

Schumacher Men's Club Enjoys Fine Addresses

M. A. Sorsoleil, Deputy Minister of Welfare, the Guest Speaker at Club Supper. Also Addresses Public Gathering in Church. Reviewing Work of the Welfare Department of Ontario.

About 140 men enjoyed the excellent club supper given by the Men's Club of the Trinity United Church, Schumacher, on Thursday evening last. The ladies prepared the excellent repast, which was served by the men, and guests for the evening were enthusiastic in their praise of both supper and service. Everything was of the choicest in quality and cooking.

The guest speaker for the evening was M. A. Sorsoleil, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare for Ontario. Other guests noted among those present were: Rev. Bruce Millar, of Timmins United Church; Rev. A. I. Heinonen, of Timmins and South Porcupine Finnish United Churches; F. E. Bird, of the Timmins High and Vocational School. P. A. Boyce, president of the Men's Club, was in the chair for the evening, and kept affairs, friendly, jolly and lively throughout.

W. K. Wylie introduced the speaker for the evening, using a novel and interesting method of introduction. He questioned Mr. Sorsoleil as to his department and his duties, the answers being illuminating and giving excellent and authentic introduction for the speaker. After making the speaker enumerate the long list of his official positions, Mr. Wylie raised a sympathetic laugh by commenting:—"You have practically nothing to do."

In his address Mr. Sorsoleil gave a very comprehensive review of the work of the Department of Public Welfare. His address sparkled with wit and humour and happy stories. He had the fullest attention and interest of his audience every minute. The Dept. of Public Welfare, he said, looked after Children's Aid work, Mothers' Allowance, the Unmarried Parents' Act, orphanages, training schools, old age pensions, and other social services in the province. In this address he centred chiefly on what was being done for delinquent boys. He had not met many "bad boys," but he knew a lot of "bad homes" and improper influences

that set boys wrong. Truancy, the corner gang, bad company were contributing factors to lads getting a wrong start in life. It was the purpose of the training schools, like the one at Powanville, to seek correction of the wrong attitudes to life that made the boys unsocial. Understanding of the boys was imperative. Then it was sought to inculcate the right standards of life, to teach emotional control, to build healthy bodies and minds, and to give the lads the right type of occupation. Sixty per cent. of the cases were successful in building good citizens from material that was not so promising at first glance.

The continued rounds of applause given the address indicated the sincere appreciation felt by the audience for the review of the work by this gifted speaker.

Community singing was featured during the evening. Geo. Jenkin presiding at the piano. Mr. Jenkin also gave his able services as accompanist for the other musical numbers on the programme. Mr. Boynton was the vocalist for this part of the evening, his fine voice being heard to advantage in several pleasing solos. The Musical Trio also pleased the audience with instrumental numbers that delighted all.

After the club supper and the first address, the tables were cleared and the hall filled with chairs for a second meeting to which the general public was admitted. All at the supper remained for this second meeting, while a number of others, including many ladies, also gathered, running the second audience well over the 200 mark.

Rev. Murray Tait in a brief and witty speech introduced the speaker.

Mr. Sorsoleil said that the Welfare Dept. had been organized in 1929, and that now it administered old age pensions, mothers' allowance, Children's Aid work, industrial and training schools, orphanages, hospitals and relief. It helped no less than 120,000 people, making life easier and better

for them, and supervised a total expenditure of some sixteen million dollars. He praised the plan of old age pensions, pointing out that it was a goodly thing to provide for the old people in their declining years. He gave some humorous illustrations of attempts to defraud the old age pensions branch, noting, however, that the department was very watchful and careful to guard the public purse as well as to help the old. There are now over 50,000 old people in the province benefiting from the old age pensions. The mothers' allowance act, he pointed out, was really another plan to help the children and to give them a normal chance in life. There were 11,500 families receiving mothers' allowance, some 30,000 children thus being aided in their own homes. Ontario has 10,000 children wards of the Children's Aid Societies, said Mr. Sorsoleil, and there are about 1700 new ones each year. These neglected and dependent children are given a chance in life, and so far as possible are placed in good foster homes. Mr. Sorsoleil expressed his disbelief in institutions for children, but said that they were necessary to some extent to prepare children for new homes. It was the policy of the department to eliminate the Shelters so far as possible, as illegitimate, giving touching illustration of the sorrow and harm to the unfortunate child from this thoughtlessness. The Unmarried Parents' Act sought (and usually with success) to secure maintenance of the child from the father. Orphanages came in for attention from the speaker, as did also other branches of the work of the department. Mr. Sorsoleil's happy humour, his fund of apt stories, and his talent in keeping the human touch, made his address as effective as it was intensely interesting.

A special feature of the evening was the singing of Mrs. Geo. Jenkin. After her first solo there was an insistent demand for an encore and the recall number brought renewed request for another. Mrs. Jenkin made a very decided hit with her selections, her fine voice, her expressive rendition of the three selections, and her pleasing musical talent.

At the conclusion of the programme V. Neilly moved a vote of thanks to the guest speaker and to the guests of the evening, the vote being carried unanimously. On behalf of the Men's Club, S. Kitchen presented Mr. Sorsoleil with an original paperweight as a mark of appreciation for his excellent addresses and as a souvenir of the occasion of his visit to the Porcupine camp.

Chancellor Well Played
Leo Bandiero, as the King, was the central character during most of the play. His annoyance with the Chancellor, Moe Shragge, for the advice he claimed he never needed, was always good for a laugh. Cleverly made up and costumed, Moe was the scheming Chancellor to perfection. He showed special talent in the manner in which he depicted the character. The Knave, who really wasn't a bad fellow at all, was well done by Edward McLellan. Minor parts that added greatly to the interest were the heralds, Leslie McDermott and Edward Lavalee; and "Ursula," Jacqueline Morrison.

"Six Little Pages" were Gwendolyn Appleby, Rita Cuddihy, Genevieve Coulas, Elaine Duggan, Margaret Gentile, Luella Kendall. The book holder was Vita Linder, and the members of the chorus were Catherine Lang, Evelyn Brightwell, Madeline Potvin, Kathleen Hale, Edwidge Spada, Cora Amadio, Clifford Carpenter, Jean Murtagh, Vivian Fierce, Muriel Beach, Doris Shaheen, Etsy Dodge, Margaret Gedge, Mary Stock and Russell Fortin. Directors were Miss Bucovetsky, Miss McGarry and Miss Smyth.

Mr. Worthington and the boys of the woodworking department were responsible for the scenery for both plays; Mr. Vogel and the boys of the electrical department for the excellent lighting; and Miss Boon and the girls of the household science department for the carefully made, attractive costumes.

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The school orchestra, under Mr. Fisher's direction, contributed the overture and two musical interludes in a style that seems to be constantly improving. Gilbert and Sullivan's "Operatic Gems," their second number, was the most popular. The second interlude was "Melodies From Il Trovatore, Verdi.

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North Bay Nugget:—Certainly the world is "going rough." Cocoanuts were preferred to the customary confetti at the New Orleans Mardi Gras parade recently.

Capacity Houses at H.S. Theatre Nights

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Cecil Linder, as the young Lord Boomer, who would have thrown over the whole business as horrid, unnecessary and brutal, had it not been for the sensible advice of Heatherfield, played his part with an admirable enthusiasm. Victor Cops, the reporter whose beat covered almost anything connected with the Boomers or war, and John Peters, the calm editor who cheerfully splashed sensational streamers across his newspaper, had difficult parts. But both put into the play, the hard, business-like rush it needed.

Widely Different Characters
Valerie Morley, as Hope Tregering, and Geraldine Beaudin, as Lady Boomer, were characters as far apart as the poles. Miss Morley's presentation of a sincere young idealist who never lost sight of the goal, was just as carefully done as that of Miss Beaudin, who represented the thoughtlessness of those who would welcome wealth at any cost to others. Donald Hardy played effectively the part of prim Mr. Pither, and Gordon Lawry did the logical Heatherfield with real finesse.

"Fantastic Flight" depended for its change of scene on lighting effects; and in the final scene in which the red flash of descending terror kills off the unfortunates who remain on earth, the lighting was particularly well handled. Roy McChesney was stage manager, and the production was directed by Miss Garrow and Miss McNamara.

Lively Puppets
"The Knave of Hearts" was introduced by Manager Edwin Caswell as a puppet show that would destroy the legend of the "Knave of Hearts who stole the tarts." His puppets were so well made, said he, that they could hardly be distinguished from living people.

Opening with a chorus in which all the families of the Kingdom of Hearts, from the Aces to the Kings, took part, the plot of the play was quickly developed. The two chief chiefs of the realm, Blue Hose and Yellow Hose, Eilder Jurrilla and Edward Muzzuca, are heard discussing the final test to which Lady Violetta is to be put before becoming the bride of Pompey, Eighth King of Hearts. The lady must make light, fluffy pastry before she can be permitted to reign as queen. The excitable Blue Hose was one of the best portrayed characters in the play.

Stellar performance of the evening was undoubtedly that given by Frances Franklin as the Lady Violetta. From bright, silvery laughter, to hysterical tears, she seemed at home on the stage. A well modulated voice and a genuine ability made her acting outstanding.

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BOY SCOUTS IN TIMMINS



Congratulations! Happy birthday—and many happy returns! This is the wash of Scouts, Cubs and Rovers all over the world today to our chief, Lord Faden-Powell. Why? Isn't this the 22nd of February, and that's his birthday. In a silent greeting to him let us all raise our right hands in the Scout sign and pledge ourselves anew, "On my honour I promise to do my best..." Down in the States where the movement began 27 years ago on February the 8th, and Washington's birthday and the Chief's Scout's fall on the same day, they celebrate what they call Boy Scouts Week. Each year they have a definite theme. Last year it was "Carrying on the Traditions of Scouting." This year it is "The Sturdy Oak of Scouting."

After all, we do have a right to liken ourselves to a sturdy oak—an oak starting from a small acorn planted by Faden-Powell long ago and now so strong and great that it spans the whole world.

The acorn and the oak. The small beginning—the big result. Growth and stability!

And what is true of our whole movement is true of numerous Troops and Patrols in it.

We leaders have seen with our own eyes how one troop has grown into one, two, three—yes, even four troops—a parent "oak" troop with several "acorn" troops. We have seen our own patrols grow up and provide patrol leaders for other patrols and eventually Scoutmasters for other troops.

There must be patrols like that over the country—old ones with great traditions and noble histories. Perhaps not in Timmins just now but there will be. Let us buckle down and make them. Let us make "oaks" of our "acorns."

And now for local gossip. Before I get too far in this—if that troop scribble who weekly contributes to this column doesn't harness his pen a little more there will be more than a Fenny-Allen feud. So be it.

The new organization of the 7th Troop looks very promising for some good Scout work in this unit. There are still a few vacancies that can be filled from Central or the new school. Scouters Cowan and Childs will be in charge of this troop.

Akela Morris will be back with his pack on Tuesday. An interesting programme is planned.

The 2nd Troop are out for more badges. Scouter Webb announced at last Thursday's meeting that a competition would be started immediately—and hunting knives as prizes! Tenderfoot tests get 5 points each, 2nd class tests 10 points, 1st class tests 15 points and proficiency badges 50 points. To qualify for the prizes the whole patrol must be 2nd Class Scouts by June 15th. It'll be fun to watch this competition.

The 4th Troop have 17 new members in their ranks. Next Friday evening in the basement of St. Anthony's Church both the 4th and 8th Troops will meet. The District Scoutmaster will be the leader for the evening and he hopes that the meeting will be instructive as well as being a lot of fun.

St. Mary's Journal:—After a hard struggle, the two Irishmen on the tandem reached the top of a steep hill. "That was a stiff pull," said the first, wiping his brow. "Sure it was," said the other. "And if I hadn't kept the brakes on we should have gone backwards."

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COME EARLY

Eloquent Review of the Welfare Dept.

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To Protect Children

The Mother's Allowance Act is essentially a children's protection act," he said. "It is designed to give the children a chance to be brought up the same as other children." Qualification for help under the act used to be two children, but this has recently been lowered to one. Families where the father is totally incapacitated are now included. Cases where the whereabouts of the father have been unknown for three years are eligible.

All told 11,500 Ontario mothers receive this help. "And isn't it wonderful to think that 30,000 children will have that better chance to which they are entitled?" asked Mr. Sorsoleil.

He touched briefly on the Neglected Children's Act, under which the 54 Children's Aid Societies in the province are empowered to intervene where home conditions are not right. The societies dealt last year with 23,500 cases, a thousand children were made wards, and 850 others were adopted into better families, leaving the societies' shelters.

Under the Unmarried Parents' Act, 2500 cases came under the care of welfare authorities last year. Of these 50 per cent. were found to be the children of married fathers. The idea of the act is to provide sustenance for the child until it reaches the age of 16 years. A lump sum is often asked in settlement.

Re-Create Children

Under the care of the departments also come Ontario's three industrial schools and two training schools where "the idea is not to punish but to re-educate, to give the child back to society." In 60 per cent. of the cases this is successful, a recent survey showed.

All this work is progressing, is being improved as the years go on. Mr. Sorsoleil intimated. But in two departments particularly, he feels there is room for immediate action. Those are the improving of the refugees and the placing of orphanage children in foster homes at an earlier age than at present. "After all," he said, "an institutional child that grows up there remains an institutional child, dependent on the system for entertainment, supervision and everything else."

In opening his address, Mr. Sorsoleil explained that the department of public welfare was set up in 1929 when the government realized that welfare administration was split up among too many departments. Rev. W. G. Martin was the first minister of the new department. Mr. Sorsoleil, who has been in the government service for 30 years, was chosen at that time as deputy minister.

Five Speeches in 20 Hours

In introducing the speaker, Percy Boyce, of Schumacher, said that he had invited Mr. Sorsoleil to come to the Porcupine after hearing him at the teachers' convention last year at Cochrane. He had arranged five audiences for the deputy minister in his 20-hour visit.

W. W. Tanner, principal of the Timmins High and Vocational School, thanked the deputy minister on behalf of the club.

Other visitors at the meeting were J. Worthington, Rev. Murray Tait, A. G. Carson and Dr. P. Wenger.

Cobalt Camp Loses Three Old Citizens

Mrs. Frank David, Michael Cherniuk and W. H. Tripp Buried This Week

Cobalt, Feb. 22.—(Special to The Advance)—The funerals of three citizens of this camp, all of them old residents and two of them neighbours for many years on the Princess mine property, at the south end of the town in Coleman township, took place here yesterday and today when the obsequies were held of the late Mrs. Frank David, Michael Cherniuk and William Henry Tripp.

Mrs. David, who died suddenly in hospital, where she had been taken when she suffered a heart attack on nighting from the bus after visiting a son in New Liskeard, was the wife of Frank David, well-known citizen and former member of the public school board. Her funeral took place yesterday afternoon to Halleybury cemetery, Rev. E. Gilmour Smith, minister of the United Church, officiating. She was 51 years of age, active in Eastern Star and Rebekahs circles, and is survived by her husband and four sons and two daughters.

A neighbour of the David family, Mr. Cherniuk died in hospital in Toronto following an operation. His body was brought here Saturday morning and the funeral was held today to St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, with burial at Mileage 104 cemetery. A native of Poland, Mr. Cherniuk had lived in Cobalt since before the war and for years was employed at the Nipissing and Mining Corporation properties.

The third funeral, that of Mr. Tripp, was held this afternoon to Halleybury cemetery. Mr. Tripp, who was in his 79th year, had lived here since 1909. Born in Cornwall, he came to Canada as a young man, removing to Cobalt from Sherbrooke, P.Q. in 1909. He was formerly employed as blacksmith at the La Rose and Lawson properties. A son and two daughters survive.

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