

Rabbie Burns, Kiwanians Share Same Altruistic Views, Speaker Says

Pipers, Scottish Dancing Add Colour To Meeting Of Local Club Here

The Monday luncheon at the Timmins Kiwanis Club was a special Burns Day and the members found it a delightful and interesting occasion. Kiwanian Gordon Campbell led the community singing of Scottish songs with Secretary "Scottie" at the piano. Secretary "Scottie" also saw to the special decorations for the event, the large Scottish standard holding proud position beside the picture of King George and his Scottish Queen.

Special guest artists for the day were the popular Scottish vocalist, Mr. James Gells; Pipe Major J. MacLennan and Piper John Annot; and the talented and graceful young highland dancers, Miss Patricia Cornell and Miss Ruth Willson. As usual Mr. Gells made a decided hit with his talented rendition of Scottish songs, each selection receiving warm encore.

The pipers also were popular with all, while the Scottish members of the club delighted in the stirring music so well presented. The two young dancers presented the "Sword Dance" and the "Highland Fling," in a very graceful and effective way. The pipers played for the dances and the colorful costumes of pipers and dancers brightened the whole occasion.

"At Kiwanis meetings here and elsewhere," said the speaker for the day, G. A. Macdonald, "I have often thought to myself, how Rabbie Burns would have enjoyed such occasions. He was a friendly, social man, and he would have joyed in the gaiety, the friendliness, the discussion, the fun and the frolic of such occasion. And he would have found equal delight in the higher aims and aspirations behind these lighter lines."

He quoted from the published objectives of the Kiwanis International and from the poems of Burns to show how the aims and hopes of both the club and the poet followed similar lines. Burns showed the Kiwanis of service club spirit when he and his brother, Gilbert, established a community club for debates and social gatherings in their native Ayrshire.

In later life he gave leadership and support that led to the establishment of a library in the parish where his farm was situated. The speaker also noted that whenever an "ordinary sinner" member of the club was asked to say grace, it was almost invariably used. When the Kiwanis wished Burns' impromptu Selkirk grace that to give a "real, right" finish to a special social occasion, the Kiwanis again went, as so many others do, to Burns and his classic rendering of "Auld Lang Syne."

The speaker gave a brief outline of the life of Robert Burns, who died at the early age of 37.

Reference was made to the hundreds of love songs written by Burns, to his stirring pleas for freedom, for equality and for brotherhood, and his recognition of the fact that the security, the happiness, the prosperity and the greatness of any people depended on the home. The speaker concluded with some stanzas of "The Cottar's Saturday Night," in which the ideal home atmosphere is depicted.

The speaker for the day was introduced by Kiwanian Gordon Campbell in a witty, friendly talk. President G. N. Ross commenting on the unusual situation of a Macdonald being introduced by a Campbell. The thanks of the club for the day's address was given, with Scottish humour, by Kiwanian Jack Beattie. President Ross also expressed the feelings of the

club when he gave warm thanks to the artists for the day. In addition to the artists for the occasion, Mr. E. W. Gladstone was a guest for the day.



REV. BRUCE MILLAR

Fourth Anniversary Of Mountjoy Church To Be Celebrated

Rev. Bruce Millar, Well Known Here, To Speak

The guest preacher for the fourth anniversary of Mountjoy United Church is to be Rev. Bruce Millar, B.A.; B.D., for Sunday, Jan. 27.

Mr. Millar was minister of Timmins United Church from 1929 to 1937, following Rev. J. D. Parks and preceding Rev. W. M. Mustard. Before coming to Timmins, Mr. Millar was in charge of the United Church at Matheson, following his graduation from Emmanuel College in 1927.

From Timmins Mr. Millar went to Islington, and from there he enlisted as a chaplain of the Air Force, serving two years in Canada, and two years overseas. Since his discharge he has been executive secretary of the Crusade for Christ and his Kingdom, and now is under appointment as assistant principal of Alma College, St. Thomas.

At the morning service on Sunday next he will speak on "The Greater Glory" and in the evening on "Following in the Crusade." On the Monday following there is to be an anniversary concert at which Mr. Millar will lecture on his overseas experiences.

Postal Rates Given For Yugoslavia

Gift packages prepaid at letter rate of postage may be forwarded to Yugoslavia, subject to certain restrictions, the Post Office announces this week.

Total weight of a package must not exceed 4 lbs., 6 oz. and must not exceed \$25. in value. Packages may be registered, and should be endorsed "gift package".

No one sender may send more than two per week, each to different addresses. Certain articles of value may be subject to import restrictions in the country of destination, it is stated.

Postage on these parcels will be at the rate of 5c on the first oz. and 3c for each additional ounce or fraction. Full and complete list of contents must be entered on customs declaration attached to parcel, the Post Office advises.

Municipal Assistance For Veterans Seeking Homes Suggested By S. J. Morgan

Veterans Should Be Sent To Town Assessor, Urged To Buy Within Town

"Up to date, five different committees have dealt with the matter of housing, and so far nothing has come from their labours," declared S. J. Morgan in an interview with The Advance this week.

Mr. Morgan has his own suggestion to offer those who are seeking to buy building lots in Timmins.

"The returning servicemen should be advised to apply to the town assessor's office," Mr. Morgan stated. "He is a town employee, he has a town office, and he has the information concerning building lots in Timmins. He knows where they are, their characteristics and values. He knows the real estate agents and he has a phone to reach them."

"The real estate men are all willing to co-operate, because they have land they have been paying taxes on for years. The sale of lots within the town limits will benefit the town in

increased taxes," Mr. Morgan pointed out.

"The possibility of returned servicemen settling on the 56-acre section now held on option outside the town limits does not please Mr. Morgan. And he has his reasons.

"The boys have had enough of concentration camps," he stated. "They should be permitted to establish where they want to. I am a returned man myself, from the last war. I know what the boys want and would like to see them get a square deal. I feel the town should get after the matter. Other towns are doing it."

"The servicemen did not complain when they went overseas and they are not complaining now," Mr. Morgan contended. "Why should we complain at a chance to help the boys out? This town has a right and duty to act now, without any moaning."

"Even if the town gives assistance to servicemen buying \$1000 lots, the town will be repaid in increased tax revenue," Mr. Morgan concluded. "If the men are pushed into buying land outside the town, then the town loses."

FIVE PERISH IN BLAZING FARM HOUSE



Charred brick and metal was all that remained of a two-storey frame home at Berkley, 16 miles southeast of Owen Sound, Ont., after it was completely gutted by fire in which Cecil Foster, 31; his wife, 29, perished. Killed in the blaze also were their three children, Lawrence, five-months-old baby; Marie, six, and Betty, five. Here James Matthews, Mrs. Foster's father, examines wreckage of a doll carriage which tells the mute story of the blaze.

Local Fire Department Is Among Leaders In All-Canada Competition

Ontario Fire Marshal Congratulates Timmins Fire Chief On Record

A highlight of the council meeting yesterday was a letter received from W. J. Knott, Fire Marshal of Ontario, congratulating Fire Chief Wm. Stanley and the Timmins Fire Department on winning ninth place in an all-Canada competition in Fire Prevention Week.

Other congratulations are also due the Fire Department, as the letter continued:

"Timmins stood third among the cities in the all-Canada standing and also won first place in the provincial competition for cities with a population of ten to twenty-five thousand."

There were 153 entries from Ontario, the letter stated.

Timmins Red Cross Has Annual Meeting Tonight

The Timmins Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society holds its annual meeting tonight at 8 p.m., in the council chambers of the Municipal Building. All interested are urged to attend.

High Winds Bring Firemen Headaches

Thirteen calls were received by the local fire department on Friday, Jan. 18 shortly after the high winds of a sweeping snow storm struck the district. The first call was received at 5:23 and the last alarm at 8:10. Eleven of the calls were to attend to chimney fires and the remaining alarms the result of overheated pipes.

The first of four calls received on Jan. 19 brought firemen to the scene of a house fire at 157 Pine St. North. The fire started in a wood box that had been placed close to the stove. Occupants of the home were awakened by the children crying and when the fire department arrived the fire was under control. Slight damage was done.

The remainder of the calls were for chimney fires at 18 Columbus Ave., 73 Eighth Ave., and 157 Hemlock St.

On Jan. 20 at 2:25 the department answered a call turned in by the police department to the Goldfields block. At first it was thought the chimney of the building was on fire, however an investigation revealed that the boiler in the basement of the building had gone dry. Damage to the boiler was extensive.

Again at 8:05 firemen were called to 15 Wendt to attend to a chimney fire and again at 4:17 to 18 Floral where overheated pipes had caused the occupants alarm. Answering a call at 5:43 p.m. to 116-A Birch St. North the firemen found the source of same had arisen when an attempt to thaw out frozen water pipes had resulted in the ignition of the floor. Fortunately no damage was done other than scorching.

On Jan. 21 six alarms were turned in resulting from four chimney fires a plugged chimney and an overheated stove. At 10:25 a.m. on Jan. 23 firemen were summoned to the scene of a chimney fire once again. The call was to a home at 13 Elm St. North.

WILL ESCORT MEYER



Maj. Leonard M. Fournier, of Lanark, Ont., is one of two Allied airmen assigned to bring Maj. Gen. Carl Meyer by air to Canada where he will serve life imprisonment.

Algonquins Reach Halifax Tomorrow; No Further News Yet

As at Two o'clock this afternoon, there is nothing new on the arrival of the Algonquins, beside the fact that they will arrive in Halifax tomorrow.

Until then, it is unlikely that further reliable information on the time of their arrival in North Bay will be available. The adjutant of the local company is on his way to North Bay now, it is stated, and will advise if there is anything new on the situation.

When the news comes, it will be available to all interested, at the Municipal Building.

Youngsters May See Midway Show Here

"There are a lot of youngsters in this town who cannot get out of it, and there would be no harm in letting the show into town and enabling the kiddies to enjoy themselves," Councillor Philip Fay stated at council on Wednesday.

He was commenting on a letter from small travelling midway show which sought permission to visit Timmins for a few days next summer.

Mayor J. E. Brunette agreed, "As long as it is a clean show."

The letter assured the council of its cleanliness. "No gypsies, and no rough stuff," it stated.

Mr. Fay smiling declined to accept Councillor Robert's suggestion that he take a trip out West to investigate.

H. C. Farrow Is Head Of Rod and Gun Club

Members Plan For Skeeet Shoot In February

Elected to office at the annual meeting of the Rod and Gun Club held in the municipal building Jan. 16 were H. C. Farrow, president; Phil Laverdure, vice-president; S. J. Morgan, secretary.

Elected to the executive board were A. Brewer, B. M. Robinson, D. C. Fishmand, E. Towell. R. Godin was elected chairman of the game committee, Ed. Baderski, chairman of the fish committee, and D. C. Fishr, chairman of the boat committee.

Following the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting the annual report of the Northern Ontario trophy was read. Bert Robinson, inclusive of some of the resolutions put forth at the last meeting of the Federation in November.

Matters regarding a skeet shoot to materialize in the near future were dealt with and films were shown by members of the fire department.

"It's A Girl!" Mayor Hands Out The Cigars

Mayor J. Emile Brunette is handing out cigars today for the traditional reason. It's a girl, and the name has not been decided on yet.

"After two boys, it's a change," the Mayor smiled.

The child was born at six o'clock this morning and both Mrs. Brunette and the girl are doing splendidly.

Legion Ladies Enjoy "Pot-Luck" Supper

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion held a most enjoyable social and "pot-luck" supper on Monday evening in the Legion hall.

The program was in charge of Mrs. A. Berland Jr., president of the Auxiliary. Several games were played, causing much merriment.

A Few Less Meters And A Lot Less Housing, Is Situation In Timmins

High School Girls Plan Fashion Show With 125 Models

Women's Institute Will Aid With Valentine Tea

The Gold Star Branch of the Women's Institute and students of the sewing classes of T. H. & V. S. are holding a Valentine tea and fashion show on Feb. 6, in the Hollinger Hall from three to six in the afternoon.

Miss McDonald, instructor in sewing at the high school, will supervise the fashion show. A hundred and twenty-five models will be chosen from the students and they will model the work they have done in the past year.

Musical entertainment will be provided and a tea will be served.

The proceeds from this fashion show will be divided between the Women's Institute and the students. The students will use their half of the proceeds in obtaining equipment for the sewing rooms at the high school.

Petition Circulated Seeks Low Rental Housing From Govt.

One Billion For Housing Program, Is Request

A petition is now being circulated in Timmins and Schumacher, sponsored by the "Labour-Progressive" party and asking support of the party's housing program.

The program, according to information received today from Steve Stern of the party's local committee, "proposes that the Dominion government undertakes to raise one billion dollars through a national loan on the same basis as we raised money for war. This is to be used for the construction of 250,000 housing units over a period of five years."

"Such a public housing scheme could provide 50,000 low rental housing units per year which would provide decent living quarters for people of small means on the basis of subsidies. The rent should not exceed \$20 to \$21 per month," the program claims.

The party's committee here claims that the average rent in Timmins is at present \$29 per month.

Announcement of a public meeting in Timmins on Monday, Feb. 4, in the Goldfield theatre is made. This meeting is to be addressed by Mrs. Doris Nielsen, former M. P., who is in charge of the L. P. P. housing campaign.

Wartime Housing Official Is Making Survey Of North At Govt. Request

"There are only twenty-two less electric metres in Timmins than before the war," Mayor J. E. Brunette told The Advance this week.

This, it is believed, can be taken as an indication that, despite the large number of houses boarded up or rendered obsolete in the past six years, there are about as many family units in Timmins as ever. The amount of new building, on the other hand, has been negligible.

"The families are doubling up more," the Mayor explained. "The sons are bringing their wives to live with their parents."

A bright spot on the housing horizon showed itself this week in the person of C. L. Kerr, a representative of War Time Housing Limited, who came to Timmins with orders to make a survey of the housing situation here.

Mr. Kerr's activities will take him to Kapuskasing, Hearst, Iroquois Falls, North Bay, Sudbury and Kirkland Lake, an indication that the government has at last directed its attention to the problems of the northern centres.

Rev. J. D. Parks Will Give Lecture Here

The anniversary committee of First United Church met in the vestry Sunday night to complete plans for the lecture to be given by Rev. J. D. Parks, minister of Sherbourne United Church, Toronto, on Monday evening, Feb. 11.

The lecture is entitled "In Search of Britain -- With apologies to Mr. Martin."

The Rev. Parks, a former minister of the church, is well known here, and was with the R.C.A.F. overseas.

Housing Commission "Surprises" Union

"It comes as a surprise that the working people have no representative on the Housing Commission," said a letter to the town council from the Mine Mill and Smelter Workers Secretary Corliss.

The Union secretary, evidently having his own definition as to what constituted "working" people, expressed the Union's desire for such a representative.

"We may be able to comply if some member of the present commission resigns," the Mayor commented. "The council has decided who will be on the commission."

Junior, Interscholastic Ski Championship Will Be Held At Local Club

Event for Northern Ontario Ski Fans Is Scheduled For February 23 & 24

The Northern Ontario Junior and Interscholastic skiing championships will be held in Timmins, under C.A.S.A. rules, on Feb. 23 and 24, it was learned this week.

Competitors will be in three classes, "A," "B" and "C." Class "A" is for entrants between the ages of 18 and 19; class "B" for entrants between the ages of 16 and 17, and entrants of 15 years of age and under will compete in Class "C."

The Kiwanis Trophy will be awarded the club with the highest points obtained by entries in these three classes. The totals, for this Trophy, will be obtained by combining the points of the highest five of their six entries. Prizes will also be awarded to participants coming first and second each of the events and individual champion will be chosen for each of the three classes.

The events begin on Saturday, afternoon, Feb. 23, at 2 o'clock, at the Porcupine Ski Club's grounds. The cross-country race will be held on Saturday in the vicinity of the Chelset. The downhill and slalom events will be held on the Kamascotia property on Sunday Feb. 24 at 9:30 a.m.

The Porcupine Ski Club is at present trying to arrange for billets for the Junior contestants, a committee has been appointed for the purpose. Entry forms will be sent out in the near future to all the ski clubs in Northern Ontario and it is expected that all the clubs will be represented in the meet.

Free transportation will be provided the contestants from Timmins to the Porcupine Ski Club property at Kamascotia where the downhill and slalom events will be held. The Iroquois Falls club is assisting the local ski club in the preparations for the championship meet.

Lafranier-McDonald Nuptials At Church Of The Nativity Are Attractive Event

A wedding of interest to Timmins residents took place this morning at the Church of Nativity when Vincent Lafranier took Miss Margaret McDonald as his bride. Miss MacDonald is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. MacDonald of 19 Crescent Ave., Timmins. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lafranier of 64 Maple St. South, Timmins. Rev. Father Murray performed the nuptial ceremony assisted by Clifford Lafranier brother of the groom, who served the mass.

The bride wore white lace, long train, satin underdress and veil. Therese Kil'een, bridesmaid, was dressed in turquoise, with little matching hat. Mary MacDonald, bridesmaid, as sister of the bride, wore rose with matching hat and rose corsage. The reception was held in the McIntyre community centre and another reception was held later at the home of the bride. The couple will leave on tonight's train for their honeymoon in Toronto, Montreal and Boston. At the completion of the honeymoon the couple will return to Timmins, taking up residence at 25 Crescent Ave. Miss MacDonald was given in marriage by her father. Organist for the ceremony was Mrs. Donovan.