

The 17th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce is to be held in Winnipeg, Oct. 8, 9 and 10. In a recent announcement by the president, C. Gordon Cockshutt, it is stated that "we will have a very large attendance compared with previous years and this is only natural since our membership has more than doubled in the last three years. For example, our membership of Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce today stands at the highest point in its history, with 250 community organizations affiliated with the national body and we are midway in a program of assisting to re-organize and re-activate the business men's movement at the community level. The aggregate membership of those 250 Boards and Chambers is over 50,000 and I ask those in business across this country to get into and behind their Board of Trade or Chamber of Commerce and make it the power for good that it should be in these challenging times."

THE TIMMINS BOARD OF TRADE

The local Board of Trade, inactive during the war, has not as yet issued any appeal for membership. There are reasons for this situation. The tourist business, usually the prime target for Board of Trade activities in such centres as Timmins, is governed by conditions over which the Timmins Board of Trade can have little control.

One of the most essential of these conditions is good roads. Until the government gets caught up with its road program in the rest of Ontario, it would appear that little can be expected in the way of road-building in the north.

When it is possible to drive to Timmins with some degree of comfort, visitors will run into a further snag -- the matter of accommodation. A gentleman came into the Advance office last week, looking for accommodation for a party of five American visitors. Evidently there were no camps or cottages available for them. The reputation which these visitors will give to Timmins on their return to the States, can hardly be such as would encourage other visitors.

It would appear obvious that there can be little virtue or common sense in inviting tourists to the Porcupine Camp until we are ready and able to make their stay here a pleasant one. Perhaps the Board of Trade might combine with the Timmins Council in the encouragement of tourist camps in this area.

Meanwhile, some small satisfaction may be obtained by viewing the activity to the rear of the Goldfields Hotel, gazing with pleasure at the recently modernized Kingston Hotel, and listening to the rumors concerning an addition to the Empire Hotel. These are steps in the right direction, indicating as they do that some business men have hopes for a better and busier future -- a future in which the Timmins Board of Trade may play an active part.

WHAT ARE YOUR CHILDREN WORTH TO YOU

The time is coming, and soon, when parents are going to be asked the above question. It might be a good idea, therefore, for parents to take stock of their family and, in their own minds, to decide just how much they are worth -- in time, effort and money.

Heartening evidence that all of Timmins' service clubs are solidly behind the efforts of the Senior and Junior Youth Welfare Councils, has been observed in the reports of the service clubs' meeting in the past few weeks. All have indicated a keen interest in the Councils' plan to offer a city-wide program of recreation, in sports, hobby groups, dramatic clubs and social gatherings. All have declared themselves willing to support the twin councils' efforts to give Timmins youth a wider and more wholesomely attractive sphere of activities.

Interest and support from such sources provides ample assurance to parents that the Youth Councils' plans have been laid along the right lines -- to think otherwise is to discount completely the spirit and idealism which has fostered the growth of the service clubs themselves.

The time has now arrived when the individual parents must decide whether or not their own children are worth a little of that "time, effort and money," mentioned above. Are you, for example, sufficiently interested in your children to suggest to them that they rally to the support of the Junior Youth Welfare Council in its program of activities? Have you brought to their attention the fact that the program includes a dance, a youth rally at a local theatre, and a big, all-out "Community Fair" -- all within the next month or so?

If you are interested, how about doing something about it? Help the Council by bringing these matters to the attention of your children, your neighbor's children, and your neighbor themselves. More than anything else, the Youth Welfare Council needs publicity, and a wider understanding of its aims and program. Details are being carried by your daily paper and by your weekly paper, and by your local radio station -- all of which, incidentally, represents an expenditure which you could ill afford, were it not given free by editors and radio station managers who realize the need for such a program for the youth of Timmins.

Much of this good work must fall short of its objective, however, if it does not meet the eyes and ears of our young people, many of whom have yet to acquire the habit of regularly reading the news.

The results obtained by the Junior Youth Welfare Council in the next few weeks will depend largely on the interest shown by the youth themselves -- an interest which in turn depends on whether their parents are willing to take ten minutes of their time to discuss the matter.

Are your children worth ten minutes' time? It's up to you to decide.

KEEP 'EM OFF THE STREETS

The last three weeks, since the schools have closed for the summer holidays, have seen a number of accidents involving children being struck by automobiles on the streets in Timmins. In these cases it is usually found that the child ran out from behind a parked car, with its vision of oncoming traffic obscured. And in these cases the Court has held the driver blameless of any charge of reckless driving.

With this in mind, Acting Police Chief Albert Lepic has on several occasions warned parents to keep their youngsters off the streets. This week he suggests the use of Timmins supervised playgrounds for the children.

Wise parents will do well to follow the suggestion. Timmins children have grown up in a city planned without boulevards, and largely lacking in sizeable back or front yards. A number of playing areas have been provided however, and these are under excellent supervision.

While a mother's wish to have her children within call is understandable, some cynical person has pointed out that it is easier to bring your children back from the playground, than from the grave. What that remark lacks in good taste it makes up in common sense. And if we are to get through the summer without a fatal accident among children playing on streets, a little common sense is necessary.

Many Features Planned For McIntyre Field Day On Civic Holiday, Aug. 5

Sports, Midway, Skating Exhibition, Dancing Included In Program

A wide variety of sports and entertainment, designed to please both young and old, is planned for the Civic Holiday, Monday, Aug. 5, at McIntyre park and arena. It is learned this week.

It will be a busy day and a long one, with events starting about 10 a.m., and lasting until 2 a.m.

There will be a track and field meet, and swimming races. A big midway will provide entertainment for all, with a merry-go-round especially for the youngsters.

Tents will be erected and fresh tea and coffee will be supplied free, so that those who wish to may have their lunches on the grounds. A band will be in attendance to add to the enjoyment of all.

A regularly scheduled ball game between Hollinger and McIntyre teams will be a feature of the afternoon. From 8.30 to 10 p.m. there will be an ice show in the arena starring Barbara Ann Scott, recently chosen as Canada's outstanding sports competitor for 1945.

Wallet "Borrowed," Not Lost, Owner Claims

A different version in reporting the loss of personal articles was reported from the R.C.M.P. here this morning.

A local resident walked into the detachment quarters last night to report the loss of his wallet containing \$10.

"Somebody borrowed it," he said, "and didn't bring it back."

of Ottawa, and Yvonne Sherman of New York, the Eastern States Junior Pairs champion, as well as featuring many well known skaters at present attending the skating school.

Later in the evening "round" dancing to the music of Jack Bridge's orchestra will take place in the McIntyre gym and there will be square dancing in the auditorium with Hank Belek's orchestra providing the music.

Children of the McIntyre employees will get an extra dividend of pleasure, as they will be issued with tickets entitling them to free ice cream, pop and chocolate bars.

Youth Rally Postponed; Council Plans Dance For Civic Holiday, Aug. 5

Junior Youth Council Postpones Rally To Secure Larger Attendance

The Youth Rally proposed for Sunday, Aug. 4, will be postponed until a later date, it was decided at a meeting of the Senior and Junior Youth Welfare Councils at the town hall on Tuesday evening.

The meeting took into consideration the fact that permission for the use of a theatre had not as yet been received for the date in question, and the fact that many of the young people, away on their holidays, would be unable to attend.

With this in mind the Youth Councils decided to go all out, instead, on making their dance, scheduled for the Pavilion on the Civic Holiday, Monday, Aug. 5, a complete success.

While the dance will be primarily for the younger set, it is intended to welcome any of the older people who may wish to attend and assist the council in its efforts.

Nadine Smith reported more fully on the details of the plan for holding a "Community Fair" on Labor Day, Sept. 2nd. Among the interested listeners was J. G. Garner, of the Lions Club, who has attended the meeting in order to report on the "Community Fair" plans of the Council.

The Lions Club, it is understood, is prepared to consider whether or not they will take part in the "Community Fair" with the Council.

Bath House Would Lower Land Values Residents State

Some residents of Toko and Patricia Blvd., fearing that the erection of a bathing changehouse at Gillies Lake would lower the real estate values in that section, petitioned the town council to reconsider the matter.

"The building is already started," Mayor J. E. Brunette pointed out. "I don't think it will depreciate values. It is good construction, cement brick and stucco."

The mayor felt that if the residents had been able to put up with the sight of the former shacks, they would find the new building an improvement.

The council decided to take no action on the matter, particularly after a letter from the Porcupine Health Unit was read, pointing out that the increased use of sanitary facilities at Gillies Lake made the present accommodation unsatisfactory.

"The new building will serve hundreds of people," the Mayor stated, intimating that the wishes of a few should not be allowed to interfere too much.

"If they want the youth to have any pleasure, they should be willing to put up with a little bit," Councillor E. M. Terry commended.

Tadpoles, Polliwogs And Minnows Give Swimming Instructor Busy Time

Expect 250 Will Learn To Swim This Year In Lions Club Swimming Pool

Working with tadpoles, polliwogs and minnows is an interesting task. Especially when the work is for the good of the community, and the worker adds to the list of worthwhile achievements of the tadpoles, polliwogs and so on.

Confusing? Well the tadpoles, polliwogs and minnows are children ranging in age from eight years and under, known as beginners, 10 years and under (polliwogs), 12 years and under (tadpoles) and 14 and under (minnows) all being swimmers after leaving the beginners' class and gaining greater knowledge of the sport as they move along in age and class.

All this is done under the supervision of H. R. "Hank" Bielek at the Schumacher Lions Club Swimming Pool situated on the Timmins-Schumacher highway where, every day through the week, children come from surrounding towns and are given instruction in swimming and life saving. There every Wednesday evening swimming meets are held to bring the swimmers together for the matching of skill and the benefits derived from competition.

Added to the above is the award of badges signifying the progress of swimmers in the various strokes and in diving.

Burnt brown and clad in trunks "Hank" will tell you that teaching people to swim is a fascinating business and he speaks with the authority of having spent six years at the pool.

PICKETING AT STEEL PLANT IN SYDNEY, N.S.



Picketing at the Sydney, N.S., Dosco steel plant is conducted quietly and in orderly fashion as the strike came to the end of its first week. The union is responsible for the maintenance of the large plant and union members only are permitted in the plant. All maintenance men must have union passes and credentials, and for one hour before and one hour after each shift pickets check on all personnel entering and leaving the plant.

Northern Ontario Ignored In New Rental Housing Plans, Sudbury Paper Says

"Missed Out Completely," In Low Rental Housing Project For Canada

"For those Northern Ontario centres -- not a thing," declares the Sudbury Daily Star, commenting on the recent announcement of the government's housing program in the House of Commons by Reconstruction Minister C. D. Howe.

"While the rest of Canada, from Charlottetown to Victoria, benefits under two of the largest housing schemes so far sponsored... Northern Ontario has missed out completely," the Sudbury paper contends.

"Under the Housing Enterprises plan by which the government and an association of Canadian insurance companies co-operate in financing the construction of low rental housing, 3,443 units so far are projected for this year," the Star continues.

"The paper points out that work is already under way in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver, and that projects of 50 to 100 units are planned for the majority of medium sized centres such as Brantford, Chatham, St. Catharines, Brockville, etc., and other centres in the same population bracket as North Bay, Sudbury and Timmins.

New Constable Here

Constable Sydney J. Bowman has joined the branch of the Ontario Provincial Police in Timmins as a replacement for Constable Jerry Lynch who left two weeks ago to replace James Tappington in Matheson.

Constable Bowman was formerly with the Halleybury detachment.

Six Car Loads Of Flour Coming To Timmins In Reply To Mayor's Plea

"Want To Co-operate In Relieving Shortage," Flour Company Tells Council

Six car loads of flour are on their way to Timmins, as proof that Mayor J. E. Brunette's statement on the flour shortage here did not fall on deaf ears, council learned on Wednesday.

The good news was received in a telegram from J. A. Blais, sales manager of the Robin Hood Flour Mills Ltd., which said in part:

"Mr. Doyle, our representative in Timmins had previously impressed on us the seriousness of the situation. Naturally we work within the orders presented by the Board, but our company wants to do its part in co-operating to relieve the shortage.

"We are glad to say we are en route for Timmins six cars of Robin Hood and Key Note flour which we are rushing and tracing to destination.

"Hope very much that this flour will relieve your situation."

Fractures Neck In Motoring Accident

Mr. H. W. Pope of Toronto, and formerly of Timmins, was reported resting well this morning in the Red Cross Hospital in Englehart, Ont.

Mr. Pope, suffered a fracture of the neck early this week when the car in which he and his wife were driving turned over as a result of a blowout nine miles south of Englehart.

Mrs. Pope escaped injury other than bruises and a shaking up.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope were former residents of Timmins, being well known here before leaving for Toronto to take up residence at 2430 Gerrard St. East in that city.

A son, Reginald, is employed by G. N. Ross, accountants, in Timmins.

Appeal For Laboratory Is Received, and Deferred, by Council On Wednesday

Council Asked To Live Up To Contract Of 1944; Money Not Available

Claiming that the Town of Timmins, in a contract dated April, 1944, had promised to provide adequate space for a provincial laboratory, Miss Grace MacPherson, Director, Regional Laboratory, wrote a four-page brief supporting the need for such a laboratory, which was read to Council on Wednesday.

Provision of space was the responsibility of the town as set forth in the contract, Miss MacPherson claimed. An extract of her letter read:

"May I refresh your memory by quoting from Section 2, Paragraphs (a) and (b) --

"(a) rent the two rooms in the annex of St. Mary's Hospital which is known as the Silicosis Research Laboratory until such time as more adequate space can be obtained and shall pay the rent therefor, and upon more adequate space becoming available, shall rent such more adequate space and pay the rent therefor;

"(b) provide in the said laboratory necessary and adequate space for the operation of a public health laboratory."

The increase in work done at the laboratory had increased markedly in 1946, the letter stated.

"The 1945 Council took no action," the letter claimed. "You, the 1946 Council, are confining yourselves to a mere resolution. This sounds well but will be cold comfort to those who are either too ill or who cannot afford to go to North Bay."

The letter pointed out that at the present time there was a fire-proof, air-conditioned building with a central location near the proposed new wing of St. Mary's hospital, which would be suitable.

A letter from the office of the Deputy Minister of the provincial department of health pointed out further, that at the present time it was impossible for the province to fulfill its agreement to supply a pathologist, because of the inadequate space in the present laboratory, and urged that the problem be settled as soon as possible.

"The matter has not been brought to our attention so forcibly before," Mayor J. E. Brunette commented. "And we have made no provision in the estimates. The taxes are already high, and we have heard the reaction to them. Taxes may go higher next year. This laboratory is important but we have many other important things to consider. We have no right to make a contract now which would affect the 1947 council."

Added to this objection was Councillor J. V. Bonhomme's statement that the rent for the property in question -- 14c per square foot -- was in excess of the cost of other space in town. Similar space cost 9c elsewhere, he claimed.

Choir To Take Part In Community Sing

The Community Sing -- Song to be held in the Hollinger Park this Sunday will feature members of the Ukrainian Choir, who have promised their support in bringing a new and varied flavor to this weekly feature.

The work of the choir has been one of the brightest examples of Timmins' musical enterprise, and it is expected a large crowd will wend their way down to the Hollinger Park around 8.30 p.m. Sunday to meet their neighbours and join in the fun.

Song sheets will be provided by the Timmins Y's Men's Club, who sponsor these Sunday evening affairs.

Town Is "Out From Under" In Wood Deal

Some 161 cords of wood left in the town's possession, will be turned over for the use of the local arena this coming winter, the town council decided on Wednesday.

This represents the balance of 4,216 cords of wood purchased in the fall of 1943 when the council moved to ease an acute fuel shortage at that time, and consists of "left-overs" of sub-standard fuel wood.

Fears had been expressed earlier in the year that if the town would be left "holding the bag" as a good deal of wood remained unsold at that time. The sudden change to cooler weather this spring proved a good salesman, however.

It is understood there is a government subsidy available to assist in expense incurred in such purchases. In any event, as Mayor J. E. Brunette stated at the council meeting on Wednesday, "If one home had gone cold because of the fuel shortage, we would have heard plenty about it."

Will Extend Blvd. If Permits Sought

Under the National Housing Act, builders must have their property served by roads and water before an application for a loan will be approved. The Timmins town council, on the other hand, wants some assurance that houses will actually be built before spending money on roads and water lines.

The matter came to a head at the council meeting on Wednesday, with Councillor Wm. Doran spear-heading the attack for the would-be builders in the Empire townsite, on a proposed extension of Patricia Blvd.

"It's the same old question," Councillor Doran states. "Things have been promised and not received. These people would like a road at least so they can have faith there will be some further development. Most of them want to build on Patricia Blvd., but they cannot get into it now without trespassing. They have been held up all summer."

"We told them that when they were ready to build ten homes, we would go ahead," Mayor J. E. Brunette stated. "It is provided for in the estimates."

Councillor J. V. Bonhomme raised the question whether they could get it if they would not build.

Councillor Doran pointed out that they certainly would not get materials if they could not build.

"What do you want from these people?" he asked. "Do you want a signed bond before you will put in the street?"

"Let's invite them to get building permits, and if four of them come in, we will go ahead with the road and water lines. We can put them in within ten days," Mayor Brunette stated, as the council agreed.

Many Empty Rooms, But Not For Guides, Council Learns

"They had better meet with Councillor Fay," Mayor J. E. Brunette suggested to Council on Wednesday, when a request was received for help in finding a suitable meeting place for Girl Guides in the southern part of the town.

"I have been trying for four months to find a place for young folk to meet in town and haven't been able to do so," Councillor Philip Fay advised.

"Are none of our schools available?" asked Councillor Wm. Doran. "Will they not co-operate?"

"We have never been able to get co-operation from the school board," Councillor E. M. Terry declared.

Councillor Fay stated that the school boards felt the schools were not properly built to handle meetings, as without separate outside entrances it would mean people walking through the halls and they would have to be cleared up afterwards.

"It would not cost a hill of beans to put in outside entrances," Councillor Terry said. "Here we are with the space, and we cannot use it."

The matter was deferred. In a town with a dozen schools empty during the evenings, no place can be found where a group of girls, adequately supervised can meet.

The Royal Life Saving Society, the silver award of merit and the 1st Class Instructor's certificate. Some 175 persons have qualified in the camp, six being 1st Class Instructor's and 12 silver award holders.

The Resuscitation Certificate can also be obtained.

All life saving classes are held at 12 noon during the quiet hour at the pool and all methods are taught including the "Unigrip" method which "Hank" stated could be learned quickly.

Examinations in life saving include written exams, land tests and demonstrations, and the rescue and release work in the water. All instruction is free provided it is taken during the pool hours and if the student is a member of the pool.

It is expected that in the near future swimming clubs from Cochrane and Kirkland Lake will stage competitions here with the local club and return meets will be held in the above mentioned towns.

Opened in 1938, the Schumacher Lions swimming pool tops all other swimming pools in the district, being spacious, clean and equipped with the best of diving boards and dressing quarters.

The staff at the present time includes "Hank" Bielek, supervisor; Miss Mayzell Meneer, lifeguard and assistant to Mr. Bielek; Barbara Hayward, office girl; Ray Savard, caretaker; and Lola and Ruby McCarthy in charge of the truck shop.

UNION MEET FRIDAY

A regular membership meeting of members of Local 241 of the U.M.M. & S.M.U. in Timmins will be held on Friday night in the Union Hall at 7.30 p.m.