

# News From South Porcupine, Dome and the District

## 45th Anniversary of Wedding of South Porcupine Couple

### Other Items of Interest from South Porcupine and the Dome.

South Porcupine, Jan. 26th. Special to The Advance.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Childs who on January 28th (Friday) will celebrate the forty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, twenty-one years of which have been spent in Canada. They were married in 1923 in the village of Glyncorrwg, Glamorganshire, Wales, in the parish church which was over 300 years old and has since been rebuilt; vicar being Mr. Morris of Cardigan-shire. Mr. and Mrs. Childs have five children, all living; two daughters, Mrs. Logan, of South Porcupine, and Mrs. Albert Mack, of Toronto, and three sons, Lennox, of Timmins, Petty Officer Grenville Childs, of the R.C.N.V.R. and Hildreth, who is also in the Navy acting as telegraphist. There are also ten grandchildren.

Pte. Carlo Cattarello from Toronto is home on leave with his family.

AC2 George Kaufman, of the R.C. A.P., from Montreal, left on Sunday after spending the week-end with his family on Rae Avenue.

Pte. Sgt. Lloyd Durkin, of Ottawa, spent the week-end at the Hallor Mine.

Born—in Porcupine General Hospital on Jan. 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. John Beaton (nee Helen Lafury)—a daughter.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. John Mason, of 14 Evans St., South Porcupine, a daughter (stillborn), in Porcupine General Hospital.

Born—On Jan. 13th, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Hyacinth Guindon, in Porcupine General Hospital.

Born—On Jan. 24th to Mr. and Mrs. G. Evans, a daughter, in Porcupine General Hospital.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Matti Kaitola, on Jan. 19th, a son, in Porcupine General Hospital.

LAW, Pat Masterton is home with her parents at Dome Extension and leaves on Sunday for Ottawa. Miss Masterton has completed six months' service with the R.C.A.F. in the Women's Division and graduated as LAW recently in Toronto. She is a medical stenographer and has been posted to Ottawa.

Mrs. Sanborne Smith of Connaught Hill, left last week for Noranda where she has been engaged to teach until June. Her two small sons left on Sunday to join her.

Reeve V. H. Evans left on Wednesday to visit his parents in Winnipeg.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Porcupine General Hospital will take place on Thursday next (Feb. 3rd) at 2:30 in the Masonic Hall. All members are requested to be present.

Miss Teresa Miner, of Connaught Hill leaves on Friday for Smith's Falls where she has accepted a position as nurse in the General Hospital.

Pte. Victor Larsen spent the week-end at his parents' home on Connaught Hill.

Pte. Len Mahon is home on leave with his parents on Connaught Hill.

A tea is to be held on February 10th (Thursday) from 2:30 to 6 p.m. in the Masonic Hall under the auspices of the Order of Eastern Star. The proceeds from this affair are to go to the Crippled Children of Britain. The Order has been asked to raise a certain amount for this good cause, and will be sent to Headquarters for distribution in Britain by Mrs. Vincent Massey.

Co. Sgt. Major Tom Wilson was home from Montieith over the week-end and left on Monday for Port Arthur to which military station he has now been permanently attached.

The choir of South Porcupine United Church social on Thursday evening last at the Manse under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Thompson. Election of officers for 1944 resulted in the following being chosen:—Mrs. J. C. Thompson, honorary president; James Radcliffe, president; Miss Mary Houston, vice-president; Harry Crick, secretary-treasurer; R. C. Mitchell, librarian; Mrs. Smith, gown custodian; Mrs. B. Webb, social convener; Mrs. Olive McIntosh, in charge of sheet music. A social evening followed and a dainty lunch was served.

The many friends of Mr. H. Barnes, of Dome Ex., are sorry to learn he is in Porcupine General Hospital and wish him speedy recovery.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion is holding its annual banquet tonight (Wednesday) in the Legion Hall.

Do not forget the important nights (Thursday and Friday) this week when our High School presents the three-act comedy "Going on Seventeen". The student-made posters round town have been calling your attention to this for the past two weeks, so do not miss it. It is sure to be good!

St. Paul's Sewing Circle will now meet each Tuesday in the Rectory at 2:30 p.m. These ladies would welcome any Anglican who would like to assist in working for the church. They sew and make articles for sale, the proceeds going into a fund used for church purposes.

Mr. W. S. Moyle left on Sunday for Toronto to visit his son, Ronald, in Christie St. Hospital.

Mrs. Tripp, who has been visiting relatives at Dome and Dome Ex., left on Sunday for Toronto. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Doris Tomlinson.

The whist drives held each Monday

in the Legion Hall under the auspices of the L.A. of the Legion commence again on Monday next at 8 p.m. All will be welcomed.

The J.O.C. held a skating party at the rink on Friday evening later repairing to the home of Miss Frances Cunningham for a delightful lunch. Fourteen young people enjoyed the evening, seven guests and seven members. Guests: Misses V. Bessette, J. Noel, L. Belsie, M. Gumiero, I. Cosco, A. Gecan, and O. Bergeron. Members: L. Didone, C. Didone, T. Yorke, P. Cunningham, R. Costello, N. Ferrigan, and J. Gallai (president).

**Police Court**

Stanley Nelson, of Porcupine, appeared before Magistrate Atkinson to answer two charges on Tuesday: 1, of having a gold refinery illegally in his possession and 2, of having a quantity of gold ore.

Mr. W. S. Gardiner appeared for defendant and entered a plea of not guilty.

Constable Braney of the Ontario Provincial Police testified that on the night of Jan. 20th he was called by O.P.P. Fulton and shown a box—a tea chest—containing certain articles in Timmins Provincial Police office. The contents were crucibles, crushed ore, a pestle and mortar and a quantity of flux.

As a result of this Inspector Kennedy questioned Maurice Kennedy, of Whitney Township, which resulted in Stanley Nelson being taken into the police office. He was told that the results of questioning might lead to a charge against him, and Nelson gave a verbal statement.

On the morning of 14th May last, under Nelson's instructions the box was taken from the Gold Ridge Farm to the summer cottage of Mr. J. Gauthier and there put into the ice house.

At the time Nelson said he did not know what the contents were. A few months prior to this a friend had asked Nelson to store the box for him. He did not wish to divulge the name. The man stated the stuff was "hot" and therefore when a search was to be made at the farm after David Palmer's murder the box was removed to the ice house.

The following morning (Jan. 22nd) in company with Constable Fulton all contents of the box were taken to Mr. W. Honer, of the Dome who examined them and took samples of the high grade gold ore and submitted a report.

1. Cardboard box of high-grade ore—gold assay \$7.25 per lb. avoird. Total value \$55.4.

2. Box containing some crushed ore—value \$5.53.

3. Roasted concentrates—value \$1.05.

4. Ground ore mixed with borax partly fused, value \$35.27.

5. Graphite pot containing ground ore—with presence of gold.

6. New graphite pot—slag borax and ore partly fused—value \$16.60.

7. New graphite pot containing wood chips and slag.

8. Used graphite pot with slag and ore partly fused and borax, value \$31.23.

9. Iron pestle and mortar containing borax and wood chips used for breaking down high grade ore.

10. Sample bag containing ore and gold beads.

Total value—approximately \$169.49.

P.O. Fulton corroborated P.O. Braney's evidence. He had accompanied Inspector Kennedy to the ice house where the tea box was found partly buried in saw dust.

Nelson, called for defence, said that a friend of his asked him if he could store this box—which he thought was a "prospector's outfit" and he put it on the second shelf in the drive shed. It stayed there until "Sunday or Monday" after the murder. He thought he ought to have had a license to have it, so he sent the teamster up to the ice house with it.

Crown Attorney Caldwell asked Nelson who the man was. The answer was "I won't say."

"You choose not to say? You don't want to see this other man get into trouble; you would rather get into trouble yourself?"

"Yes."

Nelson said that the box which had no lid when found had a lid secured by a wire when he saw it.

Mr. Gardiner, in defence, argued that the box was stored first in an open garage and that there were no doors on the ice house, and that his client did not know there was gold in the box.

"Having in his possession, means knowledge," said the Crown Attorney.

The magistrate said that Nelson's actions went to show that he knew, and the Crown was justified in drawing the inference. Even if it is true when he says it was another man's, he took possession of it and therefore is guilty.

Sentence of nine months with hard labour was imposed on Nelson, the second charge against him not being heard.

Mr. Gardiner asked that the "hard labour" sentence imposed might be withdrawn, but the magistrate said that it was infinitely better to do hard labour than to be just imprisoned and confined entirely to a cell.

"I live in Haileybury," he said, "and I know how hard the prisoners work. You ought to see them."

E. Strand, for illegal purchase of wine, paid \$20 and costs, and C. Kennedy also for illegal purchase paid \$20 and costs.

The cases against John Dubinsky and W. Gilpin for non-support were adjourned.

P. Longpre did not appear to answer charges of having insufficient lights and no license plates, but later gave satisfactory reasons and paid \$10 fine for one charge and \$1 and costs for the other.

## Bishop Renison Speaker at Kiwanis at South Porcupine

South Porcupine, Jan. 26th. Special to The Advance.

At the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club on Monday at the Airport Hotel the guests of honour was Bishop Renison of Moosonee.

In the Kiwanis Bulletin the following appears:—"It will be our good fortune to have with us as guest speaker a great man of the North. At the special invitation of another great man of the North, our own Archdeacon Woodall, the Right Rev. Robert John Renison, B.D., has consented to have dinner with us and give us a talk."

Archdeacon Woodall introduced the speaker.

The Bishop's talk was upon general topics. He is an orator of no mean order, and gives a whimsical turn to simple subjects, and he greatly entertained the Kiwanis with an account of his journey by Clipper from New York to England recently via Lisbon.

He told that he was born in Ireland, and came to Canada with his parents when he was six years old. He was trained in Wycliffe College but his heart longed to get back to Lake Nipigon. He became stationed at Albany.

The Bishop concluded his talk by stating his belief that Canada will be the centre of world movements for the settlement of nations in the future.

He was thanked for his address by Mr. V. H. Evans.

Other guests were Revd. J. C. Thompson, Sgt. W. C. Harrington, Lt. R. J. Poppleton.

## Enjoyable Social Event by Ladies' Guild, Schumacher Anglican Mission

### Large Attendance Delighted With Program Provided.

Schumacher, Jan. 26th. Special to The Advance.

Friday evening, January 21st, The Ladies' Guild of the Schumacher Anglican Mission held a very enjoyable social evening in the church hall, First Ave. Mr. R. L. Basset was master of ceremonies. The music for the evening was supplied by Mrs. Harry Turner and her guitar and Mrs. James Kent, Jr., at the piano. The evening opened with community singing. Then there were musical choirs and other games for the children. A song by Mrs. Webb, Timmins, "My Ain Folk" won much hearty applause. Mrs. Percy Reid, Timmins, delighted the company with a reading entitled "Orphan Annie", and as an encore gave "The Water Melon". Mrs. James Kent won much applause for her song, "The Egg". The next item on the programme was musical choirs and the winner for the ladies was Mrs. Frank Willis; the winner for the gentlemen was Mr. J. Moorish.

A song by the Rev. Canon Cushing, Timmins, "Love's Old Sweet Song," with Mrs. Turner accompanying on the guitar and Mrs. Kent at the piano, delighted the company and won much applause. Mrs. McTaggart, Timmins, won much applause for her fine rendition of the whistling song, "Let Us All Sing as the Birds Sing." The orchestra, with Mr. Hubert Cook and his electric guitar, Mr. Paul Leroux with the big bass and Mr. Lorn Leroux with the Spanish guitar gave an interlude of lovely music. "The Old Rugged Cross," "Bells of St. Mary's," "White Cliffs of Dover" and "There'll Always be an England" were some of the numbers played, the company joining in with the singing. The serving of a delicious lunch of Cornish pasties, doughnuts and tea concluded the programme, and the singing of the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. The lunch conveners were Mrs. Percival, Mrs. Moorish, Mrs. Fairbrother, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Curnow. Mrs. Basset was in charge of the admission. Mrs. Wilford received the guests.

Among those present were—From Timmins—Mrs. Fred Read, Mrs. Percy Reid, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Griddle, Mrs. Wakeford, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Knell, Mrs. McTaggart, Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Kevan, Mrs. Glaister, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Paynter, Mr. and Mrs. Jose, Mrs. L. Nicholson, Mrs. R. Hardy, Rev. Canon Cushing, Mr. Paul Leroux, Mr. Lorn Leroux.

From Schumacher—Mr. and Mrs. James Kent, Sr. Mrs. James Kent, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Art Wilford, Mr. and Mrs. E. Curnow, Mr. and Mrs. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. E. Dunabin, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moorish and Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. R. Basset and Douglas, Mrs. Allcorn, Mrs. Clifford Jucksch, Mrs. A. Dunlop, Mrs. Frank Willis, Mrs. Frank Hicks, Mrs. W. Willis and Donald, Mrs. J. G. Harris, Mrs. Dick Keen, Mrs. Joe Montigny, Patsy and Robbie Innes, Mrs. R. Nicholson, Mrs. James Stirrat, Marge Cowden, Mrs. G. S. McDonald, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. J. Percival, Mrs. E. Miller, Mrs. H. Turner, Mrs. R. Fairbrother, Mrs. Alex Stirling, Captain Mitchell, Mrs. Fred O'Rourke, Mr. Archie Wherry, Mr. Hubert Cook.

Surviving the late Mrs. Proulx are her husband and one daughter (Lorette) Mrs. Don Campbell; two sons, Rene, who lives at 77 Fourth avenue, and George, of Sarnia; one sister, Mrs. J. Danis, of Alphonse; and one brother, Eugene Menard of North Bay.

The pallbearers were—Mr. Donald Campbell, Mr. Harold Burns, Mr. E. Chusiau, Mr. Alphonse Levesque, Mr. Gene Lamarche.

Interment was in Timmins cemetery. Attending the funeral from out-

of town were Mrs. John Seguin, of Toronto, and Mr. Prosper Gagnon, of Rouyn. Mr. Proulx and family received many cards of sympathy. The following is a list of the Masses and floral tributes:—

Bouquet Spirituel—Madame S. Audet, Maadme E. Souliere, Mr. Joseph Audet. High Masses—Mr. George Preulx, Mr. and Mrs. Rene Proulx, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Harold Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Jean Seguin, Mrs. Chatsou and Mrs. Adamson, McIntyre Surface Crew, Catholic Women's League, Schumacher, Masses—Madame J. Vaillant and Omer Vaillant, Mr. and Mrs. Emelyn A. Evans, Mde. Eugene Montigny, Mrs. P. Gagnon, Rouyn; Mde. Alphonse Levesque, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Furlong, Mrs. J. Doucette, Mr. and Mrs. M. Capeless, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brochu, Mr. and Mrs. James Dillon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Keelan, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Monaghan, Mrs. L. Boutet and family, Mr. and Mrs. Treffe Vaillant, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Fournier, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ouellette, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Willan, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Giroux, Mrs. Jaksic and Ann, Mr. and Mrs. James Fowler and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. Montigny and family, Mrs. D. Defelice and family, Miss Aileen Curran, Miss Betty Murphy.

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Many of the conveners of various committees were serving in their capacity for the first time and the success of the supper was due in no small measure to the splendid co-operation and real hard work of these ladies.

In the kitchen under the convener-ship of Mrs. Carl Carruthers were Mrs. C. Jamieson, Mrs. Emerson Anderson, Mrs. Clarence Anderson, Mrs. W. V. Lane, Mrs. W. Deacon, Mrs. M. W. Clement, Mrs. Montrose and Mrs. Carruthers. (Later these ladies were assisted by Messrs. E. Anderson, L. Callahan and W. V. Lane.)

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Dome School—4 rooms—enrollment, 135 pupils. Alarm given at 3 p.m., Oct. 7, 1943. All pupils clear of building in 19 seconds, using three exits. Dr. Wm. McLaren present.

High School—6 rooms and laboratory—enrollment 147 pupils. Alarm given 2:55 p.m., Oct. 8th, 1943. All students clear of building in 55 seconds, using four exits.

Following the drills fire prevention talks were given the pupils and a system of home inspection forms were distributed to the pupils to make inspections at their homes and return completed forms to me for checking. This method is the best means of making the older people and parents more fire conscious—and gives good results.

The same week, Saturday, October 9th, 1943 during the afternoon matinee, with permission of the Theatre Manager, I gave a short address and explained a system of fire drill for the Theatre, which with the assistance of six firemen was carried out. There were 330 children in attendance and on the alarm being given they proceeded to walk out quite orderly using two side exits and the front double doors and all were clear of the building in two minutes four seconds. All returned to their places in the same order and picture continued. Many favourable comments have been received by me from parents who had at times had certain fears with regard to allowing small children to attend the matinee. The fire department were particularly satisfied with the practice.

Porcupine General Hospital—14 wards, 30 beds (adults). Checked heating system electrical equipment, X-ray room, floor lamps, bed-lights, etc., portable extinguishers,—everything found in order.

The full results of the Fire Prevention Week competitions have not yet been received but I have been notified that South Porcupine Department has been awarded first place in our class for the Dominion of Canada which keeps up our proud record of six firsts and one second in seven consecutive years.

In an effort to comply with instructions and demands of the Dominion Fire Commissioner and Ontario Fire Marshal's office it sometimes seems drastic to enforce such demands which after all are the means of protecting life and property, also the wartime conservation ideal.

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