

DANGEROUS FIRE AT ANSONVILLE LAST NIGHT

Ambush Prepared for Townsite Home Raider

Residents Aid Police in Attempt to Trap Thief Who Enters Homes With Skeleton Key. Man Arrested on Vagrancy Charge Pending Investigation.

Householders in the Hollinger Townsite have, during the last few days, been making an attempt to ambush a thief who has been entering their homes by means of a skeleton key and stealing money and tobacco.

Police have been assisted in their attempts to apprehend the felon by townsites residents who have been patrolling lanes and lying in wait in their darkened homes.

The thief is believed to knock on doors in an attempt to ascertain whether or not anyone is in the house he has chosen to raid. If someone answers the door he asks for a hand-out. If no one responds he enters the house by means of a skeleton key. Several homes have been entered in that manner.

The intruder apparently wants only money or tobacco. In one case an \$80 watch was left lying on the table of an entered house while the thief took only loose change and cigarettes.

One man, who was found loitering in the vicinity of the townsite, has been arrested. Pending investigation he is being held on a charge of vagrancy.

Annual Meeting V. O. N.

To be Held in the Clinic Room in the Town Hall, To-morrow Night (Friday).

There are a number of important events, scheduled for to-morrow (Friday) night, but none more worthy of special attention than the annual meeting of the Timmins branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses. This meeting will be held in the clinic room at the town hall and will commence at 8 p.m.

The V.O.N. has done remarkably good work for the people of the town since its inception many years ago. It has supplied a skilled nursing service of a type that fills a decided need. Most people who know anything about the work of the V. O. N. and the work of the nurses in Timmins will heartily endorse the kind words said about the nurses of the V. O. N. by Dr. J. A. McInnis, Medical Health Officer, in his annual report published elsewhere in this issue. Dr. McInnis is in special position to appreciate the services of the V.O.N., but what he says will be heartily endorsed by all acquainted with the work. As The Advance said in its Monday edition the V. O. N. deserves the fullest support of the community and one way to give this support is by attending the annual meeting of the association to-morrow (Friday) evening in the town hall.

Fire This Morning Due to an Overheated Stove

Prompt Response and Action by Firemen Prevents Serious Fire. Blaze Had to be Fought in Weather Around Thirty Below. Booster Pump Used.

Fire broke out in the home of J. Pecotte at 64 Main avenue at an early hour this morning. It destroyed one of the walls of the house and caused damage which exceeded \$100. Firemen were called and used the booster pump to quell the conflagration.

Fire began from an overheated stove. Mr. Pecotte arose at an early hour and lit the fire. It grew too hot and got out of control igniting the partition behind the stove. The family was not forced out.

There were six calls yesterday, all of them for chimney or pipe fires. The first came at 12:45 a.m. from 104 Wilson avenue. At 5:24 a.m. a call was received from 110 Poplar street, and at 5:53 p.m., a telephone message sent firemen to 208 Maple street north. At 6:43 p.m. another call was received from 50 Columbus avenue and at seven in the evening one from 72 Elm street. Final call of the day was received at 11:23 p.m. from 44 Sixth avenue.

On Tuesday firemen were called at 1:21 p.m. to 354 Cedar street south, where they easily handled a chimney and pipe fire.

OFFICERS TIMMINS L. O. L. NO. 2552 FOR ENSUING TERM

The following are the officers of Timmins L.O.L. No. 2552 for the ensuing term:
Master—L. Callahan South Porcupine.
Treasurer—Wm. Isnor Timmins.
Recording Secretary—E. L. Taylor, 122 Birch street north, Timmins.

Birch Street School Visited Last Night

Over Two Hundred Parents at School, Despite the Bad Weather.

The Birch Street Public School opened its doors to parents on Wednesday evening, when, in spite of the unpleasant weather, over two hundred parents visited the most modern public school in the district.

The Birch Street school is the latest addition to the public schools in this area, and is a compliment to the pupils (for the manner in which they keep it looking ever-new), to the teachers (for their apparent pride in the building and their classes) and to the parents and the district (for having accomplished the building of a very necessary addition to the educational facilities of the town).

During the "open night" the parents visited the different classrooms and were allowed to see the work of the pupils. Outstanding projects and other work had been placed on display, and the parents thoroughly enjoyed the visit to the classrooms.

The teachers were present in the classrooms, and the parents were able to discuss the problems of their children with the people who spend so much of each day adding to the knowledge of the children.

The event was from 7 o'clock, to 9 o'clock, and at 8:30 an educational film was shown in the auditorium.

Left Yesterday for Trip to Aden, Arabia

Gordon Gauthier Resumes Duties With Royal Air Force at Aden.

Gordon Gauthier left Timmins yesterday after a leave of two months from the Royal Air Force. He will return to his post at Aden, Arabia.

Gordon, a son of Mrs. Gauthier and the late Mr. G. H. Gauthier, of Timmins, had been in Aden for the year, prior to his recent leave. He does not know if he will be there for the next three years or if he will be moved. He said, when asked by The Advance yesterday, that he expected to be stationed in Aden but that his future movements were uncertain as are those of any man who is in the army.

Mrs. Gauthier left with Gordon yesterday. She will go with him as far as Florida, where she will spend several weeks.

Mr. Gauthier will take ship from Florida to begin the long journey to the British Protectorate in Arabia. He will then resume his normal duties in the air force at Aden.

Theatre Nights at H. and V. School

Variety of Entertainment on Feb. 15th, 16th, 17th

The Theatre Nights at the Timmins High and Vocational School will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, Feb. 15th, 16th and 17th.

The plays being presented this year offer a notable variety of entertainment. There is comedy, tragedy and fantasy.

"The Dear Departed" is a one-act comedy that is sure to make a hit with those who love a laugh. In this comedy, Grandfather is dying and his loving relatives gather in loving respect to quarrel over his possessions. The climax of the play is surprising and highly amusing.

"The House with the Twisted Windows" is a tragic episode of the Russian Revolution of 1917. Four English people are being held for a counter-revolutionist, Derrick Moore. There are saved through the sacrifice of a gallant Irishman, who saw life through twisted windows, not through the plain glass.

The other offering of the evening is the fantasy, "Fat King Meion and Princess Caraway." This is a witty play in which the chief characters are: a fat King, a thin princess, and a wicked fairy. Songs and dances add greatly to this fantasy.

Golden Beaver Dance to be Held To-morrow Night

There are a number of special events to-morrow (Friday) night, but none more interesting to large numbers of people than the Masonic dance announced to be held in the Masonic hall, Timmins, commencing at 9:00 o'clock. This event is under the auspices of the Golden Beaver Lodge, No. 528, and that is guarantee that it will be a pleasing success. The event is an invitation affair, and the invitation cards are expected to be presented at the door.

Two Forgery Counts Against Pat Phelan

Three Speeders Arrested Yesterday on Hollinger Flats.

Charges of forgery have been laid against Pat Phelan, alias S. Manning, alias S. Cunningham, by Timmins police. Phelan is alleged to have forged two cheques on banks here.

One of the allegedly forged cheques was for \$31.15. It was made out to Phelan and signed with the name of "A. Tompkinson, Royal Studios." Another was signed with the name, "Yullit Advertising Agency."

Three motorists were arrested for speeding yesterday. They were all travelling at speeds ranging from 45 to 55 miles an hour on the Hollinger Flats.

Rinn Out of Lee Trophy McCoy, Stahl "In Money"

Rinn and Rink Eliminated from Lee Trophy Race This Morning. Was Last Timmins Contestant. Dr. Stahl and S. R. McCoy are Going Into Semi-finals for Hill-Clark-Francis Cup.

Most recent word from North Bay, where the ninth annual T. & N. O. bonspiel is being held, eliminates Timmins from play for the Lee Trophy and puts this town well "in the money" in play for the Hill-Clark-Francis Cup. Bill Rinn was the Timmins hope in the Lee race up until this morning when he and his rink were eliminated in the third round of play by Woolings, from Enfield.

To get into the third round Mr. Rinn's rink beat Brown, of New Liskeard, Smith of North Bay and Black of Timmins.

With G. F. Black and Dr. Hudson and their rinks still in the running in the third round, Timmins has a good chance to place in the Northern Power trophy.

Timmins is well represented in play for the Hill-Clark-Francis trophy. There are, at the present time, two Timmins teams in the third round. They will meet in the semi-finals if they both win today.

Skiops from here are Dr. Stahl and S. R. McCoy.

This morning's sub-zero temperature was welcomed by the curlers who have been afraid that a warm spell might deprive them of their ice surfaces.

Throughout the 'spell there has been a large number of spectators in the gallery at the club.

There are no local teams left in play for the Purly Flour trophy. In the first round, McCoy and Herman won and A. W. Lang went into the second round on a bye. However, no one of them got any further.

Play in the Dunbar Shield and Scotch Anthracite events has hardly passed the first round. It will probably get under way this afternoon.

Next event is the British Consols trophy event which is open only to T. & N. O. Association rinks. To qualify (Continued on Page Five)

Police Probe Brings Charge Against Man

Trace Motorist from Broken Piece of Glass from Headlight.

An exhaustive enquiry by the police department has resulted in a charge of property damage against David Bastien, 23, of 6 Columbus avenue.

At one o'clock yesterday morning a motorist ran his automobile into the fence around Holy Family School causing damage estimated at \$25 or \$30. He left the scene of the accident and police received no report of it from him.

Investigating they found a piece of broken glass from the headlight of the automobile. With that in their possession they made the rounds of Timmins garages. In Emery's Garage on Mountjoy avenue they found an automobile with a broken headlight. The piece of glass picked up at the scene of the accident corresponded to the break in the headlight of the automobile.

Owner of the car was traced and charges preferred against David Bastien. He will face charge of damage to property and of failing to report the accident to police.

Transatlantic Pilot



Captain Kelly Rogers, one of Imperial Airways' crack pilots, will probably inaugurate north Atlantic airmail service between London and New York. Service is due to begin June 1. Rogers has been appointed to command the flying boat Cabot.

Purim Ball Feb. 20

One of the biggest events in the social calendar in Timmins and district each year is the now famous Purim Ball, to celebrate the glories of the gracious Queen Esther and her services of the Jewish people and at the same time to extend the goodwill and hospitality of the Jewish community to their friends of other races and religions. The event has been made into a regular community one, marked by novelties and original features that have made it one of the most popular occasions of the year.

There will be general interest in the fact that the Purim Ball this year will be held in the Palais-Royal, Balsam street south, on Monday evening, Feb. 20th. There will be all the usual features—the popular choice of Queen Esther for the year, "Rebekah at the Well," sumptuous food, the best in music, valuable prizes, and a genuinely happy time for all attending. This year Barney Sky and his committee are making even more than the usual energetic effort to make the occasion a happy success.

C.G.I.T. Mother and Daughter Banquet

Interesting and Enjoyable Event on Tuesday Night.

The Canadian Girls in Training received their invited guests, and their mothers at a "Mother and Daughter" banquet at the United Church on Tuesday evening, this being one of the most enjoyable events of the year.

Four groups of C.G.I.T. girls formed the banquet committee — The Torch Bearers, the Buster Browns, The Harvesters and the Shanes. Their leaders are Mrs. A. Gillies, Mrs. R. Hughes, Miss Jean Scott, Miss Irene Johnston and Miss Jean MacDonald. Miss Susie Smyth is the department leader.

For the occasion, the tables had been very attractively decorated, each group choosing to decorate according to its theme. Judges were appointed to choose the most attractive table, and the Torch Bearers received the honour. The tables were judged according to their suitability, appearance, and the co-operation of the girls.

Before the banquet, Mr. Trener presented a very pleasing organ recital, and during the banquet, for which the girls served, group singing was enjoyed. Peggy Williams proposed the toast to "The King," responded to by the Rev. W. M. Mustard, and Isobel Haystead proposed the toast to "Our Mothers," responded to by Isobel Tanner. "To the C.G.I.T." was proposed by Mrs. A. Rose, and all joined in the response "C.G.I.T. Purpose" and "C.G.I.T. Hymn."

The banquet, which was part of the all Canadian C.G.I.T. week, closed with "Friendship Circle" and "Taps."

Leave Discarded Clothing at Mines Rescue Station

Mr. Austin Neame, president of the Timmins Red Cross, this morning told The Advance that articles of clothing, boots and shoes, etc., are needed. There has been a special demand for clothing recently and further calls are certain. Mr. Neame asks all who have any articles of discarded clothing they may not need to leave same at the Mines Rescue Station or call him at 75.

Open Nights at Local Schools

Parents Invited to Mattagami Street School To-night and Central School Friday Night.

The public schools in town have been assisting in the observance of Education Week—this week—by having special hours during which parents are invited to attend school, see the work being done and discuss educational problems with the teachers.

Yesterday afternoon was Parents' Day at the Moneta school. Last night was Open Night at the Birch street school.

This (Thursday) evening is the Mattagami school open night. A special invitation is given to parents to attend. Doops will be open at 7 o'clock, and during the evening a short musical programme will be presented.

To-morrow evening, Friday, Feb. 10, will be open night at the Central public school. A cordial invitation is extended to parents and others interested to take advantage of this opportunity to see what progress is being made by the pupils and also to consult with the teachers in reference to any problems that may arise in regard to education and the schools.

Northern Municipal Association to Meet

A meeting of the Association of Northern Municipalities will be held to-morrow evening in South Porcupine at seven o'clock.

The Association will have many things to consider, among them several resolutions which have been passed by the Timmins town council. It is quite likely that the Association will be asked to give its endorsement to a resolution approving of holidays with pay for miners, which recently was passed by the council here.

Prospectors to Meet To-morrow Night

Gathering to be Held in the Town Hall at 8 p.m.

The Porcupine branch of the Canadian Prospectors' Association will meet to-morrow (Friday) night in the council chamber of the town hall at 8 p.m. In Monday's Advance the place of meeting was suggested as the Empire hotel, but though that was the original intention, so many prospectors have signified their intention of being present that it has been decided to be necessary to engage the town hall for the meeting so as to have room for all who may attend.

Some days ago the Porcupine branch of the Canadian Prospectors' Association was formed, officers elected, and an auspicious start made. The purpose of the new association may be stated in a few words—to secure a fair deal for the prospector, who is the real hope of the North Land and of Canada in general. It is planned to organize branches in every mining community in Canada. "We intend to have the membership so large that the association will have force and effect," said the president, W. B. Nicholson, to The Advance yesterday.

The meeting to-morrow (Friday) night is a very important one. Mr. Nicholson pointed out. All prospectors should make a special point of attending, so that something may be done to better conditions. "We want especially to interest the young men in the prospecting game and all those who are attracted towards prospecting as a life work," said Mr. Nicholson, adding that it was the young men who must carry on the profession, and much depended on their interest and effort.

The meeting to-morrow night is for the enrolment of members and to discuss the aims of the association and the best methods to use to attain those aims. Also, it is intended to add to the list of honorary members, there being a number of pioneers of the Porcupine who were not included in the list enumerated at the opening meeting. All prospectors are not only cordially invited to attend the meeting on Friday night, but they are urged to be present not only in their own interests but also in the interests of prospectors in general and the North Land and its progress and prosperity.

Royal Cafe, Ansonville, Burned Down Last Night

Fierce Gale Added to Difficulty of Handling Fire. Also Firemen Handicapped by Hose in Bad Condition Following Five Other Calls Last Night.

Parents at Moneta School Yesterday

Demonstration is Given of Efficiency of Fire Drill.

About one hundred and thirty proud parents took the opportunity to visit the Moneta Public School on Wednesday afternoon, between the hours of 1:30 o'clock and 4 o'clock.

For two hours the visitors were allowed to wander from room to room, while classes were in session, and to view the busy pupils at their work. At 3:30 the pupils were dismissed, and the parents had an opportunity to "visit with" the teachers for one half hour, and discuss the problems of their children.

Many of the parents especially mentioned the fact that they were greatly pleased to visit the school while the regular school activity was in progress.

During the afternoon, the pupils also showed their parents how rapidly they could vacate a school in the case of fire, obediently answering the call of the fire alarm to take part in the fire drill.

Receives Minor Cuts in Underground Blast

Injured by a blast underground in the Hollinger Mine on Tuesday night, Prosper Marion is in St. Mary's hospital today. His condition is not serious.

Mr. Marion was cut about the face and head by small bits of rock which flew when the minor explosion took place. He is suffering from a gash of considerable length on his jaw.

Cause of the accident is not definitely known. It will be ascertained by an enquiry which will take place, Marion is being attended by Dr. M. J. Kelly.

Over Two Hundred Enjoy Card Party

Event Last Night by Women's Auxiliary of St. Mary's Hospital.

Over two hundred people enjoyed the card party held in the auditorium and living-room of the Nurses' residence of the St. Mary's hospital by the Women's Auxiliary of the hospital, on Wednesday evening. The occasion was a very pleasant and happy one, and everyone present enjoyed the evening. Bridge, whist and other games were played, each table choosing its own game. The proceeds from the event will be used in the hospital work of the auxiliary.

A double deck of cards was presented to each winner. The following is a list of the winners: Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Goudreau, Mr. G. Reynolds, Mrs. Prout, Mrs. Laforest, Mrs. Harold See, Mrs. D. Reynolds, Mr. Arthur Booker, Mr. Groulx, Mrs. Munn, Mrs. Dagenais, and Mrs. Fred Morin.

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Iroquois Falls, Feb. 9th.—(Special to The Advance)—The Royal Cafe at Ansonville was reduced to a burned ruin last night when fire of unknown origin started in the structure at 10:30. There was a fierce gale blowing at the time and it was only the fact that the building was more or less isolated, being 100 feet from the nearest other structure that saved the whole town from danger of destruction. The temperature was 28 below at the time of the discovery of the fire and the firemen were further handicapped by the fact that it was difficult to get water through the hose at first, as there was no dry hose, the firemen having had no less than five other calls previously last evening. While none of the other fires were serious, being chiefly chimney fires, the hose had been wet, and consequently took a little extra manipulation to get working rightly.

The cafe and contents were a total loss, the estimated loss being around \$3500. The building is owned by Albert Mazzuca. He was away at the time of the fire, and his wife and son who had been there during the day were out for the evening when the fire started. The fire was first noticed by J. Kulgawchuz who saw smoke coming from the building and after investigating hurriedly put in a prompt call for the brigade. The fire had a good grip on the building, however, before it was noted. The firemen eventually got it under control and the fire was not allowed to spread, though sparks were flying far and wide. The firemen were on duty in a body until two o'clock this morning, and even then a couple of the men were left to watch the ruins so that the fire might not start again.

Death on Wednesday of Mrs. Kolak, Schumacher

The death occurred at Schumacher on Wednesday, of Mrs. Katie Kolak, wife of Mr. John Kolak, of 118 Third avenue, Schumacher.

The late Mrs. Kolak was thirty-seven years of age, and had been a resident of Schumacher for the past thirteen years.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 4 o'clock, at St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church, Schumacher.

New Theatre at Kirkland Lake to Open at Early Date

Ted Soucie is back in Kirkland Lake after some time at Hornepayne and is preparing to open up the new LeSalle theatre built during the last year at Kirkland Lake and now being completed and equipped for use. The new theatre is owned by the company, headed by Louis Rousson and F. H. Trudeau, the same people concerned in the Cartier theatre at Timmins. Mr. Soucie is an old-timer of Kirkland Lake and the North, having been with Dan Vasiloff in one of Kirkland's first theatre ventures.

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