

75 Men Escape from Bush Bunkhouse Fire

Children's Aid Society to Hire Social Worker

Council Requested to Increase Grant so That Permanent Official May be Engaged. Regular Meeting Yesterday Lasted Only Twenty-Two Minutes. Progress Estimates on Town Hall Passed.

Requesting an increase in their grant from \$700 to \$1000, it was announced in a letter to council Wednesday afternoon from A. G. Carson, district superintendent for the Children's Aid Society, that the society is planning to appoint a permanent, trained social worker, who will receive a salary of from \$1200 to \$1500 per year. "We feel that there is a great need for a worker of this type," the letter added, pointing out that many homes that might be broken up for different reasons, would be saved by the wise counsel of a social worker specially trained in this type of welfare. The question will be discussed when estimates for the year are being prepared.

Associated Boards Meeting To-night

Deferred Annual Meeting of Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade at Kirkland Lake.

The postponed annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade is to be held this (Thursday) evening at Kirkland Lake, the meeting to commence at 8 p.m. The meeting was called some months ago at Kirkland Lake, but owing to the lack of any representative attendance from the North, it was deferred until later. In view of the fact that so many from all parts of the North are at Kirkland Lake this week in connection with the T. & N. O. curling bonspiel, it was thought an opportune time to hold the meeting with assurance of a large and representative attendance. Accordingly the date was set for this evening at 8 o'clock. The chief business before the annual meeting will be the election of officers for the ensuing year, all other business of the moment having been dealt with recently by the president, W. O. Langdon, Timmins, and the executive committee.

Funeral on Tuesday of Lazier G. White

Young Man Passed Away at Kirkland Lake Hospital, Buried Here.

On Tuesday of this week, Feb. 8th, funeral services were held at S. T. Walker's undertaking parlours for the late Lazier G. White, the services being conducted by Rev. Canon R. S. Cushing, of St. Matthew's Anglican church. Interment was made in the Timmins cemetery.

The late Lazier T. White was the son of Mr. G. R. White of Hemlock street, and of the late Mrs. Dora Lazier White. He died at the Kirkland Lake hospital on Sunday, Feb. 6th. He was twenty-six years of age at the time of death.

Police Seize Slot Machine on Monday

Device Located in Recent Annexation Where Machines Were Licensed Before

Determined that slot machines will not be tolerated in Timmins, police seized a second slot machine on Monday in the premises of Angus Collins, 52 Tuke street, who will be charged with operating a gambling device. The store operated by Collins is also in the part of the town recently annexed from Tisdale township, where slot machines are operated under license from the municipality.

Kenneth Sakos Delights Large Gathering Here

Second of This Season's Porcupine Concert Association Events Notable Success. Gwendolyn Williams as Solo Pianist and Accompanist, Again Shows Outstanding Talent and Charm.

On Tuesday evening, Kenneth Sakos, talented tenor, added another exceptionally large group to his admirers, when he was presented by the Porcupine Concert Association at the second of their concerts for the season. In introducing the artists for the evening, Mrs. Dr. Russell remarked on the fact that the association had been very fortunate in procuring the services of Kenneth Sakos. Mr. Sakos, who is at present a member of the Chicago Civic Opera Co., had been forced to give up many of the programmes that had been planned for him by the Canadian Concert Association, when his appearance at the Chicago Civic Opera Co. was continued one month longer than had been previously arranged. At the conclusion of his appearance there, he had been free to travel for the Concert Association, and with the traditional luck of the North the Porcupine Concert Association had asked him to appear at their second concert of the season. This talented tenor has toured with the San Carlos Opera Co., and appeared with the Promenade Symphony Orchestra and the Toronto Opera Guild. He has also toured the Eastern United

States and Canada as a concert singer. Speaking of Gwendolyn Williams, the gifted pianist, Mrs. Russell said that "she seemed like an old friend". During the concert season last year, Miss Williams, was the accompanist when the noted Russian violinist, Adolph L. Koldofsky, and Miss Jean Chown, Canadian contralto, were presented to the concert audience here, and made a decided hit with her audience. It was therefore with great pleasure that the members looked forward to having Miss Williams with them again, and those who had not heard her former presentation soon realized that there was charm in her music when they heard the presentation Tuesday night. Of all the selections presented by Mr. Sakos, whose voice has an inexplicable quality of understanding, the most popular were probably the well-known "On the Road to Mandalay" and "Vesti la giubba," from the opera "Pagliacci." For the latter selection, the artist appeared in costume, and vividly portrayed in both song and gesture the story of a poor clown who had to sing and laugh while his heart was breaking. (Continued on Page Six)

WHEN PORCUPINE WAS ON THE WATER WAGON



Above will be shown proof of the fact that once—in 1912—the Porcupine was truly on the water wagon, or the water wagon on the Porcupine. At that time the water supply for all in the camp was delivered in the way suggested above. Those on the wagon include:—Gordie Spence, Jack Hadwin, J. M. McGill, Jack Easton. (Advance Engraving Dept.)

High School Students Made Hit in Three Plays

Packed Auditorium Delighted with Talent of Students of Timmins High and Vocational School. Theatre Night Again Big Success. Drama, Comedy, Fantasy, All Well Done.

Wednesday evening was the first of the three occasions when the Timmins High and Vocational Schools presented a programme of three plays. A packed auditorium proved the fact that these plays in previous years have been well worth seeing, and last night's performance was indeed a successful one. It has been admitted that the acoustics in the high school auditorium are rather poor but the clear voices of the students who took part in the plays, easily carried to the back of the auditorium where people were occupying "standing-room".

The school orchestra was present to render many pleasing selections, such as lively ones as "Hungarian Dance, No. 5" and "Marche Militaire" setting the feet of the audience to beating time. Certainly, the school orchestra has taken great strides during the past year, and Mr. Chapman, director, is to be congratulated on their success.

The first play "Courage, Mr. Greene" was a comedy in one act. It told the story of a hen-pecked husband, Mr. Greene (Cecil Linder), whose wife was always nagging at him because "He did not have enough backbone to face his boss and ask for a promotion." That evening, Mr. Ramsay, the "boss" was expected to drop in at the Greene home on his way to the station. He was to collect a report which the long-suffering Mr. Greene was to have prepared for him. Mrs. Greene (Josephine Galvin) learning of this, warned her worthless husband that he must contrive to have Mr. Ramsay (Leo Banderio) stay until she could talk to him about a better position for Mr. Greene. While she is out of the room, Mr. Greene is held up and robbed by a gentleman burglar (Eddie McLellan), who relieves him of his entire salary for the half month. However, this kindly gentleman burglar, who has heard the Greene's discussing their economic troubles, or rather, heard Mrs. Greene discussing them, tells Mr. Greene how he may develop backbone—"whether or not you have backbone, pretend to have it and gradually you will acquire it." Then, as the "boss" enters the room, his new friend chases Mr. Greene behind the chestfield and in no uncertain terms tells Mr. Ramsay that Mr. Greene has opposed his will. Upon hearing this Mr. Ramsay decides that his employee must have backbone after all and promises to promote him to a better position with a salary of \$6000 per year. And that (Continued from Page Four)

Coming Events at the Local Legion

Another Bingo To-morrow Night. Smoker on February 26th.

There is to be another bingo night at the Legion hall tomorrow evening (Friday) at 8:00 p.m. The one held last week proved very popular and a good attendance was on hand and enjoyed the fun. This week it is hoped that more of the gentler sex will be present and the invitation is extended to the members, their wives, and lady friends, the Ladies' Auxiliary members and their husbands and gentlemen friends. The smoker listed for the 19th of Feb. will be held on the Saturday following, Feb. 26th, so as to catch those on the opposite shift to the last event. The general meeting with some films after the business, will take place, Monday, Feb. 28th, at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral To-day of George Straatman

Resident in Timmins for Twelve Years, to be Buried with Legion Honours.

The funeral of the late Geo. Straatman, who died on Monday morning, Feb. 7th, will be held at 4 p.m. this (Thursday) afternoon from the Legion hall, the funeral being with Legion honours. The late George Straatman served overseas in the Canadian forces. Though born in Holland, the late Geo. Straatman had lived many years in Canada and was intensely loyal to Canada and the Empire. He was some twelve years in Timmins, being employed first at the town pumping station, and when ill-health forced him to give up this post, he was employed as caretaker of the Gillies Lake tourist camp of the town. He was sixty-two years of age and leaves a family of three children. His wife predeceased him a couple of years ago. He was a man of talent as well as good citizenship and previous to his ill-health he employed some of his spare time in writing poetry, many of his poems appearing in The Advance.

Lady Breaks Ankle in Fall on Street

Mrs. E. M. Stenhouse Has Unfortunate Fall on Slippery Walk.

An unfortunate accident occurred on Sunday night about eleven o'clock, when Mrs. E. M. Stenhouse, 118 Birch street north, fell near the corner of Seventh avenue and Hemlock street, while on her way home. Mrs. Stenhouse was stepping off the path to the sidewalk, when she slipped and in the fall broke her ankle. Mrs. Stenhouse is progressing favourably to-day to recovery from the injury, but it will be some time before the ankle is completely healed.

Timmins Rinks in all But One 'Spiel Event

Entire Entry is Knocked Out of George W. Lee Trophy, Rinn and Belanger Playing in Fourth Round of Canada Northern Power This Afternoon. Two Local Quartettes in Second Round of Purity Flour and Hill-Clark-Francis Cups.

Not one of the twelve Timmins rinks entered survived the second round of the George W. Lee Trophy at the eighth annual T. & N. O. curling association bonspiel being held this week at Kirkland Lake. Hudson, Eyre and Belanger survived the initial test only to be eliminated in the second bracket.

In the other draws Timmins rinks are still in the contention and in the Canada Northern Power Trophy Rinn's Timmins rink is meeting Graham, of New Liskeard, while Belanger's Timmins entry will meet Charon, of Kirkland Lake, both games being played this afternoon.

Seven Timmins rinks, Stahl, Fr. O'Gorman, Eyre, McCoy, Drew, Halperin and Herman, started in the first round of the Purity Flour draw and four of them survived. In the second round two Timmins rinks met in one game, McCoy defeating Karl Eyre. Drew defeated J. H. Leach, of Siscoe, which

Predict Snow for Week-end

Weather for Next Few Days Will be Clear and Cold With Sunshine.

A three-day mild spell came to an abrupt end yesterday and last night the official temperature recorded at Hollinger observatory by S. C. Wheeler, was a light drizzle of rain Tuesday by a biting wind, the weather for the past twenty-four hours has caused more discomfort than any period during the winter. At eight o'clock this morning the thermometer stood at eighteen below. The only precipitation since Sunday was a light drizzle of rain Tuesday night from 10:30 to 11:30. The probabilities for the next few days indicate that the weather will be fine, clear and cold, with the likelihood of more snow over the week-end.

Efficient Fire Fighting Saves Other Buildings

Fire This Morning at Abitibi Co. Camp at Low Bush. Fifteen Other Buildings Endangered, but Equipment Made it Possible to Confine Blaze to Place of Origin.

Annual Purim Ball Feb. 23

Popular Community Event Announced with Usual and Special Features.

For several years the annual Purim Ball, under the auspices of the Hebrew Congregation, has been a community feature in Timmins. It is an event, always of outstanding interest, and with many novel features attracting large attendance. Barney Sky originated this pleasing community event in Timmins some years ago, and this year he is again in charge of the auspicious social feature. This week Mr. Sky announced that the Purim Ball this year will be held in the Riverside pavilion on Wednesday evening, Feb. 23rd. Under Mr. Sky's personal direction the preparation for this year's event are now well under way with the intention of making the Purim Ball greater than ever. The event is for the Jewish community and all their friends of all classes, races and creeds. The ambition each year has been to make it a regular community affair. There will be the usual Purim Ball features—"Queen Esther," "Rebekah at the Well," sumptuous food, a happy time for all, and a few extra novelties added. There will be many valuable prizes, as in past years, with a particularly valuable gift for the lady chosen as "Queen Esther" for 1938.

Troquois Falls, Feb. 10—(Special to The Advance)—Fire of undetermined origin, at two o'clock this morning forced seventy-five lumbermen to flee in night attire from a bunkhouse at the camp of M. J. Hennessey, Abitibi contractor, which is situated five miles north of Low Bush. Fifteen other buildings were endangered in the blaze but the men were able to confine the fire to one building with a highly efficient system of fire fighting equipment which is maintained in readiness at all times.

Of the seventy-five men forced from their beds, the majority escaped with only the clothing they were wearing and dashed outdoors into fifteen below zero weather just in the nick of time. A high wind was blowing at the time but as soon as the alarm was sounded the entire camp turned out to fight the flames which were brought under control within fifteen minutes. A watchman is kept constantly on guard day and night and the fire fighting equipment, which is of the latest design includes a power pump, large and small hand pumps, water barrels and red signal lights. Only the fact that the camp was equipped to fight the flames prevented the entire establishment being wiped out.

Funeral on Monday of Louis Slobasky

Body Taken to London, Ont., for Interment.

The funeral of Mr. Louis Slobasky, who died on Monday morning, was held that afternoon at 5 p.m. from S. T. Walker's undertaking parlours, first to the Jewish congregational hall on Cedar street, where funeral service was conducted, and then to the train for shipment to London, Ont., where this week the late Mr. Slobasky was laid to rest in the Jewish burial ground. Many friends were present here to pay their last respects to the memory of a genial friend, among the number being members of the local Legion, of which he was a member. Mr. Slobasky served overseas, being a member of the Winnipeg Scottish.

Baby Lyle George Kerton, one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kerton, died here on Monday morning. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon from his home 171 Birch street north.

Man Using Torch Ignites Woodwork

Was Attempting to Thaw Water Pipes. Firemen Extinguish Blaze.

With the woodwork in the basement ignited from an improvised torch being used to thaw out water pipes, the fire department was given a run to 173 Cedar street north at 6:50 a.m. to-day. The blaze was extinguished by chemicals with very little damage being done.

Since Monday the department have responded to five other calls for chimney and stove pipe fires but all were extinguished without any damage.

New Porcupine Hospital Open to Public Saturday

South Porcupine's New Hospital Also Open for Inspection on Sunday. Formal Opening Saturday. Dr. M. E. S. Stalker, Departmental Hospital Inspector, to be Present for the Occasion.

Dr. M. E. S. Stalker, Departmental Hospital Inspector for the province, will be at South Porcupine on Saturday for the formal opening to the public of the new Porcupine General hospital. This splendidly equipped modern new hospital has been completed and will be open for public inspection from 3 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 to 6 p.m. on Sunday. All in the district are invited to inspect this fine new hospital. A description of this new hospital will be found on another page of this issue of The Advance.

It was hoped to have Hon. Mr. Kirby, Minister of Health for Ontario, present for the formal opening ceremonies, but Hon. Mr. Kirby was unable to be present on account of the press of other duties. However, he is sending Dr. Stalker in his place as the provincial representative for the auspicious occasion.

The formal opening of the new hospital will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12th, with Dr. Stalker taking a leading part in the ceremonies. After the formal opening the new hospital will be open for the inspection of the public until 9 o'clock in the evening. Then again on Sunday the public will have further opportunity to inspect the new building and equipment from 1 to 6 p.m. The general interest in the new hospital, not only in South Porcupine, but all through the camp, has been

considered by the directors of the new hospital and as a consequence the extended time has been arranged for those desiring to view the building and equipment during the week-end.

As noted in the description of the new Porcupine General hospital, given elsewhere in this issue, while the interior is all completed and the full equipment is expected to be in place for the formal opening on Saturday, the outside of the structure can not be finished until spring. The exterior finish is to be stucco and this can not be applied with permanent results during winter weather. Accordingly the completion of the exterior finish has to be delayed for a few months yet.

The hospital authorities have done all possible to make the official opening as convenient to the public as possible. The snow has been cleared away not only to allow access to the hospital but also to provide necessary parking space near the hospital. It is recognized, however, that even this will not accommodate all who may care to join the inspection on Saturday or Sunday. Many have their cars put away and others do not run cars. For the benefit of these it will be noted that DaKon's bus service will make round trips from Timmins to South Porcupine to reach the hospital in time for the opening ceremony on Saturday. A bus will also leave the Ankerite for the hospital at 3 p.m.