

News From South Porcupine, Dome and the District

Two Ten-Year-Old Boys Drowned in Porcupine Lake on Sunday Last

Tragedy Brings Sorrow to South Porcupine. First Lake Accident in Many Years. Boys Playing in Old Boat Meet Tragic Deaths, While Two Others Rescued from Icy Water

South Porcupine, April 25th. Special to The Advance.

The sympathy of all South Porcupine goes out this week to the parents of the two little boys who were drowned on Saturday in Porcupine Lake. We have not had a tragedy connected with this lake for years, and all were shocked when news spread quickly that it had claimed two small victims.

Comment made by a stranger who saw the efficiency and willingness of so many people to help at the scene of the disaster, when efforts were being made to recover the bodies was that Northern people sure were wonderful in helping each other. Nothing was left undone that could have been done to save the children.

Special tribute must be given to the staff of the Northern Telephone office, under Miss Lily Brown, who were untiring in their efforts to call help to the scene, doctors and others, men who were known to have boats, etc. Their valuable work is appreciated.

Two ten-year-old lads—Basil Thompson, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Thompson of 161 Main St., South Porcupine, and Keith Brown, older son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brown (and grandson of Mrs. Flanagan)—were drowned on Saturday afternoon in the cold waters of Porcupine Lake.

The little boys with Lorne Thompson, 12-year-old brother of Basil, and Richard Pryor, also 12 (son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pryor of Main St.) and Graham Savard (12) of 71 Main St. had all been out on a Saturday morning hike in the bush, and were returning home from Golden City around noon, when they saw a boat (an old one) at the edge of the lake.

The wind was blowing a gale and the lake was rough but evidently the youngsters took no heed of this. The idea of getting into the boat and pushing it around the shore looked like a grand adventure. They told Savard to stay behind and all four got into the boat.

As they poled it away from the shore the wind took it, and soon the boys saw they were in danger. The old boat started to leak and was another

cause for alarm. Somehow the boat overturned and the two younger boys went down in the icy water. The two older lads managed to hold on to the sides of the upturned craft. They were rescued in a partially conscious condition chilled to the bone, and shocked at the fate of the younger ones.

Their rescue came providentially. On the "point" near where the children were, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Gardine have their home. Next door to them on this afternoon, a young boy, Darwin Johnson, was left to mind a sleeping baby while his mother was out shopping. Darwin has a little black spaniel dog and the dog started barking and fussing to attract attention.

The young lad went to quieten the dog who would have wakened the baby when he saw in the lake what had caused the dog to be alarmed—the overturned boat and two heads bobbing in the water. Darwin rushed in to Mrs. Gardiner who promptly notified "Central" for the help, while Mr. Gardiner hurried over to Nick Rein's to get a boat, and help.

Rein had no boat, but he soon got one from a neighbour and the boys were brought in and given attention by a doctor at Nick Rein's home. Dragging the lake for the bodies of the other boys went on until 6 o'clock when they were found—the Thompson boy first and the Brown lad half an hour after.

The accident occurred about 400 feet from shore.

P.O. William Flinn, R.C.N.V.R. (uncle of Keith Brown) assisted in the rescue, and J. Onutsky, Timmins driver for the Co-operative Bakery, was a witness. He heard shouts and saw something on the water. He helped the other rescuers to take the living boys to the Rein home. Mrs. W. Marshall, wife of Chief Marshall, of Porcupine, assisted Mrs. Rein in caring for them. Dr. W. S. Paul attended the rescued youngsters.

The boat used in the rescue belonging to John Wurley of Pottsville. The funeral episode in the tragedy is taking place today (Tuesday) when the funerals (held separately) are being held in the United Church.

(Next week we hope to publish an account of the funerals, flowers, etc.) The bodies of both children have been resting at their respective homes since Sunday and steady streams of sympathising people, and the playmates and classmates of the little fellows have gone in to pay their respect. We extend to the parents and families our heartfelt sympathy in this great sorrow.

Service of Thanks Planned for V-E Day at Schumacher

Other Items of Interest from Schumacher and District

Schumacher, April 25th. Special to The Advance.

Everybody is looking forward for an Allied proclamation of Victory in Europe. The announcement may come at anytime. The Rev. J. A. Breckenridge, minister of Trinity United Church, reminded the congregation that as soon as word was received a special Thanksgiving service would be held in the church, and all are invited to attend. And amidst our joy let's not forget—

There is many a home at the dawn of peace, When the world vibrates with joy That will turn aside with an aching heart And mourn for their own dear boy.

Tuesday morning at the McIntyre Bowling Alleys the Mothers' Bowling Club finished the schedule for the season. The play-offs got underway at 9 a.m. In the finals the team captained by Mrs. Rose Johnson won first place. Mrs. Daisy Baker's team won second, and Mrs. Barbara Rodgers' team won the consolation event. There were six teams; 36 players in the club.

Mrs. Joe Schwab, Dwyer Block entertained in honour of her daughter.

HERE'S MY FEED PROBLEM . . .

Can proper feeding prevent worms and what are some of the symptoms of worms?

HERE'S THE ANSWER . . .

Worms cause poisons leading to blindness, loss of weight, lameness and general run down condition. "Miracle" Growing Mash will help to build resistance to disease because it contains scientifically balanced food values which give the hen the elements necessary to build strong, healthy bodies.

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ASK FOR "MIRACLE" FEEDS!

Valeria, who was celebrating her eighth birthday on Monday. A number of Valeria's little friends attended and a very happy time was enjoyed. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and each guest had a piece of the lovely birthday cake. The following guests attended:—Sally and Sandra Sturgon, Timmins; Diane Bellanger, Timmins; Norma Jean Crosby, Nona Pooley, Shirley and Joy Miller, Freddie and Paddy Dwyer, Alice Scullion, Diane Monaghan and Irene Dick.

Mr. Thomas Johnson, Second Ave., left on Sunday for Toronto where he has accepted a position.

Mrs. Herb Miller, Third Ave., is visiting at Latchford, New Liskeard, and other points.

Mrs. J. G. Harris, Third Ave., returned this week from a holiday at New Liskeard and Cobalt, where she visited her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Tressider.

Pte. Clifford MacDonald, Lincoln and Welland Regiment, arrived from overseas last Friday and is spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McDonald, 95 First Ave. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have two other sons overseas, Ian and Burnie.

Petty Officer Eddie Walko, Merchant Marine, left last week to join his ship after spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Walko, Fourth Ave.

Mrs. Harry Leng, McIntyre Property left last week to attend the Women's Missionary Society convention being held in Toronto. Mrs. Leng was a delegate from Trinity United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Feldman, First Ave., have returned from Toronto. While in the city Mr. Feldman received medical treatment.

The many friends of Mrs. Dave Bennett, Fourth Ave., will be pleased to know that she is able to be home from St. Mary's hospital, and all extend their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The McIntyre Football Club Ladies' Auxiliary held their card party Wednesday evening in the Gold Range dining room. Whist was played and the prize winners were:—1st, Mrs. Sid Campbell; 2nd, Mrs. James Scullion; 3rd, Mrs. Albert Dunkley; door prize, Mrs. Willie Rodgers. After the cards a social period was enjoyed.

The Red Cross work by the Service men's Wives in Schumacher has made a good start-off. The ladies meet every Tuesday evening at the Red Cross Room at the McIntyre Building. Any ladies who have not yet attended and would like to help with Red Cross work are asked to get in contact with Mrs. Georg Leck, 115B First Ave., Schumacher. Phone 2809-W.

South Porcupine's Objective, \$290,000 for Eighth Loan

Other Items of Interest from South Porcupine and the Dome

South Porcupine, April 25th Special to The Advance.

An objective of \$290,000 has been set for South Porcupine and district (Paymaster, Connaught, Porcupine, South Porcupine, Hoyle)—in the Eighth Victory Loan Campaign.

Mr. W. E. Horner is in charge of the Drive he has piloted the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th loans in the past heading the Kiwanis Committee—(S. Gardner, J. Carvey, C. Anderson, S. Sky, D. McLellan).

This large objective is \$5000 over the previous loan, but we expect our district will again go "over the top" in the same way as in previous drives.

Another most active figure in the Victory Loan in the Cochrane District is Mr. R. E. Dye, who is chairman of the Cochrane Unit.

Other bond salesmen are:—Mr. W. G. Skinner, Mr. Gus McManus, Mr. V. H. Evans, Mr. L. Sauder, Mr. W. Laine, K. Kroznovich, S. Denoski, Mrs. T. Thauer, Mrs. M. Gram, Mrs. W. Rayner, Miss R. Pritchard, Miss P. Uren, Miss O. Walker, Miss E. Dean, Mrs. Maxwell Smith is attending the divisional meeting of the Women's Regional Advisory Committee of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week in North Bay. A special speaker on Thursday will be Byrne Saunders former editor of "Chatelaine."

Mrs. G. Humphreys spent last week in North Bay visiting her husband.

Mrs. Brown and daughter, Lila, of Hamilton, are visiting at the Finan home on Cecil Avenue and are attending the funeral of Keith Brown.

Rev. Gilmour Smith, of Timmins, will preach on Sunday morning in the United Church here. Rev. J. C. Thompson will preach in Rev. Smith's church in Mountjoy.

Miss Brittnay, of Sarnia, was a visitor or last week at the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Cook.

At the Whist Drive held on Monday in the Legion Hall, prizewinners were 1. Mrs. B. Webb; 2. Mrs. Chevrier, and 3. Mrs. Martineau.

Mr. Thompson, of Bristol, Mrs. Ruby Knipe, of Ottawa, Mr. Harold Smith, of Shawville, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thompson and are attending the funeral of little邹 Thompson, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Alice Bennett, former resident here is visiting friends in town.

The O.E.S. Knitting bee met on Wednesday at the home of Miss Jean Miller on Bloor Ave.

Born—On April 21st in Porcupine General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Edward Huyton, of 104 Patricia Blvd., Timmins, a son.

Mr. Arthur Mansfield has had news that his grandson, Pte. Arthur Mansfield, son of Mr. Archie Mansfield, of Belleville, has been wounded in Germany and is in hospital in England.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Price, of 113 Hemlock St., Timmins, a daughter in Porcupine General Hos-

pit, Canada. (Cadet Instructor) spoke on the introduction of a recruit into Army life. Sgt. Major Adams, of the Algonquin Regt., spoke on the old soldiers re-action to modern war. And Mr. John Newman gave a talk on "blood typing". A pleasant evening concluded with cabbage and bridge, after Mr. Lloyd Hunkin gave two solos "When Song is Sweet" and "Home on the Range."

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