

Investigation Of Police Department Is Sought

Kiwanis Enjoy Varied Ladies' Night Program At Anniversary Dinner

Timmins Club Celebrates 22nd Anniversary Of Receiving Its Charter

On Monday evening this week Timmins Kiwanis observed the twenty-second anniversary of the presentation of the charter to the club and the thirty-first anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis International.

The occasion was a ladies' night and about seventy Kiwanis, their ladies, and friends, enjoyed the event at the Empire hotel.

The menu provided by the Empire hotel was a special one for the occasion, and President G. N. Ross set a high standard for the evening by his witty and humorous address, which had a laugh in every sentence. He said that he had been requested, especially by Past Presidents, to give a picture of how a man was elected to be president of the Kiwanis. In more serious vein he gave sincere welcome to the ladies and the other guests present.

Past President W. O. Langdon, K.C., after reviewing the great progress made by Kiwanis International and the good work of the local club, led the Kiwanis members present in repeating the pledge of dedication to the good work of Kiwanis. Past President Langdon also gave the message of the International President for the occasion. His brief address was lightened by wit and humour and apt story.

In proposing the toast, "to the ladies," Past President R. P. Kinkel was in very happy form, and the reply by Mrs. Kinkel was equally witty, as well as making a number of decided points in favour of the ladies, whom she pointed out had proven during war days how valuable their services could be in every line of endeavour, even in those occupations previously held to be prerogatives of man.

A specially attractive feature of the evening was the notable music by Mr. Eduard Bartlett, violinist, and Mr. Geo. A. Jenkin, pianist. Both the violin and piano numbers were warmly and sincerely enjoyed.

Community singing, a happy item on the program for the evening, was led by Kiwanian Gordon Campbell.

After the excellent dinner provided by the Empire hotel, and the other pleasant items of entertainment, bingo was enjoyed, humorous prizes being awarded the men winners, while the lady winners received such treasures as silk hose.

After the bingo there was an hour or two of dancing enjoyed by all.

Among the visitors for the evening, all of whom were introduced by Kiwanian P. Woodbury, were:—Dr. Somerville, president of the South Porcupine club, and Mrs. Somerville; Mr. Eduard Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jenkin, Mrs. R. P. Kinkel, Mrs. J. Beattie, Mrs. R. Harvey, Mrs. A. W. Plecker, Mrs. G. Campbell, Miss Book, Miss Arnold, Mrs. Morris, Mrs.

Walter Cook, Mrs. F. Woodbury, Mrs. Shook, Mrs. W. J. Doran, Mrs. L. Halperin, Mrs. W. O. Langdon, Mrs. P. Bailey, Mrs. D. Earl Barkwell, Mrs. O. R. Kenzie, Mrs. S. T. Walker, Mrs. H. J. Fuke, Mrs. E. H. King, Mrs. A. G. Irving, Mrs. J. P. Parker, Mrs. H. J. Lloyd, Mr. Nicholas Bassiano.

Lt. Col. R. Hogarth Arrives Tomorrow

A quiet and unassuming young soldier, young in years but a battle-seasoned veteran of World War No. II will arrive in town tomorrow.

Lt. Col. R. E. Hogarth, R. C. A., who commanded the 23rd Battalion Field Regt., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hogarth, 122 Tamarack St., has served with distinction since 1940, this being his first visit to Canada since that time.

Educated at Central Public School and Timmins High and Vocational School, Lt. Col. Hogarth graduated from Royal Military College, Kingston, and enlisted in September, 1939, and during his service on the continent, following D Day, Lt. Col. Hogarth was awarded the D.S.O. and French Croix de Guerre avec Palm for conspicuous valour and leadership.

In May, 1940, Lt. Col. Hogarth was married to Miss Isobel Glass, of Ottawa, at Borden, Hants, England and will be accompanied by his wife on his forthcoming visit to Timmins.

Provincial Police Here Have Quiet Fortnight

The local branch of the Ontario Provincial Police have enjoyed peace and quiet for a period of almost two weeks.

One constable stated it was the quietest he had seen it in over five years. Could be that the Union of wrongdoers, if there is one, have called a halt to any activity?

Mayor Praises North Bay's Reception Of Algonquin Regiment

Returning Veterans Are Enthusiastically Welcomed At Station

"The city of North Bay went all-out in its reception of the returning Algonquins," Mayor J. E. Brunette stated on his return from the official reception given in that city on Tuesday.

"The service clubs had thirty cars to drive the boys and there was nothing missing in the arrangements," the Mayor said. "The entertainment provided was especially good."

"It was the first time I have had an opportunity of seeing a unit demobilized in that fashion," he stated. "It was certainly nice to see the reaction as the boys met their families."

Capt. Chas. Brown, commanding "D" Company of the Reserve Battalion, was present with the Mayor at the reception in North Bay.

"Capt. Gaston Grandbois, one of the returning veterans, told me he had never seen anything like it before," the Mayor declared.



Police Chief Leo Gagnon

The Police Chief was found by the Commissioners of Police to have acted "in good faith" in the matter inquired into yesterday.

Fall Of Rock Kills Mine Worker At Buffalo-Ankerite

Andy Stricz, of 112 Balsam St. North, Timmins, a worker in the Buffalo-Ankerite Mines, was killed last night as the result of a fall of rock.

The deceased is reported to have had no relatives here, and it is understood that a brother-in-law is coming up from Sudbury to make the funeral arrangements.

Father O'Gorman Attends Funeral In Ottawa

Called out of town for the second time in the past week, Rev. J. R. O'Gorman, parish priest of the Church of the Nativity, went to Ottawa on Tuesday to attend the funeral of an aunt, Miss B. O'Gorman, who died Monday.

Previously, Father O'Gorman had gone to Renfrew to address the ceremony attending the 60th anniversary of the Holy Cross Convent there, where he was one of the original class.

Report On Cost Of Town Water Causes Argument Among Town Councillors

Request For Special Committee Fails To Get The Council's Approval

Highlight of a stormy, two-hour council session yesterday afternoon was a report on the cost of water supplied to the town by Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, which had been prepared by Gore & Storrie, Toronto consulting engineers.

The cause of most of the clamour was the manner in which the report should be considered.

A motion made by Councillor J. V. Bonhomme and seconded by Councillor Ellen Terry recommended that the report should not be dealt with until a committee had been appointed, consisting of the chairmen of the Fire and Light, and Water Works committees and the Mayor, with power to add the town solicitor and auditor to the committee.

Councillor Wm. J. Doran also supported the motion, which went down to defeat as Councillors Roberts, Fay, McDermott and the Mayor opposed it.

The matter will accordingly be dealt with in the normal manner.

The interim auditor's report, which was the original cause of the meeting being called, was referred to the Finance committee.

The Fire Chief was given the go-ahead signal to invite the Fire Chiefs' Association to hold its annual convention in Timmins.

A by-law was passed to provide for borrowing \$30,000 on debentures to pay for the cost of street opening in the north section of the town.

Administration Of Dept. Criticized In Letter To Police Commission

Chief Constable Acted In Good Faith, Is Opinion Of Police Commission

On the contention that liquor seized by the police, had been subsequently tampered with, Deputy-Chief Constable J. P. Downey has in a written statement accused Timmins Chief Constable of maladministration of his department.

The Timmins Police Commission, consisting of Magistrate S. Atkinson, Judge R. A. Davis, and Mayor J. E. Brunette received a letter from the Deputy Chief yesterday and deemed the matter important enough to take sworn evidence in the matter.

The letter, which was dated Jan. 28, and addressed to the Board of Commissioners of Police of the town, reads in part as follows:

"I hereby charge the Chief Constable with maladministration of his department.

"During the past fourteen months the following events have taken place:

"A quantity of liquor was seized from a store by Sgt. Gariepy and Sgt. Braney of the Ontario Provincial Police in December, 1944. A charge was laid, a conviction registered and the liquor confiscated.

"Later in the month it was brought to my attention that the seals of the

confiscated liquor had been broken and the liquor obviously diluted.

"Sergt. Gariepy and Sergt. Thompson complained to me that they had informed the Chief Constable of the occurrence and that nothing had been done about it.

"On interviewing the Chief Constable with respect to said liquor, he winked and waved it aside with the following information, that arrangements had been made with Mr. Villeneuve of the Liquor Control Board Store to dispose of the liquor in its tampered condition.

"I informed the Chief Constable that I would not tolerate such a procedure.

"The following day I left for Ottawa, on holidays, and on my return the Chief Constable informed me that he was replacing the liquor.

"Since that time the Chief Constable has attempted to subvert Sgt. Gariepy, Sgt. Thompson, Detective Archambault, Const. Bilbrough and me, in various ways, for example -- forbidding me to attend Police Commission meetings.

"I therefore request an enquiry by the Board of Police Commissioners into the Chief Constable's conduct during this period.

(signed) "J. P. Downey"

Deputy Chief Constable.

Sworn evidence was taken in which it was disclosed that the Police Chief, on learning that the liquor had been tampered with, had sought the advice of the crown attorney as to the proper course of action to be taken. When questioned by the Chief, Deputy-Chief Downey admitted that he knew the crown attorney had been informed of the matter.

Findings of the Commission were to the effect that no evidence had been presented as to which person or persons had been responsible for tampering with the liquor, and that investigations in this respect would continue. Upon proper evidence being produced, the person or persons responsible would be dealt with, it was decided.

The Chief Constable acted in good faith and on the advice of the crown attorney in not reporting the matter to the Commission at the time, the Commissioners found.

The Commission found, further, that there was evidence of very little co-operation in certain departments of the police force, and the Commission is studying the question of obtaining better co-operation. In future, written complaints to the Chief Constable would be prepared in duplicate and a copy furnished to the secretary, with the Chief reporting each month on such reports received.

Brilliant Young Pianist Thrills Capacity Crowd At Tuesday Night Recital

Artist Was Brought Here By The Porcupine Music Teachers Association

Miss Lillian Perrault, brilliant young concert artist from Malartic, Que., thrilled music lovers of Timmins at a recital held in the council chambers of the municipal building, on Tuesday night.

Her program, made up of short concert pieces, was enthusiastically received by the capacity audience. Besides being capable of a brilliant interpretation of every passage, the young artist showed herself to be in possession of a charming personality.

The works chosen for the recital were: Prelude and Fugue in C sharp, Bach; Sonata in D, Mozart; three Etudes of Chopin; Etude in F, Etude in C sharp, and Etude in A; following the intermission, Scenes From Childhood, Schumann; Hungarian Rhapsody No. II, Liszt; Impromptu, in E flat, Faure; Jeu d'eau, Ravel; and What the West Wind Has Seen, Debussy.

At the completion of the regular program, the applause requested encores. The artist returned and played works of Chopin and Debussy.

Previous to the recital, Mrs. Ronald Vary of the Ankerite addressed the audience explaining that it was the aim of the Porcupine Music Teachers Association to bring artists here from time to time to encourage a greater love of music and to encourage the

Firemen Have Eight Chimney Fires Out Of Fifteen Alarms

Chimney fires accounted for eight of the fifteen alarms received by the local fire department up until yesterday.

Five calls were received on Jan. 27. The first at 1:37 a.m. to 12 Borden Avenue where an overhead stove had caused alarm to the occupants of the home. Again at 2:23 a.m. the department was summoned to 167 Pine St. N., where furnace pipes had been knocked down, presumably by gas. There was no resulting damage.

The third call for the day was to attend to a chimney fire and the fourth, received at 11:17 a.m. was to 82 Birch St. N., where overheated stove pipes had ignited a partition, causing slight damage. The damage is covered by insurance. The fifth call for Jan. 27, resulted when a hot air register in a home at 64 1/2 Tamarack had ignited a petition causing slight damage.

The first alarm received on Monday was to extinguish a chimney fire. The second call was to 12 Pine St.

Mayor Brunette Gets Axe .. Al. Wetmore Given Job

It finally happened! Mayor J. Emilie Brunette, long-time leader of the Timmins town council, has been officially given the axe.

The word reached The Advance this morning.

Last night at the hall of the local branch of the Canadian Legion, a bright and shiny axe was handed to Mayor Brunette. The Mayor, it appears, is being encouraged to enter the wood-chopping competition at North Bay.

The Legion meeting also performed another important function in electing Al. Wetmore, Timmins lawyer and Legion president in 1945, to fill the presidential chair left vacant this year on the resignation of H. J. Quinn.

The result came by acclamation, registering the unanimous approval of the veterans for Mr. Wetmore's administration of his office last year.

The presentation was made by Al. Wetmore, and carried with it the good will of the Branch to those in North Bay.

At the meeting approval of the members was asked for the expenditure of approximately \$85,000 for construction of the proposed new Legion Hall.

It was announced that preparations for the combined services ball, to be held at the McIntyre on Feb. 14 are completed and tickets are now on sale. Official permission has been received for those attending the dance to wear uniforms.

Smith-Thompson Wedding Held This Afternoon

Mr. George Ross Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, took Miss Gwendolyn Muriel Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert John Thompson, as his bride, this afternoon at the United Church in South Porcupine.

The reception will be held in the McIntyre auditorium following the nuptial ceremony.

St. Paul's Men's Club To Entertain Ex-Servicemen

South Porcupine — Special to The Advance.

The Men's Club of St. Paul's Anglican Church is holding a dinner in the hall tonight (Thursday). Guest speaker will be Dr. Gordon Watt of Timmins. The club proposes to honour returned men next month by holding a dinner and reception for them in the hall.

Club Has 600 Members, Hall Will Hold Only 225; Young Folk Seek Help

Lack Of Accomodation Is Handicap Of Thriving Young People's Club

The Canadian Young People's Club of Timmins now boasts a membership of over six hundred. The members belong to every nationality, sons and daughters of people in practically every walk of life. The governing of the club is their own work, they keep their own books, arrange their activities themselves, nominate and elect their officers in the proper manner. They have made donations to charitable organizations, they have a bank account, boast a club orchestra and though they have achieved much since their organization, almost a year ago, they go unrecognized.

Last February, the British Isles Victory Club met and decided to attempt the organization of a young people's club, in the hope that it would provide the young people of the town with the recreation they needed, at the same time keeping them off the streets and out of trouble.

The young people were asked, through the medium of the newspapers, if they were interested in belonging to a young people's club.

The next night, over two hundred youngsters met in the Hollinger recreation hall and the club was born. In the months following, more and more youngsters came along, seeking membership and receiving it.

There were no stipulations as to their nationality or religion, there were no questions asked, the only qualification being that they were young and interested. Now, after a year of organization the membership has swollen to over six hundred, there has never been a rift of any type.

The members come together twice a

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Local Mine Union Asks For Action On Reported Shortages Of Clothing

Ottawa Promises Action On Results Of Timmins Survey By Local 241

Action has been taken by Local 241 of the Mine Mill and Smeiter Workers' Union in Timmins to secure some remedy for a reported shortage of some types of clothing.

According to a survey made by Local 241 in Timmins, the situation is indeed serious and particularly so in respect to the clothing for children between the ages of six months to two and one-half years.

The Union executive in charge of the survey has received letters from the W.T.P.B. with the information that the matter will be dealt with further, and a letter has also been received from Mrs. J. G. White of the consumer branch of the W.T.P.B. in Ottawa, bearing information that the matter will be treated with as "urgent."

The survey in Timmins, made by underclothing may be serious.

Interest In Hobby-Craft Found In Young And Old; Seek To Establish Club

Home Craftsmen Hope To Find Workshop For Exchange Of Ideas, Tools

By Jack Wilson

Interest, prompted through viewing different types of models appearing from time to time in the window of the hobbycraft shop on Cedar St. led to viewing more models inside the shop and uncovered many interesting facts at the same time.

Inside the shop a large model airplane was hung from the ceiling. The model is nearing completion and when completed it will be powered by a gasoline engine. In flight, it will give its builder the satisfaction of seeing his ideas materialize in solid form.

Naturally one would connect models with boys but the model just mentioned is not the work of a youngster, it is the work of an adult. It appears there are many men in Timmins who go in for model building.

There are also many youngsters interested in this form of expression, spending their leisure moments working on models of all types, airplanes, ships and anything that can be reproduced in the form of a model.

From time to time their creations appear in the window of the shop, and immediately after school many of the younger enthusiasts gather there for a short exchange of views and they speak of the organization of a hobby club.

The number interested in the formation of a hobby club has been termed by R. J. Prince, proprietor of the shop, as great.

Once again it was learned that the ages of these interested in such a club vary greatly, from school-boy to adult.

That the ages do vary is in itself a fact worth noting.

The older members of the club, if it were formed, would be able to guide and help the younger members in organization as well as imparting pointers on model building.

The younger members would find a form of recreation that so many of them seem to want. Belonging to such a club would clear away some of the "loose ends" that seem to be connected with the younger members of the community.

Apparently the youngsters of Timmins find it difficult to satisfy their recreational wants.

Granted, there are many organizations in town that help along these things, but some of the youngsters are left outside, the reason for this, perhaps, being that their interests are not included in the program of these other clubs.

Another point worth noting is the opinion, based on fact or fallacy, that a majority of youngsters can be seen standing on street corners, in pool rooms and doorways around the town.

There seems very little else for them to do. Whether or not all of them are interested in model building, is hard to determine. A good guess might be that many of them are.

Unfortunately there is very little to offer other than the fact that a hobby club should be organized. Who will organize it, the town, a service club, or a group of citizens is not known. The people interested in organizing the club could be contacted through the owner of the shop, and perhaps in time Timmins would have another aid in providing the youngsters with a beneficial form of recreation.