

Jewelry Store at South Porcupine Burglarized

Nick Bren Loses \$200 Worth of Goods, When Store Window Smashed by Stone. Curling has Started at South Porcupine. No Christmas School Concert at Golden City. Other South Porcupine and Dome News

South Porcupine, Dec. 15.—(Special to The Advance)—The jewellery store of Nick Bren on Crawford street was burglarized on Tuesday night, and about \$200 worth of valuables taken. Mr. Bren usually works quite late in his store and had been working as usual up to midnight when he went out to get a lunch. Evidently he was watched for while he was away the plate glass window at the side of his store front was smashed in with a rock and the loot—wedding and engagement ring sets chiefly—taken. Mr. Bren has no insurance on the goods, and no intimation has yet been given that the thief or thieves have been caught.

Drs. McLaren and Smith are now ensconced in their new offices (Porcupine Arts Building) having moved in early last week. Mr. R. Langdon is also moved into the new offices and Dr. Rutherford who is to be in attendance with the other doctors is coming the first week in January.

The new addition to the post office is working most satisfactorily relieving a great amount of pressure from the Bruce avenue entrance. So far the postmaster tells us, the Christmas rush is not equal this year to that experienced at this time in other years. The

merchants, too, say that the trade so far this year is small compared with some other years.

And there is just a little more than a week to Christmas!

The Consumers' Co-operative Store bears a large announcement of the fact that, starting the first week in January, their stores will close at 6 p.m. on Saturdays and pay-days, thereby giving their staff fewer working hours per week.

The Dome Girl Guides would like you specially to patronize their tea and exhibition of Christmas made-over toys to be held on Saturday in the Dome community hall. In addition to finding something really to admire in the way these small people have worked in their efforts to provide less fortunate children with Christmas toys (Scouts also helped) you will be giving them an opportunity to send them to the settlers' children, by providing the necessary express fees with which to do so. Hence the tea.

Our own Guides are doing very well, too, with their toy shop, working each week for the pleasure they will get in distributing these gifts at Christmas.

Mr. Sol Sky has been a benefactor to the Boy Scouts. We hear he has

presented them with a power jig saw whereby they can make useful furniture and other things, and learn in many ways new arts and crafts.

Golden City children have already quit school for the Christmas holidays. The real reason is that the new addition to the school is being rushed to be ready for the New Year, and the workmen can get along much faster when the school children are not there. This, of course, means no Christmas school concert for Golden City—a thing un- heard of before. The community church, however, (under Mrs. Smith who works in the Sunday School) will be having a Christmas tree, so that one entertainment for children will be certain there.

An entertainment is to be held in the township hall, Porcupine, on Thursday of this week, proceeds to go towards the proposed piano for the church, and for the outdoor skating rink planned for children at Golden City.

Nurse Fowler states there will be no health clinic held in the township building until January 5th.

Miss Eva Wanless of the public school staff is in hospital suffering from quinsy. We wish her a speedy recovery.

St. Joachim's Roman Catholic Church is now holding two masses on Sunday at 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Father Gellinas is unable to get by road to Connaught on Sunday so he attends there on Monday.

Mrs. Pelkie, of Latchford, is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. Stirling, for a few days.

Curling started on Tuesday evening. One sheet of ice is ready at the rink and a friendly game was held to try out the ice.

The Ladies' Curling Club would like all applications for membership to be in the hands of the secretary (Mrs. D. A. McLellan) before the New Year. When this is done a schedule of games can be drawn up by the Ice Committee which consists of Mrs. Fairhurst, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. H. M. Turner.

Timmins Art Pupil Given Recognition

Two Sketches by Young Lady of Fourteen Win Warm Commendation.

Last month when Mr. Ross Hamilton, well-known Canadian artist and critic, was in Timmins with the memorial exhibition of paintings by the late Homer Watson, R.C.A., L.L.D., Mr. Hamilton was shown some of the work of Miss Betty Cameron, fourteen-year-old student in art at the Timmins High School. For a girl of her age, the work was remarkable. Mr. Hamilton said. He was particularly impressed with two water colours illustrating poems by the late Bliss Carmen. One of the illustrations was entitled "The Vagabond Song," and the other "The Daffodils." Mr. Hamilton commented on the originality and creative instinct of the young artist who without assistance from others had caught the spirit of the Carmen poems and had given most interesting illustrations for the poet's verses. Mr. Hamilton insisted that the two water colours should be submitted to Miss Muriel Miller, of Fredericton, New Brunswick, who had just issued a sketch of the late Bliss Carmen and who would be sure to be much interested in the interpretation given by the young artist to the poet's verses.

Mr. Hamilton's suggestion was followed and this week reply was received in flattering way from Miss Miller. Not only did Miss Miller express keen appreciation of the talent of the young artist, but she gave more material interest by sending autographed copies of her book on Bliss Carmen to Miss Betty and to the teacher of art at the Timmins High School. Miss Miller, who is an enthusiastic on Bliss Carmen and his poetry, has just issued a volume that will be of great interest to all concerned in Canadian literary matters. "The Handsome little volume is entitled "Bliss Carmen—a Portrait", and deals in talented way with the life and poetry of the late Bliss Carmen. It is a volume that any Canadian would be proud to own.

Writing from Fredericton, N.B., Miss Miller says in part:—

"Your letter of the 18th ultimo arrived some time ago accompanied by the two illustrations of Bliss Carmen's poems by Miss Betty Cameron. I was very much pleased with these water colours and wonder how old the young lady is. I wonder if you mean for me to keep these drawings or whether you want them returned. I am interested to keep them, if I may, since I have already shown them as an example of just what the Ontario schools are doing in art. My own ambition is to some day see a school system in action which will give the pupils credit for work in music art and creative writing. As Mr. Hamilton told you, I have written a "Carmen," and am happy to send copies to yourself and Betty Cameron. Being particularly partial to the "Vagabond Song," this illustration particularly appeals to me, although the other is very good."

NO MEETING THIS WEEK OF THE 51ST GUIDE COMPANY

On account of the fact that the Central public school is holding its annual December concert this week, there will be no meeting this week of the 51st Guide Company. Officers of the 51st Guide Company ask any of the girls who still have ticket money from the bazaar held recently to kindly turn in their returns in the matter at once to Miss Jean Cahon, 78 Balsam street, south, or to Miss Tyrrell, 7 Hart street.

Powassan News:—An optimist of Wingham included a bathing suit in a shipment of goods to drought-stricken Saskatchewan, and the London Free Press thinks it's pretty dry humour. How about an umbrella.

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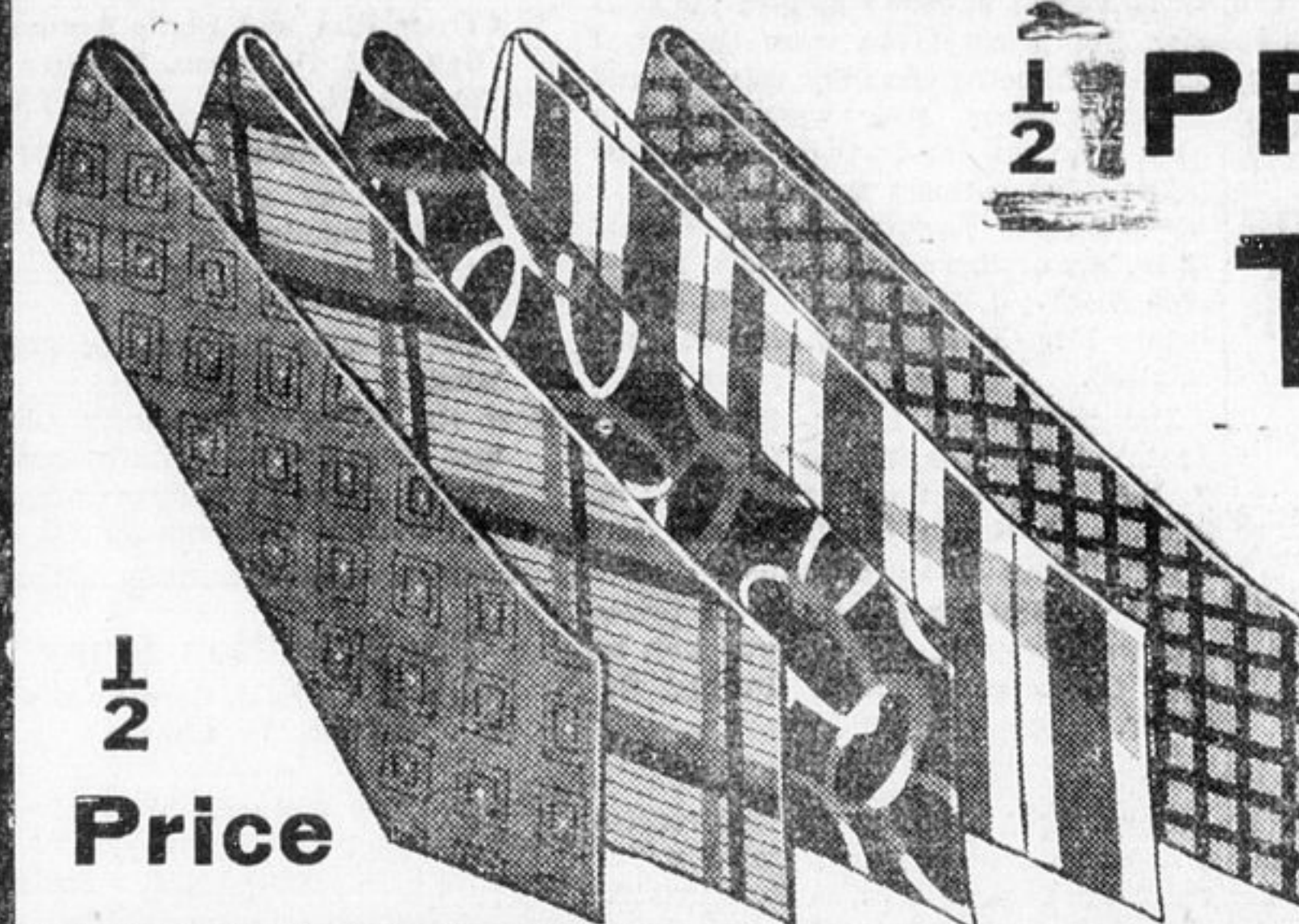
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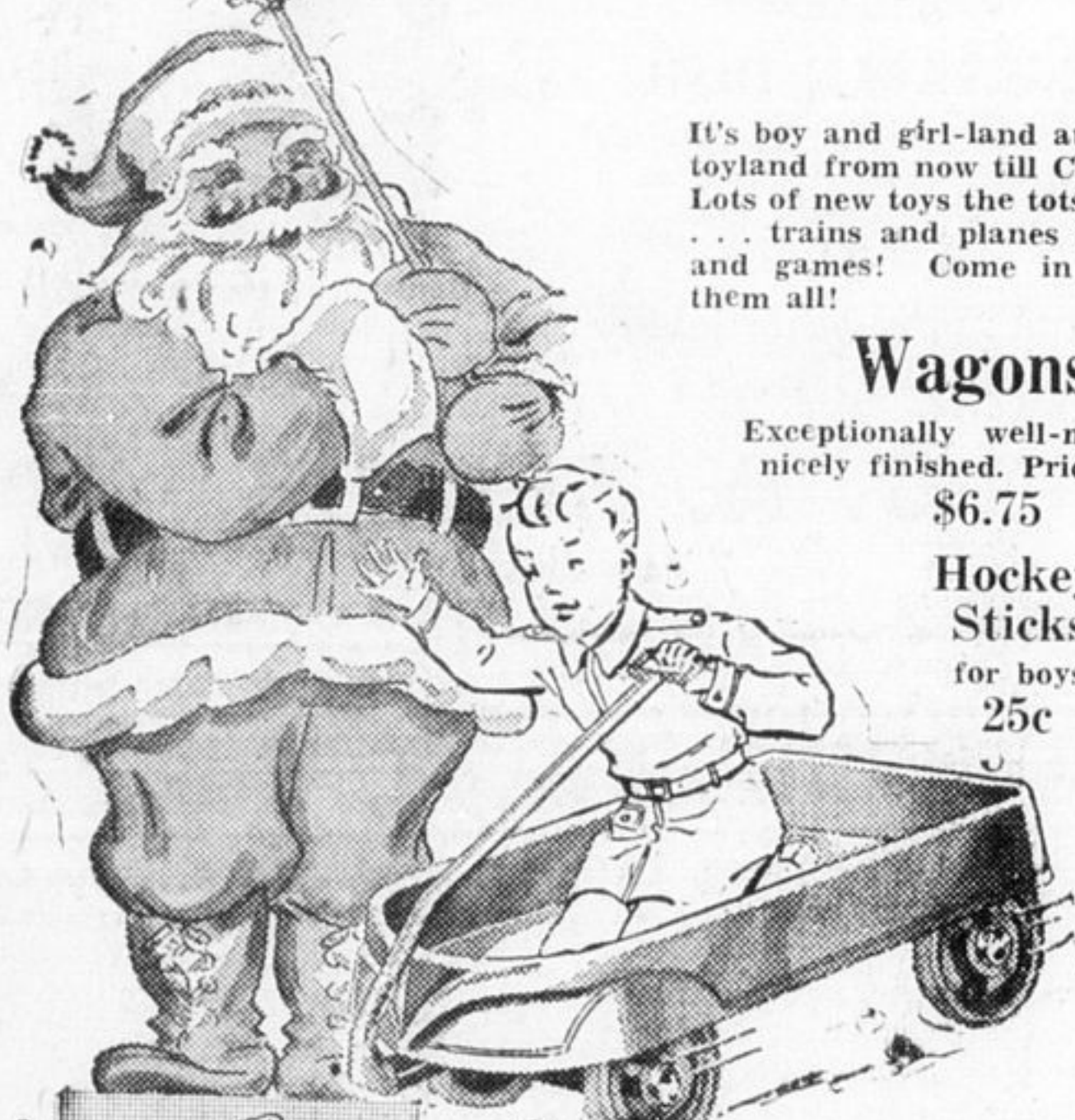
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