

News From South Porcupine, Dome and the District

Santa Claus Pays Special Visits to South Porcupine

Other Items of Interest from South Porcupine and the Dome.

South Porcupine, Dec. 27th. Special to The Advance.

Santa Claus journeyed to South Porcupine on Friday night especially to oblige the local Fire Department. A large number of children gathered in front of the Fire Hall at 6 p.m. and all at once the spotlight picked out Santa on the roof. He was applauded to the echo and had to be assisted down the firemen's ladder by one of the firemen. He talked with the tiny ones who responded with shyness or volubility, but who all accepted a bag of goodies from his hands—over eight hundred in all—and then went off in the Fire Truck, up on the hill to let the children see him who were not able to go down town.

Santa Claus also visited the United Church on Friday after the Sunday School children had presented a very nice Christmas concert to a church full of admiring parents and friends. He distributed bags from the Christmas tree to them all. A delightful programme of choruses, carols, solos, recitations and novelties was given by the children assisted by some of the adults.

South Porcupine people spent a very quiet Christmas. The churches were all well attended on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and only one local accident involving slight injuries to Mr. Louis MacDonald, the plumber, was noted. Mr. MacDonald was in a car which was involved in a head-on collision on Christmas Day in Whitney Township and is in hospital here recovering from the effects of the shock.

L.A.W. Rhoda Allen, of Hagersville, spent Christmas with her parents on William Ave.

L.A.C. Pat and L.A.C. Emmett Cunningham, of Toronto, spent Christmas at home.

Miss Kathleen Peetre, of St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, spent Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Harris, of Commercial Ave., spent the holiday visiting their parents in Shawville.

A Christmas Day baby arrived at the Porcupine General Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hopkins, of Porcupine—a boy.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Causley, of 158½ Birch St. S. Timmins—a daughter—on December 23rd in Porcupine General Hospital.

Norman Moore, R.C.N.V.R., is home on leave also his brother, P.O. Wilfred Moore, of Barrie.

Mr. Fred Laforest, of Toronto, spent Christmas at home on Golden Avenue.

Mr. George Humphreys, of Toronto, spent Christmas with his wife and family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alexander.

Mr. C. Chapman, of Toronto, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. B. H. Harper, at the Dome Mine.

Lieut. Donald Barron, of Petawawa, is home spending leave with his parents on Crawford St.

Miss Lynch is spending Christmas in Toronto.

Miss B. M. C. Shaw spent Christmas with Mrs. C. Heath in Kirkland Lake.

Sgt. John Bawtinheimer, stationed at Camp Borden, is spending the holiday with his wife on Commercial Ave.

Among College students home for the holidays are Les. Costello (St. Luke's); Doug. McMullin (St. Michael's); Bob Dye (McGill); Leonard Harper (Queens); Doug. Farren (U. of Toronto); Ray Laforest (Toronto).

Mr. O'Shaughnessy, of Quebec, is visiting his wife and family on Rae Avenue.

Miss Frances Hogan is spending the holiday in Kirkland Lake.

Miss Gena Higgins left for Orillia to spend the holiday season.

Pte Ray Montrose left on Tuesday for the East Coast after spending leave at home.

Miss Ruth Pritchard is on holiday in Arnprior.

Frank Briden was home from Hamilton for the holiday.

A. W. 1 Ruth Emden, R. C. A. F., spent Christmas at the parental home.

Mr. Bill Kosick, of Toronto, spent Christmas in town with his brother.

L.A.C. George Kaufman, of Newfoundland, is visiting his wife and family on Rae Ave.

Pte Tom Mahon spent the holiday with his parents at home on Connaught Hill.

Pte Maurice Landry, of Petawawa, was home for Christmas with his family on Main St.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Taman, of Renfrew are visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rock and daughter spent Christmas in Muskoka at the home of Mr. Rock.

Pte Malcolm Dysart, of Debert was home for Christmas.

L.A.W. Evelyn Clark, R. C. A. F., of Mount Hope, spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mack.

Mrs. Olive McIntosh, of Golden Ave. left recently for Los Angeles, Calif., where she will spend the winter.

Cpl. Robert Gordon spent Christmas with his wife at their home on Golder, Ave., from Military Hospital.

Mrs. B. Frisby left last week for her home in Kemptville after spending some time at the parental home.

Miss Jean Stringer and her Uncle,

Special Christmas Church Services at Schumacher

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Special Christmas services were held Sunday in Trinity United Church. The church was nicely decorated for the occasion with evergreens. The beautiful flowers on the altar of the church were placed there by Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kitchen and son, L.A.C. Douglas Kitchen, in memory of their son and brother, L.A.C. Beverly Kitchen, R.C.A.F. overseas, who made the supreme sacrifice. The church was filled to its utmost capacity. The Rev. J. A. Breckenridge gave a special Christmas message to the congregation. Mrs. James Izatt sang a beautiful solo, "Star of Bethlehem. The choir sang a lovely Christmas anthem, Miss Gertrude Bristow singing the solo parts, with Mrs. James Huxley accompanying at the organ. At the evening service the Canadian Girls in Training under the leadership of Miss Kathleen Christopher and Mrs. Robert Heath, conducted a Vesper service. This was a very impressive service. Norma Killens was leader of the service. Jean Fraser and Doreen Hicks read the scripture lesson. Betty Gilbert, Mary Sutherland and Ida May Sutherland sang a lovely carol. Leader Kathleen Christopher presided at the organ. The Canadian Girls in Training movement was founded upon the pattern of the life of Jesus as it is described in the gospel according to Luke. The Canadian Girls in Training purpose was repeated in unison by the girls:—"As a Canadian-Girl-in-Training, under the leadership of Jesus, it is my purpose to Cherish Health, Seek Truth, Know God, Serve others, and thus with His help become the girl God would have me to be." Patsy Innis read the story which was very interesting. The candle lighting ceremony was then observed. The Leader lit the centre candle, then passed a light on till all the candles were lit, repeating, "Jesus said I am the light of the World; Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good work and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." The congregation joined in singing a carol, "The First Nowell," and the benediction bringing the service to a close was pronounced by the Leader.

This is the last issue of The Advance for another year. We are still in the chaos of war. The little community has been hard hit by the cruel hand of war. Our boys marched away so bravely; today many of them are serving their King and Country in various parts of the world; some are sleeping peacefully beside their comrades, far from their native land. Let's hold the "torch" high in honour of the mothers, who, despite their brave smile, carry many a sore heart-ache. Your correspondent expresses her sincere thanks to her friends for their co-operation during the year that's drawing to a close and expresses the hope that in the dawn of the New Year the sun will shine through the dark cloud and peace and happiness shall reign all over the world. Phone 1496.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cooke, McIntyre Property, left Thursday for Sault Ste. Marie where they will spend the Christmas holidays visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong.

Miss Elizabeth MacMillan, of the Film Board, Ottawa, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair MacMillan, McIntyre Property.

Paul Laine, of the Royal Canadian Navy, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Laine, Second Ave.

Section Officer Marianne Cooper, stationed at Pemberton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Cooper, McIntyre Property.

L.A.W. Isobel Flowers, R.C.A.F. (Women's Division), Toronto, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flowers, Coniaurum Property.

L.A.W. Doreen Wills, R.C.A.F. (Women's Division), stationed at Christie Street Hospital, Toronto, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wills, First Ave.

Cpl. Audrey Pickering, R.C.A.F. (W O) from Lloydminster, Sask., assistant to the Liaison Officer of the Norwegian Air Force, Toronto, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wills, First Avenue.

L.A.C. Rodger Moyce, R.C.A.F., stationed at Fingal, spent the Christmas holiday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webber, Third Ave.

L.A.W. Lalia Webber, R.C.A.F. (W D), stationed at Fingal spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webber, Third Avenue.

L.A.W. Shirley McMaster, R.C.A.F. (W D) stationed at Ottawa, spent the Christmas holiday visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMaster, Fourth Avenue.

L.A.W. Gloria Holden, R.C.A.F. (W D) stationed at Ottawa, spent the Christmas holidays visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. McMaster, Fourth Avenue.

A.C.2 Bob Shaw, R.C.A.F. stationed at St. Thomas, is visiting at his home on First Avenue.

L.A.C. Ken Adamson, R.C.A.F. stationed at Winnipeg, is spending Christmas at his home on Third Ave.

L.A.C. George Leck, R.C.A.F. stationed at Prince Edward Island, is spending Christmas at his home on First Avenue.

H.S. Commencement at South Porcupine

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A large number of parents and friends attended Commencement Exercises on Thursday evening at our High School.

Principal Ralph C. Ellis welcomed those present, and thanked them for coming out to assist in giving a fitting farewell to the students of the graduating class.

He commented on the help given by the parents to the school—an excellent attendance record was due he knew not only to the pupils but by the co-operation of the parents. He also spoke of the homework question and said that he knew that the greater credit for this was due to the parents also. Thanks go to them for keeping their children at school, for their greater benefit.

The activities of the school were reviewed—the Cadet Corps, the Red Cross, the Literary Society's effort to (concerts, etc.) raised \$200 for war activities) and \$500 was the record for War Savings Certificates and Stamps.

The service record of the school's graduates is very high—the Honor Roll contains 175 names (known) to date and some have gained honors—Jack McInnis, the Military Medal; Jack Hamilton and Terry Wilson, the D.F.C.

He also thanked the High School Board for its support.

Presentation of Proficiency Prizes was made by Mr. R. E. Dye to:—

Grade 13—Mary Connelly.

Grade 12—Donald Briden.

Grade 11—Laura Rolando.

Grade 10—Delores Fisher.

Grade 9B—Wilfred Toppari.

Grade 9A—Marilyn Cliff.

The school orchestra—leader Miss Vieno Kautto—gave selections during the evening and the music was good.

Guest speaker of the evening was E. D. Fennell, of the Timmins High and Vocational School. In addressing the youths before him the speaker stressed the fact that they were the men and women of tomorrow into whose hands we place our country's future with the sure faith in the hope that Canada will become a true democracy.

Mary Connelly was valedictorian. She was wisely selected for the honor for this clever girl took all her subjects of graduation with first-class honors.

She is now taking a business course in Timmins Vocational School. Mary reviewed the years of her High School life which started when the dark clouds of war first rolled onto the horizon.

"Eight of our original 45 remained to complete the course," she said. "At least ten of those who left are at present serving with the forces."

"Ours is a great heritage—let us guard it as faithfully as those students

Wedding at St. Paul's at South Porcupine

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St. Paul's Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday afternoon when Mary Curtis, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Curtis, of Dome Extension, became the bride of Stanley Millions, L.S., of the R.C.N.V.R. fourth son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Percy Millions of S. Porcupine.

Rev. H. G. Cook performed the marriage ceremony, and the church was decorated with large white and yellow chrysanthemums.

The bride looked lovely in a gown of white shir, with finger-tip veil caught to the head with a wreath of white roses. She carried a shower bouquet of pink roses, pink carnations and fern, and was given away by her father.

Her sister, Miss Ada Curtis, was her bridesmaid and looked charming in a long gown of turquoise sheer, with tiny hat to match and white accessories.

She carried a shower bouquet of pink roses and fern.

L.A.C. Jack Tripp, in Airforce uniform supported the groom who wore the uniform of the Canadian Navy.

During the signing of the register Mrs. Thirza Stanlake sang in her very lovely voice, "O Promise Me."

A reception followed at the bride's home and the young couple will spend the honeymoon at home as the sailor must report again for service with his ship in two weeks.

We extend our heartiest best wishes for happiness to Leading Seaman and Mrs. Stanley Millions, as well as our congratulations to the sailor for having been mentioned in despatches in connection with the exploits of his ship, the Swansea—and thereby winning the coveted, "Oak-leaves".

Mrs. Millions is a graduate nurse of St. Mary's Hospital, Timmins.

Christmas Eve Service at St. Paul's South Porcupine

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Christmas Eve service in St. Paul's was an innovation which proved very popular. At 11.30 p.m. a short service of carols preceded the Christmas Communion celebration and a full church of people of other denominations as well as the Anglican congregation attended.

On Christmas morning the Rector Rev. H. G. Cooke read the Bishop's message to his parishioners which is given briefly below:—

My dear people:— It is just a year ago that I came back to the land of my youth to be your Father in God. I have seen all our forty churches and sixty-five congregations, none of them as small as the first church where wise men came to adore the Saviour of the world on a winter night nearly two thousand years ago.

I have travelled 20,000 miles on land, 12,000 by train, 8,000 by motor car as well as 3,500 by air.

At this moment I can see you all. In town, mines, railroad stations and in Northern stations under the spruce.

We are a family of God united by our love of Christ who came first when the days were short and the nights were long and who is never far away.

I am glad I came back and I hope you may never be sorry.

Remember me and pray for me that I may be faithful and strong.

I wish you happiness in your homes and in your church for Christmas.

Christmas is a great church day and a great Home day. The two are one.

"To an open house in the evening Home shall all men come. To an older place than Eden To a taller town than Rome. To the end of the way of the wandering star. To things that cannot be and that are To the place where God was homeless, And all men are at home."

—Robert, Moosonee

Sudbury Star:—That North Bay woman made a mistake when, to cure her husband of drinking, she hit him over the head with a ball bat. "De-ighful," he said. "Reminds me of bathtub gin. Hit me again."

Pte. Tokar, S. Porcupine Killed in Action in Italy

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We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tokar, of 145 Commercial Ave., who were plunged into sorrow on Friday when they receive news of the death of their only son, Pte. Fred Tokar,—killed in action in Italy.

He would have been 20 years old in February. He was born in Pembroke but received part of his education in our High School. Before enlisting (in March 1942) he was employed for a time at the local express office. Recently he was reported wounded, but remaining on duty, and had only been back in the line a short time.

Besides his parents, one sister, Marie (Mrs. Don Pecore) survives.

MAE HAD IT FIGURED

Mae West, asked by a reporter from Yank, how she felt about the pasting the critics had given her show, "Catherine Was Great," gave a forthright reply:

"I never read 'em. I'm a constructive kinda person. Don't believe in readin' destructive kinda trash.

"The way I figger is those critics came up against a play that was so fine, so sincere, so puhlick, they knew there wasn't anything they could write in praise would add to it. So they went off and panned it. See what I mean?"—Time Magazine.

HER ERROR

Over a drink, the two husbands grew confidential on the subject of their wives.

"Mine is developing a very bad habit," said the first in a worried voice; "she keeps talking to herself."

"So does my wife," remarked the other casually; "but she thinks I'm listening."—Sudbury Star.

Eastern Porcupine Red Cross Asking for More Workers

308 Articles Shipped from November 15th to December 15th.

Shipment from Eastern Porcupine Red Cross, South Porcupine, for one month;—November 15th to December 15th. — 808 articles.

Knitting — 501

Sewing — 275

Quilts — 2

Wash Cloths (knitted) — 30

Total — 808

Knitting — Seamen

3 Scarves

12 Turtle-neck Sweaters

8 prs. Gloves

4 prs. Socks

Total — 27 articles.

Army and Airforce

8 prs. gloves, khaki.

3 turtle-neck sweaters, Airforce

Total — 11 articles

Civilian

5 boy's sweaters, 3 yrs.

1 girl's sweater, 8 yrs.

7 baby soakers, 1 yr.

3 baby jackets, 1 yr.

30 wash cloths

Total — 46 articles.

Non quota

1 scarf — airforce

1 arco cap — navy

1 pr. mitts — navy

Total — 3 articles

In addition to the above, 444 prs. of socks were knitted—444 articles.

Sewing Civilian

40 boy's coats, 2 yrs.

20 girl's coats, 4 yrs.

45 girl's blouses, 10 yrs.

65 girl's pinafore dresses, 10 yrs.

7 shirts, size 18

70 girl's combinations, 2-4

20 girl's undervests, 6-8

6 boy's undervests, 6-8

1 girl's dress, 4 yrs.

1 pr. girl's panties, 4 yrs.

Total — 275 articles

Quilts — 2

Total — 2 articles.

During December 874 boxes were packed by the ladies for Service men and women Overseas and in Canada.

The Red Cross rooms are closed until January 2nd, when we hope there will be a large number of ladies turn out to help.

We have large civilian quota of sewing and knitting, as well as our Service quota.

Among the civilian knitting are 100 jackets and 100 prs. baby soakers. We are hoping that many of the ladies who, so far, have not done any knitting for the Red Cross will offer to help us out. The above is in addition to a large Service quota of Turtle-neck Sweaters and gloves.

Ladies, won't you please call at the Rooms to see what you can do to help out. The need is urgent. Make it one of your New Year's Resolutions. The members of the work committee wish to thank all those who have been so faithful to their Red Cross work during the past year and to wish all the compliments of the season.

TWO GONE ANYWAY

He was an author, and self-opinionated. He entered a bookseller's and approached the assistant at the fiction counter.

"Oh—ah," he said, proudly. "I'm Harold Van Scribe—author of 'Live for Love' and 'Desert Heroes.'"

"Can you tell me how my books are going?"

"Well, sir," the assistant replied, confidentially, "two copies have gone, and I don't mind telling you it's got us puzzled up to now. In my opinion, though, it's shoplifting."—Globe and Mail.

Accident in British Columbia

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