

Porcupine Branch No. 287 Canadian Legion B.E.S.L.

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They also extend to the people of the district a wish for a
**Very Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Prosperous New Year**

T. WILSON, President

South Porcupine, Dec. 19th, 1938.

Community Christmas Tree at So. Porcupine

Curling Season at South Porcupine Opens Officially on Monday. Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Buchan. Other News of South Porcupine and the Dome.

South Porcupine, Dec. 20.—(Special to The Advance)—Mr. Harry Verner arrived home on Saturday from Toronto to University to spend the holiday with his parents.

Mrs. H. Bellisle and daughter, Pat, with Pat O'Shea are spending the Christmas holiday in Wilmington, Delaware, motoring down last Sunday.

Messrs Knowles and Keene, mining men, left on Tuesday for New York.

Mr. H. R. M. Turner came in on Monday from Coa to spend Christmas in South Porcupine.

Miss Mary Brown leaves on Thursday to spend the holiday with her parents in Duparquet.

Mr. Cecil Fowle leaves on Thursday to spend the holiday season in Toronto.

The curling season opens officially on Monday at 2 p.m. when the members are starting off with a bonspiel among themselves. Ice has been difficult to make in this mild weather and has held up curling somewhat this season.

Many friends of the family in the North will be interested in the following clipping from the Guelph Mercury: "Mr. and Mrs. William E. Buchan, of Guelph, who yesterday (Dec. 13th) celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, have been honoured by a message of congratulation from their Excellencies, Lord Tweedsmuir and the Lady Tweedsmuir. Lord Tweedsmuir is John Buchan. The letter follows:— "I am desirous by their Excellencies to extend to you and Mrs. Buchan their congratulations on the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of your wedding." "Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Buchan (the latter is a sister of Donald Frood, of South Porcupine, and parents of Kenneth Buchan, of Kapuskasing, well-known in Northern hockey circles) are today celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. In their honor their daughter, Mrs. R. R. Miller, is entertaining at a reception both afternoon and evening in her home on the London Road. Mr. and Mrs. Buchan were married on Dec. 13th, 1888, in Renfrew by the Rev. Dr. Campbell. Mrs. Buchan was before her marriage Miss Frood, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Frood, of Renfrew. Mr. Buchan is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Buchan, of Arnprior. Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Buchan have lived in Mattawa, Haliburton, Sudbury, North Bay, Cochrane, Hearst, and for the past four years in Guelph. They have been members of Knox Presbyterian Church since coming to Guelph. Mr. Buchan who opened the office work in connection with the Northern Development branch of the Ontario Government has been relieved since making his home in Guelph. His favourite pastime is curling in which he still takes an active delight. They have two children, Mrs. R. R. Miller, of Guelph, and Mr. Kenneth Buchan, of Kapuskasing. There are seven grandchildren. Mr. Buchan has two sisters, Mrs. George Rudlen, of Smith's Falls, and Miss Amy Buchan, of the same place, while Mrs. Buchan has two

sisters, Mrs. George A. Blair, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and Mrs. David Cadieu, of Ottawa, and a brother, Mr. Donald Frood, of South Porcupine."

Miss Beulah Rayner had the misfortune to twist her knee and ankle while out skating on Sunday with the Log Cabin Club. Medical attention was necessary and a cast must be worn for a week or two. A pleasing sequel followed on Monday night. A knitting club of which Miss Rayner is a member was slated for a party at Mrs. Ken Myers on Rae avenue, but as Beulah could not attend they brought down the party with all the "fixings" to share with her. A lovely evening followed. Bingo was played at which Mrs. Rosebrugh won a special prize, and a delicious lunch was served.

Santa Claus is coming to town! He will be in person at the Community Christmas Tree opposite the council chambers on Friday night at 6.30. The Fire Brigade will welcome him and probably show him the town on the truck, and help him to distribute bags of candy to all the children in the town who are there to receive them. The tree has been lighted up all week and looks very pretty with the coloured lights shining through the snow covered bough. And the stores are looking very festive too. Christmas trees are featured strongly as decorative touches.

Miss Peconelle and Miss Beatrice Maxwell-Smith, of Toronto, are expected in on Saturday to spend the Christmas week with their parents.

Jimmy Phillips, of Dome Extension, was removed to the Porcupine General hospital on Tuesday.

It may be of interest to some to know that Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Watson, of Port Hope, (Mrs. Watson was Eva McCann), who are old South Porcupine folks, sailed for England on Friday last to spend Christmas with Mr. Watson's people in Nottinghamshire. This is his first visit home after eighteen years.

Police Court
Tuesday's police court was a short one and was over in less than twenty minutes.

One drunk pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs, but another, arrested on December 10th in Schumacher on the same charge pleaded "not guilty."

Sergeant Douglas testified that defendant was found alongside the car which housed the skaters from Toronto, being held up by two men, quite drunk, and was taken to the police office. "What do you call being drunk?" defendant asked Sgt. Douglas.

"Having had too much liquor" replied the sergeant.

"Do you know what the dictionary says being drunk is?" queried the defendant again.

"You are not being tried by dictionaries," said his worship.

Defendant pulled out a piece of paper from his pocket and quoted a verse to his worship which said that if a man could get up and walk he was not drunk, but was only drunk when he fell underneath the table, unable to rise.

"Do you know what year that was written?" said his worship. "These are

Entertainment at South Porcupine Public School

Pupils of Different Grades Give Concert that Delights Parents and Others. Some Excellent Numbers. Other News Items from South Porcupine and the Dome.

South Porcupine, Dec. 21.—(Special to The Advance)—The true spirit of Christmas pervaded our public school on Tuesday. As a matter of fact, after going over the different classrooms we believe that this same spirit has been hovering over the building for weeks. Which is, of course, as it should be. So many Christmas memories have to be placed in each young life, and it is a lovely thing to think that our public school teachers do so much towards making them happy ones.

Work there is in plenty, and the whole staff are dead tired when the time comes for them to enjoy their own Christmas, but theirs is a labour of love, and we hear no complaints.

This year, owing to the new addition to the school having an auditorium, the Christmas entertainers was given there. In previous years mothers went to the classrooms where each teacher gave a different programme, but the auditorium was packed on Tuesday to hear and see groups from each grade take part in a very splendid entertainment.

Programmes of artistic merit—(printed by H. Seppala, Grade 8)—were given out and the concert opened with 1. orchestra selection (Miss Burns Music Supervisor); 2. School Chorus "Joy to the World"; and "O Come All Ye Faithful," with the solo part taken very nicely by Rita Costello; before Miss Shaw, principal, gave an address of welcome.

"This is the first time in 23 years I have been able to meet so many parents and friends all together," she said. She reminisced, going back to the first time she came to South Porcupine to teach in a one-room school at the Dome to the building where, with Mrs. Colborne (one of the best-beloved of teachers) she held the fort, and endured the hardships of Northern Ontario.

It would, she said, be foolish of her to say she enjoyed them, but, "the good outweighs the bad, and the bad was good for me." From the two-room building she went to the modern 8-room schoolhouse—"Kenedy's monument"—and a very fine monument to those two—Mr. Fell and Mrs. Kennedy—who made it possible. She alluded further to the new addition speaking of Mr. Stovel's interest and the time given by him to the new building and the joy and pride of the staff and pupils in it. In conclusion she said a wonderful tribute to her staff of teachers, "earnest and capable and as fine a set as any in the North Country," was her comment.

We cannot go into each item as it deserves as the programme was quite a long one, and even at that some of the kindergarten and kindergarten primary numbers had been given in the morning before the mothers (in number around 200) to shorten the afternoon entertainment, but each item given was well done, the youngsters entering into the spirit of the concert, giving their best, and feeling dressed-up and smart in their best frocks and fancy costumes.

The Rhythm Band—red capes and red and gold pill-box hats—composed of kindergarten primary pupils—showed how a sense of musical appreciation and rhythm can be expressed by quite small children.

Six young girls (Grade 1) with Victorian dresses in yellow, blue and pink, with parasols to match, did the "Parasol Drill."

"Rhythms on Circle," "Three Little Kittens," "Home We Go," and "Come Out and Play"—were performed by kindergarten primary pupils.

"As I Went Walking" was a little costume play and song—very pretty, and mothers had done some wonderful work on the dresses of the geese, and the robins, the dogs and the bees, to say nothing of the "piper!"

"The Merry Dances," with Darwin Aitken as soloist, went off well. Darwin can sing very nicely and his Irish "topper" was quite smart.

The second part of the programme featured the older pupils. A debate was excellently performed; the boys who took part were on their toes mentally and all gave signs of being good public speakers later on.

The subject: "Resolved that the city depends upon the country more than the country depends upon the city," was suited to the capacity of the young debaters. Chairman Stewart McDonald; leader of the affirmative, Paul LaMother; second speaker in the affirmative, Douglas Farren; leader of the negative, Ray Laforest; second speaker of the negative, Leonard Harper; all were good.

Judges, Mr. J. Fell, Mr. C. P. Walker, and Rev. J. A. Lytle, acknowledged that they had a tough time deciding the winner, but Mr. Lytle who gave

different times, \$10 and costs.

A Finn who required an interpreter charged that he was owed 18 days' pay from a contractor at Hoyle. He had worked cutting a road and cleaning up where a sawmill had stood. It was proved that the man was charging the wrong employer and was told to wait a week when the affair might be straightened out. He does not need to come back next week if he can get his money from the right man. "I'll be in better fighting mood next week," said his worship. "After indigestion from Christmas fare."

A juvenile case was heard—the youth in question promising the magistrate that he would refrain from playing "hokey" and report to the Children's Aid superintendent weekly.

the decision later complimented them impartially and gave the affirmative the laurels.

The boys were coached by Mr. Skip. A Military Schottische by girls of Grade 7 (Miss Wanless) was beautifully done in costume.

A dialogue "Criss-Cross" featuring a dog, a cat, a messenger and two old ladies (Marilyn Cliff and Joan Ferguson) was one of the high-lights of the afternoon. Clearly given, a nice little moral, and some excellent acting (especially between the cat and dog!).

"Christmas Bells," was very nicely sung by Teena Yorkie.

Some excellent gymnastic work—pyramids by Grades 7 and 8, and tumbling by Grades 4, 5 and 6, under Mr. Simpson's instructions—was shown. Helen Andersen gave a recitation, "Christmas Carol," excellently; and Norine White in a recitation, song and dance, captivated all hearts.

Another very pretty dance—Minuet and Swedish Clap Dance—was applauded heartily, a special clap being given to the small pianist, Phyllis Cahill, (under Miss Paulini).

"Tantoli," with girls of Grade 8 dancing, was another very pretty number.

Miss Burns conducted the school chorus which finished with "The First Noel," with the solo part taken by Nanette Christie, and "Silent Night."

After the concert, pupil leaders conducted the visitors through the various rooms where we were particularly struck with the excellence of the portrayal of the Christmas Story on several sand-trays, and the really beautiful effects and colouring in the friezes or murals done by the children on the walls of the classrooms where the older children are taught.

In each room the new curriculum is

showing its effect.

The Young Men's Club is holding a bingo party in the Masonic hall on Thursday of this week, starting at 9 p.m. The turkey draw is planned for later in the evening.

At the United Church on Sunday afternoon a special programme featuring the Dome Sunday School was presented. The white gifts around 100 in number were piled on a table and are to be distributed in town by committees formed of Dome and Town Sunday School members in co-operation with the Y.P.S. The programme comprised a piano solo by Lynn Beard, a series of carols, and a duet by Maureen Thomas and Edna Tipp.

In the evening a special choral service was held, the choir, singing carols and rendering an anthem, "Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem," with Mrs. Stanlake as soloist.

Miss Kathleen Hale, of Timmins, also sang "A Christmas Lullaby," and a trio with Messrs Kelly, Truslood, and Smythe sang "We Three Kings of Orient Are." For Christmas Day the services in the United Church will be the usual Sunday services, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; in the afternoon at 2.30 an open session of the Sunday School conducted by Mr. D. Crozier.

And at Golden City a special Christmas service at 2.30 p.m. in the Township building, will be held by the Rev. J. A. Lytle.

The Anglican Sunday School (combined with Dome) held a "white gift" service in the church on Sunday. A number of gifts were placed in a special receptacle and are now speeding on their way to brighten Christmas-tide for the Indian children at Sioux Lookout Residential school, and the children of poor settlers round Hannah and Cochrane. Some gifts were received from the Rover Scouts to be included. After the service the children (about 100 in number) repaired to the parish hall where a large decorated Christmas tree greeted them. A lunch was served and each child received a gift from the tree.

Christmas services in the Anglican Church will be held by Archdeacon Woodall at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and a Carol service at 7 p.m.

Christmas Events at the Dome and So. Porcupine

Dome United Church Sunday School Christmas Concert. Pleasing Concert at the Dome School Yesterday. United Church Christmas Concert Last Night. Other South Porcupine and Dome News.

South Porcupine, Dec. 21.—(Special to The Advance)—We hear that all the teachers at the Residence are leaving on Thursday for their respective homes for the Christmas holidays. Miss Shaw will spend the season in Kirkland Lake. To all we extend heartfelt wishes for a well-earned and happy Christmas.

There is to be a dance on Monday (Boxing Day) at the Central hotel, sponsored by the Loyal Order of the Moose. It will be an especially nice affair with St. Louis' orchestra in attendance, and special prizes.

Dome Sunday School Event

The Dome United Church Sunday School presented a Christmas concert program at the school house at the Dome on Tuesday night to an audience of parents and friends. Everything went off nicely and each pupil received hearty applause. Mrs. Burton was in charge of the programme and was delighted at the reception given each item.

The programme follows:
John Tankie gave an address of welcome and T. E. D. Raymer acted as chairman.

Gladys Kellow, who is quite a good little pianist, gave a pianoforte solo, before 11 small girls all dressed for the part and coached by Mrs. Langley, put on a "White Star" drill. The girls who were stars were Lydia Tankie, Lilybel Kellow, Myrtle McGuinn, Helen Blackburn, Helen Rickward, Esther Collins, Jean Williams, Barbara Raymer, Wilma Mawhinney, Patsy Mawhinney.

A little play, well put on and nicely acted called "Helping Santa Claus," had in the cast, Maureen Thomas, Bobby Doran (Evolution Agent); Jimmy Jamieson (Rich Miser); F. McDonald, Margaret Foster, Doris Kellow, D. Andrews, J. McDonald and Winnie Williams.

Lynn Beard played a piano solo very nicely.

A recreation followed, called "Father Christmas," by Roy Keates. Dickie Williams recited; Peter Douglas gave "Grandfather's Stocking"; Jacqueline Longworth and J. Kellow gave a dialogue and sang "Santa Claus Comes to Town."

Five small boys—Ian Lightbody, Billy Andrews, Billy Longworth, Jimmy Hall, Billy Beard, gave "A Child's Song of Christmas," and the programme concluded with "Shine Stars of December"—the stars being Lois Countryman, June Allen, Lynn Beard, Edna Tripp, Maureen Thomas, Irene Libby, Gladys Kellow and Doris Kellow.

The usual distribution of gifts from Santa Claus followed.

Dome School Concert

A special invitation took us to the Dome school this afternoon to see the closing Christmas exercises of the pupils of Miss Lynch and her staff of teachers.

The largest classroom was requisitioned for the purpose of the concert but it was hardly large enough for the Dome parents and friends who turned out en masse to the school.

This school is such a friendly place and always reminds us that it houses one big family. We spent a very happy time watching the children and would like to mention here that the very sweet little operetta put on by all the pupils was so well done and the costumes so beautifully made that we would like to mention here that the town where others might enjoy it too. Miss Burns was responsible for the musical part of the operetta, and there were some very useful and musical numbers in the play, and the teachers trained the actors and co-operated with the mothers who did some wonderful work on the colorful and dainty costumes.

A most artistic programme was handed to us, and before the operetta, which was the grand finale, we heard both Junior and Senior choruses sing carols very sweetly.

An exhibition of physical training (under Mr. Rath) Swedish drill without music and tumbling and acrobatics was splendidly performed. The boys were smart, precise and gave evidence of very careful training. They were a pleasure to watch.

A Rhythm Band, and junior games, to say nothing of a most realistic Indian drill—Indians in real blankets, with a tepee and a fire and a pipe of peace—filled the bill before the musical play which was called "The Magic Ring."

The play was based on the "Sleeping Beauty" who was only awakened by the Magic Ring wrested from the wicked witch by Prince Charming.

The dancing of the tiny girls was delightful and the whole play a credit to the school. We most certainly hope to see it again in South Porcupine, possibly in the auditorium of the public school and at an early date.

We cannot name outstanding pupils; each did their part well. If any special praise should be given we would award it to both King and Queen, whose acting was above the average. The following is the cast:
Princess Rosemary—Gladys Kellow.

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Witch of Enver—Patricia Macarton, Wandering Minstrel—Douglas Letterman.

Fairy Queen—Mona Richardson, Fairies—June Allen, Pauline Burke, Phyllis Letterman.

Herald—Ben Curtis.

Ladies in Waiting—Florence Connolly, Bella McDonald, Irene Libby, Germaine Raymond, Lynn Beard, Eleanor Burke.

Butterflies—Claire Campagna.

Imps—Myrtle McGuinn, Betty Hocking, Peter Douglas, Arthur Stanlake, Arthur Edwards, David Williams.

Maidens—Jean Williams, Wilma Mawhinney.

Court Dancers—George McDonnell, Jimmy Hall, Ken Mitchell, Virginia James, Margaret Cole, Margalene Smith.

Bakers—J. Jay, J. Mitchell, Richard Barnes, E. Stanlake.

Page—Victor Tuite.

Guests—Mildred Mitchell, Thora Webb.

United Church Christmas Concert

On Wednesday evening the children of the United Church Sunday School held their annual Christmas concert.

Mr. Crozier was chairman and paid tribute to the teachers, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Hovey, Miss McDonald, Mrs. Mayes, with Mr. Ship, who give of their time unselfishly both in Sunday School, and in helping with the Christmas concert. Other helpers are needed.

A nice little programme was presented. Some very good singing, and a well-acted little play, and a Christmas Story Book pageant to finish with. The church was filled to overflowing and as usual, the tiny children were thrilled with the appearance of their bigger sisters and brothers on the platform, and Santa Claus was most popular when he made his appearance as the grand finale.

Once more we would compliment the mothers of our children for their ingenuity and painstaking work in equipping their offspring with such excellent costumes.

Little angels in tinsel and white crepe paper take a long time to produce and all the little folk in the Story Book parade were charmingly garbed to represent story book characters. We know it is a labour of love.

but Christmas-time is a very busy time for mothers. However, it is the Children's Festival and as long as children enjoy it, unselfish mothers will go on working to that end!

The programme opened with the carol, "O Come All Ye Faithful," and Mr. Lytle in an opening address welcomed the visitors.

Wendy Wood recited "The Snow Man," and Bobby McIntosh and James Lytle sang a duet.

Mrs. Hovey's class gave a drill, and Viola Laffin sang in a very sweet and clear voice, "Christmas Time is Near."

A little play, "A White Christmas," was well put on. The moral was a good one and the purpose of the play will no doubt stay with the players. It dealt with the brotherhood of all men of the Christian faith irrespective of color. Chinese were portrayed by Helen Haneberry and Audrey Jamieson. Jean Andrews was "Carolynn," a modern young miss, "Bob" was Hazel Steeves, a modern young man, "Father" was Betty McIntosh; "Mother," Edna MacDonald; "Mrs. Craig," Evelyn Mitchell; "Small One," Isobel Hepburn; and "Junkie," Marjorie Ewing.

Junior primary class (Mrs. McDonald) danced "The Dance of the Snowflakes" very prettily.

The Christmas Story Hour pageant was very nicely done and included most of the children of the Sunday School.

When Santa Claus came bags of candy were distributed to each child.

Sudbury Hotel to Give Free Christmas Dinners

(From Sudbury Star)

A sign in the window of a Station St. hotel in Sudbury, proves there is a Santa Claus. Not as a publicity gag, but as a real Christmas good deed, the hotel offers a free, full-course turkey dinner on Christmas day to every guest registered in either a 50-cent or \$1 room on Christmas eve.

The management, although shunning publicity following the posting of the sign, admitted that it loses money Christmas for men whose "luck is out," and who are possibly just "existing" in Sudbury. The hotel caters mainly to bush workers, miners and transients.

"For 50 cents they can get bed and room, the night before Christmas, and then on Christmas day the treat is on the house. Each one can have a big turkey dinner, with all the trimmings and everything free," the management reported.

"The Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was published first in 1843.

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