

Trouble In Greece May End To-day

Sees Mackenzie River Area as Attraction to Tourists After the War

Rev. H. G. Cook, of South Porcupine, Gives Impressive Address to Kiwanis Club on People and Resources of the Far North. Advises anyone with a \$1,000 and Six Weeks to Spare to Visit Mackenzie River Area.

One of the most interesting and informative addresses to be heard for some time was the graphic description of the Mackenzie River country given by Rev. H. G. Cook, rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church, South Porcupine, on Monday when he was guest speaker at the Timmins Kiwanis Club luncheon at the Empire hotel. In speaking of the future of the country he mentioned that while there were believed to be deposits of gold in the area, all prospecting and mining activity depended on air travel and accordingly there could not be much progress at the present time. This might be changed after the war. In any case that great North, he believed, would prove a great attraction to tourists in the days after the war. "I would advise any of you who can spare a thousand dollars and six or eight weeks of time to take a trip into the Mackenzie River area," the speaker said.

In opening his notable address, Rev. Mr. Cook said that when he spoke of the North, he did not mean the same country that was meant when reference was made here to "the North." He gave that name to the Northern area of the Northwest Territories. In his remarks he was going to speak particularly of the Mackenzie River area stretching from the end of the Precambrian Shield on the east to the outcroppings of the rock from the mountain ranges on the west. This area, he said, contains many large rivers and many large lakes. And on these in large measure will depend the future of the country. The country is well-wooded, with spruce and pine, but there are no hardwood trees in the area. His first mission in the territory was at Fort Simpson. There was quite a little settlement there, though the population was largely Indians. These Indians are of the Slave tribe (pronounced Sla-vee). This tribe is naturally indolent and were crowded into their present position by more energetic tribes. Their language is very intricate and difficult to learn. It cannot be learned from books on account of the fact that each family and section have their own idioms. Missionaries, however, the speaker said, must learn the language if they are to be of the most service to the people under their care. In most interesting way, Rev. Cook explained how the Indians at Fort Simpson had been induced to learn English. Some of the white people there had received the magazine, "Life," and each issue passed around among the other white people. After that the copies went on to the Indians who were greatly interested in the pictures. Soon they were curious as to what was said about these pictures and that the illustrations meant. This curiosity gave them the desire to learn English so they would know for themselves what it was all about. Quite a number of them now can read and write English, thanks to the efforts of the missionary, the doctor, the Hudson Bay factor, the R. C. M. P. officer and the other white people.

Rev. Mr. Cook felt that it would take a long time to make the Indians into the best type of citizens but it was worth the effort. The Government, he said, looked after the Indians very well indeed. All the white people in the area were individualists. This was to be expected. They had to be resourceful and depend on their own initiative. Yet they were larger than themselves. The doctor felt that he represented the medical profession; the missionary or priest represented his whole church; the factor represented the great company in whose employ he was; and the Mountie represented the law of Canada. There were only a few fur traders and prospectors in the area. The district had the half-breed problem, which was a difficult one to solve. Game, the speaker said, was scarce in the Valley, though moose, caribou and deer were plentiful, but they were scattered over such a large area that the hunter had to travel considerable distance to get game. There was good fishing in the area, though not so good in the Mackenzie river itself, some of the tributaries carrying much mud into the larger stream. Birds were plentiful. There were prairie chickens, grouse, and the occasional Hungarian partridge. The ptarmigan was present in abundance in cold weather.

There seemed to be rich finds of both placer and hard rock gold, Rev. Mr. Cook said, mentioning Yellowknife and other camps. The country from the

Collection of Fats Dec. 30th

Be Ready Then for the Boy Scouts When They Make Their Rounds of the Town

The December collection of fats in the town of Timmins is to be made on Saturday, December 30th—two weeks from Saturday. Remember the date and have all possible waste fats ready for the boys when they call. This collection, like the previous ones, will be made by the Timmins Boy Scouts who have done an excellent job in the collection of waste fats. Remember also that the need for waste fats is still urgent. The making of various kinds of munitions depends on a plentiful supply of fats, and to have that supply it is essential that all possible waste fats be collected. The Boy Scouts are trying to do their part, and householders should help by having ready for Dec. 30th all waste fats that can be gathered together.

F. W. Schumacher Sends Christmas Gifts for Pupils

Presents will be on Display on Wednesday Evening of Next Week.

Mr. F. W. Schumacher, in whose honour the town of Schumacher was named, was one of the pioneers of the Schumacher area of the Porcupine Camp. He spent some time up here in the early days and he never forgets the town of Schumacher or its people. Every year before Christmas he sends gifts to each and every youngster attending school in Schumacher. These gifts are never cheap or tawdry. Indeed, some of them are expensive. All are of value and delight the recipients. There are books, dolls, toys, sleighs, skates, skis, and other articles for the girls. There are toys, sleighs, books, sweaters and other timely articles for the boys. Never anything cheap in the lot. The youngsters of all the Schumacher schools are agreed that the presents from Mr. Schumacher are excellent. Each year as the town of Schumacher expands, the list of presents bought by Mr. Schumacher also expands. This year he has a large list to deal with and he has handled it with his usual generosity. The F. W. Schumacher Christmas gifts for this year have arrived at Schumacher and will be distributed before Christmas. On Wednesday, Dec. 20th, these gifts will be on display in the Schumacher Public School at 7:30 p.m. Parents and friends are invited to attend and see this pleasing and interesting display of gifts. A pleasing programme is being prepared for the occasion, so all who attend next Wednesday night will be doubly repaid for their effort.

Remember This Old Timer at This Christmas Time

South Porcupine, Dec. 13th. Special to The Advance.

One of our very old, old-timers—Alec McKenzie of the "Queen Mary" Gardens at the lake—is in the Queen Alexander Sanitarium in London. He was sent there a few weeks ago as his health necessitated such care. He has written to some of the township officials, and we read one of the most recent letters. He says:—"Everybody here does something to spend the time—some knit socks, some make small handmade toys, others play card games. Some make things such as the enclosed (he sent a hand-made "lapel" elephant and rabbit made of white kid) to the people to whom he was writing). Each patient has a pair of head-phones so as to hear the radio. There are a few—not many—who are too sick to do much. There are 75 men on this floor." We are giving his full address so that some of our kind-hearted townspeople (and we know there are many) who might like to send "Old Alec" a Christmas card may do so. He is in "Room 66, W. P. 2, Queen Alexander Sanitarium, London, Ont."

Distinguished Flying Cross for F. O. Hamilton

Among the awards announced this week in the special lists sent out from Ottawa, Flying Officer J. D. Hamilton of Schumacher, is listed as being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for service overseas.

Annual Banquet for the Blind Next Monday Night

About twenty-six blind guests with their escorts are expected to attend the banquet for the blind to be held this year in the Legion hall on Monday next, Dec. 18th. This banquet has become an annual affair and is greatly enjoyed each year. The banquet and party are planned by the Timmins Advisory Committee or the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Each guest will be the recipient of a gift from the C.N.I.B.

Notable Music Featured Commencement Exercises of Timmins H. & V. S.

Interesting and Inspiring Address by W. O. Langdon, Guest Speaker. Large Number of Pupils in Graduating Class. Interesting Statistics About Pupils, Members of Staff and Ex-Pupils Now in the Services for King and Country

There were many interesting features about the annual Commencement Exercises of the Timmins High and Vocational School held in the school auditorium on Thursday night. One that made special appeal to all the large attendance was the outstanding quality of the musical numbers on the programme. They were a matter of pride and pleasure to all, and congratulations are in order to the pupils concerned and to the music director, Mr. Wallace Young. The school choir made a special hit in the numbers given and evidenced both natural talent and effective training. Their numbers included: "Who Built the Ark?" a Negro spiritual, and "Cradle Song," by John Penwick.

The event opened with the processionary march and "God Save the King," followed by the chairman's address. Mr. A. A. Rose, the principal of the school, emphasized the great cooperation he had received from both the staff and the pupils, and in the success of the combination of earnestness and goodwill, he saw just cause for pride.

Soprano solos by Miss Lucy Leach, "Still as the Night" (Carl Bahm) and "On Wings of Song," were much appreciated by the crowded auditorium.

Mr. A. A. Rose presented the Halperin medal to Irene Merla. The following scholarships were presented:—Sam Bucovetsky scholarship won by Richard Stingle; Robert Simpson scholarship won by Evert Moller; Dominion-Provincial scholarships won by Irene Merla; Armandina Romualdi, Viola Warren, Richard Stingle, Robert Menard.

Presentation of the Brady Shield to Veikko was made by Mr. J. D. Brady. Rev. Fr. G. A. Deschene presented the Advanced-French prizes to:—Grade XIII, General—Colin Charron, Robert Menard.

Grade XII, General — Marguerite Lloyd.

Grade XI, General Robert Brabant, Gerald Loubert, Robert Millette, Helen Rousson, Phillippe McCourt.

Grade X, General—Gladys Holden, Rudolph Desautiers, Armand Spencer, Jeannette Lazon.

Grade X, Commercial—Reina Courchesne, Rita Cyr.

Grade X, Industrial—Roger Mineault.

Grade IX, Industrial—Aurele Daigle.

Grade IX, General—Irene Charbonneau, Viviane Brazeau, George Garant, Doris Smith, Gilberte Cauchon.

A piano solo, "Nocturne in F Major" (Schumann) was one of the pleasing numbers on the programme.

Briefly but effectively Mr. A. A. Rose presented the guest speaker of the evening, Mr. W. O. Langdon. Mr. Langdon told the graduating class how fortunate they were to be taking their education in these days and in this country. Had they been pupils in the days of the great teacher, Pythagoras, they would have to pass the whole year in silence in classes and if they broke that rule of silence even to ask a question they would be condemned to another five years of silence before they could graduate. Later educational facilities were sketched by Mr. Langdon, and then he pointed out the difference between knowledge, learning and wisdom. He told the graduates that they were entering now on a new and broader life that had many complicated conditions. They would find it necessary to exercise their brains to the utmost if they were to give a good account of themselves. He wished them

Gunner R. Gordon On 30-Day Leave at South Porcupine

One of the Wounded Lads Sent Back from England

South Porcupine, Dec. 13th. Special to The Advance.

Gunner Robt. Gordon is spending a 30-day leave with his wife's mother, Mrs. O. McIntosh, of Golden Avenue. His wife, the former Mary McIntosh, is home also from the University of Toronto to be with him on his leave.

He is one of the wounded boys recently sent back to Canada from Italy and England. He was overseas with the R.C.A. for four years and saw service in England, Africa, Sicily and Italy.

He was wounded when the Allied forces began their entry into Rome. He will return to a Toronto Military Hospital when his leave is completed.

Gen. McNaughton Accepts North Grey Nomination

General McNaughton, recently appointed Minister of National Defence by Premier King, has accepted an invitation to stand as Liberal candidate in the Grey-Bruce riding in a by-election to be called at an early date, probably Jan. 29th or Feb. 5th. The seat has been held by William P. Telford, who has been unable to take his seat in the Commons for more than a year on account of ill-health. There have been suggestions that the election be conceded to Gen. McNaughton by acclamation, but such suggestions come only from Liberal party sources, and it is generally expected that Gen. McNaughton will have another fight on his hands.

Certificates here for Air Detection Corps Workers

Boys May Secure Their Certificates from Deputy Fire Chief Morton.

Deputy Fire Chief James Morton received handsome certificates for the Aircraft Detection Corps workers here. There were 97 of them in Timmins and they specialized in watching for and reporting all air craft passing over here. The most of the lads who did such able service in this line were Boy Scouts. The certificates have been issued by the Minister for Air Defence as a mark of appreciation for the services so painstakingly given by the Aircraft Detection Corps. Many of the lads are now on active service and others are not in town. Boys or those entitled to receive the certificates in their behalf may secure these certificates by applying to Deputy Fire Chief Morton at the Fire Hall. Deputy Fire Chief Morton was in charge of the Aircraft Detection work here and trained the boys.

Storage Building at Hollinger Mine Damaged by Fire

Another Fire This Week Does Several Hundred Dollars Damage to House on Ann Ave.

Sunday at 5:52 p.m. the Timmins firemen were called to the Hollinger Mine where fire had started in an old building used for storing tools, etc. The fire had a good start before it was discovered and the building was pretty well gutted before the fire could be brought under control. As the blaze was brought under control, the Hollinger brigade took over the "mopping up" operations in reference to the fire. The origin of the fire is not known, the men in that department being off duty as it was Sunday. The building was an old one and the loss is not material.

At 9:46 p.m. Sunday the firemen were called to 137 Ann avenue, where a fire had started in the front room of the house, apparently in a chesterfield chair. There was no one home at the time the fire was noticed and an alarm sent in. Several hundred dollars damage was done before the fire could be extinguished.

In addition to the two fires noted above the Timmins firemen had nine other calls, making eleven responses for the week. Chimneys and hot pipes accounted for six of the calls. Fuel oil thrown on a kitchen range by some children resulted in another of the calls. Another was due to an overheated hot air register. The remaining call proved to be a false alarm and the firemen turned this one over to the police.

Crippled Young Man Will be Examined For Army Service

At police court on Tuesday there was a case that shows the evils of red tape and applying strict regulations according to their literal meaning. A young man was charged with failing to notify the registrar of a change of address. He pleaded guilty because while he said he did not know of the regulation he did realize that he had broken it when the matter was called to his attention. With just those facts before him the magistrate had no other recourse than to give the young fellow the usual one day in jail, after which he is to be taken to North Bay for examination for army service. This means that the country is put to an unnecessary expense for this young fellow can pass no army tests. He is a cripple, one leg being badly damaged. He drags the injured leg when he walks and it is easy to see what little use that young fellow is to any army.

Emissary of Greek Rebel Forces Expected to Accept British Terms Immediately

Budapest Being Bitterly Defended by the Nazi Forces. Canadian Troops Making Progress on the Italian Front. U. S. First Army Troops Have Gained Two Miles in Surprise Assault on German Defences Near Faenza.

Flying Officer William Shields Awarded D. F. C.

Another Timmins Flier Decorated for Conspicuous Gallantry

Announcement was made last night at Ottawa in regard to further awards to airmen for conspicuous gallantry. Among the names given were Flying Officer William Shields, of Timmins, and Flying Officer Terry Wilson, of South Porcupine. Flying Officer W. Shields has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for conspicuous gallantry on duty. His plane was shot down over France but he was able to get to the ground safely and hide, eventually making his way back to England. Some weeks ago he was given a leave to visit his home here. For some weeks past he and Mrs. Shields (formerly Miss Margaret Easton) have been at Rockliffe, but are expected home for Christmas.

S. Porcupine Workrooms to Re-open January 2nd

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

Two Hundred & Fifty-one Donors at Blood Donor Clinic Here This Week

One of the Most Successful Clinics Held in the District Next Clinic will be held Here Early in the New Year. Citizens Reminded that Reserves of Blood Plasma Lower Now than in 1941 and the Need is much Greater. More Donors Needed.

Probably he deserved the inconvenience entailed in the trip to North Bay, because he did not notify the registrar of his change of address. But the country should not be penalized unnecessarily by having the young fellow taken to North Bay. There should be some way in which the examination could take place here and thus save the money and time involved by the trip of the young man and a police escort to North Bay and return. There is a recruiting unit here for the army so why go to the unnecessary cost of a trip to North Bay? The young man was injured when a child, and the leg is so badly damaged that only a glance is necessary to show that this young man is not eligible even for the Zombies.

Snow Storm Ties Up South and is Blamed for 20 Deaths

A fall of snow that would not create any excitement in this North has worked havoc in the South. Traffic is all tied up in the South. Trains were snowbound yesterday and there was even loss of life blamed on the storm. Twenty people are said to have lost their lives through over-exertion in new shovelling or ploughing through snow drifts. The storm is said to be the worst in the history of Toronto, but it is likely that many years ago Toronto saw much more severe storms but was better equipped to handle the storm or more endured to enduring it.

Appreciate Visit Here of Rev. August Lappala

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A large number of friends and fellow-countrymen attended the Finnish service which was held in the United Church by Rev. Lappala, of Toronto, last Sunday afternoon. They wish us to express their gratitude to Rev. J. C. Thompson for arranging to have Rev. Lappala visit South Porcupine. Mrs. Thompson also delighted all with selections played on the Hammond electric organ and assisting during the service an they say "thank you" to her also.

Despatches this morning from Athens say that it is understood that an emissary of the guerrilla forces in Greece will announce the acceptance of British terms to end the civil war to-day.

British Labour Ministers have accepted full responsibility with Prime Minister Churchill for British policy in Greece. Labour leaders, however, are pressing for an armistice with the Elias forces.

Red Army tanks, planes and big guns are teaming against bitterly-defended Budapest.

American First Army troops have gained two miles in a surprise assault in the direction of the Rhineland city of Bcnn. Other First Army forces have extended their foothold along the Rear river, near Dueren, to five miles.

Canadian troops have driven a three-mile wedge into German defences northeast of the Po Valley town of Faenza. Indications are that the Germans will not be able to hold Faenza much longer.

Despatches from Pearl Harbour tell of the sinking of more Japanese vessels trying to make landings on Leyte Island.

those who have so faithfully contributed to the work of the society and they urge that everyone will start with renewed effort in the new year. An invitation is extended to all ladies of the district to come to the work rooms as the need for redoubled effort is very great as the tempo of the war increases. Any ladies who need work during the holiday season may have same by contacting either Mrs. Dye, phone 2B, or Mrs. Stark, phone 142.

The Blood Donor Clinic held in the Masonic Hall, Tamarack Street Sunday and Monday morning of this week was one of the most successful yet for this district. Sunday there were 157 donors, while Monday only 97 contributed to this worthy endeavour; thus making a total of 254 donations for this district for the month of December. This total lacked 2 donations of equaling the best clinic held in the Porcupine, during the early summer.

Citizens are reminded that the reserves of blood plasma are lower now than in 1941 and the need is much greater. It is hoped that many will make a New Year's resolution to become a volunteer blood donor. Registrations may be completed at any of the local banks, The Timmins Fire Hall Mrs. H. R. Chanen, Tuke st., phone 157, Mr. A. R. Harkness, in Marshall-Eccleston's or J. M. Douglas, 173 Spruce st. north, phone 381W.

The next clinic will be held early in the new year.

The following men made themselves responsible for setting up the clinic:—J. Knell, O. Stewart, K. Stubbs, H. Hall, A. Jackson, D. A. Moore, J. Currie, J. Cawley, W. Nankervis, G. Mondoux, and J. M. Douglas, chairman of the Committee.

Refreshments were served by members of the Women's Institute—Messdames W. Johnson, C. Delong, C. Briggs, P. Jeffrey, J. K. Kinsey, A. J. McDonald, J. Holson, M. McIntosh, A. Willin, W. Crispin, B. Kempers, A. Jack, J. McCheyney and W. Hawse.

The St. John Ambulance Nursing Sisters who assisted at this clinic were Messdames Courchesne, Pooley, Brunette, Mustato, Brown, Langman, Forrester, McCharles, Lalonde, Peterson, Cram, Kirk, Price, Gibson, Van Tent, Beckett and Morrie.

The graduate nurses who attended the donors were Misses Murphy, Farr, Baird, Johnson, Mansfield, and Ryan; Messdames W. Briden, C. Thompson, E. Lapan, J. E. Barry, Evans, A. Campbell and H. Jones, technician.

The doctors who volunteered their services at this time were:—Dr. J. B. McCClinton, Dr. P. Clermont, J. E. Barry, Dr. O. J. Stahl, Dr. J. Kelley, Dr. W. Taylor, Dr. W. D. Rebson, Dr. J. H. Stiles, Dr. J. A. McInnis and Dr. A. P. Murtagh.