

Threatening Fire Upstairs In Burke's Store Building

Firemen Do Good Work in Dangerous Fire Early This Morning in Vacant Rooms Above Drug Store. Considerable Damage to Building and to Stocks in Store. Alarm From Box 13 Brings Out Many Spectators.

When Officers Moore and McCord were returning to the station in the police car after picking up a vagrant woman in a woodshed there, they noted flames in the upstairs part of F. M. Burke's drug store building on Pine street north of the Gordon block. They at once stopped the car and while one of them turned in the alarm from Box 13, the other hurried to the scene of the fire. The fire brigade made their usual record response with the usual good turnout of firemen and volunteers. The smoke was so dense and the flames spreading so rapidly that at first the building could not be entered far upstairs. The fire seemed to be at the southern corner of the rear, and two streams of water were soon playing in the rooms there. After a capable fight by Chief Borland and his men the fire was extinguished, but not before considerable damage was done. The upstairs of the building was formerly used as apartments, but has been vacant for some time. Investigation of the fire afterwards showed that the blaze started in the bathroom, and it is possible that someone wandered up there in the early morning hours and s dropped cigarette but or a carelessly thrown match would explain the origin of the fire. The doors to the apartments were found closed but unlocked. The alarm was turned in at 3:20 and the blaze had some headway before it was discovered. The fire looked like

a very threatening one for a time but thanks to the good work of the firemen, the danger of a serious blaze was averted. The building is owned by Mr. D. B. Curtis and is one of the oldest buildings in the main business section of the town. The fact that it is lined with metal sheeting outside minimized the danger of the fire breaking through, and the way the chief and firemen handled the situation the fire was confined to the one quarter of the upstairs. Considerable damage was done to the building by the fire, while still further damage was caused to the stocks in the drug store downstairs from the water and smoke. The prompt use by the firemen of the big tarpaulins saved considerable further loss by protecting the stocks from the water coming through the ceiling. The amount of damage to the building and the stocks has not been estimated as yet officially. It will be heavy. Mr. Burke had just signed a new lease for five years for the building yesterday. Until adjustments are made the F. M. Burke drug store business will be carried on at his other two stores in town, the one in the Reed block and the one in Mattagami. The building, while damaged, is not apparently sufficiently injured to prevent repairs under the by-law, and it is likely that it will be made all shipshape again as soon as the adjustors pass on it.

JAIL TERM FOR ROBBING TILL AT IDEAL POOL ROOM

Young Man Sentenced to Not Less Than Three Months Nor More Than Two Years. Other Police Court Cases

Shortly after noon on Sunday the Ideal Pool Room, opposite the New Empire was entered and the cash drawer rifled. Entry was gained through one of the cellar windows. The robber secured \$60.00, much of this amount being in silver. The police were notified and soon got busy. Suspicion was turned for various reasons upon a young man named Joseph Roy, who has been in trouble before. During the afternoon Constable Wm. McCord picked up Roy and took him over to the police station for questioning. When searched at the station a considerable quantity of silver coins were found on him. After some questioning he admitted that he was the guilty party. When he came before Magistrate Atkinson he entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to not less than three months and not more than two years for the crime. About \$40.00 of the amount stolen was recovered.

Another very interesting case was that of a man who had his arm badly broken at a party last week. His story is that he was struck on the arm and suffered a couple of serious fractures. There was no doubt of the man being hurt, but the accused has another way of explaining how it happened. According to this other story, the defendant attempted to throw a plate of soup at something or someone. He spilled the soup and fell himself a victim, this story says, suggesting that he fell in the soup he himself had spilled and sustained the fractures to his arm through the fall. The case was remanded to next week when the accused and the complainant will both have opportunity to tell it all to the judge.

At the police court this week there were five drunks. Three of them paid \$10.00 and costs, another paid \$25.00 and costs while the case against the fifth man was acquitted.

Another extra special was a dog case. A man down the river road had some dogs that the neighbours found to be a nuisance in many ways. The dogs when at large frightened some people, and when tied up they made so much noise that the neighbours objected. The reply of the man with whom the animals stayed to complaints about the dogs did no more than to bring out the suggestion that the dogs did not belong to him. In court, however, the man was required to buy licenses for each of the dogs and also to pay the costs of the court.

OVERHEATED STOVE CAUSED FIRE AT MONETA RESIDENCE

At 8:20 last night the firemen had a call to 90 First Avenue, owned by Mr. Chabot, and occupied by Mrs. McAra and family. The fire, which had a good start before it was discovered, was caused by an overheated stove in which coke was being burned. Mrs. McAra was out at the time, having left the fire well banked. Between \$400.00 and \$500.00 damage was done to the building and contents, loss being covered by insurance. The firemen were able to put out the fire by the use of the big chemical tanks.

Annual Meeting P.D.F.L. On Saturday, April 6th

On Saturday of next week, the annual meeting of the Porcupine District Football League will be held for the purpose of receiving the reports of the officers for the past year, electing officers for 1929, and general arranging and planning for the coming season. All football enthusiasts should make a note of the date and especially the representatives of clubs intending to enter a team in the league this year. Clubs concerned should see that they have properly accredited representatives ready for the meeting.

TWO MURDER CHARGES AT COCHRANE COURT, APRIL 9

Mr. Justice Rose Will Preside at Court Trying Ivanchuck and Rinta-Nohka. Other Important Cases to Before Court.

On Tuesday, April 9th, Mr. Justice Rose, of Toronto, will preside at the court in Cochrane at which two murder charges will be tried. John Ivanchuck, known to many throughout the district as "Cobalt," will be tried on the charge of the murder of Inspector Harry Constable in October, 1926. The other murder case before the court will be that of Bertoli Rinta-Nohka, who was committed for trial last November on the charge of the murder of Julius Niemi, another Finn, on Sunday, Nov. 11th. Niemi was stabbed in the head with a knife and died from the injury. The stabbing affray took place at South Porcupine and was generally thought to have followed a drunken quarrel.

Inspector Harry Constable was murdered at Cochrane in October, 1926, the crime being committed one evening as the inspector was returning home from band practice. Inspector Constable was shot, evidently by someone waiting in ambush for him. In November last year John Ivanchuck was arrested at Cochrane and committed for trial on the charge of murdering Inspector Constable. According to reports from Cochrane the police have an impressive array of evidence in this case. Sgt. Frank Gardiner and other provincial officers have worked on the case for months past.

Another case to come before Mr. Justice Rose at Cochrane on April 9th will be that of Rev. Mr. Williston, Anglican clergyman, charged with a serious offence against a young girl, formerly living in Cochrane, but whose parents have recently been living in Rouyn.

There are a number of civil cases also to be heard at the sessions of the court on April 9th, some of them being from Timmins.

FALL IN STOCK MARKET SOURCE OF MUCH WORRY

The general fall in prices on the stock market this week proved a source of loss and worry to many here, a number being sold out owing to the sudden drops in practically all stocks wiping out the margins. Call money on the New York market reached a figure unprecedented in recent times. The market, however, appears to be steadying again somewhat.

CLOSING EVENT TO-NIGHT OF EVENING SEWING CLASSES

Diplomas and Prizes to be Awarded This (Thursday) Evening at Technical High School, Timmins.

Special invitation is extended the ladies of Timmins and district to attend the closing exercises of the Evening Sewing Classes at the Technical School, Timmins, this evening (Thursday), March 28th, at eight o'clock. This event will be well worth anyone's while to attend. Those who attended last year's event will recall the interest and pleasure occasioned.

This evening the work done by the pupils in the classes will be on display and will undoubtedly interest and please all. On previous occasions all were much interested indeed in the excellent display of work by the pupils of the Evening Classes for Sewing.

This evening diplomas and prizes for the term will be awarded, and the evening generally will be one that will prove specially attractive.

Those who have attended previous closing exercises of the Evening Sewing Classes are not likely to need special urging to be present this (Thursday) evening. To all who have not attended the exercises on previous occasions it may be said that they will be well pleased if they make a point to visit the event this evening.

"The Seven Last Words" to be Given Friday Night

"The Seven Last Words of Christ," a sacred cantata for solo and chorus, with music by Th. Dubois, will be given by choir of the Church of the Nativity on Good Friday evening at 7:30. The soloists will be Mrs. J. Everard and Mrs. Spragge, soprano; J. T. Heffernan, tenor; and W. R. Dodge, baritone. The choir will be under the direction of Mr. J. Geils with Mr. Spragge at the organ.

Corner of Pine Street Now Awaits Post Office

The corner of Pine street and Fourth avenue, usually referred to as Dr. Brown's corner, looks odd these days, the residence on it so many years being moved away on Monday. The building was bought by Mr. M. Maty-onitz who has had it moved to Spruce street, north, where it is being remodelled and re-decorated and will be soon completed as a very acceptable and comfortable residence. The moving in record time on Monday morning, only a few hours being taken to move it the four or five blocks necessary. The house was jacked up and runners placed under it. The motive power for the moving was a powerful tractor and the workmanlike, speedy and effective way in which the structure was moved was a delight to all who like to see good work done. The move was made without the cracking of a single pane of glass or any other injury in any way to the building.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY HOLD WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

A whist drive and dance, under the auspices of the Caledonian Society, was held in the Hollinger Recreation hall on Wednesday evening of this week and attended by a large number of members and friends who spent an enjoyable evening. The winners of cards were:—ladies, Mrs. B. Ash, Mrs. Sears; consolation, Mrs. Stewart; gentlemen, R. H. Gray, R. Webber; consolation, Mr. Jopson. At the interval refreshments were served and afterwards a varied programme of dancing was carried through. The next meeting of the society will be on Tuesday, April 16th.

An informal invitation dance is planned to be held by Golden Beaver Lodge, No. 528, A. F. & A. M., on Friday evening, April 19th, in the Masonic hall, Timmins. As usual with dances held under Masonic auspices a good time is assured all attending, and Friday evening, April 19th promises to be one of the best yet.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE FIELD MARSHAL FOCH

Church Parade Under the Auspices of the Canadian Legion on Sunday Morning. Band in Attendance

A church parade, under the auspices of the Timmins Post of the Canadian Legion will be held on Easter Sunday, March 31st, to take part in a special memorial service for the late Field Marshal Frederick Foch, Marshal of France, who passed away last week. The memorial service will be held in the United Church, Timmins, and all veterans are asked to attend the parade at the ball grounds at 10:30 a.m. The Timmins Citizens' Band will be in attendance and will proceed with the parade to the church for the services.

Throughout the British Empire the soldiers of the armies of the great war are doing honour to the memory of the great soldier who held the supreme command of the troops during the vital part of the war. The Canadian Legion of British Empire Service League has asked that all posts throughout the Dominion take part in the memorial services for Marshal Foch, and in accord with this the Timmins Post of the Legion is having the parade and church attendance on Sunday. It is hoped that a particularly large gathering of soldiers will attend the parade on Sunday morning, and thus pay tribute of regard and affection to the great soldier, Marshal Foch, who won the admiration and esteem of all ranks and all nations in the war.

Flag Flying in Memory of Late Marshal Foch

The flag on the soldiers' memorial in the park on Spruce street was set at half mast last week for the death of Marshal Foch, commander of the allied forces in the late war. On the memorial itself the flags of France were draped in honour of the late Marshal of France and Field Marshal of Great Britain.

Collection of Back Taxes Must be Pressed in Timmins

Council Points Out That Town Needs the Money. Tax Sales Will be Proceeded With. Nuisance Caused by Too Many Dogs Discussed. Council Decides That By-law is to be Enforced.

The regular meeting of the town council opened on Monday afternoon with Councillors A. G. Carson, H. Charlebois, P. Dougall, R. Richardson, Alfred Caron and C. P. Ramsay present. The mayor was detained and until he arrived Councillor A. G. Carson was voted to the chair and carried on until Mayor Geo. S. Drew arrived, the latter taking over the presiding officer's place.

A letter was read from the company carrying the accident insurance for the town, pointing out that in the case of a lady who asked for damages for loss sustained through an accident from slipping on an icy sidewalk, investigation by the company had shown that the town was not liable in this particular instance, in the opinion of the insurance company, the proper precautions, such as sanding the walks, etc., having been taken. Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the insurance company to deal with as they saw proper, the insurance people to be notified to this effect in the reply sent from here.

Accounts were authorized to be paid, sums voted to be paid the public, separate and high schools on account, and other routine business dealt with.

A request was received for a refund of part taxes on the post office building on account of parts of the building upstairs having been vacant for several months. The council left the matter over.

A resolution authorizing the writing-off of certain taxes on the books as unpaid but that had actually been paid to a previous tax collector, G. Peterson, created some discussion. The mayor explained that receipts had been produced to show that these taxes had been paid. There had been some previous cases where people had claimed to have paid amounts on taxes but the books had not shown the amounts received as specified. Mr. Peterson's explanation at the time had been that the taxes had been paid but the amounts credited to the wrong names. The council at the time had come to the conclusion that the trouble was incompetency rather than any want of honesty. After Mr. Peterson had left the employ of the town further discrepancies had been found in the books but Mr. Peterson had explained the matter and agreed to reimburse the town for any such cases. Eventually, however, it was decided to take the matter up very closely with Mr. Peterson and have a complete adjustment made. In the meantime, however, Mr. Peterson's bond had run out and so the insurance company bonding him did not consider itself liable, the claim not being made within the three months required by the law and regulations. The trouble was that the errors or whatever they might be were not discovered until a considerable time after Mr. Peterson had left the matter over. (Con. on Page 8, Column 4)

Liquor Store Closed on Friday and Monday

Thirsty one and others, and those who do not want to go thirsty, should remember that the Timmins branch of the Ontario Liquor Store will be closed all day on Friday of this week, Good Friday, and on Monday of next week, Easter Monday, these two days being official holidays. It is also well to note that on Saturday the usual Saturday hours will be observed, the store being open only from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., as in other weeks.

FORMAL LAYING OF CORNER STONE BY CHARLES PIERCE

Large Gathering of Jewish People Attend Ceremony at Congregational Hall on Cedar Street on Wednesday.

On Wednesday afternoon shortly after four o'clock there was an interesting ceremony at the Jewish Congregational hall on Cedar street when the corner stone of the building was formally laid by Mr. Chas. Pierce. The building was enlarged and improved year, the addition being finished in cement and the construction. The laying of the corner stone for the new addition was deferred until this week, the formal laying of the stone by Mr. Chas. Pierce being witnessed by a large gathering of Jewish people of the town and district gathered for the occasion. Mayor Geo. S. Drew was given the honour of first using the trowel to place the mortar to hold the stone in place on the face of the building. In the wall alongside the corner stone was embedded a copy of the newspaper of the town and district, The Porcupine Advance, together with a brief review of Timmins as it is to-day. The honour of laying the trowel for the occasion was also conferred upon the press. Rabbi Linder and representatives of the congregation took part in the trowelling of the mortar to imbue the corner stone. Among these were:—Messrs I. K. Pierce, D. Pierce, L. Abrams, Sam Martin, S. Cohen, L. Helperin, L. Shub, S. Bucovetsky, A. Bucovetsky, S. Shub, S. C. Platus, H. Feldman, Chas. Pierce, H. Kideckel, H. Shankman, Mrs. C. Pierce, Mrs. M. Brovender and others. The stone was duly lifted up and put in place under the direction of Contractor P. Hackett, who later completed the facing-off of the work. Mr. Chas. Pierce duly attended to the seeing that the stone was well and truly laid. The stone which is a handsome block of clear fine rock bears the inscription, together with an engraved design, "Laid by Chas. Pierce," and the date 1928 on the one side of the face of the stone, while at the opposite side of the face are the figures for the Jewish year, 5928.

Mayor Drew was asked to say a word for the occasion and his response was very pleasing to the gathering. He expressed his pleasure at being present on the occasion, and thought it was particularly appropriate that the corner stone of the building should be laid by Mr. Pierce, who was one of the first popular pioneers of Timmins. The mayor congratulated the Jewish people on the completion of their hall and its fine accommodation, and complimented them on the fact that they had evi-

ATHLETIC CLUB PROPOSED FOR ALL JUNIOR SPORTS

Plan Urged to Oversee All Sports for Boys Ten to Twenty. Method of Financing Suggested

It is generally recognized that the present plan, or plans, for handling junior sports in town is not the best either from the standpoint of the supporting public or from the view of the advantage of the sports themselves. Business men especially are subject to too many calls for financing and the success of the sports is hampered by the previous plans of handling. After careful consideration a number of business men in town have the outlines for a plan that should prove of decided advantage to all concerned. The idea is to form an athletic club to look after all sports, baseball, hockey, racing, etc., etc., for all boys from ten years old to twenty years of age. The sports would be conducted by an executive of business men and also with capable supervision and direction. To finance the plan it is proposed to have a membership for business men, the fee for this to be \$10.00 per year. For this fee all business men entering the plan would be relieved from all other calls for the year. There would be no further donations asked for any cause, no programmes or advertising sold, or other calls made, so far as sport for boys 10 to 20 is concerned. If a hundred or a hundred and fifty business men would agree to such a plan there would be ample finances for the year, when the membership for the boys themselves were added. It is proposed to have one of the bank managers as treasurer and executive affairs to be conducted by the business men taking the \$10.00 per year membership.

As soon as the feeling of the boys themselves is learned the matter will be taken up with the business men in general. Already about 40 business men have endorsed the plan.

A mass meeting of all boys between 10 and 20 years is called for the town hall at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 8th. All boys between these ages are urged to attend to discuss the plans and proposals. If the boys are favourable to the scheme, a meeting of all the business men interested will be called to take up the matter further.

denced their shrewdness by having the corner-stone ceremony after the building was completed, so that there could not be any hitch in the proceedings. He wished the Jewish people all possible success and prosperity, humorously expressing the hope that their hall would last them "until our year of 1928" catches up on your year "5928"

Mr. Chas. Pierce spoke briefly but effectively, wishing for all prosperity and progress and urging his fellow Jews to win approval by good lives and kindly conduct. He also thanked the mayor for his attendance and interest.

Rabbi Linder spoke briefly to his people in their own language, referring to the generous assistance given by Mr. Pierce and the lesson and inspiration of the laying of the corner stone.

The schools are closed for the Easter vacation. They will re-open on Monday, April 8th.

