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South Porcupine Enjoys "Here Comes Charlie"

Event by Young People's Society of South Porcupine United Church Makes Decided Hit. All Members of the Cast Win Praise. Work of Director of Play Much Appreciated.

South Porcupine, Ont., May 9th, 1936. Special to The Advance. The play, "Here Comes Charlie," produced by the members of the Young Peoples' Society of the United Church certainly went over exceedingly well on Thursday night. It was put on in the High School hall and a full auditorium greeted it with enthusiasm. The only fault to some was that it was a very long play, but a lady who came from out-of-town told us that it was not a bit too long for her as she enjoyed every minute of it. High praise for a long play that might have dragged if the effort had not been so well sustained!

The cast must be congratulated on the very thorough way in which each member had learned his or her part. We heard very little, if any, of the prompter's voice, and the action, direction, effort and earnestness throughout was something to praise.

Moreover, if your correspondent may be pardoned for being personal, we have never seen on a local stage a better-looking lot of players!

The manager, Mrs. F. Purdy, used discrimination in picking the members for the parts, each one being well suited to the role chosen.

After the play was over on Tuesday night the cast held a social affair among themselves, when they presented Mrs. Purdy with a lovely silver relish dish in token of their appreciation of her work with them. She responded by thanking them for the great surprise and said that she had enjoyed the task of helping them very much, and would regret the fact that it was now over.

The play centres around "Charlie"—who is a girl by the way—a hill-billy little orphan thrust by fate on to Larry Elliott, a young business man who has been rescued in the Ozarks by Charlie's father from drowning, and is therefore under obligation to him. "Charlie's" advent into a home ruled by prim Aunt Fanny Farnham, accompanied by Uncle Alec Twigg, brings plenty of action and many complications—especially in connection with Larry's fiancée Vivian Smythe-Kersey.

After a boarding school has trimmed up Charlie into Charlotte and has done wonders in a year, the inevitable happens and Larry and Charlotte fall in love.

Things get straightened out, of course and all ends well.

Nora Malone—cook at the Elliott home—taken by Newsham Haneberry—was a small part but Newsham did it well.

Officer Tim McGill—the inevitable Irish policeman—was another small part admirably filled by Don Crozier.

Mrs. Farnham—Mrs. G. Roseburgh—a very difficult part, necessitating a complete change of heart toward the last, was a very clever piece of acting. Mrs. Roseburgh made her debut to South Porcupine in this part, and certainly won laurels for herself. She was convincing and word perfect. Moreover, her acting showed real ability.

Larry Elliott—Mr. Don Miller—the hero of the play, was excellent. His role was difficult enough and exceedingly lengthy. He was before the audience all through the play. He did his part in a manner becoming a hero and a gentleman.

Ted Hartley—George Hawkes—college pal of Larry was the most natural actor in the cast. Pleasing, witty, quite at home in his role, he stood out with marked distinction.

Vivian Smythe-Kersey—Larry's fiancée—a part played by Mrs. D. Theison—was well taken. A haughty damsel of aristocratic lineage was Miss Smythe-Kersey, and with her mother, played by Miss Wanless, who was no less haughty and aristocratic, she formed a fitting background for the hill-billies from the Ozarks.

Her brother—Jerry Trueblood—as Mortimer—deserves a paragraph to himself. As a scion of a tired and ancient race he yawned his way pleasantly through the play, and into our good graces.

Uncle Alec Twigg, in charge of Charlie, seemed to take well with the audience. Played by D. Theison, and portraying a rough and uncouth mountain dweller, the part was a hard one. He provided a good deal of the comic element, and if his accent was a polyglot, well—we have met very few hill-billies, and they may talk just like that!

To Mr. Theison a great deal of the success of the play was due. He was certainly well up in his part and performed his role exceptionally well.

The stellar role—taken by Mrs. Savile—of "Charlie" was the most difficult of all the parts to play. Mrs. Savile is to be very heartily congratulated on the very pleasing "Charlie" she created, and is also to be commended for

being so word-perfect in a character part that held the stage for over two hours.

Mr. H. Fast, as chairman for the evening, announced the scenes, and the entertainers between the acts.

Miss Betty Cameron, tap-danced in a very competent and clever way. Miss Betty McIntosh gave two of her unique whistling solos, and Mrs. Stanlake sang very beautifully "Sylvia" and "The Brown Bird Sings," during the evening. Mr. Keith Henderson, accompanied by Mrs. Hansman sang "Darling o' Mine," in a pleasing baritone voice.

Mr. Trueblood played -for Betty Cameron's dancing, and Miss Corinne Carlson accompanied Mrs. Stanlake.

Primary Grades of Mattagami School

Report of Standing of Pupils in the Primary Class and Mattagami School.

The following is the report for April of the primary grades of the Mattagami public school:—

K. P.—Miss E. James, teacher—Muriel Melville, Nancy Bolliger, Ronald Briggs, Lee McBain, Jack Stevens, Edward Kimball, Molly Bennett, Clifford Elles.

K. P.—Miss McKelvey, teacher—Langford Ross, Christian Rose, Bernice Whaley, Ronald Ash, Joyce Sauve, Joan Winney, Dickie Wilson.

Jr. Pr.—Delbridge Drew, Gordon Ferguson.

I.—Miss E. Dempsey, teacher—A. Nora Leach, Anna Linder, Earl Knight, Austin Jelbert, Allen Stickle.

B.—Norman Dalton; Bobby Taylor and Hilda Salo, equal.

IA.—C. M. Dodd, teacher—Jacqueline March, Annie McAara, Jane Moisy, Murray McIntosh, Mildred Suzack, Elis Jokela, Reino Jarvi.

IB.—Valdeia Gagnon.

Jr. II.—Miss M. Thorburn, teacher—Elizabeth Felmate, Philip Melville, Esko Jokela, Arthur Hodgins, Fred Barnes, Marion Patriquin, Helen Rogers, Jessie France, Gloria Travenca, Joyce Latham, Barbara Cassidy, Doris Brown.

Jos. A. Bradette, M.P. Urges Better Radio

Three Witnesses Before Radio Committee at Ottawa Voice General Opinion.

Three witnesses, one from Ontario and two from Nova Scotia, on Friday, complained to the House of Commons Radio Commission about faulty reception in their areas of the Canadian Radio Commission's national programmes.

J. A. Bradette (Lib., Temiskaming North) said hundreds of people in his constituency had written him declaring they would not pay radio licence fees unless something was done to improve reception of Canadian programmes.

Wants Powerful Station. Mr. Bradette urged the committee recommend establishment of a station powerful enough to assure coverage for the northern section of Ontario and clarity were from the United-Quebec. As an alternative, he suggested power of stations in Montreal be increased sufficiently to cover the northern districts with Canadian programmes.

There were 400,000 people in the north country, Mr. Bradette said, where 30 years ago there was hardly a settler. Their greatest source of recreation and entertainment was the radio. There were the three stations in the north country, Mr. Bradette said, but they were not filling the need for national programmes. Their power was too low to cover the area. A similar complaint was brought from Western Nova Scotia by Rev. H. H. Haslam of Yarmouth who said he spoke for a group of 50,000 people in that part of the province who felt they were not getting adequate Canadian coverage.

Under protest, Mr. Haslam said, "We are not getting a quid pro quo for our money," he declared. The only programmes heard with dependable regularity were the U.S. Better.

"We probably hear the United States better than any part of the Dominion," Mr. Haslam said, "but we cannot get Halifax, 200 miles away, or Saint John, about 100 miles distant." He had been told the commission had set \$18,000 as the cost of carrying commission programmes to the local privately-owned station at Yarmouth, but from other sources he had learned it could be done for about \$9,000.

Prince Edward Island had a commission outlet and in addition had perfect coverage from Sydney and Halifax commission stations perhaps two evenings a week, because of geographical and other causes.

Suspended Sentence at Cochrane in Assault Case

At Cochrane last week Viano Sepala was found guilty of wounding a fellow countryman, Nello Vaino, and Magistrate E. R. Tucker after consideration of all the facts in the matter, allowed the convicted man to go on suspended sentence, on condition that he pay all expenses, including hospital and medical costs. These expenses will be heavy and will constitute quite a stern fine on Sepala. Evidence in the case showed that in the attack by Sepala, Vaino was severely cut by a piece of a bottle. He was in the Cochrane hospital nearly two weeks. One wound required eighteen stitches to close. On the other hand it seemed to be a case where there had been drinking and provocation for the trouble.

Mayors of North Want Work in Place of Relief

At Sudbury Conference Urge Road Programme to Replace Direct Relief. Claim that Municipalities Can No Longer Carry Relief Burden. Ask Share of Gasoline Tax for Towns.

At the conference of mayors of the North held last week at Sudbury, the town of Timmins being represented by H. E. Montgomery, clerk-treasurer, one of the chief topics was of course the matter of relief. On Friday the following resolution was passed by the conference after an amendment to the resolution of the committee had been considered:—

Ask Governments to Take Over all Relief. That immediate steps be taken by the Government to take over and assume the administration of and the entire cost of unemployment relief in Northern Ontario.

Oppose Direct Relief. "That the convention goes on record as being opposed to direct relief as a palliative for unemployment, and strongly and emphatically recommends that a works programme be substituted, direct relief being continued only in the case of unemployable persons.

"It being the intention of the Federal Government to close down all relief camps by June 14 by starting a maintenance extra relief gang on railways: "Be it resolved that this body request the Federal Government that when the operations are closed down that they return the men to the district or province from which they brought them."

List Reasons. The convention listed reasons for the resolution, as follows: "Unemployment is a national emergency and a national responsibility, and has been accepted as such by the conference of Mayors in Ottawa. "The Federal Government has recognized unemployment as a national emergency and a national responsibility by proposing legislation respecting unemployment insurance and by proposed creation of a National Commission on Employment. "Municipal government in Northern Ontario can no longer assume any added responsibility for unemployment relief, and have declared their inability to do so. The costs of unemployment relief have been improperly imposed upon municipalities throughout Canada. These costs have resulted in breaking down the financial structures of many urban and rural centres, and others are in like peril.

Say Taxes Excessive. "Municipal revenue is procured almost entirely from taxes imposed on real property. Tax levies on real property have become excessive, inequitable and confiscatory in character. Collections of taxes and other civic revenues have decreased. Tax arrears have steadily increased. Property has reverted and other properties are reverting to municipalities because of non-payment of taxes. Because of decreased revenues, many municipalities have been unable to maintain at proper standards the necessary services and essential requirements of municipalities.

"Effect of the present tax burden on land and buildings in urban and rural centres discourages home ownership, commercial and industrial activity, the investment of capital, and is resulting in the progressive destruction of the value of real properties. "These intolerable burdens can no longer be borne by the municipalities or by their taxpayers, and it is imperative that immediate action be taken. Most of our towns have no industries and in the past enjoyed the lumbering and its sub-industries, and, whereas some of our towns do not receive railroad taxes, we find the burden too great."

First Resolution Withdrawn. There was an amendment to the effect that Northern Ontario municipalities represented at the convention pledge themselves to notify the Ontario Government that after July 1st they could no longer pay their share of relief but this was withdrawn. Alderman Facer, of Sudbury, said this amendment had originally been incorporated in the motion by the committee on relief but had met with opposition and had been withdrawn. He placed it, however, before the conference, so that full consideration might be given it. "We want to accomplish something definite out of this conference," Alderman Facer declared. "We have made recommendations repeatedly to the Government, but more times than not we have been refused. Unless we put a little force behind the resolution it will be shelved."

Gasoline Tax. The Committee on Division of Tax on Gasoline reported as follows: Whereas owing to climatic conditions and geographical situation, motorists in Northern Ontario cannot use motor cars, trucks, tractors, etc., during certain periods of the year; And whereas the provincial government makes the same charge for markers in Northern Ontario as in Southern Ontario; And whereas the different municipalities of Northern Ontario maintain and keep streets and highways open at their own expense during winter months; And whereas many streets are kept open for convenience of motor cars for which no contribution is made by the provincial government;

And whereas the provincial government derives considerable revenue from a gasoline tax levied on gasoline used by the said motor cars; Therefore be it resolved that this convention here assembled goes on record in asking that an equitable division of the gasoline tax collected from No-

ember 1 until April 1 be made with those municipalities which maintain their streets and roads in passable condition throughout the year and by so doing, thereby assisting these municipalities in bearing the financial burden entailed in the maintenance of such streets, roads and highways."

Minimum Wage Law to Apply to Kirkland

Change to be Made in Regulations Affecting Large Centres in the North. In a recent wage case at Kirkland Lake the counsel for the defence set up the claim that the minimum wage schedule for women did not apply to Kirkland Lake or to other centres in the North not incorporated as towns or cities. The defence counsel called attention to a clause in the regulations relating to minimum wages for women and girls, pointing out that the clause only applied to towns and cities regularly incorporated. Though the population of Kirkland Lake would bring the town under the minimum wage clause, the fact that Kirkland Lake is not a separate municipality put the place outside the scope of the regulation, it was claimed. Magistrate Atkinson reserved decision in the minimum wage case brought before him recently, on the idea that he should look into the regulations. He did so and found that according to the strict letter of the law, no conviction could be rendered in Kirkland Lake in the matter unless the law were altered in some way. Such alteration is being made in order that the minimum wage scale for women may apply in such municipalities as Kirkland Lake, etc. Hon. D. Croll, Minister of Labour, thinks it was simply an oversight, and that Northern towns should be given the same protection as other places.

"There is no reason why this beneficial legislation should not be of use to workers in such areas as Kirkland Lake," commented the minister. "It was only through an oversight that they were omitted from the board's orders, and that oversight is now being corrected."

Wage rates are established according to population of the municipality, the highest minimum being \$12.50 per week for experienced adult workers in Toronto.

In establishing population groups, however, the board omitted heavily populated suburban township areas.

First Woman Barrister to Appear Before House

Parliamentary precedent was established Tuesday of last week when a woman attorney became the first member of her sex to appear as an accredited representative before a House of Commons committee. Unable, because of regulations, to practise law in her native Quebec, the attorney, Mrs. A. H. Leiff, appeared for a Montreal woman whose husband was

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New Train Schedule for the T. & N. O. Railway. As noted in The Advance last week, the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway and the Nipissing Central Railway announce change of time in passenger train schedules effective Sunday, May 17. New time tables are now being prepared and will be available with all agents in the course of a few days. No new trains are being established nor are any withdrawn. The service which has been available throughout the winter months and which has proven, from close study, to have satisfactorily taken care of passenger traffic available will be continued with some slight alterations which should prove beneficial.

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