

Parents Should Warn Boys Against Using Aerial Trams

Tragedy Nearly Resulted on Friday Last from Tricks of Mischievous Boys. One Lad Needed Medical Care and Was Close to Freezing to Death. Boys Caught in Bucket in Mid-air Jumped to the Ground.

For some time past some boys have been in the habit of going out some three miles from town to the aerial tramway line used by the Hollinger for carrying sand. The tramway system is composed of buckets running on a cable, the cable being held up by high steel towers. The boys have been making a practice of climbing the tower and getting into the buckets and thus "stealing a ride" high in the air, the lads dropping out of the buckets at the big hill on the line. The practice has, of course, been sternly frowned upon by the Hollinger and lads have been warned away whenever found near the towers. It is high time that parents take a hand in the matter and warn their children effectively if tragedy is to be avoided.

On Friday last there was a very close approach to tragedy at the aerial line. About ten boys, ranging in age from ten to thirteen years, went out to the sand line and played their usual pranks. While some of them were riding in the buckets, the aerial tram was closed down for some necessary repairs. The youngsters in the buckets were thus held high up in the air, with the thermometer far below zero. Some of the lads jumped down,

landing in snow banks and being unhurt. In view of the cold weather they made at once for their homes. One lad, named Villeneuve, however, was not so fortunate. In jumping down he struck against a rock and injured his back. He was crawling on his hands and knees across the snow when discovered by Mr. Penn who was passing that way on skis. Mr. Penn carried the lad to the road and got him to a woodsleigh, thus taking him to the office of Dr. Moore's office for attention. While the doctors think the boy is not seriously hurt it will be a week or two before he recovers from his misadventure. As soon as the Hollinger learned that boys had been in the neighbourhood at the time of the shut-down of the tram, men were sent out to patrol the whole line to be sure that all the boys had gotten home safely. It was found that only one lad suffered any sort of actual harm from the incident, but the affair should be taken as a lesson by all parents to prompt them to warn their youngsters against playing around riding the tramway. Climbing the towers, riding the buckets and other tricks may all prove dangerous at any time and the boys should all be warned in time against these practices.

TEN FIRE CALLS IN THE PAST WEEK IN TIMMINS

Only Two Caused Any Damage, the Rest Being Chimney Fires. Total Loss About \$150.00

During the past week the fire brigade had ten calls, making a total of 28 runs since Dec. 16th. On Dec. 29th there were three calls, all chimney fires, with no loss resulting. Of the other seven calls, five were chimney calls. The other two alarms were threatening blazes, but the speedy response and the good work of the chief and the brigade avoided any serious result. The following is a summary of the fires for the week:

Dec. 29—Three chimney fires; no damage.
Dec. 31st—Call from Box 21 at 9:50 a.m. Fire at 57 Balsam street, north, owned by Mr. P. Kyllonen. This was a small fire in the attic, caused from an overheated stovepipe. This might easily have developed into a serious fire, but for the good work of the brigade. The blaze was extinguished by the use of the chemical tanks. Damage slight.

Dec. 31st—Call by telephone at 5:05 p.m., for 16 Elm street, south. Chimney fire; no damage.

Dec. 31st—Call from Box 65 at 6:05 p.m. Chimney fire at 169 Pine street, south. No damage.

Jan. 1st—Telephone call at 10:50 p.m. Chimney fire at Timmings Garage. No damage.

Jan. 2nd—Verbal call at 4:15 p.m. for 12 Cedar street, north, the boarding house premises owned by Steve Barilko. A fire had started in the basement of the building, evidently from furnace pipes. This was difficult fire to deal with, the dense smoke adding to the difficulties of curbing this fire. Both chemical tanks and use of water were necessary to get this fire under control. The loss was about \$150.00. No insurance was carried in this case.

Jan. 2nd—Telephone call at 9:05 p.m., from 163 Spruce street, south. Chimney fire; no damage.

Jan. 4th—Verbal call at 9:00 a.m., for chimney fire at 47 Fourth avenue. No damage.

RESOLUTION NIGHT AT A.S.D. CLUB THIS WEEK

A very successful night was had at the regular weekly dance of the A.S.D. Club in the Oddfellows' hall on Wednesday evening. Being the first meeting of the New Year the club staged a Resolution Night, great amusement being caused by the resolutions offered by the members of the club.

The evening was also the occasion of a welcome and shower to the popular vice-president of the club and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mavittie, who have just returned to Timmings from their wedding trip. Mr. and Mrs. Mavittie were "showered" with a great variety of gifts, which if not useful showed originality and ingenuity on the purchaser's part. Mr. M. J. Belanger, the president, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Mavittie and expressed the heartiest good wishes of the club.

Next Wednesday evening the January Visitors' Night will be held, and a real good evening is promised the members and their guests.

FIRST MEETING OF NEW COUNCIL ON MONDAY NEXT

Date of Nomination for Two Additional Councillors to Complete Board Likely at First Meeting.

The 1928 mayor and council will be duly sworn into office at 11 o'clock on Monday morning of next week, Jan. 9th. The law sets the second Monday in January as the date for the meeting for new councils to take the oath of office. The usual procedure in Timmings is for the new mayor and council to take the declaration of office at 11 o'clock in the morning of the day appointed, and then meet immediately after for the selection of committees for the year and for other business. Whether this will be done this year or not is not certain, in view of the fact that two new councillors have still to be elected. The council might select the members of the various committees from the members of council already elected, but this is not probable. It is more likely that the selection of committees will be deferred until after the other two councillors are appointed, or else temporary choice made of committees until the new councillors are elected. It is probable, however, that one piece of business to be transacted at the first meeting of the 1928 council on Monday will be the selection of a date for the nominations for the two vacancies on the council board. Four of the 1928 council were elected by acclamation, and there are still two other councillors to be elected, as noted in The Advance last week.

SKI CLUB HOUSE TO BE OPENED THIS EVENING

If Weather Unfavourable Event will be Postponed to Next Thursday, Jan. 12

The official opening of the new Ski Club house at the slides on Dalton's Golf Course, will take place to-night (Thursday), weather permitting. Should the weather be unfavourable the event will be postponed until Thursday, Jan. 12th. All adult skiers of the town and district are very cordially invited to attend. The opening will take the form of the regular weekly hike, leaving the Rex Tea Room, Pine street, south, at 7:30 and returning to the club house for a lunch of hot beans and coffee. This evening, and in future hikes, the skiers will be divided into two groups, the good skiers under one captain and the newer skiers under another captain, the latter not attempting to go as fast or as far as the first group.

On future regular hikes, each person or party on the hike will bring their own lunch, which will be left at the club house and enjoyed at the end of the hike, with hot tea and coffee provided by the club.

The key to the club-house will be available at all times to members who already have not one by calling at Moiseley & Ball's drug store, and returning it there. To enjoy the privileges of the club all skiers should get their membership tickets.

KIWANIS COMMITTEES PLAN YEAR'S PROGRAMME

Committee Chairmen and Supervisors Outline Plans for Efforts in 1928

The meeting of the Kiwanis Club on Monday of this week proved a very interesting one. Dr. Lee Honey, the retiring president, opened the meeting and after a word of thanks for the co-operation and kindness received during his term of office, handed over proceedings to the new president, Mr. C. G. Keddie. The new president spoke inspiringly of the work to be done during the year, and asked the chairmen of the different committees and the supervisors of the various departments of Kiwanis work to speak on the plans in view for 1928. The brief summaries of the programme in each line of endeavour proved unusually interesting, and as a consequence the Monday luncheon started the year in successful and inspiring way. The discussion brought out many helpful ideas, and 1928 promises to be a good one for Kiwanis work. It is the intention this year to carry on as in the past, devoting the greater part of the energies of the club to work among children.

The following are the committees, with the chairman of each:—

- Underprivileged Child committee, R. Dye, chairman.
- Programme committee, V. Woodbury.
- Sports committee, Geo. Lake.
- House committee, A. Lapparie.
- Finance committee, E. H. King.
- Attendance committee, Dayton Ostrosser. This committee will devote its time this year to obtaining better attendance. The records will be kept by the secretary.
- Music committee, Phil Young, chairman.
- Membership and Classification, J. E. Newton.
- Public Affairs, P. Dougal.
- Publicity, "Chip" Ball.
- Playgrounds, Harry Jackson.
- Reception, V. H. Emery.
- Kiwanis Education, chairman not yet decided upon. This committee is to arrange ways and means of instructing Kiwanis members about Kiwanis and Kiwanis ideals.
- Vocational Guidance, Karl Eyre. This committee is a new committee. Its duties will be to devise ways of advising boys who are considering what they shall do for their life's work.
- Grievances and Goodwill, Wilson Lang.
- Business Standards and Methods, L. Halperin.
- Interstate Relations, H. G. Laidlaw.
- Laws and Regulations, S. A. Caldwell.

Every director is supervisor for various committees and is responsible for the successful carrying on of the work of the same.

LADIES' CLASSES IN ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

The ladies' class in the St. John Ambulance Brigade work will re-open on Monday, Jan. 9th. Mr. T. H. Richards will be the instructor. Opportunity will be given for those ladies who did not take the examination before Christmas, to qualify for the certificate.

A shield has been donated for teams of four ladies, open to all Ontario. It is the intention here to enter one or two teams on this competition.

RAMBLERS CLUB START NEW YEAR WITH FINE EVENT

An outstanding event, and starting the New Year with a real bang, was the dance held on Monday evening in the McIntyre Recreation hall by the Ramblers' Club. There was a large crowd present for the event, and the dance was one of the most enjoyable ever held by the Club.

The best of good music for the dancing was provided by Tommy Stephens and his Red Jackets.

During the evening a very enjoyable luncheon was served by the members of the Club.

A real good evening ended about three a.m. with the Home Waled and the National Anthem.

WORK STARTED ON BRIDGE CLOSE TO SHILLINGTON

A correspondent writing from Monteith says:—The Northern Development Branch have commenced work on the bridge near Shillington. Having this work done in the winter seems a splendid plan to save hardships caused by detouring over clay roads in summer. During last summer two of the bridges on the road between Monteith and Shillington were rebuilt.

ROUSING COMPETITIONS AT CURLING RINK HERE

Gauthier's Rink Wins Club Event in Local Bouspiel. Other Competitions in Progress Now.

The curling season got away to a good start last week when the local club held a bouspiel in which the greatest enthusiasm was shown. There were three events for the competing rinks, a Club Event, a President's Event and a Consolation Event. At the time of going to press the Club Event is the only one completed, the finals in both the President's and Consolation Events have yet to be decided.

The following are the results in the Club Event:—

- Murdock (8) won from Rinn (7)
- Todd (9) won from Lang (5)
- Solomon (11) won from Marshall (8)
- Walker (11) won from Sutherland (5).

2nd Round

- Murdock (9) won from Todd (8)
- Solomon (9) won from Walker (5)
- Emery (12) won from Watt (6)
- Gauthier (8) won from Drew (7).

3rd Round

- Murdock (8) won from Solomon (7)
- Gauthier won from Emery.

Finals

- Gauthier (14) won from Murdock (10).

The finals in the event were played last night and the game was keenly contested. The personnel of the rinks entering the finals is as follows:—

- I. E. Dunn 1st Jos. Amm
- J. E. Smith 2nd D. Ostrosser
- J. Sullivan H. E. Montgomery
- G. H. Gauthier skip C. Murdock

The following are the results of the games played so far in the President's Event:—

- Gauthier (10) won from Marshall (6)
- Rinn (12) won from Drew (6)
- Emery (8) won from Murdock (7)
- Sutherland (11) won from Watt (6)

2nd Round

- Gauthier (12) won from Rinn (7)
- Emery (17) won from Sutherland (1)

3rd Round

- Solomon (10) won from Lang (8)
- Todd (10) won from Walker (9)

The finals have not been played yet. Emery and Solomon meeting to decide this event. The personnel of the rinks to play is as follows:—W. Dunn, lead; R. H. Hall, second; E. L. Urquhart, vice; V. H. Emery, skip. H. Laidlaw, lead; Jos. Newton, second; P. Gordon, vice; I. E. Solomon, skip.

In the Consolation Event, Lang won from Drew, and Watt from Marshall. The finals have not been played yet. The rinks entering the finals are as follows:—

- Platus, lead; W. R. Sullivan, second; H. Huckabone, vice; A. W. Lang, skip.
- T. Blackman, lead; D. Briden, second; S. R. McCoy, vice; J. Watt, skip.

Play was started last night in the Timmings Curling Competition. This is an elimination round; rinks losing one game are through. In the games played last night Dr. A. S. Porter won from Drew, S. T. Walker won from H. J. Marshall, W. R. Rinn won from L. Walker and A. W. Lang won from D. Sutherland.

The second series of games will be played tonight, the following rinks having drawn for 6:45 p.m.: Jackson vs. Lake; Langdon vs. Gauthier; Huckabone vs. Watt. The following have been drawn to play at 9 p.m.: Grassett vs. Lowe; H. E. Montgomery vs. Emery; Urquhart vs. Prout.

WHOLE FAMILY DROWNED IN LAKE TEMISKAMING

Three Children Under Six Perish with Father and Mother When Auto Goes Through the Ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Alderie Racicot and their three children, together with Mr. Racicot's brother, Theodore, were drowned on Saturday afternoon in Lake Temiskaming when the automobile in which they were driving went through the ice into the water. H. Lapiere, who was also in the car with the party was able to jump to safe ice and made his way eventually to safety. He went a half a mile to a house on the lake shore, where suffering from shock exposure and exhaustion, he was barely able to tell the story of the tragedy. At once rescuers hurried to the scene of the terrible accident but nothing could be done. The ice on the lake appeared to be thick and perfectly safe, according to accounts of the tragedy coming to Cobalt, but as the Racicot party drove along where evidently teams had been passing safely during the day, there was a crack some twenty-five feet wide suddenly opening in the ice before them. The driver had no chance to stop the car or change its course before the auto had pitched forward into the water. None in the car, with the exception of Lapiere, had any chance to extricate themselves from the machine. There was a blizzard raging at the time to add to the peril of the occasion. The Racicot children were all under six years of age. At the time of the tragedy the party were on their way to Fabre, Quebec, to visit friends for the holiday.

Capt. Plunkett's Dumbbells Make Big Hit in the North

Crowded Houses at Timmings Delighted with the Clever and Wholesome Entertainment Provided. "Pretty Girls" Make Big Hit. Unusually Graceful and Talented Dancing. Many Fine Song Hits. An All-Round Good Show.

The old year had a joyous passing-out, thanks to the mirth-provoking and thoroughly enjoyable show provided Friday and Saturday last by Capt. M. W. Plunkett's Dumbbells with their annual revue, "O-o, La, La!" given in the Goldfields Theatre under the auspices of the Timmings Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire. The two evening performances found crowded houses, and the general opinion is that the show was well worthy of a full house each and every night. The Saturday matinee, on account of the weather and the holiday season, did not draw as large a crowd as expected, the house being only half full, but the company played with the same generous talent and hearty interest as given at the other performances. Those at the matinee expressed special appreciation of the way the Dumbbells Company gave of their best, stinting nothing, despite the comparatively small crowd.

The Dumbbells Company gave one of the very best shows ever presented in Timmings. Comment since the event all seems to be highly favourable, and the I.O.D.E. are being very generally commended on bringing so pleasing and excellent an offering to this town. Many here who had seen the Dumbbells in other years suggested that some other year they were better than last week, but none were so bold as to pretend that the ninth annual revue was not a first-class show,—an extra special. Scenery, costumes, acting, singing, dancing, stage settings, lighting effects and particularly the cleverness of the whole show deserve special mention. From the opening sketch to the drop of the curtain, there was not a dull moment or a poor number. Some may single one or more items for special praise, but the very variety of the choice of special numbers to praise by different people indicates the fact that the show throughout makes universal appeal, and there appears to be something special for everybody's taste.

The opening sketch, "Just Around the Corner," was an artistic piece of work, well done and having special appeal to the hearts of those whose loved ones went "just around the corner" in the war.

To lovers of fun the second skit, a clever take-off on "Mary and Doug," the lively motion picture stars, was a delight, the caricature being skillfully presented by Pat Rafferty and Red Newman.

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and artistic beauty. "Shalimar," "Hello, My Dearie," and other songs by "Marjorie" (Ross Hamilton), were exceedingly well presented and won great favour. Glenn Allan was an equally charming young miss, while his dancing was most graceful and gifted. "Certainly, it's a girl," was the emphatic statement of more than one about this talented young impersonator.

"Red" Newman showed the skill that has given him fame by his rendition early in the programme of "Ma, Look at Charlie." He had the audience "whooping" it up in the chorus. Later, in the evening, his fine voice and expressive interpretation of "Oh, It's a Lovely War" brought down the house. No one has ever really heard this song unless they have heard "Red" Newman sing it himself.

Another singer with a remarkably fine voice was Cameron Geddes. His magnificent bass was heard to full advantage in "I Passed by Your Window," given in very effective way, and winning encore that absolutely refused to be denied.

Harry Binns, tenor, pleased all with his songs, well given, including "Some Night, Some Waltz, Some Girl," "Only Girl" and others.

Al Plunkett, in his half-shy but wholly capable way, gave delightful presentations of humorous songs that he made live and full of meaning. He showed all "why the waves are wild," as well as explaining about "father getting older and mother getting younger" every day. As a singer of humorous songs he has a way all his own; and few indeed can equal that way for effectiveness.

Fred Emney, Charlie Jeeves and Joek Holland made a happy hit with their rehearsal scene, and this was even exceeded by the humour in the skit, "The Town Hall To-night," in which Jack McClellan, Fred Emney, Joek Holland, Red Newman and Pat Rafferty make the house shake with laughter.

A treat by itself in the way of happy entertainment was the studio concert, with Capt. Plunkett as host, and the numbers including:—The Plunkett Trio; Howard Fogg and his violin; Fred Emney and Louis Crerar at the piano, the "Englishman" making a great hit here too. These musical numbers were a genuine delight to all.

The sketch, "Sailing, Sailing!" was a popular number, clever in design and equally clever in its presentation. The choruses, "The More We Are Together," and "O-o, La, La!" were deservedly popular. Indeed there was no part of the whole programme that did not meet with popular approval for its cleverness, wholesome fun and interest and the artistic way it was presented. The Dumbbells will certainly get a hearty welcome when next they visit this North.

E.S. NOBLE RE-ELECTED MAYOR OF KAPUSKASING

Former Timmings Town Councillor Has Easy Win This Year at Big Paper Town in the North

The many friends of Mr. E. S. Noble, formerly manager of the Northern Canada Power Co. at Timmings, but more recently assistant manager of the Spruce Falls Pulp & Paper Co., at Kapuskasing, will be interested and pleased to know that at the municipal elections at Kapuskasing on Monday he was re-elected as mayor of that thriving new town, his majority being a very substantial one. Mr. Noble had municipal experience in Timmings while resident here, serving a term as town councillor. He proved an efficient and able member of the local municipal board and gave this town good service. Last year he was mayor of Kapuskasing, and his ability was shown by the progress made by the town under his regime. The people of Kapuskasing were evidently well satisfied with his good services, as word from the north is to the effect that he achieved an easy victory over his opponent. The following were the councillors elected at Kapuskasing at this week's election:—G. E. Belanger, Councillor Taplin, Councillor LaTour, A. Anderson, A. Timaire and J. Kennedy. The first meeting of Kapuskasing's council for 1928 will be held on Monday next, Jan. 9th.

The Kirkland Lake Northern News last week says: "Mr. Tommy Church of Timmings, spent the holiday with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Burton."



THE DARK HORSE
(Leaders of the British political parties are puzzled by the "Votes for Flappers.")
—Daily Express, London, Eng.