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## South Porcupine People Watch Unusual Sun Dogs

Appearance of Sun Dogs Remarkable in Many Ways. Reading of Signs in Sky Friday Soon Fulfilled. Curling Holds Interest at South Porcupine. Other South End and Home News.

South Porcupine, Ont., Feb. 6th, 1937. Special to The Advance.

The appearance of a "sun-dog" in the sky here yesterday (Friday) afternoon, caused many people to stand and gaze in wonder at the phenomenon. Sun dogs have been seen here before; in fact, they are quite common so far north, but, in the opinion of those who have been north for years yesterday's sun dog was marvellous.

In the first place it appeared in a brilliant blue sky; secondly, the rainbow effect was remarkable; and thirdly, it occurred early in the afternoon, when as a rule the strange sun-ring comes offener near sunset when the sun is low in the sky.

It is a little difficult to describe.

Your correspondent was called at 2 p.m. to go out and see: "something queer in the sky, circles within circles and so odd." We saw a distinct white ring around the sun pointed at regular intervals with four small "suns"—each "sun" having the effect of the sun shining through fog. Within this white circle was a rainbow colored circle, and immediately overhead out of the sun's path near the zenith was a large crescent shaped rainbow, the colours vivid and distinct. Others (some from the Pamour) saw a line of crescent rainbows alternately concave and convex below and above the zenith.

Archdeacon Woodall, who has lived nearer the Arctic Circle than most of us—(He was at Rupert's House for

years)—also saw the sun-dog, and he says he has never seen one so brilliantly coloured or so extraordinary. Usually, he says, they appear when the sun lies near the horizon and always presage a cold night and a storm, with following very cold weather.

Friday night was cold, and this morning we had the snow-storm—and undoubtedly, as it is February, we may look forward to the cold spell!

The next social event is to be a Valentine tea to take place in the Masonic hall under the auspices of the Eastern Star on Wednesday, Feb. 17th. Time baking, and a door-prize.

The bonspiel fever reached its height last night when several of our South Porcupine fans went over to Timmins to see the curler champions play the last games. The excitement was great and the interest keen enough to keep us watching to after midnight. The cheer that went up from all in the clubhouse when Drew threw the last rock which gave him the game by one point might have been heard in South Porcupine. Tinged with the real pleasure of seeing a local team win, was the thought that it was too bad that the other team (Charron's) had to lose—they put up such a good and clever game all through. By the time the next local bonspiel is over, your correspondent may know enough curling terms to speak intelligibly about the game!

Last Tuesday Miss Margaret Lloyd gave her pupils at the Buffalo-Ankerite school a skating party at the local rink. Thirteen pupils attended and after skating went to the home of Miss Lloyd at Dome Extension for a hot lunch, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. At St. Paul's Anglican Church Archdeacon Woodall will hold a lantern service in the church at 7.30 p.m. The subject being "Signs and Symbols." These lantern lectures are to be a weekly Wednesday night feature during Lent.

We offer our sympathies to the family of the late Mrs. Thomas Sloan, of Vinton, Quebec, who died on Thursday, Feb. 4th, from the results of a stroke. The funeral will take place to-day at Vinton. The late Mrs. Sloan was 72 years of age and is survived by her husband (aged 83) and four daughters and three sons. The four daughters all live in the Porcupine camp—Mrs. Cotnam, of Timmins; Mrs. Cole, of Dome Extension; Mrs. N. Sullivan and Mrs. O. Kavanagh of South Porcupine. The sons Clarence and John of Vinton, and Edward, of Ottawa.

The Rangers held their regular meeting on Thursday at the home of their captain, Mrs. Bessette, and had their first lesson in home nursing—reading a clinical thermometer.

At the Junior Bridge Club held last Monday at the home of Miss W. Nash, the honours went to Miss Betty Martin and Mr. H. Gilroy.

The Past Noble Grand's Club of the Rebekah Lodge held a business meeting and party at the home of Mrs. E. Anthony, on Thursday night. During the business session a St. Patrick's Day bridge was discussed which may materialize. A nice lunch was served after bridge was played and a very nice time enjoyed by all the guests. Mrs. T. Gibbons won first prize for bridge and Mrs. Anthony second.

Mr. Bobby Chevrier, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chevrier, of Dome Extension, is reported as being very ill with heart trouble. Mrs. Chevrier's mother from Annprior is visiting at the home.

Mrs. Frank Williams and little daughter, Sylvia, left on Monday for Fort William, where they will be visit-

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ing at the home of Mrs. Williams' parents.

Many whole families are suffering from flu and its effects, and individuals by the score. Doctors tell us to be careful as the after effects of this epidemic are in many cases weakened hearts.

## Plan Factory and Plant in the North

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Among the many items discussed, the two most outstanding ones were:

1. A factory for fruit canning.
2. A cheese factory.

In regard to the idea of canning fruit, it was pointed out that effort would be made to secure capital for such a factory. Such a factory would naturally be established near Porcupine Junction where there is a large tract of land that is capable of yielding hundreds of tons of berries, and where green peas might also be grown. Blueberries have been picked on this tract of land for years but the crop has been handled mostly by express shipments to distant points at a rate that is almost a prohibitive one per basket.

In regard to the proposed cheese factory, a survey will be made shortly to ascertain if the requisite number of milk cows are available to warrant proceeding with the establishment of a cheese factory. If so, the Ontario department of agriculture will be approached and it is hoped the matter will be shown greater consideration than was given the settlers' plea for exemption or extension of time on the notes given for grain seed last year. The grain crops last year might be considered as nearly a total loss because of weather and frost conditions.

Another topic that came in for very lively discussion was the matter of the small pay allowed by the government for teams employed in the service of the removal of snow, ice, etc., from the roadways in preparation for travelling by truck. There were some severe knocks at the small pay but no action was taken as the employment of teams in the manner referred to was considered as partly an emergency relief measure that had been sought by the settlers' association through the council of that body.

The organizer, Geo. Morgan, read some correspondence with the Welfare Dept. and the Red Cross Society with a view to having a woman's social service organization in connection with the units and central body of the settlers' association to look after cases of distress and sickness in places where the existing welfare agencies could hardly hope to reach in time to be of immediate benefit to the afflicted. The bad condition of practically all the roads was a big factor in handicapping efforts along this line. Already there is one branch provisionally organized for this work, and it will function as soon as advice is received as to the proper procedure to be followed.

The regular session of the central executive council of the settlers' association will be held at the home of the president, E. O. Frank, at Porcupine Junction on Tuesday, Feb. 17th, at 4 p.m., when the bill of fare will be largely made up of "cheese, blueberries and pulpwood," as the secretary phrases it. These are the subjects that will come in for the greatest discussion and consideration, while there will also be the question of the social service idea to be dealt with so far as possible.

Neon weather forecast for Northern Ontario:—Strong southwest winds with snow and sleet. Tuesday, strong west to northwest winds, clearing, and becoming colder again.

## Radio Reception for Legion Smoker

Another Happy Time on  
Saturday Night.

The Legion are always trying something new and on Saturday last they gave a vivid impression of a radio programme (as it should not be, but orien is). Tommy Parsons acted as the announcer (pardon, chairman); Alex Borland, Sr. and H. C. Scarth as the advertising wedge. The Legion's own 3-piece band, assisted by Maestro E. B. Rowe with his banjo, provided the necessary fill-ins, and local talent secured the high spots. Added to all this was noisy reception and static supplied by the Irish (very bad at times), howls and squeals by some canine visitors, and all in all it was another Legion smoker—hard to excel!

Harry Scarth tried hard to sell the bridge tournament idea and thanked his sponsors for his one-vote victory in the recent election.

Alex Borland wanted fifty to state they heard the broadcast, or the cribbage tournament is off.

Git o' the accordionist came over the air waves with a little interference, as also did George Burgin, who was used several times. Wilson Thompson got on during a clear spell and was heard to advantage in "The Picture of the Girl I Left Behind," and his answer to the "Shift Boss." Others who made up the broadcast, which at times had to penetrate a thunder storm, were—Tommy Johnson, Alf Bellamy, the Welsh Male Choir, Campbell and Co., mouth organ and guitar, a very pleasant interlude; Capt. Davis, Joe Ormiston, Bill Docton and Happy "Uncle Ank" cowboy singer and yodeller.

Those sponsoring the programme very generously handed round fish, cheese and crackers (not nationally advertised) as samples of their generosity, and another Legion night closed with the National Anthem.

## E. Smith Represent Curlers at 'Bay

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George Drew's Win

Most interesting event of the whole 'spiel for Timmins people was the final in the Geo. W. Lee trophy event, in which Geo. S. Drew met Mel Charron of Kirkland Lake. On the last rock of the last end, with Drew one down, the quiet skip pulled the game out of the fire by knocking out two of Charron's rocks with his own. That shot got more cheers from the men and women behind the plate glass than any other in the hundreds of games played during the week. Even the spectator who knew little about the game recognized it as a master stroke.

Six prizes remain in Timmins, as may be seen from the complete list published in this issue. Drew and Harvey Graham taking two each, and I. A. Solomon and R. Richardson one each. Kirkland and New Liskeard curlers equalled this. Halleybury took four places, Noranda, Kapuskasing and North Bay winning one each.

Cracked Under Strain

Although there seemed little doubt in the last games of the 'spiel that Smith would win the grand aggregate, other contenders put up a great battle for the honour. George Doggett's rink from Kirkland Lake seemed almost certain to win on fine their performance of the first few days. They went through to Friday afternoon without a defeat in three events, then suddenly cracked. They had been playing 48 ends a day and two of the men were completely worn out. The same thing happened to Jerry Abrams' rink. With only three men, they went along until Thursday afternoon winning every time. The strain of too many games close together told heavily.

Richardson Won With Three Men

Two rinks that finished with only three men were "in the money." Richardson took the Dunbar shield and Schmar of Noranda the Hill-Clark-Francis trophy.

I. A. Solomon's rink was cut to three men for the Power trophy final when an artery burst in Charles Brown's throat. The three remaining men put up a good battle but Emmett Smith's men were too good for the locals.

Plate Glass Players!

The spectators had a fine time during the last couple of days of the 'spiel. As one of them said on Friday night: "I've won more games here to-night than I did in the bonspiel!"

Every rock in those finals brought advice from those behind the glass. "Why doesn't he draw in there with an out-turn?" "I'd take that back rock out!" "He's wide!" "No, he's narrow!" And so on and so on. Finally one of the more silent plate glass players said: "Ah, let George figure it out."

It was a happy crowd that filled both clubrooms and lined the three sheets of ice on which the finals were played.

They Liked Timmins

Visiting skips were enthusiastic, when they could make themselves heard (everybody was hoarse), about the bonspiel. "Best we've had," Jerry Abrams, Emmett Smith, George Doggett, Pete Graham, Mel Charron, A. E. Stephenson and many of the other famous Northern curlers agreed. The 13 sheets of ice (six in Timmins, four at the Dome and three at South Porcupine) were in perfect shape throughout the 'spiel. Ice-maker St. Cook was busy night and day seeing that his assistants kept the ice absolutely clean and put on the proper "pebbles" before every game.

Winning rinks, score by ends for most of the final matches, and accomplishments of the various rinks will be found elsewhere in this issue of The Advance.



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## Iroquois Falls District Help Ontario Museum

Work of Correspondents of Much Value. A. C. Cutten, Iroquois Falls, R. V. Whelan, Smoky Falls, Murray Spiers, Timmins, Supply Much Information Regarding Zoology. Other Iroquois Falls News.

Iroquois Falls, Ont., Feb. 6th, 1937. (Special to The Advance)—At Monday night's meeting of the Iroquois Falls Rod and Gun Club, A. C. Cutten, member of the Game Committee and for many years club correspondent for the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, read a communication from J. R. Dymond, director of the Museum, in which the results of the correspondents' observations are shown. Two northern correspondents, Murray Spiers of Timmins, and R. V. Whelan, Smoky Falls, were mentioned in the report. Mr. Spiers reported an unusual flight of Blue and Lesser Snow Geese on October 25, 1935, and this information, combined with that of others at Meaford, Goderich, Holland River, Galt and Toronto enabled the Museum to construct a satisfactory picture of the unusual flight. The number of these geese in Ontario appears to have reached a peak in recent years.

Mr. Whelan is mentioned as having supplied important information concerning a high per centage in deaths among rabbits in the spring of 1935, due to stomach worms. Mr. Whelan also gave the Museum valuable information concerning the death of moose, apparently due to ticks.

Director Dymond points out that the isolated observations of individual correspondents means much in significance when interpreted by the Museum as a whole.

Records of the Museum, possible because of correspondents' reports, now show that diminutions in the number of grouse appears every 9 or 10 years. This was first noticed in 1874, and for every ten years since. It is now known this dying off is due to a disease to which young turkeys are also very susceptible.

The same ten-year cycle applies to rabbits, and this cycle has been traced back by decades to 1856.

Very valuable records of bird and fish life have also been made possible by correspondents' reports. Recently a Fulmar, a North Atlantic sea bird, was picked up near Meaford. Another sea bird, the King Eider, appeared in inland Ontario waters this year.

Similarly the presence of salt water fish, namely smelts, which differ from herring in that they have teeth on the jaws and tongue, has been reported from Pembroke. Proof has also been obtained that the shad spawn annually in the Ottawa River.

Mr. Cutten is at present working on a questionnaire submitted by the Museum covering most animals and birds found in the district.

Rev. Ernest Hayes, rector of St. Mark's Anglican Church here, took the evening service at the United Church Sunday evening due to the illness of Dr. R. S. Laidlaw, pastor of the United Church. The morning service, at Ansonville, was conducted by Robert

Show, Dr. Laidlaw is able again to be about.

C. A. Fryer is a patient at the Anson General hospital.

A. Neill returned Tuesday from Montreal where he spent the past ten days. While in Montreal Mr. Neill attended the Canadian Pulp and Paper Trade convention.

A. T. Hurter has returned from a business trip to St. Anne de Beaupre and Montreal. Mr. Hurter attended the Canadian Pulp and Paper Trade Convention dinner while in Montreal.

Born—Friday, February 28th, at the Anson General hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lavallee—a son.

A successful chicken supper was held in the Rod and Gun Club rooms Tuesday evening by the members of the local branch of the Canadian Legion who served with the Imperial Army.

## Pioneer Plumber Here Opens Business in Town

A. Brazeau, the pioneer in Timmins and the Porcupine in plumbing, heating and sheet metal work, has opened a shop at No. 6 Cedar street, north, opposite the site of the new theatre under construction. Mr. Brazeau is widely known in the district, in earlier days having the only plumbing shop in town and giving the best of service and satisfaction. As the town grew he expanded his service and equipment to meet the new needs, and at the time he disposed of his business here several years ago, he had built up a notable patronage in town and district and throughout the North. Mr. Brazeau has secured modern and extended equipment for his new plumbing, heating and sheet metal business on Cedar street. The new business will be under the name of A. Brazeau Limited, and Mr. Brazeau will be general manager and supervisor of all work.

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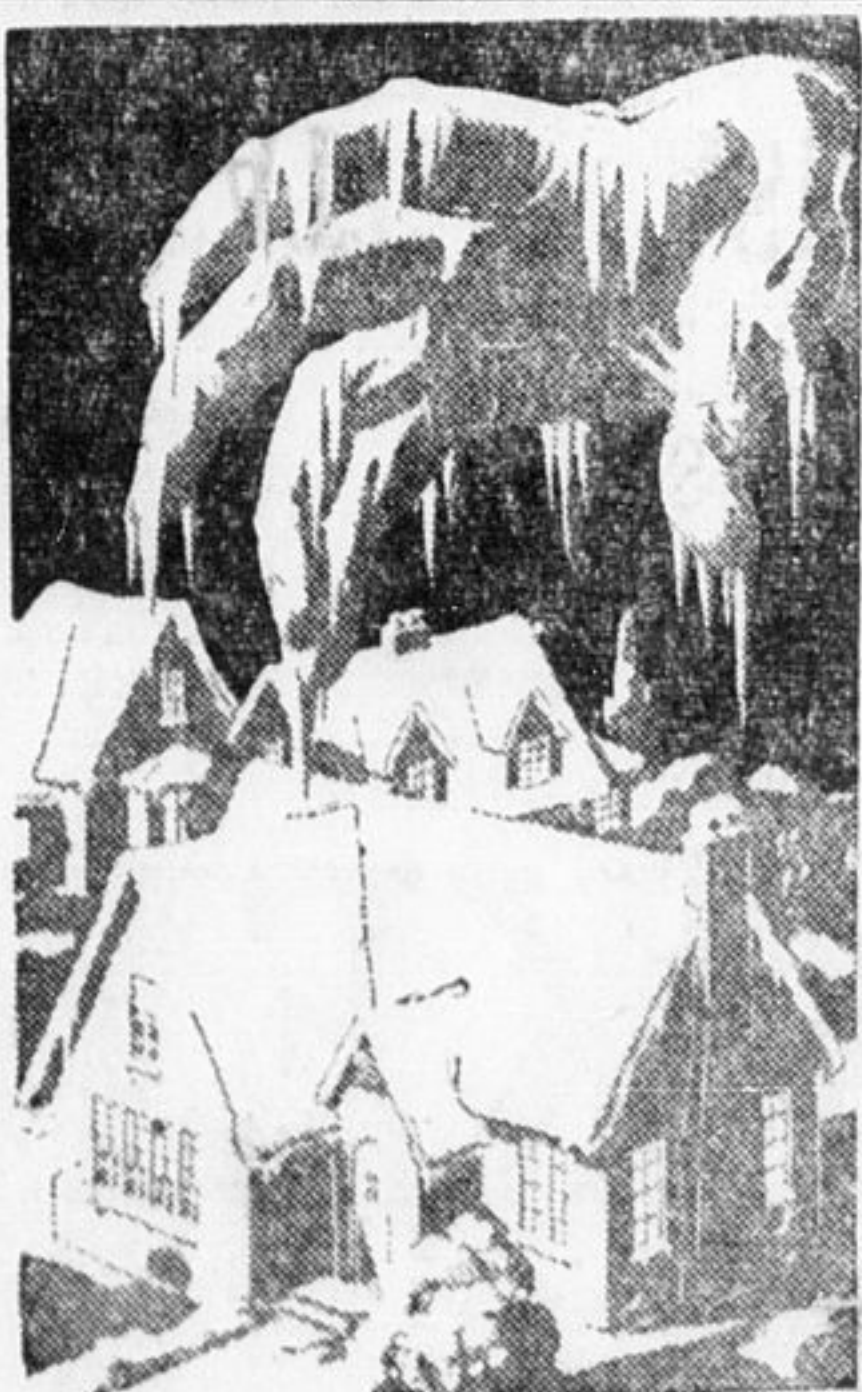
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