

News From South Porcupine, Dome and the District

South Porcupine Soldier Gives Graphic Description of Torpedoing of Ship

Was on Way to Italy When Enemy Planes Attacked. Other Ship Picks Up Men from the Water. "Person Does Feel Helpless with Miles of Water Around You."

South Porcupine, Feb. 2nd. Special to The Advance.
The following extract from a letter received by Mrs. Mervin Hutchison, of 72 O'Brien Avenue, was written to her by her husband, Pte. M. Hutchison, of the 3rd Field Surgical Unit, serving "Somewhere in Italy" on December 23rd. It gives a graphic description of how a soldier feels when he is on a torpedoed ship. Mervin is well known in South Porcupine having enlisted in the R.C.A.M.C. from here and this will be of general interest.

"We were just to-day given permission to write home some news of a little event we had on our way here. It happened quite some time ago, but nevertheless don't wonder at me not telling you sooner, as there are reasons in the army for such things being kept a secret.

"On our way here from England, we lost practically everything we had or possessed. Can't tell you exactly where but we were attacked one evening by a few of the Jerry planes and our ship was torpedoed and later sank. It was sure a grave situation for a while, as a person does feel so helpless with nothing but miles of water around you and nothing you can do. My chum and I were sitting on our top bunk playing cards at the time in the stern, where our quarters were, when it struck the ship about the middle. We were given quite a scare as we were thrown quite a distance. The raid had been going on for some time but we didn't see so much danger, until it actually hit. Our next orders were to get up on deck, which we did, then we saw the fire-works. Next thing the ship started going down. As we stood on deck and wondered if the water was very cold, they ordered us to abandon ship. That meant to get overboard and try for a raft. This was changed for a little while then and there we stood. Next thing the order came again, and no sooner had it when we saw another ship coming to get us. We got into the water, kind of chilly alright, and must say there were a lot of pretty scared men too for a while.

"The other ship came up within a short distance and we made our way to it, and were there ever cheers when the other ship came in sight. It was quite a difficult job to get to the other ship and then to climb a rope ladder of another 100 feet. Getting on board was also tough. Presently we made it and were given dry clothing, blankets and coffee. They really used us well. We were separated from our officer, but rejoined him and others on arriving in Italy.

"It was quite an experience and one we often talk over. We landed here as survivors and had to get equipped again. Anyhow everything came out smoothly in the end, and here we are

at least with our feet on dry land which lets a person's mind rest more peacefully."

Youth Sunday Service at Church at Schumacher

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Sunday in Trinity United Church Boys' and Youth Sunday was observed. The Rev. Lora Carlson gave a very inspiring message to the young people. The Boy's organization headed by their leaders marched into church and occupied the front seats. During the service Bob Fulton, gave a splendid report on the twenty-third Older Boys' Parliament held in December at Kitchener. Bob is advancing rapidly in the field of boys' work and his splendid report brought forth much favourable comment from the congregation. The following is a text of the report.

"Sunday December 25th I left to attend the 23rd Older Boys' Parliament. This year parliament was held at Kitchener, where I arrived at eleven o'clock Monday morning, many other boys from all over Ontario were arriving at the same time. We were welcomed by a Trail Ranger committee and from there we proceeded to the Kitchener Zion Evangelical Church where all the sessions of parliament were held. There were 66 members and all were friendly and sociable. We met the premier, Bob Lederman, of Kitchener, and the leader of the opposition, Bob Henderson, from Brockville. We then had the oath of allegiance ceremony where all the boys signed their names under the oath of allegiance reading as follows:— I hereby promise that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the King of Kings. This was a ceremony which impressed all the members and myself very much and something that we will never forget. Each day was started by morning worship in which the fellows themselves conducted the service and gave sermons on various subjects. All members took part in the Leadership training classes which prepare us to be better leaders among boys. I was fortunate to pass the examination on Leadership training and earn my certificate. At the formal opening of the house in which the Lieutenant-Governor, J. Albert Smith, gave the speech from the throne, he challenged all members to continue their work. Then different members gave reply to the speech from the throne, telling of the work in their constituencies and of their difficulties and success. There were eight sessions of the house. It was divided into two definite sections—the government and the opposition,—the government having a slight ma-

jority and is composed of members who are able to draw up resolutions and bills and such programmes, while the opposition is composed of the quick-thinking members who are able to tear down or debate about the government bills. If a member thought the government was wrong he would oppose it and the same with the members of the opposition or vice-versa. There were many bills, resolutions and petitions brought up and passed, here are some of the resolutions:—

"1. re Education in war time. — Where all members of parliament were to try and keep members of their group at school and to try to get them to enter College or University.

"2. re Clean Living — Where all members of parliament were to make themselves examples to the other boys and to get them to join organized groups.

"3. re Camps — All members of parliament to try and have all boys in organized groups in their constituencies to go to a summer camp.

"4. re Race Relationship — Guard against thoughts, words and actions which would show our prejudices against other races.

"5. re Juvenile Delinquency — That all members of parliament encourage all boys to join some organized group.

"6. re Boys' Week — This year Boys' Week will be held from January 31st to February 6th, where the public is invited to boys' meetings and activities to see the importance of this work. There should be Father and Son banquets, etc.

"7. re Trail Rangers and Tuxis — All members of parliament to get boys to join Tuxis and Trail Ranger groups.

"8. re Personal and Group Devotion — Members to bring out the importance of group and personal prayer with God.

"Acts. — There was a supply act passed which urged the boys groups of Ontario to raise the sum of \$7,700.00 for Provincial work this year.

"A petition was passed that the Explorer's Degree plan be sent on to the Children's Work Board to be used by that board in their regular programme.

"The people of Kitchener were very kind to us, both in their private home and in public, and we left the 23rd Older Boys' Parliament better equipped to go on with Boys' Work, and came home with an experience that we will never forget and hoping that we can get back to the 24th Older Boys' Parliament."

High School Play at South Porcupine Proves Big Success

Play Presented on Three Successive Nights to Accommodate All Wishing to See It.

South Porcupine, Feb. 2nd. Special to The Advance.

Once more the students of our High School have scored an immense success in producing a play.

This time it was "Going on Seventeen"—a production which was just the thing for girls and boys of that age. They gave it on Thursday to a full house, and on Friday evening to one filled to overflowing, so much so that the Principal, Mr. Ralph Ellis, announced that it would be produced again on Saturday night to take care of the people who were crowded out on Friday.

Now, people as a general rule attend a High School play because they know the young actors or to support the good cause, or to show their good citizenship. Sometimes they really are entertained and come away marvelling (as we did on Friday night) at the versatility and understanding, and real talent displayed by our teen-age young people.

The actual play was a good one. The plot was good. It was extremely suitable for the players. It was humorous, both intentionally and occasionally unintentionally.

But besides holding our attention as to the outcome of the situations involved, the young players were so natural that they appeared not to be acting at all!

Congratulations to the actors. The play was extremely well cast; the settings good; the timings accurate; there was no hesitation, nothing to interfere with the smooth running of the plot; and the attention given did not flag. Our applause was vociferous.

It is not the thing to separate any one player from the rest and say he or she was the star in a High School play. We should like to hand a bouquet though to Miss Jean S. Adamson whose impersonation of the mother (Mrs. Cahart) in the play was excellent. Her manner as well as her appearance was convincing and natural. Buddy Rosebrugh had a real part in taking the role of "Buddy Cahart"—going on seventeen. After the applause given him all through the three acts Buddy must know he was a tremendous success. Not less so were his two pals, each really good in different ways—Paul (Jack Anderson) and "Skinny" (Jack Jay). These three, with aspirations toward producing a "magazine" were typical teen age lads who dressed, spoke and acted as modern youth of that age does.

Elsa (Marjorie Fera) as the maid played the part well. She sang lustily if not tunelessly and we were constantly reminded by her that "A Kiss is Still a Kiss," even if slightly off key.

Jean Caruthers who scored a real success in last year's play, may add another laurel to her crown. She was "Florence" and handled her beau with proper care, even if the steady stand-by let her down in the last act by proving to be the villain of the piece.

A really charming bit of acting—(or

was it acting?)—was put on by Minnie Zabiak who as "Lillums" enchanted the hearts of the three "pals". Her siren sweetness drew each heart, until her final perfidy was unloosed and she ends the play in a burst of self-pitying tears!

All the pretty little misses in the play were charming in their dance frocks, even though three of them were supposed to be "cats". Mary Harper, Mary Countryman and Patsy McWhinney lent beauty and colour to their acts.

Joan—Florence's school chum — was played well by Eileen Ralston. Joe Campagnola took the part of Craig Vincent, the detective hero; Roy McWhinney made an excellent father for Florence and Buddy. And Leonard Harper, as Florence's boy friend, Tom Williams, made a gentlemanly "villain."

George York had a cinch of a part. He walks in at an opportune moment and takes Joan by the hand saying, "This is our dance I believe"—and that was that!

The assistant director was Mary Rechartarski. Mr. Len Pacione was the make-up man (well done too); Director Mr. A. A. State; Properties, Miss D. Wilkins; Stage, Mr. A. Lucas; Sales and Finance, Miss M. Lucas; Advertising, Miss McKinley; and Chairman, Mr. R. C. Ellis.

Mr. Ellis welcomed the audience on each occasion and told of the co-operation received by the students and their pleasure in rehearsing for the play.

Selling tickets in advance (all students helped) ensured the financial success of the play, and the proceeds would not only help to finance the athletic and social programs for the year but a goodly proportion would be devoted to local war charities.

The orchestra provided good music in between acts. Under the direction of Miss Velino Kautto, the following is the personnel: Aina Heikkila, Edith Blake-man, Ella Ollila, Dorothy Courschene, Clara Campagnola, Laila Antila, Ray Laforest, Leo Huhta, Wilfred Toppari, Douglas Farren.

The management wishes to acknowledge with thanks: Loan of Furniture from Marshall-Eccleston, Hardware; Fixtures and Lighting: Northern Power Co.; and Telephone—Northern Telephone Company.

Skating Party for Junior Choir of St. Joachim's

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The children of the Junior Choir of St. Joachim's Church were guests at a skating party held for them on Wednesday night at the rink. Afterwards they were served a delicious lunch and all enjoyed the evening. Joint hostesses were Mrs. J. Aaitken, Miss Phyllis Cahill and Miss Frances Hogan.

Young guests included:— Louise M. Vessel, Eda Franceschini, Helen Fedor, Norma Sullivan, Denise Cogne, Patricia Coyne, Raeburn Coyne, Teresa Racicot, Denise Racicot, Constance Harty, Yvette Saumieur, Magella Saumieur, Shirley Harty, Joyce Kozinski, Greta MacDonald, Gloria Adamo, Rita Adamo, Jo Ann Barutski, Martha Andiejek, Delia Perissini, Florence Laorte, Annie Merlo, Mary Gazzola, Jacqueline Laporte, Erna Lafurgy, Doreen Huoti, Jacqueline Beauchamp and Patsy Belisle.

Presentation Made to C.S.M. T. Wilson at Monteith Camp

South Porcupine Soldier Valued by Fellow N.C.O.'s.

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Company Sgt.-Major Tom Wilson had a pleasant surprise on Sunday last when he returned to Monteith after spending the week-end at his home here (C.S.M. Wilson has been transferred to Port Arthur permanently).

He was entertained in the officers' mess and presented with a fine fountain pen and pencil. The following address (in part) was given with the gift:— "On behalf of the Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of this Monteith Sergeants Mess permit me, Sir, to express our deep regret at your near departure from this Camp and our midst.

"You have been very valuable to us in the art you so ably played as President of this Mess, as well as being often on the Board of Management.

"Your leaving will be our loss and Port Arthur's gain, and we wish you great success in your new venture.

"On behalf of this mess it is my great honour and privilege to present to you this message and small token of our respect.

"Wishing you God speed, long life, and hoping to meet you in the near future."

Second Mixed Bonspiel at South Porcupine Rink

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The second mixed bonspiel of the season was held on Saturday night at the South Porcupine rink, sixteen rinks competing.

First prizes were won by Young's rink with Mrs. Young, J. Novakuske and Mrs. Lane.

Runners-up were Laamanen's rink with Mrs. Longworth, Ed. Hovey and Mrs. Lane.

Church and Social Club Gatherings at Schumacher

Other Items of Interest from Schumacher and District.

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The Trinity United Church Women's Association Committee in charge of the afternoon tea and fashion show to be held Wednesday afternoon, February 16th at the McIntyre Auditorium are busy making final arrangements for the event. The show put on by the Olive Thomson Dress Shop, Timmins, will have the following Schumacher ladies modeling the dresses:— Mrs. Ted Yorke, Mrs. Millie Dearden, Mrs. George Henderson, Mrs. Jack Dalton, Jr., (Elsie Henderson), Mrs. W. C. Randolph. There will also be a number of ladies from Timmins.

The Young Peoples' Society of Trinity United Church held their monthly social event Thursday evening. A sleigh ride was planned but owing to weather conditions had to be postponed. The party met at the McIntyre Arena and enjoyed a nice time skating. Later they went up to the Gymnasium hall where games and dancing were enjoyed. During the evening a tasty lunch was served.

Mrs. John O'Leary, Second Ave., entertained Wednesday evening in honor of her niece, Miss Jessie Scullion, of Toronto, who has been visiting her during the last three weeks. Twelve of Jessie's former school friends attended at a very happy time was enjoyed. Bingo was played and Miss Olga DiFanti won the prize. After the bingo, various games and all sorts of entertainment were enjoyed. The serving of a delicious lunch by the hostess brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

The McIntyre Football Club Ladies' Auxiliary held their weekly card game Wednesday evening in the Workers' Co-op Store, corner Pine and First Ave. Whist was played as the prize winners were:— 1st, Mrs. Bert Southcott; 2nd, Mrs. Steve Karahan; 3rd, Mrs. Frank McWhinnie; door prize, Mrs. Harry Dobson. After the cards a social period was enjoyed.

The Schumacher "Victory" Club met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. T. Montigny, Fourth Ave. Five hundred was played as the prize winners were:— 1st, Mrs. Bill Soucie; 2nd, Mrs. Fred Webbar; 3rd Mrs. Cecil Kennedy; door prize, Miss Nora Dillon. After the cards a social period was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Boyce, returned from Kingston where they attended the wedding of their daughter, Peggy, to Sub. Lieut. A. Leonard Roy Scarrar, R.N.Z.N.V.E., of Hamilton, New Zealand. The Rev. J. Forbes Wedderburn officiated. The wedding was held at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Diack, Kingston.

Sub-Lieut. Patterson Waddell, of the R.C.N., spent a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Waddell, McIntyre Property, Third Ave.

L.A.C. Kenneth Adamson, R.C.A.F., stationed at Regina, is spending his leave at his home on Third Ave.

Mrs. James Prentice, Second Ave., left last Thursday, for a holiday in Toronto and Barrie.

Mrs. Alphonse Fournier, First Ave., left last Friday for a holiday in Montreal.

Miss Jessie Scullion, who has been visiting her aunts, Mrs. John O'Leary, Second Ave., and Mrs. James Scullion, First Ave., left Friday for her home in Toronto.

Mrs. Jack Gannon, Second Ave., and Miss Violet McKinley, Timmins, spent a few days last week visiting their mother, Mrs. John Perry, Cobalt.

The McIntyre Football Club Ladies' Auxiliary met Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Peter Hunter, First Ave., for their monthly business meeting. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and were very satisfactory. Letters of thanks were read from the Footballers thanking the ladies for their Christmas gift. Plans were made for future events. The money made at the weekly card party is all donated to war work. The ladies express their thanks to the Workers' Co-op for the use of their store. After the business session a social period was enjoyed. During the evening the hostess served a dainty lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Angrignon, of Belle Terre, spent a few days visiting friends here.

Death on Service Overseas of Pilot Officer McKinley

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It was with profound regret word was received last Wednesday of the death of Pilot Officer Curtis McKinley, R.C.A.F. Pilot Officer McKinley was killed on active service in England, Monday, January 24th, and he was buried with military honours in the R.C.A.F. Regional Cemetery, Botley Oxfordshire, England, on Friday, January 28th.

Pilot Officer McKinley received his training at Portage La Prairie where he was a Sgt. Bombardier, prior to

rink with Mrs. Novakuske, J. Hodgins, and Mrs. Ivey Cameron.

Skips of other competing rinks were: Messrs Ausdahl, Moore, Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. McLaren, Laamanen, Henderson, McDonald, Cooper, Lett, Tyndall, Worth, Evans, Young, Miller, Shaw,

graduating in July of last year, when he received his commission. A few weeks after receiving his commission he went overseas.

An employee of the Hollinger Mine prior to joining the R.C.A.F., the late Pilot Officer had made many friends who sincerely mourn his passing and regret that such a fine young life should be cut away so soon. Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. John Perry, Cobalt, two sisters Miss Violet McKinley, Public School Staff, Timmins, and Mrs. Jack Gannon, Second Ave., Schumacher; and one brother, Mr. Willard McKinley, of Kirkland Lake; to whom sympathy is extended in their sad bereavement.

Presentations Made to A.C. Richard Mitchell

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A.C. Richard Mitchell, of the Medical Division of the R.C.A.F., was guest of honour on Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mitchell, Dome Extension. (He left on Tuesday to rejoin his unit).

A merry party followed the influx of guests, with singing and dancing. Mrs. B. Webb, Mrs. Libby, and Miss June Allen providing piano music.

A gold identification bracelet was

presented to the guest of honour—a group gift from all—Mrs. Kellow making the presentation.

June Allen (niece) presented him with a haversack from his son and nephew and niece.

Refreshments were served and a wonderful time was enjoyed by all.

Guests present included—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stanlake, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kellow, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Varker, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mitchell, Jack Mudge, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hocking, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Ginger Davis, Ven. Rowe, Mrs. C. H. Libby, Mr. and Mrs. B. Webb, Frank Clark, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jay, Mrs. M. Foster, J. Foster, Irene Libby, Thora Webb, Mrs. W. Allen, Mrs. H. Barnes, Doris Kellow, Kenneth Mitchell, Arthur and Ewart Stanlake. Contributing to the gifts but unable to attend were:—Mr. and Mrs. J. Beard, C. H. Libby, R. Mitchell Sr., Dorothy Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Mitchell.

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Fern Cottage

THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY EASTERN PORCUPINE DISTRICT BRANCH

South Porcupine, Ontario
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 1943

ASSETS:	
Cash on deposit in bank	\$236.38
Deposit with Northern Ontario Power Company Limited—re light meter account	16.00
Workroom equipment at cost 1939	\$477.32
1940	678.79
1941	282.19
1942	318.24
	1,766.54
Note: Inventories of materials and supplies not valued.	
	\$2,052.92
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts Payable	Nil
Unexpended special funds—parcels for armed forces	89.57
EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES	\$1,963.35
	\$2,052.92

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined the above statement of assets and liabilities of the Canadian Red Cross Society Eastern Porcupine District Branch as at 31st December 1943 and have received all the information and explanations we have required. In connection therewith we examined or tested accounting records of the Society but we did not make a detailed audit of the transactions.

Based on our examination we report that in our opinion the above statement of assets and liabilities, properly shows the state of the Society's affairs as at 31st December 1943 and the attached statement of receipts and disbursements is correct.

(Sgd.) CLARKSON, GORDON, DILWORTH & NASH
Toronto, Canada, 20th January 1944 Chartered Accountants.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended 31st December 1943

BALANCE OF cash on deposit 1st January, 1943	\$2,209.55
RECEIPTS: (All cash donations and subscriptions deposited in The Bank of Toronto, South Porcupine branch)	\$23,587.18
Special contributions for Russian Relief from: Employees' fund Buffalo Ankerite Gold Mines Limited	\$200.00
Special contributions for Greek Red Cross from Pupils: Pamour Sunday School	12.00
Special contributions for medical supplies for Canadian Army in Italy from: S. P. Public School War Services Fund	80.00
Special contributions for parcels for Armed Forces from: Nora de Pencier Employees' Fund Buffalo Ankerite Gold Mines Ltd.	100.00
Dome Employees' War Charities Fund Hallnor Employees' Services Fund Hallnor Mines Limited Preston East Dome Mines Preston War Services Fund	600.00 50.00 50.00 150.00 150.00
	1,150.25
Cash value of donations in kind—received	25,029.43
Interest received (lights and bank accounts)	331.26
Workroom income	7.88
	59.40
	\$27,637.52

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Ontario Division for: War Work	\$20,050.00
Russian Relief—Remittance of special contributions as above	200.00
Greek Red Cross—Remittance of special contributions as above	12.00
Medical supplies for Canadian Army in Italy—Remittance of special contributions as above	80.00
	\$20,342.00
War Activities: Ontario Division for merchandise and supplies	3,412.61
Local purchase of wool and other materials	1,209.13
Workroom rent and expenses	938.06
	5,559.82
Other disbursements: General Administrative expense	47.38
	47.38
Cash value of donations in kind—disbursed	331.26
Special contributions for parcels for Armed Forces—disbursed	3,600.00
	\$7,341.14
BALANCE OF CASH on deposit 31st December 1943	\$ 296.38

Annual Meeting Eastern Porcupine District Branch The Canadian Red Cross Society

The annual meeting of the Eastern Porcupine District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society will be held in the Council Chambers, of the Municipal Building, South Porcupine, on Wednesday, February 16th, at 8.00 p.m.

All those who are members of Mine Charity Funds or who were contributing in any manner to the Eastern Porcupine District Branch of the Red Cross in 1943 are entitled to attend.

The Following Report on the Women's War Work Committee is submitted:

Knitting for Navy	902 articles
Knitting for Army	679 articles
Knitting for Air Force	101 articles
Knitting for Civilians	418 articles
Socks in Christmas Parcels	829 articles
Sewing—Civilian	2,475 articles
Sewing — Hospital	1,886 articles
Seamen's Leather Jackets	10 articles
Dressings	44,547 articles
Quilts and Afghans	107 articles
TOTAL FOR 1943	51,954 articles

Included in the above list are Eight Hundred and Twenty-Nine (829) knitted articles enclosed in parcels sent as Christmas presents to the men in the services from this district, whose names and addresses we were able to procure. These parcels also contained confectionery and Christmas cake, shaving articles and dental articles. In addition to the above 829 parcels thirteen (13) parcels were sent to enlisted women from this district. The women's parcels did not contain knitted articles, but instead had confectionery and cosmetics.

The many letters of appreciation which we have received indicate the desirability of continuing this practice.