

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Co-operation with Health Department In Granting Building Permits Urged

Porcupine Health Unit Suggests Steps To Be Taken In Preventing Nuisances

The following is the full text of a report prepared by the Porcupine Health Unit and submitted at a recent meeting of the Timmins council.

Its contents will be of importance to all those interested in better conditions throughout the Camp.

The Board of Health of the Porcupine Health Unit has had under discussion for some time the problem of nuisances, and this Board has had its Sanitary Inspectors note the conditions which have brought about the nuisances which are reported to this Unit.

The Board felt that the governing bodies of the municipalities within the area governed by the Porcupine Health Unit would appreciate having this information and some suggestions which might be adopted to prevent some of these nuisances.

The following are some of the conditions which are present now and cause nuisances, and a few suggestions as to how they came about and how they could be prevented in the future.

A prerequisite of sound home building, especially as it relates to the disposal of sewage is the location on which the house is built. Many people with the thought in mind of owning their own homes secure property in undeveloped areas which border organized towns. The cost of this property is less and taxes are little or nothing, but in these areas there are usually no facilities for water or sewage disposal.

As the population increases and residential property becomes more congested, more people avail themselves of property in these outside locations and buildings begin to spring up here and there. These buildings are usually built with no thought of planning for the future, and little or no building inspection. As more people begin to congregate in these outside areas or townships sooner or later the problem of sewage and water becomes a demand.

In many instances these buildings are too far away or are on or in an area which cannot adequately be serviced with water or sewers. In any case the provision of services would be costly. The result of this is that for an indefinite period of time all domestic sewage has to be disposed of in the only way possible, "throw it in the ditch". Sooner or later this practice becomes a nuisance.

Contributory causes to the many overcrowded and poorly located built-up areas could be classed under the following headings:

1. Divided and unco-ordinated control of planning for future towns.
2. Poor choice of sites for future townships.
3. Short-sighted planning for future developments.
4. Lack of building restrictions in areas outside organized towns.
5. Lack of co-operation between building and health administration bodies.

Several instances exist in this area which bear out the above causes.

In Schumacher, trouble is being constantly encountered from poor plumbing installations. Buildings are built on almost the complete area of the lot. In several instances houses have been built on solid rock. These houses have neither sewage systems nor water services although now water and sewers are available. The cost of installation of these services would be prohibitive.

Gold Centre is another instance of a poorly planned townsite. Recently a condition has arisen which concerns the sanitary disposal of sewage. In 1938 a petition was submitted requesting the installation of town water service. The petition specifically stated that a suitable arrangement for the

disposal of domestic waste would be installed by each householder. After the water line was laid and house connections made, the sewage disposal arrangement was carried out to the fancy of each householder.

"The result after a few years was a hazard to the health of the area concerned. Many installations consisted of barrels with the effluent running to the nearest ditch, some septic tanks could not be installed because of low-lying ground, while other lots were built on, to the exclusion of sufficient room for any proper type of system. As a result of this the solution appears to be unpleasant action on the part of the Department of Health to abate the nuisance or by a costly sewage system and septic tank installations on the part of the municipality.

"The problem in South Porcupine has not been so great, although houses have been built on low-lying areas which cannot be cheaply serviced with a proper sewage system.

"Another instance of poor planning is evident in the Township of Whitney. In the first place what appears to be three different townsites are in the stages of growing into residential areas. These areas are far apart and constitute a problem as far as cost is concerned with the contemplated provisions of water and sewer service.

"As an example of divided and unco-ordinated control of future town planning, we have the Mountjoy area next to the Town of Timmins. In this area no provision has been made for the provision of sanitary facilities nor has any direction been given for the proper laying out of building lots, etc. If this area as it now exists grows to the point where water and sewage is necessary, a system will have to be provided which is a duplication of the already adequate system in Timmins.

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Ski Club Plans Get-Together On Sunday

The members of the Porcupine Ski Club will hold a get-together at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon at the Ski Chalet, during which a supper will be served and the members will be introduced to the various members of the committee.

The showing of ski films is also planned for the day's events and dancing will be enjoyed.

This will be the first get-together of the local club, which is looking forward to a great season.

Icy Streets Spell Trouble For Two Sunday Motorists

Sunday, Dec. 23, was the date set for two more accidents as a result of icy streets in Timmins.

At 12:30, noon, two cars, one driven by John Simpson of 91 Seventh Ave., and the second driven by Mrs. F. Kinkel of the Buffalo Ankerite Mine were involved in a smash at the intersection of Birch and Seventh Avenues.

Damage was slight to both of the vehicles as they skidded together with no injury to either of the drivers and no charges being laid.

The second accident of the day occurred at 9:07 p.m. at the corner of Mountjoy and Sixth Ave.

A car belonging to the Cartier Cab Company, driven by Rene McLellan, was proceeding north along Mountjoy when it struck the second vehicle, driven by Herbie Smith of 216 Pine St., South.

The grill, bumper, and right front fender of the taxi received slight damage with the rear fender of the second car suffering light damage also.

Again no charges were laid and both drivers escaped injury.

WPTB Should Take Off Santa Claus Disguise Local Housewife Says

"Christmas Present" of 4 Coupons Does Not Exceed Normal Entitlement

The announcement made last week that the Wartime Price and Trade Board was making a "Christmas present" of four preserve coupons, brought no cheers from local housewives.

The four coupons, indignant housewives pointed out, were worth two

BUFFALO BLANKETED BY ONE OF WORST STORMS IN HISTORY



Reminiscent of Ontario's big snowstorm about this time last year, Buffalo's freak storm has blanketed that city with over 40 inches of snow, creating an all-out emergency. Milk and food shortages are feared. Foreground of picture above shows cars completely snowed under.

Separate Schools Need Further Accommodation, Ratepayers Meeting Told

P. J. Dunlop Cites Growing Student Enrollment As Reason for New Building

The need for new buildings to handle increased enrollment of school children was stressed by J. P. Dunlop, chairman of a meeting of ratepayers of the Separate Schools held in Holy Family school on Wednesday night.

The present number of students was nearly 3,000, having been increased in the last term by some 200, Mr. Dunlop pointed out.

The meeting, called primarily for the nomination of school trustees, has made unnecessary the election scheduled for the purpose next month.

Of the three trustees who had completed their term of service, L. Bellair, F. Mainville and W. Meunier, the first two were nominated for an additional period, and Albert Aube was named for the position vacated by Mr. Meunier.

Omer Legault, also nominated, declined, thus making the acclamation possible. Returning Officer H. Charlebois officiated.

M. L. Urquhart Will Complete 12 Years With School Board

Schumacher—Special to The Advance

Pointing to a successful year, coupled with a considerably increased attendance, M. L. Urquhart, chairman of the board of trustees of the Schumacher public school, presented the trustees annual report to the ratepayers at a meeting on Wednesday.

By acclamation, Mr. Urquhart now begins another three-year term on the board, which will bring his total to twelve years.

A. L. Joyner acted as chairman of the meeting, which Principal P. A. Boyce addressed briefly, praising the students work in the war savings drives and in making possible additional parcels for P.O.W's.

The financial report of the year was given by Treasurer F. Davidson, who, with J. C. Jucksch and James Dillon, are also members of the board of trustees.

Mine Worker Found Dead From Exposure

Answering a call at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Constable Shaver found a man lying in the snow on Kerr St., between Strachan and Golden Avenues. Dr. Johnson, on being called, pronounced the man as having died from exposure.

The body was later identified as that of Arvid Miukkula, formerly employed by the Hallinor and Dome Mines, who had been living at the Finlandia Cafe. He was 39 years old.

No relatives of the deceased are known to be in this country. The body is in Hunkin's funeral parlors, pending decisions concerning the necessary funeral arrangements.

George Rodgers, 1st World War Veteran, Dies In 72nd Year

S. Porcupine Special to The Advance

Sympathy is extended Mr. William Rodgers, Railroad St., in the death of his father, Mr. George Rodgers of South Porcupine, who passed away last Thursday morning in the Porcupine General Hospital at the age of 72 years.

The late Mr. Rodgers was born at Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1914. He joined the Canadian army and went overseas with the 1st Battalion, Canadian Army in the first World War, arrived back in Canada in 1920 and resided in Toronto prior to coming to South Porcupine in 1933. He joined the Veterans Guard in 1939 and was discharged in 1940, being over age.

He was a life member of the Masonic Lodge, Member of the Canadian Legion, the Orange Lodge, and the Order of Buffaloes lodge.

His wife died May 8, 1943 and he is survived by four sons and two daughters; Agnes (Mrs. J. Lawless) Lily (Mrs. David Kennedy) and George who reside in Scotland; John, England; William, Schumacher; and James, Cobalt.

Funeral services were held Saturday from Hunkin's Funeral Home. The Rev. J. Scott, of South Porcupine United Church conducted the service. Interment was made in Tisdale Cemetery.

Free Course In Agriculture Will Commence In Kapuskasing Jan. 8

Starting Tuesday, Jan. 8, a one month's course in agriculture will be held at the Dominion Experimental Station in Kapuskasing. It is learned this week.

The course is free, Board and lodging will be paid for by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Students, however, will be required to pay their own transportation. The course is intended for students from Bourkes to Hearst.

Accommodation is limited to 25 students; consequently it will be necessary for each student to make a definite application to either Wm. Mathison, Cochrane, or to L. H. Hanlan, Matheson, before proceeding to attend the course, as it may be necessary to accept only those who are considered most eligible.

The course will cover the subjects of livestock, feeds and feeding, dairy-farming, poultry raising, bee keeping, soils and fertilizers, field crops, fruits and vegetables, plant diseases, insects, weeds, farm management and mechanics, and the grading and marketing of farm products.

Lecturers will include some of the most prominent agricultural experts in this province.

Easing Of Employment Restriction Announced; May Advertise Freely

Nineteen Fire Calls Sounded This Week

Two fires out of the 19 answered by the local fire department in the past week have been the cause of considerable damage.

The first of the fires occurred at the home of J. Keyes on the Delnite property at 631 on Dec. 20. Fire had started in the basement of the residence and the family had tried to control the blaze with the garden hose until the fire department arrived. The blaze was soon extinguished, but not before considerable damage had been done by the smoke and flame.

On Wednesday, Dec. 26 firemen were summoned to the Top Notch garage on Wilson Ave., to attend to a blazing motor that had been on the compressor. Damage was done to the motor only.

Chimney fires for the week totalled six and in the early hours of Christmas day the department was summoned by a false alarm.

Two alarms for overheated pipes were received and one smoking furnace resulted in an alarm.

Slight damage was caused at a home on Elm St. North when a youngster at play ignited some matches, slight damage was done to the home, which is insured.

Fire in a hot air register was the cause of alarm to a family residing at 16 Birch St. North with damage being slight.

A call to 70 Hemlock St. brought firemen to the scene of blazing curtains. The curtains had been ignited by a candle on the dresser, damage to the room was slight.

Slight damage was also done to a home at the rear of 158 Cedar North when rubbish in the basement ignited. The blaze was soon extinguished with no damage having been done by the fire.

An imaginary fire and a call in error completed the calls for the week.

Move Is Of Doubtful Value To Employers, Timmins Officials Believe

Substitution of a reporting system and abandonment of the permit system previously in effect under National Selective Service civilian regulations has been announced by the Minister of Labour, Ottawa.

Advertising by either employer or employee is now entirely unrestricted. It is learned from the federal Department of Labour.

Commenting on the above, G. E. Charron, head of the local Selective Service office, stated that as yet the office had received no official word on the subject.

Mr. Charron was of the opinion however, that such a change would be of no advantage to the employer, the lifting of the permit plan means that now the employer, instead of filling out the permit of the man chosen for the job, will have to send the office a letter notifying them that he has employed the man.

"An employer dealing through the selective Service has a host of advantages, reason being that we have possible ways and means of telling whether or not a man is a suitable employee as we have his employment record on hand."

"Then again the employer may not fit the man," Mr. Charron continued, "if, as an example, we know that the employer is the high-strung nervous type we would certainly not send him a high-strung employee." "If we did the job would probably be finished on the first day."

"Then again, think of the time the employer saves in getting a man. He may spend considerable time interviewing prospective employees, while here we can do the screening work by going through our files and choosing the most suitable man for the job in question," Mr. Charron added.

Continuing Mr. Charron said that the employers receiving men from the Selective Service were under no obligation to employ them, adding that the employees had never been under any such obligation.

"Suppose an employer wanted a certain type of man for his job and we didn't have the type of man in the district, we can go to every employment office in Canada to get that man without any cost to the employer we are not restricted to our own districts."

Concluding, Mr. Charron voiced the opinion that even though the man can be taken on without a permit the employer will have to notify the office immediately by the writing of a letter which will be more trouble to him than the permit system was," he stated.

"Wherever men are needed in the Dominion, on notification the Selective Service can supply them."

land and Eddy, Sorel, P.Q., a sister, Mrs. Melina La Salle, Calumet Island, and nine grandchildren.

Timmins Old-Timer Buried Thursday

Crippled by paralysis for the past few years, and long-time resident of Timmins, George Laporte died on Saturday in St. Vincent's Hospital, Ottawa.

Burial services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, from St. Anthony's Cathedral. Interment was made in the Timmins Roman Catholic cemetery.

The deceased was born at Calumet, Island where he married the former Rose Jolicoeur, who has for the past two weeks been under treatment at St. Mary's Hospital following a three-month's illness.

Mr. Laporte was the son of Mrs. George Laporte and the late Geo. Laporte, Sr. Surviving are his wife and mother; a daughter, Mrs. Raymond Toms, 99 Third Ave., two sons, Ro-

Twenty Thousand Dollars Bail Set For Illegal Possession Of Gold

Reckless Driving, Speeding and Non-Support Charges Also Answered In Court

wine was there, unless you missed it in the last raid."

The case was dismissed with the accused stating he didn't want the wine.

A charge of common assault was withdrawn with the offender paying costs.

A single case of speeding drew a fine of \$15 and costs with seven froth blowers netting fines of \$10 and costs.

One case of illegal possession of liquor and one case of illegal consuming drew fines of \$10 and costs with three cases of disorderly conduct resulting in the offenders receiving fines of \$10 and costs. A single minor charge drew a fine of \$1 and costs. Heading the cases in the South Porcupine session was a case of illegal possession of gold. The alleged is reported to have been found with gold-bearing ore of a value of less than \$25. The property of the Dome Mines.

The case was remanded on \$200 bail, cash or property, until Jan. 3.

A single charge of drunkenness netted the offender a fine of \$10 and costs with a similar fine being awarded a case of illegal possession of beer.

One minor charge netted a fine of \$1 and costs to end Thursday morning's court session.

Two members of the Froth Blowers Society were given room in the local lock up Thursday as a result of the overnight activity of John Law,

One of the larger cases on the court docket, that against Francois Guilmette, who is alleged to have been in possession of two buttons of gold, was adjourned until Thursday, Jan. 3rd, with bail set at \$20,000 during the joint court session held here yesterday.

A case of reported non-support of wife and family against Alfred Martel received a suspended sentence on a \$100 bond and the advice of the Magistrate to behave himself and to support his family.

A similar case was adjourned until the next court session on Jan. 3.

A fine of \$50 and costs or thirty days came as a result of a charge of reckless driving against Tolly Silychuk of 14 Mountjoy St. South.

Another case of reckless driving was remanded until the next court session as was a case of careless driving. A case of reported drunk driving was remanded on bail.

The court session received a humorous moment during the hearing of a case of having wine in a place other than the residence of the accused. Questioned in regard the two bottles of wine found in the sand basement of the raided building, the reported offender replied "I didn't know the

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