

News From South Porcupine, Dome and the District

Many Awards Presented at Schumacher High School Commencement Exercises

Principal of High School at Schumacher Tells of War Services of Former Pupils. School Honour Roll has 147 Names. Seven Have Paid the Supreme Sacrifice. Present Pupils Active in Red Cross and Make Good Record in War Savings and Other Ways

Schumacher, Dec. 13.—The Schumacher High School Commencement Exercises were held Thursday evening in the High School auditorium. There was a large attendance of parents and friends. The programme opened with the procession of graduates and students and the singing of "O Canada."

Mr. Douglas Argue, principle of the school, was the chairman. In his introductory remarks he said that the staff joined him in extending welcome to the parents and friends present. It gave them great satisfaction to see so many parents taking an interest in their children's education. He pointed out that of the graduating classes, some have left to answer their country's call and are now serving in the armed forces. The High School honour roll has 147 names. Seven have paid the supreme sacrifice. These are Raymond Chatson, Henry Fulton, Eric Mills, Felix Sheculski, Buster Todhunter, Beverly Kitchin and Jimmy Smith. The High School has made a notable contribution to Canada's war effort in the purchase of war savings certificates and Victory Bonds. They also have an active unit in Red Cross work.

Following Mr. Argue's address, The High School orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Gordon Thompson, gave a selection, "El Abanico—Javaloyes."

Mr. R. E. Dye, chairman of the High School Board, presented the Proficiency prizes as follows:—

- Grade XIII—Kirby Joyner. Grade XII—Patricia Campbell. Grade XI—Marion Robertson. Grade X—Marjorie Wharton. Grade IX—A—Rella Kallio. Grade IX—B—Rose Baklajak.

Honour Graduation Diplomas were presented by Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, member of the Board, to June Asselstine, Patricia Barker, Robert Boyce, Kirby Joyner, Levi Lane, Mary Markovich, Roy Wilbee.

Students' Council Honour Award, won by Kirby Joyner or his high standing in school and his marked ability in leadership in all the school's activities, was presented by Merrill Clark. Kirby was not present to receive his awards as he is in the Army, stationed at Kingston with the R.C.A.C.

The High School Girls' Chorus under the leadership of Gordon B. Thompson sang "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks," old carol, and "At Pierrot's Door," French carol.

The Valedictory was given by Miss Patricia Barker. Miss Barker in her address said, in part:—"On this memorable occasion in our lives we meet it hard to express our feelings. After five years of study we have reached our ambition in life and we remember with gratitude all who helped us achieve our goal. Sixty students were in the class. Some are now attending university, and some have answered their country's call and are serving King and Country. Looking back now over the five years, each one will carry many treasured memories of the happy days spent, and as we step out into our higher calling in life we hope to make a worthwhile contribution to democracy." In closing Miss Barker expressed the graduating class's farewell in verse.

The High School Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Gordon Thompson, with Mary and Margo Kirkland at the piano, gave "Southland Medley."

The Girl's Chorus sang "Gently Evening Bendeth," traditional song, and "Bring a Torch, Jeannette," French carol.

Mr. R. E. Dye introduced the guest speaker, Mr. E. L. Longmore, general manager of the Hollinger Gold Mines. Mr. Longmore said he was impressed by the splendid discipline of the students. He chose as his theme, Education and what the word embraces. The member of the graduation class are going out into life and their paths would be varied. He advised them all to do their own thinking and to hold fast to high ideals. With determination and strength of character they would overcome all the obstacles they might meet and by so doing they would make a valuable contribution to democracy. Education was all right, but strength of character was essential to the right way to carry on in life. Illustrating his thought along this line, Mr. Longmore said that many brilliant and well educated men in the world to-day have wavered. They lacked the strength to resist certain temptations. What value has education to them to-day? the speaker said. In concluding, Mr. Longmore wished the students every success in their new role in life, and reminded them that the fundamental factor in everyday life is not so much what one may know but how wisely that knowledge is used.

Miss Ellen Sampson, Girls' Student Captain, on behalf of the students, thanked Mr. Longmore for his inspiring and instructive address, and also expressed appreciation to all others who had taken part in the evening's programme.

Syrachona Trust Medal, presented

Parties and Clubs at Schumacher in the Past Week

Other Items of Interest from Schumacher and District

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Mrs. Dennis O'Connor was hostess at a nicely arranged card party last Thursday evening. The event was held at the Daffodil restaurant, First Ave. Whist was played, and the winners of the lovely prizes were:—1st, Mrs. J. V. Angrignon; 2nd, Mrs. James Scullion; 3rd, Fern Smith; consolation, Mrs. Anne Perreault. Door prize Mrs. M. McGuire. After the cards the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Fred Dwyer and Mrs. Agnes Feindal, served a delicious lunch. After lunch a social period was enjoyed. The proceeds of the evening were donated to the St. Alphonse Parish Church Catholic Women's League.

The following ladies attended:—Mrs. Fred Dwyer, Mrs. James Scullion, Mrs. J. V. Angrignon, Mrs. T. Johnson, Mrs. Agnes Feindal, Mrs. Steve Karahan, Mrs. Anne Perreault, Mrs. Norman Tario, Mrs. E. Duxfield, Mrs. Dick Anderson, Mrs. James Stirrat, Mrs. Art Robson, Mrs. Cecil Kennedy, Mrs. Fern Smith, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Dunkley, Mrs. Clare Messicar, Mrs. Alex Mair, Mrs. W. Rodgers, Miss Kay Curry.

The Catholic Women's League of St. Alphonse Parish Church held their meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Dwyer, First Ave. The president, Mrs. Dwyer, was in the chair. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Agnes Feindal, the report was read by Mrs. T. Johnson. Many letters and cards of thanks were received from boys overseas, thanking the ladies for parcels received. The ladies made arrangements for the usual treat to the Sunday School Christmas tree, and parcels for the sick in the parish. A lovely cushion has been donated by the Croatian ladies. Tickets are being sold on it, and the draw will be held some time in January. After the business session the hostess served a dainty lunch. After lunch a social period was enjoyed.

The McIntyre Football Club Ladies' Auxiliary held their card party Wednesday evening in the Gold Range restaurant. Whist was played and the prize winners were:—1st, Mrs. Robertson; 2nd, Mrs. Bert Southcott; 3rd, Mrs. James MacKenzie; door prize, Mrs. Studden. The first prize was donated by the Schumacher Hardware and the second prize was donated by Briscoe's Drug Store. After the cards a social period was enjoyed.

The many friends of Mr. A. L. Joyner, McIntyre Property, Third Ave., will be pleased to hear that he is able to be home from St. Mary's Hospital, and all extend him their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Pte. Bob Hannigan, of the Canadian Army, stationed at Brantford, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hannigan, Third Ave.

Mrs. Eddie Smith, of Mattawa, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Second Ave.

Sgt. Toivo Frantsi, of the R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frantsi, Fourth Ave., arrived home from overseas on a 30-day leave. Sgt. Frantsi has been overseas for almost four years. During that time he married an English girl, Mrs. Frantsi and her two-year-old son, Christopher, arrived recently at the home of Sgt. Frantsi's parents on Fourth Ave. Prior to enlistment Sgt. Frantsi was employed at the Consumers Co-op on Pine St.

Born—Thursday, December 7th, in St. Mary's Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Monaghan (Mary Smith), Second Ave.—a son.

The Schumacher "Victory" Club met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Steve Karahan, Second Ave. Five hundred was played and the winners of the nice prizes were:—1st, Mrs. Finchen, Timmins; 2nd, Mrs. Jack Matthew; door prize, Mrs. Cecil Kennedy. After the cards a social period was enjoyed.

Mrs. Dave Craig, Pine Street, and Mrs. Warren, of Timmins, left Friday for California where they will spend some time visiting relatives.

The Women's Missionary Society of Trinity United Church will hold a special Christmas service in the Church hall Wednesday afternoon, December 20th, at 2.30 p.m. An invitation is extended to all the ladies of the congregation and their friends to attend the service.

Sgt. Albert Orr, R.A.F., and Mrs. Orr, of Toronto, spent the week-end visiting Sgt. Orr's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Miller, Third Ave. Sgt. Orr has just returned from service overseas. Prior to enlistment he was employed in one of the departments in Marshall-Ecclestone store, Timmins.

Flying Officer Charles Bryers, D.F.C., arrived from overseas Tuesday after 3½ years service in India and Burma. Mrs. Bryers (Mariane Laine met her husband at Montreal. Sgt. Bryers will meet his three-year-old son John for the first time.

The Rev. Father O'Gorman will be honorary chairman and Mr. R. J. Ennis will be chairman. A programme is being arranged for the event and all desiring to attend are asked to get their tickets early.

Rev. Fr. Martindale was ordained at Halleybury by Bishop Latulippe in December, 1919.

Geological Specimens Shown at S. Porcupine

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The Men's Club of St. Paul's Church held a very nice supper meeting on Friday night in the Parish Hall. Over twenty men were present. After supper a most entertaining lecture was given by Mr. H. H. Costain, of Dome EX, whose hobby is collecting geological specimens. He brought part of his collection with him and according to one of the men present he has "an interesting and astounding knowledge picked up working with and collecting his specimens." His talk was given profound attention and hearty applause.

On Friday of this week a cribbage tournament will be held. All welcome and prizes offered.

Talented Speakers at South Porcupine Kiwanis Club

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At last Thursday's Kiwanis meeting (Nov. 30th) the War Services committee took charge and presented a very able and informative speaker in the person of Sqdn Leader D. H. Currie, C. C. O., speaking on the subject "Why Air Cadets?" He was introduced to the Club by Kiwanian Fred Mason.

S-L Currie said that through discipline and teamwork the Air Cadets were being trained into useful citizens. The "Gem" Clubs, the "general fitness" programme, and encouragement of leadership qualities were pointed out as special points of emphasis. The post-war plans for the A. C. L. were listed as follows:—First—Close co-operation with Flying and Glider Clubs; special privileges being granted Air Cadets respecting membership and flying.

Second—Integration into the Aviation Industry in the manufacture, transport and other phases, where preference would be given A. C.'s; and third—Co-ordination with the Auxiliary Air Force as maintained by the Government. Finally S-L Currie noted why the service clubs should continue to sponsor these boys in Air Cadets, mentioning the fact that faith must be kept with the boys, and that their character development must be the Kiwanis concern, and that we cannot get "caught" with untrained men again.

V. H. Evans fittingly extended the thanks of the club to the speaker.

On Monday of this week Mr. S. R. Brunton, of the Timmins High School staff, presented an instructive and entertaining address on the "Modern Theories of Government." He was introduced by Ralph Ellis and thanked by Robert Ship.

Present as guests were Wireless Officer Colin Robinson, Gunner Robert Gordon and F-O Jack Hamilton, R.C.A.F., of Schumacher, (to whom we offer congratulations on winning the D.F.C.), Mr. Bill Moskol, owner of the Airport Hotel, was introduced as a new member.

Mr. Stan Blake Kind to South Porcupine Sailor

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Sison-Adamson, of Powell Avenue, have recently heard from their son Bob, who is serving with the R. C. N. V. R.

It will be a matter of interest to

Public School Bazaar Held at South Porcupine An Outstanding Event

Principal of School and Staff Come in for Warm Congratulations from the Public. Miss Shaw, the Principal, Passes on the Honours to the Parents and the Other Teachers and the Pupils

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The Public School Bazaar held on Saturday afternoon was another grand success. \$515.40 is the actual amount turned in and of this \$500 will be profit to be given to the war activities of the school.

In an interview with Miss B. M. C. Shaw, principal, she said—"This was a great success due to the grand co-operation between the parents (she put them first), the teachers, and the pupils of our school."

"The parents were wonderful" she said—"They sent no end of baking for their tables, and the tea-room, they gave wonderfully—much more than we asked or expected. There isn't a parent of a child coming to school who did not contribute something towards the bazaar."

The teachers, of course, are responsible for the novelties made (with the co-operation of their classes)—there were so many and they were so cleverly done, Christmas trees, kitchen gadgets, bags, dolls, tops, articles of carpentry work, pictures, plaques, needlework of all kinds, that we cannot be-

gin to enumerate them. Busy little people assisted in selling them—and there were very few left at the close of the bazaar.

The tea-room attracted all, and there was a wonderful assortment of goodies to buy and to eat.

The decorations deserve a special note. The murals were excellent. In the tea-room we noticed a mural of choir-boys (in stuck-on paper surplises) singing carols. In the hall a mural of Christmas scenes was excellently done, as was also one of the Nativity scenes in another room.

Christmas trees, the Christmas story, and Santa Claus were everywhere in evidence. The Christmas spirit of peace and goodwill were given more so.

Our school bazaar and our school atmosphere, our teachers and their wonderful Principal and slight evidence of the success which can be achieved, when love rules.

Miss Higgins, who sold Christmas novelties, was assisted by Misses Jean Miller and Webber.

Mrs. Gram with Miss Carlisle and Miss Perrigan took charge of the fish-pond.

Mr. Ship supervised (and sold) senior boys' craft.

Miss Woodall was Banker.

Miss Broadfoot (with 8 children of grade 8) supervised the singing of carols in the tea-room.

Mrs. Ingram played the accompaniments.

In charge of senior girl's craft—Miss Houston, with Miss Hogan, Miss Walker and Mrs. Schaefer.

Miss Donlevy with Miss McKeown, Miss Phelps and Miss McMunn supervised the tea-room and Miss Pritchard took charge of the bake table.

Mrs. J. Costello, and Mrs. P. Andrew (wives of trustees) poured tea in the tea-room during the afternoon.

The following were the winners of prizes in the grand draw.

- 1. Doll and set of furniture won by Mrs. O. Welsh.
- 2. Mrs. Blakeman won the baby blanket.

Senior Draw—1. lovely water-colour of flowers, executed by Annie Michaluk (former pupil), won by Mrs. D. Cudmore.

2. G. Batturich won the kindergarten table and chairs. A hall tree made by Mr. Ship's senior boys was won by Mrs. E. Brereton.

Meeting of Township of Tisdale Council

Services of Mr. R. E. Dye on High School Board Appreciated.

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At a regular meeting of Tisdale Council on Monday night Reeve V. H. Evans was appointed a member (township representative) of the Board of the Porcupine Health Unit.

Court of Revision will be held on Monday, December 18th, at 9 p.m. at which tax deductions for house owners whose premises are vacant will be considered by Council.

Mr. R. E. Dye, who has been a member of the High School Board for many years, asked in writing, that he be allowed to resign owing to his duties not permitting him to devote as much time to the office as such a position requires, and asking that another be appointed in his stead.

Council were unanimous in requesting that Mr. Dye reconsider his intention, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the gentleman asking him to withdraw his request.

The reeve not only voiced the opinion of the Council but all good citizens who have the welfare of our High School and its students at heart when he said:—"He has been a member for a number of years and his duties have been capably and efficiently handled, and I should like to see him remain on the Board."

\$25 was granted to the Temiskaming Firefighters' Association toward membership in that organization.

It was decided to enquire once more into the matter of placing automatic signals at railway crossings at Schumacher and the Dome.

Over a year ago this question arose and in reply to the Council the T. & N. O. Railway said these crossings presented no extreme hazard.

By enquiring again concerning this matter no one can blame the Council for neglecting it, it was the feeling expressed by Dr. Harper, who originally brought the question before Council.