

Interesting Address to Lions' Club on Columbia

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joyed and appreciated during the evening. Ron Jones played the piano accompaniments.

A special feature of the evening was the brief address by W. M. Whyte, followed by a recitation by "Dad." Mr. Whyte's recitation was entitled "A Wasted Life," and depicted the life story of a travelling fiddler and his clever dog. "Dad" prefaced the recitation with impressive instances of wasted lives in the earlier days of the Porcupine camp. His recitation, for which he adopted a costume in keeping with the character of the travelling fiddler, was given with notable skill and effectiveness, and won very decided applause and appreciation.

G. A. Macdonald gave a brief address on "The Human Touch," with a number of humorous stories to illustrate and introduce the subject.

Another feature of the evening was the presentation to Ron Jones, leader of the choir of the church, Rev. Murray Tait spoke of the notable work of Mr. Jones as choir leader and the appreciation he had won. Mr. Carveth, on behalf of the session of the church, in a few well-chosen words endorsed what Mr. Tait had said, and presented Mr. Jones with a handsome baton as a mark of appreciation for his services and the regard in which the choir leader was held personally. Mr. Jones made appropriate reply.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

WHIST DRIVE IN I.O.O.F. HALL TO-MORROW (TUESDAY) NIGHT

A whist drive is announced to be held to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, April 30th, under the auspices of Timmins Lodge No. 459, I.O.O.F., in the Oddfellows' hall from 8.30 p.m. onwards. This is sure to be a pleasing event for all attending.

Annual Dance on May 10th Schumacher Fire Brigade

The annual dance of the Schumacher Fire Department is to be held on Friday, May 10th this year. Dancing in the spacious quarters of the Croatian hall will begin at nine o'clock and will continue until early morning. The Club Royal orchestra has been engaged to supply the music.

Two Automobile Fires During Past Few Days

Two automobile fires in the past few days have caused damage of about \$75. When the upholstery of a Toronto-owned car became ignited from a cigarette dropped in the cushion nearly \$50 damage was done to the interior. The call came to the fire hall at 7.50 Friday evening. Backfiring was given as the cause of a second auto fire on Saturday. A telephone alarm took the firemen to 66 Sixth avenue where gasoline in the carburetor had taken fire. The paint and wiring were damaged.

A rubbish fire caught the back porch of a home at 2 Seventh avenue on Friday. Little damage was done. Last night a chimney fire at 53 Elm street south was easily controlled.

The new small fire truck, made from the remodelled police car, is expected to go into service this week. It will be used for minor alarms.

Roads in District Suffer from Rains

Highway at Golden City Under a Foot of Water. Other Bad Spots on Roads Yesterday.

Roads in the district suffered from rains over the week-end, although they appear to be drying out quickly. At Golden City the Ferguson Highway is under nearly a foot of water for a distance of nearly a quarter of a mile and the other road is in very poor shape. On Sunday several motor cars were seen mired at one spot.

From Golden City to Porcupine Junction, the highway is fine. Well graded and graded, its condition is excellent. From Porcupine Junction south to Montebello, careful driving is necessary. First has heaved the road badly in some places and continued traffic has made ruts in the soft spots. One bad hill near Montebello was in a particularly muddy condition on Sunday but appeared to be drying up during the night.

At least one car braved crossing the lake at Golden City Sunday night. Although the water rose over the running boards in one or two places and the average depth all the way across was not less than seven inches, the roadbed seems fairly solid. One difficulty in making the crossing is that there is little indication as to where the edge of the road is.

This is a critical time of year for roads and the Department of Northern Development asks the co-operation of all motorists in careful, slow driving, so that the surface may not be injured to any greater extent than necessary. Regulations as to loads permissible on trucks are still in force.

UNITED STATES MAY BUILD BIG AIR BASE NEAR BORDER

"Is the United States to establish an army air base near the Canadian border on the Great Lakes?" is a question that has Ottawa excited to-day. The Wilcox Air Base Bill has been altered by the War Department of the United States to include the building of one. The move, even if carried through, carries little or no significance. The Royal Canadian Air Force has already established a base at Trenton.

BOY SCOUTS EXECUTIVE TO MEET ON THURSDAY, MAY 2

The regular monthly meeting of the executive of the Timmins Boy Scouts Association will be held in the town hall on Thursday evening of this week, May 2nd, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All members of the executive are specially asked to attend to perfect arrangements for the part of the Boy Scouts in the May 6th celebration.

Temperature as High as 70 Above on Thursday

The first measurable quantity of rain fell during Saturday and early Sunday morning when a total of three-quarters of an inch was recorded. Farmers as well as townspeople welcomed the showers, as the countryside was much too dry and the sand on Timmins streets was being a nuisance. Immediately after the rain, plots of grass throughout the town began to take on a fresh green colour for the first time this spring.

Thursday's high mark for the year of 70 degrees was followed by decreasing temperatures for the next three days. The mercury is rising slowly now in the face of a north wind. Highs and lows since Thursday were: Thursday, max. 70, min. 31; Friday, max. 63, min. 42; Saturday, max. 40, min. 39; Sunday, max. 47, min. 29. Last night's minimum was 30 and this morning at eight o'clock it was 34 above.

Danger to Traffic Police Corner of Fourth and Pine

In the past week or so two policemen on traffic duty at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Pine street have had narrow escapes from injury while directing traffic. On account of the poor lighting at this corner drivers have not been able to see the officer on duty. In one case the officer had to jump back to save his feet from being run over and in the other case the officer had to make a quick move to save himself from being hit by a car. Unless the corner is better lighted the traffic man at nights will be in danger from the traffic. Either the corner should be better lighted or the officer provided with lights. If the traffic officer held a red lantern, it might avoid danger for him. An ordinary lantern could be used with a red flannel covering to give the red danger effect.

News and Notes of Timmins Girl Guides

Some Notes on the History of Guiding in Canada as Given by the Local Girl Guides.

Although Guiding has been known in England since about 1908 it was not until 1912 that they were officially organized in Canada. The first Canadian company was registered in Toronto in 1912.

The late Lady Pellat was the first Chief Commissioner. She held this office for nine years when she had to resign on account of ill-health. She was succeeded by Mrs. H. D. Warren in 1921. Mrs. Warren is still our Chief in Canada.

Since 1912 when that one small company was started in Toronto, Guiding has spread throughout the Dominion. To-day there is hardly a small town or village that has not its own Guide company.

The membership of the Girl Guide Association throughout the world now exceeds one million.

Schumacher has New Fire Pumper-Truck

Arrived Last Week and to be Given Official Trial this (Monday) Evening.

Official trials for Schumacher fire department's new pumper truck will be held to-night about 7.30 at the McIntyre bridge, it was announced to-day by Fire Chief J. C. Jacksch. Special meters from the Dominion Fire Chiefs Association will be used to gauge the pressure and quantity output of water pumped by the truck from the lake.

The new truck arrived last week and comes up to full expectations. The Advance was sold. Purchased for \$3,500, the outfit will pump water at the rate of 400 gallons per minute and carries 1,200 feet of hose. Powered by an 80 horse power International engine, the fire fighting equipment is supplied by La France Fire Engine and Foamite Co. A 40-gallon chemical tank with 150 feet of hose can be used quickly for minor fires. In addition there is a

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two and a half gallon Foamite extinguisher for fighting gasoline and electrical fires, and an extinguisher of the same size for ordinary chemical. The truck carries a 12-foot roof ladder and a 22-foot extension ladder. A revolving 10-inch searchlight will give illumination when needed.

SPECIALLY INTERESTING BAZAAR THURSDAY, MAY 2

The annual bazaar of the Finnish United Church will be held in the church building, 151 Elm street, north, Timmins, on Thursday of this week, May 2nd, from 2 to 9 p.m. Fancy work, the famous Finnish "coffee bread" and cakes, etc., will be on sale.

Rummage Sale
Auspices Fireside Club of United Church, to be held in
United Church Basement
Saturday Morning, May 4
Doors open at 9 a.m. 33-34

Another Big Court Docket for Tuesday

Lengthy List of Cases with Many Traffic Cases, for This Week's Police Court

There is a lengthy police court docket for to-morrow (Tuesday). While the cases that will attract the greatest attention will be the preliminary hearing of the charges against Romeo De Luca and Henry Perrault, Jr., in connection with alleged fraud and forgery in relief work payroll vouchers and cheques, there are also many other cases of more or less importance. In regard to De Luca and Perrault, it is not likely that there will be anything further than remands made to-morrow in their cases, the auditors not having completed their work and investigations in the cases not being completed.

In the other cases to come up, traffic cases predominate. Three men are charged with speeding, while there are no less than five charges of reckless driving. One of these reckless drivers is said to have been driving at a rapid rate without any lights on the car. Another is accused of coming up Wilson Avenue at better than 48 miles per hour. There is a charge against one man of riding a bicycle on the sidewalk and the charge is not minimized any by the fact that there were no lights on the cycle. Three others are charged with failing to stop their motor cars at stop street signs. Two drivers are accused of driving cars without lights. There is one case of improper parking. Three are accused of driving without the required driver's permit.

Tuesday's docket has no less than seven common drunk charges. Then there is a charge against a man named H. Lanthier of having illegal liquor. The R.C.M.P. also brought in a man from Drinkwater Pit, charged with breach of the Excise Act.

A young man of 17 years faces a charge of disorderly conduct. He and some other young people endangered property by setting out a fire at night. When the police went to see about this improper and dangerous fire the young man arrested was impudent and objectionable, it is said, and eventually landed at the police station. He will have the opportunity to explain it all to the magistrate.

A man found begging in a public place will also be given opportunity to explain this breach of the law to Magistrate Atkinson to-morrow. There is also another vagrancy charge on the docket.

Final Meeting Men's Club at Schumacher

Interesting and Enjoyable Event at Trinity United Church on Friday Evening Last.

The final meeting of the Men's Club at Schumacher took place in the basement of the Trinity United Church, in Schumacher, on Friday evening last. The event took the form of a dinner with a programme of addresses and music following.

P. A. Boyce, president of the Men's Club, occupied the chair for the evening, and carried the programme through with skill and effectiveness. The dinner prepared by the ladies was one of special excellence and was thoroughly appreciated. About eighty members of the club and their ladies enjoyed the dinner and succeeding pro-

gramme. In a witty address, Rev. Murray Tait gave a comprehensive review of the meetings and work of the Men's Club, pointing out specially the good work of the president, Mr. Boyce. The latter, in turn, ascribed the undoubted success of the club to the treasurer, John Beattie.

Following the welcome to the guests of the evening, John Beattie was called upon to propose the toast to the ladies. This was done in original and entertaining way by Mr. Beattie, who recited as a toast the Sanskrit account of the creation of woman, in which woman was supposed to be made from the beauty of the moon, the sweetness of flowers, and the various graces and faults of animals and other things. On behalf of the ladies Mr. Murray Tait made clever response, pointing out that even a men's club found the ladies necessary, and that in the effort for the betterment of the community and the individual men and women could work together for the common advancement.

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