

HOMES -- OR FIRE-TRAPS?

Well worth more than passing attention is the warning issued by Timmins Fire Chief on Page One of this issue. He points out that there is little use in pushing a new housing campaign while, by poor construction, we are adding to the present shortage by the number of homes lost through fire.

"Timmins needs more new living units, especially for veterans," the Chief has declared. "But let's be careful, in our zeal, to see to it that we build homes and not mere firetraps. The roof, exterior and interior walls, as well as floors, ceilings, doors and partitions, should all be planned and constructed with an eye to fire-resistance and preventing the spread of fire. This is particularly true of the roof, which is vulnerable to sparks unless it is constructed of asphalt shingles, or similar fire-resistant materials.

"Interior fire-stops at the floor and wall intersections, masonry partitions for basements furnace rooms with fire-resistive ceiling construction above, and proper insulation to lessen the chance of furnaces overheating during periods of extreme cold, are other protective measures that should be kept in mind by the property owner planning to remodel or repair his home," the Fire Chief advises.

The matter of fire-prevention is not, of course, limited to those who are building or repairing homes. The day-to-day carelessness, of which we are all guilty at times, is responsible for nine out of ten fires. The matter becomes particularly important at this time, when furnaces and stoves are again coming into service after a summer of disuse.

Failure to have flues and chimneys properly cleaned adds enormously to the number of chimney fires, any of which may succeed in completely destroying a home. Even failure to clean out rubbish; misuse of electricity; failure to replace worn cords and equipment; and matches left within the reach of children -- all these may lead to disaster and loss, not only of property, but of life as well.

LEGION POSSIBILITIES

When one observes the vast amount of good work done by various branches of the Canadian Legion in the years which followed World War I, and when the work of any service club of from 50 to 100 members is assessed in terms of its value in public welfare, one was surely justified in expecting great things from the Canadian Legion when the veterans joined hands with the ex-servicemen of World War II.

Some idea of the enormous power for good possessed by the local branch of the Canadian Legion may be gained from the news that some 300 attended the branch general meeting on Saturday; that over 1,000 are already listed in its membership, and that the Branch has a possible membership limited only by the 3,000-odd ex-servicemen in the Porcupine Camp.

From the point of view of its present membership alone, the Canadian Legion might well be expected to carry on a program of ten times the weight and scope of any local service club. The possibility of such an added contribution to community welfare is well warranted to raise the highest hopes of anyone interested in the common good. The community at large, therefore, shares in the hopes of the Legion members, that some way will be found to permit the local Branch to measure up to its opportunities for service.

The proposal to build larger quarters to accommodate an even larger membership than that already enrolled in one that merits wide support, and it is hoped that such increased accommodation may successfully pass the planning stage.

The Legion will find in the future, as it has in the past, however, that a building alone will not ensure an active and enthusiastic membership. A well-planned and worthwhile program of activities is necessary for any organization if it is to become anything more than a name.

It will be readily granted therefore, that the present executive are facing an enormous degree of responsibility in guiding the activities of so large an organization as the present Canadian Legion Branch here. It follows, also, that the problems of organization which face the Legion's executive now, will grow even greater with any further increase in membership. Already a large number are affected by Legion leadership, and it is sincerely hoped that such leadership will in the future maintain the progress attained in the past. To do so, it is essential that members of the executive are possessed of the highest qualities of ability, are willing to serve and to undertake the heavy responsibilities that must be theirs if the Legion is to live up to its potential for good.

All of which is commented upon here with the thought that the members of the Canadian Legion will shortly be holding their elections, and in the belief that the result of those elections affects not only the future of the Legion itself, but of the general public as well.

WE'RE NOT WINNING THE RACE

"Every Canadian member of an international labor union should remember that each day his plant is closed is a day gained by a producing American plant in the race for postwar markets," warns a Financial Post editorial. "And in the export of manufactured and processed products, Canada's major competitor is the United States.

"It is probably only a coincidence that almost all Canadian labor unions are only branches of parent organizations in the United States and in some cases strikes have been called or prolonged here on direct orders from U.S. headquarters. Nevertheless if some American group had deliberately sought to put Canadian competitors out of the export field they could hardly have devised a better plan."

SCHOOLS LACKING IN NORTHERN ONTARIO



Twenty miles from Timmins, Ont., Nighthawk Centre is without schools and parents must deal with their own education problems. Henry Chennett, 12, stables "Queenie" after a day's plowing. The nearest school is 10 miles away. The farmers are reported to be giving up hope of having decent schools and are looking forward to reform through the royal commission on education.

Maxwell Smith, Noted Fire Chief And Pioneer Citizen, Passes To Rest

South Porcupine has always taken just pride in the men and women of talent and public spirit who have built the community and maintained its progress and well-being. Today, South Porcupine deeply and sincerely mourns the passing of Frederick Maxwell Smith, for over thirty years in official of the Township of Tisdale, and a leader and a worker in all community effort. The flags flying at half-mast before the Township building, before the public school and the high school, are not simply formal honors but emblems of the sense of loss felt by all who knew Maxwell Smith.

For the past couple of years, Maxwell Smith, for over thirty years an health, with only occasional and temporary return to the strength and activity that characterized him for many years. In recent months, he had been critically ill, part of the time suffering much, but bearing it with the patience and the courage that were typical of the man. During the weekend, he had relief from pain, and on Monday morning at one o'clock, he passed away, quietly and peacefully, at his home at 113 Main Street, South Porcupine.

The late Maxwell Smith was born in Scotland in 1878, and he had the virtues of enterprise, industry, integrity and loyalty that have won respect for the Scot in many lands. He was intensely loyal to the land of his adoption, and gave devotion to the community in which he lived.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Smith came to Canada in 1908, and moved to South Porcupine in the early days of the Porcupine Camp. Here they established themselves as useful and friendly citizens of the new community. For over thirty years Mr. Maxwell Smith was a member of the Township of Tisdale staff. As assessor and tax collector, he gave efficient, but friendly, service for many years. He was widely known, and won the regard of all.

Perhaps his most outstanding service was as fire chief of the South Porcupine Volunteer Fire Brigade. Always keenly interested in this line of public service, he was a member of the brigade since its inception. During the many years that he was Fire Chief, he took the duties with the greatest seriousness. Like the fire chiefs in their serious and Schumacher, he recognized that the greatest protection from fire was the intelligent co-operation of the public. In securing this co-operation he showed the greatest talent and effectiveness. He studied every phase of fire fighting and fire prevention, and gave a time and devotion to this service that could not be excelled even by those who make it a complete and exclusive life work. He had the gift of winning loyalty and co-operation, and under his leadership the South Porcupine Fire Brigade became widely known for its efficiency.

Maxwell Smith's talent as a fire chief was widely recognized. Temiskaming Firemen's Association, noted for its competent fire chiefs, honored him with the presidency of that association. He was still more widely recognized by the election some years ago as president of the Dominion Fire Chiefs' Association.

An illustration of the devotion he gave to his duties as fire chief, was shown during the early stage of his illness. On the occasion of a serious fire in South End, he insisted on getting up from his sick bed to attend the fire. It was characteristic of him, also, that when he saw how well his men were battling the fire, he was persuaded to return home, but not before he



MAXWELL SMITH

had told the boys of the brigade how well they had done.

The same sort of enthusiastic interest that Maxwell Smith gave to fire fighting, he offered to every other worthy cause. He was a valued member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, serving for a quarter of a century or more as one of the church wardens, and, almost as long, as church organist. For many years he was secretary of the public school board. He was active for years in the South Porcupine board of trade. He was an esteemed member of the Masonic Lodge and of the Royal Arch Masons. Few members of the South Porcupine Kiwanis gave more time or talent or heart to the community work of that club. In brief, he was always a loyal worker in every good cause.

The late Maxwell-Smith served with distinction in the Boer War.

Monday and Tuesday of this week, Maxwell Smith rested at Hunkin's Funeral Parlors, where a guard of honor of his firemen stood in relays beside the body of his beloved chief. On Wednesday morning he was taken to St. Paul's Church to lie in state until the funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Interment was made in Tisdale cemetery.

It is no idle phrase to say that the deepest sympathy of all is extended to Mrs. Maxwell Smith and family in their loss. Those who held admiration and affection for Maxwell Smith for his friendliness, his public spiritedness and his unassuming efficiency in all he undertook know their own deep loss in his death, and so appreciate the great sorrow of those nearest and dearest to him.

In addition to the bereaved widow, five daughters survive. They are: Petronella (at home since her father's serious illness); Stella (Mrs. Newman, in England); Beatrice (at home); Marjorie (Mrs. McVey); and Joan (Mrs. Norman Ellis, North Vancouver) who spent two weeks at her father's bedside recently, but who returned last week to North Vancouver. Four grandchildren (three McVey's and one Newman) also are left. One son, Maxwell Smith, lost his life overseas on duty. He had the opportunity to retire with his company, but elected to stay behind to care for wounded men.

RATEPAYERS WILL HEAR BONHOMME

Councillor J. V. Bonhomme has stated that he will be delighted to attend the next meeting of the Ratepayers' Association, J. P. Bartleman informed The Advance this morning.

The next meeting is to be held in the council chambers of the town hall, on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 8 p.m.

"Mr. Bonhomme will undertake to answer any questions put to him by the ratepayers," Mr. Bartleman stated.

Youth Council Seeks Executive To Act For All Young Folk

Urges All Organizations To Send Representatives To Tuesday's Meeting

An attempt to establish an executive which will be truly representative of all the youth of Timmins will be made by the Junior Youth Welfare Council at the meeting to be held in the town hall at 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Council is attempting to get in touch with all young people's organizations in the town, requesting them to send delegates to the meeting, as it is intended to ensure that every group has a voice in any decisions made by the council in lining-up a program that will be of benefit to those in organized groups and to those who are not members of any clubs.

It is intended to set up committees to deal with all phases of young people's activities, to assist clubs or groups to enlarge their own memberships and programs, and to find activities to interest those outside of organized groups.

While the Council is trying to get in touch with every organization, interested groups should not feel they are debarred from attending if they have not heard directly from the Council. The meeting is open to all interested, it is stated.

Impressive Services For Maxwell Smith

Mr. Maxwell Smith lay in state at the church from 10 o'clock yesterday morning until 1:30 in the afternoon when the coffin was closed. The service was conducted by the Right Reverend Bishop R. J. Renison, Bishop of Moosonee, assisted by Rev. John Ford, rector of St. Paul's church; South Porcupine, and Rev. A. R. Chidwick of St. Matthew's church, Timmins.

Pallbearers were Geo. Starling, Stanley Pearce, Ron Mansfield, Wm. Farren, Michael Cybulski and Harold Montrose. All had served under Mr. Maxwell Smith in the fire department for the past 15 years or more.

They lined the sides of the fire truck as the casket was received on it by Joseph Miller and Eino Kemp. Rene Quessel drove the fire truck and drivers of flowers cars were Chas. Laamanen, Lewis Pyke, and Aarne Pajunen. Jack Wilder, K. Bepalko and C. Catterello were flower-bearers.

Among the honorary pallbearers were Fire Chief Wm. Stanley, Timmins; Fire Chief Chas. Jucksch, Schumacher; Geo. Bannerman, Porcupine; F. E. Thompson, sec.-treasurer of the Temiskaming Firemen's Ass'n, New Liskeard; Fire Chief T. W. Wilkes, Ironquios Falls; Fire Chief Secord Robin'son, Kapuskasing; Ed. Caswell, former fire chief of Cochrane; Harry Beardall, Weston; Fire Chief R. J. Mathieson, Kirkland Lake.

Worshipful Master Jas. Brown directed Masonic rites at the grave, with members of the Masonic Lodge of South Porcupine.

Evening Vocational Classes Start Mon.

Evening vocational classes will start in Timmins at the High and Vocational School with enrolment at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7. The fee of \$5 is returnable at the end of the year to those who attend 75% of the classes. Bookkeeping, shorthand, drafting, typing, electricity, machine shop practice, woodwork, dressmaking, cooking and elementary English are among the subjects covered. Other subjects will be added if sufficient interest is shown.

MACKAY W.A. PLANS SUPPER AND BAZAAR

The Women's Auxiliary of Mackay Presbyterian Church met in the church basement last night, with Mrs. D. A. Morrison presiding.

The worship service was conducted by Mrs. V. Neilly and Mrs. H. Shultz. Plans were discussed for a church supper (to be open to the public) to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

The date of Nov. 30 was set for the fall bazaar.

The meeting closed with a hymn and a prayer, following which Mrs. S. Troyer and Mrs. E. Smith acted as hostesses for a very pleasant lunch.

Union Seeks 16-Cents Raise, Company to Collect Dues From Non-Members

Program of Union is Disclosed To Town Council At Monday Meeting

Wage demands of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union in this area, as outlined by the Union's international representative, Leo Behle, to the town council on Monday, followed the lines suggested in The Advance last month.

Chief point of interest lies in the demand for a 16-cent wage boost, six cents of which, the Union explains, is to bring the workers here up to the wage level of Sudbury miners.

In addition, the Union asks for a 40-hour week, with time and one-half to be paid for any hours of work over that amount. The plan also calls for six holidays with pay instead of four, plus two weeks holidays with pay calculated at four per cent of annual earnings, for workers with one year's seniority.

Responsibility for collecting union dues would be placed with the employer, who will be asked to collect such dues from all workers, whether they belong to the Union or not.

Other members accompanying Mr.

KINSMEN IGNORE LENA

Despite the expressed disapproval of folk in Lower Slobbovia, and with utter disregard for the imminent visit of Lena the Hyena, the Kinsmen Club of Timmins has declared its intention of holding a Sadie Hawkins dance on Nov. 9, as announced at the Club's meeting on Monday.

Another matter for discussion at the meeting was the planning of the annual Halloween shell-out.

Representing the distaff side, the Kinettes are having a 'Hard Times' dance at the Pavilion on Friday evening, which promises to be an entertaining event, particularly to those citizens for whom the wearing of old clothes comes under the heading of "Doing what comes natcherly."

Behle were Tom McNeil, president of Local 241; Joe Carliss and D. Walsh, and Mrs. Leo Behle, of Local 123 Ladies Auxiliary.

"Deplorable Ignorance" Of Christian Doctrine Cited By Minister

Cochrane Presbytery of United Church Holds Semi-Annual Meeting

The Cochrane Presbytery of the United Church held its semi-annual meeting at Hearst last week for the first time since 1941 under the direction of Rev. J. L. Carder as chairman and Rev. J. A. C. Kell as secretary.

Featuring the evening session was the address of Rev. W. M. Mustard as president of Toronto Conference who was introduced by Rev. James A. Lytle the superintendent of missions.

A report of the General Council was given in a letter by Mr. Arch Gillies in which he paid tribute to the calibre of the man and the efficiency of the proceedings. He reported that the Pension Fund capital endowment fund gives promise of achieving its objective.

Rev. J. A. C. Kell, also a commissioner, told of the council and its personalities, singling out the new moderator, Rev. Thos. W. Jones, as a man of the ability, courageous spirit, and outstanding gifts of leadership, and also mentioning the Rev. Gordon Sisco, Rev. Victor Mooney, Rev. J. A. Mutchmor and others. The council had given the Church a great report in its findings on "Christian Marriage and the Home," and also in the report on Re-union.

Mr. Mustard speaking on "Winning the Frontier" said it was more than a geographical expression, that there was the frontier of labor, of youth and of the unchurched. He referred to the chaplains' report which pointed out the deplorable ignorance of the great mass of men in regard to the Bible and Christian doctrine.

Two theological students working in the presbytery for the summer gave reports. Mr. John Davies told how he had travelled 5,000 miles by car and 750 by rail in order to visit 500 families (Continued on Page Five)

S.S. Convention To Be Held On Monday

The 1946 Sunday School convention, sponsored by the Porcupine Religious Education Council, will be held in Mackay Presbyterian church, at 2:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 7, it is stated.

Rev. R. J. Scott, Rev. A. R. Chidwick, Rev. W. K. Howard and Mrs. Adjutant Church will be among those who will address the convention. Departmental sessions will be conducted by Miss Frances Clark, Rev. W. K. Howard, and C. A. Mathews.

A supper will be served in the church at 6:15 followed by an evening session which will include a sound film on Paul.

Army Construction Planned For 1949

A five-year schedule of army building is planned by the Department of National Defence, it was learned by the town-council on Monday afternoon.

The schedule begins in 1948, the letter to the council stated, and due to its high priority, the town of Timmins may expect construction to begin in 1949.

Some idea of the size of the army was indicated in the letter, which stated it would be a "Company-Type" building.

GIVE AWAY TURKEYS

A dozen turkeys -- 12 that is -- will be awarded as prizes to those buying tickets for the Y's Men's Thanksgiving Dance to be held in the McIntyre on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Rumor has it that both turkeys and Y's Men will be much in evidence around town this Saturday afternoon in an all-out drive to complete the ticket sale.

The dance itself will feature jive dancing to the music of Jack Bridges and his Topatters.

Lions Club Hears Of International Convention

Mansel Napper, Immediate Past President of the Timmins Lions Club, gave an excellent talk to the Club on Monday concerning his trip to Philadelphia when he attended the Lions International Convention this summer.

The problem of juvenile delinquency was discussed and all clubs urged to increase activities for youth, giving particular attention to canteens and youth clubs.

At the business sessions many speakers presented a variety of studies on national and international problems. Hon. Charles Daley, Minister of Labor for Ontario, presented an up-to-date picture of the organization and objectives of the British nations, and also remarked briefly concerning the future of labor in Canada.

Unions and owners, he said, in spite of the fact that there are some very hard-headed unions and hard-hearted owners, have settled and will continue to settle, their differences in Canada in a free and democratic way. The one difficulty in the way of continuing smooth negotiations at the present time, he stated, is the Communist influence.

An outstanding authority whose address was exceptionally well received by the delegates was Dr. Gerald Wendt, editorial director of "Science Illustrated," who spoke on the subject, "Science Looks Ahead." The problem of atomic energy, which people fear, he said, reminded him of how people feared gasoline when it was first discovered.

"Gasoline was a hazardous nuisance of no value whatever in the early years of the century," he said. "We had to distill it from petroleum in order to get at that precious kerosene. It burned down thousands of homes, and no one knew what to do with it until engineers perfected the internal combustion engine, and overnight gasoline became one of the most important resources of the country."

This will happen with atomic power, he stated, and intimated that such engines will appear very soon. He further stated that while it costs about \$100,000 a pound now to produce atomic fuel, within less than a decade that cost will be less than \$1,000, and at that cost, since it produces several million times as much power as coal, it would be cheaper to use than coal.

Guests at Monday's meeting were Cecil Winton, of the Ontario Department of Health; J. Walker, Jules Morris and Ed. Bower, recently appointed program director of CKGB.

Track Meet To Be Held Sunday If Weather O.K.

Legion Meeting Brings Out Large Attendance

With Membership of 1,000, Local Branch Considers Plans For New Hall

The largest turnout which the local branch of the Canadian Legion had ever had at a general was on hand on Saturday night in the McIntyre Auditorium. Some three hundred members were present when a hundred new members were inducted in the membership of Branch 88, by Zone Commander Austin Neame.

A new speed-up system of nomination and elections, planned with the idea that incoming officers could assume duties at the beginning of the new year, was recommended by the present executive and the proposal was accepted by the general meeting.

Branch 88 has now over 1,000 members enrolled, with a possible total of 33,000 ex-servicemen in the camp and obviously presents the possibilities of a larger and different type of organizational set-up than the one planned following World War I.

Anticipating an even larger membership, the executive presented plans for a new Legion Hall to the members present. The plans were projected on a screen and explained by D. R. Franklin, the architect. The proposed new building would cost about \$140,000.

Youth Council Hopes For Break From Weatherman In Postponing Event

A decision to hold their track and field meet, which had been held over from last Sunday because of the weather, was reached by a joint meeting of Junior and Senior Youth Welfare Councils on Tuesday night.

The event will be staged, weather permitting, in the Hollinger Park on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Events will be staged for junior boys and girls, 12 to 14 years inclusive; intermediates, 15 to 17 years, and the open events from 18 years and up.

Entry forms may still be obtained from council members or at the park at the time of the meet. A large number have indicated their desire to compete in the senior, or open events, and it is hoped that a goodly representation will be had from the schools and high schools in the junior and intermediate events.

CELEBRATES 90th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. G. Kinkel, mother of P. H. Kinkel, manager of the Buffalo-Ankerite Mines, left last week for Buffalo, N.Y., to celebrate her 90th birthday.

with furnishings estimated at another \$20,000 or \$30,000.