

So. Porcupine, Dome and Surrounding District News

Stork Skipped South Porcupine till Jan. 3rd

Many Visitors to South Porcupine During New Year's Week. South Porcupine Takes High Honour in Fire Prevention Standing. Accidents at District Mines. Other South Porcupine and Dome News.

South Porcupine, Jan. 4.—(Special to The Advance)—A happy new year to old friends and new ones! Before starting 1939's first column may we say "Thank You" for your co-operation in making the South Porcupine page in The Advance a record of the town's "doings." Your correspondent appreciates the many kindnesses shown during 1938 and values much the expression used concerning this column by an acquaintance recently. It was called a "friendly page." We hope to keep it so and make more friends in the coming year.

New Year celebrations were many and quiet. A watchnight service was held in the Anglican Church on New Year's Eve, and fairly well attended. Several homes kept "open house" and friends went as usual from one to another, giving "first footings" and complimentary greetings.

Our old friend the stork must have been celebrating the New Year too, for he completely forgot South Porcupine on New Year's Day. Flying north he stopped at Drinkwater Pit on Monday, Jan. 2nd, and left a baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Roehon. His first appearance in South Porcupine was made at 10 p.m. last night (Tuesday, Jan. 3rd) when the first New Year's baby was left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Selze, at 62 Railroad St. South Porcupine's first 1939 baby is a lovely 10 and a half pound boy, and Dr. Wm. McLaren, with Nurse O'Donnell assisted the stork. We offer congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Selze on having the distinction of being the parents of the first 1939 baby.

Children from schools and universities for the Christmas season, and guests and visitors have nearly all gone back to resume work and study. On Monday evening while waiting for the Northland to pull in (it was one and a half hours late) we noticed the Misses Mary and Betty Gallagher (returning to Osgoode Hall and Toronto University); Bob Gallagher (back to Kirkland Lake); Josephine Cecconi (back to Toronto University); Viena Kautto (to Toronto Conservatory of Music); Harold Gauthier (of Timmins returning to Kinston R.M.C.); Miss Dora Slonick (to Kirkland Lake); Miss Verne Laforest (to Toronto); and Miss P. Maxwell-Smith (to Toronto).

Mr. and Miss McNeil, of Mimico, left on Monday for home after spending the Christmas season with Dr. and Mrs. J. Kinsman and family at the Dome. Raymond McCann was spending a week with his father and sisters on Crawford St. and left on Sunday again for Port Hope. Mrs. E. J. Rapsey spent the New Year week-end in Mattawa visiting her father. Mrs. C. Lamothe was the guest of her mother in Kippewa over the week-end. An accident occurred at the Preston East Dome early today (Wednesday) when Chester Tierney, of Timmins, employed by the Canadian Constock Construction Company fell 30 feet, suffering severe injuries to his back. He was taken to the Porcupine General Hospital where every indication is given of complete recovery.

Another accident occurred at the Pamour Mine on the last day of the old year, when Frank Lewis (of Saskatchewan), who is employed in the mill, while investigating a conveyor belt had his hand caught in the pulley and was thrown over and down the belt. He is in Porcupine hospital making good recovery after having suffered a broken leg, a fracture of the thigh, an injured knee, injury to vertebrae and severe shock.

Two small people at the Dome Mines gave a lovely dinner party last Friday evening to twenty-two of their friends. Jacqueline and Billy Longworth were host and hostess to eleven boys and eleven girls all under eleven years. The guests were entertained at dinner, and afterwards played organized games, assisted by the parents of the small hosts. Prizes were given to winners of the different games and were won by Barbara Hepburn, Lilybelle Kellow, Dor-

lan Tripp, Ian Lightbody, Freda Hepburn and Jeanette Kellow. All voted it a lovely holiday party and had a glorious time. Mr. and Mrs. Stan Gardiner spent the holiday season in Cochrans. Mrs. A. Stanlake, of Dome Extension, left last week for Toronto, taking her small son, Ewan, who will receive medical attention to his eye from a specialist while there.

The ladies of the Rebekah Lodge spent a pleasant evening last Friday at the home of Mrs. Varker, one of their members, who, assisted by Miss L. Niemi, and Mrs. Acton as joint hostesses entertained them at a social evening and whist party. Prizes were won by Mrs. Varker and Mrs. Wm. Thomas. Miss Iris Webb, of Dome Extension, is spending the week in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Thomas, of Rae Ave., spent the Christmas holiday at the McDowell home in Ansonville.

Mrs. J. Lang, of Kirkland Lake, spent the New Year with friends in town. A council meeting was held on Tuesday evening with Councillor Helmer acting as Reeve. Routine business (passing of wage and salary accounts) was gone through and Councillor Cayvanagh, speaking for the Councillors, expressed his gratitude for the co-operation given by Councillor Starling during 1938, who is retiring after this meeting. No further business was conducted. Friday, the 13th is a date not easily forgotten. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Porcupine General Hospital are tempting fate and intend to hold a tea in aid of their funds at the home of Mrs. R. E. Dye, their president, on Friday, January 13th. The ladies have purchased for the use of the hospital a special gas-anesthetic machine. Election of officers will be held at the next meeting—in February.

Twenty-eight mining students from South Africa, on a three-month tour of the mines in Canada and the United States, visited the Dome Mines today (Wednesday). They spent the morning underground in No. 6 shaft and had luncheon in the general canteen. It was suggested that a special lunch be given, but they decided to have "mine fare" and get a better impression of mining work, and the engineering staff who acted as guides for them sat down with them. The afternoon was spent in going over the mill-plant. They returned to Timmins by bus to catch the Northland train for Sudbury, which is the next stop on their schedule.

The following letter speaks for itself. It has just been received by Fire Chief Maxwell-Smith from the Fire Marshall, W. J. Scott. Toronto, Dec. 30, 1938. "Dear Chief Smith: The results of the Fire Prevention Week campaign activities have just been announced by the International Committee of Judges and I am enclosing herewith a copy of their report. "May I extend my heartiest congratulations to you and your departments for your work, which resulted in your winning first place among towns in Ontario with a population under 5,000.

As you know these awards are made on the basis of work done throughout the year, with special emphasis on the program for Fire Prevention Week in October, and your department deserves great credit for your splendid showing. With kindest personal regards and the best of the season's wishes, I am, Yours faithfully, W. J. Scott, Fire Marshall. The committee (vide the report) of judges was composed of the following: Mr. William B. Reardon, chairman of the Committee on Fire Prevention and Engineering Standards of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and Vice-president of the Firemen's Insurance Co., of Newark; Mr. T. F. Cuneen, manager of the Insurance Department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and Hon. J. McElliott, Chief and Commissioner of the New York Fire Department, representing the International Association of Fire Chief. (Province of Ontario only given here). Class A—(Cities with a population of 100,000 or over) 1. Ottawa; 2. Hamilton. Class B—(Population of 25 to 99 thousand)—1. Kitchener; 2. Oshawa. Class C—(Population of 10 to 25 thousand)—1. St. Thomas; 2. Sarnia; 3. Port Arthur. Class D—(Population of five to 10 thousand)—1. Kenora; 2. Dundas; 3. Ingersoll. Honourable mention—Renfrew, Collingwood, Wallaceburg. Class E—(Population of under 5,000)—1. South Porcupine; 2. Parolla; 3. Port Stanley. Honourable mention—Alexandria, Elind River, Geraldton, St. Mary's Millbrook. We also note that in Class D in the province of Quebec, Val d'Or has honourable mention.

South Porcupine Shows Need for New Post Office

Matter Effectively Dealt With at Kiwanis Dinner. Jos. A. Bradette, M.P., and C. V. Gallagher, M.P.P., Among the Special Speakers. Outstanding Addresses at Notable Event on Friday Evening.

South Porcupine, Jan. 3.—(Special to The Advance)—A special Kiwanis dinner was served in the Masonic hall on Friday evening at which not only Kiwanians were present but other business men of the town specially invited as guests with Mr. J. Bradette, M.P., and Mr. C. V. Gallagher, M.P.P. This meeting proved to be a most interesting one. It was attended, not only as a "get together" for the business men, but was announced on the programme as a "Post Office" dinner meeting.

After the preliminaries the chairman, Mr. W. S. Blake, thanked the Buffalo-Ankerite orchestra for its excellent music, the guests for their interest in the town and the work of the Kiwanians, and the representative in the Provincial House for their attendance. By the invitation of the Kiwanis Club, "The feeling of our members," said Mr. Blake, president of the South Porcupine Kiwanis club, "is that the time is now ripe to bring to a head a vexatious problem to the citizens of the town. Our members are builders and are pledged to uplift and benefit our community. One touching intimately our affairs is the matter of mail; our post office has failed to serve efficiently the needs of the community. We have no intention of casting any reflection on one of the most efficient and one of the most community-minded citizens of our town—our Postmaster (applause). He has done everything in his power to offset a deficiency on the part of the Federal Government by putting more clerks in the office, etc. Approximately \$200,000 in cash passes over the counter of the post office, and 8,000 people are served. The area of our local post office is 6,330, and is asked to accommodate all the citizens at 6 p.m. Many are forced to act, in an effort, to open their individual mailboxes in a manner which is not up to their usual courteous standard. In the early days our organized industries were manned by people willing to undergo sacrifices. Our camp has given a great deal to Ontario and Canada, and was a great enlightening factor during the days of the depression. The Porcupine camp has borne inconvenience and inefficiency unworthily of the best of Canada. We know that South Porcupine will become in time the Hub of the Porcupine mining industry. It is folly now to offer the excuse that we are but a temporary community. People who have served Canada cheerfully and willingly now feel that it is time that the federal government should be cognizant of the fact and the Kiwanis Club, in laying this matter before the business men of our town, and our local federal representative, intends to use every power at its disposal to see to it that this disgrace is removed."

Dr. R. P. Smith in introducing Mr. Jos. Bradette mentioned that the president had "stolen his thunder" in his remarks on the local post office. He spoke of Mr. Bradette's remarkable history—a farmer from Quebec, originally who has been in politics since 1926 when he was first elected to the Federal House, who spoke no English before this date but due to his own efforts is now one of the best English speakers; went to school while a member of parliament, got his Arts degree, and is now almost through his law course. "He got a post office for Kapuskasing," said Dr. Smith, "now he is going to give us a post office."

Mr. Bradette, who was loudly applauded, spoke. It was a pleasant duty, he said, to thank the Kiwanis Club of officers for their invitation to this affair. He had had a revelation since visiting South Porcupine this time in the wonderful expanse of the camp, and its versatility. In South Porcupine he found warm-hearted people, and people able to enjoy the fine things of life—true progressive citizens such as formed the Kiwanis Club. The Government has to face problems—the national debt, pensions, etc.—and public buildings are harder to get from the government than from the people; but the government cannot keep away from giving. "South Porcupine has not previously asked for a post office, it would be an audacity for an M.P. to impose a public building on a municipality," said Mr. Bradette. "I would not change your worthy postmaster," was another comment. "I start tomorrow," he said "and will interview the public works department, but you must strengthen my hands. Get a petition signed. This will not be considered a political move."

Mr. Bradette then in one of the best speeches it has been our privilege to hear, held his listeners spellbound as he proceeded to give an intimate personal sketch of his life, his aims and purposes, and a non-political and broad-minded view of the world's affairs, which he concerned Canada. He spoke of the desire to have our King and Queen, when on their visit to Canada this year visit Kirkland Lake and the Porcupine gold camps. He spoke of the problems facing parliament in the next session—the tariff question, the international situation. "In case of European conflict, Canada is for a Pax Britannica rather than a Pax Germanica, for her own self-preservation."

Another Five Sentenced in Another Soviet Purge

Despatches from Moscow this week say that the latest "purge" in Russia is one in which five members of the police have been sentenced to death for the alleged forcing of confessions from prisoners accused of sedition or conspiracy. The story told that ten school teachers were charged with being members of a Fascist organization. The teachers were eventually freed for lack of evidence. One of the teachers refused to calmly accept the stigma he thought was attached to his arrest. He accused leading Soviet members of trying to secure his conviction as a traitor, by telling lies about him and his work. Other members of the group of teachers told similar stories to the court at Moscow. This was followed by an investigation and later by the arrest of five men who were accused—and convicted—on the charge of using undue pressure and other illegal practices to induce prisoners to make confessions.

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Moccasin Dance Event by Schumacher Firemen

Novelty Dance in New McIntyre Community Arena Was Enjoyable Event. Croats Sing Carols from House to House on New Year's Night. Other Schumacher News.

Schumacher, Jan. 4.—(Special to The Advance)—The Schumacher Firemen started the New Year's social activities by a moccasin dance in the McIntyre arena on Monday evening, this being the first dance held in the new building. There was a good turnout and this being a novelty dance, the first of its kind for Schumacher, there was much interest in the event. To sum it all up, all present had a wonderful time as they always do at events by the Schumacher Fire Department, music, novelties, lunch and other features adding to the attractions of the evening.

Misses Frances and Jean and Ron Holland, of Ansonville, spent Christmas and New Year's at the home of Mrs. J. G. Harris. Miss Marian Laine left yesterday for Shaw's College, Toronto, after spending the holidays with her parents at Schumacher. The Croatian people met on New Year's night and went carol singing from house to house. The Croatian string orchestra supplied the music also for this pleasing occasion. The friends of Mr. Bill Hogg, manager of the Consumers Co-operative, will be sorry to hear that he has been very ill for the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duncan, of Matachewan, were visiting friends in town during the Christmas holidays.

Curling Under Way At South Porcupine. South Porcupine, Jan. 4.—(Special to The Advance). Dr. Somerville, skip; I. Went, vice-skip; C. Cavanaugh, second; A. H. Stephenson, lead. E. Cantor, W. S. Blake, C. Fawle, J. A. Jones. F. E. Evans, W. G. Smith, C. Arnold, Mr. Worth. W. Fairhurst, C. Laamanen, T. Cahill, R. Anderson. S. Sky, F. Laforest, W. McDowell, H. Moscoe. O. Henderson, J. Costello, Dr. W. G. Woods, L. Hunkin. Henry Miller, J. Moore, R. Langdon, Geo. Cassie. Ed. McDonald, Max Smith, G. Cross, G. Bruce. Col. Scobell, W. Hayne, E. J. Rapsey, H. W. Shaw. A. C. Stevenson, C. Lamothe, G. Pearce, C. Rath. F. E. Cooper, H. Barnett, M. Muscaby, Ted Tyndal. Dr. R. P. Smith, W. S. Adamson, J. Cattarello, J. Pecore. Spares—L. Sauder, R. Ellis, C. McInnis, Dr. Wm. McLaren, Pete Marsh, 10 Ends—Gallagher Cup—Finals, 12 Ends. Group 1—Dr. Somerville, E. Cantor, F. E. Evans, Wm. Fairhurst, S. Sky, O. Henderson. Group 2—Henry Miller, Ed. McDonald, Col. Scobell, A. C. Stevenson, F. E. Cooper, Dr. Smk'h. Two substitutes only allowed and they must play first and second. No Penalties. Jan. 5th, 7.30 p.m.—Somerville vs. Cantor; Evans vs. Fairhurst; Sky vs. Henderson. Jan. 6th, 7.30 p.m.—Miller vs. McDonald; Scobell vs. Stevenson; Cooper vs. Dr. Smk'h. Jan. 9th, 7.30 p.m.—Somerville vs. Evans; Cantor vs. Fairhurst; Miller vs. Stevenson. Jan. 10th, 7.30 p.m.—McDonald vs. Cooper; Miller vs. Scobell; Stevenson vs. Dr. Smith. Jan. 11th, 7.30 p.m.—Somerville vs. Fairhurst; Evans vs. Sky; Cantor vs. Henderson. Jan. 12th, 7.30 p.m.—Miller vs. Cooper; McDonald vs. Scobell; Cantor vs. Evans. Jan. 12th, 7.30 p.m.—Somerville vs. Henderson; Miller vs. Dr. Smith; Stevenson vs. Cooper. Jan. 16th, 7.30 p.m.—Cantor vs. Sky; Scobell vs. Cooper; Fairhurst vs. Henderson. Jan. 17th, 7.30 p.m.—Evans vs. Henderson; Somerville vs. Sky; McDonald vs. Dr. Smith. Jan. 18th, 7.30 p.m.—Scobell vs. Dr. Smith; McDonald vs. Stevenson; Fairhurst vs. Sky.

Engagement Announced of Former Local Young Lady. The Toronto Globe and Mail last week carried the following announcement that will be of very special interest to many in Timmins and district: "Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Williams announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Anne, to Mr. Beaty Chetwood Logan, son of Mr. H. S. Logan. The wedding will take place early in February." In another column on the society page of The Globe and Mail there was a charming picture of the bride-to-be, Miss Elizabeth Anne Williams, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Williams, who were pioneer residents of Timmins. Mr. Williams was for many years superintendent of the Hollinger Mine and also was prominent in municipal and other public and semi-public activities in Timmins and district. The groom has also connections with the North, his father being Mr. S. H. Logan, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who was the manager of the first bank branch opened in the mining camp of Cobalt.

Mascioli Theatre, Schumacher. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th and 7th SHIRLEY TEMPLE, CHARLES FARRELL, JOAN DAVIS, AMANDA DUFF, BERT LAHR and BILL ROBINSON in "JUST AROUND THE CORNER" EXTRA: POPEYE CARTOON and COMMUNITY SING. MONDAY AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th and 10th MIDNIGHT SHOW, SUNDAY, JANUARY 8th JOE E. BROWN and JUNE TRAVIS in "THE GLADIATOR" ALSO: HISTORICAL MYSTERY AND NEWS. WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th and 12th DICK POWELL and OLIVIA DEHAVILLAND in "HARD TO GET" PLUS: COLORED CARTOON AND NEWS. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 13th and 14th JAMES STEWART, LIONEL BARRYMORE and JEAN ARTHUR in "YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU" Note: The First Performance Starts at 6.45 p.m.

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