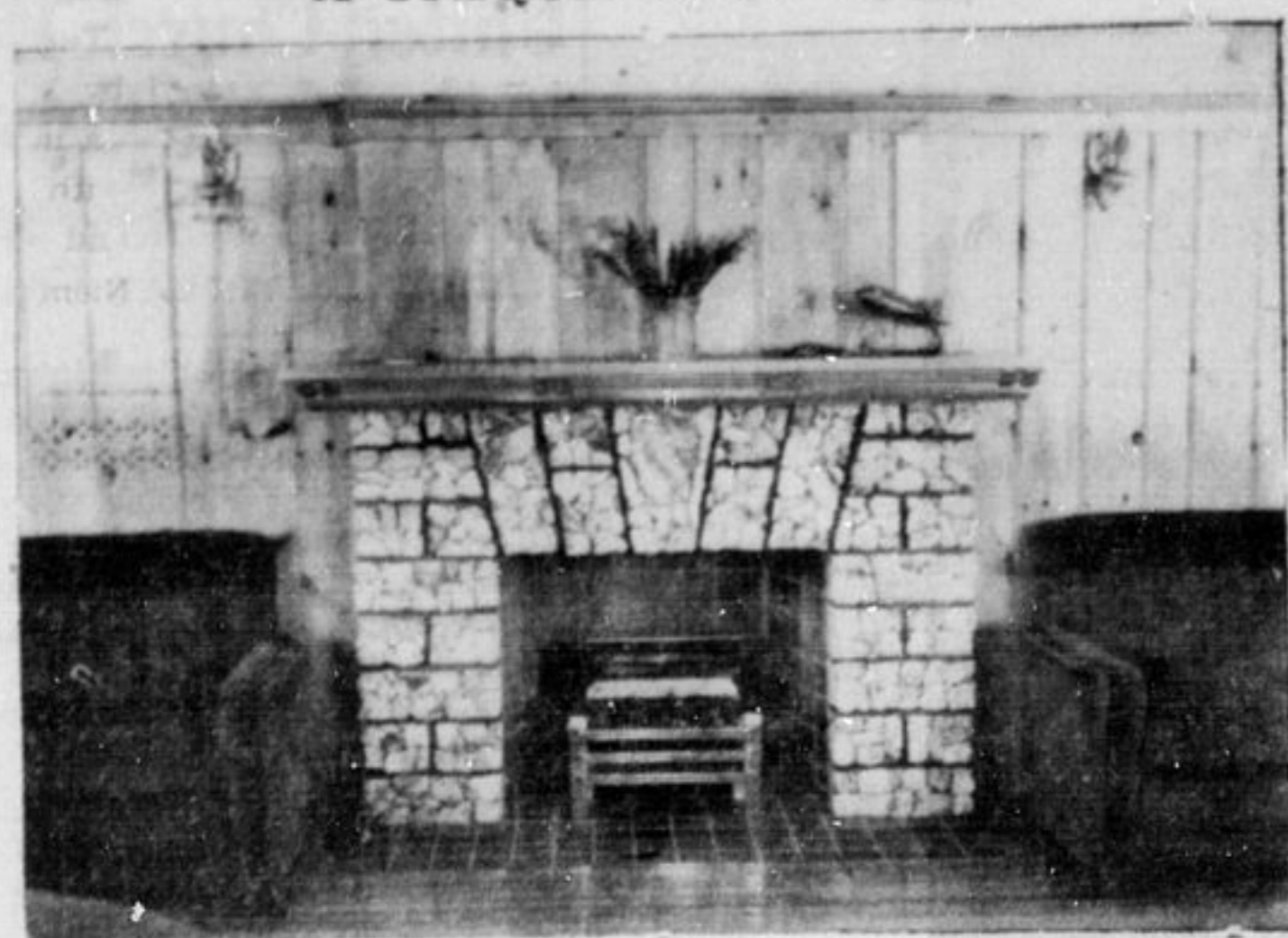


A UNIQUE FIREPLACE



The fireplace, shown above, which adds warmth and coziness to the main lounge room of the Porcupine Flying Club is made of pieces of quartz from most of the mines in the camp. They all have contributed to afford material for a simple and well designed fireplace.

Ahr Trained Pilot Flew Chamberlain to Meet Hitler

Three Graduates of Flying School Serving in R.C.A.F.

There are, at the present time, three members of the Royal Canadian Air Force, who have been trained at the flying school connected with the Algoma Air Transport and its offspring, the Porcupine Flying Club. Another graduate who served in the Royal Air Force, is dead.

Eric Robinson, the late member of the club, was killed a year and nine months ago in an accident. Three months before his death he played a minor part in the "War of Nerves" inasmuch as he flew Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain from London to meet Adolf Hitler at Munich.

The three members who are serving now are Bill Poag, who is instructing at Camp Borden; Bob Byers, a flying officer who is checking out military cadets, and Harvey MacPherson, who is training military cadets for the Royal Canadian Air Force at Waterloo, Ontario.

Y. P. S. Conducting at the Finnish United Church

The Y. P. S. of the Timmins Finnish United Church has lately been a very live and busy organization. In addition to properly carrying on all its own regular weekly work, the Y. P. S. has on two consecutive Sundays already taken care of the regular Sunday worship services in the church during the illness of their minister, Rev. A. I. Heinen, at St. Marys hospital. The president of the Y. P. S., Mr. Helge Hongisto, has conducted these services, assisted by fellow-officers and members of the Y. P. S. Prayers have also been offered by the young people for a speedy recovery and return into their midst of their minister. The attendance has been gratifying. Although it may be possible that Rev. Heinen will be taken home from the hospital before next Sunday, he will not be strong enough to occupy his pulpit this Sunday, 21st, and the Y. P. S. will take care of the third consecutive Sunday evening service at 7 p.m.

Toronto Telegram:—Another reason a man travels so fast on the toboggan slide is that so many others are always willing to give him a push.

Rescued Hockey Fans Who Crashed in Bush Over Eight Years Ago

Eight Years and One Month Ago Yesterday Seven Porcupine Men, Returning From Toronto by Plane, Crashed in Bush Forty Miles From Timmins. Were Found and Rescued by Ed Ahr, President of Algoma Transport and Porcupine Flying Club.

Eight years and one month ago yesterday an aeroplane crashed into the woods about forty miles from Timmins in a direct line to Matheson. In the machine were seven Porcupine men. They were rescued on the following Saturday morning having spent three days in the forest without food and warmth.

The men were Rev. Father Theriault, H. J. Marshall, Wilfred Gauley, L. Stone, E. M. Chinn, O. E. Evans and the pilot, A. Leavens. The pilot who sighted the stranded party and who brought them back to the Porcupine was Ed Ahr, President of the Algoma Air Transport and also of the Porcupine Flying Club. One of the members of the party, O. E. Evans, better known as "Scoop" now is manager of the Algoma Air Transport.

The flight to rescue the seven men was only one of the many "mercy flights" Ed Ahr has made. Asked to tell something about his hazardous flights, Mr. Ahr said: "That one is as good as any to tell about. Go look it up in the back files of your paper." That was all the information his interviewer was able to pry out of him.

In March, 1932, Timmins hockey team played and won the N.O.H.A. finals. Seven men took off in a plane to Toronto to see the game. On the trip south they lost their bearings and landed at Fenelon Falls. They took off from there and made a landing at Oshawa. From there they travelled to Toronto by automobile.

After the game was lost and won the men motored to Orillia where their plane was located. They took off from Lake Couchiching and began the trip back to Timmins. That was on Wednesday, March 17, 1932.

At Halleybury the air travellers hit a bad snow storm. They tried to get above it but were unable to escape its fury. Matheson was passed, and between that municipality and Timmins, Pilot Leavens decided that it as a choice between crashing and making forced landing. He chose the latter course and picked a small lake on which to land. On the way down the wing of the plane struck a tree and it crashed into the bush.

Only two men were hurt. They were the pilot and Mr. Marshall. Both were cut by the glass in the windshield of the plane. The men bound their cuts with handkerchiefs and all got out to reconnoitre.

Recalling the incident recently, Mr. Evans said: "I was wearing low shoes, silk socks and short underwear. It was not much fun stepping out into three feet of snow. The other members of the party were not dressed more warmly than I. We had about half a dozen chocolate bars and a few sandwiches between us. However, we made use of what we could find to build a shelter. Let me tell you, though, that we felt mighty glad when we saw Ed Ahr's plane circle above us."

Pilot Ed Ahr, who by that time, had been flying for eight years, landed on the small lake and left food for the men. He went back to South Porcupine and returned with Dr. McLaren. Then he took the men, one by one, back to the town.

In the plane with Pilot Ahr when he sighted the stranded seven was Karl Eyre.

This was one flight made by Pilot Ed Ahr. Since that time he has made many others. He is reputed among airmen to know the north country like the palm of his hand.

List of Members of the Porcupine Flying Club

Many from Timmins, South Porcupine and Schumacher Enrolled.

The new Porcupine Flying Club is attracting members at a very rapid rate. Not only is flying one of the most popular of businesses and the most sought after of hobbies and recreations, but the Porcupine Flying Club is so well equipped that it is making special appeal to large numbers. The new club house in itself is a very special attraction. Reading the pages in this issue and studying the several pictures showing the handsome and well equipped quarters provided for the club it is not difficult to understand the particular approval that is being given the Porcupine Flying Club these days. Not only does the Porcupine Flying Club give opportunity to those who wish to learn about flying and aircraft the chance to do so, but the club house presents so pleasing and comfortable a feature that it is just about irresistible. The result naturally is a large membership with still larger numbers yet to enroll.

The following are among those who have already taken out membership in the Porcupine Flying Club.

Timmins—C. B. Alton, Mike Ayoub, Ed Baderski, Frank Baderski, Henry Bates, J. D. Brady, Emile Brunette, Mrs. Emile Brunette, W. J. Burgess, J. J. Casey, Dr. E. A. P. Day, J. Dalton, Jr., Claude Desaulniers, W. H. Docton, Walter Ecclestone, Alex Hamuda, Ray Hamilton, Imperial Oil Co., Ralph Jackson, Andrew Kovecs, J. E. Lago, Allen Mack-

Algoma Transport One of North's Pioneer Air Firms

First Air Transport Company in Porcupine Has Provided Valuable Service

More freight tonnage was flown last year in Canada than in the United States. One reason for that is the existence of such companies as the Algoma Air Transport, with its base at South Porcupine.

Originated by veteran flier, Ed Ahr, the Algoma Air Transport was organized in 1930. Ten years of age, the company's pilots have flown approximately one million miles since its establishment. Many of these miles have been flown by Ed Ahr himself.

In 1930 Ed Ahr started off with one aeroplane. Today five machines are flown by Algoma Transport pilots. In the active service of the company is one "Piper Cub", used for light commercial work and instruction and two "Waco" planes for the heavy duty work which evolves upon northern flying companies.

All over the continent the reputation of "bush flyers" has been established. They are known as expert airmen whose forte is flying under adverse conditions. The transportation of heavy mining machinery, for example, into areas where landing fields are none too good, is one of the feats which have earned these northern flyers the reputation of among the best anywhere.

President of the Algoma Transport is Ed Ahr. His wife is secretary-treasurer of the company and general manager is a well known "oldtimer" in the Porcupine, O. L. ("Scoop") Evans.

In addition to training pilots the company has done mapping of the north for the Dominion government. Its pilots have done all the routine chores of a northern flying organization including the transportation of mining men and mining machinery to isolated areas, the transportation of ardent fishermen to inland lakes and other tasks too numerous to mention. Mr. Ahr, who is known all over the north country, has made "mercy flights" many of which received no publicity whatever. His credit for the many unpublicized daring flights he has made come only from the select company of flyers of which he is a member, inasmuch as they are unknown to the general public.

The Algoma Air Transport has been established here for ten years. During that time it has never had a major accident but has rescued many other pilots and passengers who have had mishaps. Its president, Mr. Ahr, was loath to discuss the many exploits of the organization inasmuch as much of the credit for them falls directly on himself. "We are trying to meet a need for flying in this country and insofar as risks are concerned we have taken them as a part of our job," he said.

Pilot Ed. Ahr



President of the Algoma Air Transport and President of the Porcupine Flying Club, Ed Ahr, shown in the above photo, is a pilot of many years of experience and thoroughly grounded in the engineering and experimental end of flying he also is a master pilot and a competent instructor.

kenzie, Miss D. J. Morris, John P. Oitean, H. K. Passmore, F. M. Passmore, Ted Parsons, Elsie Sullivan, Cecil Whitehead, H. J. White, Frank Wisner, M. E. Williams.

South Porcupine—C. E. Armstrong, J. F. Anderson, C. M. Brooks, E. N. Duffey, L. T. Mahon, C. McInnis, J. McInnis, C. Magunsson, Roy C. Norman, J. O'Shea, Col. Scobell, S. Sky, Dr. R. P. Smith, W. Wattam.

Schumacher—I. K. Sullivan, I. Sullivan, Pamour—A. E. Bromley, Mrs. Bromley, Sig Isaacson.

Hoyle Golf Mines—P. H. Bromley.

Former Member of the Secret Service at South Porcupine

Other Items from South Porcupine and the Dome.

South Porcupine, April 17.—(Special to The Advance)—On Monday afternoon the students of our High School listened to an interesting address by Major Carter, member of the British Secret Service who has travelled extensively all over the world. His experiences, especially in Arabia during the first World War when he served under General Lawrence, were listened to with great attention by the school. He illustrated his talk with slides and views of things which he saw—natives and their customs, and interesting people met during his adventures.

Mrs. George Helmer entertained on Tuesday evening at her home, and over thirty guests enjoyed her hospitality. A whist drive provided entertainment and a very lovely lunch was served at the end of the evening. Gentlemen winning prizes were Mr. R. Lang, first; Mr. O. Bowes, second; and Mrs. Montrose third. Ladies' prizes went to 1. Mrs. P. Varkey; 2. Miss Lila Brown; and 3. Mrs. Joha Costello.

The Legion Ladies Auxiliary held another very nice whist drive in the new Legion hall on Monday night. These are weekly affairs and are being very well patronized. Eleven ladies were filled on Monday and ladies winning prizes were: 1. Mrs. Florence Mitchell, (tablecloth); 2. Mrs. A. Ewing, (pillow slips); and 3. Mrs. Findlay McPhail, (towel). Gents' prizes went to: 1. Mrs. Dwyer, (two packs of playing cards); 2. Mr. Dickson, (shaving lotion); and 3. Mrs. McGinn, (shaving soap).

Dr. and Mrs. E. A. McKitterick moved in to-day from Timmins and are residing on Cecil avenue.

The ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter are planning a tea and sale of home baking to be held on Friday afternoon next week (26th) in the Masonic hall. They hope this affair will be well patronized as this organization confines its activities to one or two only, during the year. A door prize will be an additional attraction.

Our sympathy is extended this week to Mr. Eli Cantor, of the Porcupine Hardware, who received news today that his mother, Mrs. Lily Cantor, of Manchester, England, had passed away in the Old Land on April 1st. The deceased lady was in her 80th year.

Mrs. Bullivant, of Golden Avenue, left this week for an extended visit to her sister in Boston, Mass., where she will receive medical attention.

Mr. J. L. Shaw, of North Bay, was a guest at the home of his brother, Mr. Martin Shaw, last week-end.

Mr. Doran, of North Bay, was in town on Tuesday. He is the Post Office Inspector for the district, and this is his first visit since his appointment. He succeeded Mr. Brownell, who was burnt to death in the Rouyn fire two years ago, and was formerly postmaster at Sault Ste. Marie.

The stork has been working overtime at the Porcupine General Hospital lately. There are sixteen new babies overflowing the nursery. Among the newest arrivals are:

A daughter on April 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Miller, of South Porcupine.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Murray Bailey, of 99 Crawford St., South Porcupine, on April 14th.

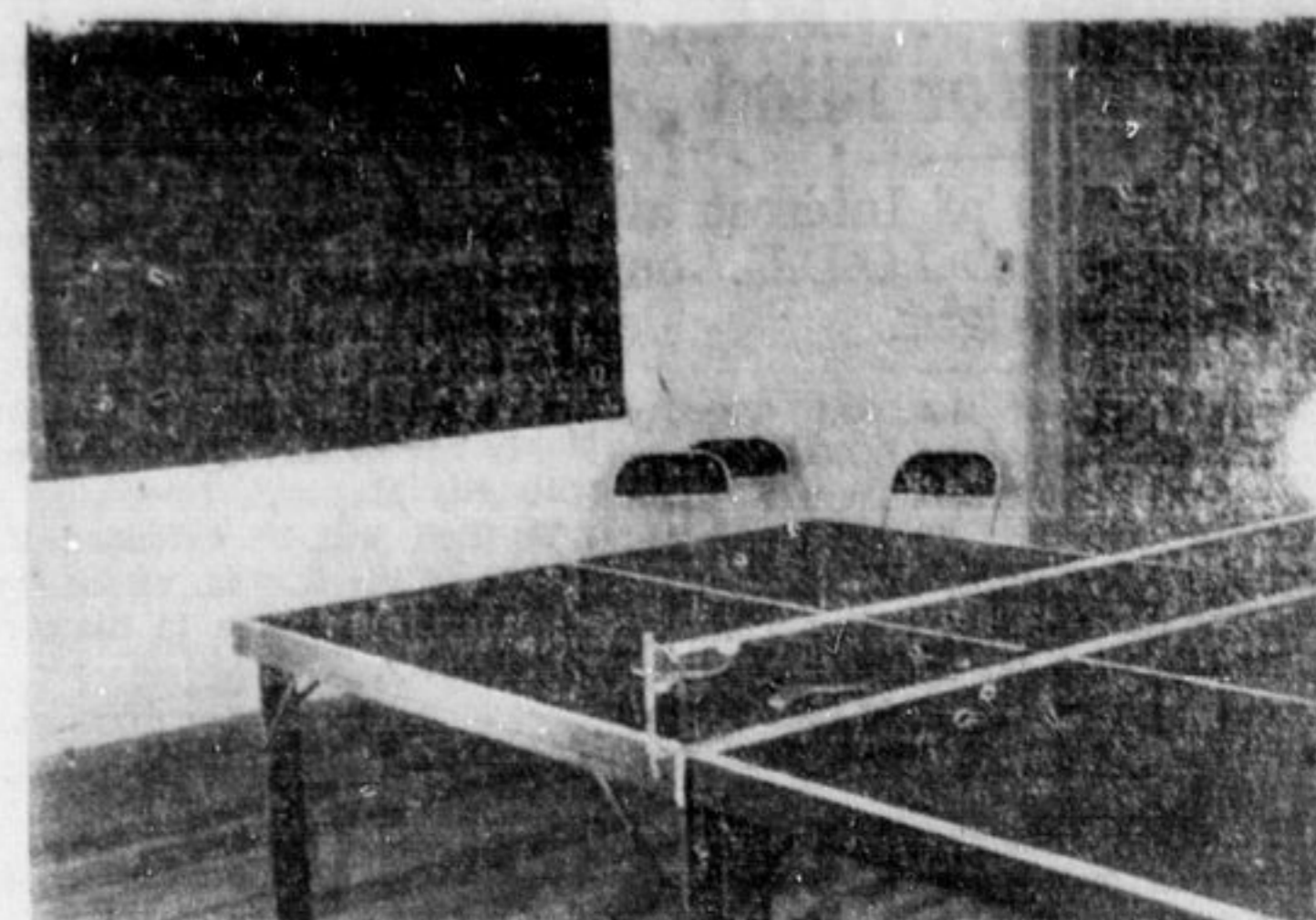
To Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Whitehead, of 77 Toke St., Timmins, a son, on April 14th.

A son, on April 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. James Peltomaki, of 59 William St., South Porcupine.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wagner, of the Hallnor Mine, a daughter, on April 15th.

Elora Express: Nebuchadnezzar has now nothing on us. The scientific pompos have just discovered that grass contains all of the vitamins, A, B, C, D, etc., and if we eat grass we can attain the strength of Samson, take no diseases to speak of and live to be Methusalehs. So now, housekeepers, begin to look around about for the latest breakfast food all fixed up with grass powder, or you can buy the stuff and put it in your pancakes, bread, cookies, candy and desserts. Well! What next!

GAME AND LECTURE ROOM



As may be seen the lecture room of the Porcupine Flying Club is also used for games. The ping pong table will be very much in use as will also the moving picture projector which is part of the equipment. This room leads directly off the lounge. Adjacent to it is a hallway leading to the next floor and a dining room and kitchen.

Large Entry Lists Already in for the Festival of Music

Over 1400 School Pupils in the Massed Choirs.

Large entry lists for the Festival of Music for the Cochrane District have come in. Over 1,400 scholars from public, separate and high schools will be competing in the school choruses at the McIntyre Arena on Monday afternoon, May 6th. In addition there are over 400 entries for individual or duet competition in piano, violin and vocal, and these will be adjudicated in the Timmins United Church and Harmony Hall under the skilled criticism of Mr. Roy Fenwick and Mr. Donald Heins.

As this is the first year of the Festival here, and its procedure is unfamiliar to many, it was agreed to accept entries up to April 25th. All contestants will receive a certificate giving the number of marks, and those who win first, second or third places will have a seal attached along with a red, blue or green ribbon.

The Massed Choirs which are singing at the Grand Concert are training now under their respective leaders, and orchestral accompaniment will be given by the Orchestra which Mr. Michael Rose is leading. There will be a rehearsal for the Massed Choirs on Monday evening, at 9:30 in the McIntyre

Friday Programme Night at the Finnish Y.P.S.

This week Friday, at 7:30 p.m. Group No. 2 (convenor, Mr. H. Hongisto) and the following members will be responsible for the success of the evening—Helen Lehto, Lea Heimonen, Irene Rintamaki, Ruben Peterson, Allan Leivo, Eelis Johela and Kaahu Vastila. This will be "Programme Night" at the Finnish Y.P.S.

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