

News From South Porcupine, Dome and the District

Pageant on Empire Day at the South Porcupine School

Message from Miss Shaw, Retiring After Thirty Years of Great Service

South Porcupine, May 28th. Special to The Advance.

The "Empire Day Pageant" of the South Porcupine Public School, arranged for May 23rd, was on account of wet weather postponed until Friday afternoon.

A platform had been erected in the school grounds and arrangements made to accommodate the numbers of parents and friends who came to view what was afterwards said to be the finest pageant ever put on by our public school. It was excellently staged and the children did their parts to perfection.

This pageant was designed with a threefold object in view:— 1. To give the pupils a clear picture of the component parts of the Empire, the different types of government within their wide domains and irrespective of colour, race, or creed, the underlying unity throughout. 2. To show that the new attitude of the British Empire must be the submerging of all selfish interests for the good of a united world and 3. To impress upon the children that, individually, we must henceforward carry the responsibility of the rebuilding of this war-torn world for peace and brotherly love so that the great sacrifices of our forces and the suffering of nations may not have been in vain.

"O Canada," from all, started proceedings. Britannia (Flora Boyd) was seated on a throne with representative dominions around her— United Kingdom; John Bull (Henry Ford); Wales, (Diana Smith); Scotland (Dorothy Whitton); Ireland (Norma Sullivan); Canada (Bernice Ship); South Africa (Jack Fera); Australia (Magella Saumur); New Zealand (Jim Clemis); India (Darwin Aiken); Crown Colony Newfoundland (Michael Rudkin); Mandated Territory (Mae Peressini); Narrator—Eva Roksa.

The Narrator deserves special mention. Before a microphone she spoke clearly and impressively and acted as Mistress of Ceremonies.

The opening choruses were sung by all school pupils standing: "God save our Great Empire" and "O God our help in Ages Past." Britannia speaks and Canada answers and all stand at

the salute and take the pledge led by Canada:—"Under God I pledge my allegiance to our King, to our flag, to our Empire. One King, one flag, one law, one Empire indivisible, with liberty, equality and justice for all."

A flag drill by small pupils followed:— (Buddy Sutherland, Stella Para, Teddy Maki, Vilma Kemp, Reggie Hawes, Beverley Fell, Raymond Sutton, Eileen Miller, Tommy Elrich, Patricia Griffin, Gino Cundari, Barbara Bowes, Martin Holmes, Muriel Helmer, Sherman Ferrigan, Arlene Truant).

Irish Girl Chorus and Dance: (Mollie Cooper, Joan McPhate, Patsy Belle, Margaret Langdon).

Scotch Girl Chorus and Dance: (Shirley Schmelze, Emily Paulenko, Edith Ceaser, Yolande Gumiero).

Welsh Chorus—"Men of Harlech" John Bull Chorus—"The King is still in London"; "D'ye Ken John Peel."

The Maypole dance by little girls in gaily coloured dresses drew much applause. Dancers:— Georgiana Turner, Taulikki Laurila, Lella Luoma, Nancy Wilder, Beth McLellan, Alice Wright, Inga Viitanen, Gloria Wachnik, Pauline Wilson, Patricia O'Shaughnessy, Joy and Joyce Pretty, Jean Henry, Marietta Passi, Marjorie Davis, Betty Mitchell, Singer Olga Para.

The Narrator then called Canada (Chorus sang "The Maple Leaf"); Union of South Africa (chorus, "God Defend South Africa"); Australia (chorus, "Advance Australia Fair"); New Zealand (chorus, "God Defend New Zealand"); India (chorus "Song of India").

India, Newfoundland, Mandated Territory, each spoke and chorus sang "We are part of Britain" and "Rule Britannia."

The Rhythm Band composed of kindergarten pupils dressed in red and blue capes and hats played their part in the pageant to the tune of the "British Grenadiers." Johnny Krzmanick, Marlene Shekulski, Ronald Winney, Charles Maki, Muriel Clement, George Aho, Mary Krakana, Garnet Howard, Janet Clare Gemmill, Bobby Hawes, Billy Beckett, Bob Gallagher, Billy Langdon, Robert Miner, Joy Bradbury, Donna Fell, Jean Rodgers, Billy Carruthers, Douglas Novakuski, Alex Seize, and Joan McPhate.

The third stage of the pageant embraced the forces.—Honour to the Forces and Salute and Three Cheers.

Enter Uncle Sam—John Bull steps down, shakes hands and the chorus gives "Let's Get Together."

Britannia speaks and the United Nations come up on each side while

chorus sings "Marching Along Together."

Uncle Sam, Scott Raybould; Russia, Italo Basso; China, Nillo Gattesco; Holland, Diane Pearce; Belgium, Lloyd McQuarrie; France, Roy Backholm; Yugo Slavia, Mary Silkovich; Thilopia, Leo Beauchamp; Norway, Frances Hymnick; Denmark, Mike Pavlichek; Mexico, Tino Pelezziari; Greece, Barbara Jones; Palestine, Barbara Levinton; Albania, Bryan Hannsberry; Iran, Stanley Krizmanick; Luxembourg, Sylvia Holovaci; Poland, Mary Piszczor; Czechoslovakia, Bernice Tubbian; Latin America, Dolores McCann.)

A minute's Silence in honour of our dead, and Canada calls the "Mercy Units of the war—the stretcher-bearers, and the Red Cross Nurse."

Then while all stand, "Faith of our Fathers," and "God Save the King" were sung.

Miss Shaw's Message

Miss B. M. C. Shaw, principal, who is retiring at the end of this term after thirty years of teaching here, made this special occasion the first public announcement of this fact. She said:—

"I wish to add my word of welcome to that already extended to you by the Narrator.

"As you know I shall not be back with you in September, but your school will be in very good hands.

"If I have done any good work here and I hope you think I have, it is because I have always had the loyal support of splendid trustees, capable and hard-working teachers and very understanding parents.

"Together we have woven a pattern, the threads of which it would be very difficult to cut.

"Although I shall not come back to your school, I shall not leave you entirely. Like the wild geese I shall go south in the fall, but I hope that my footsteps returning will always be a welcome sound to you, my friends."

Committees in Charge of Pageant Platform:—Mr. Ship and Miss Hogan.

Decorations:—Miss Walker, Miss McMann, Miss Miller.

Costumes:—Miss Higgins, Miss Houston.

Dramatization:—Miss Donlevy.

Staging:—Miss Donlevy, Miss McKeown.

Choir:—Miss Broadfoot.

Piano:—Mrs. Ingram.

Flagdrill:—Miss McKeown.

Maypole dance—Miss Hogan.

Rhythm Band:—Miss Woodail.

Dances:—Miss Phelps.

Former Teacher at Schumacher Wins the Military Cross

Other Items of Interest from Schumacher and District

(Schumacher, May 30th, special to The Advance.)

Word was received during this week that Captain Lloyd Gordon Queen had received the Military Cross for distinguished bravery while serving with the Canadian Armored Corps. Captain Queen was music teacher at Schumacher public school prior to joining the Canadian Active Army in January 1942. In March, 1943, he went overseas. Since going overseas Captain Queen married a Scotch girl from Aberdeen, Scotland. Captain Queen's sister, Mrs. Murray Ritter, lives in Toronto.

Friday, May 25th. A successful Tag Day for the Canadian Institute for the Blind was held under the co-operation of Mrs. Ed. Robinson, Mrs. Geo. Shippam and Mrs. Harry Leng. The day being fine the taggers were kept busy and a nice sum was collected for this worthy cause.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Wylie, Second Ave., on the birth of their daughter, Frances Lynn Wylie, born Friday, May 18th, in the Porcupine General Hospital.

Spr. Alex McWhinnie, R. C. E., arrived last week from overseas and is visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McWhinnie, Second Ave.

Angelo Pigeon left last week for Toronto after visiting his sister, Mrs. Herb Eden, Gold Centre.

Mrs. A. Lovelace, Gold Centre, held the winning ticket on the lovely hand bag. The draw took place last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Monk, of Pickle Crow, are visiting relatives and friends here. They also spent some time in Toronto where Mr. Monk received medical treatment. Mr. Jack McMaster, Fourth Ave., accompanied them on their trip to Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bennett, Fifth Ave., left Saturday by car for two weeks' holiday at Toronto, Niagara Falls and other points.

Pte. Bert Waite, Veteran Guard at Monteth, spent the week-end at his home on Birch Street.

L.A.W. Mary Hodson, R.C.A.F. (Women's Division) stationed at Newfoundland, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hodson, Gold Centre.

Mrs. A. Gollightly, left Thursday for Toronto after visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Duxfield, First Ave.

Dr. R. V. Weston left at the week-end for Toronto, where he will attend the Dental Convention.

Pte. Bill Barron, Veteran Guard, stationed at Port Arthur, is spending a leave visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Arthur Hobbs and Mrs. Pearl Irwin, of Kenora, are visiting their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tario, Fourth Ave.

Mrs. Young, of Kingston, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Craig, Pine Street.

Miss Iona Mathews, of Toronto, is visiting her sister, Miss Lois Mathews, First Ave.

Miss Ivy Calverley, of Kingston, is visiting at her home on Second Ave.

The home of Mr. John Besley, 99 Third Ave., was the scene of a nicely arranged party last Friday evening when a number of friends paid a surprise visit. The guests of honour were Lieutenant and Mrs. Lester Besley. Lieutenant Besley has recently returned from overseas service. A nice social time was enjoyed and a dainty lunch was served. During the evening the guests of honour were presented with a lovely table lamp. The following guests attended: Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Nelly, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schultz, Buffalo Ankerite; Mr. and Mrs. M. Frank Holmes, South Porcupine; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pennie, Mrs. R. Spears, and Miss Patsy Spears, Mrs. Herb Warren, Timmins; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Adamson, Mrs. M. Deardon, Miss L. Small, Mrs. B. James, Mrs. John Besley, Schumacher; and the guests of honour, Lieutenant and Mrs. Lester Besley.

Farewell Party for Rev. and Mrs. Cook at South Porcupine

Rev. H. G. Cook to be Archdeacon of James Bay

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A very nice farewell party for Rev. H. G. and Mrs. Cook, of St. Paul's Rectory, who are leaving shortly for Moose Factory was held in St. Paul's Parish Hall on Friday evening.

A good programme had been arranged and a large number of parishioners and friends from Schumacher and Timmins as well as from South Porcupine were present. Young members of the church gave the first part of the programme.

Joyce Allen played a piano solo, "Nocturne," Marilyn Cliff and Joyce Allen gave a piano duet, and the Junior Choir sang "Wooden Shoes." A piano solo by Marilyn Cliff and another by Norine White completed this part of the programme.

Mrs. Schultz, of the Buffalo-Ankerite, sang two solos "Lassie O' Mine" and "Bless This House," both well received.

Mr. S. Jay (People's Warden) then presented Rev. and Mrs. Cook with a mantel clock with chiming) as a gift from the parishioners.

Rev. Chidwick, of Timmins, spoke concerning Mr. Cook's leaving and of his long friendship with him, wishing him well in his new sphere.

Bishop Renison paid grand tribute to the Rector and his wife; the Rector being a splendid worker in every respect and worthy of promotion, his new title to be "Archdeacon of James Bay." Of Mrs. Cook his lordship said "Rev. Cook's finest asset is his wife; she goes so cheerfully with him wherever he is sent."

In reminiscing of the early days in the Porcupine Camp which he called "a spot in the swamp," the Bishop said he walked through

slush to Golden City. From the comparative civilization of Hudson's Bay was sent a missionary to the Porcupine—Archdeacon J. E. Woodall—who has left his legend here from his characteristic benediction of character. Now we are returning the compliment to James Bay, Archdeacon H. G. Cook, of James Bay, will be sent to Moose Factory as head of the Indian Missionary School and skipper of a streamlined launch, incidentally, also, to visit his flock on his missionary expeditions. He referred to the wild geese which may be hunted there, and hinted that friends from Porcupine may find a welcome in the open season.

Rev. Cook spoke a few words of appreciation of the kindness he had received in S. Porcupine and thanked all for the gift of the clock.

A delightful buffet lunch was served later from a dainty table graced with crystal and daffodils and yellow tapers.

Mrs. W. Fairhurst and Mrs. Maxwell-Smith poured tea.

Seventy persons were present. Rev. John Ford of Sherbrooke will be here to take over St. Paul's Parish in two weeks' time. Rev. Cook will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday night in St. Paul's church.

A memorial service for "those who will not return" to the congregation from the fighting forces will be held on Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

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Joint Meeting of Church Societies at S. Porcupine

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A combined meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church and the Women's Association of the United Church took place on Monday evening in the United Church.

Mrs. F. H. Hall took charge of a "worship" service, and Mrs. B. H. Harper read the lesson, Mrs. Ronald Vary gave a talk on the "Development of Church Music" and Mrs. J. C. Thompson gave an organ selection "O Sanctissima." A social evening and get-together followed and opportunity was given to say goodbye to Mrs. H. C. Cook who will soon be leaving with her husband for Moose Factory.

Rev. H. G. Cook and Rev. J. C. Thompson each gave short talks in which they stressed the desirability of the churches and their organizations working together in harmony. A delightful lunch was served.

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NOTICE To Active Service Voters who are absent from their units

● The attention of members of the Navy, Army and Air Force and all other persons who qualify as Active Service Voters under the Ontario Active Service Voting Regulations, 1945, is directed to the following provisions.

- 1. Active Service Voters at their homes.**
Active Service Voters who are in their place of ordinary residence on polling day may vote in the manner prescribed by the Election Act for civilian voters, whether or not their names are on the Voters' List, on taking a declaration (Form 8A) before the deputy returning officer.
Such voters may vote at the regular polling place for the voting sub-division in which they reside.
- 2. Active Service Voters on Leave or Furlough.**
Active Service Voters who are absent from their units but not in their place of ordinary residence, on leave or furlough, including such voters on farm leave or industrial leave, may poll their votes with any commissioned officer appointed to take the votes of Active Service Voters, on producing to such commissioned officer documentary proof that they are on leave or furlough and provided that they have not already voted in the election.
Such voters should apply to the nearest Naval, Military or Air Force headquarters for information as to the location of the Commissioned Officer nearest to their present address.

Alex. C. Lewis
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER,
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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