

News From South Porcupine, Dome and the District

S. Porcupine Kiwanis to Have "Mystery" Speaker This Evening

Address on Topic, "The Task Before Us." Next Week the S. Porcupine Club to Meet with Timmins Kiwanis, Other Items of Interest from South Porcupine and the Dome.

South Porcupine, Jan. 24th.—(Special to The Advance)—The Kiwanis Club are to have a "Mystery" guest speaker at their meeting on Thursday this week. While the name of the speaker has not been divulged, we are told that his address entitled, "The task before us," will be of outstanding merit.

Next week the S. Porcupine Club meets the Timmins Kiwanis on Monday, 29th, on the occasion of Lieut. Governor Gerald O'Meara's official visit to that club.

Friends of Mr. Carl Merger, who has been in Gravenhurst Sanitarium since Jan., 1938, will be glad to know that he has recovered his health completely and has left that institution for his parents' home in Powassan.

Invitations for a rink from S. Porcupine Curling Club (men) to attend a "Whoopee" night at the new rink in the McIntyre Arena have been received. At an executive meeting it was decided that Mr. F. E. Cooper should represent S. Porcupine, and should choose his own team.

The "Mystery" cup, which Mr. F. C. Evans has won on four consecutive occasions reposes in the curling club-room. The challenges posted to date are from Dr. L. Hudson (to be played on Saturday night); Mr. Bert Longworth; Mr. A. L. Jones; Mr. Chas. Laamanen; Mr. O. M. Henderson.

Mrs. J. G. Sippell, of Porcupine, left this week for Kirkland Lake where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Another tea is to be held on Friday in the Masonic Hall by the Finnish ladies in aid of the Finnish Red Cross. It will be on from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will specialize in the sale of their famous Finnish coffee bread. They will appreciate your attendance and patronage.

Mrs. Tom Waugh, of New Liskeard, was visiting her brother, Mr. James Armstrong, of Rae avenue, this week.

Our sympathies are extended to Mr. Ralph Wood, whose mother, Mrs. Thomas Wood, of Havelock, Ont., died on Wednesday in her 62nd year. Mrs. Wood had been ill since October, and upon news of her serious condition, Mr. Wood left for Havelock on Thursday last. Mrs. Wm. Backus, a daughter of Mrs. T. Wood, who lives on Bloor Ave., S. Porcupine, has been staying with her mother for some weeks, and Mr. Randall Wood (also of S. Porcupine) a son, is also in Havelock for the funeral which is to take place on Friday at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Roy Miller, of Guelph, arrived this morning to spend a short time with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Flood.

Miss Maureen Sweet, of Timmins, was the guest of Mary Elizabeth Pearce over the week-end.

The Community hall at the Dome is making its way in short stages from the Dome, to its new site opposite the Arena. It has progressed as far as the junction of the Dome and Dome Extension road today.

We are sorry to learn that S. Porcupine will soon be losing the family of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Cole. Mr. Cole severed his connection with the Dome Mines and left today for Ottawa where he will resume his position with the C.P.R. Seven years ago Mr. Cole was a conductor and brakeman on the railroad, but left to come north. Mrs. Cole and children followed him in July, 1934, and have lived in S. Porcupine and Dome Extension since. Mrs. Cole and family will reside in Timmins until the summer when they will join Mr. Cole in Ottawa.

The lovely black spaniel belonging to Miss A. Sullivan, of Main St., met with a sad end today, being killed by a car on Crawford St.

Mrs. E. Getty, of New Liskeard, is spending the winter with her son, Mr. E. M. Getty, of 200 Front St.

Born—On Jan. 22nd in the Porcupine General Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. George Burns, of 81 William Ave.—a daughter.

The Rangers Company of the Dome Mines who meet weekly under the leadership of Mrs. Burton, planned a lovely surprise last Tuesday for their former Guide Captain, Mrs. D. Letterman. They had a party in the Scout hall and invited Mrs. Letterman to be present. During the evening they presented her with a lovely set of gold

Winners at the Porcupine Badminton Club Bridge

Mrs. Kearns and Mrs. Desaulniers were the winners of the regular weekly Porcupine Badminton Club Bridge Tourney on Tuesday evening at the Badminton Club, taking the high score of 8,260.

The final evening of the bridge tourney will take place on Tuesday evening of next week, and it is expected that a new tournament will be commenced a few weeks later. Further details will be found in future issues of The Advance.

Meetings of Clubs and Other Groups at Schumacher

Other Items of Interest from Schumacher and District.

Schumacher, Jan. 24th.—(Special to The Advance)—The Five Hundred Card Club met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Webber, Third Ave. Five hundred was played and the prize winners were: 1st, Mrs. Forsyth; 2nd, Mrs. Gurevitch; 3rd, Mrs. Soucie; door prize, Mrs. G. Robertson. After the cards a delicious lunch was served and a pleasant evening was enjoyed.

The A.D.S. Club met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. James Scullion, First Ave., whilst was played and the prize winners were:—1st, Mrs. James Scullion; 2nd, Mrs. T. Johnson; 3rd, Mrs. J. O'Leary. After the cards a social time was enjoyed. During the evening refreshments were served.

The Men's Club of Trinity United Church will hold a banquet tonight (Thursday), January 25th, at 6:30 p.m. Rabbi Herscov, of the Synagogue, Timmins, will give a short address. All men are invited to attend.

The Catholic Women's League, of St. Alphonsus Parish Church, held their meeting on Tuesday night in the church hall. Business was discussed and the ladies decided to hold a card party on Friday evening, Jan. 26th, in the Daffodil Community hall. Five hundred will be played.

The A.D.S. Club met on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Art Robinson, Third Ave. Whilst was played and the prize winners were 1st, Mrs. P. Hunter; 2nd, Mrs. James Scullion; 3rd, Mrs. John Scullion. After the cards a delicious lunch was served and a social evening was enjoyed.

The Schumacher Lions Club held a banquet last week in the Daffodil Community hall. During the evening the pupils of Mrs. Bourke, Fourth Ave., gave an exhibition of dancing which was much enjoyed by all who attended.

A pretty wedding took place Friday morning at St. Joachim's Church, South Porcupine, when Antoinette Monjeon became the bride of Roger Mandville, of Connaught. The Rev. Father Gelinas officiated. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Sam Gurevitch, Fourth Ave., Schumacher. In the evening the groom's mother held a reception in their home. During the week Mrs. Sam Gurevitch, Schumacher, and her mother, Mrs. Mandville, of Connaught, were hostesses at a miscellaneous shower held at Connaught in honor of the bride, over forty friends attending. A pleasant evening was enjoyed, and the bride received many lovely gifts for her new home.

The congregational meeting of the Trinity United Church was held last Thursday evening in the church hall. Reports from all departments of the church were very favourable and showed material progress. Members of the board of stewards whose term expired and who were re-elected were Mr. P. A. Boyce, Mr. Vic Davis, Mr. W. Willis. In addition to these the following were elected: Mr. John Beatty, Mr. Dan Fraser, Mr. A. J. Fish, Mr. Frank Willis. After the reports were read and the business all over, the ladies served a nice lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Harvey, Gold Centre, will entertain on Saturday. In the afternoon a party will be held for their son, Percy, who is celebrating his ninth birthday, and in the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey will entertain their many friends, the occasion being the eleventh anniversary of their wedding.

A surprise party was held on Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Nell Rafuse, Fourth Ave. The guest of honor was Mr. Hugh Wharton who has been called up for the Air Force and is leaving soon for training. During the evening Mr. Wharton was presented with a lovely fitted dressing case. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed. During the evening the hostess served a delicious lunch.

Miss Meta Moore, First Ave., entertained a number of her friends at a social evening at her home last Friday. During the evening the hostess served a delicious lunch and a pleasant time was enjoyed.

Mrs. W. Duncan renewed acquaintances in town during the past week. Mrs. H. Fosten, Poplar Street, entertained a number of her friends on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Davidson, Bank of Commerce Apt., First Ave., returned home this week after an extended holiday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce, Grand Valley.

Miss Peggy Stroud, Kirkland Lake, was the guest of Miss Bette MacMillan, Lake Side Drive, during the week-end.

Mrs. F. J. Baine left the Northland Monday for Toronto, where she will visit for a few days.

Meeting of Township Council on Monday at South Porcupine

Interesting Report Submitted by Fire Chief Maxwell Smith.

South Porcupine, Jan. 24th.—(Special to The Advance)—The first public council meeting of the year was held on Monday evening with Reeve and council all present.

Mrs. Sedar appeared re water account. She lives on Kerr St. and having to use a siphon to drain her cellar, her consumption account is high for this reason, and she wants a reduction. She was told to bring in her water account for next meeting.

A street light on William St., between Main and Crawford is to be installed. Clerk was instructed to write the Northern Mining Municipalities as to their wish to remain as an organization and to carry on. If so Tisdale is to arrange a meeting.

Information is to be obtained as to the qualifications necessary of sanitary inspectors.

At this meeting Chief Max. Smith presented the annual report of the South Porcupine Fire Department, which is here given in full:— "This department has responded to 40 regular alarms, 22 chimney and stove pipe fires, 2 electric cable fires, 2 false alarms, 14 actual fires and several telephone calls. Actual fire loss in S. Porcupine Subdivision—buildings, \$990; contents, \$275; total \$1,265. Full coverage by insurance. Fire loss outside S. Porcupine Subdivision—Twp. of Whitney, buildings, \$1,240; contents, \$310; total, \$1,550—Scout camp, \$100.

The Brigade carried out a vigorous campaign of house to house inspections, also stores and public buildings, during Fire Prevention Week, October 8 to 14. This work took longer than the specified time, running into three weeks. The firemen worked in pairs, and followed up, and in most cases some improvement was made. Fire drills were carried out in all the schools followed by lectures to the students; printed pamphlets on home inspections were distributed. The building by-law is a very welcome measure and will do a good service in having better and safer types of buildings in the community, if strictly enforced. The fire pump station and pumps are kept in first-class condition, watermains have been kept up and the maintenance of this service is all that could be desired.

The inhalator equipment purchased last year has created a lot of interest amongst the members; and taken in connection with First Aid work, has brought out a good class for instruction Tuesday evenings of each week. Equipment consists of Chevrolet motor truck with 50 gallon chemical tanks and hose capacity 750 feet, 2 1/2 inch hose; 20 motor hose truck, capacity 1200 feet 2 1/2 inch hose and 200 feet 1 1/2 inch hose; 7 play pipes, 6 with shut-off nozzles, 1 fog nozzle, four 2 1/2 gallon extinguishers soda acid in five half; one 2 1/2 gallon Foamite extinguisher; two 1-qt. pyrene extinguishers on trucks; one 40-ft. wood extension ladder; one 50-ft. aluminum extension ladder; one 16-ft. aluminum roof ladder; one 25-ft. wood extension ladder.

The Department consists of Chief and eighteen men, three of whom sleep at the fire hall. We get an immediate response of an average 12 men on the first alarm and others follow. The Brigade are ever ready to co-operate in any community work, and there has been a keen friendly rivalry and interest in the Department work during the past year. I wish to thank the Reeve, Councillors, and Township officials or their interest and co-operation extended to us.

Respectfully submitted, South Porcupine Fire Department.—Chief Maxwell Smith.

Meeting of Schumacher Anglican Ladies' Guild

Schumacher, Jan. 24.—A meeting of the Schumacher Anglican Ladies' Guild was held at the home of Mrs. Cowden, 133 First Ave. Mrs. Dobson, the president, presided and a large number of ladies were present. During the evening plans were discussed for a Pancake and Waffle Supper to be held on February 6, at the home of Mrs. H. Waddell, Platt Vet Property. This tasty and appetizing supper will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. After the meeting the hostess served a very delicious lunch assisted by several Guild members. The next meeting of the Guild will be held on February 20 at the home of Mrs. Jensen, 11 Poplar St.

Romance Thrills, Mystery and Drama in New Serial

"County Club," by Holloway Horn, Commences in The Advance on Monday.

The Advance has been fortunate in its choice of serial stories to judge by the approval given by readers. The new serial commencing on Monday next, Jan. 29th, promises to be even more popular than former stories. It is "County Club," by Holloway Horn. The name of the author is guarantee alone that the story will have interest, drama, mystery, thrills. Read the opening chapters in Monday's issue.

Annual Meeting of Eastern Porcupine Branch Red Cross Society

Branch has 1700 Members. Guaranteed Income \$30,000 Yearly. Meeting to Send \$1,000 to Finnish Red Cross. Whole Slate of Officers Re-elected for 1940.

South Porcupine, Jan. 24th.—(Special to The Advance)—A meeting was held on Tuesday in the public school auditorium of the first annual meeting of this branch of the Red Cross Society. It was preceded by an executive meeting, where reports of officers were received, policy and achievement reviewed, and general satisfaction at the success of the policy laid down at the organization meeting expressed.

President J. R. Stovel in opening the general meeting gave the following statistics:—

Membership, approximately 1,700, including 510 employees of the Dome Mines Union, 157 employees of the Buffalo Ankerite Gold Mines, 150 employees of the Pamour Porcupine Mines Ltd., 2 Faymar Mine Employees, 61 Hallnor Mine Employees, 4 Hoyle Gold Mine employees, 37 Preston East Dome, 327 persons following other pursuits than mining, and 309 who made cash donations.

Guaranteed income to Branch approximates \$30,000 annually. This is likely to be increased. The Dome Mines Ltd. has already intimated that it will contribute dollar for dollar with its own employees. Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the magnificent financial gesture made by the people living in the community represented by this Branch. The executive refused to set any objective, placing its entire faith in the willingness of people to contribute what they could. The response must be as heartening to the North and to the whole of this country as it is to the executive.

The statement of cash receipts and expenditures for the period from Sept. 25th, 1939, to Dec. 31st, was presented. This has been audited (gratis) by a competent firm of chartered accountants, and a pleasing balance after bills were paid was shown. An immediate contribution of \$1,500 is to be forwarded to the National Headquarters, and similar contributions made from time to time. Our first obligation is to see that our own workers are supplied with the materials needed.

Not only the executive, but the whole membership present were unanimous in their feeling of sympathy for the position of Finland, accordingly it was moved and passed that one thousand dollars should be sent to the headquarters of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and that it should be earmarked for Red Cross work in Finland. By unanimous vote of the annual meeting the whole slate of officers and committee members was returned for 1940.

The accomplishments of this branch have been realized without the payment of a single cent to any individual for services rendered. It would be impossible for the executive to name all the organizations and individuals who have given of their time to this cause. With this co-operation continuing throughout 1940 the Eastern Porcupine District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society should establish a record for service of which all the citizens can be proud.

Report of the Women's War Work Committee

January 23, 1940. Our Red Cross work rooms opened for war work on Nov. 16, 1939. On Dec. 11 we shipped to Toronto the following articles:—5 pairs half mitts, 27 pairs wristlets, 6 pairs gloves, 71 pairs socks, 4 scarves, 18 sweaters, 31 hospital gowns, 39 pneumonia jackets, 20 suits pyjamas, 25 abdominal bandages, 63 "T" bandages, 37 Hampton pads, 66 pillow cases, 47 towels.

This shows the splendid work accomplished by the ladies in the short period we had for work before Christmas. The work rooms were closed from Dec. 16 to Jan. 3, at which time we reopened in our new quarters on Bruce Avenue.

Since the first of the year there has been a gratifying increase in the work being done. Our next shipment to Toronto will be ready to go Jan. 31. This will be a much larger shipment than our first one, and as we are much better organized now and many more ladies are engaged in the work.

Ladies from various groups and organizations meet for work in the rooms each afternoon. Any lady who wishes to help is very welcome to come in at any time. There is always plenty to do. The work rooms are in use most evenings of the week. The Finnish ladies work Monday evening, the teachers and young people Tuesday, the ladies of the Legion Auxiliary Wednesday, the ladies of the Curling Club Thursday, and the Catholic Women's League, Friday.

In addition, we have the various outside units working, as follows: Hallnor Mine, Pamour Mine, Buffalo-Ankerite Mine, Paymaster Mine, Golden City, Dome Mine, Preston East Dome Mine, Jr. League of the United Church, Women's Guild of the United Church, Anglican Women's Guild, Jr. Catholic Women's League, Eastern Star, Rebekah's, Students of High School and Public Schools of South Porcupine and Dome, Women of the Legion, Girl Guides in South Porcupine and Dome are making quilts from scraps, and the Rangers are knitting.

All the ladies are working hard to make our Branch a success, and I wish

Next S. Porcupine Red Cross Shipment on January 31st.

Ask as Much Work in as Possible by January 29th.

South Porcupine, Jan. 24.—(Special to The Advance)—The next Red Cross shipment will be sent to Toronto Jan. 31st.

Mrs. Dye would like to have as much work as possible in Jan. 29th so that it can be checked and labelled.

The following comment on knitting has been received here from Nation Work Committee in Toronto:—"We ask all Branch Inspectors of socks to watch the finish of the toe most carefully and suggest that perhaps some one should give lessons in the proper finish of the toe. Guard against lumps or knobs."

There is always a knitting instructor at the Red Cross rooms each afternoon who would be very glad to instruct anyone on the finish of the toe. Just bring the sock in when the toe is reached and the instructor will show you how to tuck it off.

Mr. O'Gorman, agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Co., here, has kindly sent us two nice electric irons, which are very much appreciated. Mr. O'Gorman also offered the use of the Singer store to the Red Cross should they at any time need it.

book values, which are less by \$1,500,000 than their actual market values on the basis prescribed by the Dominion department of insurance. In addition, the company continued its conservative practice of writing down the book values by at least the net profit on sale of securities. Bonds, largely government and municipal, constitute 64.34 per cent of the assets.

Confederation Life in Unusually Strong Position To-day

Interesting Sidelights from Annual Report for Last Year.

Toronto, Jan. 24.—Payments to Confederation Life policy owners and their families reached an all-time high of \$15,448,484 in 1939, \$2,000,000 more than the previous year, according to the directors' report presented by V. R. Smith, general manager, at the 68th annual meeting here January 23. Dividends to policy owners were \$2,084,592, a substantial increase.

The close of 1939 finds Confederation Life in a strong position to withstand the strain of war. It offers to its policyholders today a greater measure of security than at any time in its history," assured Mr. Smith.

Confederation Life enjoyed the most favourable rate of mortality in the last 20 years, lower operating costs, excluding taxes, and the interest earned on assets was maintained at almost exactly the same rate as in 1938. Surplus earned during the year, a most important yardstick in gauging the progress of a life insurance company, was \$2,650,892.

Insurance in force totalled \$431,478,374, an increase of \$9,951,692 over that of 1938 and nearly \$100,000,000 more than the total business in force ten years ago. New business of \$48,604,501 would have been even greater if delay in the ocean mails had not kept out of the 1939 accounts a large amount of business from abroad. Grosses and were extended in 1939 to include hospitalization and surgical fee benefits.

Total income was \$23,389,886, an increase of \$1,377,965. Premium income, \$17,386,830, income from investment, \$5,584,219, and profit on the sale of securities, \$418,787, were higher.

Assets amounted to \$130,301,125, an increase of \$4,465,722 in the year. They were carried into the balance sheet at



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