

LUMBER CAMP ENDANGERED BY BUSH FIRE

Presentations Made to Members of the S.J.A.B.

Supt. T. Richards Presented with Long Service Medal Bar Added to Officer G. A. Gibson's Medal. Medal Awarded Pte. Isaac Bowness. Pleasant Social Time Enjoyed at Gathering.

A very interesting event took place on Friday evening in the Hollinger Recreation hall when presentations were made to members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade (Timmins Division). Sgt. Fred Kitcher acted as chairman for the event and in his remarks stated that it was a pleasure to see such an excellent gathering for the occasion. Three presentations were to be made: the first a long service medal to Supt. T. Richards; the second a bar to long service medals to Officer George A. Gibson; and the third, a medal to Pte. Isaac Bowness, for best advancement and service in the year 1937. He then called up Mayor J. P. Bartleman to make the presentation:

The mayor said it was in deed a privilege to make these presentations and in a very interesting address outlined the history of the S.J.A.B. "Their splendid work among the poor received Royal acknowledgement both from Queen Victoria and King Edward VII," he said during his address. In making the presentation to Supt. Richards, Mayor Bartleman stated the beautiful decoration was for long and meritorious service in the work of the Brigade and hoped Mr. Richards would continue long in this splendid community work. Mr. Richards thanked the members of the Brigade for their co-operation, also the people of the district, and hoped that many of the members would win the same award as he had just received.

Mayor Bartleman explained that the bar to the medal which he was presenting, to George Gibson represented another five years of service thus making a total of 20 years activity in St. John Ambulance Brigade work. George A. Gibson made an appropriate reply.

"For most efficient and meritorious service in 1937," read the inscription to Pte. I. Bowness' decoration which concluded the presentations. The recipient made no reply, being a little taken back at the award.

A very pleasant social was held in connection with the event. Mr. Bert Bridgman, in excellent form rendered, "Friends of Yesterday," and as a response to the very insistent encore, a special request number "I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen," accompanied by W. A. Devine. Tap dancing by several of the younger set was another highlight, each of the young dancers showing marked talent and attention from their instructors. The dancers included Masters W. Richards and Jackie Thomson and Miss Hilda Backhouse. Mr. Bergeron and a young lady pupil gave an exhibition of dancing which made a decided hit.

Miss Peggy Bellamy rendered two very attractive vocal solos. Mrs. Bellamy playing the accompaniments. Bergeron's 4-piece orchestra provided the music for the dancing which was a popular feature of the event.

Ice cream, soft drinks and cake were freely served to the large gathering and the very enjoyable evening added a host of friends to the work of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in this community.

Warden Seizes Two Cars

Timmins Men Alleged to Have Been in Possession of Pickrel Out of Season.

Alleged to have been found in possession of pickrel out of season near Sandy Falls late last Thursday night, two cars, driven by Fred Aslant, 157 Pine street north, and Alex Kalenchuk, 48 Messines avenue, Timmins, were placed under seizure by Game and Fisheries Overseer Phil Boudreau. A dip net and an axe were also seized from Aslant's car, other articles seized from Kalenchuk's vehicle being a gasoline lantern, flashlight and two fishing rods. The two men are scheduled to appear in police court here on Tuesday before Magistrate Aikinson.

Total Eclipse Here Early on Saturday

Moon Entirely Obscured by Three O'Clock

A brilliant moon in a clear and cloudless sky was in total eclipse here in the early hours of Saturday morning. Many persons of an astronomical turn of mind, waited up to see the phenomenon and report that the terrestrial oddity was perfect in every respect. The shadow first started to cross the face of the moon shortly after two o'clock and reached totality about an hour later. It was nearly four o'clock as the obscuring disappeared. During the eclipse the moon was surrounded by a dark, misty haze.

HONOURED BY ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE



Supt. Thos. Richards (left) and Officer Geo. A. Gibson (right) who were honoured on Friday night for their notable services in St. John Ambulance Brigade work. Supt. Richards was presented with a Long Service medal, and Officer Gibson with a bar added to his Service medal. Elsewhere in this issue will be found a full account of the formal presentation of these medals.

First Public Contest in First Aid to be Held Here

Event to be Held at Hollinger Recreation Hall on June 8th. Four Teams to Compete for Handsome Silver Cup Given for Competition for First Aid Work in Timmins. Other Demonstrations to Follow

The first public demonstration of First Aid in Timmins will take place on June 8th at 7 p.m. in the Hollinger hall, when four teams of five men will compete against each other to be proud possessors of a handsome silver trophy which has been donated to the members of the Timmins Ambulance Division by Mr. A. F. McDowell, of McDowell Motors, for annual competition. The members of the four competing teams are practising very hard to be the first winners of this trophy and the silver medals that each member will receive.

Each member of the team will be submitted to an individual examination in theory and bandaging as well as the team test. These individual tests will be held privately but the team test will be public, and it is hoped to be able to stage this test as if the accident had really happened. The captains of the four teams are: F. Jackson, F. Kitcher, G. Allison and J. Morton. It is the intention to stage another competition in December, which will be open to any team of five men in the camp.

Heavy Damage in Friday Collision

Total Damage to Two Vehicles in Crash at Maple and Sixth is \$450.

A car driven by Harry Kaufman, 32 Sixth avenue, and a light delivery truck driven by E. Mathe, 14 Bannerman avenue, were extensively damaged in a collision at the corner of Sixth avenue and Maple street at 8:30 a.m. on Friday the 13th.

Kaufman was travelling west on Sixth avenue and Mathe, north on Maple street, the two cars meeting on the centre of the intersection. The front of the Kaufman car was wrecked, damage being estimated at \$200. The right side of the truck was caved in and the frame bent by the impact. Cost of repairs is set at \$150.

Both drivers escaped from the accident with only a shaking up.

Two Miners Injured Walking Along Road

Two Paymaster Men Coming Off Shift, Knocked Down by Car Last Thursday.

Knocked down by a car as they walked along the road from No. 5 shaft at Paymaster Mine shortly after eleven o'clock last Thursday night, Joseph Paps, 49, and John Matus, 35, are under the care of Dr. William McLaren, of South Porcupine, suffering from painful bruises and shock. The two men, who are employed at the mine, are confined to bed in the company bunkhouse. The car was driven by Walter Niemi, also a Paymaster employee, who was coming off shift at the same time.

Provincial Constable Harold Gall investigated the accident but no charges have been laid against the driver. According to information supplied the police, Niemi rounded a turn in the road and was suddenly confronted by the two men walking along about ten feet ahead. He applied his brakes but was unable to avoid striking them. Paps has an injured back, leg and nose, while Matus has back and chest injuries. Neither man has any broken bones.

Weather To Be Very Warm

Thunderstorms likely According to Observations Made by S. C. Wheeler.

Fine and very warm was the "summer" weather forecast of S. C. Wheeler at Hollinger observatory this morning. Thunderstorms are in the offing but little change in temperature is anticipated. According to Mr. Wheeler's records, the month of May so far has been unusually dry, a few light showers taking the place of the normal heavy rains at this time of the year.

The week-end brought delightful weather with only a light shower of short duration Sunday evening. Maximum and minimum temperatures since last Wednesday are: Thursday, 45 above and 30 below; Friday, 65 above and 29 below; Saturday, 70 above and 41 below; Sunday, 68 above and 44 below; lowest last night, 46 above, eight o'clock this morning, 52 above.

Early this afternoon rain clouds gathered and dispersed several times.

Constable Beaten By Gang, But Makes Arrest

Constable Scanlon Allegedly Assaulted by Two Brothers and Six Other Men but Gets Up and Arrests Pair in an Hotel Room. Charges of Assault and Obstructing Laid.

Assaulted as he attempted to arrest Leo Bouchard on Wilson avenue Saturday night near the Mattagami River and kicked as he lay on the ground by one of a party of approximately eight men, Constable Mike Scanlon, of the Timmins police force, was unable to get on his regular beat Sunday evening and after reporting for duty went home.

As Constable Scanlon went to arrest Bouchard, his brother Jean is alleged to have interfered, along with several others who were nearby at the time. Despite the vicious kick that Scanlon received he got up and trailed the two brothers into an upstairs room in the River View hotel and placed the pair under arrest.

Leo Bouchard, 26, is charged with being drunk and disorderly and obstructing an officer, and his brother, Jean Bouchard, 22, will face a count of assaulting a police officer.

Nearby residents heard the commotion and called police headquarters. Constables Gariepy and Atkinson rushed to the scene and found Scanlon in the hotel with his two prisoners.

Police are making an intensive inquiry and charges are pending against several others alleged to have taken part in the affair.

Car Owners Given Warning

Police to Start Campaign Against Defective Brakes on Thursday Chief Says.

Chief of Police Leo H. Gagnon announced today that an intensive campaign against defective auto brakes will commence on Thursday of this week and issued a general warning in this regard this morning. Police officers will make a thorough check of cars and trucks, and drivers of cars with faulty brakes will be charged without any further warnings being given. Three days of grace are being allowed for owners to have their vehicles checked over but after Thursday charges will follow automatically.

Worthington Farm Home Burned Down

Fine Residence Built by Late Col. Worthington Goes up in Flames. Those up the river yesterday brought back word that the fine residence owned by Mrs. Worthington and built by her husband, the late Col. Worthington, on the property where his farm, lumber mill and other industries were located, burned to the ground yesterday. The house has been unoccupied for some time. The fire was so fierce that its heat could be felt well out on the river.

Hope Is Now Abandoned Of Finding Woman Alive

Mrs. Margaret McIntosh Watson Unreported After Leaving Home to Take a Walk in Desolate Bush Country in Langmuir Township Last Tuesday. Lived With Son, Forestry Tower Observer.

Locate Amnesia Victim

Man Sent to Montreal from Timmins Last Week Disappeared in Ottawa.

Despatched to his home in Montreal in charge of the conductor, L. Desaulniers, victim of amnesia, disappeared from the train in Ottawa last Saturday and was the object of an intensive search by Capital police before he was picked up on the street. The unfortunate man left Timmins Friday and was being anxiously awaited by his family in Montreal. When the conductor noticed he had left the train, police were immediately notified and it was not long before it was reported that he had been located. His family were notified and the man was kept in Ottawa pending arrangements for his transfer to Montreal. Chief Gagnon expressed his appreciation of the co-operation of Ottawa

Despite an intensive search conducted under the supervision of Provincial Constable Marshall Hancock, no trace of Mrs. Margaret McIntosh Watson, who disappeared from her home in Langmuir Township last Tuesday, has been discovered. To-day hope of finding the 78-year-old woman alive has been practically abandoned. The missing woman, who took up residence with her son, John Watson, a tower observer employed by the Ontario Forestry Branch, last February, after living for a time with a daughter in Gowanda, is said to have been in a feeble condition when last seen. The Watson home is located on the south boundary of Langmuir on the shore of the Nighthawk River.

A search party has combed the bush for a distance of a mile in all directions possible, but the dense undergrowth has hampered the efforts of the rescue workers. While Friday and Saturday were comparatively warm, the preceding days were cold and raw, frost and a light fall of snow lending weight to the theory that the woman may have died of exposure. When she left the house on Tuesday she said that she was going out for a walk. Working on the supposition that she may have fallen into the nearby river, a boat equipped with grappling irons was despatched from the Timmins forestry station but efforts in this direction were fruitless.

The Watson home at the observation tower is in an isolated section of bush country. Constable Hancock, who was accompanied by Game and Fisheries Overseer Phil Boudreau, had to walk in a distance of fifteen miles to reach the spot, after leaving their car at Arcadia mine, which is a similar distance from Timmins. The closest house to the Watson home is approximately three miles distant.

Provincial Constable Harold Gall, in charge of the local detachment, said to-day that he is awaiting further instructions from headquarters in Toronto as to further efforts to locate the missing woman. In the meantime however the search is being continued.

Hand Taken Off at Porquis Junction

Brakeman Suffers Painful and Serious Accident This Morning.

While on the way freight at Porquis Junction this morning at about six o'clock brakeman McLean, of Englehart, met with a serious and painful accident. He had the ill-fortune to have his hand jammed between two couplers with the result that his hand was practically cut off. He was rushed to the hospital at Iroquois Falls, while a brakeman was sent down from Timmins to take his place on to-day's run of the way freight.

Season's First Forest Fire Covers 200 Acres

Slash from Lumbering Operations in Jessop Township Gives Fire Rangers Stiff Battle. Blaze Started Last Friday but is Definitely Under Control Officials State.

The first forest fire of the season in Jessop township has given the rangers a stiff battle since last Friday but today the blaze is definitely under control and no further spreading is reported. The fire broke out about three quarters of a mile from Hennessey's lumber camp on Friday and by early afternoon, dense clouds of smoke were pouring out of the bush.

The blaze was noticed from the observation tower and men from the Forestry branch rushed to the scene. The fire spread rapidly and a call was sent for reinforcements. About fifteen men were secured from the local employment office and taken to the fire zone by truck. In all thirty men took part in the battle against the flames which burned through approximately two hundred acres of slash. Forestry officials state that the fire did not reach any of the green timber. For a time it was feared that the fire might spread to the nearby lumber camp where seven thousand cords of wood that was cut last winter is piled.

A number of men have been left at the scene of the fire to check any further outbreaks that may occur.

Scots Night at Legion Proves Happy Success

Large Number in Attendance at Event Saturday Night at Legion Hall. Programme Presented by Scottish Artists Makes Decided Hit. Pipers Add to Pleasure of Evening

Oiling of Streets is Well Under Way

Public Works Department to Use 22,000 Gallons of Oil to Lay Dust.

The annual municipal street oiling program got under way last Thursday and work on the south portion of Balsam, Birch, Maple and Elm streets has been completed. This morning the oiling crew started on the south end of these streets. According to information received at the office of the town engineer this morning, the entire town will be finished in about a week's time. Balsam street has been oiled from Second avenue to Kimberley and Birch, Maple and Elm streets from Third avenue to Kimberley. A total of twenty-two thousand gallons of dust-laying material will be used in the oiling program this year. Each street receives a coat of light and heavy oil, each of a different kind. When the second coat is applied a layer of fine sand is spread over the top to act as a binder.

Saturday night was Scots Night at the Canadian Legion and the occasion proved specially enjoyable and successful. There was a large attendance and every number on the evening's programme delighted all present. The whole programme was given by Scottish artists, with the single exception of the request number by Mr. Bridgman, who, however, explained that he was partly Scottish.

G. A. Macdonald, a past president of the Caledonian Society of Timmins, and for several years one of the Honorary presidents of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion, was chairman for the evening, being introduced by Comrade Geo. Nippers, head of the entertainment committee. In opening the meeting the chairman told many Scottish stories, old and new, explaining that it was never difficult to get a story at the expense of the Scots.

The programme opened with the lively song, "She's m' Daisy" by Comrade W. Forrester, whose excellent rendition of the number won hearty encore and set high standard for the items to follow on the programme. Next came Pipers Finlayson and McLeellan of the Porcupine District Pipe Band. (Continued on Page Four)

WHERE'S YOUR FAVOURITE

in The Porcupine Advance Prize Subscription Campaign

Mrs. D. Hubert	167,000
Mrs. Florence Mick	165,000
Alfie DelGuidice	163,500
Mrs. G. Sutton, So. Porcupine	163,000
Kenneth Mason	159,000
Miss Louise Ferrari	157,000
Fred Desbiens	155,000
W. J. Brown	151,000
Mrs. Florence Thorburn	150,000
Miss Marion Lawson	142,000
Tom Gillan	138,000
Miss Jeannine Dalpe	135,000
Laurent Lalonde	131,500
Mrs. J. Rosene	131,000
S. Kostell	130,000
Miss Joan Bowie	122,000
Miss Evelyn Munro	121,000
Miss Irene Deacon, So. Porcupine	120,000
Miss Kay Miller, Schumacher	115,000
Miss Mariam Laine, Schumacher	115,000
Miss Elsie Sullivan	114,000
Joe Wadsworth	112,000
Mrs. Alma Kearns	5,000
Miss Eleanor Olavson, Iroquois Falls	5,000
Peter Ostrosser	5,000
Fred Thom, Cochrane	5,000
Michael Rutchinsky	5,000
Miss J. Leroux	5,000

THE NEXT STANDING WILL BE SHOWN IN THURSDAY'S ISSUE OF THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE

The above standing shows the correct relative position of the candidates, but does not necessarily show the full or correct total of votes of each.

WHO WILL BE LEADING ON THURSDAY