

SINGAPORE IS FURTHER REINFORCED

New Library and Reading Room at St. Alphonsus Church at Schumacher

Well-filled Library, Together With Reading Rooms and Club Facilities Established by Young People of the Parish. Formal Opening a Pleasing Event Saturday.

Schumacher, Feb. 24th. Special to The Advance.

The official opening of the St. Alphonsus Parish Church new reading room and library was held Saturday afternoon. The Rev. father Martindale added a few words of encouragement and congratulated the committee in charge for the success they had achieved in having such comfortable club room.

The furnishing of the club room consists of a three piece chesterfield suite in rust and green repp, a radio, several occasional chairs and floor lamps. Local and landscape pictures are hung on the walls. A well-filled library with many valuable books should prove very interesting reading to the members. A small fee entitles each one to membership. To mark the opening event, the library committee served afternoon tea in the new club rooms. The large table was very attractive with its lace cloth. The centre piece was a large vase of spring flowers, blue iris, daffodils and narcissus, with a lovely silver tea service at each end of the table. Mrs. Jack Marshall and Mrs. Mac MacMillan poured tea. They were assisted by Miss Betty Murphy, and Mrs. John Bagoria. In charge of the kitchen were Miss Aileen Curran, Miss E. Murphy and Mrs. Ken Burns. A large number of ladies attended and enjoyed afternoon tea.

Happy Children's Social Evening

There was a very large attendance of adults and children at the children's social evening given by the Cornish Social Club in the Hollinger hall on Saturday evening, and while the children enjoyed an informal concert presentation, the adults played a few hands of cards and added some inches to their knitting.

Mr. Stutton and Mr. Hocking acted as M.C.'s during the evening, and a dainty lunch was served.

Timmins Now Has Largest Number of Phones of Any Town in This Part of North

Timmins—Schumacher Exchange Lists 4,380 Phones. Kirkland Lake and Swastika Next With 2,973. South Porcupine in Fifth Place. Increase of 395 in Timmins—Schumacher Phones Over 1939.

The report of the Northern Telephone Company, as prepared for the annual meeting of shareholders being held at New Liskeard today (Monday), contains many interesting and illuminating facts.

The report notes that the Timmins-Schumacher exchange is the largest in the whole system and has also shown the greatest growth during the past year. This exchange has 4,380 phones according to the 1940 report. For 1939 the number listed was 3,985. This means an increase of 395 telephones in the year.

The total number of phones in the Northern Telephone system for 1940 was 13,506. For 1939 the total was 12,926. The increase of 580 in the year was due chiefly to the increase in the phones in the Timmins-Schumacher exchange. This increase was 395, as noted, and is more than twice as much as the increase in the other twenty-four exchanges combined.

There are twenty-five exchanges in the Northern Telephone Lines, covering all this part of the North. The following figures from the report show the number of phones at each of the exchanges:

- Timmins-Schumacher, 4,380.
- Kirkland Lake-Swastika, 2,973.
- Noranda and Rouyn, 1,994.
- New Liskeard, 942.
- South Porcupine, 607.
- Halleybury, 484.
- Amos, 473.
- Kapuskasing, 384.
- Cobalt, 317.
- Englehart, 290.
- Larder Lake, 173.
- Duparquet, 110.
- Hearst, 95.
- Matheson, 95.
- Senneterre, 44.
- Matachewan, 40.
- Earlton, 33.
- Eik Lake, 33.
- Latchford, 8.
- Mattice, 8.
- Moonebeam, 8.

Dog Owners Are Given Warning

All Persons Failing to Have Dog Licenses to be Prosecuted.

A warning was issued today through the Town of Timmins license department that all persons who have failed to obtain dog licenses will be prosecuted without further notice. Six dog owners are scheduled to appear before Magistrate Atkinson on Tuesday for failure to have their pets licensed and a concerted drive on delinquents is to get under way this week. Inspector Martin pointed out that January 31 was the last day on which last year's license was valid.

Mining Institute Meets Wednesday at McIntyre Hall

Official of Munitions and Supply Department Will Address Gathering.

The February meeting of the Porcupine Branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy will be held at the McIntyre Community Building on Wednesday evening commencing at 8:30 p.m.

The speaker for the occasion will be G. C. Moutoure, of Department of Munitions and Supply, Ottawa, who will address the gathering on the topic "Metals and Minerals Under Control."

The address is being looked forward to with a great deal of interest and it is expected that a large crowd will be in attendance.

NETHERLANDS PRINCESS INSPECTS HER TROOPS



While throngs of Netherlands nationals from every part of western Ontario stood for hours in a cold drizzle of rain to catch a glimpse of her, Princess Juliana paid a long visit to Netherlands troops training at the Juliana barracks in Stratford. With Col. G. J. Sas (right) commander of the Dutch force, she

speaks to an officer at the head of a khaki clad column. After the military inspection the princess turned aside to greet the civilians who clustered about her eager to shake her hand and received her with expressions of loyalty.

East African Conquest Makes Steady Progress

British Forces Make Gains Against Italians in Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somaliland. Town of Shogahi on Blue Nile Occupied. R. A. F. Gives Strong Support.

British forces, recently reinforced by Senegalese, were credited at Cairo today with steady gains into Eritrea, Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland. The Senegalese, members of the Free French Forces, travelled half way across the continent by truck to get into the fight. They crossed the Anglo Egyptian Sudan from Chad in French Equatorial Africa and were then transported by ship to the northern Red Sea coast of Eritrea.

They joined the upper claw of a British "pincer" being closed on the railway town of Keren, where the Italians have held out determinedly. A communique said this advance from the North was making satisfactory progress, while other forces, a few miles west of Keren continue their preparations for the reduction of the Italian positions covering the town.

Cairo further reports that on the Ethiopian front, British troops, augmented by native forces, have occupied the town of Shogahi on the Blue Nile.

The R.A.F. Middle East command declared today that British bombers, escorted by fighter planes, were making "continuous raids on Gura, Cheren and Asmara, capital of Eritrea and added that the tempo of air attack on Italian positions in Eritrea is increasing daily.

Naybob Miner is Killed Instantly In Shaft Mishap

Fred Grydsuk Crushed by Cage When Attempting to Repair Pull Cord.

Struck by a cage in the new shaft being sunk at Naybob Gold Mines, Harry Grydsuk 23, was almost instantly killed last Thursday night.

Grydsuk was employed as a deckman and muck was being hoisted steadily in the cage compartment of the shaft. During these operations, the pull cord from the cross-head chairs broke and Grydsuk went up the manway to investigate. For some unexplainable reason the workman climbed from the manway into the cage compartment. The cage was moved from below and caught the unfortunate victim before he could get back into the manway. His body was crushed by the cage and fell a distance of forty feet.

Deceased is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grydsuk, 224 Pine street south. An inquest has been ordered.

Woman is Charged After Liquor Raid On Sunday Morning

Provincial Police Swoop Down on House in Mountjoy Township—10 Found In.

Following a raid by Provincial Police at 1:30 Sunday morning on a house in Mountjoy Township, Elsie Pomerleau, alleged to be the owner, was arrested on a charge of keeping liquor for sale and locked up in the local police cells. She will appear before Magistrate Atkinson tomorrow.

At the time of the raid, police allegedly found seven men and three women in the house drinking.

Women's Institute Celebrates Second Anniversary Here

To celebrate the second anniversary of the Women's Institute in Timmins, the members were hostesses to a very large and merry crowd at the Hollinger hall on Friday evening, when their friends and acquaintances danced to the music of Uncle Art and His Merry-makers.

Both round and square dancing were enjoyed, and during the evening, a delicious lunch of hot dogs, doughnuts, coffee, and soft drinks was served.

Describes Ontario Judicial System to Timmins Lions

Charles Yates, Assistant Crown Attorney, Speaker at Regular Weekly Dinner

Lion Charles Yates, assistant Timmins Crown Attorney, addressed the regular weekly dinner of the Lions Club here Thursday evening on the Ontario judicial system, explaining the jurisdiction and scope of the various courts existing in the Provincial set-up. He also mentioned briefly a number of recommendations that have been made regarding changes in the present system. Mr. Yates' remarks were followed with great interest by the club members.

It was decided that the club would not, as a club, join with other clubs in hearing an address from Dr. H. S. Thompson, of the Dental Hygiene Council in March, but that individual members would attend if they so desired.

Secretary Harold Pirie announced that the District Governor, Sam Rothschild, of Sudbury, would pay an official visit to the next regular meeting.

Harold Collins introduced Bill Lansbury who entertained the meeting with two humorous recitations, "Happy" and "Casey At The Bat." A vote of thanks was extended by "Silent" Bill McDermott.

Vice President Bill Wren presided at the gathering. Guests for the occasion included Jim Spalding, of North Bay Lions Club, Leon Charlebois, Ansonville and William Lainsbury, Timmins. The chairman extended the club's congratulations to Lion Garth Teeple on his recent marriage.

More Australian Troops Land At British Port To Augment Large Garrison

Japs Said to Have 100,000 Men Massed on Hainan Island for Drive Southward, Toward Singapore. Japanese Foreign Minister Calls on "White Race" to Cede Oceania

Milder Weather Forecast

Temperature Exactly Zero at Eight O'Clock This Morning at Hollinger.

"Fair and moderately cold today but becoming a little milder," was the weather prediction of Sydney Wheeler at Hollinger Observatory this morning. While Mr. Wheeler would not definitely commit himself, he believed that a real mild spell is not in the offing. Five inches of snow fell intermittently from last Thursday until Saturday. The temperature at eight o'clock this morning was exactly zero.

Maximum and minimum temperatures since last Wednesday are: Thursday 20 above and 8 above; Friday 22 above and 10 above; Saturday 12 above and 6 below; Sunday, 14 above and 6 below.

Arrest Local Man In Kirkland Lake On Two Charges

James Godin to Appear Tomorrow on False Pretenses and Theft Counts.

Arrested for Timmins authorities by Kirkland Lake police, James Godin, 181 Spruce street north, was brought back here on Saturday and will appear before Magistrate Atkinson in police court tomorrow afternoon. He will face charges of false pretenses and theft.

Lodging House Proprietress is Charged Here

Mrs. R. Cantin Alleged to Have Operated Place Without Municipal Permit.

Mrs. R. Cantin, 72 Third avenue was charged today with operating a lodging house without a municipal permit and will appear in police court here tomorrow. Police claim that the woman had been previously refused a permit to operate a lodging house by the license department.

Reports from Singapore indicated today that more Australian troops are arriving there to reinforce those already landed and are in training for jungle warfare.

Unconfirmed Chinese reports from Hong Kong said Japanese forces on Hainan Island, described as totalling 100,000 men, had finished preparations for a Southward drive and were expected to move soon toward Singapore. These reports said naval stores were ready at six points and that fifty to sixty Japanese warships were in the gulf, between the Island and French Indo-China. Japan showed signs of nervousness today as three French warships steamed for a secret destination, just before it was announced that the Thailand-French Indo China armistice had been extended for two weeks.

Meanwhile Foreign Minister Matsuoka of Japan today called upon "the white race" to cede Oceania, the vast region of the South Pacific, to the Asiatics.

Matsuoka declared in parliament that "it has always been my pet theory that Oceania, which is 1200 miles from North to South and 1,000 miles from east to west, must be made a place for the Asiatics to migrate."

"This region has sufficient natural resources to supply six to eight hundred million of people and I believe we have a natural right to migrate there," said Matsuoka.

Two Japanese leaders told a lower house parliamentary committee that Japan is watching British and United States moves closely and that its navy has already decided on counter measures to any threat. Both expressed full confidence in the Japanese army and navy to push its expansionist programme.

Another \$1,000 to be Sent Overseas This Week to Bomb Victims' Fund

The Timmins Committee in charge of the fund for the Bomb Victims overseas are sending another \$1,000 overseas to the Lord Mayor of London's fund for those suffering in Britain from the Hun air raids. Some weeks ago the local committee forwarded to the fund two hundred and twenty-five pounds sterling (approximately \$1,000) to London, and received acknowledgement and thanks from the Lord Mayor for this appreciated help. This week another \$1,000 is going forward, and it is hoped that several more contributions of similar size will go from Timmins for this worthy cause.

New United Church at South Porcupine Crowded For Opening Services

Rev. W. M. Mustard Preacher at Morning Services. Rev. F. J. Baine Preacher in the Evening. Presentations Made Before the First Services. Music Features the Services.

South Porcupine, Feb. 22—(Special to The Advance)—Such a large number of people attended the first services in the new United Church today that many sat on the steps and some in the kitchen in order to be present at the opening ceremonies. Three hundred is a small estimate of the number attending in the morning.

Before the actual service began, Rev. J. A. Lytle and Rev. W. M. Mustard entered together. They were received by Mr. Walter Honer, chairman of the Building Committee, who presented the South Porcupine minister with the keys of the church. Mr. P. J. Andrews spoke on behalf of all who had worked for, or given toward the building. Mrs. Burton presented the new organ front to the church from the children of the Dome Sunday School. This was inscribed suitably on a brass plate with the words "Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Rev. Lytle replied to these speeches by thanking the congregation for their efforts and voluntary labour, and those committees which had worked so nobly towards this end.

Rev. Mr. Mustard who preached the morning service took as his text, "We

are labourers together." Special music at the morning service was the anthem by the choir, "I will Sing of Thy Great Power," and solo by Mrs. Stanlake, "Open the Gates," followed by the choir rendering "I Will Sing Unto the Lord."

Rev. F. J. Baine conducted the evening service taking as his subject of discourse, "Jesus Christ the Foundation." The choir sang the anthem, "Thou art my God," and George Woods gave the solo "Bless This House."

Mr. Percy Harris, of Timmins, sang "The Lord is My Light and My Salvation."

Presented and dedicated to the service of God at this time was a new piano, the gift of the South Porcupine Young People's Union—Mr. Ken Davis making the presentation; and a new electric range for kitchen use given by Miss Margaret Fraser in memory of her father, the late Doctor Fraser, previous minister of the United Church in South Porcupine. Mrs. Dan Reed, in the absence of Mrs. Libby, President of the Guild (who is sick), acted for the Guild at the presentation.

Dr. Banting Missing



Sir Frederick Banting, discoverer of insulin and head of the Banting Institute, is reported missing along with three others in a plane that has been unreported since last Friday. No message has been heard from the plane's radio and it is feared the machine may have crashed in Newfoundland or in the sea along the east coast. Dr. Banting is well known in Timmins and worked in close cooperation with Dr. Robson and the late J. J. Denny of the McIntyre Mines in the development of metallic aluminum as a preventive of silicosis.

FIGHT AGAINST TIME



The feverish tempo of Canada's industrial war effort has become a fight against time with little leisure for such incidents as meals. A machinist is here shown in a Canadian gun plant munching away at his lunch with one hand on the controls of his whirling machine.