

## MAY SPEND \$130,000 IN CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS

### Council Plans New Town Hall and \$40,000 Paving

Application Made to Municipal Board for Approval of Programme. Details of Finances of Timmins Submitted to Board. Early Reply Expected.

Timmins will have a new town hall this year, as well as more than \$40,000 worth of paving, if present plans of the town council are successfully carried through.

The only thing in the food of the civic improvements now is the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, to whom the council made application for permission to issue debentures of \$90,000 to cover the cost of a town hall and an additional \$40,000 for paving, as planned last year. That application was made on Saturday.

Word should be received from the Board within a short time, since a complete picture of Timmins' finances has been supplied to the members.

#### ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON TRAILS AND TALES OF NORTH

Rev. J. C. Cochrane, superintendent of missions in Northern Ontario for the United Church of Canada, will take the services at the Timmins United Church next Sunday, Feb. 14th. At the evening service he will give an illustrated lecture, "Trails and Tales of the North Land."

### Mail Boxes Now in Use at Timmins

Collection of Letters from Street Boxes Started on Sunday.

Timmins' new street collection letter boxes went into use yesterday morning as collections were made for the first time. The first day's mail wasn't heavy but the post office expects that during the next couple of weeks at least there will be a large increase in the volume of letters.

No time of collection has yet been placed on the boxes, but The Advance was told this morning that collection begins at eleven o'clock each morning. Any mail placed in the boxes before that time is sure to be despatched on the 2:25 o'clock train.

### Essay Writers Guests at Lions Club Meeting

Four Hundred Pupils Took Part in Contest. Jack Grace, of Toronto, Sang at Club Meeting Here on Thursday. Other Lions Club Notes.

Prize winners in the Lions' club essay contest on "Remembrance Day and What It Means" were guests at the club's meeting on Thursday evening. First formers who received their prizes were: first, Fred White; second, Gladys Bates. Second formers, first, Arnold Coott; second, Lillian Dorschner.

Dr. A. C. McKenna, in presenting the prizes to the high school students, explained that 80 of the essays had been chosen by high school teachers from those submitted for the competition by 400 pupils. Then the judges, Dr. McKenna, S. G. Fowler, Peter Arnold, Walter Greaves, Robert McKnight and Fred Ooman chose two essays from first forms and two from second forms.

Dr. McKenna explained that many of the essays had dealt partly with the war which was beyond the intended scope of the competition and so had to be set aside. He thanked W. W. Tanner, principal of the high and vocational school and the staff for their co-operation.

#### Singer Was Guest

Jack Grace, of Toronto, well-known radio singer, was a guest at the meeting and sang "That Wonderful Mother of Mine" and "Me and Marie." Jack Dalton, Jr., was also a guest at the meeting. The gold plate on which is engraved an invitation to Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King to attend the celebration here on July 1st, was on display at the meeting.

Lions expect a record attendance this Thursday evening when they have a joint meeting with the Schumacher club to hear District Governor Harry Lambert of Newmarket. A number of the Timmins Lions will accompany Mr. Lambert to Kirkland Lake on Friday for Charter night at the new Kirkland Lake Lions club.

### Expect Weather to be Milder To-morrow

But Not Soft Enough to Interfere with Progress of Dog Team.

It may be a little softer to-morrow, the weatherman predicted this morning, but it won't be soft enough to interfere with the progress of the dog team, now on its way to Ottawa. Changeable weather with snowflurries is what he expects the Porcupine to experience. But it will be generally cold. Snow on Saturday amounted to two and a half inches, although three-foot drifts were formed in some places. This morning's total to eight o'clock was one inch.

Temperatures have been: Thursday, max. 20, min. 12 below; Friday, max. 22, min. 3 below; Saturday, max. 21, min. 2 below; Sunday, max. 2, min. 11 below; last night's minimum 8 below; eight o'clock this morning, 1 below.

### Regular Monthly Meeting of Nurses, Tuesday, Feb. 9

The regular monthly meeting of the Porcupine Chapter of the R.N.A.O. will be held in St. Mary's hospital, Tuesday, Feb. 9th, at 8 p.m. All nurses are invited to attend.

### All Oddfellows Asked to Attend Meeting on Tuesday

At the regular meeting of Timmins Lodge No. 459, I.O.O.F., on Tuesday of this week, Feb. 9, the First Degree will be exemplified. Bro. W. Wills, the Degree Master, requests the degree members to be at the hall on Spruce street, north, at 8 o'clock prompt. During the evening important business will be discussed in regard to the brethren in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys of the U.S.A., who are suffering from the unprecedented flood conditions. A specially large turnout is requested as the call is urgent. Visiting members are cordially invited to attend.

### Bridge Tournament All Week at Legion

Interesting Contest Sponsored This Week at the Legion Hall.

What could be more inviting after a strenuous week of curling than three or four nights of restful card playing? The Canadian Legion has provided such a feature and invites all the bridge players of the camp—and many of them are also expert curlers—to a bridge championship contest. The event will take place all this week commencing to-morrow night (Tuesday) in the Legion hall. There will be simple rules to follow, these being given out each evening of the contest. One that must be adhered to, is that partners must be declared before the commencement. The committee in charge says: "There will be 28 hands for the first three nights anyway." After that the contestants will be gradually eliminated until the champions of the district are discovered. Some fine trophies have been secured and these along with other valuable prizes should help to make the entry list a large one. The committee in charge includes: H. C. Scarth, A. Neame, and W. D. Forrester, and these will be assisted by William Hatch, a noted bridge expert, and late of the Cavendish Bridge Club of Toronto, where he acted for a time as secretary. Mr. Hatch will give advice during the course of the contest and should prove of real assistance to those playing.

For further particulars all interested are asked to read the advertisement in this issue of The Advance.

### Masonic Dance on Friday Auspices Golden Beaver

Invitations have been issued for a dance to be held in the Masonic hall, Timmins, on Friday evening of this week, Feb. 12th, under the auspices of Golden Beaver Lodge No. 528, A.F. & A.M.

### Validity of By-laws Questioned

Notice of motion in the Supreme Court of Ontario was served on Town Clerk H. E. Montgomery last week. As clerk of the town, he is to appear at the weekly court at Toronto on February 22nd to hear a motion made by Dean Kester claiming that the Wednesday by-laws closing hardware, dry-goods and furniture stores are invalid. The town will fight the motion in an effort to enforce the by-laws, that Marshall-Ecclestone, Sam Bucovetsky and I. K. Pierce are seeking to have quashed.

### Several Fire Calls on Saturday Night

Six Alarms Turned in, Four Within 18 Minutes. All were Chimney Fires.

Saturday night was a busy one for the firemen when six alarms were turned in, all of them for chimney fires. High winds and colder weather made a chimney blaze that night. Within 18 minutes, four alarms were turned in to keep all the brigade's apparatus on the run.

Seventy-five dollars' damage was done at 43 Wende avenue on Thursday evening when hot ashes, left in a cardboard carton, were the cause of a blaze that damaged the woodshed and scorched the inside of the home.

Saturday night fires were at 161 Spruce street north, 79 Bannerman avenue, 103 Maple street north, 253 Elm street north, 154 Cedar street south, 5 First street (Goldale).

### Pretty Wedding at Timmins Synagogue

Miss Anne Verner, of South Porcupine, and Dr. J. I. Scholes, Timmins, United in Marriage.

The marriage took place yesterday at the Timmins synagogue of Anne Verner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Verner of South Porcupine, to Dr. J. I. Scholes, of Timmins. Rabbi Linder and Rabbi Goodman officiated.

The bride was gowned in white satin applique and wore a short veil. Her flowers were orchids and lilies-of-the-valley and she was attended by her sister, Mrs. Thomas Mallin, and two flower girls, little Misses Ruth and Miriam Bucovetsky. The groomsmen were Harry Verner, brother of the bride.

After a dinner and reception at the home of the bride's parents in South Porcupine, Dr. and Mrs. Scholes left on a wedding trip to New York City. They will make their home in Timmins.

### Urges Debt Moratorium



Returning to England after two months' study of finances in the province of Alberta, which he terminated by declaring that the government of Premier Wm. Aberhart was vacillating in its proposed Social Credit policy, John Hargrave, Social Credit leader in the United Kingdom, declared in Ottawa that Alberta could not hope to pay its debts, public and private, plus interest charges. He declared that a debt moratorium was the only immediate solution of Alberta's tangled financial problem.

### Another Pioneer of Timmins Passes on

Mrs. Benjamin Richards Died at St. Mary's Hospital on Saturday. Here for Twenty-five Years.

After an illness of two weeks, Mrs. Benjamin Richards, who lived here with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eddy, died at St. Mary's hospital on Saturday morning. A resident of Timmins for the past 25 years, Mrs. Richards was one of the pioneers of the town. Her husband died here just five years ago. She was born in Lancashire 77 years ago, and lived in Australia the greater part of her life. After a few years in California, to which state Mr. and Mrs. Richards went from Australia, they came to Timmins to live.

The funeral service is to be held to-morrow afternoon from the Eddy home at two o'clock, Rev. Bruce Millar officiating. Burial is to be at the South Porcupine cemetery.

### Death of Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Relich

The death occurred on Saturday of John, seven-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Relich, 10 Railroad street, Schumacher. The funeral was held yesterday.

### E. Smith Will Represent North's Curlers at 'Bay

Great Bonspiel Ends. George S. Drew Wins Main Trophy Event With Last Rock on the Final End. Tables on Inside Pages Give Events in Detail.

Canada's (and the world's) third largest provincial bonspiel is over for another year. Northland curlers have taken their 104 prizes home with them and until this time in 1938, ardent curler will be talking about some of the remarkable shots that "won the cup."

Representing the T. & N. O. Curling Association in the Macdonald Brier playdowns that lead to the Canadian championship is the rink skipped by Emmett Smith of Halleybury. That's not an unusual thing for Emmett. He's represented the North before. He clinched that top position on Saturday morning by turning back Mel Charron of Kirkland Lake in the final of the Purdy Flour event. George Doggett's rink from Kirkland Lake takes the runner-up position for the Grand Aggregate, prize given to the rink winning the greatest number of games throughout the bonspiel.

Near Triple Tie Had Charron won on Saturday, there would have been a tie between Smith, Doggett and Charron for the greatest honour of the 'spiel. Smith's other three men were D. H. Miller, Rev. W. A. Beecroft and J. M. Robb. Doggett's men were T. Royton, G. Sutherland and H. B. Hawley. Charron's men were T. Ramsay, C. Whitman, and C. J. Tuck.

#### To Try For "Brier"

The Smith rink meets the winners of the Northern Ontario Curling Association grand aggregate at North Bay within a week or so. Should they win at the Bay, they represent Northern Ontario in the Brier play at Toronto, to which each province has the right to send one rink, with Ontario being divided into two "provinces," North and South.

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### Dog Team at Porquis Early Last Evening

Had Easy Going to the Junction and Made Early Start To-day.

Denham and Howard Greer arrived at Porquis Junction last night at seven o'clock with their dog team, bound for Ottawa, it was reported to William Wren, chairman of the Lions celebration committee, last night. The trip that far had gone quite smoothly.

The Greers were to get off to an early start this morning and hoped to be well on the way to Swastika before nightfall.

### Lions Club Dance at Riverside Pavilion

Proceeds for Completing the Payments for Boys' Band Instruments.

The Lions Club dance at the Riverside pavilion on Friday night was a well-attended affair from which a goodly amount was raised to complete payment for the Lions Boys' Band instruments.

The dance continued until about 2.30, at which time the floor was still comfortably filled. Gordon Arenbald's orchestra provided the music.

### Quarters in P.O. Building Not to be Used by Boys

Chief of Police R. Paul calls the attention of The Advance to the effect that an item in the last issue of The Advance in regard to the granting of the use of part of the basement of the post office building by the T.P.A.A.A. might be misunderstood by the general public. He explains that the space in the basement of the Timmins federal building is to be used only for athletic training of members of the Timmins police force, and this is only a temporary accommodation, at the pleasure of the Dept. of Public Works, to be cancelled by that department at any time.

### Plan Cheese Factory and Canning Plant in North

Among the Subjects Discussed at Recent Meeting of Porquis Junction Branch of Settlers' Association. Other Topics Considered at Enthusiastic Meeting.

### Prize for Picture of Dog Team

Lions Offer Prize for Best Picture of Team Now on Way to Ottawa.

For the best photograph of Denham and Howard Greer and their dog team as it pulled out of Timmins yesterday, the Timmins Lions Club is offering a first prize of \$10.

Of the four thousand people who were at the send-off yesterday afternoon, a couple of hundred must have had cameras and in the hopes of finding some really good shots of the dogs and their drivers, the Lions have offered this prize.

An advertisement in this issue of The Advance gives further details of the contest.

### M. A. Sorsoleil to Speak at Schumacher Club Supper

M. A. Sorsoleil, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare for Ontario, is to be the guest speaker at the club supper to be held in Trinity United Church hall, Schumacher, on Thursday, Feb. 18th, commencing at 6 p.m. Mr. Sorsoleil is a speaker of outstanding talent, noted for the way in which he can grip and hold the attention and interest of an audience, and his addresses are always of value and unusually pleasing to his audiences. The Men's Club at Schumacher is to be congratulated on bringing a speaker like Mr. Sorsoleil to the district and the people of Schumacher, Timmins and district will do well to attend to hear this gifted speaker. Tickets are now on sale and may be obtained from members of the Men's Club, Schumacher.

### Pleasing Event in Honour of Last Saturday's Bride

On Thursday evening last Mrs. H. L. Traver, Toke street, entertained a number of friends at a delightful dinner in honour of Miss Jean Cranston, who was married on Saturday at the United Church. The table decorations were in coronation red, while there were favours for each guest. At the place of the guest of honour for the occasion was a beautiful heart-shaped box in coronation red, the box containing a lovely handkerchief to match the wedding gown on Saturday.

### Four Thousand See Dog Team Leave for Ottawa

Denham and Howard Greer Started Yesterday on Trip to Ottawa by Dog Team, Bearing Golden Message to Premier King to Attend Celebration of Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Founding of Timmins.

Denham and Howard Greer got off to a good cheering start yesterday afternoon on their trip by dog team to Ottawa, where they will deliver to Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King an invitation engraved in gold to attend the celebration here on July 1st of the 25th anniversary of the incorporation of Timmins. Four thousand people lined Third avenue and Spruce street as the nine cream huskies streaked down the roadway on the first lap of their journey.

Carrying sleeping bags, snowshoes, a day's provisions for the Greer brothers and the dogs, as well as the dogs' medicines and other necessities, the two Gold Centre men got off to a flying start. They expected to spend the night at Porquis Junction.

Mrs. Bartleman Presents Plaque The ceremony that preceded the departure of the "Timmins to Ottawa" sleigh was so brief that few people saw it. Mayor and Mrs. J. P. Bartleman, together with members of the Lions club stood at the corner of Pine and Third and when the team arrived, Mrs. Bartleman simply handed the package containing the gold invitation plate to the Greers, wished them God-speed, and away went the team.

According to those who have been watching the training of the animals, the Greer dogs are in perfect shape for their long trip. Frequent stops, and a maximum of 50 miles travelling in one day, should keep them fit throughout the trip, it is generally believed.

Beautiful Weather The weather was perfect for the

The establishment of a canning factory at Porquis Junction and also a cheese factory for the same district were among the subjects enthusiastically taken up at a recent meeting of Porquis Junction local unit No. 12 of the settlers' organization of South Cochrane. The meeting was held in the public school at Porquis Junction on Friday evening, Jan. 29th, with Roy Hopkins, the president of the branch, in the chair. The president appointed Geo. Morgan to act as secretary in the absence of the regular secretary, G. S. Dowdall, who is now employed at Timmins. During the evening the office of secretary was filled temporarily by the election of Russell Hopkins, one of the earliest settlers and a returned soldier residing at Porquis Junction.

There was a good attendance of unit members as well as many visitors from branch No. 6 in McCart township. The visitors included the president of the central council of settlers, Emile O. Frank; H. McKean, vice-president; and the secretary, D. Carter. Geo. Morgan, one of the organizers of the movement was also present. All the visitors gave addresses that were of much interest and value. The aims and objects of the association were very fully explained, and a review outlined to show the progress obtained so far in obtaining concessions for the members from the provincial government and the pulp companies. These addresses led to an enthusiastic discussion on a wide range of subjects of wide importance to settlers imbued with the re-awakened co-operative idea. The depression has proved that the co-operative idea is the only safe method for the settler.

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### Indians Find Parts of Balloon

Many will recall the excitement and publicity called forth some 14 or 15 years ago when a United States army balloon drifted over Canada and eventually the occupants of the air craft made a landing at Moose Factory, being brought out from there by dog team and taking the train back to their home in the South. Word from Cochrane last week suggested a sequel to that story of long ago. Word sent from Moosonee to Cochrane was to the effect that the bag and basket of the U.S. balloon had just been found by a party of Indians who duly reported the matter at Moose Factory and Moosonee.

### THEIR MAJESTIES' FIRST PORTRAIT



Their Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, are pictured in the first formal portraits they have had made since their accession to the throne. Her Majesty headed the King's New Year's honours list, just published, being made a Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.