

Fire Prevention Week Being Observed Here

Painting a tragic picture, largely the results of sheer carelessness and faulty construction of our homes and cities, Fire Chief Stanley, commented upon the nation's ten-year fire loss.

"The National Fire Protection Association reports that in this decade, six million fires destroyed three billion dollars' worth of property. Enough gone up in smoke to build more than six hundred thousand homes, or more homes than in the cities of Cleveland, Minneapolis and Kansas City combined.

"In this same period, one hundred thousand people burned to death, and almost two hundred thousand were permanently disfigured and maimed. "If these losses were inevitable, the picture would not be so tragic," continued the Chief, "but, actually, only a small percentage were unavoidable. So in observing this Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, proclaimed by President Truman and MacKenzie King, let us devote ourselves to correcting the mistakes of the past.

"In the next ten years, it is estimated that 25 percent of the nation will be living in new homes, and millions more modernized homes. Let us take the opportunity to make the homes in this city structurally safe from fire."

Questioned about construction, Chief Stanley emphasized that the safety of the individual home begins with the planning of the community. "The trend towards wider streets, larger lots, and more room for relaxation and play is in line with the best thinking on fire prevention. Fires spread rapidly in congested areas. In the open community, fires can be controlled and are not apt to be communicated to neighboring houses if roofs are protected with fire-resistant roofing, such as asphalt shingles, or slate, tile or asbestos. Roof communicated fires, due to flammable wood shingles, are the major cause of conflagration."

The home itself, according to the Chief, should have an efficient, safe, heating plant properly installed with adequate safe-guards; chimneys of proper construction; wiring which is sound and adequate; and roofs of materials which will resist sparks that fall upon them. If all homes were so constructed, the Chief estimates the residential fire loss would be cut 50 percent. Homes, also, should have fire stops in walls; non-combustible interior finish materials; and a substantial door to the basement.

"But proper construction will not end all fires. We still have human element." By that, the Chief indicated he is referring to the careless smoker; children playing with matches, the use of flammable cleaning fluids; frayed extension cords; and accumulations of paper, rags, and discarded furniture in attics, basements and closets.

"Let us dedicate Fire Prevention Week, and every week hereafter, to ridding our homes of these fire hazards, and to building a community of new remodeled homes which will bring down the fire loss; in Canada and U.S. now averaging about \$4 per capita, the highest of any nation, compared to peacetime loss of less than \$1 in England and less than 50 Cents in Germany," the Chief concluded.

Can we afford to do less in this city?

Fire Prevention Week Message from South Porcupine Chief

South Porcupine, Oct. 10th, Special to The Advance.

Every newspaper magazine and Journal issued this week contains some message on Fire Prevention. Our local publications carry columns of warning together with statistics on fire loss, it appears that in spite of all efforts to cope with this serious menace of loss of life and property the figures are staggeringly high and what would it be if these responsible—the National Fire Prevention Association, Fire Marshall's Dept., Fire Dept. and personnel were not constantly awake to the danger and doing all in their power to cope with the situation? I venture to say the loss would be doubled.

For one week each year the spot light is focussed on Fire Prevention in an effort to bring home to all concerned an appeal for your co-operation, particularly in our own community. You have backed the Fire Dept. in the past and I ask you keep up the good work.

South Porcupine Fire loss for the past nine years has been between \$1,500 and \$3,000 a record of which we are justly proud and then on Jan. 5 of this year on one of the coldest nights of the winter 48° below zero we had our big fire a mercantile store with building and contents a total loss because the fire had taken a good hold before an alarm was turned in, this could have been prevented if the warning had been investigated. This was

Mail Service to Italy is Resumed

The Post Office Department advises that mail service to Italy and Vatican City State has been resumed. Effective immediately, parcel post service to the Islands of Sardinia and Sicily as well as to the cities of Rome and Naples and the Vatican City State is resumed subject to the following conditions:

The contents are to be limited to food, toilet articles, drugs and used clothing. The total weight of a parcel must not exceed 4 pounds. Parcels cannot be insured. The total value of the contents of a parcel must not exceed \$25.00. The sending of parcels is limited to private citizens and must not be undertaken by relief organizations and others. The naming of addressee other than known ultimate addressee, for the purpose of evading the limitations of the service, is prohibited. No one sender may send more than two parcels per week—each of which must be to different addresses. The parcels are restricted to gifts addressed to private individuals in the above mentioned places and must not include commercial shipments. For the time being, the contents are to be limited to food, toilet articles, drugs and used clothing of a serviceable type, the donation of which will not necessitate replacements. The contents are to be listed in detail on the covering Customs Declaration. The term "clothing" will not be sufficient to describe items of used clothing. They must be described as used. It is to be noted that non-observance of any of the conditions indicated may result in seizure of the parcel.

Until further notice, the rate of postage applicable to such parcels will be as follows:

1 lb.....\$.65;	2 lb.....\$.75;
3 lb.....\$ 1.20;	4 lb.....\$ 1.35.

E. H. King,
Postmaster.

Special Showing of Films Tomorrow

Tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 p.m. there will be a special showing of films in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building in connection with Fire Prevention Week and the National Clothing Collection Campaign.

The films entitled "Everybody's Business" (National Film Board) and "They Didn't Have to Die" (a new release from the Dominion Fire Commission, Ottawa) are in connection with fire hazards and "Star and the Sand" and "Friend in Need" are pertaining to the Clothing Collection.

Fire Chief Stanley endorses the fact that these films are both interesting and informative and extends a very cordial invitation to attend. Everyone will be welcome.

This showing is for adults only as they have already been given in the schools for the benefit of the youngsters.

Mrs. T. Callon and children, of Vancouver, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Callon's parents Mr. and Mrs. D. Curtis, Pine St. N.



THE DAILY PROBLEM OF THIS youngster is to get his head, arms and legs through the right holes in his only garment. It's a common problem for millions of men, women and children in the liberated countries of Europe. You can help them by contributing serviceable used clothing to the National Clothing Collection drive sponsored by the Canadian United Allied Relief Fund and scheduled for October 1-20. Under the national chairmanship of W. M. Birks of Montreal, a committee is being set up in every Canadian centre and distribution in Europe will be under the direction of UNRRA experts.

Boy Scouts will Hold Annual Apple Day on Saturday, Oct. 13th

On Saturday, October 13th, cheerful Boy Scouts will be knocking on doors and taking up their stands on the streets for their Annual Apple Day.

Only once a year do the Boy Scouts make a public appeal for funds and by selling apples, the idea of getting "something for nothing" is eliminated.

An appeal is made to the public to patronize the boys and encourage them in their endeavours, never has a youth organization been formed that has done so much good work in the moulding and building of character, and in the training of boys to equip them to face life with courage and honesty, and so help to build better communities.

The aim of the Boy Scouts' Association is to make better citizens of boys through happiness and service.

The motto of the Association "BE PREPARED", means to be able to do the right thing at the right moment, whether for self or others.

A Scout seeks, by learning, to do small things well, to qualify himself for the greater tasks and opportunities of life.

There were Boy Scouts in Ireland a thousand years ago, they were a corps of young Knights, sworn to chivalrous action. The Spartan youths in ancient Greece were the Boy Scouts of that age and country, the pages in the castles of France, Britain and Germany were scouts of a later period.

The modern Association commenced its official life in Great Britain in 1908 when the late General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the hero of Mafeking, gathered twelve boys and went with them to Brownsea Island, in Dorsetshire, to camp. Prior to this, as early as 1905, there were several groups of boys known as Scouts, in various parts of England, with camping grounds in Nottingham Forest.

Sir Robert Baden-Powell held meetings in many parts of England, explaining his idea of the Scout movement, and later on the paper "The Scout" was published by him and within a year about 100,000 Boy Scouts had been enrolled.

Time has proved by the living example of the boys themselves, who have shown the public at large that their code is one which produces the finest type of boy to be found under any condition.

For a considerable time the movement suffered from lack of efficient leaders. Men capable of leadership required for the teaching of Scouting were few and far between. The problem of leadership has been solved by growth from the ranks up.

The Scout promise is:—"On My Honour I Promise That I Will Do My Best To Do My Duty To God And The King; To Help Other People At All Times; To Obey The Scout Law."

The Scout Law contains ten points, (a) A Scout's honour is to be trusted, (b) Loyalty to the King, his country, his officers and parents, employers and those under him. (c) To be useful, to do at least one good turn every day, even at the sacrifice of his own pleasure. (d) A Scout is a friend to all. (e) A Scout is courteous and polite to all. (f) A Scout is a friend to animals. (g) A Scout is obedient. (h) A Scout is cheerful under difficulties. (i) A Scout is thrifty so that he may never be a burden to others. (j) A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed. He frowns upon "dirty" talk.

Home and School Ass'n Hold Meeting

The meeting of the Home and School Association was held in Central Public School at 8 p.m. on Wednesday evening with about 69 members and friends attending.

Mr. Eastman, Principal of Central School, opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance. Mr. George Richards, President of the Kinsmen Club, informed the meeting of his club's intentions of having a Halloween "Shell Out" to raise funds for the local V. O. N.

Mr. George Gedge, President of the local V. O. N. committee gave a brief explanation of the need of having such an order in our country. Miss Webster, Supervisor of the local V. O. N. gave a review of some of her work and of the other three nurses under her.

Misses Elsie Clatworthy and Gladys Langman then provided able leadership in community singing and playing games. Mr. Treaner was at the piano.

Refreshments were served prior to the close of the social evening.

Rebekah Lodge Holds Installation To-night

The regular weekly meeting of the Gold Nugget Rebekah Lodge was held in the Oddfellows Hall on October 4th.

The members plan on holding a tea on November 22nd. The Past Noble Grands will have a penny sale at this tea and an attractive draw will also be featured, tickets for this will soon be on sale by the members. Further details of the tea will be given later. Mrs. Hilda Bailey, J.P.N.G. gave her report on the 55th Annual Session of the Rebekah Assembly, held in Toronto in June. Her report was very interesting and she received a very hearty vote of thanks from the Lodge.

Mrs. Hazel Dixon of Iroquois Falls, and her staff will be here to conduct the installation of the new officers tonight.

Members were urged to remember the clothing drive now on.

Girl Guide News From S. Porcupine

The First South Porcupine Guide Company had a very interesting meeting on Tuesday evening when several promotions and awards were made.

Nancy Cooper was promoted to Company Leader. Delores McCann and Joyce Ehem were made patrol leaders of the Nightingale and Honesty patrols respectively.

Margaret Beelby, Joyce Rogers, Wanda Pyszarich were made seconds of the Scarlet Pimpernel, Honesty and Lily patrols respectively.

Mary Elrich, Nancy Allen and Nancy Wilder made their Guide Promise and were enrolled as Girl Guides.

Service stars which are awarded to girls after a year's attendance with 75 percent average, were given to Nancy Cooper, Joyce Ehem, Margaret Beelby, Dolores McCann, June Logan, Lilian Cowan and Joyce Rogers.

While patrol leaders and seconds taught second class work in patrol corners, Captain passed Donna Hunkin and Catherine Fell in their tenderfoot test.

All Guides who wish to pass their scout's pace and first class walk are asked to be at the meeting hall at 8:20 P.M.

Kinsmen Club Donates to Children's Aid, Clothing Drive

"The Children's Aid Society in Timmins need help and must function properly in order to render the best service to the community". With these remarks, President George Richards, of the Kinsmen Club, asked for a vote from the members who attended Tuesday evening's regular meeting. The vote was a favourable one, and the sum of \$100 will be donated to the work of the Children's Aid Society. In addition to this grant, another sum of \$50.00 was authorized to be spent for the National Clothing Collection. The latter money will be used for incidental expenses, such as gasoline, truck expense, for Salvation Army work, and various other details that pertain to the National Clothing Collection, which is under the guidance of Kinsmen Will Brochu, and Don Workman. These two members were lauded for their efforts in connection with their organization plans for house-to-house canvass of the town. The National Clothing Drive for clothing started yesterday in Timmins, and so far there has been a great deal of response by the citizens. Praise was also accorded F. H. Bailey, Chairman of the central committee, under whose guidance various organizations are helping with the National Clothing collection. At the regular meeting at the Empire Hotel on Tuesday plans were also put into effect for the forthcoming Halloween Shell-out, details of which will be announced. Reports were also heard from Ray Wigley on the Re-habilitation committee. Both Kinsmen Rey Wigley and Kinsmen Bob Stock are being

Ninth Victory Loan Organization Meeting Held Last Night

A meeting in connection with the forthcoming Ninth Victory Loan Campaign was held last night (Wednesday) in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Mr. Wm. Roberts, chairman of the Public Relation Committee presided.

A technicolor movie, sponsored by General Motors, was shown. Details of the excellent work done and medical care given all disabled servicemen was the theme of the film. Support of such projects as this is one of the main purposes of the Ninth Victory Loan. The movie included many shots of servicemen under treatment in our too few and overcrowded hospitals.

At the conclusion of the film Mr. Roberts introduced Mr. McNames, district organizer for the loan. Mr. McNames said that this would

be the government's last loan of this type, requiring the backing of the people. In this loan we require \$900,000 for rehabilitation and \$900,000,000 to feed the starving peoples of Europe.

This loan will be two-in-one, and we have twelve months in which to pay.

The quota for this district in the ninth loan is 10% above the last loan. Following is a list of various committees formed, the chairmen and personnel.

- FEATURES**
Chairman-Karl Eyre
Vice Chairman-George Nippers
- ENTERTAINMENT**
George Jenkins- Chairman, Jack Brady, Peter Boychuk, Capt. D. Church, W. (Bill) Doran, H. Cook, P. Wasyuk, E. Bartlett.
- PARADES**
Samuel Morgan- Chairman, Les-Nicholson-Vice-Chairman, John Onutski, Chas. G. Brown, Mansel Napper, Frank Huckerby, Ernest Kemball, Robert Hardy, Alec Kalynchuk, Mike Karol, Bill Kennedy, J. V. McClung.
- MUSIC**
Fred Wolno-Chairman, Alex Taylor.
- FILMS**
P. Bennetta, E. J. Laakso, M. Daher, W. Stanley, J. Morton, A. Laurin.
- THEATRE**
F. Colameco.
- FRENCH- CANADIAN ACTIVITIES**
F. Gauthier, H. Chateaufort, Leo Lalonde, A. Cousineau, R. Laurin.
- ADVERTISING DISPLAY**
J. Purdie-Chairman, W. H. Wilson-Vice-Chairman, J. P. Burke, W. Cantwell, D. Mascioli, J. Knell, F. Gauthier, N. Green.

Plans for New Church are Going Ahead

Under the chairmanship of Stanley G. Fowler, Lion's Ex-Zone Governor, the nucleus of twelve sub chairmen, to head the St. Matthew's Church Building Committee, decided to push the plans to an early start for the erection of a new Anglican Church by the Spring of 1946.

Since March, 1945, when a parochial meeting enthusiastically endorsed the proposed expansion, a highly successful financial plan to bring an assured amount has been supported by well over 600 people. This has encouraged the planning committee to act immediately to fill the urgent need for more space and up-to-date building.

Chairman Fowler struck his provisional committees for action at once to negotiate with an architect for the first draft of the plans for what might well be the outstanding building of its kind in Timmins.

In an address to the meeting, the Rev. A. R. Chidwick, rector, commended the people of the North country for their community spirit, and stated that "The moral and spiritual basis of the church offered to the public here was going to be heart and soul of rehabilitation and progress in the stabilisation during the post war years. The new St. Matthew's" he said "will be a memorial of everlasting gratitude to those who have not come back, and a community centre that shall be used twenty four hours a day."

The committee heartily endorsed the plans of the working sub chairman to bring various departments up to strength by the end of October.

S. F. Fowler charged his committee to put every effort into the project that would pay permanent "dividends".

kept posted on various problems that confront returned men, from overseas duties. Guests at the Kinsmen meeting were Don Burrow, member of the Bourlemaque-Val 'dor Club; Gordon Mooney, member of the Oxbridge Club, and Arnim Schneller, of Bracebridge, and now back to reside in Timmins. The next regular meeting of the Kinsmen will be held Monday, October 15th.

- RADIO**
H. Freeman-Chairman, Leo Lalonde, S. Shankman, E. Anderson.
- SPEAKERS**
H. R. Rowe, Leo Lalonde.
- PLANT ADVERTISING**
O. Atkins.
- LADIES (English)**
Mrs. R. Hardy, Mrs. C. Briggs, Mrs. A. F. Carriere, Mrs. A. Soucie, Mrs. L. Nicholson, Mrs. W. W. Wilkinson, Mrs. M. McChesney, Mrs. R. Taylor, Mrs. H. Tonkin, Mrs. J. Shaw.
- PRESS**
E. Copps, M. Lake.
- DECORATIONS**
A. Peterson, J. A. Ayotte, Cy. Kearns, W. Pierce.
- LADIES (French)**
Mrs. P. Richer, Mrs. H. Lloyd, Mrs. M. Lortie, Mrs. N. L. Lamarche.
- NEW IDEAS**
P. Larmer-Chairman, W. H. Wilson, J. W. Knight, Bob Stock, J. J. Grant.
- FURNISHINGS**
Ted Passmore, Harry Jensen, Barney Quinn.
- SCHOOLS (Public)**
A. Skelly, Roy Hardy, W. H. Eastman, R.R. Beattie, Miss F. MacDonald, S. M. Robinson.
- SCHOOLS (Separate)**
Jules Badeski, P. J. Dunlop, L. Be-lafr.
- Following the election of chairman, Mr. Roberts asked various chairman of former loan committees to say a few words.
- Mr. H. R. (Ted) Rowe of the speakers panel expressed a vote of gratitude to Mr. G. A. Macdonald of the Porcupine Advance for his past support of the Victory Loans and expenditures.
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Mr. Louis Patterson is Guest Speaker at Kiwanis Luncheon

The Timmins Kiwanis Club held their weekly luncheon meeting in the Empire Hotel on Tuesday of this week on account of the Thanksgiving holiday on their regular meeting day.

President F. C. Bailey occupied the chair.

A letter was read from Fire Chief Stanley asking the club's co-operation during Fire Prevention Week.

George Knowles announced that the Bp Scouts will hold an Apple Day on Saturday.

During September over 25 tons of scrap paper were shipped out by Timmins Kiwanis.

Ernest King introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Louis Patterson former flying officer with the R. C. A. F.

Mr. Patterson was shot down during an operational flight to Stuttgart. The crew, after the ship had been hit and was dropping at the rate of 300 miles an hour, bailed out. When he came to, he was suspended on the branch of a tree about 50 feet from the ground. Having extricated himself from the tree; he attempted to reach Switzerland but after having gone for six days he was caught by the Germans when only twelve miles from the Swiss border.

endeavouring to make him talk. The Hot House is a small room about 4' by 7' kept always extremely warm.

While a prisoner, except when he obtained parcels from the Red Cross, the German food for prisoners was two slices of black bread and one bowl of soup with an occasional potato each day.

Prison life while Red Cross parcels came was not too bad. However, when the Russians approached, the Germans marched the prisoners for seventeen days with next to no food. Many fell by the way side. The best lap of the journey, was made in Box cars, from Monday morning to Thursday noon. As the box cars were very crowded and had no conveniences, the ordeal was almost as bad as the march.

Having been questioned about the Russians who liberated them, Mr. Patterson admitted they were Mongolians of a very low type, nearly always intoxicated, and that no German man or woman from sixteen to sixty was safe with them.

Earl Barkwell thanked Mr. Patterson. War Savings draw was won by Jack Beattie.

Fritz Woodbury led the singing with W. H. Wilson at the piano.

Visitors at the meeting were Robert Harvey, Brantford; New Manager, Broadway Theatre, P. C. Stenhouse, Toronto; A. H. Becker, Toronto; George Waller, Hamilton.