

Charm, Colour, Talent, At the Mattagami Public School Concert Event

Dramatic Presentation of Canada's Part in the War Given by Pupils. "Santa Claus Doll Shop" a Delightful Christmas Fantasia, Christmas Carols, and an Operetta Other Features.

Charming children, colourful costumes, fine stage settings, and ability and talent combined to make the annual concert by the pupils of the Mattagami Public School a very interesting and thoroughly enjoyable event. The students of the school, their teachers, and the parents whose co-operation means a great deal, are to be complimented on the fine presentation.

"Carry On Canada" was the opening number and presented an explanation of the work which is being carried on by Canada, and how all nationalities are combining to make Canada, of great aid to the Mother Country. Sarah Partridge, as Britannia, was excellent in her speeches, and Ronald Briggs, as Jack Canuck gave particularly fine portrayal. Willard Taylor was the announcer who explained the processes by which Canada was carrying on her work and Cleo Clement was John Bull.

The bugler, Gerald Moberg, introduced the skit, and the first Canadian to report to Britannia was the soldier (Leonard Kipp), who said that he was fighting for Canada. Three pretty sailors, Patsy Brewer, Ruth Wilson and Patricia Cornell, explained their duties in guarding the ships which brought supplies to Britain and performed an attractive sailor's dance.

Britannia called on the airman (Gordon Ferguson) who said that Canada was doing her part in the air. The farmer (Donald Bristowe) explained that Canada's fertile fields were supplying Britain with the foodstuffs so necessary to her at this time, and the fisherman (Leonard Nurse), said that not only did the fisherman of Canada provide another food, but that they had taken on extra duties as coastal guards.

Proudly declaring the worth of the Porcupine in waging war, miners (Gerry Clatworthy, Clifford Ellis, and Jack Humphries) said that they were "hard-rock miners" whose duty it was to supply gold for the Empire's needs. Richard Middleton, as the lumberman, and Oliver Lorr as the mechanic, each told of their work in helping to win the war, and Ruth Haystead, Lois Montgomery and Aida Niniimaki represented the women of Canada, without whose help soldiers and civilians alike would not be able to get along. Finally, the scholar (Gordon Warren) said that even the school children were helping by sending cigarettes to the soldiers, collecting labels, etc., for money, and numerous other ways.

The various nationalities which make up the great Dominion were represented by Eleanor Scott, Eileen Lush, Ida Guild, Irene Stanutz, Peggy Harris, Doris McCharles, Alex Smith, William Demerling, Alex Smith, Billie Mackie, Clifford Lockett, and Walter Robertson, who, attired in the costumes of the various countries, performed a flag drill, which proved the unity of all people in Canada.

Patriotic songs were sung by a chorus: Bernice Hazen, Hugh Sheridan, Saul Linder, Verner Jeffrey, Hazen Murray, Billy Scott, Lavina Hedley, Alice Erickson, Billy Deas, Elaine Connolly, and Randall McInnis.

"Santa's Doll Shop" introduced Santa Claus (Cleo Clement) in his habitual red costume, with flowing white beard, hurrying around his doll shop, while making final arrangements for his annual trip to Timmins. In his shop were all kinds of dolls, small and big, pretty, beautiful and humorous, dark and blonde—a doll to suit the taste of every child.

Suddenly while Santa was out of the room, the dolls came to life, and headed by Beryl White, an especially attractive little doll with lovely brown curls, they formed a rhythm band. Simple melodies were played on wooden sticks, toy drums, triangular piping, and numerous other children's instruments. Santa, returning to the room was quite delighted with the performance, and then decide to pack these wonderful dolls and begin his Christmas rounds.

The dolls were Shirley Toal, Winon Farrell, Dayrell Price, Roy Humphries, Bert Watt, Stanley Loader, Annafred Fraser, Joan McElreath, Erna Marrell, Gladys Dimock, Annie Wasychuck, Cote Lillian Roy, Jean Hamilton, Leanna Croteau, Ella Jansen, Shirley Snider, Emily Benson, Jimmie Wilson, Freddie Orr, Henry Perala, Jack Richards, Kathleen Lepine, Marjorie Neve, Dorothy Peacock, Ronald Walker, Ann Nashlund, and Beryl White (leader).

Alice Pilgrim was the beauty expert, Madame Camella, whose trust in the "wonderful preparation of Dr. Curen" began a series of interesting and comical happenings, in the comedy "Madame Camella's Beauty Parlour". Her harsh, yet sympathetic assistant, Mary Jane, was played by Bertha Helkinnen, whose warnings to her mistress were of no avail.

Madame Camella was opening a new shop as the scene opened, and Mary Jane explained to her that she should not fill the preparations purchased from Dr. Curen without first testing them. But Madame Camella said Dr. Curen was a great man, and prepared to sell all of his remedies.

The first customer was Miss Bell (Jacqueline Marsh) who purchased a bottle of hair "curler". Then came Miss Henpen (Ruth McArthur) whose purchases was a bottle of complexion aid, while Mrs. Brown (Ruth Wilson) bought a bottle of a preparation guaranteed to make her thin child, Fairy

Brown (Ann Wilner) more robust. Mrs. Robinson (Mavis Young) brought her son Ebenezer (John McLeod), a tall fellow, to purchase some remedy to stop his growth, and Mr. Slicker (Earl Knight) furtively stole into the shop to buy a hair restorer.

The second scene took place ten days later when the remedies had taken effect. Miss Bell returned with red hair; Miss Henpen's complexion had become a sallow dark grey; Mrs. Brown's little girl, Fairy, had become a huge fat youngster (played by Betty McDivitt); Ebenezer Robinson had shrunk terribly (played by Ivan Cameron), and Mr. Slicker's hair had turned grey.

Each one was ready to punish the owner of the shop, but Mary Jane came to her assistance by calling her "boy friend", Pat McGonigal, the policeman (Clarence Forsley), who told the patrons that they had themselves brought on the happenings by wishing to change the course of nature. Mary Jane's final advice to her mistress, was that in the next town they visited they should try tea cup reading.

Ronald Lawlor, Wm. Strongman, Willard McElrea, Nick Logozar, Joe Jeffrey, Ian Fearn, Arthur Taylor, Steve Storosko, Eddie Ellis, Bill Downs, Wallace Campbell, Horace Bombardier, Lyle King, Alex McMilland, Dawson McIvor, Mike Merchoff were the baker boys who performed a dance with easy precision. They carried heavy wooden spoons which they used to emphasize the gestures of the dance.

Christmas carols, "O Little Town of Bethlehem", "Silent Night", "The First Noel" and many others were sung, by the operetta chorus, which included Dorothy Downs, Mabel Read, Violet Griffen, Eleanor Treblecock, Ivan Cameron, Aimee Larivee, Myrta Croteau, Evelyn Menard, Bearice Demarco, Jack Stevens, Peter Dolling, Mona Davidson, Jack Seppila, Ramona Hocking, June Elliot, Donald Harnden, Josephine McKinnon, Paula Whaley, Ingrid Carls, Catherine Kinsey, Fay Bellamy, Patricia Brewer, Helen McChesney, Laila Kojonen, Vivian Haystead, David Gauthier, Kenneth Walsh, Shirley Jordan, Eugene Wilk, Leonard Bostrom, Alan Jordan, Donald Fraser, Annie Ferguson, Dennis Roberts Marie Moberg, Adrian Landers, Jean Watt, Betty McChesney, Orlando McCharles, Ben Simpson, Dolores Booker, Carmen Gouette, Doris Brown.

The feature presentation was an operetta, "Polly Make-Believe", which was told in the beautiful setting, formed by the cottage home of Polly (Corinne Haystead), and her little friend, Jimmie (Sam Rao). The home was called "Make-Believe Orphanage", and in front of it was a beautiful blooming apple tree.

Polly and her invalid friend, Jimmie, had run away from an orphanage when they had heard the matron say that Jimmie was to be sent to a home for incurables. After a long journey, they had come to a large estate on which was a deserted cottage, in front of which stood a large apple tree in full bloom.

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Playing Tag—June Mulligan, Douglas Fraser, Barry McIvor, Ruby Smith, Bunnies—Nora McCafferty, Alan Bahm, Elsie Doddridge, Freddie McCafferty, Anne Nankervis, Bobby Walker, Leone Wittman, Stanley Mason.

Dutch Dance—Sheila Menard, Gordon Evans, Myrtle Villemere, Donald Puscas.

Irish Dance—Kathleen Phizackiea, Gladys Miller, Shirley MacElrea, Theresa Cote, Chas Travenna, Roy Hobbs, Gordon Warner, Hector Neveu.

Fairies—Fairy Queen (Alice Russell), Regina Jacobs, Dorothy McLeod, Jimmy Fermanick, Margaret Robertson, Norma Bailey, Joyce Lawlor, Doris Whaley, Julia Davidson, Eileen Marson, Norma McInnis, Marjorie Roy, Helen Seppila, Besty Clark, Evelyn McElrea, Wilhelmina Connell, Laura Pihlaja, Merle Marsh, Gil Wilson, Joan Cole, Maxine Davidson.

Vegetables—Norma Campbell, Nor-

Dominion Bank in Strong Position and Earnings Improved

Commercial Loans at a High Level.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Bank held in Toronto on Wednesday, December 11th, was largely attended. The 70th annual statement covering the Bank's operations for the twelve months ending October 31st last was presented and approved.

The statement contained many interesting features, among them enlarged earnings, a strong cash position, a big increase in commercial loans, and deposits by the public only slightly below the figures of last year, notwithstanding that during the twelve months approximately \$22,000,000, was withdrawn from deposits to purchase Canada's War Loans.

Net profits were \$958,788, compared with \$902,296, for the previous fiscal period of ten months. After providing \$370,165, for Dominion and Provincial taxes—which was \$105,930, in excess of the previous year—\$700,000, was made available for dividends, a contribution was made to the Officers' Pension Fund of \$85,000, \$150,000, was written off Bank Premises Account and \$23,788, was carried forward to Profit and Loss Account now standing at \$861,188.

The advance in commercial loans and discounts in Canada is particularly noticeable as it amounted to \$15,760,000 Total loans under this heading amount to \$74,157,000, compared with \$58,296,000 at the end of last year.

Call and Short loans in Canada and elsewhere were lower because there has been a smaller demand during the past twelve months for this type of financing. The comparison is \$3,817,616, in the present year as against \$3,759,378, a year ago.

Letters of Credit stand at \$4,333,000, as against \$2,856,000, last year. This increase is explained by the greater activity of the Bank's customers in foreign business.

Deposits by the public, not bearing interest, have increased during the year from \$37,978,685, to \$41,075,639, while those bearing interest stand at \$80,622,320, as against \$85,335,930. The comparison of total deposits by the public is \$121,698,000, in the present statement as against \$123,314,000, a year ago a slight reduction of \$1,616,000.

Dominion and Provincial Government deposits total \$8,713,357, compared with \$13,587,383, a year ago a decrease of \$4,874,026.

The Bank's portfolio of Dominion Provincial and other high grade securities stands at \$38,489,000, as against \$60,649,000, last year. This is a decrease in round figures of \$22,000,000, in the main due to the requirements brought about by the increased demand of the Bank's customers for loans to finance the 1940 grain crop and to carry out war contracts.

The Capital of the Bank remains at \$7,000,000, and Reserves, with undivided profits, are \$7,861,000.

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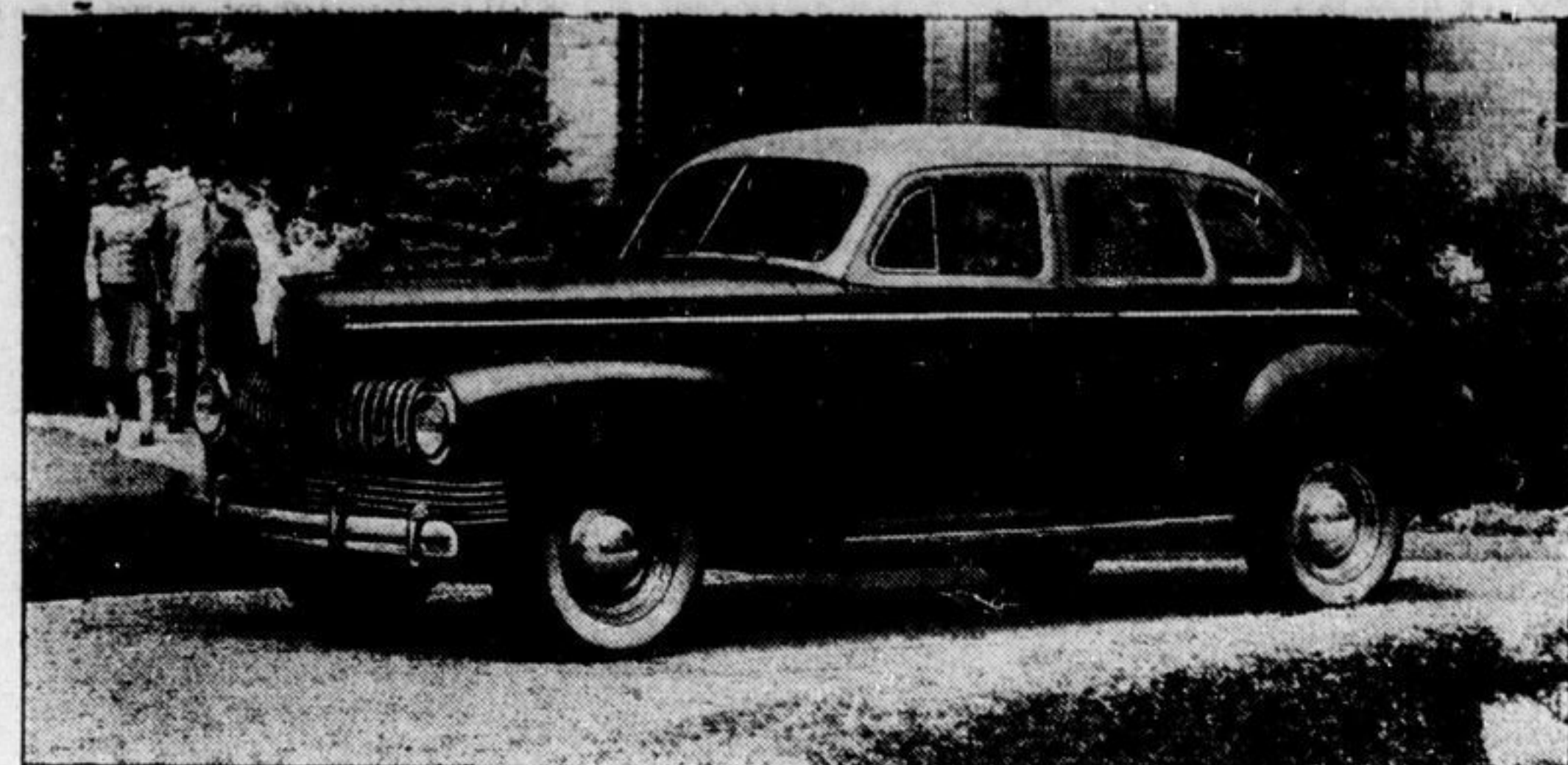
South Porcupine, Dec. 14th. Special to The Advance

Mr. Albert Stevenson who has been on the staff of the Bank of Toronto here for the past six and a half years, left for Thursday for Welland where he has received a promotion from head office. During this term here, "Stevie" has made many friends who are genuinely sorry to see him leave. On Tuesday about twenty-four friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Quesnel on Commercial avenue and gave him a farewell party. During the social evening Mr. Mike Cybulski, acting for all the guests, after a short speech, presented him with a farewell gift in the shape of a travelling clock in a blue leather case; with the good wishes of his friends. Mrs. Quesnel, with Mrs. Cybulski assisting, served a lovely buffet lunch during the evening.

Italian Dance—Briget Nelson, Mary Edwards, Lois Kirk, Barbara Whitton, Iris Hazen, June Stevens, Nora Jelbert, Sylvia Hensby, Betty Deas.

Mystic Knights—Victor Nelson, Gordon Knight, and Victor Cornell.

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South Porcupine Well Pleased With Event by Schubert Choral Society

Tuneful and Pleasing Harmony in Choral Selections. Solos and Other Numbers Equally Attractive. Rhythm and Charm in Selections by Pupils of Miss Margaret Easton.

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Musicians who were present on Friday evening in the United Church to hear the Porcupine Schubert Choir were delighted with the programme presented and enjoyed the excellent rendition of the various items extremely. The audience was not large but was most appreciative and we felt that those who were not present were missing one of the musical treats of the year.

Mr. Geo. Hale, conductor, is well-known, and needs no introduction to South Porcupine. He led his choir with perfect ease, and extracted the utmost in tuneful and pleasing harmony, expression and tone from them.

Mrs. Hanson, accompanist, is without doubt one of the most accomplished artists in this line we have heard here. She is a brilliant pianist, but has learned the art (and it is an art) of making her performance a perfect and unobtrusive background and support for the voices of the choir. Her work with the "Mikado" music was marvelous.

The second half of the programme made us recognize again the beauty and real music in some of the patriotic songs that careless and slipshod singing have made a little neglected.

All-listening to "Rule Britannia"—sung as the Schubert Choir sang it on Friday night must feel that surge of exalted patriotic idealism, that rises to the stirring music and the words which Britishers love.

Elgar's "Land of Hope and Glory" always grand—was beautifully done, and of course "There'll Always be an England" moved us too.

Miss Easton's young dancing pupils met with great applause, their naval and military costumes making a perfect inset in the pageant of music, and their dancing being a delightful performance. The audience enjoyed little Claire Donoghue's first public appearance quite as much as she did herself—she made a dear little sailor-boy.

Helen Rhea Channen captivated all in her solo "Gob" toe-dance, with the Sailors in the Hornpipe. Others were Mazell Menear, Shirley Thompson, Noella Caron, John Jeffreys and Barbara Bowie. In the Military Revue, Mayzell McNear, Lois Doolan and Shirley Thompson performed very nicely.

Miss Easton accompanied the dancers with the piano music.

Rev. J. A. Little introduced the choir and remarked upon the appreciation felt by South Porcupine in being honored by the choir's visit, and their presentation of the highest type of music.

Among the soloists who delighted us with their splendid performances were Mr. C. Roberts ("A wandering minstrel")—Mr. C. Watkins ("Behold, the Lord High Executioner")—Mr. B. Macdonald ("To, Please, you Sir")—Mr. P. Harris ("A Mere Humane Mikado")—Miss B. McGrath, Miss B. Bonhomme and Miss C. Macdonald—all from the "Mikado".

Programme—O. Canada. Men chorus—"If you want to know who we are."

Trios—Misses C. Amadio, L. Shaw, K. Hale—"Comes a train of little ladies"—Chorus—"Three little maids from school."

Solo—Mr. B. Macdonald Solo—Mr. P. Harris Chorus—"With Aspect Stern and Gloomy Stride."

Chorus (by request)—"Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life"; "Giannina Mia"; "Will You Remember?"

Pageant of Music—"There'll Always be an England"; "Country Gardens" Sailor's Hornpipe—Group Solo—Miss Easton's pupils "It Comes from the Misty Ages"—Chorus.

Military Revue—Pupils "Land of Hope and Glory" "Rule Britannia"

"God Save the King" Soprano—Mrs. J. L. Murray, Mrs. J. Curtis, Mrs. B. Thompson, Miss B. Mc-

Grath, Miss C. Amadio, Miss B. Bonhomme, Miss L. Mascioli, Miss L. Shaw, Miss A. Johnson, Mrs. A. Chartrand.

Contraltos—Mrs. C. Laforest, Mrs. G. Rondau, Miss C. Roberts, Miss P. Greenaway, Miss C. Macdonald, Miss A. Domnicco, Miss K. Hale, Miss T. Edwards, Miss M. Quinn. (All the ladies were not present).

Tenors—Mr. C. Menzies, Mr. C. Roberts, Mrs. C. Newall, Mr. C. Hale, Mr. T. Jones, Mr. J. Cunningham, Mr. P. Bases—Mr. C. Watkins, Mr. P. Harris, Mr. B. Macdonald, Mr. F. Boisvert, Mr. J. Jones and Mr. J. Hongisto.

Officers for 1941 for Past Grands' Club at South Porcupine

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The Past Grands Club of the Rebekah Lodge held their monthly meeting on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. J. Wilson on Golden avenue. This was their annual election of officers and an account of the work of the year was given. This club, members of which are all ladies who have been Noble Grands of the lodge, does much charitable work among the fraternity and serves as a reference body and background for the Rebekah Lodge. At this meeting the following ladies were elected for office for 1941: Past President, Mrs. W. W. Wilson; President, Mrs. W. Freeman; vice-president, Mrs. B. Webb; secretary, Mrs. W. Rayner; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Thomas. A social evening with bridge followed election of officers, the following gained prizes: 1. Mrs. W. W. Wilson and 2. Mrs. W. Freeman. Miss Lempi Niemi assisted Mrs. W. J. Wilson as joint hostess in serving lunch.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. William Brook of 134 Golden avenue, South Porcupine on Dec. 14th—a son, in Porcupine General hospital.

The "bingo" parties held on Tues-

day Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the Masonic hall under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club were a great success. Proceeds (amount to be announced shortly) are to be given to the Kiwanis War Effort. The lovely springer spaniel puppy which was the grand prize for Thursday evening, was won by Mrs. S. O'Malley, of 22 Cecil avenue, with ticket number 15263.

Students of South Porcupine High School entertained Schumacher High School students on Friday night to a skating party at the open-air rink at the Public school grounds. All had a jolly time, returning afterwards to the High School for coffee and doughnuts.

Mrs. C. Jones, of Preston East Dome, received news this week that her sister and brother-in-law in Port Sunlight, near Liverpool, England, had recently lost their home and possessions in a bombing raid over the town. Fortunately her relatives escaped uninjured. The lady who lost her home is also the sister of Mr. Ben Curtis, of Dome Extension.

Don't forget that on Monday evening a special Christmas chicken whist is to be held in the Legion hall. There will be four prizes so a good attendance is hoped for. Under the auspices of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion.

Mrs. J. McLean, of Blind River, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert McWilliams, Jr., for a few weeks.

Mrs. Robinson, of Webbwood, is a visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Smith of William Avenue.

Mr. Andy Haggerty, of Broadway, left on Thursday for Winchester upon hearing of the serious illness of his father in that town.

Mr. Joseph Coursehane, of North Bay is working here for the Christmas rush with the post office staff.

Mr. Jack Windle leaves this week for his home in Renfrew County after having spent some weeks in town.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. R. Lambert Hancock (nee Dorothy Kaufman) in Porcupine General hospital, on Friday, December 13th—a son.

Mrs. Hardy who has been visiting her sisters, Mrs. Kaufman, Mrs. Pera, and Mrs. Hansen, in South Porcupine, left on Saturday for Kirkland Lake.

Born—in Porcupine General hospital on December 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Manary, of Hoyle—a son.

The Fireside Bridge Club met on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Roy Woods. Prizes were won by: 1. Mrs. Woods; 2. Mrs. H. Blood; and 3. Mrs. Len Smith. The hostess served a delicious lunch.

Mrs. Russell Powers, of Timmins, was

visiting her sisters, Mrs. Telford and Mrs. B. Blood, this week.

The ladies of the Curling Club held a tea on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Martin Shaw, Blor avenue, from 2 to 6 p.m. and in that time managed to make a neat sum to contribute to the Spiltfire Fund. It is too near Christmas for many people to be able to give much even to worthy causes but the ladies are satisfied with the amount made and are delighted to think they have done something for a patriotic cause. Mrs. Shaw was assisted by all the club, which provided the necessary tea, sandwiches and cakes, also home-baked delicacies for sale, and Mrs. Wm. Fairhurst, Miss Gina Higgins, Mrs. Gordon Brown, Mrs. V. Hedges, Mrs. Wm. Adamson, Mrs. M. Smith helped at the tea. Mr. W. G. Skinner donated the lovely red roses on the tea tables and other flowers and Mrs. W. Rayner and Mrs. Galbraith acted as cup readers. A case of ginger ale donated by Mrs. M. Shaw was won by Mrs. S. Pearce with ticket 31.

NOT SO DUMB

A kindly visitor was one day going through an insane asylum. Presently he saw a fellow sitting beside a flower bed, fishing with his line dropped among the plants. Thinking to humor the patient, the visitor asked, "How many have you caught so far, my poor fellow?"

"You're the ninth today," he said.



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