

The Porcupine Advance is now being sent, on our initiative, to four out of five homes in the town of Timmins.

For there is a very definite reason behind the decision to give The Advance a degree of free circulation.

Because it seems to us that there is a job for the Advance to do, a job which, despite limitations in other fields, it is well qualified to undertake.

Two items of community enterprise in which The Advance is glad to offer its support are to be noted in this issue.

Competition in this field can do no one any harm, and may prove of benefit to many.

LET US SING

The proposed series of community sing-songs, to be held in the Hollinger Park on Sunday evenings seems a most excellent idea.

The Timmins Citizens' Band is to be congratulated on its willingness to take part.

All in all, it would appear that the Y's Men's Club has been happily inspired in sponsoring the effort.

OF INTEREST TO YOUTH

Elsewhere in this issue appears a "questionnaire" which should prove of interest, both to young folk and to their parents.

If a goodly number of these questionnaires are sent in, the Youth Welfare Council hopes to be able to get a better view of the problem here.

The meeting, it is understood, has been planned with the purpose of giving the young people an opportunity to state their opinions of what can be done, and to say what part they are willing to take in any plans made on their behalf.

The meeting should be a thoroughly interesting one and we know of no reason why parents, or others who have the welfare of the younger set at heart, shouldn't attend it.

THE TWENTY YEARS OF MR. KING

We imagine Canadians are just a little bit surprised at themselves this week. Not disgusted, necessarily — just surprised.

One can't altogether blame the Liberals for this strange happening. They have, at various times, made enough mistakes to keep a considerable number of apologists working on a three-shift basis.

Perhaps, then, it were better to seek the reason for Mr. King's record of office-holding in the person of the gentleman himself.

Our guess, and a rather trite and amateurish one it is, is that Mr. King holds his job because of his unobtrusive genius for compromise.

Perhaps in this, Mr. King is a greater man than we give him credit for being.

Or perhaps a saner appraisal of Mr. King may be formed later, when we find how easy — or how difficult — it is to find a man who can take his place.

COUNCIL AND THE VETERANS

We claim to know as much, and as little, of what the ex-servicemen have in mind, as the next man.

We feel that perhaps more could have been done in purchasing land for the use of ex-servicemen before prices became inflated.

It has not been noted that municipal bodies have been asked to assume the burden in this respect, which should have been shouldered by the nation as a whole.

Some veterans value their service ribbons, some do not. To some the scroll, which the Town of Timmins plans to give the men who enlisted from here, will mean very little.

However, if there are beefs, and we have not denied the possibility, let us direct them to the higher-paid help, in Toronto and Ottawa.

PREMIER KING IN LONDON



The Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the Canadian government, is shown in the grounds of 10 Downing St., residence of the prime minister of Great Britain, after his arrival in London to attend the meeting of empire prime ministers.

Local Jeweler Is Given Two Years In Kingston For Possession Of Gold

Sentenced In Cochrane Yesterday Following Arrest Here Last January

Francois Guillemette, a Timmins Jeweler, was sentenced to two years in Kingston penitentiary by Judge A. B. Currey in Cochrane yesterday for the illegal possession of two large gold buttons valued at \$3,123.12 and \$3,026.19 respectively with a total value of \$6,149.31.

Guillemette was defended by Gregory T. Evans of Timmins and the case was prosecuted by Crown Attorney S. A. Galbreck of Timmins.

Guillemette was committed for trial by Magistrate Atkinson in Timmins last January and the evidence presented at that time disclosed that Guillemette had been arrested by members of the Ontario Provincial Police stationed in Timmins shortly after he had entered the Moneta Hotel on the night of Dec. 14.

In the subsequent search of his person, police found him to be in possession of the two large gold buttons and a slip of paper bearing figures that tallied correctly with the weight and size, etc., of the gold buttons.

At the time of his being committed to trial it was also alleged that Guillemette had informed police he had carried gold in a similar manner on previous occasions, receiving \$50 for doing so.

Ten Men Added To Fire Department

Council approved appointment of an additional ten men to the Fire Department at its meeting on Wednesday.

The following are the new firemen: James Burns, Ambrose Cantin, Conrad Clairmont, Wm. Martin, Jack McKay, Ralph Nicholson, Oliver Plett, Leo Rochefort, Roland Tremblay, and Andrew Maxwell.

Union Complains To Council About Low Compensation For Silicotic

"I hope that the people of Timmins and the members of council are not going to let things like this go on here," Mayor J. E. Brunette stated at the meeting of council on Wednesday.

The Mayor's remarks had reference to a letter brought in to the council from Local 241 of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union concerning the case of John V. Shields, who, the letter stated, was unable to work due to silicosis, and who had been granted the sum of \$5.29 weekly on which to support his family which included five children.

"It has been going on for years," Councillor J. V. Bonhomme stated. "That is no reason for letting it go on," the Mayor declared.

"Let us get the case examined," suggested Councillor Bonhomme, and the council agreed.

The communications quoted an extract of a letter written by H. W. Forester, claims officer, in March, 1945 to the effect that Mr. Shields was suffering from silicosis, but that as he was continuing to work without wage loss, no action could be taken.

The Union's letter stated that Mr. Shields, who had been working in the mines for 16 years, 11 of them in the crusher house, had continued working, with frequent layoffs, until forced in December, 1945 to go to the hospital. He returned to work, then had to go to the hospital again on March 8.

A Dr. Taylor, the letter stated, had thought the man had no right to be in hospital as he was suffering from a

Horticultural Society Given Annual Grant

Council on Wednesday received a request from the Timmins Horticultural Society for an annual grant. The sum of \$100 had been granted in previous years, the request stated, and the Society would like an increase if possible.

The councillors gave their okay to the sum of \$100 which had been provided for in the estimates, but withheld any increase in the grant.

Student Leader Will Be Kiwanis Speaker

The guest speaker at the Kiwanis luncheon at the Empire hotel on Monday will be Miss Helen Rhea Channen, president of the Students' Council of the Timmins High and Vocational School. Miss Channen will speak on the aims and purposes of the Students' Council.

By-law Hampers Changes In Home

The town council at its meeting on Wednesday had a total of five spectators. One of them had something definite on his mind.

He wished to add six feet to his house to provide an additional entrance for the five apartments it contained, but found himself stopped by the town's by-law covering such work, which states that the wall of an apartment house stairway should be of masonry and fireproof.

It he made any changes in his present building it would have to comply with the by-law, the town engineer stated.

"That's pretty stiff, isn't it?" Mayor J. E. Brunette stated. "We are working on amendments now," Councillor J. V. Bonhomme stated.

New Basement Being Installed Under Goldfields Hotel

Total Of Week's Building Permits is \$26,233

Estimated costs for new building ventures on permits secured from the municipal building this week total \$26,233, an increase of \$4,238 over last week's total of \$21,995.

Largest venture recorded is the building of a new home by L. Marien, of W. C. Harshey, at 36 Carlin Ave., with the home to be built by Hill Clark Francis.

C. Desautels is undertaking the installation of a concrete foundation for a building to be erected at 233 Algonquin Blvd., and to be used as a hotel and office when completed. The estimated cost of the installation of the concrete foundations is set at \$3,318.

A new home is being built by Clarence Prvor of 38 Carlin Ave., at an estimated cost of \$3,000 and additions to Korman's Dairy on Wilson Ave., is recorded as an estimated cost of \$2,000.

Cement basements are being installed at the home of M. Tactaskac of 42 Kirby Ave., and A. Pexton, of 11 Helen St. with the costs for both ventures estimated at \$1,000.

A cost of \$1,000 is also estimated for the sheeting, stucco work and general repairs to be made to the home of D. Colombo of Preston Lane.

The total of permits issued was 33, with the estimated costs of 26 other permits issued for general work, building and repairs, combined with those mentioned above to make the total of estimated costs.

Two Arrests Overnight

Overnight police activity resulted in the arrest of a solitary drunk and the arrest of a South Porcupine resident charged with having liquor in a public place.

Mattagami Dock To Be Replaced

Something is to be done about the condition of the government's dock on the Mattagami, a letter from J. A. Bradette, M.P., informed the town council on Wednesday.

Authorization has been granted for the expenditure necessary to demolish the dilapidated dock, and replace it with another structure on the existing piles. The freight shed will be moved to a new position.

There will be no change in the location of the dock, council learned.

Fire Department Gets One Call — In Error

A lull in activity, dating from Monday, for the local fire department was broken this morning with a call to the end of Hemlock St.

On arrival of the department it was discovered that town employees were burning away brush and a resident had seen the smoke and flame, determined it to be a home blaze and called the department in error.

Clothing Drive Begins In Timmins Monday; First Collection Thursday

An organization meeting of the executive elected to plan the collection of clothing during the National Clothing Drive program to begin next week was held in the rooms of the radio station last night with President Frank Bailey in the chair.

With the drive beginning on Monday it was decided to make the first collection of the goods at 5 p.m. next Thursday.

The Kinsmen Club of Timmins are in charge of the picking up of the goods which will be sorted and packed in the Red Cross rooms under the Post Office, the rooms being the central depot for the drive.

Boxes are to be placed in each of the schools on Monday and the students will be asked to pen notes to children in Europe. The notes will then be placed in with the clothing.

The executive in charge of the drive in Timmins includes Frank Bailey, local chairman; Harvey Freeman, reporter; Wilfred Brochu, chairman of the collection committee of the Kinsmen's Club; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, publicity chairman, and Capt. Douglas Church of the Salvation Army, in charge of the packing and shipping of the clothing.

Timmins Veterans To Get Better Homes Here Than Were Originally Planned

Most Of Wartime Housing Homes to Have Basements It Is Now Stated

Due to a change in plans, veterans who become eligible for occupancy of homes being constructed in Timmins under Wartime Housing Limited, will find themselves in even better accommodation than was originally planned.

The majority of the homes being constructed, it was learned this morning will have basements, instead of the four-foot cement supporting structure called for by the original plans.

The change will not add a great deal to the cost of the houses to the federal government, which is financing the construction and maintenance of the homes, it is stated.

The change will, however, in addition to benefiting the ex-servicemen who will occupy the homes, make them a better proposition from the town's point of view, when the time comes for selling them.

The town, at the end of a stated period, will have the option of purchasing the homes for nominal sums, and in selling them will set the sales price to cover any loss of tax revenue which may be incurred during the rental period. The houses, which will be turned over to the town in first class shape, are expected to find a ready sale.

Entry Forms For Garden Competition Are Now Available

The seed containers in the various stores throughout town are now carrying entry forms for the Victory Garden Competition of the Lions Club of Timmins.

The competition is being conducted by the Timmins Horticultural Society for the Lions Club of Timmins and is open to all residents of Timmins with a garden inside the town limits.

All entry forms must be submitted to H. Read, secretary-treasurer, of 30 Carlin Ave., Timmins, not later than August 10.

The competition has been divided into six classes.

Class 1, Gardens over 1,000 square feet; Class 2, between 1,000 and 750 square feet; Class 3, Gardens between 750 and 300 square feet; Class 4, Gardens of 300 square feet and under; Class 5, juveniles with gardens of 100 square feet or over; Class 6, for novices with gardens of any size.

A novice is stated to be anyone who has never exhibited or won a prize in any Victory Garden competition in this community.

Prizes for the classes range from \$4 to \$15.

Circus Time Rolls Round; Kiwanians Prepared To Handle Mob Of Kiddies

Show is Bright, Clean, Educational, Club Learns At Its Weekly Luncheon

There was an open forum at the weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis at the Empire hotel on Monday, the meeting being given up to plans and preparations in connection with the Garden Brothers' circus at the McIntyre Arena, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, under the auspices of the Timmins Kiwanis.

Kiwanian E. H. King reported on the arrangements made in connection with the attendance of school children at the circus. He pointed out that on Thursday and Friday afternoons there would be so many school children at the circus that a special number of Kiwanis would need to be on hand to keep everything running smoothly.

About twenty of those present volunteered their services for this work.

Kiwanian P. T. Moiseley reported on the advance sale of tickets for the circus event.

There were three visitors for the day: W. P. B. Cadman, of the New Liskeard Kiwanis, formerly of Timmins, where he was one of the charter members of the Timmins Kiwanis; Lorne Wood, of the New Liskeard Club; and Rod Matheson, formerly of Timmins, and now welcomed back here.

Kiwanian Cadman told the club that the Garden Brothers' circus had played at New Liskeard, and was an excellent circus, clean, bright and educative. He was sure that it would make a hit in this district.

Kiwanian Wood gave much helpful information in regard to the circus event, based on the experience of the New Liskeard Club.

President G. N. Ross was in the chair for the luncheon. Community singing was led by Kiwanian F. A. Woodbury, with Jack Reid at the piano. It was announced that at future meetings Jack Reid would play during the luncheons and also provide accompaniments for the singing.

Will Show Movies In Union Hall On Friday

On Friday night movies will be shown at the Union Hall on Third Ave.

The showings will commence at 8.30 p.m. and all interested are welcome to attend.

No Admission Fee For Town's Park, Council Rules

"The park belongs to the people, and there should be no charge for entrance to it," Mayor J. E. Brunette declared at the council meeting held yesterday afternoon.

"Our permission for any group to use the park simply means that no two big groups will be given permission to use it at the same time," the Mayor added. "But if other people wish to use the park privately they may do so."

"Some of the activities in the park are for charitable purposes," Councillor J. V. Bonhomme pointed out.

"It is a town park," Mayor Brunette said. "Groups cannot charge admission to it. They can sell a ribbon or tag if they wish."

The decision was prompted by the request of Local 241 of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union for use of the town park for their annual picnic on July 21. The permission was granted unanimously.

Fence Viewers Are Sought In Mountjoy

Secretary of the township of Mountjoy, J. W. Spooner, stated this week that at a meeting to be held next week a by-law will be passed for the appointing of fence viewers in the township of Mountjoy.

The purpose of this will be to settle disputes between neighbours over the conditions of their fences and to arrange for the maintenance of the fences by the neighbours.

Mr. Spooner stated that it was not uncommon for farming communities to have fence viewers.

POLICE DEPT. GETS NEW CAR EQUIPPED WITH 3-WAY RADIO

The latest addition to the Timmins Police Force is a new Plymouth Sedan, equipped with the three way radio set.

The radio equipment for the new car was installed by William Anandola of Keeley Electric.

Dr. G. C. Armitage Goes To Medical Convention

Representing the Porcupine District Medical Society at the annual convention of the Canadian Medical Association is Dr. G. C. Armitage.

The convention is being held at Banff, Alberta. The first session opened on Monday and the convention is expected to last one week.

Seek New Judicial District Here

The town council received on Wednesday a formal request from the Porcupine Bar Association for support in the establishment of a new judicial district in South Cochrane.

Such support, it was suggested, might take the form of a resolution to be passed on to Premier Drew and Attorney-General Blackwell.

"A progressive step, something better for the town of Timmins," was Mayor J. E. Brunette's comment on the proposal. The council agreed.

Plans Made For Clothing Drive

It was announced this week that plans were under way for the setting up of collection depots for the storing of clothing gained through the National Clothing Collection campaign to be held on June 17 to 29 inclusive. The clothing collected will be sent to relieve European areas.

Only used clothing is being asked for and washable clothing should be washed but need not be ironed before turning the articles in. Other garments should be clean and sanitary but need not be freshly dry cleaned before being donated.