

# Every Fire is a Help to the Enemy! Prevent Fires

## South Porcupine High School Field Proved an Outstanding Success

List of Prize Winners for the Occasion. Championships in Boys' and Girls' Senior, Intermediate and Junior Departments at Event. Boys' Intermediate Championship Yet to be Run Off.

South Porcupine, Oct. 6th—Special to The Advance. South Porcupine High School students held their annual Field Day on Monday afternoon last week. The weather was propitious and all the students enthusiastic. This year all the events were held in the High School grounds adjacent to the school.

Congratulations to Mary Connelly, senior girls' champion; Shirley Knutson, intermediate girls' champion, and Barbara Lang, junior girls' champion. In the boys' senior events individual champions were 1. George Yorke; 2. Aro; 3. Campagnola.

In the junior boys' division winners were: 1. Andrews; 2. Pirie; 3. Fisher and Rogers, equal.

Intermediate champions have yet to be determined as some events have yet to be run off.

**Winners in Boys' Events—Senior**  
220-yd. dash—1. G. Yorke; 2. G. Aro; 3. J. Campagnola.

Hop, Step and Jump—1. Yorke; 2. L. Costello; 3. Aro. Distance 34 feet, 10 inches.

Running High Jump—1. Aro; 2. Yorke; 3. Campagnola. Height 4 ft. 10 in.

Standing Broad Jump—1. Aro; 2. Yorke; 3. Campagnola. Distance 8 ft. 9 in.

100-yd. dash—1st heat—1. Yorke; 2. B. Dye.  
2nd heat—1. Campagnola; 2. L. Harper.

First two in each heat to qualify for finals.

Finals—1. Yorke; 2. Campagnola; 3. Harper.

Throwing Rugby Ball—1. Costello; 2. L. Huhä; 3. Yorke. Distance 138 ft. 9 inches.

Kicking Rugby Ball—1. Campagnola; 2. Yorke. Distance 150 ft.

Shot Put—1. Aro; 2. Yorke; 3. Huhä. Distance 30 ft. 5 in.

Pole Vault—1. Campagnola; 2. Costello.

Running Broad Jump—1. Aro; 2. Yorke; 3. Costello. Distance 16 ft. 7 in.

Winning Relay team—500-yd. medley—1. Harper (sr.); 2. Campagnola (int.); 3. Rosebrough (jr. int.); 4. Niskala (jr.); 2. Campagnola, P. Pearce, A. Laine, W. Andrews; 3. Dye, A. Franson, R. Barnes, L. Pirie.

Individual champions—1. Yorke; 2. Aro; 3. Campagnola.

**Intermediate**  
Shot Put—1. A. Fasan; 2. J. Anderson; 3. P. Pearce.

Standing Broad Jump—1. F. Harves; 2. G. Paul; 3. S. Barabas.

Running High Jump—1. G. Paul; 2. L. Campagnola; 3. Fasan.

100-yd. dash—1st heat—1. Pearce; 2. Anderson; 2nd heat—1. Fasan; 2. Barabas; final—1. Pearce; 2. Fasan; 3. Barabas.

Running Broad Jump—1. Anderson; 2. Campagnola; 3. Hawes.

Other events yet to be run off. Individual winner to be declared at a later date.

**Junior-Intermediate**  
Running High Jump—1. W. Toppari; 2. E. Dzuba; 3. W. Beard.

Standing Broad Jump—1. L. Kusela; 2. R. Barnes; 3. I. Lightbody.

50-yd. dash—First heat: 1. Kusela; 2. Barnes; Second heat: 1. Beard; 2. G. Rosebrough; Third heat: 1. W. Pearce; 2. Lightbody. Two in each heat to qualify for the finals.

Finals—1. Kusela; 2. Barnes; 3. Rosebrough.

Hop, Step and Jump—1. Barnes; 2. A. Laine; 3. J. Syvert.

Running Broad Jump—1. Barnes; 2. Rosebrough; 3. Pearce.

More events yet to be run. Individual winner will be declared at a later date.

**Junior**  
Standing Broad Jump—1. W. Andrew; 2. A. Fisher; 3. F. Rogers.

Running High Jump—1. Andrews; 2. Fisher; 3. Rogers.

Hop, Step and Jump—1. L. Niskala; 2. L. Pirie; 3. Rogers.

50-yd. dash—first heat—1. O. Heikkilä; 2. Pirie. Second heat: 1. Andrews, Niskala. Finals, 1. Andrews; 2. Heikkilä; 3. Pirie.

Running Broad Jump—1. Andrews; 2. Rogers; 3. Pirie.

Throwing Rugby Ball—1. Pirie; 2. E. Bennett; 3. Heikkilä and T. Lane, equal.

Kicking Rugby Ball—1. Pirie; 2. Heikkilä; 3. Bennett.

Individual Winners—1. Andrews; 2. Pirie; 3. Fisher and Rogers, equal.

**Girls' Seniors**  
Basketball Throw—1. Mary Connelly; 2. Annie Sarkotich; 3. Edith Blake-man.

Baseball Throw—1. Mary Connelly; 2. Annie Sarkotich; 3. Greta Lang.

Running Broad Jump—1. Pat Mahon; 2. Mary Connelly; 3. Greta Lang.

Hop, Step and Jump—1. Mary Connelly and Greta Lang; 2. Pat Mahon; 3. Evelyn Syvert.

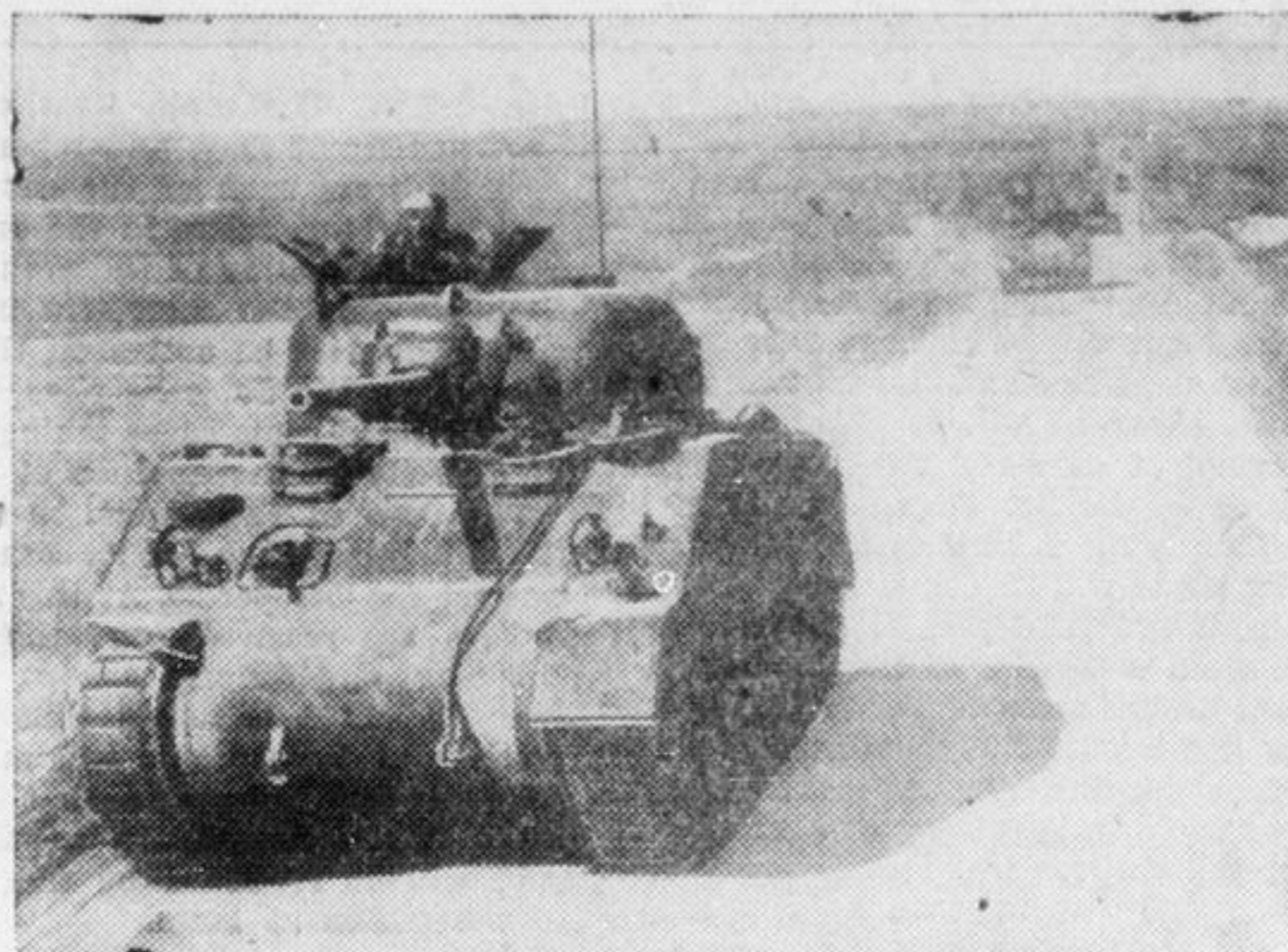
50-yd. dash—1. Greta Lang; 2. Evelyn Syvert; 3. Pat Mahon.

Skipping Race—1. Evelyn Syvert; 2. Mary Connelly; 3. Pat Mahon.

Wheelbarrow Race—1. Greta Lang and Daphne Lane; 2. Marjorie Pera and Evelyn Syvert; 3. Pat Mahon and Annie Sarkotich.

Relay Race—1. Pat Mahon, Greta Lang, Laura Rotonda, Ella Santaharju, Annie Sarkotich, Evelyn Syvert; 2. Mary Connelly, Jean Carruthers,

## KASSERINE PASS A DEATH TRAP FOR RETREATING AXIS FORCES



When Axis forces which thrust to the outskirts of Thala in Tunisia came in contact with U.S. troops reinforced by an Armoured Brigade, the British Hampshire Regiment and the Coldstream and Grenadier Guards, they were forced back after 2 days of heavy fighting in the direction of the Kasserine Pass. Enemy armour, the 21st Panzer Division, suffered heavy tank losses and failed to make the expected stand at the mouth of the Pass. 2 Companies of Grenadiers took Bren Carriers over 10 miles of mountainous country to the mouth of the pass, reaching their objectives in 5 1/2 hours, only to find the enemy still retreating. Allied bombers rained high explosives into the pass which was turned into a death trap for the Germans. The important strategic position is now in Allied hands and not a single enemy unit is left in the plain before the pass. Picture shows: Sherman tanks moving up in the advance on Kasserine

Alex Borland, of Timmins and Fireman Frank A. O'Donnell, of Noranda.

Memorial addresses were given by the Rev. Hill and the Rev. Father Roulier, the latter in French, and two minutes silence was observed for the departed members.

The next order of business was the introduction of distinguished guests and the appointment of committees to expediate the business of the convention.

The morning session closed to attend the noon luncheon at the Town Hall which was served by the Catholic Women's league. Mr. J. A. Bradette, M.P. and Deputy Fire Marshal C. W. Caskey both gave brief addresses during the luncheon.

Afternoon session, opened at 2:00 p.m. Deputy Fire Marshal C. W. Caskey gave a talk on Fire Prevention and Inspections, and a considerable time was taken up with discussions with regards to his address by the delegates, who found it very instructive. Chief Thibault, of Val D'Or, spoke on behalf of the Quebec Fire Commissioner, Mr. F. X. Ahearn, who was unable to attend owing to pressing business. Mr. Gordon Hall, a director of the Dominion Fire Chiefs' Association, gave a short address. Also Chief J. J. O'Kelly, of Ottawa, gave a short address as his main address was to be given at the evening banquet.

The next order of business was the election of officers. The Cochrane District Association elected Chief Stanley, of Timmins, as President. Chief Seord Robinson, of Kapuskasing, was elected Vice-President for the second term as he gracefully stepped aside to allow the election of Chief Stanley as president for this year. Chief Wilkes of Iroquois Falls, was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. The Temiskaming District Association elected H. Tripp, Kirkland Lake, as President, and Geo. Thibault, of Val D'Or, as first Vice-President. Chief J. Paddon, of New Liskeard, was elected second Vice-President and F. E. Thompson of New Liskeard was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer for the 28th year.

It has been a number of years since we have taken an active part in the firemen's tournaments and Councillor Fyre thought it would be quite appropriate to invite the District of Cochrane Association to hold their annual 1944 Tournament at Timmins on July 1st, which was accepted unanimously. Mr. Tresdler, chairman of Fire and Light Committee of Kirkland Lake invited the both associations to hold their joint convention at Kirkland Lake for 1944, which was accepted and he also invited them to hold their annual tournament July 1st, in Kirkland Lake which was accepted too.

At this time the newly-elected Presidents took over the chairs and adjourned the business session to attend the evening banquet at the Iroquois Falls Hotel at 7:30 p.m. Chief Wilkes, of Iroquois Falls, acted as chairman for the evening. Chief J. J. O'Kelly gave a very inspiring address on fire prevention and fire fighting. Mr. J. Bradette, M.P., also gave a talk leading up on the war and the war itself, and it was most interesting. The newly-elected presidents were introduced and called upon say a few words. Chief Max Smith, of South Porcupine, proposed a toast to the Ladies which was very capably responded to by Mr. Karl Eyre, of Timmins. The banquet was a big success and was concluded with a variety of sing songs by all those present.

**Tuesday, September 21st**  
The morning was taken up by a very interesting visit to the Abitibi Paper Mill, which was conducted by the Abitibi Staff.  
The success of the Convention was due to the efforts and co-operation of the Iroquois Falls Town Council, Fire Chief Wilkes and his Department.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Karl A. Eyre, Chairman.  
W. Stanley, Chief Fire Dept.

**HEARTFELT**  
Minister—"I made seven hearts happy today!"  
Parishioner—"How was that?"  
Minister—"Married three couples."  
Parishioner—"That only makes six hearts."  
Minister—"Well, you don't think I did it for nothing?"—Sudbury Star.

## Well-Known Rouyn Prospector Dies of Heart Failure

Charles Biesenthal Was Highly Esteemed by All Who Knew Him.

The Rouyn-Noranda Press last week had the following in reference to the death of Charles Biesenthal:—

"Charles Biesenthal, well-known prospector of this district and a veteran of the last war who had been employed as a guard at Noranda mine, was found dead shortly after noon today in the small house which he occupied on Blake street in Rouyn, a victim of a heart attack. Friends had been expecting to see him for a couple of days in connection with some matters relating to prospecting, and one of them went to his house last night but found the door locked, apparently from the inside. This morning George Clark, who knew that for some time he had suffered from a heart ailment, remarked to Mining Constable E. Lariviere on the fact that he had not been seen for a few days, and Constable Lariviere went at once to his place of residence. Looking through the window, he saw Mr. Biesenthal sitting on a chair, and when no response followed his knocks on the door he forced it open and found that death had claimed him.

"Leaving two witnesses at the house, Mr. Lariviere went at once to summon Coroner Dr. A. Boisvert, who arrived quickly and decided that death had been due to heart failure. No inquest will be held. The body was removed to Darby's funeral home. It is believed he had been dead for two days.

"The late Chas. Biesenthal was born in Pembroke and was a brother of Mrs. F. Kohls of the Elwyn's Hotel. He was about 64 years of age and spent many years in the northern Ontario mining district before and after the last war before coming to Rouyn about ten years ago. He was well known and esteemed among the local prospecting fraternity. The body is now being prepared for burial and will be taken tomorrow to Pembroke for interment.

"Surviving are two brothers, Oscar, of Pembroke, and Robert, of Fort William, and five sisters, Mrs. F. Kohls, Rouyn; Mrs. Chas. Juchek, Schumacher; Mrs. J. McDonald in Nova Scotia; Mrs. W. Neack and Mrs. F. Krohn, Pembroke.

"Mr. Biesenthal was unmarried and his close friends here were the men engaging in prospecting, among whom

he was held in high regard. It is likely that members of the Canadian Corps Association will be present at the funeral to-morrow afternoon."

## Prof. Langford on Committee to Study Fuel Situation

Possible Uses of Lignite to be Investigated by Committee Appointed by Premier Drew.

Premier Geo. A. Drew has announced the appointment of a three-man fuel committee to inquire into the possibilities of improving the fuel situation in Ontario by supplementing the present sources of supply, co-ordinating the activities of organizations now dealing with various phases of the problem and examining and reporting upon the use of peat, lignite, gas and wood fuel for heating purposes.

The committee is composed of Dr. H. B. Speakman, director of the Ontario Research Foundation; George B. Langford, professor of mining and geology at the University of Toronto, and F. D. Tolchard, secretary and general manager of the Toronto Board of Trade.

"This is a fact-finding committee and in no way is to be regarded as an administrative board," said Col. Drew.

"Those who have undertaken to do the work all have training which gives them special qualifications for dealing with the technical evidence and reducing to simple terms their findings upon this vitally-important question.

"Dr. Speakman has had long experience in dealing with matters of this kind and the Ontario Research Foundation will be available to assist in conducting any necessary experiments.

"Professor Langford has extensive knowledge of Northern Ontario and his

training in geology will be extremely useful.

"Mr. Tolchard has had very useful experience in serving on such committees of inquiry and has special knowledge of fuel supply and distribution. Col. Drew said the committee "will proceed immediately" to explore short-term possibilities of improving fuel supply and long-term possibilities of developing new fuel from domestic sources.

There will be general approval in the North in regard to the personnel of the committee. The three members are all well-known here as outstanding in their talent and interest. Prof. Langford is personally well known here, having been geologist at the McIntyre for several years. In this case his undoubted knowledge of geology, of mining, and of the North should be of very special value. Dr. Speakman and Mr. Tolchard have been visitors to the North on several occasions and each time confirmed the high opinion formed by the people here of their ability and public spirit.

## THE KIND OF POWDER

Small Boy, in chemist's shop: "Please, I want some powder for my sister."

Chemist, jokingly: "Something that goes off with a bang?"

Small Boy: "No, something that goes on with a puff."—Northern Tribune.

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## Carelessness About Fire is Close to Treason These Days

Canadian Underwriters Make Some Striking Comments.

From the Canadian Underwriters' Association this week there comes some very frank comment in connection with Fire Prevention Week. This letter hits at the individual, rather than the community, pointing out that it is the individuals apathy and carelessness that is primarily responsible for the thousands of fires that destroy life and property. Timmins, as a town has been far from careless in this matter of fire, and the same is true of South Porcupine and Schumacher. Always there has been in these municipalities a thought and an effort for fire prevention and fire protection. The municipalities have been fortunate in having skilled and interested fire chiefs and very competent brigades, and have backed this good fortune with the best of up-to-date equipment. So far as preaching and practicing fire prevention and fire fighting, every week is Fire Prevention Week in Timmins and district. The authorities, however, feel that while there has been very large measure of co-operation from the public, there is still more to be done in this line. It is urged that all read the following from the Canadian Underwriters' Association, and heed its excellent advice:—

"With Canada's war machine revolving at ever increasing speed, and Canadians, as individuals and a nation, tightening their armour for total war, Fire Prevention Week this year offers an unusual challenge to every one for, since 1939, fire has wasted resources worth \$165,592,918.

"This would be a criminal indictment of our national and individual carelessness in peace time, but now, after four years of war, when buildings, materials, equipment and resources of all kinds are precious, and when there is a real need for stringent economy, it is no less than treason. Government statistics show that far too large a percentage of fires start from preventable causes: smokers' carelessness, overheated chimneys, stoves improperly guarded and faulty electrical wiring, to mention only a few. Who is to blame for this negligence?

"The principal offender is the individual, whose apathy and carelessness are primarily responsible for the thousands of fires that annually destroy life and property, lower the output of war materials, create temporary unemployment and disrupt business.

"In the home, for instance, it is the individual who should know that his wiring is safe, that his chimney is clean, and that rubbish is not cluttering up the attic or basement and creating a fire hazard. In the factories it is the employer and the employee who should be constantly alert to the dangers of fire, and who should take an active interest in eliminating its sources and in preventing combustible material from accumulating.

"If substantiation of these suggestions is required, it is to be found in the disconcerting fact that during the four years of war, an average of over 47,000 properties have been destroyed or damaged annually.

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# Help Your Fire Brigade Keep Timmins SAFE FROM FIRE

Timmins has been comparatively a very safe town so far as fire is concerned and we all want to keep it so. The Town has given wonderful co-operation in this, and during this Fire Prevention Week the Fire Brigade urge a continuation and extension of this co-operation. There are some special ways you may help.

You can see that there are no unnecessary fire risks around your home or shop.  
You can reduce costs and danger by helping eliminate False Alarms.

# Make every week Fire Prevention Week in Timmins

TOWN OF TIMMINS