

AUDIENCES HERE PLEASSED WITH DUXBURY RECITALS

Counter Attractions Interfere with Attendance, but Recitals Here Delight Many. Special Interest in Arthur Duxbury, Tenor Soloist.

The audiences at the three recitals given here this week, Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon and evening, in the United Church by Prof. John Duxbury, dramatic reader, and Arthur Duxbury, tenor soloist, of London, England, were well pleased with the events and speak highly of the evident talent of the artists, father and son. The event was under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the United Church. There was a good attendance on Tuesday evening, though not as large as the event appeared to warrant. Owing to counter-attractions, the attendance, Wednesday evening was not so large, but all present were enthusiastic about the occasion.

On Tuesday evening Prof. Duxbury gave a series of dramatic readings from various well-known authors. These included Victor Hugo's story of Jean Valjean's meeting with the good bishop. This was a favourite with many, while others were particularly impressed with the cleverness and originality of the presentation of "The Bells" by Edgar Allan Poe. In "The Bells" Prof. Duxbury gave a realistic representation of the tones of the various bells, his imitation of the sound from the vibration being especially true to fact. An amusing incident in connection with this number was the fact that while Prof. Duxbury was in the middle of one stanza the curfew bell in the fire hall across the road rang out. "I am not going to run opposition to an actual bell," was the laughing comment of Prof. Duxbury as he stopped until the curfew had concluded. Another specially popular piece was the one depicting the discussion of the ghosts of great literary men now long passed away. The scene was laid in the River Styx, and Shakespeare, Burns, Dickens and many others were made to give their characteristic literary presentation of the story of little Jack Horner to the great amusement of all.

On Wednesday evening, Prof. Duxbury gave an effective presentation of the story of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," the weird and startling story by Robert Louis Stevenson. He also gave "Grandfather's Clock," which was a special favourite. Prof. Duxbury seems at home in either grave or gay selections and won applause for each and all.

Arthur Duxbury, tenor soloist, delighted all with his fine voice and special musical talent and training. Every number given by him was encored and fully deserved the encore. In numbers like "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes," "Oh, Bright was the Morning," he particularly pleased the gatherings. In humorous numbers he also made special hits. It is not too much to say that all were delighted with Mr. Arthur Duxbury and his fine tenor voice. Mrs. J. W. Faithful added to the success of the numbers by her excellent work as accompanist on the piano.

Rev. Bruce Millar introduced Prof. Duxbury and Mr. Arthur Duxbury in pleasing way.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hornby and son, Bertie, left this (Thursday) morning for a month's holiday visit to the Old Country. They will visit at their old home in Rugby, England, and then take a tour through France and Belgium.



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ENDORING SAFETY-FIRST PLAN FOR CENTRAL SCHOOL

Writer Urges Support to Principal in Regard for Protection of Children from the Danger of Parked Cars Near the School.

The Advance very heartily commends the following letter from a valued reader of this paper. It shows the right attitude in double way, being evidence of interest in public matters of safety and also urging, as it does co-operation from the public to the plea for safety-first for the school children as made by the principal of the Central public school some days ago. The letter is as follows:—

Timmins, May 21st, 1930 To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins. Dear Sir:—Having read in The Porcupine Advance of the 15th inst. that Mr. Wightman, principal of the Central public school, has put forth an appeal to the Timmins town council asking with the most sincere thoughts for the safety of all children attending school that the town council take action immediately to stop parking of all cars on Spruce street, opposite the Central school, I feel, as a parent and resident of Timmins, having a boy attending school, that it is so pleasing to read of Mr. Wightman being instrumental in giving the lead to each and all who have children attending school, that it is the duty of all concerned to give the appeal of Mr. Wightman their full-hearted support.

The mayor in the course of his remarks mentioned that certain hardships would be brought to bear on those requiring parking space in the location mentioned by Mr. Wightman, if parking were forbidden, owing to no parking being allowed on Fourth avenue opposite the school, but I am sure all will agree that should an unfortunate and serious accident happen before the menace is stopped that the greatest hardship, above all other hardships, would be on the injured and on the parents of the injured, and not on the persons parking the cars.

Hence my reason for writing you, Mr. Editor, to grant space in the valuable columns of The Advance for the purpose of my endorsement of Mr. Wightman's good services, and to ask all concerned to support such appeals for the safety of all innocent children.

Yours sincerely, W. STEWART. To Mr. Stewart's letter might be added the suggestion that those interested, and all should be interested, might well take the trouble to approach members of the council, urging that safety be the first consideration in connection with this matter.

House Destroyed by Grass Fire at Drinkwater Pit

The house and sheds on the farm of Jas. Shumalik, settler at Drinkwater Pit, were destroyed by fire last week, with Mr. Shumalik thus suffering a heavy loss. Mr. Shumalik says that the fire originated in a grass fire set out by fire rangers for clearing purposes to do away with the menace of dry grass from the standpoint of safety from fire. Evidently if the fire started in this way it must have gained unexpected headway while the fire rangers were elsewhere. During the past week or two the fire rangers are credited with doing excellent work in the line of burning dangerous grass spots, etc., that if left alone would be a fire menace all summer. If the fire that destroyed Mr. Shumalik's property was accidentally caused by the work of the fire rangers in any way, it would seem that recompense should be made him for the loss sustained. In saying this there is no criticism of the fire rangers, who, from all accounts, appear to be doing excellent work and showing both skill and carefulness. Accidents, however, may occur at any time and despite the greatest care. Investigation of the matter is being made at present to learn the facts of the case. A. F. Kenning, M.P.P., having taken an interest in the case and starting proceedings to learn the cause of the fire in this instance. If the fire was due to causes originating in the work of the fire rangers it would seem that the Government should see that Mr. Shumalik does not lose through the accident. On the other hand if the cause of the fire was due to accident or carelessness on the part of other than Government employees the case will have to be dealt with differently.

PLANNING JUNIOR LACROSSE TEAMS AT THE DOME MINES

Plans are now under way to have a couple of junior lacrosse teams at the Dome. It is hoped to have a representative from the Ontario Lacrosse League visit the Dome and place the case for lacrosse before the public. Lacrosse as the national game of Canada has its own attractions. Any lacrosse player will cheerfully admit it is the greatest of all games and for developing the best type of good manhood there is nothing to excel it. The belief is general that the boys at the Dome would take gladly to lacrosse and that the game would prove popular with players and public alike. Starting with the boys it would no doubt lead to a senior team or two being formed and then likely this attractive and useful game would spread to other parts of this North. Both Timmins and Schumacher had good lacrosse teams some ten years ago and there was great interest in the matches. Big crowds turned out and enjoyed the lacrosse matches those days.

A mixed 2-ball tour some in golf is planned for this week.

BOXING AT KIRKLAND LAKE POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 27

Event Planned for May 24th Postponed to Tuesday Next May 27th so as Not to Conflict With Big Day at Timmins.

Readers of The Advance are asked to kindly note that the boxing event at Kirkland Lake will be held on May 27th. It was originally intended to hold the feature on May 24th. There is an item on another page of this section, sitting the date as May 24th, but this date has been changed. The new date is Tuesday, May 27th. The reason for the change is to prevent any conflict with the big day put on by the Legion at Timmins on May 27th. The noted Kirkland Lake boxer and promoter, Bill Stevens, Ontario middle-weight champion, is here these days training the boys for the bouts on May 27th. To The Advance this week he gave the information that the date of Kirkland Lake's big boxing feature had been changed to May 27th so as not to interfere with the Timmins event. The programs on May 27th, he added, would be one of the most interesting and attractive ever presented in the North.

It is hoped that a large delegation will go down from Timmins and district to see this event. It will certainly be well worth it. There will be some of the clever Timmins boxers taking part in the evening's sport. Roy Hamilton, the gifted young boxer, will meet Lint Green, former fly-weight champion of Canada, 118 pounds. This is expected to be one of the best bouts seen in the North.

Kid Williams, of Kirkland Lake, Ontario welterweight champion, will be matched with Tony Pennick, city of Hamilton. This will likely be worth an couple of times the price of admission. Johnnie Rock, a former Scottish champion, will be another of the outstanding figures on the programme. Donat Richard, the clever young Timmins boxer, will try conclusions with Chester Gabriel, of Kirkland Lake. Both these lads are good. Richard made a big hit recently at the Cornish Football Club smoker here. "Slab" Godin one of the clever Timmins lads, will take on Gordie Smith, of Kirkland Lake. This will be a good bout.

Remember the date and the place—Tuesday, May 27th, at Kirkland Lake.

Schedule for Tisdale Softball League Games

The following is the schedule for the Tisdale Softball League games. Fans interested should clip out the schedule and preserve for reference. The games are between Schumacher and South Porcupine teams and as both towns have very able talent in softball the matches can be expected to be both interesting and exciting. The games are held on Mondays of each week and at Schumacher and South Porcupine alternately. The schedule follows:— June 2—South Porcupine at Schumacher. June 9—Schumacher at South Porcupine. June 16—South Porcupine at Schumacher. June 23—Schumacher at South Porcupine. June 30—South Porcupine at Schumacher. July 7—Schumacher at South Porcupine. July 14—South Porcupine at Schumacher. July 21—Schumacher at South Porcupine. July 28—South Porcupine at Schumacher. August 4—Schumacher at South Porcupine. August 11—South Porcupine at Schumacher. August 18—Schumacher at South Porcupine.

STEELDRAULIC BRAKES ON NEW DURANT FOUR

Many favourable comments are being heard these days regarding the roadability of the new Durant Four, which was recently offered to the Canadian public by Durant Motors of Canada Limited.

One of the outstanding features of the new car is the steeldraulic braking system. Not until one has operated this type of brakes, is it possible to gain a true conception of their efficiency, smoothness and positive action. In declaring the car rides "flat" and smooth and before going very far in congested traffic the driver is imbued with a feeling of absolute confidence with security.

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A whist drive, under the auspices of Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion will be held in the Oddfellows' hall, Timmins, on Monday evening of next week, May 26th. There will be good prizes and a good time for all. Refreshments will be served and there will be a social hour. This event is one that none will care to miss.

DISCOVERY OF MERCURY REPORTED NEAR SUDBURY

Illness of Assayer and Prospector When Working Over Samples Said to Prove the Presence of Mercury in the Ore.

Reports coming recently from Sudbury suggest that mercury has been found in Trill township in its native state. The discovery was considered to be a valuable one not so much because it is a mineral of rare occurrence but because its presence would add another to the growing list of minerals in the Sudbury area. It is the ambition of every mining camp to have several different lines of minerals to carry on with, the diversified nature of the products adding to the general permanency and progress of the district. When the market is poor for one line it is likely to be good for another and so production may be carried on with fewer of the disarrangements that often trouble mining camps. However, no sooner was mercury reported as being present in Trill township in paying quantities than there was a counter report saying the discovery had no importance. Following this again there came the replies. One of these replies took a strange forward. It was what might be termed "physical evidence" that there was mercury in quantity in the Trill township rock. The incident to confirm Trill as a mercury field is thus told. While W. C. Davis, of the Sudbury assay office and Barry Endleman, a prospector, were working over some samples from Trill they both became suddenly nauseated and were threatened with violent illness. This is taken as a proof of the presence of mercury, the effect of which is similar to the description given of the illness of the two men. Results of the assay were not particularly satisfactory and failed to show anything like the spectacular quantities of mercury that were previously extracted by distillation, but Mr. Davis explains that by the fact that mercury being highly volatile may have escaped while the rock was being powdered. Mercury in liquid form or as a gas is a violent poison and the sudden feeling of illness which attacked the men at the same time may have been caused by this contact, it is said. No further developments have occurred in connection with the supposed mercury discovery and the question of the economical importance of the find is still as undecided as it was two weeks ago when it was first reported. Whether or not the discovery proves to be commercially important, according to Mr. Beath, further work will be done on the claims, as there are also evidences of other important minerals, including nickel and copper. The mercury discovery, in fact, lay within half a mile and on the same break as a promising outcrop of copper-nickel mineralization.

Conditions Good at the Hollinger, Says President The following despatch came over the A. E. Moyses & Co. private wire this morning:— Toronto, Ont., May 22nd, (Northern Miner)—Porcupine insists that new ore developments of more than passing importance have been secured at Hollinger Consolidated. Asked about these, N. A. Timmins, president said to the Northern Miner, "I don't feel that I should talk about new ore in detail yet, because the occurrences may not prove to be very extensive when we get over to them with our underground work but we are opening up considerable new ore and making very good and very interesting discoveries in diamond drilling. Of course some of these bodies may prove under intensive development, to have only very short lengths of ore. Conditions are really very good at Hollinger. Production is excellent and we are going to make the dividend easily this year. Asked about geological conditions, Mr. Timmins said the information they were getting was all quite favourable. There have been reports lately about new ore being found by the drilling at the west end of the mine. The president contented himself with saying, regarding this, that they had favourable geological data but could not say very much about the situation there at this time.

Attempted Robbery at S. Bucovetsky's This Week

An attempt was made on Tuesday morning about 2:30 to enter the S. Bucovetsky Store. A window at the rear of the store had been left unhooked and some boxes and barrels being nearby it tempted some snoopers passing to try to gain entry. The would-be robbers climbed on the boxes and barrels and had their hands on the ledge of the window. The marks of their fingers on the ledge were plainly evident. However, some people living nearby on their way home noticed the robbers at the window and the police were notified. Apparently the would-be robbers were suspicious that they had been noticed and so made a quick getaway. When Constable Parcher arrived on the scene the robbers had disappeared, but evidence of their presence was left behind in the barrel piled on the boxes and the finger prints on the window ledge. From the appearance of the window Constable Parcher did not think that the robbers had been successful in making entry, but he called Mr. Bucovetsky and the two of them went through the store and found that the would-be robbers had not entered and nothing had been stolen so far as a quick check-up would indicate. The police could secure no further trace of the would-be robbers than the finger-prints but they are working on the case and it may be possible to trace the would-be robbers.

This is the Week of the Firemen's Annual Ball

The annual ball of the Timmins Fire Brigade is looked upon as one of the pleasing and important events of the season. This year the Firemen are out to outdo past successes. The event will be held on Friday evening of this week, May 23rd, in the Masonic hall, Timmins. This will be the fourteenth annual ball of the Timmins Firemen, and they have not had anything but successes so far. This year is planned to be the fourteenth successful ball. Chief Borland and his men have been meeting with the usual success in the sale of tickets and there is the usual general interest in this regular community event. The firemen are popular and their ball is one of the most popular of the social events each season. The Club Royal orchestra will provide the best of music, and the refreshments and other features will be up to the high standards that have made the Firemen's ball at Timmins so invariably a pleasing success.

Rev. J. D. Parks and Mrs. Parks were visitors to town last week, accompanying Geo. W. Lee and Mrs. Lee on a visit here. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, of North Bay, were also in the party paying a visit to this part of the North.

RECOMMENDS OVERHEAD BRIDGE FOR COBALT STREET

The following despatch was sent out from Cobalt this week:— A recommendation that an overhead bridge should be erected at the Lang St. crossing here is likely to be made to the Department of Lands and Forests at Toronto as a result of the visit here at the week-end of Hon. Frank Oliver, who has charge of level crossing matters for the Dominion Railway Board. "Mr. Oliver spent a few hours in Cobalt, coming here from North Bay, where he had been visiting. He consulted with Mayor Fred Sullivan and went to the crossing to make an inspection of the location for himself, and he intimated that, in his view, a bridge was the only real solution for the situation there. He took the view that since the road was permanent, steps should be taken to deal with the problem presented by the crossing in a manner that would handle it effectively. "For some years, there has been an agitation to have a bridge built at the crossing, where the Ferguson Highway leaves Cobalt at the north end of the town. Numerous conferences have been held on the subject, at which the T. & N. O., the Northern Development Branch and the municipalities of Cobalt and Coleman have been represented, but no definite outcome has been reported. The Railway Board is willing to pay 40 per cent. of the cost, it has been stated here."

EXPERT IN HERBS TO VISIT TIMMINS ON TUESDAY NEXT

Mr. Murrin, expert in herbs, will be at the Empire hotel, Timmins, one day only, Tuesday, May 27th, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., representing the Canadian Botanic Gardens, London, Ont. The plan of the Canadian Botanic Gardens embraces the idea of steeping herbs and drinking the herb tea for a large number of diseases and wrong conditions of health from hay fever to blood pressure and asthma to paralysis, including rheumatism, stomach troubles, skin diseases, tonsillitis, heart trouble, etc., etc., different herbs being selected for the different troubles by the expert. The announcement of Mr. Murrin's visit will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Many amusing stories are being told recently about speeders and reckless drivers on occasion hurriedly settling down to proper and careful driving when they noticed the approach of "that confounded old police car." The old police car has a distinctive colour and appearance that makes it easy to distinguish it at a distance. The point of the joke, however, is that for several weeks now the "old police car" has been privately owned, the police having a new car that is not so unusual in appearance and that has not been generally recognized by motorists. One case reported some days ago is of a local motorist slowing down decorously for the "old police car" and then speeding past the new and real police car. It cost him \$5.00 and costs.

Pioneer Stores advertisement featuring 'SPECIALS!' and 'EXTRA SPECIAL on Butter for Week-End'. Includes prices for Walkerton Butter, Meadow Vale Butter, Picnic Hams, Navel Oranges, Fresh First Eggs, Five Roses Flour, Libby's Olives, and Bordeaux Shelled Walnuts. Also features an illustration of a man and woman in a grocery store.