

Honoured on 86th Birthday by Social

(Continued from Page One) entation being made by Past Grand Bro. Chas. Lacey, who in a few well-chosen words spoke of the services given the community by Bro. W. M. Whyte and the regard and affection he had won from all.

In responding in his own inimitable way, "Dad" Whyte, though deeply touched by the tributes and the evident sincerity and friendship of all, expressed his appreciation and thanks for the kindness given him and said that all the friendship indicated was fully reciprocated. In reminiscent mood he touched on life in the past three quarters of a century, his humorous stories and witty sallies bringing much laughter.

After the singing again of "He's A Jolly Good Fellow," the gathering enjoyed a "Paul Jones," Bro. W. H. Wilson, a friend of the honoured guest of the evening for a quarter century, playing the piano accompaniment for this as for the other musical numbers of the evening.

District Deputy Grand Master Sol Sky then came forward to present Bro. W. M. Whyte with the gift of a choice box of cigars from the Porcupine Odd-fellows, and another box of cigars as a personal tribute from himself and Mrs. Sky. Bro. Sky noted that Porcupine Lodge of the I.O.O.F. was Bro. Whyte's home lodge and that in South Porcupine and district "Dad" Whyte

was always remembered with affection and esteem. For many years he had been closely associated with Mr. Whyte. "I have cherished your friendship for thirty years," concluded the D.D.G.M. Bro. Whyte was also presented with a certificate of dues fully paid for a year in both the Oddfellows and the Rebekahs.

In replying to these new tributes, the guest of the evening after expressing his sincere thanks, proceeded to say that the years had dealt kindly with him, and friends had been equally kind. He enjoyed evenings like this, for though he was not as young as he used to be, he still liked to see young people enjoying themselves. If there were any particular recipe for happiness in life, he would sum it all up in the idea of keeping the heart young.

A mandolin selection by Bro. Campbell was much enjoyed and heartily encored and this number was followed by happy songs by Bro. James Cowan, who, as usual, brought down the house. A feature of the evening was the jolly square dancing, for which the efficient director "calling them off" was Bro. R. Richardson.

Sister Keene made a decided hit with her musical monologue, "The Old Brown Hat," and on the instant encore Mrs. Keene conscripted the assistance of Sister Webb, the two of them presenting "A Bicycle Built For Two," in a happy humorous way that made it one of the big hits of the evening.

Mrs. Webb's rendition of "My Ain Folk" delighted all and was heartily encored, her number in response to the encore being equally popular.

G. A. Macdonald, editor of The Ad-

vance, on request told a few Scottish stories, and also took occasion to pay tribute to the talented service given to the community by the honoured guest of the evening, expressing the wish of all that "Dad" Whyte might continue for many years to enjoy life himself and help others enjoy it.

After a fox trot had been enjoyed lunch was served, the ladies having done themselves credit by the quantity and quality of this part of the programme. Then the pipers again took part in a happy little ceremony, "piping in" the birthday cake and lighted candles. When these were set before the guest of honour he disdained all offers of help and won applause by his skill and quickness in extinguishing the candles, the cake then being served to all the hundred and fifty or more present.

Mrs. Ross, District Deputy of the Rebekahs from Manitoba, was then called upon, and after facilitating the honoured guest, spoke of conditions in the West. Compared to the West, the people of the North had been fortunate indeed, but Mrs. Ross saw hope and revival in the future for the West. She spoke of the blessing of Oddfellowship and the Rebekahs and mentioned how these benefits had helped in the West.

Songs by Bro. Avery were other pleasing features on the programme for the evening.

It was close to midnight after a very happy evening of friendship and enjoyment. Bro. S. Spencer, secretary of the Timmins Lodge of the I.O.O.F., proposed a toast to the artists of the evening and to all the others who had

helped to make the occasion such a delightful success. Just at midnight the gathering closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

Virginia Jubilee Singers Please All

(Continued From Page One) The following is the programme: "Paeon of Exaltation," opening number.

- "Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name." Hold Out Your Light.
- "Balm in Gilead." "My Good Lord Done Been Here."
- Soprano Solo, "The Wren," and encore, "Where My Caravan Has Rested," Miss E. Ruth Powell.
- Mixed quartette, "To a Wild Rose."
- "Every Time I Feel the Spirit."
- "A Little Wheel Turning In My Heart."
- "Steal Away to Jesus." "Roll—Jordan—Roll."
- Contralto solo, "My Heart At Thy Sweet Voice," and encore, "Pickaniny Kid," Miss D. Nelson.
- Wersu You There.
- "Gospel Train."
- Bass solo, "A Song of Steel," and encore, "Over the Billow Sea," and "Shortenin' Bread," Mr. Roma Russell.
- "Bye and Bye."
- Male quartette, "Walk Together Children," "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel," "Two Flies."

Closing number, "When the Saints Go Marching In."

The latter part of the programme was arranged as a plantation scene, with the performers in costume.

"Come On Down South"; "Jubilee"; "Roll and Rock 'Em."

"Can't You Hear Me Calling, Carolina," and "Swanee River," Miss Powell.

"Calope and Water Boy," male quartette.

"Without a Song," Theo. R. Tate. "Old Black Joe," Roma Russell. "That's Why Darkies Were Born," Wm. Crosse.

Closing number, the theme song of the Virginia Jubilee Singers, "In My Father's House," followed by "God Save the King."

While all the numbers were enthusiastically received, the singing of the basso, Mr. Russell, was especially popular and appreciated. There was one change in the group from last year, Mr. Harrison Jones replacing Mr. Yarbrough as one of the tenors. Mr. Jones was in the group here in 1936. It may be noted, by the way, that reference to The Advance files shows that this year is the fourth and not the third visit of the Virginia Singers here, the first appearance being in 1935.

Up From Calamity to Notable Service

A Timely Sketch of the Misfortune that Befel 'Kootenay' and Its Results

At the present time the following about "The Kid from Kootenay," will be read with deep interest by all in this district. To most people it will be their first introduction to "Kootenay," but they will find the gentleman well and like him much. The story of "Kootenay" is from The Northern News and reads as follows:

"Kootenay Visits Kirkland" "After 'Roaring Dan' Saunders christened him 'The Kid from the Kootenay' all the miners and muckers called him 'Kootenay.' He had drifted in some three months before and was just a little different. He was, in fact, to the best of his ability, lawyer, parson and first aid assistant to any who needed him. It just happened that way for Kootenay to be scholarly and educated. He was tall, slim and blond.

"On a December morning in 1913, Kootenay went on duty with the day shift. It was a crisp frosty morning. Up there at the old 'Nickel Plate' gold mine in Hedley, B.C., at an altitude of nearly 7,000 feet the dawn of a winter morning is clear, being raised above the mist clouds. It was here that Kootenay looked at the snow-flecked pines for the last time. He also saw the wide plateau of bunch grass stretching away to the east and the band of wild horses that sometimes came and went from nowhere to nowhere.

"That evening before he had been reading Shakespeare's King Lear but had got fed up with it and read of some of 'The Count of Monte Christo.' He had found these books in a cache just above the rafters of the bunk house.

"At 7:56 a.m. that morning he was levelling the floor in a cross-cut and something happened. Kootenay caught the pick in a piece of old dynamite and he was knocked out.

It was a long story after that and a long way to Spokane. It was, to Kootenay a much longer wait for the verdict of eye specialists. Then it came at the end of 10 terrible weeks. Blindness.

"Kootenay stuck around for many weeks at the town of Hedley. Each morning he woke to the most terrible reality which told him there was no hope. It was all night. No one could really help because no one understood. Kindly fellows would tell him of some clever blind fellow they had known in Frisco or St. Louis but such blind men were far away. Kootenay suffered the agony of idleness. Walter, one of the diamond drill crew was down with a broken leg. He wanted to know about geology and Kootenay told him. Some other guy from the

mine was in hospital for something else and he wanted to know about chemistry. Kootenay told him. Such activities were helpful but they were sporadic.

"At last, with affairs settled, Kootenay passed out of those scenes. Not altogether forgotten. He went to England. He ceased to be Kootenay except when a letter came from Roaring Dan. He learned to read with his fingers and to write Braille and with a typewriter. He began a life's work to help other blind people. Kootenay is in Kirkland Lake this week. His other name to us is Dave Lawley, supervisor of Field Work, The Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

The Moral Of course, there is a special moral in the above story. The Northern News doesn't state it in so many words, but certainly implies it. The Advance will put the moral in definite words for Timmins and district, thus:—

"Saturday of this week is Tag Day for the blind in Timmins. Let it be a generous collection, so that there will be so much the more money for 'The Kid from Kootenay' to carry on the notable work he is doing for the assistance of the blind in the North and elsewhere."

To Decide Soon on T. & N. O. Extension

Premier Said to be Inclined to Abandon Line.

Word from Toronto says that Premier Hepburn suggests that it will soon be decided whether the T. & N. O. extension north of Cochrane will be rehabilitated or abandoned. The Premier himself is said to favour abandonment on the plea that it will cost \$750,000 in the next few years for ties alone for the extension. No definite decision has been reached as yet. The Premier says, so the people of the North should hasten to present him with the necessary facts and figures that will prove that the line should not be abandoned.

Many Hunters Open Local Duck Season

Lakes and Marshlands are Thickly Populated by Nimrods Early To-day.

The marshlands in the vicinity of Connaught boomed with the guns of duck hunters this morning as the season officially opened. Hundreds of nimrods journeyed to vantage points and by daylight were securely located in "hides" waiting for the first flight of the morning.

Many others visited favorite haunts along the Mattagami river and one employee of the local power company was out and back to work at eight o'clock with six ducks. Pre-season indications were that ducks would be plentiful for the opening day.

Late last night and early this morning, dozens of cars were on the way to Moose and Nighthawk lakes, nearly every car carrying one or more boats.

Firemen Responded but Help Not Needed

Report of Youth in Difficulty at Gillies Lake Proves False Alarm.

With the alarm thought to have been raised by persons on the other side of the lake who presumed that he was in difficulty, firemen and forest rangers dashed to Gillies Lake shortly after six o'clock last night to rescue Stewart Irving, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Irving.

The young lad had been out in the lake on a raft and hearing shore the improvised craft became stuck in heavy weeds. Stewart stepped off the raft and waded in to shore alongside Hollinger compressor building without any difficulty. He was none the worse for his experience.

Ladies' Auxiliary Asks for Taggers for Saturday

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion are asked to take part in the Tag Day for the Blind on Saturday, and to donate their services in the tagging. Those who are willing to take part in this worthy work are asked to contact Mrs. Hardy, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, phone 1579-J, so that she may know exactly how many taggers from the Auxiliary will work on Saturday.

Shot Duck Out of Season Man Fined \$10 and Costs

Found guilty of a charge of shooting a duck out of season, contrary to the Migratory Birds Convention Act, Robert Trollope, was fined \$10 and costs in police court here this week. The charge was laid by Game and Fisheries Overseer Phil Bourdeau.

Exchange: Rudolph Diesel, the talented inventor of the engine bearing his name, died mysteriously twenty-five years ago. The German Government of that day did its best to deprive Diesel of the fruits of his invention. When he tried to negotiate with the British Government to safeguard his patent rights, Diesel disappeared, with all his papers, at sea on a voyage between England and Germany. Ten months later, in August 1914, three thousand submarines left German ports equipped with the new Diesel engine of which the German Government had become possessed of the secret.

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Haileybury Hopes for Some Assistance

Housing Commission Problem Being Discussed at Toronto.

Haileybury, Sept. 15.—(Special to The Advance).—Members of the Haileybury Housing Commission are in Toronto today for a conference with the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, from which it is expected that an adjustment of the affairs of the local body will emerge. The meeting, at which local representatives will be Mayor S. J. Mason, Councillor L. McLaughlin and H. A. Day, chairman of the commission, was arranged following a survey of conditions made here recently by W. H. Lowther and J. M. Philip, of the provincial department.

At that time, particulars of each contract between householders under the commission and the municipality were under review by the officials, together with the present standing of the loans and the condition of the buildings. An adjustment would be offered by the Department, according to expectations here, and Mayor Mason learned at the week-end a plan had been worked out for submission to the delegates today.

Nothing had been learned regarding the terms of the government's proposal, the mayor told the town council at Tuesday's meeting of that body. The town has had to take over a number of the properties from people who have left the locality and in a number of cases the loans were not being repaid under the terms of the original contracts. Expectations now are that new contracts will be written up and possibly a reduction made in the interest rates.

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