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Monday, March 21st, 1938



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Pleasant Social Evening By Young Syrian Society

A social evening was held at the home of Miss Emma Elies, Third avenue, on Sunday evening by the Porcupine Young Syrian Society. About thirty guests were present to take part in the happy event, and all joyously joined in playing games, and also in bridge and whist. Later in the evening a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

Globe and Mail:—Hereafter the Lieutenant-Governor will be expected to be the only big gun at the opening of the Ontario Legislature.

Evidence in Charges is Heard at Police Commission Meeting

Constable C. Culhane and Pat O'Gorman Recommended by Chief Leo H. Gagnon for Dismissal. Decision to be Announced by Board at Meeting to be Held Next Tuesday Night.

With Chief of Police Leo H. Gagnon charging Constable C. Culhane with conduct prejudicial to the good order and discipline of the Timmins force and asking for his dismissal, the Police Commission heard the evidence in the case Tuesday evening and deferred its decision until next Tuesday night. Constable Pat O'Gorman was charged with inefficiency and after evidence had been heard decision was also held over for a week. Only two members of the Commission, Magistrate Atkinson and Mayor Bartleman, were present. Judge J. M. T. Caron, of Cochrane, the other member of the board, was unable to attend and advised the meeting by telephone. At the suggestion of Mayor Bartleman, the court stenographer was present and took down the evidence for future reference.

A letter regarding Constable Culhane was read and the Mayor asked the Chief to be more specific in his charges against the officer. Chief Gagnon—"On November 24 last Constable Culhane promised me that he would not go outside the department with any matters or information pertaining to the force and it was clearly understood that he was to come to me with any suggestions or complaints that he might have. I explained to him that this is the first duty of a policeman. It was explained to him before L. C. Cousins, chairman of the Police Committee and Mr. Wren, a member of the committee, that he would be put back to work on probation for three months, subject to a deduction of \$30 from his pay for the time he had been off duty under suspension. He thanked me for this opportunity. Since that time I find that he has gone outside the department after promising me not to get back the \$30 deducted from his pay. He is not co-operating with the Chief or the department in going outside."

Mayor Bartleman—"Where is outside?" Chief Gagnon—"He went to one of the councillors."

Chief Gagnon—"What one?" Mayor Bartleman—"Mr. Desroches. Culhane hasn't ever confided in me in police matters or investigations. He never speaks to me or discusses things on his beat. He shuns me and doesn't show the interest that the other officers do."

Mayor Bartleman—"You know what attitude the Council took in paying Constable Culhane the \$30 deducted from his pay. The resolution that he is dismissed was defeated. You made up your mind that he must be dismissed regardless of his decision."

Chief Gagnon—"If the new council which made this decision had known the conditions they might have thought differently."

Mayor Bartleman—"Are you putting this complaint before the Commission of your own volition?"

Chief Gagnon—"I am not influenced by anyone. The reason is that Culhane has not lived up to his agreement."

Mayor Bartleman—"Are Councillors or ex-councillors in the habit of visiting you at the police office?" Chief Gagnon—"One ex-councillor comes to the office regularly to collect insurance. My duties are broad as Chief Constable and several Councillors and ex-councillors are members of the T.P.A.A.A., in which I take a great interest. They often come to the police office to talk over different things about the police association."

Magistrate Atkinson—"Are you influenced by anyone Chief?"

Chief Gagnon—"No sir. I must be able to trust and have the full co-operation of every man. In the past information has been leaking out of the police office, which has no accommodation for any privacy in questioning suspects or talking to constables. The first rule of any police force is that no constable can mention any information outside the police department."

Mayor Bartleman—"Couldn't a constable come to me as Mayor?"

Chief Gagnon—"If a constable did he should be sent back to the Chief."

Magistrate Atkinson—"I wouldn't than any constable for coming to me."

Chief Gagnon—"If this continued to happen I wouldn't be able to tell what is going on in my department."

Mayor Bartleman—"A police committee has no right to sanction any deductions in a constable's pay. They can only recommend to Council."

Constable Culhane—"Did I ever refuse to carry out any instructions?"

Chief Gagnon—"No."

Constable Culhane—"And I always did my work?"

Chief Gagnon—"Yes, very well."

Mayor Bartleman—"Did he report blind pigs and bawdy houses?"

Chief Gagnon—"Yes he did."

Magistrate Atkinson—"It would seem from all these questions that you are trying the Chief and not Constable Culhane. It appears that you are attacking the Chief rather than investigating Culhane."

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Outspoken Dean

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First Government-Owned Gold Mine in Dominion

(Rouyn-Noranda Press) First groups of apprentices have arrived at the Quebec Mine-School, formerly Ga'e Gold, near Val d'Or, and are now being trained in the gentle art of practical mining. Pumps and compressors at the mine began operating last week as the power company connected lines. Soon 100 young Quebec men will be hard at it in the unusual gold mine-school where their instruction will be under the direction of competent, practical engineers. It is Canada's first government-owned and operated gold mine.

Woman is Committed on Charge of Arson Here

Mrs. Kathleen Votour to Face Trial on Serious Charge Following Fire Here on February 4. Bail of \$2,000 is Renewed. Contents of Accused's Store and Apartment Insured for \$3,000.

Mrs. Kathleen Votour, Second avenue grocery store proprietress, was committed for trial on a charge of arson by Magistrate Atkinson in police court here Tuesday afternoon as a sequel to a fire in the premises occupied by the accused on February 4 that almost completely destroyed the interior of the store and the contents of downstairs and upstairs living quarters, the upper apartment being occupied by Mrs. Helen Hurley, who carried no insurance. Through her counsel, Dean Kester, K.C., Mrs. Votour pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried at the next court of competent jurisdiction. Bail of \$2,000 was renewed.

Joseph Lynch, local insurance agent, testified that in December, 1937, he had insured Mrs. Votour's stock and furniture for \$3,000, which was an increase of \$500 over the policy the accused had previously had in force. He informed the court that in discussing insurance, Mrs. Votour had suggested a policy for \$4,000, saying that with a \$3,000 coverage she would lose money in the event of a fire. Finally however after taking a partial inventory it was agreed to issue a policy of \$3,000, twenty dollars being paid on the premium.

F. M. McCrea, insurance adjuster, said that he had made a survey of the damage to Mrs. Votour's stock and furniture and had fixed the amount at \$1,662.

As the case opened, Charles Yates, assistant Crown Attorney, briefly reviewed the circumstances and date of the fire, which was reported to the fire department at 11:50 p.m. on February 4. He pointed out that there was no one in the building at the time and that Mrs. Hurley occupied the upstairs apartment in the building.

Inspector D. H. Craig, of the Fire Marshal's Department, was the first witness called by the crown. Mr. Craig testified that he had examined the premises in question on February 7 and had found the interior of the store severely burned. Behind the counter he swore that he found an electric heater immediately in front of about two dozen boxes of matches, some of

the boxes partly opened. A quantity of paper napkins were also discovered on a shelf in front of the heater, about six to eight inches away. "I would say that the heater was the direct cause of the fire," said Mr. Craig. "From the conditions of the room as I found them the most severe burning was around the counter in the store," he reported. Discussing the heater Mr. Craig told the court that the top part of the electric connection to the heater had been burned away in the fire but that about four feet of wire was still attached to the bottom of the heater. Pictures were submitted as exhibits in support of this assertion. The inspector denied emphatically that the fire had started upstairs or in the basement.

Excerpts from a statement made to Inspector Craig by Mrs. Votour under oath were read into the records. The accused swore that the heater had been turned off at the time of the fire. She admitted that she had told the firemen that a fur coat that she valued at \$300 which contained \$100 cash in one of the pockets had been burned. The coat was later recovered. Mrs. Votour stated that she had bought the grocery store last July for \$900 cash. Another statement made by the accused was to deny that she had ever advised Mrs. Hurley to get insurance.

Cross examined by Mr. Kester, Mr. Craig said that he did not notice if one of the damper chains on the furnace was missing. The inspector admitted that there was nothing to indicate clearly that the heater had been on at the time of the fire and replied in answer to another question that he had not made any inquiries from the Hydro Commission regarding the wiring in the building being condemned. "I have arranged for an electrical engineer to inspect the electric wiring," Mr. Craig said.

Deputy Fire Chief William Stanley corroborated the evidence of Mr. Craig in every detail.

Mr. Hurley claimed that for the last three months every conversation

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Magistrate Atkinson Issues Stern Warning

"Taxi Drivers Peddling Liquor Becoming Racket Here," Says Magistrate in Imposing \$200 Fine. Men Given Sixty Days for Receiving. Other Cases Disposed of at Court on Tuesday.

Delightful Time at Box Social and Dance

Big Crowd Enjoy Event by Timmins Fire Fighters

The Timmins Firefighters Association held a very successful and enjoyable box social and dance in the Harmony hall, Fourth avenue, on Monday evening. A large number was present to take part in the evening's merriment, and to dance to the tunes of Andy Cangiano and his band. Both round and square dancing was enjoyed by the happy crowd, and the time seemed to pass so wings.

One of the very entertaining features of the evening was the auctioning of the lunch boxes prepared by the ladies who attended. These were all made up in individual styles, and such boxes as fire hydrants, fire station, and fire trucks, found great favour with the crowd. The ladies are all to be complimented on the way they took part in the spirit of the affair, and for preparing these boxes which added such a great deal to the general good time. After the boxes were all sold, and when the lunch had mysteriously disappeared from within them, dancing was resumed and continued till the "wee hours of the morning," when the happy and laughing crowd departed for their homes, but not before they had asked "And when will the firemen put on another dance?"

To Address Jewish Community Sunday

Mr. Adrian Schwartz, M.A., to Speak on Palestine.

On Sunday, March 6th, at 8 p.m., at the Hebrew Synagogue, Mr. Adrian Schwartz, M.A., of Toronto, will address the Jewish community of Timmins on "A Trip Through Palestine."

Mr. Schwartz will be welcomed jointly by the Zionist Hadassah and Young Jewish organizations of Timmins.

Mr. Adrian Schwartz has recently been appointed Director of Zionist Activities in the Province of Ontario. He was formerly director of educational activities for the Jewish National Fund of the United States. He was the first holder of an Avukah Palestine Fellowship. In 1935-36 he worked in and studied the agricultural collectives and labour movement of Palestine.

Mr. Schwartz holds an M.A. degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin.

The meeting on Sunday evening, under the chairmanship of Rabbi David Monson, will also feature the showing of slides depicting Zionist progress in Palestine.

Later in the evening the Hadassah Chapter of Timmins will be hosts at a buffet supper.

Peterborough Examiner:—Impounding license markers may be regarded as a drastic method of dealing with the problem but the casualty list for last year is heavy enough to indicate that the time has come for drastic methods. Appeals to courtesy and common sense have, in the main, failed, and leniency on the part of police and courts has been taken advantage of.

A RARE PHOTOGRAPH OF MUSSOLINI'S WIFE



Everybody is used to seeing pictures of Mussolini, but few indeed could readily describe the features of Mrs. Mussolini. Here she is with her two younger children in a photograph taken a few days ago while watching Il Duce review his blackshirts performing the goose step. Judging from the smile on Mrs. Mussolini's face she must have been quite pleased with the performance.

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in question was a Red or a Communist. That was apparently how the fight began but the bench couldn't see much ground for justifying the one blow assault which Chaut admitted.

\$2 and Costs
Omer Chenier, first charged with being a disqualified person and having wine in his possession, was found guilty of consuming and fined \$25 and costs. He convinced the court that he had received no notification of cancellation of his liquor privileges.

L.C.A. Charge Dismissed
Joseph R. Bureau earned a dismissal on a charge of supplying liquor to a minor when the party involved, Margaret Stratman, swore emphatically that she hadn't taken a drink at any time during a party at Bureau's place, Provincial Constable Gault and Constable C. Culhane both testified that the girl told them Bureau had given her beer but the lady clung to her story that she hadn't had a drink and that she hadn't had a beer bottle in her hand when the police walked in.

Other Minor Cases
Other cases and their disposition are as follows:—Edward Wilton, speeding, \$10 and costs; Alvarez Chenier, driving with four in front seat, \$10 and costs; Aurelle Caron and Aime Levesque, no chauffeur's license, \$10 and costs, each; Andrew Levesque, illegal consumption, \$25 and costs; Pele Lessor, ill treating a dog, adjourned one week; James Oliver, vagrancy, adjourned until called on.

The magistrate tried to arrive at some solution to the case but the young matron declared that she didn't wish to return home to her husband under any consideration. "Very well then, three months," said the magistrate. "Thanks," replied the accused. "Any more of your impudence and it will be six months," cautioned the magistrate. Finally the magistrate relented and decided that he would make one more attempt to reconcile the husband and wife and both were sent over to the police office to talk things over. In a short while both agreed to start over again and the jail sentence was revoked.

Fined For Assault
Found guilty of assaulting Matthew Madden, whom he was alleged to have been trying to convince to join a miners' union, Oscar Chaut was fined \$25 and costs. The accused testified that the complainant had remarked that any person who belonged to the union

Hamilton Surgeon Addresses Doctors

Dr. Kenneth McGregor, is Guest Speaker at February Meeting of Association.

Dr. Kenneth McGregor, noted Hamilton surgeon, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Porcupine Medical Medical Association held in the nurses' lecture room at St. Mary's hospital. Dr. McGregor gave a highly informative talk on appendicitis. Dr. A. P. Murtagh, president of the local association, presided.

Gore Bay Recorder:—Home is a great convenience. If people went anywhere else to relieve their groaches, they would be kicked out.