

Urges Better Plan for North Settlers

Dr. J. C. Cochrane Condemns Direct Relief for Settlers.

Dr. J. C. Cochrane, superintendent of Northern Ontario Missions of the United Church, urged more intelligent aid for settlers in the North in an address to the Rotary Club at North Bay this week.

Dr. Cochrane deplored the fact that all past attempts to settle the North have been carried out in a haphazard manner, without sufficient consideration being given to the very distinct needs of settlers in the North Country. Having had years of experience among the newly opened communities in the North, Dr. Cochrane was able to describe vividly the obstacles which face the settlers.

Farming conditions in the North, where evergreen forests do not supply their own fertilizer of dead leaves as do the hardwood forests of the South,

are a far cry from conditions in the older parts of Ontario, the speaker said.

He opined that the days of far-flung pioneering are past, and that to get the best out of colonists they must be given adequate equipment to set them on their feet. He favoured the organization of co-operative communities as the best manner of making settlements permanent.

A market for produce grown by settlers in the North could be readily found in the mining centres, Dr. Cochrane said. He cited an instance where a northern housewife was heard to say that there wasn't a chicken to be found within 30 miles of her home.

Dr. Cochrane criticized the handing out of direct relief to settlers, without expecting them to work their farms in return. Relief, he said, was a breeder of idleness among the outlying people of the North.

Waterloo Chronicle: Since Britain in 1922 received a League of Nations mandate over Palestine, the Jewish population increased from 83,000 to 450,000. The Arab population is about 809,000.

Pretty Wedding at Notre Dame des Lourdes Church

A pretty wedding took place at the Notre Dame des Lourdes Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday morning at 8.30 o'clock, when the Rev. Fr. A. Morin united in marriage Berangere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hurlbise, and Mr. William Marier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alderic Marier, of Timmins.

Given in marriage by Mr. Rene Hurlbise, the bride was charmingly attired for the occasion. The groom was attended by Mr. Edward Marier.

Mr. and Mrs. Marier will reside in Timmins.

Some Helpful Suggestions to Use in Cooking Fish

Here are two or three hints about cooking fish which have been suggested by cookery specialists on the staff of the Dominion Department of Fisheries: In baking or broiling fish do it quickly to keep in the flavour, allowing from eight to ten minutes per inch thickness of fish, with a temperature of 450 degrees to 500 degrees Fahrenheit. Loaf, slow cooking is not required since fish have little connective tissue requiring to be softened. Lower the temperature after the first ten minutes, if cooking a thick whole fish. If a dry-meat variety of fish is used, sprinkle the outside with oil or cooking fat.

Allow from eight to ten minutes a pound when boiling fish, increasing to as much as fifteen minutes per pound if a very thick piece of fish is being used. Steaming requires a longer time than boiling; turn very thick pieces if the fish is being steamed. When using frozen fish it is best to cook it while it is still frozen; otherwise, the flavouring juices will escape. Frozen fish requires slightly longer cooking time than unfrozen fish.

Another Nurse for V.O.N. Work

(Continued from Page One) July 1st, due to the work being almost trebled, a new nurse, Miss Eva Sherritt, was sent to the Timmins branch by Miss Smelle, National V.O.N. supervisor.

The president mentioned that all the money collected in Timmins is used here for V.O.N. work. Nothing is contributed to the administrative offices. The only expenses are the nurses' salaries, car expenses, nursing equipment and necessary incidentals.

Mr. Gillies further stated that on account of the number of people in this community on relief and because many others were in poor circumstances, it is necessary to have financial assistance to carry on the work of the V.O.N.

In 1938 the town grant amounted to \$1500 and there were donations from local organizations and individuals, who realize the worth of the service and who desire to share in this work.

During the year 1938, the president continued, the average hours on duty for each of the two nurses, was 10.4 hours on week days and 7.4 hours on Sundays. "This hardly seems possible and it is certainly not humane to work these ever-willing nurses to this extent. Your executive has tried to get these nurses to take a day a week off for rest, and we have paid relief nurses to an amount exceeding \$700. This was during the time of the nurses' holidays, and at other times when calls were so numerous and urgent that it was impossible for them to handle the work without assistance."

"It can readily be seen that it is impossible to carry on without injuring the health of our nurses," said Mr. Gillies, in recommending that another nurse be added to the staff of the V.O.N. immediately. This, he said, would necessitate raising around \$1700 in excess of the amounts granted during the year 1938. This might be done partly, he said, by means of an increased grant from the town and by a subscription drive for funds for this worthy work.

In closing Mr. Gillies expressed the thanks of the V.O.N. executive for the assistance given by the town council and by individuals, organizations and services throughout the community. He also thanked the members of the executive for their whole-hearted support, and Miss Price and Miss Sherritt for their efficiency and zeal.

In the absence from town of the treasurer, Mr. Jamieson, the president, Mr. Gillies, read the treasurers' report, as follows:

Statement for Year 1939
Receipts
Collections—from patients; from Hollinger and Metropolitan Insurance Co., \$2,453.22; donation and grant from Town of Timmins, \$1,500.00; R. E. Dye, \$20.00; Northern Lights Chapter, \$15.00; Arbutus, Chapter, O.E.S., \$10; Difference in cash, .60; total, \$3,998.82.

Expenditures
Salaries, \$3,401.89; car expense, \$469.80; laundry, \$47.50; telephone, \$36.65; medical supplies, \$52.01; office and miscellaneous, \$36.58; total, \$4,036.43; special car expense, \$250.00—\$4,286.43.

Miss Price, nurse in charge, read her report, which is published in full in today's Advance.

A practical and educational demonstration of their work in homes was given by Miss Sherritt and Miss Kerr. This demonstration had touches of humour that greatly added to the interest of the presentation, and the serious manner in which the two "stars" performed their roles was befitting of a one-act play.

The president introduced Miss Ferguson, district supervisor of V.O.N., who complimented the local V.O.N. nurses on their splendid work and commented on the growth of the V.O.N. work in Timmins. This growth, she said, was outstanding in the whole of Canada.

Two thousand four hundred visits, said Miss Ferguson, had been calculated as the most number of visits one nurse could make in a year, but the nurses here, only two, had made 7,855 visits in the year 1938. She emphasized the heavy duty and the long hours of the nurses, and added that Miss Price and Miss Sherritt are doing their utmost to render the V.O.N. the most appreciated service in this community. The long hours of work, and the large number of visits, Miss Ferguson added, proved the need of another nurse in the V.O.N. branch here.

In speaking about the V.O.N. in general, Miss Ferguson stated that there were 88 branches of the V.O.N. in Canada, divided into five districts, while twelve new branches have been organized in the past year.

Following Miss Ferguson's address, the meeting went on record in favour of a motion by Dr. McInnis, M.O.H., and seconded by Miss Keith, that a third permanent nurse be procured. The executive hope that the public will respond when called upon to assist in the financing of this greatly needed further expenditure.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

- Honorary president—Mr. Robert Dye.
- President—Mr. A. Gillies.
- 1st Vice-president—Mrs. L. E. Dorway.
- 2nd Vice-president—Mrs. E. L. Longmore.
- Secretary—Mrs. J. E. Gurnell.
- Treasurer—Mr. W. S. Jamieson.
- Press Secretary—Mrs. H. L. Traver.
- Five new members were elected to the executive, Dr. L. F. Dupuis, Miss E. Terry, Mrs. C. Desaulniers, Mr. I. F. Anglin, and Miss H. E. Carthy.
- Finance committee—Treasurer (Mr. Jamieson), Mr. A. A. Rose, Mrs. J. E. Brunette, and Miss Terry.
- Nursing committee—Convener, Mrs. A. F. Carriere; Mrs. A. Piro, Miss Florence Farr, and Mrs. T. Coulson, with authority for Mrs. Carriere to add to her committee a representative of interested organizations.

Cornish Social Club to Hold Box Social, Feb. 18

Announcement is made that the Cornish Social Club will hold a box social in the Hollinger hall on Saturday evening of this week, Feb. 18. There will be a good programme with dancing and singing being arranged. Previous to the box social the quarterly meeting of the club will be held.

Prize Winners at Merry Maids Five Hundred Club

The Merry Maids Five Hundred Club met on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Carver, 22 Laurier avenue, and all the members spent a particularly happy evening.

Winners at cards were 1st, Mrs. Bennett; 2nd, Mrs. Hardy and 3rd, Mrs. B. Richards. After the cards the hostess served a dainty and tasty lunch.

The club will gather next week at the home of Mrs. Walter Wilkinson, 47 Cambrai avenue.

Flag Flown at Half Mast to Honour Pope

Pope Pius XI Buried Yesterday in Rome in Accordance with Liturgical Rites.

The flag on the post office here was flown at half mast yesterday. It was because Pope Pius XI, spiritual leader of millions of Catholics, was being buried in Rome.

The Pope, who ruled the church for seventeen years, was laid to rest in the crypt of St. Peter's Cathedral, many feet below the gorgeous basilica in which he received the homage of the people while he lived.

Pope Pius was buried in accordance with the simple liturgical rites prescribed by the Church. Yet, withal, the rites allowed for splendid pomp and colorful ceremony.

A triple coffin weighing half a ton enclosed the mortal remains of the Pope. Thirty-seven cardinals were present in the crypt to honour the man whose word on matters of faith and morals was law for Catholics all over the world.

The ceremony before the burial, which was private, took place in the apsis of the cathedral, the space between the Papal altar beneath the dome and the great altar of the cathedral.

At one o'clock yesterday the doors of the cathedral, where the body has lain in state for several days while huge throngs filed by to pay homage, were closed and the funeral proceedings began. They were followed by burial in the crypt.

Fire at Rouyn Hotel Two Suffering Burns

Loss Estimated at Over \$25,000.

Rouyn, Que., Feb. 15.—Forty-five guests, visitors and help fled for their lives into 12-below zero weather here early today when fire destroyed the new Rouyn Hotel. Guests and help escaped in night clothes. Two persons were injured, one seriously.

More than 100 men and women, girls and boys who had been attending a special Valentine dance left the hotel 25 minutes before the fire broke out. Loss was set by Fire Chief Thibault at \$25,000 to \$30,000. Cause of the fire was unknown.

Flames swept through the three-story hotel shortly after 3 a.m. Two guests jumped from second-storey windows to safety. Several were carried down firemen's ladders. The others escaped via fire escapes or through the front door.

Two people who attended the Valentine Day dance were burned. Miss Lucille Boyce, 19, Rouyn, lies in Youville Hospital, Noranda, in a serious condition. William Blackburn, is suffering slight burns.

Roland Laframboise, 27-year-old night was lauded as the hero of the fire. When the alarm was sounded he telephoned every guest—29 in all—flames were sweeping toward him and he was choking in the blinding smoke.

Shortly before 3 a.m. Armand G. Boisclair, Montreal traveller, was awakened by a thump on his door. He looked out and saw smoke pouring from a washroom opposite. He called the night clerk. Together they put it out. Police Chief Turnbull said the blaze apparently started in a curtain.

After the first blaze was extinguished, the fire department responded to another call, which proved to be a false alarm. While the false alarm was being attended to, fire again broke out in the Rouyn Hotel.

This time there was no stopping it. It started somewhere in the second floor. When firemen arrived smoke was pouring from second-floor windows.

After the alarm sounded, guests, eight members of the staff and eight people who were in the lobby at the time, fled. They had no time to gather together personal belongings. Most left with only what they had on. A Miss Denis, a hotel maid who was also a maid in the Rouyn Hotel destroyed by fire last November, packed all her things at the first alarm, and got out with most of them.

The hotel, built and owned by Joseph Duval, formerly of Montreal, was officially opened at Christmas. The loss is said to be half-covered by insurance. At the height of the fire police arrested Albert Pare for allegedly driving over a fire hose.

Firemen prevented the blaze spreading to a nearby building. It contains government offices and a printing shop.

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H. and V. S. Theatre Nights

(Continued from Page One) Slaters had stolen his belongings. In turn, Mrs. Slater asks grandfather about the gold watch, and tells him how Mrs. Jordan had refused to have him in her home.

Grandfather explains that he will leave his belongings to the person at whose home he is living and both families are eager to have him make his abode with them. But grandfather has a "cat in the bag," and invites his family to attend his wedding the following Tuesday, when he will wed the widow of the Inn, "Ring of Bells." Terribly disappointed, the play ends as the two women upbraid their grandfather for leaving them nothing and marrying a strange woman.

Ruth Halperin, who took the part of Mrs. Slater, portrayed that character in exceptionally fine style, and all others partaking were very well suited in their roles.

Stage arrangements for this scene were made by Hayward Moody.

"The House of Twisty Windows," a tragedy by Pakington, was the outstanding presentation of the evening, and the cast and Miss MacNamara, who directed the play, are to be complimented on this fine portrayal.

"James Roper, K.C." (Meyer Bucovetsky), "Charlie Clive" (Bruce Pritchard), "Lady Teresa Ponting" (Audrey Van Rassel), "Heather Sorrell" (Vita Linder), and "Anne Sorrell" (Jacqueline Mortonson) are prisoners in a Russian jail. They have been taken there to help capture "Derrick Moore," an Englishman who had been arousing the people of Russia.

As the scene opens, the others are impatiently awaiting the return of Anne Sorrell, who has been taken to the commissar for questioning. Her fiancé, Charlie Clive, is especially anxious about her well-being, as he knows that Derrick Moore is her cousin, and that they are trying to get information on his whereabouts from her. They cannot question the others, as Anne is the only one in the group who can speak the Russian language.

Each of the prisoners is trying to make the best of a bad bargain, and to keep up appearances. When Anne returns she tells them that if Derrick Moore is captured they will be released. Within a few minutes, the prison guard, Stepan, (Louis Vachino) again returned to take Anne away. She is asked to identify a man who is believed to be Derrick Moore.

In her absence Derrick Moore (Jack Stingle) is brought to the cell, and Heather realizes that this is her other cousin who bears the same name, but is not the man for whom the government is searching. This Derrick Moore is known to his young cousins as "Derry" while the other Derrick Moore is "Dick."

Derrick Moore tells them that he will be released in a little while, and tries to comfort them in their despair at the fact that the real Derrick Moore has not been found to give them liberty. As in times long gone by, he tells them a fairy story about the house with the twisty windows. It tells of a man who prefers to look through twisty windows for then there is always hope, while in plain glass there is always the same view.

Before he leaves, Heather tells him of her love for him, and he confesses that he loves her although she is only nineteen years of age to his forty years.

When Anne returns, she tells them that this Derrick Moore asked her to convince the officials that he was the man they were looking for, to give "Dick" an opportunity to escape from the country. Even as she tells them of the unselfish sacrifice of this brave man, they hear a shot as Derrick Moore meets death.

Vita Linder, who appeared at other High and Vocational School presentations, is the outstanding star of "The

House With the Twisty Windows." This student has marked ability that is seldom found in amateur presentations, and she could go far in that field. Stage Manager, Sylvano Moro, is to be complimented on the fine setting of this scene. The grey walls of the prison appeared perfectly natural, and combined with the acting of the players, carried the audience to a prison cell in Petrograd during the "Red Terror."

The final play, "Fat King; Melon and Princess Caraway," by A. Herbert, was a delightful fantasy of five scenes.

In the first scene, Fat King Melon (Bruce Taylor), and Princess Caraway (Patricia King), arrive at the forest home of the Fairy Mumbo (Cora Amadio), seeking advice in their love affair. The king wishes to know how he can reduce, and the princess wants to gain weight to be more like the king of whom she has heard but whom she has not seen since their betrothal many years ago.

Fairy Mumbo advises each to walk and drink hot water, and tells the king to fight his own battles.

In the second scene the king is seen bidding farewell to his mother (Rose Rabkin) and setting off for the home of the princess with his aides (Bill Southam, Jack Dicker, and John Power).

Next, the king and the princess, in disguise, meet in the forest, after the princess has been held up by a highwayman (Wilfred Roy). They continue on their journey together.

The princess sadly bids farewell to the king as she embarks for her home, while the king continues on foot to visit his princess. He tells her that if she were not already betrothed he would wed her and she also is sorry that she is to wed King Melon.

In the final scene, the king arrives at the home of the princess, who has padded her figure to add weight to her slender body. The king, who has lost weight, is terribly disappointed because his bride-to-be is fat, and his expression shows his disappointment. Neither is pleased with the other, and both wish they could find the beloved strangers they learned to love during their travels.

When the princess begins to weep she draws out the king's handkerchief which he had given her in the woods, and they realize each other's identity. The princess removes the padding, and both are happy in a fitting ending.

Other characters in this play were "First Fairy," Helen Stock; "Second Fairy," Shirley McDivitt; "Old Woman," Rose Rabkin; "Sailors," Ken Mason, Leslie Harting, Jorma Kalliokoski, Francis Carriere, "Ladies-in-waiting," Elizabeth Dalgaty, Kay McInnis and Louella Kendall also took the part of the princess during the play.

Behind the scenes, two choruses sang suitable selections. The male chorus was Gerald Charron, Abie Martin, Ken Mason, Leslie Harting, Jorma Kalliokoski, and Francis Carriere; and the girls' chorus was Margaret Hargreaves, Penelope Luxton, Dorothy McGee, Dorcena Murphy, May Cadman, Stella McKenna, and Rose Pasnick.

The costumes for this princely play were very well designed and added a great deal of colour to the presentation. Stage manager was Edgar Burwash.

The High and Vocational School orchestra, directed by Mr. C. Chapman, played several selections during the evening, among them "Cossack Dance" by Mousorgsky, "Coronation March" by Meyerbeer, "Pilgrims Chorus" (Tanhauser), by Wagner, and "Pomp and Chivalry" by Roberts.

Scenery for all the plays was made by Mr. Peel and the boys of the wood-working department; painting of scenes was done by Miss Briffet; and lighting was arranged by Mr. Jackson and the boys of the Electrical department.

The staff and students of the school are to be complimented on the very successful presentation, and those who have not as yet seen the plays will remember that the programme will be carried out this evening and tomorrow evening in the auditorium of the High School.

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