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REHEARSALS FOR "BIMBO" MAKING GOOD HEADWAY

First General Rehearsal was Held Monday Night. Event Promises to be a Specially Good One

Monday night the first general rehearsal was held for "Bimbo," the musical comedy to be staged at the Goldfields theatre, Timmins, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Jan. 26th and 27th, under the auspices of the Humane Society. About one hundred people were present at the rehearsal.

The cast of "Bimbo" comprises about 125 persons, including nine principal characters, and nine choruses. Miss Venetta Kelly, the director, states that the talent submitted for her approval meets the requirements in every way.

All costumes, scenery and lighting effects are furnished by the John B. Rogers Producing Co., of Fostoria, Ohio, U.S.A. The same company staged the pageant celebrating Ottawa's centenary, and numerous other productions throughout Canada, and everything will be done to make "Bimbo" the finest and most beautiful piece ever seen in Timmins.

There is a novel plot running through the play, which contains hilariously funny comedy situations, which will be put over in great style by the splendid talent selected for the principal roles. Besides the principals there are nine choruses. Among these are:—Hula Maids, South Sea Island Belles, Syncopators, Fashion Models, and the Dance of the Moth and Flames. The last-named is a group comprised of twenty kiddies, and the Moth, who is beautifully costumed in gray satin and spangles.

Tickets will be on sale on Friday by members of the Humane Society and the cast. These tickets may be exchanged without extra charge for reserved seats, on or after Jan. 22nd, at 9 a.m., at Meyers Drug Store.

All a man wants his wife to be is: a sweetheart, a valet, an audience and a trained nurse.—Chicago Journal.

Soup should be seen and not heard. Syrup should be used as a nourishment, not as a liniment. Tea should be swallowed, not inhaled.

A shingle, a cigarette and knickers make a lot of difference, but they don't fool a mouse.—New Haven Register.

J. BRADETTE, M.P., WORKS FOR NEW POST OFFICE HERE

Tells Kiwanis Club of Efforts Made. Other Very Interesting Addresses at Luncheon on Monday

Unusually interesting addresses were given by visitors at the Kiwanis Club luncheon in the Empire Hotel on Monday of this week. The visitors included Messrs Cole, Lorimer and J. Bradette, M.P. Mr. Cole was introduced by Mr. A. Laprairie as a "veteran of the Boer War and the Dynamite War." Mr. Cole gave a brief but dynamic address on the South African War, with many interesting incidents and comments.

Mr. Jos. Bradette, M.P., who explained at the outset that he was not going to touch on party politics in any way, gave a very able and interesting address that was listened to by all with much appreciation and approval. One of the particularly interesting parts of his address was his reference to the efforts he had made to secure a new post office building for Timmins. All present knew the need for this accommodation for this up-to-date town. Mr. Bradette thought that by resolutions, petitions and otherwise, the Timmins Board of Trade, the Timmins Town Council and other bodies here could assist and co-operate in the efforts to secure the new post office for Timmins. It would appear that the Town Council, Board of Trade and others would do well to follow Mr. Bradette's suggestion in this matter. Mr. Bradette explained that he had taken the matter up personally with the Minister of Public Works, and with others in the Government, and had been able to impress them with the need and necessity for a new post office here.

The address by Mr. Lorimer was another very helpful and interesting feature of the meeting. Mr. Lorimer urged the advisability of every man budgetting his income and expenditures for the year. He suggested that the budget should be made high and then the individual should go out and make it come true. He gave apt illustration of his line of thought by quoting the attitude of an insurance salesman who had shown him the right amount of insurance to carry in fairness to himself and family.

"How can I finance that amount?" he asked the insurance man. "That is your problem," was the reply. "We all have our individual problems," said Mr. Lorimer, "and if we tackle them rightly we can solve them all right."

Dr. J. A. McInnis was elected a Director to take the place of one resigned.

MEETING AND SOCIAL AT CORNISH SOCIAL CLUB

A general meeting and social evening will be held in the Hollinger Recreation hall on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at 7.30 p.m. There will be a programme of instrumental and vocal music. Refreshments will be served. All members are specially invited to attend this first general meeting.

"How are you getting along at school, Henry?" asked the father. "Fine," answered the son, "I have learned to say 'thank you' in French."

"Good," came back the father, "that's more than you ever learned in English."

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Report of Work by District Children's Aid During Year

Plan Used for Boys Committing Minor Misdemeanors. Only Serious Cases Brought Before Court. "We are Home-makers, not Home-breakers," Says the Superintendent. Statistics of the Work for the Year.

At the annual meeting of the District Children's Aid Society held in the Clinic Room, Fourth avenue, on Wednesday evening of this week, the District Secretary and Superintendent, Mr. R. LeHeup submitted the following statistics and report.

Report of the work done by the Cochrane District Children's Aid Society for the year ending Oct. 31st, 1926.

Applications for children	7
Complaints received	66
Investigations	52
Children involved	181
Children made wards	2
Received from Juvenile Court on parole	14
Sent to Industrial School	5
Returned to parents (not wards)	12
Court attendance	50
Office interviews	176
Wards visited	4
Wards placed out	11
Wards returned	3
Meetings addressed	15
Mileage travelled (approximate)	7310
Mail received (average daily)	4
Mail sent out (average daily)	5
Legal adoption investigations	9
Unmarried parents cases investigated	13

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:—In submitting this, the third annual report of the Cochrane District Children's Aid Society, I feel that a word of explanation is necessary relative to the statistics which have just been presented to you. Statistics are chiefly useful for comparative purposes and convey no adequate idea of the work that has been done. Consequently, I would ask the privilege of explaining some of the items which you have heard read.

Of the 181 children involved during the year only two were made wards of the Society. Five were sent to the Industrial School. Fourteen were placed on parole, to report to the Local Superintendent once a week. In the case of 51, there was no cause for action being taken. Of the remaining 109, their condition was remedied without a commitment being made.

Our plan for handling boys who have committed a misdemeanor of some kind is to have them appear before the Local Superintendent, accompanied by their parents, and the complainant. The case is then gone into, and, if restitution is made, the case is dismissed. But if the offence is of a serious nature, then we bring it before the Magistrate. By this plan we reduce the number of children brought into court to the minimum and prevent the stigma of having been brought to Court being placed upon the children.

In cases of neglect, extreme poverty and illness, it is our aim to correct the irregularities and relieve the necessities in the home without resorting to court action. This is done in every case where there is a possibility of remedying conditions and holding the home together. We are home-makers, not home-breakers.

Usually this class are so poor that they become discouraged and drifting downward. It is not possible to get them on their feet by advice.

There must be something practical done for them, and as the good we can do in this type of case is limited to the amount of money we have to expend, we try to interest someone who can supply their wants,—usually the local branch of the society or the Municipality.

You will find that our endeavours in relieving this class will be simplified wonderfully when we get our Shelter in operation. It is amazing the amount of interest that is taken in, and voluntary support given to, an institution of this kind.

During the past four months I have addressed thirteen meetings on behalf of our Society. I feel that our aims and objects should be made known everywhere before we attempt thorough organization. I have been assured of co-operation in organizing our committees in Atholton, Cochrane and Kapuskasing. Whilst on the subject of organization, I believe it would be to the advantage of our work in general if both Porcupine had its own branch, instead of being merged with Timmins. This is a matter which our friends from South Porcupine might profitably consider.

The number of families that have been deserted by the father is assuming alarming proportions, no less than seven having been reported to our office recently. In the case of three, I have laid information and secured warrants for their arrest. The other four have been referred to the police of the district where they are supposed to be.

It would arouse the sympathy of any of you to hear the stories of neglect, illness and ill-treatment, or depravity, told by the daily who come to our office for counsel and advice. I regard this phase of our work as of great importance, entailing much investigation and correspondence.

In handling our Legal Adoption cases, of which we have had seven, it is our unvarying aim to investigate the home of the applicant before making recommendation, which, if favourable, and the prior consents given, we bring the case before the District Judge at Cochrane who if satisfied that the adoption is desirable makes an order compelling the adoption. This branch of our work is most interesting and satisfying.

The administration of the Children of Unmarried Parents Act is the most difficult of all our activities. There are seven of these cases pending, with the principals as witnesses scattered all over the District. It is necessary to interview them all and then endeavour to arrive at a settlement. Failing this, the case is brought before the District Judge at Cochrane, who determines, in fact, the accused is the father of the child, and what amount, if any, he shall pay for the maintenance of the child. These cases consume much time and entail a lot of travelling.

I have endeavoured to keep our operating expenses as low as possible, and in this we have been assisted by the town of Timmins which has granted us the use of a desk room in the Child's Welfare Clinic. This we find works out to our mutual advantage. We have also been able to get along without a stenographer so far, and our telephone bills are practically nil.

The thanks of the Society are due to the town of Timmins for use of the office, the Provincial and local police officers for their practical and valued assistance, to Magistrates Atkinson and Tucker for their advice and sympathetic interest in everything concerning our problems, and to the branch societies and their workers, through whose untiring efforts the public have become so interested in our work that the matter of financing is becoming easier.

Respectfully submitted,
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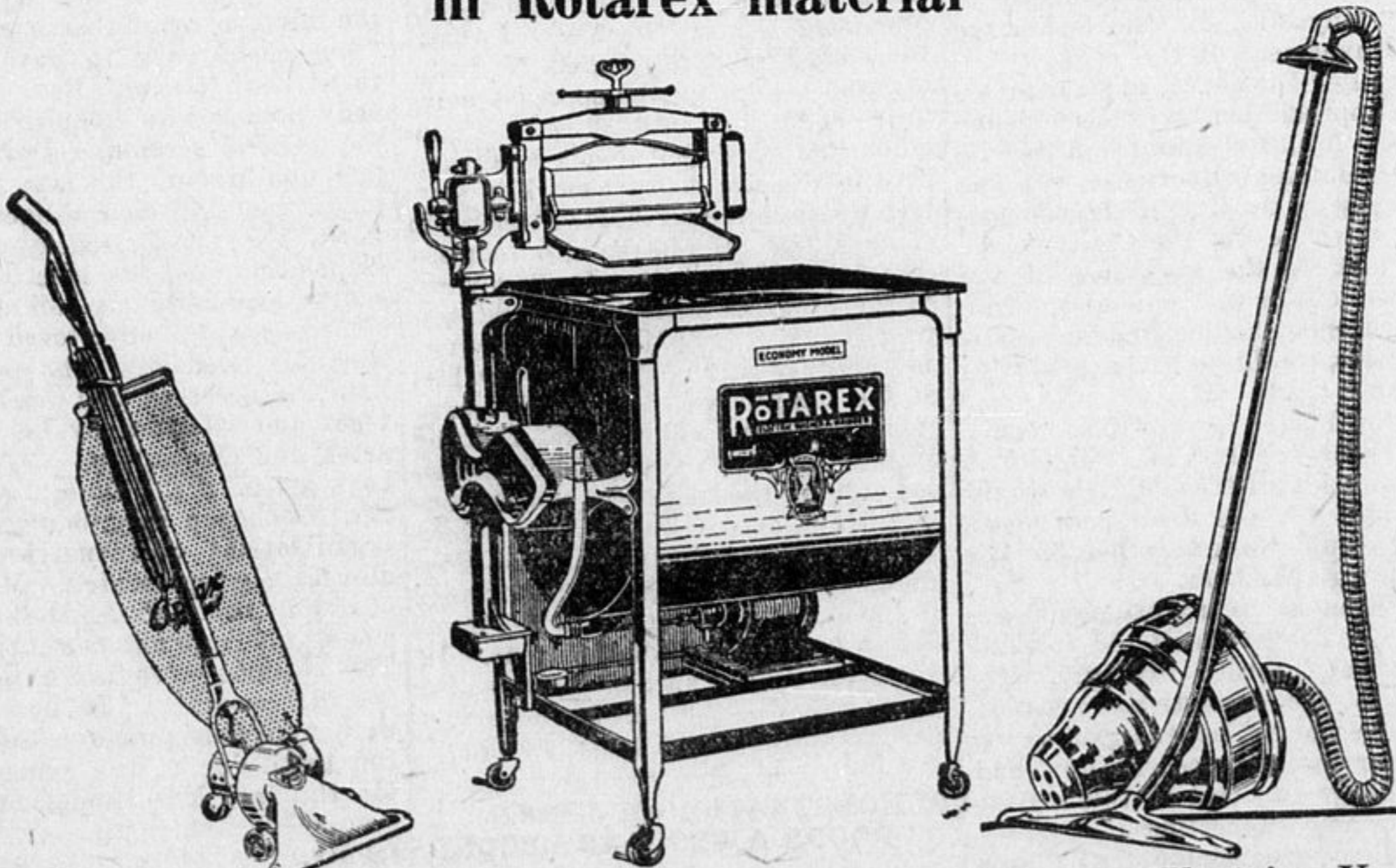
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