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Old-Timers Banquet at South Porcupine Friday

Another Delightful Event Under the Auspices of the South Porcupine Fire Brigade. Oldest Old-Timer Present was Thos. Strain, Aged 82. All Old-Timers in Porcupine Since 1911.

South Porcupine, Ont., January 11th, 1936. Special to The Advance.
On Friday night the Farmers' hall on Main street was the scene of festivity, jollity, harmony and reminiscence. The fourth annual Old-Timers Supper and Re-union was in progress—the Volunteer Firemen's yearly contribution to the traditions of the Porcupine Camp. To be eligible as a guest one must have been in residence here since 1911 and be of the masculine sex. No ladies admitted.
Forty-four guests were entertained by the eighteen members of the Brigade. Four fire chiefs have held office since the inauguration of the Brigade in 1911—George Fairbairn, Charlie Carr, Harry Wilson and the present chief, Maxwell-Smith. The oldest member of the brigade—William Skinner with twenty-four years of service behind him is still an active member, and the newest recruit is William Thompson, of six months standing. Their services are given voluntarily.
At this supper they all acted as waiters upon the guests. The oldest old-timer present was Mr. T. Strain, aged 82, who gallantly stayed during the feast, but had to leave shortly after owing to smoke making it difficult for him to breathe easily. Chief Smith gave a welcome to the guests and wished all a happy and prosperous New Year.
A turkey supper with all the trimmings and ending with plum pudding, fruit, candies, cigars and cigarettes was thoroughly enjoyed by all, who rose to sing the Doxology before eating and "God Save the King" after.

Chief Maxwell Smith—20 years.
Lieut. George Starling—15 years.
Lieut. Wilfred Deacon—12 years.
Fireman S. Pearce—15 years.
Fireman R. Mansfield—12 years.
Fireman W. Farren—10 years.
Fireman W. H. Montrose—7 years.
Fireman M. Cybulski—7 years.
Fireman James Burns—7 years.
Firemen B. Tomchick, J. Miller, J. Armstrong, W. Larson, J. Purins, R. Quessel also received service badges.
A toast to "Our Guests" was made by Lt. Skinner and responded to by Old-timers William Miller, Sylvester Kenney, James Huddleston, Dan McLellan and George Doane.
Len Smith gave an exhibition to taping.
Mr. W. Thompson sang again, and gave as an encore recitation, "The Shift Boss," and as a second encore "The Fireman."
A selection on the piano-accordion by Bert Cunningham was followed by a square dance by the old-timers and "Love's Old Sweet Song" was rendered by Old-Timer T. Smith.
Every old-timer who played a part got a prize, a corn-cob pipe and a paper hat.
In addition to this programme we hear of "musical chairs," etc. There was not a dull minute the whole evening.
The firemen saw that each of the guests got safely home.

To Ask Commutation of Death Sentences on Pair

It is understood that application is to be made for commutation of the death sentences on Allen Cowan, 17-year-old Barry's Bay youth, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Cowan, both convicted on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Allan Cowan's brother who was the husband of Mary Cowan. C. A. Mulvihill, o. Arrprior, counsel for Allen Cowan, and James A. Maloney, of Renfrew, representing the 26-year-old woman, have arranged an interview with Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of Justice, Ottawa. It is said that the date of the interview has been tentatively set for the early part of February. The woman and her alleged lover were found guilty early in December of murdering Albert Cowan, 27, the woman's husband and youth's brother. Allan was said to have shot him through the head with a small calibre rifle at the urging of the woman. They were convicted at Pembroke, a short distance east of their home village, and sentenced to be hanged on Feb. 27. The Ontario Old-Timers' Parliament already has circulated a clemency petition on behalf of Allan Cowan and expects to obtain about 10,000 signatures before Jan. 15 when it will be forwarded to Harold Husband of Milton, Minister of Welfare in the Boys' Parliament, who will send it to Mr. Lapointe before Feb. 1.

Directors of Dome Pay Tribute to Dead

Appreciation Expressed for Notable Services of the Late H. P. DePencier.

The board of directors of the Dome Mines, Limited, have paid the following tribute to the late H. P. DePencier, who was vice-president and general manager of the company at the time of his death.
"In the passing of H. P. DePencier, each of the officers and directors of the Dome Mines, Limited, has suffered the deep personal loss of a warm and devoted friend and associate. Words cannot describe the most affectionate relations which have existed so many years between them. The relationship grew in warmth from time to time as the high sense of integrity and the great talents of 'H. P.' (as he has been so affectionately known) for so long a period disclosed themselves to those with whom he was thrown in contact.
"The Board has placed implicit confidence in Mr. DePencier's judgment, and advice not only as to questions arising out of the actual operations of its mining properties, but as to matters of policy relating to enterprise not directly connected with such operations. The results of following his advice in all cases have proven the soundness of his judgment.
"The shareholders of the Dome Mines, Co. have suffered the loss of a most loyal vice-president and general manager whose devotion to their interests has been so marked and whose talent, so great that 'Dome Management' has been recognized as one of the highest character, with scarcely an equal anywhere. His work was carried on without ostentation and with the sole view to making for the shareholders a stable operation and therefore a stable investment. He consistently avoided and declined to participate in any action or move which would resemble the spectacular but quietly and very firmly carried out notwithstanding criticism, at times, of the part of the unknown.
"The following statement has been received from one of the officers at the mine:
"H. P.'s personality had impressed itself so much on the Dome that to those of us who worked under him he was the 'Dome.' His word was law, but his law was one of fairness, generosity and loyalty to those under him. All those of us who were close to him had unbounded admiration for his ability, his sterling honesty and his courage to keep going under physical handicaps that would have sunk a lesser man."

Ref. rence was made in the last issue of The Advance to the fact that Sault Ste. Marie was refusing relief to those just newly married believing that this "newly-married" business was a form of relief graft. It was felt at Sault Ste. Marie that a stop should be made to the practice of getting married just to be eligible for relief, and also that there should be discouragement of every possible kind given to the idea of people without work or prospects taking up matrimony. This week it is noted that Sudbury has announced a similar stand to that of the Sault. Announcement has been made at Sudbury that only those married one year need special treatment on a "married" basis from the relief authorities. Timmins also has been forced to frown on the idea of "getting married to get relief." There are reports of cases of this sort here where the tendency has been to refuse relief to those who get married without the slightest chance of being able to support that state.

Refusing Relief to Those Who are Newly Married

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The four volumes should be read in the following order—IV, I, II, III, and that there is a serious reading public in Timmins, is evidenced by the fact that the book has been much in demand.
The prince was a very learned person, and one requires to be strong in French and Latin, while quotations in Greek, Italian and Spanish are freely interspersed throughout the books, but mercifully all German is translated.
It was not published until after his death, and the publishers are careful to disassociate themselves from any responsibility for the Prince's criticism of people or events.
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His criticism of his successor Bethman-Hollweg is free and bitter, yet he asserts that neither Bethman, the Kaiser, or Germany really wanted war, and it is more than certain that neither the Tsar, France, and, least of all, Britain, desired it.
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News and Notes of Timmins Girl Guides

Weekly Meetings of the Girl Guides, Rangers and the Brownies Last Week at Timmins.

The following is the report of the Girl Guides, Rangers and Brownies for the last week:
Girl Guides
The weekly meeting of the Timmins Girl Guides was held on Friday evening. The attendance was taken by brown Owl Habib. Horseshoe was worn and the flag was raised by Hannah Assad, assisted by Maisie Doig and Ethel Shields.
Games in staking and quietness were played. Second Class work was then taken. Hannah Assad took the Ten-foot Guides. Legends were taken by Helen Landers and the others learned the Morse alphabet.
Circle was formed for Campfire. Many songs were sung. The meeting was brought to a close by the lowering of the flag and singing "Taps."
Rangers
The first meeting of this year of the Rangers was held on Tuesday evening in the Hollinger Recreation hall. The roll call was taken by Marjorie Bacon. The All-Around Cards and different badges were discussed. The Electricians and Toy-makers badges will be taken in the first weeks of February.
Soon the Rangers will be divided up into patrols and some new members will be taken in. A lesson will be given in electricity at the meeting next Tuesday evening.
Brownies
The Brownies held their weekly meeting on Friday night. The meeting was opened with the forming of the Fairy Ring.
Inspection and attendance were taken by Brown Owl Habib. Some Second Class work was taken, including notes and the story of our flag.
The Pow-Pow Ring was formed. A story was told by Brown Owl Habib. Songs were sung after which the meeting was brought to a close by the Grand Howl.

Haileybury Health Nurse Take Post at Hamilton

For some time past there has been difficulty in retaining the services of the own public health nurse at Haileybury. Last summer the Haileybury town council decided to discontinue the pay of the town nurse, but the citizens in general considered it was real economy to continue the work of the health nurse and service clubs and others raised the money to carry on the work to the end of the year. What was to happen in this year in the matter was thus left over. The question has now been partially settled at least. Haileybury will not have the good services of the public health nurse who was there in 1935. Miss Gladys Motley, who for several years has been public health nurse at Haileybury, was offered a position in the public health department of the city of Hamilton while she was away on her Christmas holidays. As her engagement with the town of Haileybury terminated with the old year and there was so much doubt as to what would happen in 1936 in the matter, she communicated with Haileybury officials and accepted the position in Hamilton. The Haileyburians says that Miss Motley has carried on an important work in the community, has made many friends in Haileybury, and has been entirely successful on the somewhat difficult position she occupied. Her departure is sincerely regretted, but all wish her the best of success in her new field. Whether Haileybury will secure a new town nurse or take a chance of it proving poor economy by going without this service to the community remains to be seen. It is likely, however, that for a time at least Haileybury will have no town nurse.

Arkansas Couple Win the \$2000 Prize for Twins

The prize of \$2000 given by the M.G. M. Film Corporation for the first girl twins born in 1936 and named Rose and Marie goes to the twin girls of Mr. and Mrs. Owen, of Arkansas. These babies were born at 12:01 and 12:15 on January 1st, and were duly named Rose and Marie.
There was a hope in the North that Rose and Marie, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Don Brewer, Ironquills Falls, might be the lucky youngsters, but the announcement of the winners in Arkansas was made over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer's twins were born at 2:45 a.m. on New Year's Day.

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Lions Club to Provide Boys' Band Instruments

Timmins Club Hear Report on Progress Made by Boys in Band. New Members of Lions Club to Provide the Programme at Next Meeting.

The Timmins Lions Club will begin arrangements for a draw in the near future to provide funds for the purchase of musical instruments for the boys' band, it was agreed at the Thursday meeting of the club. Worthwhile cash awards will be made to those holding the lucky tickets.
Twelve hundred dollars is needed to set the band up in the beginning. This will be the major expense. The boys themselves are receiving instruction from Bandmaster F. J. Wolno and are progressing well, it is reported.
The land of happiness where no accident occurs because everyone is careful was the subject of a record played during the meeting. Addressed to boys and girls, the object of the talk was to instruct the younger members of the community in proper precautions against accidents on the streets and in

the home. The suggestion was made that the club sponsor a series of such records over the local radio station.
A musical number that was a feature of the evening's entertainment was a vocal duet by Fred Stock and Dr. Kelly, "Down by the Old Mill Stream." After the ovation they received, the artists are considering accepting an offer to take part in one of the big amateur hours.
Next week's meeting will see the charter members of the club sitting back to enjoy themselves while those who have joined since last July take charge. Officers for the day have been appointed from among the new members and they promise a special entertainment. There should be a big attendance of members for this special event.

Macamic Man Succumbs to Burns from Gasoline

Despatches from Noranda say that as a result of severe burns suffered while lighting a stove fire at his home at Macamic on New Year's Eve, Arsene Tremblay, aged 30, died at the Youville hospital, Noranda, Wednesday morning. Thinking he was using coal oil the victim threw gasoline on the fire he was lighting and in a moment was enveloped in flames, vainly attempting to extinguish them. His wife, who was outside the house at the moment, saw the fire and rushed in to the unfortunate man's aid. In her endeavours to smother the flames she was also burned about the arms and face, though not very severely.
Tremblay was rushed to the Youville hospital and given medical aid by Dr. G. A. Rioux. He lingered in hospital with very little hope held out for his recovery, as he was terribly burned about the legs and lower part of his body.
Arsene Tremblay, who was a farmer and had been recently in the employ of Father J. Z. Tremblay, parish priest, leaves a wife and four children.

Only Six to be Tried for Murder in Hull Hold-up

In the case of the Hull bank hold-up where money being transferred was taken and one of the clerks in charge was shot and killed because he resisted the hold-up men, it has been decided to charge only six of the eleven accused with murder. The others will be tried on charges of conspiracy, accessories to the crime, etc.

RUSSO-JAPANESE RIVALRY CENTRES IN MONGOLIA



Work is being pushed on railroads which will be vital in case of conflict. Not Italy in Africa, but Japan in China supplied the greatest aggression of the year 1935. Without blare of trumpets or rise of public indignation, Japan has steadily pushed herself down into China from the north. Evidently learning a lesson from her disastrous invasion of Shanghai in 1932, when world public opinion was turned against her, Japan is now doing things quietly, suppressing all publicity, even to Japanese people. But Japan in her entrance into north China and Mongolia also must reckon with Soviet Russia, with whom Japan has been in conflict for years. Several sharp clashes have occurred, and the announcement of the new Japan-Germany military alliance gives rise to the belief that Japan's aggression in China is as much for achieving a strategic position against Russia, as it is for the actual territory gained. Map above shows where Russo-Japanese conflict centres.

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