

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY

Five Years' Service to Red Cross Given by 264 Women in Timmins

86 Have Worked Four Years, 109 Three Years, 116 Two Years and 103 for One Year. Total of 678 Workers Eligible for Service Pins. Interesting Reports at Meeting of Executive of Red Cross.

At the last executive meeting for this year of the Timmins Branch of the Red Cross Society, Mrs. J. E. Barry read the minutes in the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. H. R. Channen.

Mrs. Traver read a report compiled of the numbers of individuals and groups of volunteers eligible for Red Cross service pins. Of the grand total of 678 workers 264 women have worked 5 years, 86 for 4 years, 109 for 3 years 116 for 2 years and 103 for 1 year.

Mrs. J. M. Douglas, convener, gave the report of the work of the committee in purchasing and packing 25 Christmas Boxes for soldiers in hospital at Montleith. Mrs. R. E. Osborn and Mrs. W. A. Jones assisted in this work.

Included in the contents of the boxes were the following articles: pencil, writing pad and envelopes, deck of cards, book, needles, thread, candy, tooth brush, tooth paste, shaving cream, shoe polish, cigarettes, polishing cloth, metal polish, handkerchief and soap; as well as a hamper of apples and a box of oranges will also go these soldiers confined in bed at Christmas.

Mrs. J. T. Gauthier and Miss Ruth Osborn assisted the committee with the packing.

Following a former suggestion, that a committee be formed among the three Porcupine branches to continue the work of visiting the patients in the Montleith Military Hospital, Mrs. Douglas was appointed to meet with Mr. Boyce, of Schumacher, and Mr. Stovel of the Porcupine Branches.

Mrs. J. Kinsey, liaison officer of the next-of-in of Prisoners of War, stated that she had given the necessary assistance to 4 families in dispatching the regular quarterly parcel that the next of kin may send to the prisoners of War. Mrs. Kinsey is also co-operating with members of the I.O.D.E. in meeting war brides coming to Timmins.

Several letters were read, thanking the members of the Timmins Branch for jam sent to Britain. This jam was purchased with money sent specially for this purpose from the local branch. The letters will be published later.

A report received of all volunteer blood donations in Ontario, shows that Timmins totals compare favourably with other centres of equal population.

Mr. H. J. Fuke, treasurer, read the monthly financial statement which showed a bank balance of \$11,149.55 after all disbursements had been met.

Mrs. H. W. Brown, Chairman of Women's War Work, gave the reports of the Wool Room and the Eardessona Sewing Rooms.

Wool Room Report
The work in the wool room did not increase as it was hoped it would when an appeal was issued for more knitters and more turtleneck sweaters to be made.

In the month of November last year 572 articles were shipped to Headquarters. This November we were only able to ship 278 articles.

Male Choir to Sing Christmas Carols Saturday Evening

Porcupine Male Choir Will be at Corner of Third Ave. and Pine Street.

If you really want to get right into the Yuletide spirit be at the intersection of Third Ave. and Pine Street on Saturday evening, Christmas carols from 8 to 9 p.m. To anyone who has heard this fine introduction but for the benefit of the folk who have not been privileged to hear them before the advice is given not to miss the carol singing on Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Committed for Trial on Charge of Manslaughter

South Porcupine, Dec. 20th, Special to The Advance.

Adelard Chenette, of Dugwal, was committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter and of "failing to stop after an accident," after preliminary hearing before Magistrate Atkinson at South Porcupine court.

The accused was represented by Gregory Evans, who reserved defence until the trial by the higher court.

Bobby Wilder, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilder, was principal witness, and gave his testimony in a very clear and convincing way for a ten-year-old boy. He told of going with five other boys to the bush to make a ski cabin on Saturday, Nov. 25th, and of returning home on the highway at around 6 p.m. They were walking on the left side of the road, and were in file with Nick Ursulak and Lloyd Boyes behind.

When the car which "was travelling faster than it should have been," he said, "struck the two boys they were talking to each other."

The boys were not playing, they were walking home in orderly fashion. Bobby said the car had "a long nose and square windshield and had a box trunk behind."

When asked by his father later, after the accident the lad drew a sketch of the car as he remembered it. This was produced in court, and compared with a photograph of the Chenette car.

A truck, driven by Victor Trapani, of Porcupine, came along directly after the accident and the driver testified to having seen the boys struck. The little boy who was killed was hurled into the air he said. He blew his horn to make the car stop but with no effect. So he told K. Smith, the next car driver, to come on the scene, to follow the car while he took the little Boyes boy to hospital.

Dr. Johnson gave evidence of treating the little victims, Nicky Ursulak died a moment or two after admission to hospital, and Lloyd Boyes was given treatment for a baby injured face.

Dr. R. P. Smith, who made the post-mortem, itemized the injuries of the dead child, and said death was due to internal hemorrhage — a ruptured spleen and liver and fractured skull.

Joseph Rivers, of Hoyle, said he saw marks in the snow where the accident occurred showing how the car had swerved after hitting the children.

Provincial Hydro Buys Out Northern Ontario Power Co.

Province Pays \$12,500,000 for Pioneer Power Co. of This North

Premier Geo. A. Drew this week made announcement that the Ontario Government had approved the purchase by the Ontario Hydro Power Commission of the Northern Ontario Power Co. The purchase price is given as \$12,500,000, which will be financed by an issue of Hydro bonds. The announcement suggested that with the incorporation of this company into the Hydro system certain duplications will be avoided with the existing system of the Abitibi Canyon development, now under Hydro ownership. It will also make it possible to extend services to rural areas, Premier Drew said.

The Northern Ontario Power Co. is the pioneer power company of the North. It supplied power here in the early days when the Ontario Hydro would not consider the matter seriously, holding that it was too speculative. The Northern Ontario Power has had a notable part in the development of the mining areas, and through the years its service has been unusually good. Among other places supplied with power and light by the Northern Ontario Power Co. are Timmins, Schumacher, South Porcupine, Porcupine, and the mining areas of the Porcupine Camp; Cobalt and district; Haileybury; New Liskeard; Thornloe; Kirkland Lake and district; Englihart. The Northern Ontario Power Co. operates eight plants developing a total of around 60,000 horse power.

Many will hail the change in ownership of the power company as something to be cheered loudly as it is a further venture in public ownership. It is doubtful, however, if the service under Hydro will be better, the service lower, or any other advantage obtained. One change, however, is certain—the new ownership will not pay the \$100,000 taxes now paid yearly by the Power Co.

Christmas Services at St. Paul's, S. Porcupine

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Christmas services in St. Paul's Anglican Church this year will be a little different from other years.

As Christmas Eve is Sunday night the services on Sunday will be—at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 11.30 p.m.

At the 11.30 service carols will be sung until midnight and the Holy Communion Service will follow.

On Christmas Day one service only—at 11 a.m.—will be held.

Mayor J. Emile Brunette Has Biggest Majority Ever Given to Timmins Mayor

Councillor Ellen M. Terry Heads the Poll for Council. All Present Council in Field for Council Re-elected. Wm. Roberts, in Council Until Two Years Ago, and M. Karol the Other Members of 1945 Council

About six thousand voted at the municipal elections here on Thursday last, this being 54 per cent. of the possible vote. This is better than last year when only 44.5 per cent. voted, but it is not a record. There were 6,900 votes cast in the election here two years ago. The record, however, was in 1939 (the contest between the mayor at that time Mr. J. P. Bartleman, and the present mayor, Mr. Brunette). On that occasion over 7,000 votes were cast. At last week's election, however, Mayor Brunette was re-elected by the largest majority ever won by any mayor in the town's history.

Last year the race for place on the council was close, several candidates being close together in voting strength. This year the lowest vote for council was nearly 400 greater than the next candidate in the running received.

Services at Schumacher Anglican Church, Dec. 24

Service at Schumacher Anglican Church on Sunday, Dec. 24, will be as follows:—

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer
7 p.m.—Christmas Eve service with Holy Communion, celebrated by the Rev. H. G. Cock B.A., of South Porcupine.

Christmas Party of Kiwanis Club

Timmins Kiwanis Club members had a heap of fun at the annual Christmas gift party at the Empire hotel on Monday. Names had been drawn out of the hat at the previous meeting and a present had to be given to the member so drawn. No gift was to cost more than 25c, and had to be accompanied by a suitable message for the season. All the gifts were later to the Children's Shelter. In the meantime there was lots of fun over them. One member was given a live rabbit, but it got away.

Observe 25th Anniversary of Wedding

A surprise party, to honour Mr. and Mrs. MacInnis on their 25th wedding Anniversary, was held at their home, 69 Kent Ave., on Saturday 16th December, their daughters Kay and Olive acting as hostesses.

A friend invited Mr. and Mrs. MacInnis to supper and on their return home they were greeted by a houseful of friends, some from their home town of Gould whom they knew before they were married.

During the evening the honoured guests were presented with a silver tea service from their children, Kay, Alice, Norma and Randall. A granddaughter made the presentation.

A wedding cake was cut by the bride and groom of 25 years during the lunch.

Guests present were:— Mr. and Mrs. J. Banish, Mr. and Mrs. J. Weir and Joy, Mr. and Mrs. R. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. D. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. D. Mayhew, Mr. and Mrs. V. Mayhew, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hornby, Mrs. A. Woods and daughters Beulah and Benita, Mr. Cliff Lockett and Mrs. Peclie.

The following are the votes for the different municipal offices, and on the by-law for a two-year term for mayor and council:—

For Mayor	
J. E. Brunette (Elected)	4296
J. W. Spooner	980
E. W. Gladstone	663

For Councillors	
Ellen M. Terry (Elected)	3013
J. P. McDermott (Elected)	2965
J. V. Bonhomme (Elected)	2599
Karl A. Eyre (Elected)	2579
Michael Karol (Elected)	2453
Wm. Roberts (Elected)	2333
Urban Aubry	1942
George Webber	1547
Jas. H. Knell	1233
Mrs. Velda Billocki	1056

For Public School Trustees	
T. A. Skelly (Elected)	978
E. Beverley Weir (Elected)	875
Roy W. Hardy (Elected)	846
Samuel J. Morgan	806
Mrs. Flora Osborn	747
Albert Read	584
Hector E. Cain	520
John R. Walker	493

The voting on the by-law showed that 3,232 were against a two-year term for mayor and council, and 2,996 for the by-law.

Holiday Reading for Boys and Girls at Timmins Library

The following books have been recently received at the Children's Library, and are now available at the Timmins Public Library.

For the Younger Ones
"The Five Chinese Brothers," by C. H. Bishop. Illustrated by Kurt Wiese. An old folk tale from China that has been a favourite for years.
"Stop, Look and Listen," by Berta and Elmer Hader. The rules of safety in a picture book that delights the tiny child.
"When We Were Very Young," by A. A. Milne. Illustrated by E. H. Shepard. A book of poetry for the young child, comparable to the Mother Goose nursery rhymes.
"Ella the Elephant," by Kurt Wiese. A picture book of elephants with a story about one special one whose name was Ella.
"Lullaby," by Josephine B. Bernhard. A legend about the Christ Child and the pussy cat that has been retold for generations in Poland.
"Picture Tales from the Chinese," by Berta Metzger. Folk tales of animals and emperors; and the beloved and mischievous Monkey King.
"Picture Tales from the Italian," by F. H. Botsford. Among these are the old ones of why dogs hate cats, Madame Teeny Tiny, and Romulus and Remus.
"Picture Tales from Spain," by Ruth Sawyer. Eleven stories from Old Spain collected by a master story-teller.

For Middle-aged Children
"Fiddle Away," by May Justus. Honey Jane wanted a pink dress but more than that she wanted Joe John to win the prize at the fiddling match.
"Jano and Jeni," by Marie Van Vrooman. A story of the Swiss Alps.
"All Time Tales," selected by H. P. and Elizabeth Lewis. A collection of fancy and fable filled with many strange and interesting folk.
"Christmas Stories," by Charles Dickens. "The Chimes" and "A Christmas Carol" bound in one volume.
"At the Back of the North Wind," by George MacDonald. A simplified version of the story of Diamond who was a coachman's son and lived over the stables.

"Along Comes Judy Jo," by M. B. Hill. All about a little girl who went to Boston and brought something back with her.
"Midget and Bridget," by Berta and Elmer Hader. Two lovable little burros who become separated when a pottery vendor buys one, and a popcorn man, the other. Both burros have one desire—to be together again.
"Peppercorn of Thursday Market," by Robert Davis. Three boys and their donkey, Peppercorn, live in that part of Africa rarely visited by white men.

"Here Comes Pete," by Eleanor Clymer. Pete decided to explore the neighbourhood just after he had moved into his new home in Green Rock. Adventures lead to a climax on Christmas morning.

For Older Boys and Girls
"Phantom on Skis," by Helen Girvan. A mystery in the Laurentians beginning in a snow storm and involving an unknown woman in grey and the loss of a valuable Curie.
"Red Fox," by Sir Charles G. D. Nature Writers.
Roberts. An old favourite by one of the two most outstanding Canadian authors.
"The Gate Swings In," by Nore Burglon. A delightful Scandinavian story of how Minda and her goat solved a mystery.

"The Golden Porch," by W. M. L. Hutchinson. Mine old Greek myths taken from the Odes of Pindar.
"Robinson Crusoe," by Daniel Defoe. The old classic always in demand by boys and girls.
"I Lived with the Eskimos," by Sydney R. Montague. The adventurous story of a young Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman who was sent to a difficult and lonely outpost of the North.

"Children of North Africa," by L. A. Stinefort. The children in this book were friends of the author when she lived in Africa.

Holiday Fun
"Tengren's Story Book," A "giant golden" book with selections from the old stories of Rip Van Winkle, Robin Hood, Tom Sawyer, and others, illustrated with huge drawings by Gustaf Tengren.
"The Golden Almanac," by D. A. Bennett. Illustrated by Masha. There are hours of fun in this year-round book that has everything in it from the phases of the moon to how to make snow angels.

"Fun with Magic," by Joseph Leeming. Simple directions and diagrams for seventy of the best tricks a boy or girl can perform.
"Victor Herbert's Songs for Children." Selected and edited by E. H. Bartlett. Victor Herbert's daughter has simplified and arranged the music for twelve of the best songs which her father wrote. The illustrations are as delightful as the songs.

Mayor Brunette Thanks Council, Clerk, Staff and Newspapers for 1944 Work

Mayor Pays Special Tribute for Clerk-Treasurer. Councillor Eyre Gives Praise to Town Engineer. Councillors Express Appreciation at Last Regular Meeting of the Council. Many Matters Before Final Gathering of 1944 Council

At Monday evening's meeting of the town council, the last regular meeting for 1944, Mayor Brunette took occasion to thank the 1944 council for their good work during the year and for the co-operation he had received from them. He also paid tribute to the fine work of Clerk-Treasurer A. L. Shaw and the whole staff of the town, adding that they were grateful to the town newspapers for reporting the council proceedings, this being the only way the public knew what was going on. The year had been a successful one, concluding with a satisfactory surplus. Particular appreciation was expressed for the able and earnest work of Councillor J. W. Spooner.

Councillor Eyre also referred to the good work of Councillor Spooner and also referred to the value of Town Engineer MacLean.

Councillor McDermott thanked the mayor and council for their help and consideration during the year, and paid tribute to the co-operation shown by town employees.

Councillor Spooner thanked all for the co-operative spirit shown. He had tried during his six years on council to do what he believed to be in the best interests of the ratepayers and the town. He believed that if a man

Next Week Timmins Library to Close Until Thursday

Timmins public Library will be closed from 6 p.m. on Saturday of this week, Dec. 23rd, to 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 26th, and from Saturday, Dec. 30th at 6 p.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd.

Christmas day coming on Monday and the next day a holiday (Boxing Day) observed for some years in Timmins and the North generally and Wednesday being a half holiday in town, the logical procedure seemed to be to close the library until Thursday morning. Some of the stores in town are following a similar plan, feeling that it is scarcely worth while to open for the half day on Wednesday during a holiday week such as Christmas.

Winner of Handsome Doll Awarded at Schumacher

Schumacher, Dec 20th, Special to The Advance.

Friday evening in Schumacher Public School the draw took place for the lovely doll on which the Schumacher Nursing Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade had sold tickets. Mr. P. A. Boyce, principal of the Public School, was present, and Nona Pooley drew the lucky ticket. Mrs. A. R. Harkness, 108 Tamarack Street Timmins, held the winning ticket. The proceeds will be used to buy further equipment for the Brigade. The ladies express their thanks to all who bought tickets.

All But One Mine in Camp Voted for C. I. O. Mine Union

Workers at all but one mine in this camp voted last Thursday in favour of having the C.I.O. Mine Union as their bargain agency for the year. The exception was the Dome where the vote was 212 against and 299 for. Over 90 per cent. at the Delnite, 85 per cent. at the Hallnor, 79 at Preston East Dome, 72 at Buffalo-Ankerite, 70 at Pamer, 65 at Paymaster, 61 at Hollinger, 60 at Anuron, 58 at McIntyre, 56.9 at Conlaunum, 56.5 at Broulan-Bonetal, favoured the Union.

Out of 5,068 eligible to vote 4,542 cast ballots, or 62.8 per cent.

The votes at the various mines were as follows, the yes vote being given first:—
Anuron, 164—72; Broulan, 91—43; Ankerite, 291—82; Conlaunum, 103—52; Delnite, 96—8; Dome, 209—212; Hallnor, 101—6; Hollinger, 970—387; McIntyre, 574—321; Pamer, 167—43; Paymaster, 143—38; Preston East Dome, 287—30.

on the council conducted himself in a fair and earnest manner the municipal government would operate advantageously.

Councillor Gladstone said that he was ending two years of service on the council board and he wished the best of success to the 1945 council. He particularly hoped that his successor in the Welfare Dept. would make good, "No matter what may be said to the contrary," he said, "I have earnestly tried to do my part and I believe that my successor will find the department in good shape. No one has been overlooked or neglected and there has been a real effort to benefit the people."

Councillor Terry thanked council for co-operation and had good words for the town staff.

Councillor Bonhomme was appreciative of the consideration and help given him in his first year in office and he was grateful to the staff for consideration and assistance. He thought that the experience gained in 1944 would help him in his work as councillor for 1945. He hoped that the coming year would be one of accomplishment.

The council had a long list of items on the agenda for the meeting.

\$1,500 was passed for payment to the Children's Aid, being balance of grant for the year.
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The required readings were given to the by-law for the early closing of barber shops in town.

Councillor Eyre reported that it had been found impossible to operate the Timmins arena on the terms offered by the owner. He recommended the making of arrangements to secure several lots in the old ball park and these could be secured for approximately \$300 in refunded taxes on the lots. This rink accommodation would be for hockey alone, there being some 44 teams concerned. Council gave him the "go ahead" sign. A petition was received to keep the farmers' market open through the winter. The market will be kept open for a few weeks to see the needs.

A letter was received from E. L. Longmore saying that the mine would be glad to assist in supplying the figures asked for in regard to the operation of the town water system.

Police Chief Leo H. Gagon suggested the passing of a by-law similar to that in force in Sudbury to stop the leaving of cars on the roads at nights to be an obstruction to the snowplow in the morning.

Councillor Eyre and McDermott and Town Engineer MacLean spoke of the trouble these parked cars were to the running of the snowplow and to other municipal work.

Councillor Bonhomme pointed out that this would be a hardship on many car owners who did not have garages, and he thought that town police only act under the by-law when civil employees actually find their work impeded. The collector is to see that the by-law is properly drawn up to cover this point.

There was a petition from 255 Maple Street asking that the road between Cedar and Balsam in the southern area of the town be used to make a slide for the children. Council thought the plan would prove a danger to safety and that the council could not carry any such plan through.

Caldback and Yates informed the council that while a by-law might be passed to allot tag days, the council could not reserve any particular day for any special organization. The matter of the proposed tag day by-law was deferred to the 1945 council.