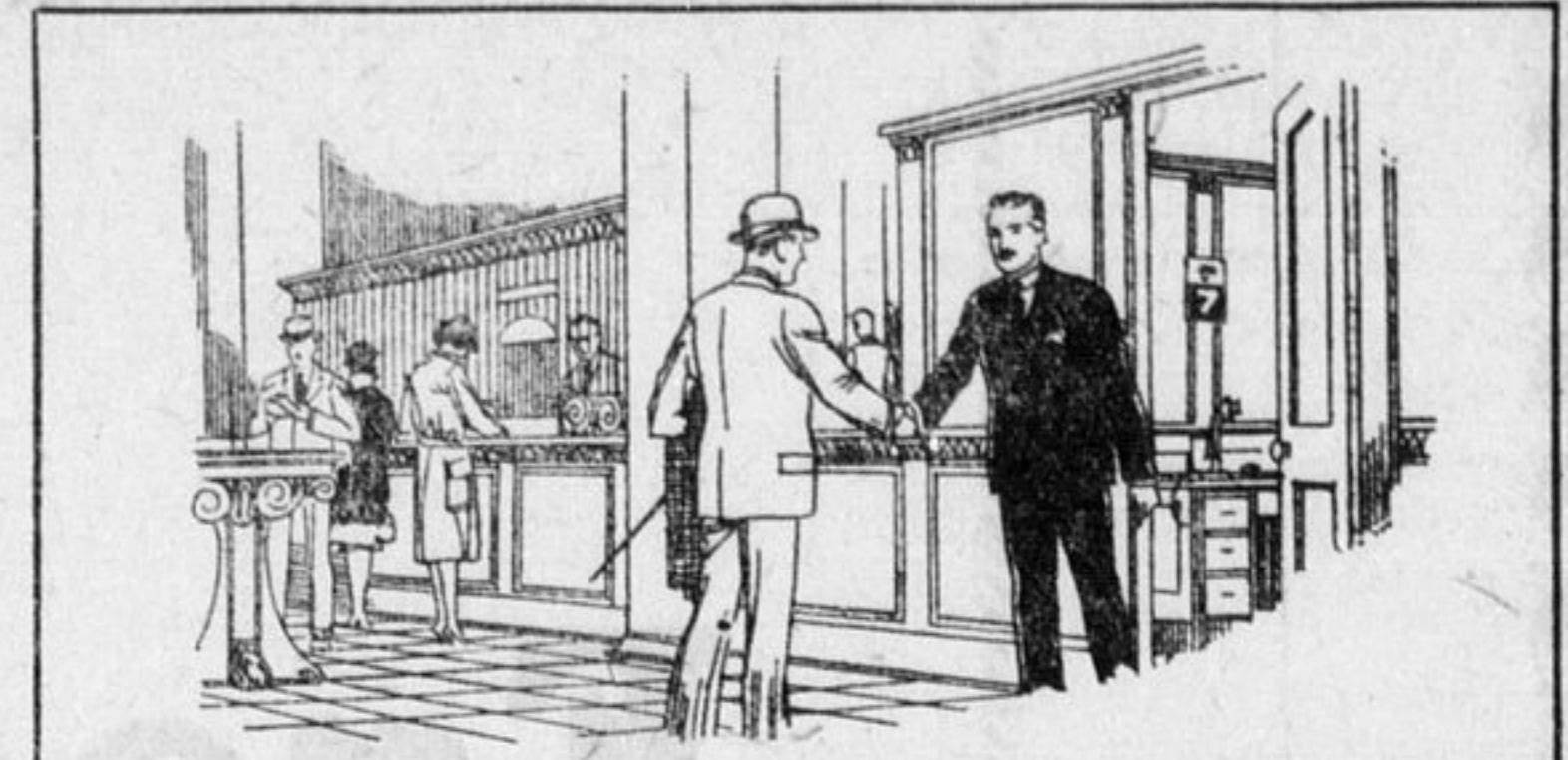
Miss Margaret Kant, of Timmins, spent the week-end with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. O'Donnell returned last week from a month's vacation, the former hunting in the east, while Mrs. O'Donnell visited with her mother in North Bay.

Both the public and separate school children are busy preparing for the annual Christmas tree concerts. The public school are holding their entertainment on December the twenty-

second. The date for the separate school concert has not been arranged as yet.

The schools in town will close on Wednesday next, Dec. 22nd, for the Christmas holidays. The re-opening will be on Tuesday, Jan. 4th. This is another occasion when the youngsters can enjoy the joke, that there will be "no more school this year."



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French-Canadian Chanson Has New Lease of Life



1. Charles Marchand, well known French-Canadian folk, song singer in typical pose.
2. Chansons have kept the spirits of log-jam breakers high at many a difficult task.
3. Singing and paddling went well together.

created by the lumbermen and habitants; for music is a living art in French Canada.

Only within recent years have we begun to realize how rich is the treasury of lovely melodies associated with the folk songs of Canada. Thanks to men like Charles Marchand, interpreter of the French-Canadian "chanson", these folk songs have taken on new life, and before long they will be available for the English speaking population of Canada, owing to the efforts of John Murray Gibbon, whose translations will be published in book form early in the year.

With the idea of popularizing the English versions and thereby bringing about a closer understanding between the French and English elements of Canada, Mr. Marchand is at present making transcontinental concert tour under the auspices of the National Council of Education.

Perhaps the only part of the North American continent that possesses an authentic collection of folk-lore songs is the province of Quebec. Four hundred years ago when the first French explorers and settlers came to the shores of the St. Lawrence many of these songs were on their lips and in their hearts and they have never died out. It is to the honor of the French-Canadian race that they have never been allowed to fade from the remembrance of the people, nor has the flood of ephemeral and rubbishy popular songs of the day overwhelmed them. Originally sung at the court of the French monarchs, they were passed on from father to son, and were brought with the early settlers from France to Canada. And as the years have passed the old ballads have been supplemented by new ones

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