

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Walter Greaves Again President of the Legion

Annual Election of Officers at the Timmins Branch of the Canadian Legion on Monday. Executive Elected:—T. Parsons, James Cowan, W. A. Devine, A. Neame, G. Nippers and A. Wetmore.

There was a very large attendance at the general meeting of the Canadian Legion Monday evening when the principal business was the election of officers for 1939. Ballots had been previously mailed to all members in the branch and close to 200 were returned.

In the field were W. Greaves and A. Bellamy for president, Walter Greaves getting the position by a very good majority. There were eleven for executive offices, six to be elected, the two highest taking first and second vice-president's positions. The six elected are as follows:—T. Parsons (first vice-president); James Cowan (second vice-president); W. A. Devine, A. Neame; G. Nippers; A. Wetmore.

The officers have all had several years' experience in the branch affairs, having all served long terms in various capacities in the organization. One newcomer, Al Wetmore, will be a big asset, owing to his legal knowledge.

All elected gave brief addresses pledging their continued interest in welfare of the Legion and the Timmins Branch.

Austin Neame read a very lengthy document from Dominion headquarters and action was taken by the members in respect to its contents.

It was decided to inaugurate a big drive for membership in the coming year. Membership now stands at around 250, but it was felt that this number can be materially increased, especially in view of the standing of the Canadian Legion, and its great work in securing Government support for its programme of benefitting the ex-servicemen throughout Canada.

Meeting closed with National Anthem.

Raves and Yells Like Tarzan

Alleged Drunk Throws Fit in Police Station. Calms When Doctors Decide to Use Stomach Pump.

Richard Butler was brought into the police station last night, charged with drunkenness, and from then on for several hours, officers had no peace.

Butler was in some kind of a fit apparently. He pulled his hair yelled and pounded his chest like Tarzan of the Apes. He shook the bars and pounded the walls and floor.

Two doctors were called in to have a look at him. They decided to use a stomach pump. However, as they prepared to work on him he calmed down and gave no more trouble.

Richard Middleton was arrested last night for the Sudbury police on a charge of non-support. Middleton, a cook at Archie Miner's place across the Mattagami, will be escorted back to the nickel city by Sudbury police who will come here for that purpose.

Jerry Laurin, who is wanted here on a charge of theft of a suit case and clothing, and who was arrested in North Bay by police there, has been returned here to face trial in police court at the next sitting.

Timmins H. & V. School Wins and Loses Debate

Iroquois Falls and Timmins Debate State Medicine. Timmins Wins Here but Loses at Iroquois Falls. Music and One-Act Play Featured Here.

The auditorium of the Timmins High and Vocational School was well filled on Tuesday evening with an interested audience, who were present to listen to a clear case in favour of Iroquois Falls students entitled "Resolved That We Should Have State Medicine."

Two students from Iroquois Falls were in Timmins for the evening, battling for debating honours against two Timmins students, May West and Josie Galvin. At Iroquois Falls a similar battle took place in the High School where Jack Stingle and Cora Mansfield of Timmins High School, held up honours for this end of the camp.

Presenting a clear case in favour of their argument, the Timmins students, with the affirmative, won the debate in Timmins, losing out to the opposing team at Iroquois Falls. Both teams presented an interesting argument in favour of their contention, but both teams could not win.

After the debate at the local school, Franklin MacNamara entertained the

Santa to Visit Schumacher Saturday

Patron Saint of Christmas to be Community Christmas Tree.

Santa Claus arrives in Schumacher Saturday, at 7 p.m. He will come to the big Christmas tree that has been erected near the station and from there will distribute candy to the children.

Sponsoring Mr. Claus' visit to that town is the Lions Club. His stock will be provided by that organization. All the children of the town are welcome and are urged to be there to greet the whimsy old fellow and partake of this hospitality.

Evening Classes at the High and Vocational School

Opportunity is offered for night study in any of the subjects now taken up at the Timmins High and Vocational School. The evening classes will start next year and in the meantime any interested in any of the subjects on the High and Vocational School are asked to leave their names, addresses, and the subject or subjects in which they are interested. This information should be left with Mr. J. M. Belanger, secretary of the High and Vocational School Board, 14½ Pine St. S., on or before December 28th.

Made Mercy Flight Despite Bad Storm

Sick Indian Woman Brought from Quebec to Haileybury.

Haileybury, Dec. 21. — Speeding through a blinding snowstorm, Pilot Doug McDonald of Austin Airways Tuesday afternoon landed here with a sick Indian woman whom he brought out of the rugged bush country of Northern Quebec for much-needed hospital care.

The ace pilot was accompanied on the trip in and out of the interior by Dr. W. C. Arnold and Miss Poliquin, nurse at Misericordia hospital where the Indian woman is now resting comfortably. She gave her name as "Mrs. Jawbone."

The round trip was made in four and a half hours, but on the return journey the pilot was forced to land at Gillies airport, seven miles south-west of here, because Lake Temiskaming was not frozen. McDonald had an uneventful trip into the country at the headwaters of the Kipawa River, Quebec.

The Indian woman is reported to be suffering from heart trouble, but her condition is not believed serious. Had she not obtained hospital care and medical attention, her plight would have become critical it was said.

De Santis Buys 150 Ton Mill

Will Begin Installation of Mill Purchased From Shawkey, Immediately After New Year.

De Santis Porcupine Mines Limited will begin the erection of a one hundred and fifty ton mill immediately after the new year. The transfer of machinery to the De Santis property, three and a half miles from Timmins, in Ogden township, has not begun yet, but soon will be started.

De Santis bought the mill from the Shawkey Gold Mining Company. Whether or not the Shawkey intends to replace the mill sold to De Santis with another of the same size or a larger one is not known.

De Santis will issue a statement to shareholders in the near future with regard to the purchase and installation of the new mill.

Chimney Fire a Day Keep Firemen Busy

Three Calls Received, All for Chimney Fires. No Damage in Any One of Them.

There were only three fire calls since Monday and all of them were for chimney fires. No damage was caused in any one of them.

On Monday a call was received from 121 Cedar St. N. Tuesday's call came from 209 Balsam St. N., and on Wednesday a telephone call was received from 113½ Pine St. S.

Injured Miner Sent To Specialist Today

L. Krall, Who Fractured Skull in Hollinger When He Fell From Ladder, Goes to Toronto Today.

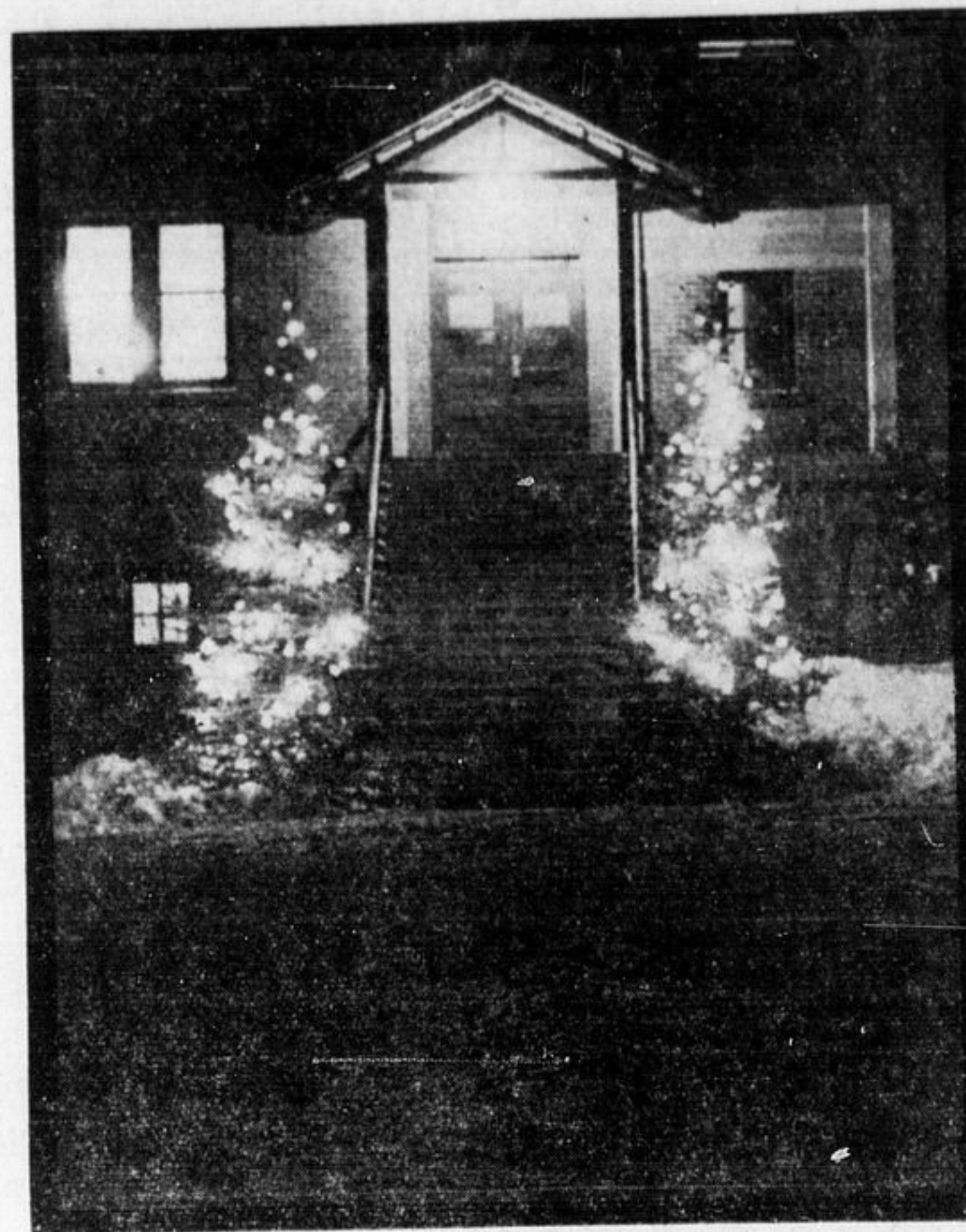
L. Krall, who has been in St. Mary's Hospital with a fractured skull since an accident which occurred at the Hollinger on Wednesday, November 30, will be sent to Toronto today, where he will be examined by a specialist.

The accident occurred at 8:15 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Krall was working over a mill hole on a ladder. The ladder overbalanced and he was thrown into the hole. He fell a distance of thirty-four feet and struck several projections on the way down. Injury was caused when his head struck the timbers at the bottom.

He was immediately brought to the hospital here where examination revealed a fractured skull. Since that time he has been in a very serious condition. On Tuesday night his condition grew worse and one side of his body became paralyzed. Consequently it was deemed wise to send him to Toronto.

Mr. Joe Sloan, manager of the S. D. Eplett & Sons, Timmins, is leaving on a two months' vacation on Friday (tomorrow). He will visit Toronto, and spend the Christmas and New Year's holiday at his home in Tottenham. Early in January, he will sail from Halifax for Bermuda and Jamaica.

CHRISTMAS AT THE BIG MINE



The Christmas spirit of friendliness and generosity is very evident at the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines. The new Savings Plan whereby the Hollinger adds two dollars to every three contributed by the men and gives an additional \$250 of free life insurance to all on any of the saving plans may be mentioned. The outside of the office is bright with Christmas decorations. The picture gives a night view of the entrance.

Allege Tony Salvador Hit Lady with Hammer

Charged With Striking Mrs. Mary Bunce Glancing Blow on Head With Hammer. Was Released Yesterday on Bail. Jerry Keeley Charged With Wilful Damage. Convicted and Fined.

Tony Salvador was released on bail of \$500 cash and \$1,000 property on Wednesday morning after Magistrate Atkinson remanded the hearing of a charge of assault against him. Salvador is alleged to have hit Mrs. Mary Bunce over the head with a hammer.

The alleged assault occasioning bodily harm occurred at 118 Cedar St. S. at 7:50 o'clock on Wednesday morning. The assailant, it will be charged in police court on Tuesday next, struck Mrs. Bunce a glancing blow which opened the side of her head. Had the blow struck fairly it would have killed or badly injured the woman.

The two constables who were called to the scene administered first aid to the woman. Later, she received medical attention.

Jerry Keeley was charged in police court on Wednesday with wilful damage to the home of William Moore, 156 Commercial Avenue.

Keeley, who was allegedly under the influence of liquor, is believed to have smashed the front door of Mr. Moore's house and broken a lamp on the inside.

Magistrate Atkinson imposed a fine of \$10 and costs and also decreed that Keeley pay damages of \$10 to Mr. Moore. The case was heard on Wednesday morning before the Magistrate left Timmins.

A police officer was sent to North Bay on Wednesday to escort Harry

Laurin back to Timmins, where he is wanted on a charge of the theft of a suit case full of clothing from a private citizen. Laurin was arrested in North Bay. He will appear in court here on Tuesday.

Fair and Cold for Christmas

Yesterday Was the Shortest Day of the Year and Also the First Day of Winter. Lowest Temperature Last Week was Two Below.

Weather over Christmas will be fair and cold, the weatherman said this morning. A little more snow may be expected. Today will be cold.

Yesterday, Dec. 21, was the shortest day of the year. It was also the first day of winter—officially that is.

Maximum temperature on Monday was 21 degrees, minimum, two below zero. Tuesday, 27 and 2 above. Wednesday, 15 and 13. Last night's minimum was zero, and at 8 this morning the temperature was zero.

Snow fell from 12:15 midnight on Tuesday until 6:30 o'clock on the morning of the same day to a depth of three inches. On Tuesday and Wednesday snow fell to the depth of a quarter of an inch.

NEXT MEETING OF TIMMINS KIWANIS CLUB ON TUESDAY

The next weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club will be held on Tuesday of next week, Dec. 29th. While the regular meeting date is Monday, the meeting next week will be held on Tuesday, Monday being a statutory holiday. The meeting on Tuesday will be the annual Father and Son banquet.

To Hold Christmas Party at High School

Graduates of 1937 and 1938 Invited to Event.

1937 and 1938 graduates of the Timmins High and Vocational School are invited to Christmas party to be held in the auditorium of the Timmins High and Vocational School on Wednesday, December 28, by the upper school students of the school.

Many delightful plans have been made for the event, and it is expected that this will be another successful high school party. Guy Sauve and his orchestra will be present to supply the music.

Figure Skating Coach Begins Duties Jan. 3

Miss Margaret Austin, Professional, Will Teach Adults and Children Figure Skating in New McIntyre Arena. Will be Here Till April 1st. Engaged by Wire From R. J. Ennis.

Monday, Tuesday Holidays

As Christmas Falls on Sunday Two Following Days Proclaimed Civic Holidays.

As Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year the two following days, Monday and Tuesday, have been proclaimed civic holidays by Mayor J. P. Bartleman. Monday is the official celebration of Christmas and Tuesday is Boxing Day.

It was not known until yesterday whether or not Tuesday would be a holiday. The matter was discussed at a recent meeting of council, and at that time, the Mayor and Council were willing to proclaim the day a holiday but did not want to do so unless the merchants wished it.

Apparently the merchants signified their desire for a holiday in sufficient numbers to warrant the proclamation. All places of business are requested to remain closed on these two days.

Next Issue of The Advance Thursday

Owing to Monday being a holiday, and to allow staffs to enjoy the Christmas holiday, The Advance, following the usual custom, will not issue on Monday. The next issue of The Advance will be on Thursday next, Dec. 29th.

Santa Arrives To-Night For Firemen's Kiddies

Santa Claus will visit the children of members of the Fire Department to-night. The room at the back of the hall is being decorated to-day in preparation for the old gentleman's visit. He will, of course, wear the conventional red suit and long white beard.

Santa will distribute candy and ice cream, and in addition will show several films on a talking moving picture projector. One of the films will show and relate the adventures of the famous "Casey Jones." Others will be comical or musical.

If the fates are kind firemen will be able to stay and see the pictures. If they are not someone in town will let his stove overheat and they will be forced to apply the axiom, "Business before pleasure."

Student Nurses Hold First Christmas Party

Large Christmas Tree Beautifully Decorated in Auditorium of St. Mary's Hospital Nurses' Residence. Music and Other Features Add to the Interest and Pleasure.

A large Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with tinsel, glittering snow, lights, and a bright golden star at the top by the student nurses of St. Mary's Hospital for their annual Christmas party, held in the auditorium and living room of the residence on Tuesday evening. This is the first party held by the student nurses in the new residence, and was an enjoyable event that suitably marked the first Christmas in the spacious new building.

Miss Myra Heinonen, and the glee club, were in charge of the event, which was planned to please every member of the nursing class.

During the evening, the student nurses presented a dialogue, telling the story of an old couple reminiscing on years gone by. The entire group joined in singing Christmas carols, and the evening was altogether in keeping with the Christmas spirit.

When the student nurses entered the living room, Santa Claus distributed a gift to each one, and later those present exchanged gifts, a custom of the annual Christmas party.

Miss Myra Heinonen had arranged a special surprise for the event, bringing a group of musicians to play Christmas music. They played Spanish and Hawaiian guitars, and were a group from the Finnish United Church—Misses Esther Leiman, Elli Heinonen, Elma Nykanen, and Messrs. Toivo Kallio and Heige Hongisto.

Miss Margaret Austin, who learned to skate with the Toronto Skating Club and who now is a famous professional, has been engaged by the officials of the new McIntyre Community Building and arena to teach figure skating. Miss Austin will bring her duties here on January 3 and continue through until April 1.

Miss Austin has been engaged to give lessons in figure skating, and to teach classes of children on Saturday. Every employee of the mine who wishes to learn figure skating will have the opportunity to do so.

Having taken part in twelve of the Toronto Skating Club's carnivals since 1924, Miss Austin is well qualified to teach. She turned professional with Maribel Vinson's "Gay Blades" last year and after it broke up joined its successor, The International Ice Revue. She then skated at the International Casino, on Broadway, New York, for four and a half months, finishing in September of this year.

For the past six weeks Miss Austin has been coaching figure skating at the University of Toronto club.

Appointment as teacher here was confirmed recently by a wire from R. J. Ennis, general manager of the McIntyre. Preliminary arrangements for the appointment were made by long distance telephone with W. G. Reburn, father of Stewart Reburn, Sonja Henle's skating partner. Mr. Reburn was one of the troupe of skaters who entertained Northerners here recently in the "Northern Lights of 1939" presented at the new McIntyre Arena.

Christmas Tree of Daughters England

About sixty children gathered at the Hollinger Recreation hall on Wednesday evening, to meet Santa Claus and to enjoy a merry evening beside the large Christmas tree that had been decorated for the occasion. The event was conducted by the Daughters of England, and those present were the children of the members.

Supper was served at 5:30 o'clock in the beautifully decorated hall, at tables sparkling with Christmas tinsel and other decoration, and later the children played games, and a short programme was presented. Santa Claus visited the merry group at 7 o'clock, distributing a gift to each, as well as candy and fruit. Smiling and being their best, the children all made friends with the old gentleman, and were sorry when he had to leave them.

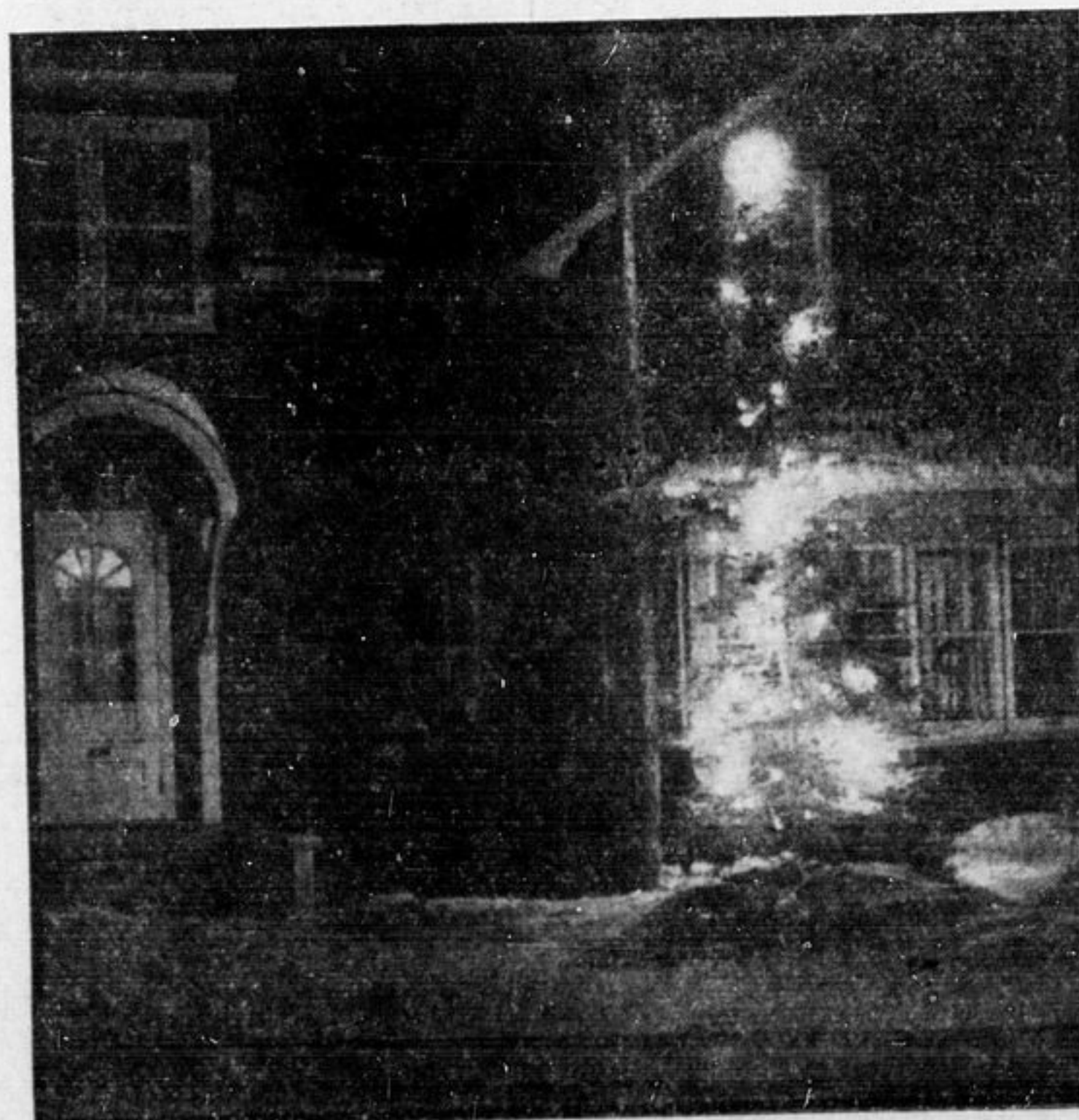
Every member of the Daughters of England took part in the event, and it is due to their willing work that the event was a memorable success.

Answer to Message Placed in Sea by Boy

Bottle Dropped Off the Coast of Ireland Picked Up Off Anticosti.

When he was coming out with his mother last July to join his father in Timmins, W. Gordon, young son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon, of First Avenue, Timmins, was particularly anxious to drop a bottle in the sea to find if it would be picked up and answer sent him. The lad dropped the bottle off the coast of Ireland, with the message: "Whoever picks this bottle up, please write to W. Gordon, care of Mrs. J. Brough, 30½ First Avenue, Timmins, Ontario Canada." That was on July 11th, 1938. This week the lad received an answer from Anticosti, the bottle crossing the ocean. The answer was from Madam William Noel, Anseaux Fraise, Port Muelier, Anticosti. The letter was in French and said the bottle was picked up on Dec. 8th by a little girl seven years old. Master Gordon, who is proud to have been born in Scotland, dropped the bottle message from the Donaldson Atlantic liner S.S. Ashania.

BRIGHTLY LIGHTED TREES POPULAR



Christmas trees in front of the home are very popular in town and district. Their decorated and brightly illuminated branches adding to the charm of season. Above is a night picture of a home on Tuke Street with the Christmas tree in front.