

Father Rescues Six Children from Burning Home

High School Theatre Nights, Feb. 18th and 19th

Popular Annual Event Expected to be Especially Attractive. Two One-Act Plays, Supplemented by Dance Numbers, Songs and Orchestral Selections to be Included on High and Vocational School Programme.

Domestic affairs don't always run smoothly—not even in royal households, one of the plays being presented this week at the Timmins High and Vocational School's theatre nights goes to show. Keeping up the high standards of previous years in producing stage affairs and having made improvements in many ways, the theatre nights ought to attract capacity houses both on Thursday and Friday evenings this week.

Second of the productions is "Fantastic Flight," a play that shows what will happen when the next war breaks out. Both "Fantastic Flight" and the comedy of the royal household, "The Knave of Hearts" are one act plays in which the action is swift. Dance numbers, songs and orchestral selections are also to be included on each evening's programme.

Not a Bad Knave at All
"The Knave of Hearts" will be the opening attraction. The "knave" in this case is not the bad fellow he has been made out to be by popular legend. The audience will find in the Kingdom of Hearts the king and queen themselves, the chancellor, knave, ladies-in-waiting, and pastry cooks, a set of characters who will not quickly be forgotten. Magnificent properties make the royal household scenes remarkably fine. The flowing robes, glittering jewels and lavishly decorated throne room add greatly to the effectiveness of the comedy.

"Fantastic Flight" is an entirely different sort of production. Love, jealousy, renunciation and self-sacrifice are prominent in the drama that answers the question "What will happen when the next war breaks out?" In the final moment of the play, a whole generation is wiped out before the eyes of the audience. Students of the electrical department of the school have arranged lighting devices that cleverly produce the effect of three alternating scenes.

Raid Friday Night Results in Charges

Sixteen and a Half Cases of Beer Seized in Moneta Area.

Sixteen and a half cases of beer in the Moneta district shack brought a charge by Tisdale police against Dominio Orlando on Friday night when a visit was paid to the establishment. Orlando will appear in South Porcupine police court to-morrow morning to answer the charge of having beer illegally. He was released the same night on \$250 bail.

The place in which the beer was found is just across the line dividing the town of Timmins from the township of Tisdale on Pine street south.

Timmins Lions Sponsor Club at Kirkland Lake

Eleven from Timmins at Charter Night at Kirkland Lake. Evening of Unusual Interest at Kirkland Lake Club's Formal Opening Last Week. Some Notes of the Events.

Kirkland Lake Lions Club, sponsored by the Timmins Lions, got off to a good beginning on Friday evening when the new club's Charter Night was held at the Masonic hall, Kirkland Lake.

Eleven from Timmins, two from North Bay, and one from each of Sudbury and Schumacher, as well as District Governor Harry E. Lambert of Newmarket, made it a real occasion for the 27 men who are members of the new club.

Presenting of the club's charter by Mr. Lambert was the chief event of the evening. Then District Deputy Governor F. H. V. Ball of Timmins gave the new club a gong and gavel as a mark of goodwill from the Timmins club.

Kiwanians Were Guests
Charter Night was also Ladies' Night at the Kirkland Lions. Guests included Reeve R. J. and Mrs. Carter; "Bud" Maloney, president of the Kiwanis Club there, and Mrs. Maloney; Dr. McEain, past president of the Kiwanis Club, and Mrs. McEain; George Kilgour, North Bay Lions; W. A. Trompson, North Bay, past district deputy governor; George Senior, Sudbury Lions; Chas. W. Arnott, president of the Schumacher Lions; and Timmins Lions F. H. V. Ball, Dr. Ray Hughes, William Wren, Fred Wolno,

Mostly Clear and Cold

That's What the Weatherman Promises for Next Few Days.

"Mostly clear and cold" is what the Porcupine area may expect for the next couple of days' weather, the weatherman said this morning. Tonight will probably be colder than last night and there may be an occasional snow flurry.

From a high yesterday of 35 degrees the temperature fell last night to four degrees below zero as the wind went into the north again. A "Scotch mist" developed into a very light drizzle yesterday afternoon to bring February's only trace of rain. Snow on Monday and Tuesday was a quarter of an inch each day, and on Wednesday an inch and a half fell.

Temperatures have been: Thursday, max. 18, min. 8 below; Friday, max. 34, min. 5 below; Saturday, max. 25, min. 14; Sunday, max. 35, min. 15; last night's minimum 4 below; eight o'clock this morning 4 below.

Bridge Tournament Success at Legion

Crib Tournament Commences To-night at the Legion Hall.

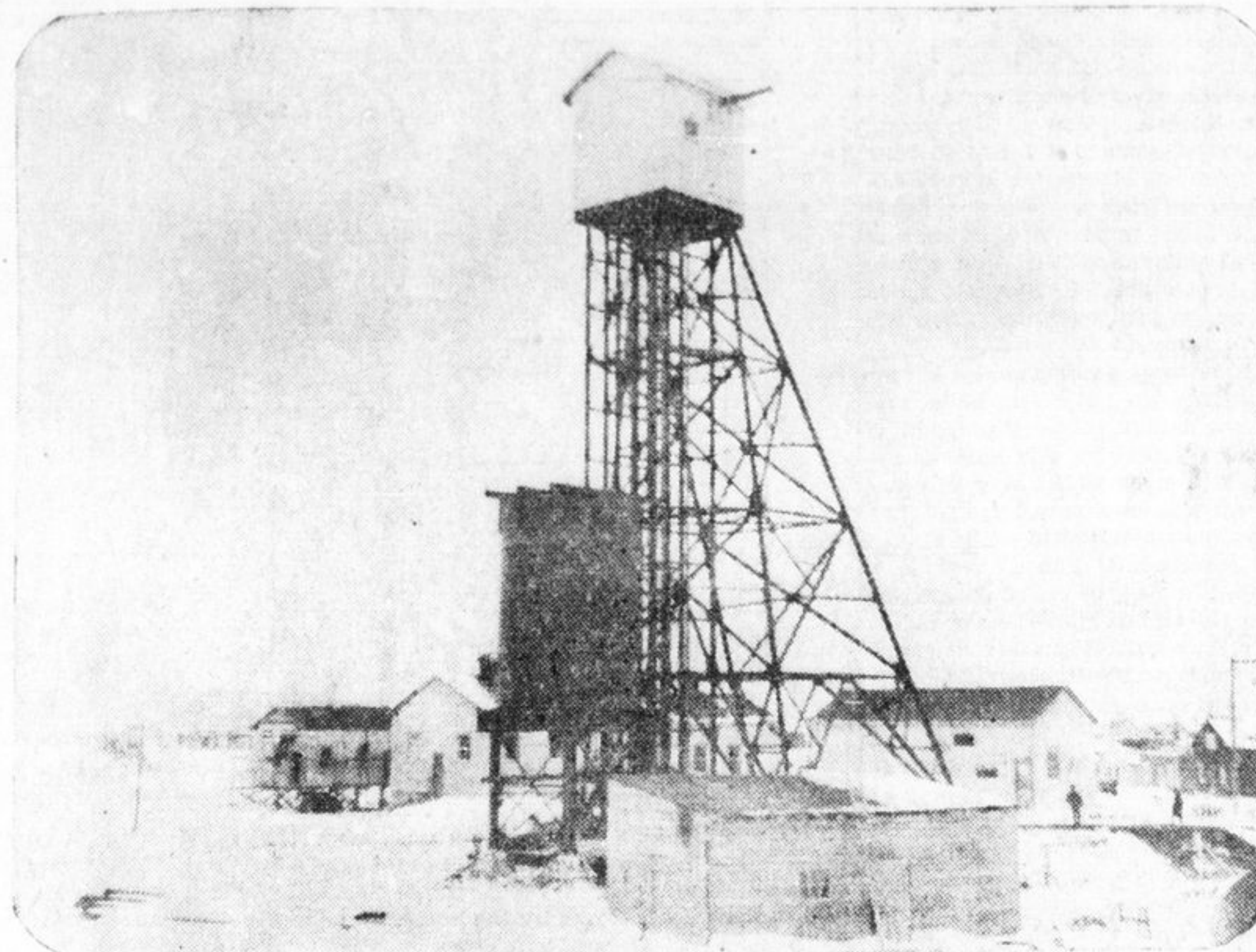
The bridge tournament sponsored last week by the Canadian Legion proved a pleasant and successful event. There were 14 tables in the tournament which lasted four nights, the winners being declared Friday night. The winners were: Harold Beard and Mark Trenchout; with D. H. Hatch and Mr. Stefels taking second prize. The tournament proved unusually interesting throughout, and showed again how the local Legion not only can think of special features but can successfully carry them through.

This week, starting to-night (Monday), there will be a crib tournament at the Legion hall, A. Borland, Sr., having charge of this feature.

Child Health Conference at Schumacher on Friday

The Child's Health Conference will be held in the basement of the public school in Schumacher on Friday, February 19th, from 3 to 5 p.m. All mothers and their babies are invited to attend.

TIMMINS' NEWEST MINING OPERATION AS IT LOOKS TO-DAY



Just a stone's throw from the Moneta residential section of Timmins, this new shaft headframe of the Moneta Porcupine Mine has risen within the past few weeks. Permanent building for hoist and compressor room, assay office, heating plant and offices can be seen in the above photo. A temporary building in which timbers are prepared for underground is in the foreground.

Plight of Settlers Shown

Illustrated Lecture by Rev. Dr. Cochrane on North.

"There is the greater contrast between wealth and poverty in the North than in any other part of the country," said Rev. Dr. J. C. Cochrane at the United Church here last night when he presented an illustrated lecture entitled "Trails and Tales of the Northland."

The superintendent of missions' coloured slides showed not only the rapidly-growing gold mining towns of the North with all the conveniences of modern cities but also brought to Timmins people the plight of the Northern settler.

Driven northward by the depression to try to take a living from farms cut out of the bush, the circumstances in which these pioneers find themselves is as different from the lot of the citizen of the gold mining town as day is from night.

So scarce is money in the Brethour settlement near Thornloe that the women who have banded themselves together into a sewing circle had to dispense with the one-cent-a-month fee they had planned to charge. Those women look after the clothes taken in by missionaries and others, re-making them to suit the needs of the people of the settlement.

"There has been everything to discourage us, and nothing to help us," one group of Currie township settlers near Val Gagne told Dr. Cochrane. "You have no idea what these services mean to us." Their eagerness to have a church in the community was just one of the things that made missionary work in Northern Ontario seem well worth while, Dr. Cochrane told the audience that filled the United Church.

Dr. Cochrane's first charge in the North was Schumacher—in 1914. He showed photos of the little church to which he came, the town's public school of the day, and contrasted them with recent photographs of the Schumacher church, parsonage, and the new high school.

Such developments are now going on in Northwestern Quebec, and Michipicoten, which are also under Dr. Cochrane's supervision. One photo showed a clearing in the bush and another, taken 18 months later at the same spot, the thriving towns of Bourlamaque and Val d'Or.

Modes of transportation used in mission work in the North made an interesting series. The dog team is still a necessary adjunct; oxen were formerly in use; horses are common for well-used winter roads; and in the summer a few trustworthy model T's get the ministers from one part of their charge to another. A Quebec slide showed a horse and an ox as a team, drawing a wagon. Dr. Cochrane said this was a common enough sight on the other side of the provincial boundary.

SOUTH PORCUPINE EASTERN STAR TEA POSTPONED

Owing to the funeral of Lindsay McQuarrie being held on Wednesday of this week, the Eastern Star Valentine tea originally scheduled for that date has been postponed to Thursday, Feb. 18th.

Death of Mrs. W. Cripps at Hospital on Friday

The death occurred on Friday night at St. Mary's hospital of Mrs. William Cripps. She was 52 years of age and lived here with her family at 12 Way avenue.

The funeral service is to be held this afternoon.

Funeral Saturday of Mrs. David Mackie

Hundreds Turn Out to Pay Last Tribute of Respect. Profusion of Beautiful Floral Tributes.

The funeral of the late Mrs. David Mackie took place on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 13th, service being conducted at St. T. Walker's Funeral Parlors, and interment being made at the South Porcupine cemetery. Hundreds of friends of the late Mrs. Mackie paid the last sad tributes of respect and affection.

Piled high upon the coffin and around it in the funeral chapel were scores of the most beautiful floral tributes—crosses, wreaths, sprays and other floral designs—the flowers in their beauty and profusion being appropriate expressions of affection and remembrance to one who in her life had loved and cultivated flowers and beauty in other forms.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bruce Millar, of the Timmins United Church, and Rev. Murray Tait, of Trinity United Church, Schumacher. Rev. Mr. Millar spoke of the late Mrs. Mackie as a devoted wife, a devoted mother, a devoted member of the church a devoted good citizen, always frankly and fearlessly active for the better things of life. Rev. Mr. Tait touched on the inspiration of such a good life to the community.

Because they knew of her love for the music of her native land, and because of the high regard in which she was held by all the Scottish people in the district for her interest and many kindnesses, the Porcupine District Pipe Band had asked to be allowed to attend the funeral in a body. Under the (Continued on Page Eight)

Trotsky's Son



This is believed to be the only picture in existence of Sergel Sedoff, youngest son of Leon Trotsky, exiled Bolshevik, who, according to reports is held in Moscow in connection with the plot to gas factory workers. This photo was made about a year ago.

Meeting of United Church Presbytery

Interesting Account of Mission Work in the North. Other Items at Annual Gathering.

Givings of the United Church people of Cochrane district to the Maintenance and Missionary fund of the church increased in 1936. It was reported at the annual presbytery meeting held at the Timmins United Church on Thursday and Friday last week. This was regarded by the 25 minister and lay delegates from all parts of the presbytery as one of the healthiest signs of the day.

One of the most interesting accounts of mission work was that given by Rev. J. C. Cochrane, superintendent of missions in Northern Ontario, of the rebuilding of the church and school at O'Brien township, a few miles from Kapuskasing. Burned last fall when fire swept through the little settlement, the combined church and school was rebuilt under Dr. Cochrane's direction this summer. The missions superintendent, being a carpenter himself, led the reconstruction job.

Church at Work in Society
The church at work in society made the basis of the report from the Evangelical and Social Service committee, tabled by Dr. Laidlaw, of Iroquois Falls. It is hoped that the complete report will be ready for publication in the near future since it deals not only with the efforts of the church in the communities but the attitude of the people toward the church, as revealed by the year's work.

The report of the education committee dealt with work among the boys and girls and stressed the value of camps, such as that built at Night Hawk Lake by the Excelsior Taxis Square of Timmins.

The increase in the general funds of the church in Cochrane district is an unusually healthy sign, it was pointed out, for in no other presbytery of the North has there been an increase in the past year. Six of the United Churches in Cochrane presbytery are receiving mission grants at present. Territory included in the Cochrane presbytery is from Nakina on the west to Bourkes and Matheson in the South. Chairman of the presbytery meeting was Rev. Marshall Ferguson, of Smooth Rock Falls, and the secretary was Rev. Frank Bamford, of Cochrane.

Lindsay McQuarrie, of South Porcupine, Dead

South Porcupine, Ont., Feb. 15, 1937. (Special to The Advance)—Lindsay McQuarrie, who was taken to Halesbury Sanitarium last Monday, died there on Saturday night. He had been suffering with lung trouble for some time past. A widow and two children are left to mourn his loss. The funeral will be on Wednesday afternoon at South Porcupine.

Fire Did Damage of \$300 at Noon Today

Three hundred dollars' damage was done in a fire at noon to-day at 61 Hollinger lane. A chimney stopper in an upstairs clothes closet fell out, allowing flames to catch clothes inside. Of the damage \$200 was to contents and was not insured.

Model Farm Home Near Sandy Falls Burns Down

Family of Jean St. Pierre Trapped in Burning House, but His Cool and Able Actions Avert Tragedy. Fire Sunday Morning Destroys Model Settler's Residence.

Quick Work by Timmins Police

Woman Wanted by Toronto Police Arrested Here in Short Order.

Within 24 hours of receiving a photograph of Mrs. Elaine Gauthier from the R.C.M.P. at Toronto, Timmins police had located the woman and were holding her on a warrant under the narcotic act. Detective Sergeant Leo Gagnon recognized Mrs. Gauthier on the street here Saturday afternoon.

Wanted in Toronto on a charge of peddling dope, Mrs. Gauthier was lodged in the local cells until an R.C.M.P. officer arrived to take her in charge.

Curlers Must Sign for Local Bonspiel

Both Skips and Vice-Skips Competition Included in Plans for Big Timmins Club Event.

A local bonspiel of a new kind is to be begun on Monday evening next week when it's expected there will be a large number of rinks entered. As usual there will be three events: the Ecclestone trophy, the Marshall-Ecclestone trophy and a consolation.

In the play for the Ecclestone trophy, rinks will be skipped by men rated as skips. In the Marshall-Ecclestone event vice-skips will handle the rinks. Then in the consolation, the skips will be back in charge.

Curling club officials said this morning that those who want to enter must sign their names at the club house. Only those who do put their names on the list will be entered in the 'spiel.

Death at Monteith of Thos. J. Caufield

One of the Esteemed Pioneers of the Monteith District Called Suddenly.

Friends in Timmins were deeply grieved last week to learn of the sudden death of Thos. J. Caufield, one of the oldest and most esteemed pioneer residents of the North, and known to many in this district.

The late Mr. Caufield, who was born at Uxbridge, Ont., was 74 years of age at the time of death. He came in 1913 to live at Monteith and since that time the family have been among the valued citizens of the North.

Surviving the late Mr. Caufield are his widow (formerly Margaret O'Donnell) and eight children: Patrick and Austin, at home; Helen, of Iroquois Falls; James, of Cobalt; Rev. Fr. John A. Caufield, of St. Patrick's Church, Cobalt (formerly of Timmins); Mary and Thomas, of Uxbridge, Ont.; and Margaret, of Toronto.

The funeral service was held at Val Gagne, Ont.

Timmins' Newest Mine Looks Like Big Project

High Steel Shafthouse and Series of Well-Built Structures Ready for Use. Shaft Down 150 Feet. Fifty Men Now at Work at the Property.

Timmins' newest mine is looking more like a big project every day. When the first dazzling diamond drill reports came from the Moneta property, part of which is now residential property in Timmins, it was difficult for most people to realize that a new industry was to spring up so close to the center of the town.

Not only has a high steel framework of a permanent shaft house reared its head over the Moneta section of Timmins but a series of well built structures that make the Moneta mine seem more of a reality are now ready for use.

Although the company is not employing as many men as it did during the late fall and early winter, several are still engaged in finishing up construction and progress is being made with the sinking of the three-compartment shaft. When cross-cutting

Trapped in their burning home early Sunday morning by fire, two adults and six children had a narrow escape from death near Sandy Falls. Only the heroic rescue work of the father averted a major tragedy.

Wakened at 12.30 a.m. by smoke, Jean St. Pierre, father of five of the children, went to the basement of his home. Opening the basement door, he was met by a blast of flame that had already cut off the family's access to the door at the rear of the house. Hastily rousing his wife, their children and a relative's child, St. Pierre tried to take them out the front door. The door was locked, and the key missing.

Dropped Children From Window
Only one other avenue of escape was left open by that time. The father took his family upstairs again and dropped them one by one out the second storey window, throwing a few odds and ends of clothing out into the snow after them. The family hurried to the shelter of the barn for the temperature was down nearly to zero.

One child is reported as burned in the fire but not seriously enough to cause any grave fears.

The fire originated near the furnace in what was until Sunday morning the most modernly equipped farm home in the whole Sandy Falls area. The building, with all its contents and \$900 in carpenter's tools, burned to the ground before nearby settlers could come to the aid of the St. Pierre family. The homeless family were taken in at the neighbouring Goulet farm.

Built this year by J. P. Roy as a model farm home, the place was valued at about \$2500, only part of which is said to be covered by insurance. It was equipped with a Delco lighting system and many other modern improvements seldom found in Northern settlers' homes.

Death of Eight-year-old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong

The death occurred on Saturday of John Stewart Armstrong, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Armstrong, 7 Main avenue. The little lad had been ill only a short time with scarlet fever.

Burial is to be at the family home at New Liskeard and the family left for there yesterday.

Masonic Dance Friday Very Pleasant Occasion

The dance given by Golden Beaver Lodge at the Masonic hall on Friday night was a fine success, a good number of people attending. One of the finest parts of the evening was a Spanish dance, given by Miss Audrey Paice, teacher of dancing here.

Gordon Archibald's orchestra supplied the dance music.

Campaign Now on for the Concert Association

The campaign for membership for the local branch of the Canadian Concert Association started to-day with a number of members already signed up. Mrs. H. W. Darling is campaign manager and has an active committee working. The plan is to secure 500 members at \$4 each, thus guaranteeing without any other cost or expense the visit to Timmins of leading musical artists during the season. The campaign is to close Saturday night.

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Hydro Commission power is being used to operate the electric compressor and the hoists.
H. B. McGill is engineer at the Moneta, and George Taylor is the accountant.