

Several Bad Accidents Over the Week-End

Crowded Houses Enjoy Theatre Nights at H. S.

Three Interesting Dramatic Offerings Ably Presented. Music by High School Orchestra Adds to Interest. Dancing of the "Gay Nineties" Especially Popular.

The auditorium at the school was crowded to capacity both Thursday and Friday evenings for the annual Theatre Nights of the Timmins High and Vocational School. The audiences were delighted with the event. Indeed, so pleased were many with the offerings on the occasion that they attended the event both evenings. From the popularity this year of the Theatre Night, it may soon be necessary to give three nights to it to accommodate all desiring to attend.

Theatre Night this year reflects the highest credit on all concerned—teachers and pupils alike—and it shows that there is decided talent here. The scenery, the stage settings, the electrical effects, the costumes, all deserve very special comment. The three numbers given pleased all by their variety and made a rounded programme appealing to all tastes. Probably the most popular item on the programme was the dancing in Scene V of "A New Frock for Pierrette." The number brought a very insistent encore each evening. On account of the length of the programme, recalls were not expected but in the case of these very graceful and talented dancers (Misses Helen Chisholm and Helen Andrichuk and George Andrichuk and Jacques Sauve) the audience simply persisted in demand for a re-peating of the number.

The pleasure of the event each night was enhanced by the work of the High and Vocational School orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Mitchell. Music by the orchestra featured the programme before and during the presentation of the evening's three numbers. Among the selections given by the orchestra were: "In the Sudan," by Sebek; "The Commander March," by Brockton; "La Belle France," by Laurendeau; "The Minuet," "Nonette," by Brockton; "God Save the King."

On the opening night, W. W. Tanner, principal of Timmins High and Vocational School, in a brief address welcomed all to the annual Theatre Night, and referred to the effort and interest given the success of the occasion by a large number of the students, there being over 80 of the students taking part. The first number on the programme was the comedy curtain raiser, "In the Midst of Life," by Turner. "Walter Whiffle, a solicitor," taken effectively by Edwin Caswell, was an insurance (Continued on Page Five)

Council First to be Told of Interviews

Mayor Says Nothing About Toronto Interviews to be Made Public Until Wednesday's Council Meeting.

Mayor J. P. Bartleman returned from Toronto on Friday night and Councillor Len Cousins on Thursday night after having interviewed government officials on matters pertaining to the town of Timmins. Nothing of the interviews would be given for publication before Wednesday afternoon's council meeting. Mayor Bartleman told The Advance on Saturday.

"I feel it would not be fair to the other councillors to make anything of our business in Toronto public until they have had a chance to discuss it," said the mayor. A private meeting of the council will likely be held to-night when the interviews will be discussed and some sort of statements prepared for the public to be presented at Wednesday's council meeting.

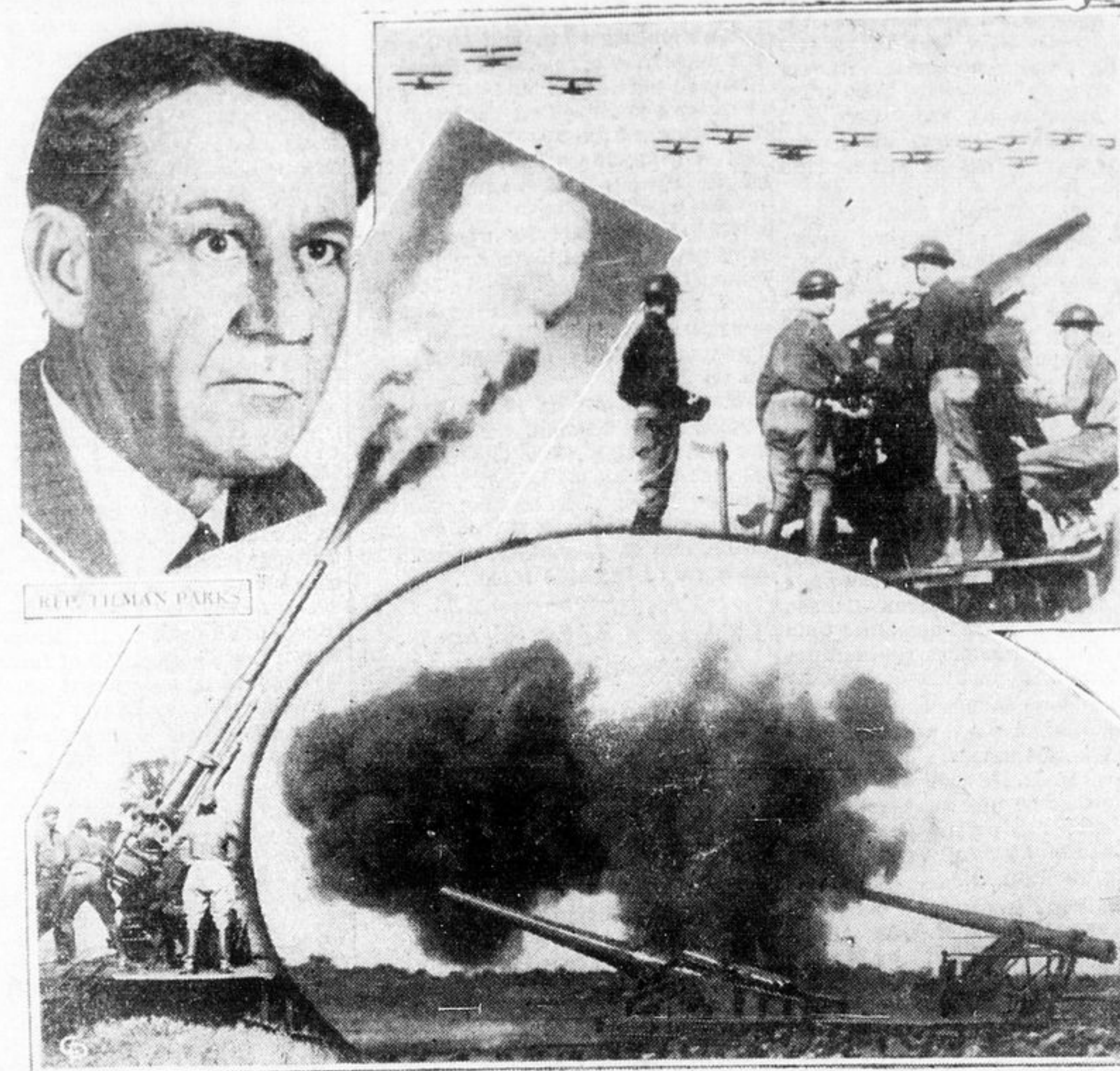
Councillor P. H. Laporte, who was to have met the two other members in Toronto had to return to Timmins on Monday before the interviews were obtained.

Alex Niemi Found Dead in Mountjoy

Efforts Being Made to Locate Friends or Relatives of the Dead Man.

Provincial police yesterday found Alex Niemi dead in a shack in Mountjoy township, about two and a half miles from Timmins. He had apparently died from cold and exposure. Dr. Porter was taken to the place and later the body was brought to S. T. Walker's Undertaking Parlours. Nothing is known about the dead man, and the provincial police are making effort to locate his relatives or friends. Anyone who can give any information about the late Alex Niemi should see the provincial police.

SECRET PERIL TO UNITED STATES BARED IN WASHINGTON



Warning the United States congress that an alarming condition exists on one of America's coasts, requiring immediate attention to U.S. coastal defence, Representative Timman Parks of Arkansas, chairman of sub-committee handling war department appropriations, led the fight in the lower house for adoption of the nation's largest peace-time military budget. Parks told fellow legislators that the condition was so alarming that congress could not be advised of it publicly. Some of the arms of the U.S. coast defence are shown in action, big coast defence and anti-aircraft guns, and navy aeroplanes.

Airmen of Many Nations Gather at Banquet Here

First Banquet of Its Kind in History of North. Former German Ace Concludes Address with Fervent "Hail Canada!" Former British Flyer Tells of Kindness to Him Shown by Germans who Struck him Down. Other Highlights of Evening.

Fire Destroys Home at the Dome To-day

People in House Narrowly Escape with Their Lives. House a Total Loss.

South Porcupine, Ont., Feb. 24, 1936.—(Special to The Advance)—About 4:30 this morning fire destroyed the house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Baker and family behind the Dome mill. The family had a narrow escape, some of them having to escape in their night attire. The house and contents were totally destroyed.

One of the older sons had just come off shift and had built a fire to make himself some coffee. While the fire was coming up he rested on the bed in an adjoining room. When he went to see about his lunch he found the kitchen in flames. After calling the others in the family he went out to turn in an alarm, but by that time the fire had made such headway that nothing could be done to save the little building, which was of light construction. Nothing could be saved and the family are heavy losers as a consequence. There are three sons in the family, one of them a young man, and the other two boys of 12 and 14 years of age.

When 60 of the ex-service airmen of many nations, present airmen of the North, and their guests met at the Empire hotel on Thursday evening, it was the first time in the history of Ontario that such a gathering has been held. Former enemies met in peace, talked over the past as if it were just a game—a great adventure. The flyers of today, wrapped up in the progress of the North, looked ahead to expansion, development and greater service to the nation.

Canadians, Britons, Americans, Germans, Italians, all of them are being welded into one of the finest commercial flying squadrons of the world. The spirit of adventure that took the older ones into the war has taken the younger men into the North where there is still conquering to be done. As Col. Billy Bishop once said, according to the chairman of the evening, J. D. Brady, "If it weren't for Northern pilots aviation in Canada would be in a very sad state."

Mixed Feelings Shown

It was with mixed feelings of hope for progress in the North; pleasant reminiscence; and a fervently expressed hope for the peace of the world, that the flyers gathered in the Northern Ontario re-union and banquet of airmen of all nations. There was evident pride in the accomplishments of the past; yet a recognition of the enemy's power and manliness, expressed by Tom White of Kirkland Lake. There was a hope that Canada's North may grow and prosper and that her citizens may live in peace, expressed by Eric Kreutzberg of Paymaster; a congratulation for the work being done for Canada by her airmen, spoken by G. A. Macdonald; an appreciation of the risk and sacrifice the airmen took yesterday and are again taking to-day, from Rev. Father J. R. O'Gorman; a promise that the mins would use the airways more and more as the years go on, made by H. G. Skavlem of the McIntyre; a prediction that the North's treasure house will be unlocked via the air, from Doug Briden, first air serviceman from the Porcupine; and a memory of prisoner days in Germany in which no hate existed, by Stewart Connolly of Pamour.

Those were, briefly, the highlights of the re-union as the spoken words portrayed them. There was a great deal more underneath it all. One of the most obvious things was that these men don't want to go to war, to destroy, to conquer. They want to build, to develop, to explore.

Through Three Reigns

Following the dinner, served in the Empire hotel dining room, the chairman called on Austin Neame, president of the local branch of the Canadian Legion to propose the toast to the King. "I cannot imagine a group of men who will drink the toast to our new King with more fervour, more earnestness than you men will to-night," he said. After the toast, a brief silence was observed out of respect for the memory of his late Majesty, King George V.

Little Difference in Governments?

There is little difference in the changing governments of Canada, Mr. Skeoch, another speaker, stated. When Mackenzie King reduced tariffs years ago, business was on the boom, he said; and when R. B. Bennett replaced the tariffs, business continued much the same.

Gold at Ottawa is merely psychological, C. Barnett claimed. It is not so much the value of the metal that counts as the faith of the people that the gold is there. Theoretically, gold is not a necessary adjunct to a credit system or to the issuing of currency. The time factor in credit, necessary to stimulate production, can be arranged without having to have either actual currency or gold as a standard of value. These and other ideas the speaker gave as parts of the Social Credit plan. He referred also to Mr. Aberhart establishing a newspaper in Alberta for the furtherance of Social Credit.

As critic for the evening, Mr. Lalonde pointed out faults of the speakers in delivery, logic and arrangement of material.

Hollinger Payroll was \$5,426,450 for Last Year

Interesting Figures Given Out by Big Mine. How the Wages are Spent. Taxes Absorbed Nine Per Cent. of Mine Revenue. Hollinger has Produced \$212,235,421 in Gold and Silver to Date.

Employees of the Hollinger received in wages in 1935 a total of \$5,426,450, according to the figures just released by the mine. Miners alone got \$4,208,872; mill men got \$487,835; and general wages and salaries to the extent of \$729,743 were paid. This money was distributed among more than 3,000 employees.

Official Hollinger figures show exactly where all this money went. They know, for instance, that their men spent \$1,339,200 for food. That money was spent in Timmins stores. They know too that their employees paid out \$312,000 for liquor and beer. Hollinger employees' share in the cost of education in Timmins amounted \$94,000. Where food absorbed 24.67 per cent. of the wages, liquor and beer took 5.75 per cent.; and education, near the bottom of the list 1.73 per cent.

Dividends Over Four Millions

Dividends paid out by the mine made 30 per cent. of the total revenue—\$4,428,000. Of this large total, almost the whole amount, 92.6 per cent. or \$4,098,926 remained in Canada. Of the remainder United States investors were paid 6.8 per cent. or \$297,592; Great Britain 0.3 per cent. or \$16,322; and other countries approximately the same proportion, \$15,160.

The great source of all this wealth was, of course, the mine. Gold and silver produced was valued at \$14,704,825. Other income to the amount of \$255,217 came from investments and incidentals.

To the end of 1935 from the time of its beginning in 1911, Hollinger has produced \$212,235,421.35 in gold and silver, a record unequalled by any other mine in Canada. Of this amount \$79,767,891.65 has gone into the hands of the workers in wages; \$50,006,365.67 has gone out for supplies, mainly to southern Canada; taxes paid aggregate \$10,512,090.30; and there has been paid out in dividends \$77,418,400.00.

"The labourer, the farmer, the manufacturer, the railroad, the investor, throughout Canada have all benefitted by this production," says a Hollinger statement. "Hollinger is proud of its contribution to the welfare of Canada."

over \$300,000. The other is that nearly twice as much money is spent on tobacco as on education.

The Hollinger also shows other groups of important figures. Supplies cost them \$2,640,719, or 18 per cent. of their total income. The mine required \$1,770,938 of this total, while the mill took \$701,554, and general supplies \$168,227. Ninety-two per cent. or \$2,242,259 of these total supplies were purchased in Canada. Only \$218,460 went to United States and foreign nations.

Taxes absorbed nine per cent. of the mine's revenue, a total of \$1,433,872 in a single year. Four per cent. or \$621,502 was added to surplus; and \$248,581, or two per cent. was "written off."

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion are holding a social in the Legion hall to-night commencing at 8:30. Music by Arthur Garraway. Refreshments.

Funeral of Mrs. Gray Largely Attended

Dadies' Auxiliary of the Legion and Sons of Scotland at Church Service. Many Floral Tributes.

The Timmins United church was well filled with townspeople on Thursday afternoon when the funeral service was held for the late Mrs. Robert Gray, who died here on Tuesday evening. During the ceremony, Rev. Bruce Millar referred to Mrs. Gray not only as a good living woman but one whose life had been of great value to the community. She had been like a mother to many of the young people of Timmins, he said.

Previous to the church service, which was attended by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion and a large number of members of the Sons of Scotland, a short service was held at 83 Hemlock street, the residence of Mrs. Gray's daughter, Mrs. J. E. Goodman. This was attended only by the immediate family and close friends.

Burial was at the Timmins cemetery. Pall bearers were: Colin Sellar, Colin Young, Frank Rankine, Samuel Hill, Jack McConnell and James Chalmers. Floral tributes were received from: the family; pillow; gates ajar, Mrs. Geo. Ritchie, Frank and Kuka, Tom and Vic; wreaths, Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, Sons of Scotland, Boys of the Vipond Mine, E. Boughton and Family, Kirkland Lake; Arbutus Chapter of the O.E.S.; Colina and Jimmy; basket, Janie, Katie, Gwen and Joyce; cross, the Ralphs; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. Forbes and Francis, Kirkland Lake; Timmins Provisions; Mr. and Mrs. A. Luxton; Vi and Floyd; Rose and Vi; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Phillip; McIntyre Football club; Golden Beaver Lodge, No. 528; Alphonse Guidice; Mr. and Mrs. Court and Kathleen; Northern Lights Chapter No. 213; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bask; Mr. and Mrs. T. Rutherford and mother; Gwen and Tom; Mr. and Mrs. A. McGrath and family; Mr. and Mrs. Richards, Vipond; Mr. and Mrs. L. McClure; Mr. and Mrs. Jock Matthews; Walter, Betty and Dorothy Devine; Mrs. Harris and Maudie; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elmer and Jean; Mr. and Mrs. L. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. R. McTaggart; Cis and Jim Purdie; Fitz, Myrtle and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Sellar; Ted, Thomas, sisters and brothers; Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas; Joe McGrath; Winnie and Bill Morgan; George, Florence and Kathleen; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Andrews; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Clarke; Mrs. W. Innes and family, Schumacher; Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Price, Nessie, Jack and Billy McConnell; Molly, Victor and Nina; Mr. and Mrs. McNaughton; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell; Jean, Agnes and W. Roxburgh; Betty; Basil Milloury; Canadian Legion.

Baby Clinic to be Held at Schumacher, March 4

A Baby Clinic will be held on Wednesday afternoon, March 4th, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the basement of the public school, Schumacher. All mothers are cordially invited to bring their babies to this clinic.

All Should Help the Good Work for Boys

Campaign for Sale of Shares for Tuxis and Trail Rangers Making Good Progress.

With one hundred dollars already invested by Timmins people in Tuxis and Trail Ranger "shares," the drive continues for funds to support the objects of the National Boys' Work Board; to help the 752 boys in 600 Trail Ranger and Tuxis groups, the 25 camps and 65 district boards.

All those in Timmins who want to help the good work along by subscribing to shares at any price they like to name must do so by Thursday, for the campaign closes then. The Advance was told last week. Every Trail Ranger or Tuxis boy in town has shares for sale. A large part of the money raised remains in Timmins with the groups doing the selling, with the district board and for the camp at Nighthawk lake.

Held in Kidnapping



MRS. MAY BANNISTER
For the first time in Canada a woman is charged with kidnapping. Mrs. May Bannister (above), it is alleged, kidnapped baby Betty Lake from burning cottage after the baby's father had been murdered, and its mother and older sister had frozen to death in nearby snowbank. Mrs. Bannister's two sons are charged with the murder of Philip Lake, father of the kidnapped child.

Bob Gallagher has Eye Seriously Hurt

Hockey Stick Strikes Eye When he Trips at Open Air Rink at South End.

South Porcupine, Ont., Feb. 24th, 1936. Special to The Advance.

Yesterday afternoon a serious accident happened to Bob Gallagher, only son of C. V. Gallagher, reeve of Tisdale township. Bob, who is about 17 years of age, had been playing hockey on an open air rink, and when about to leave the ice he tripped and fell. Unfortunately the stick happened to be held at the moment in such a way that it struck his eye. He was immediately taken to the hospital, which is practically next door. Three doctors were very soon on the scene and later the services of specialists were secured, but all feared that the loss of the eye would be unavoidable except for a particularly delicate operation that could be made only possible in Toronto. Efforts were made to charter a plane to take the young man to Toronto yesterday but this was impossible. Again this morning the services of the airship were applied for, but unfortunately weather conditions did not permit of a flight at the time. Accordingly a train was chartered to take the young man to Porcupine Junction or farther, with the plan of flying from the nearest point where an airship could be secured and air conditions warranted. It was considered that flying would be possible at least from North Bay and that the trip to Toronto would not be long delayed.

Dr. McLaren and Betty Gallagher, twin sister of Bob Gallagher, went down with the injured last this morning to the city.

Reeve Gallagher is at present in Toronto on business.

There is very general and sincere hope that Bob Gallagher will make speedy recovery, without serious results from the unfortunate accident he suffered yesterday. Like his father, the young man is very popular and highly esteemed and the whole town very deeply sympathizes with the young man and the family in this unfortunate accident.

Unsettled Weather Says Weatherman

The weatherman says the probabilities are that it will be stormy and unsettled for the next two or three days.

There has been a great change in the temperature since Thursday. On Thursday it was 22 below at one time, while this morning at 8 o'clock it was 27 above.

The temperatures, maximum and minimum for the past few days were as follows:

Thursday, maximum 4 above; minimum 22 below.

Friday, maximum 17 above; minimum, 18 below.

Saturday, maximum, 16 above; minimum, 5 below.

Sunday, maximum 27 above; minimum, 2 below.