

### Just Between Ourselves

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Any performer showing an aptitude to become a feature skater is given every encouragement and a star part as soon as a vacancy occurs.

#### Requirements High

According to Mr. Dench the requirements are very high for professional skaters. The girls must be beautiful, have a Powers model figure and be a good skater to get on contract. Nevertheless, 20% of the performers are Canadians and most of them come from Toronto and Montreal.

Dances sponsored by the Princess Alice Club are always successful, but the one held in the McIntyre Gymnasium on Friday evening surpassed all previous highs in its grandeur.

The dance floor was laid out in cabaret style, with tables for four and more surrounding the ballroom, set with white table cloths with heavy red borders and centred with Christmas red poinsettias.

Jack Bridges and his orchestra were set in a pit of light blue drapes and canopies, with large white bells and sparkling silver stars creating a heavy-green trees that hung suspended over the entrance and the only atmosphere. Mrs. B. Bryan deserved the credit for the white-sprayed ballroom. Dozens of colored balls covered the trees. Immense eight-foot candles of blue composition paper, trimmed with sparkling silver, flanked the walls.

The time and effort devoted to these extensive preparations by Mrs. W. J. Morris, Mrs. John Hope, Mrs. W. Taylor, Mrs. J. B. Sutherland and Mrs. B. Bryan was well repaid in the effect achieved. Mrs. Fred Bowman did a splendid job as chairman of the dance committee.

During the evening dainty rolled sandwiches and hot coffee were served, under the convenship of Mrs. Graham Lane.

Mrs. James Barry led the crowd in a Christmas carol sing-song, which was much enjoyed by the dancers.

Receiving the guests and ushering them to their tables were Mrs. F. Woodbury, Mrs. J. D. Hope, Mrs. E. P. Thompson, Mrs. C. Allen, Mrs. C. Matherwell, Mrs. I. Labow and Mrs. J. H. Stovel.

#### Ladies Lovely

Mrs. Jack Hunt was sophisticated in black jersey with a cunning bolera trimmed with heavy white lace. White jersey cut on simple, classical lines and set off with furry poinsettias was worn Mrs. Michael Onolsky.

Mrs. F. A. "Bang" Robinson's lime crepe evening skirt was topped with a smart torso jacket in black, with long, fitted sleeves and ruffled neckline. Mrs. Bruce Taylor was chic in gray crepe featuring a long torso peplum and tiny cap sleeves.

Mrs. Ron Moyle was sleek in black net with an eye-catching midriff discreetly covered with black lace. A low shoulder line was formed by a dainty frill of figured lace, set off with cut jet beads.

Stately as a queen in fushia and lime figured jersey was Mrs. R. E. Osborn Long lime gloves, pearl earrings and a single pearl clip added to the ensemble. Mrs. Robert Harvey chose a heavy black taffeta with high neckline of sheer nylon, set off with sparkling sequins and American beauty gloves.

Mrs. George Armstrong was extremely chic in a demask taffeta evening skirt in mystic alcohol flame, topped with a black velvet bodice with a single diagonal strap. Black lace mitts and petit point bag completed the smart ensemble.

A magnificent gown of black crepe completely dotted with sparkling rhinestones with a modern side drape was worn by Mrs. J. E. Lewis. A double strand of pearls added to the head-box picture. Mrs. Don Hardy was sweet in sky blue silk jersey, and her armful of bangles attracted much attention.

Mrs. Bob Stock's dazzling costume caused considerable comment. Heavy bronze green satin with a frill effect forming a low shoulder line resulted in a dramatic gown. Purple kid gloves and a necklace of rhinestones completed the effect. Baby blue crepe with a softly draped neckline was chosen by Mrs. Henry Ostrosser. The outfit was set off with long wine gloves adorned with a beautiful diamond bracelet, which matched a dainty clip worn on the bodice.

Mrs. Len McKerrow sported a luscious bare midriff gown of white silk jersey, which featured a draped bodice, very short puffed sleeves and gold sequin trimmings. Gypsy ear-rings gave Mrs. McKerrow that carefree expression.

Mrs. Wendell Brewer was attractive in coral crepe with an intricately embroidered bodice of silver sequins. Black bangaline created a romantic portrait gown for Mrs. Sam Mitchell, which she set off to advantage with American beauty gloves, a pearl choker and ear-rings.

## Club and Church Activities

### FOOD SUPPLY AMAZING JOYCE TANNEY FETED SOCIAL and PERSONAL ENG. TEACHER FINDS ON 16TH BIRTHDAY

Timmins has the honor of being chosen by still another Englishwoman as a desirable town in which to pursue her profession, that of teaching. Miss Evelyn Thomson arrived in Timmins a few weeks ago to take over the instruction of girls' physical training at the Timmins High and Vocational School.

Miss Thomson was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, but at an early age moved to Southampton, Hampshire, England. For three years prior to coming to the Dominion she taught at a boarding and day school in East Grinstead, Sussex.

New Zealand was Miss Thomson's original goal as a place to start her world travels, but she considered the distance from her native land and decided that Canada would be much closer to home, and so Canada it was.

The trip across was very interesting for Miss Thomson, as she was the sole passenger aboard a cargo boat, the only vessel on which she could book passage. Upon arriving in Montreal she found that it was an extremely foreign-appearing place.

Having secured a teaching post in Canada through an agency which arranged positions for teachers in foreign lands, Miss Thomson came to Canada to accept a post at a private school in Cobourg, Ont., Hatfield Hall. The large number of extracurricular activities and duties that she was expected to undertake there prompted her to apply for the position she now holds at the T. H. and V. S. here.

On being questioned about her opinion of the Canadian people as a whole, Miss Thomson said she found us very friendly and outspoken, and felt that one could get to know and understand a Canadian much more quickly than an Englishman.

A feature of our way of life that confuses Miss Thomson is the using of the right-hand side of the road as the right of way. Needless to say, she is delighted with the ease with which we can obtain food and clothing. In her own words, Miss Thomson expresses the situation, "Of course, I find the food supply amazing over here, particularly the fruit, which was what I missed most during the war years. The wonderful variety of all types of clothing that is obtainable, and without coupons, tempts me exceedingly. I could just wander into a shop and buy everything in sight."

Speaking of teaching during the stress of war, Miss Thomson said, "We had one term that was quite exciting; the "doodle bug" (pilottless "planes") came over practically all the time, day and night. We got accustomed to them however. The school children were left to sleep in the dormitories during the raids, which practise was thought much more beneficial to them than disturbing their rest. The St. Margaret's Convent Nuns were in charge of the school and were very kind and sympathetic in consoling and quieting the youngsters. During the first part of these raids the attendance at the school had depreciated greatly as the area was a fairly dangerous one, between London and the coast, but as time went on the children returned to the school."

Miss Thomson finds Timmins much more rugged than Southern Ontario, and the great mixture of nationalities up here amazes her. "Timmins is very cosmopolitan," she remarked. "At home if we had even one girl of foreign extraction in a class it was most unusual; here I find such a variety of nationalities. It is most interesting to work with these mixed groups, however, and a great experience for me."

The inability to teach physical training is one draw-back of our climate, Miss Thomson feels. In England she says it is possible to take the classes outdoors almost every afternoon the year round.

The rest of Canada appeals to Miss Thomson, with the west coast, Banff and our famous Rockies top-ranking on her list. She would like to sail from and South America to complete her New York and also travel in Mexico experiences on this side of the world.

Personal friends of Miss Thomson are teaching in all corners of the globe, including Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, Egypt and India.

Miss Thomson is very young to have been teaching in secondary schools for over three years already. She also holds a diploma from the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, which profession she can follow if she chooses.

Her charming manner and smart appearance will win for golden-haired Miss Thomson friends in which ever country she wishes to visit. Your reporter noted with interest the sturdy military-style bag that Miss Thomson carried, and also her fine grey flannel skirt, and also her fine grey wool sweater were famous English products, but that the winter coat she wore was one purchased not long ago in Timmins.

Miss Joyce Tanney was feted on her sixteenth birthday at her home, 31 Cambrai Ave. Her mother, Mrs. J. Tanney, and Miss Flo Courville were co-hostesses for the occasion.

The guests had already assembled when Miss Tanney returned home in the evening, and upon her entering the door each guest broke a balloon, multiplying the surprise element. The singing of "Happy Birthday" followed.

Paper hats, novelties and colored balloons lent atmosphere to the gay celebration. Dancing to modern recordings and the playing of games completed the enjoyable evening.

Miss May Allen presented the guest of honor with a number of lovely gifts on behalf of the guests.

A plentiful supply of hot dogs was enjoyed by the guests. Two large birthday cakes, one vanilla and one chocolate were attractively decorated with harmonizing frosting in scrolls and with birthday candles. Delicious hot chocolate was served.

Attending were May Allen, Martin Kosobuski, Gloria Richards, Frank Melville, Shirley Richard, Joe Easterbrook, Sonja Gustavsen, Norman Smith, Colleen Cook, Len Sullivan, Aster Erickson, Steve Screebie, Lila Jofonen, Nick Hershovich, Joyce McGlynn, John Bobby, Joyce Hunt, Bill Boychuck, Donald Tanney, Jack Shields, Bill Kozel, Harry Ruby, Morris Boian, and others.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR ANN MARIE MACNEIL

Seven-year old Ann Marie MacNeil was honored recently with a gay birthday party at her home, 78 Elm St. S. Her mother, Mrs. J. MacNeil was hostess for the occasion.

A jolly sing-song and a variety of games were enjoyed by the children during the evening.

The guests enjoyed a delicious lunch. A large birthday cake, adorned with pink roses and candles held the centre of attention at the table.

The guest of honor received many lovely and serviceable gifts from her friends, who were Fay Rogg, Patricia Reynolds, Joyce Lindsay, Heather Mitchell, Shirley Viniotte, Donna Black and Margaret MacNeil.

### SURPRISE SHOWER FOR MISS KAY O'BRIEN

Joint hostesses at a surprise shower on Monday evening honouring Miss Kay O'Brien of Sturgeon Falls were the Misses Rita Prest, Irene Merla and Armandina Romuadi, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prest.

The bride-to-be was deluged with confetti upon arrival in the gaily decorated living room.

Miss O'Brien is on the staff of the Holy Family School and was the recipient of a mahogany crucifix from the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. The guests who attended the shower presented the honoree with a white Kenwood blanket and pressure cooker. Kay was very surprised also to receive miscellaneous linen items from her mother, Mrs. T. O'Brien of Sturgeon Falls who was unable to attend.

The evening was devoted to games and singing Christmas carols, soloists being Mrs. Henry Giallonardo, accompanied at the piano by the bride-elect, following which dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses assisted

Miss Velma Popovich has returned from Toronto, where she visited her sister, Miss Julie Popovich, a star of the Ice-Capades. While in Toronto Velma auditioned for a spot in the show.

Miss Mary Lou Landreville, daughter of Mr. Walter Landreville, is an understudy to the dancing star of the Ice-Capades, Miss Ann Robinson.

Among people from this district who visited the Ice-Capades Show in Toronto recently and have returned home are Mr. R. J. Ennis, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cowden and daughter Marjorie of Gold Centre, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Batchelor, Miss Mary Gomerich and Miss Jeanine Morin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Gordon of 111 Maple St. South, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jean, to Donald Gordon McGregor, Port Arthur, the marriage to take place at Trinity United Church, Toronto, Dec. 20.

Mr. C. L. Conrad, who spent a week visiting at the home of Mrs. W. Neary, 353 Pine St. South, left on Tuesday for Sudbury, from where he will proceed to Winnipeg by air. His trip east was also by plane.

Mr. Gordon Grey, 9 Bannerman Ave., has left for Landsdowne, Ont., where he will make his home.

More residents of this district have returned from Toronto where they attended the Ice-Capades Show. They are Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Robson, Mrs. Walter Landreville, Mrs. S. Todhunter and son, Roger, and Mr. and Mrs. Maitland McChesney and daughter, Jean. Miss Marjorie McChesney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McChesney is a member of the show.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Farrell, who were married recently in the Church of the Assumption in Eastview, Ont., will take up residence shortly in Timmins, after a wedding trip to Montreal.

The bride is the former Miss Rose Margaret Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott of Richmond, and the groom is Mr. Stephen Joseph Farrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Farrell of Arthur, Ont.

The Separate School Teachers' Bowling League is holding a Christmas tournament at the bowling academy on Mon., Dec. 16.

Prizes will be given to the champions, Miss Lorraine Charron, who is in charge of the bowling activities, stated.

Presiding at the tea-table which was decorated with yellow roses and bronze chrysanthemums were Miss Florence Murphy and Miss Rosary Kelly of the staff of the Holy Family School.

Among the guests present were: Mrs. F. Prest, Anna Lalonde, Rosary Kelly, Gladys Carr, Agnes Evans, Mrs. Henry Giallonardo, Mrs. G. Reynolds, Mrs. L. Kelly, Florence Murphy, Lois McAlendin, Mrs. A. Merla, Mrs. J. Marietti, Pearl Prest, Jean Sweeney, Mrs. J. Crawley, Aurora Toffanello, Mrs. L. Waters, Annette Rogers, Mrs. M. O'Meara, Mrs. H. White, the hostesses, Rita Prest, Irene Merla, Armandina Romuadi and the guest of honour Kay O'Brien.

## B. M. Robinson President Rod and Gun Club

Mr. B. M. Robinson was elected president for 1947 of the Porcupine Rod and Gun Club at a meeting in the Municipal Building, Monday, December 9.

The new executive were as follows: President, B. M. Robinson; 1st Vice-President, H. C. Farrell; 2nd Vice-President, Dr. J. R. Giardine; Secretary, S. J. Morgan.

Skeet committee, chairman, Wes Barber; Boat committee, H. Roy and E. Mills; fish committee chairman, E. Boderksi; game committee chairman, R. Godin.

Executive members: Messrs. Mel Baker, R. Bentley, A. Brewer, Len McNeill.

The retiring president, Mr. H. C. Farrell, presided at the meeting. Attendance was exceptionally good, the council chamber of the municipal building being filled to overflowing, which bears out the fact that interest in the club is steadily growing.

The financial statement showed the club to be in excellent condition, and reports from the other committees were most encouraging.

Two interesting motion-pictures on fishing and hunting were shown by the Fire Department Staff. They were: "Fishing Thrills," and "Bird Dogs." Special praise was given to H. C. Farrell for his outstanding efforts on behalf of the club during the past year. Hearty thanks was also extended to Phil Laverdier for his assistance. The new executive will meet shortly to formulate plans for the coming season.

#### SCHUMACHER

Mrs. John O'Donnell, Fourth Ave., has returned from Toronto where she attended The Ice Capades.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cowden and daughter Marjorie of Gold Centre, returned from Toronto where they attended The Ice Capades. Marjorie had an audition for a place in the show.



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1. Elimination of extravagance and getting down to operating the municipality as a business firm.
2. All by-laws and such enactments and municipal funds paid out must conform to the regulations required by the municipal act.
3. Complete study be made into the advisability of the adoption of the town manager plan of local government.
4. Creation of a local hydro commission in anticipation of lower lighting rates and a flat rate for water heating.
5. Efforts be made to secure the establishment of a judicial seat in Timmins, in the interests of justice for all citizens.
6. Re-organization of our works and other departments for the sake of greater efficiency and improved services.



# Vote - J.P. Bartleman

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