

**SOUTH PORCUPINE  
The Public Library**

Mr. Maurice Bessette has been appointed a member of the Library Board, replacing Mrs. E. K. Martin, who resigned as a member to accept the position of Secretary-Treasurer and Librarian.

Our Public Library is one of the outstanding features of our town, and its history is of twenty years standing. Starting from very small beginnings we now have a library which is a credit to the town, and to the founders and those who have given their time to make it what it now is.

Mrs. Pryor has been appointed librarian and is willing and anxious to help all who would like to take advantage of the wonderful collection of books in the library.

Some newcomers to the town may not know of the facilities offered. They have only to apply to the librarian at the Township Building at the times when the library is open (Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. evenings and Wed. and Sat. afternoons) to be told how to become members.

Current magazines are on the tables to be read in the library. On Saturday mornings from 11 to 12 Mrs. Martin has a story-hour for children up to 9 years; in two groups.

Members of the present Library Board are Mr. John Andrews (Chairman) Mrs. B. H. Harper, Mrs. Maxwell-Smith, Mr. J. J. Gallagher and Mr. Maurice Bessette.

First came the bill from the tailor. The amount was £100. "Hi-h, Howard," said the impoverished nobleman, "promise him £20."

**SOUTH PORCUPINE  
S. P. H. S. Concert  
Big Success**

Wednesday night, February 12th, saw the first presentation of S.P.H.S.'s annual concert, which is scheduled to continue through Thursday and Friday. A capacity crowd took advantage of the special student's performance and the enthusiastic reception rewarded the feverish activity, which preceded "opening night".

The program opened with the singing of "God Save the King", followed by F. von Suppe's Poet and Peasant Overture by the High School Orchestra. Because of the absence of the principal R. C. Ellis, George Fera, president of the student's council delivered the chairman's remarks.

"Shivering Shocks", a play for boys, by Clemence Dane, one of the two one-act plays, was next on the program. The cast included: Captain Dallas, V.C., D.S.O.—D. Sutherland Kysh; his servant—D. Somerville, Granville Hughes, B. Sc. (Inventor)—A. A. Auld; The Shepherd—R. Cameron; Inspector Jas. Pollock alias Rowley—G. Fera; Two Policemen—E. Tuominen, D. Dunbar.

The play was followed by two orchestra selections, "Dancing Dolls" (Gavotte) by J. S. Seredy, and Hungarian Dance No. 5 by Johannes Brahms.

The Glee Club then rendered two selections, "La Golondrina", by Marciss Serradel, and the "Biff Song" by Segmond Romberg.

Darwin Aitken showed amazing

**Canadiens Defeat Bruins  
In Midget Hockey League**

Going into the third period at the low end of a 4-2 score Canadiens came back strong to defeat Bruins 5-4 in a fast and hard fought Midget hockey game at the Timmins arena last Friday.

Goal-getters for Canadiens were Pellicie with two, and Warren, Barker and Martin each accounting for one. For Bruins Delguidice scored two, with David and Villemaire each scoring one.

musical ability in performing his own piano compositions, "Third Hungarian Dance," and "A Polonaise".

A Gymnastic and tumbling display by the Junior Boys, provided a break in the more serious trend of the concert.

Marilyn Cluff and Barbara Raymer selected Pizzicato! by Debibes as their piano duet.

One of the highlights of the evening was provided by Eda Franceschini, who rendered two vocal solos, "The Indian Love Call" and "Night and Day".

A minuet, arranged by Miss I. Leeney was performed by a group of Grade IX girls and was followed by an orchestral number, "Selections from William Tell" by Rossini.

A second outstanding feature was the one-act play "The No 'Count Boy" by Paul Greer. The cast included: Pheebie—J. Mitchell; Enos, her beau, O. Heikkela; The No 'Count Boy, R. Pearce; An Old Negro Woman, J. Hamel.

The singing of "O Canada" marked the successful finale of the first presentation of S.P.H.S.'s annual concert.

**Fiction Reading  
Drops, Non-Fiction  
Up, Librarian Says**

The report of Miss Alice Habib Librarian of the Timmins Public Library revealed that readers are getting away from the reading of books on war and tending to read more biographies, useful arts and technical books. Fiction has taken a slight drop and non-fiction a slight increase indicating that people seeking relaxation from war hysteria through fiction are gradually getting back into more normal and sounder peacetime reading.

The total book circulation in 1946 was 150,356, of which 64,846 were English adult books. Fiction decreased 1,553 and non-fiction increased by 18. A total of 19,161 non-fiction were circulated of which 552 were unbound periodicals.

In the English juvenile department 43,850 books were circulated, a decrease of 4,745 from last year.

In the French department 16,014 adult books and 27,311 juvenile books were circulated; a decrease of 1,755 and 3,833 respectively. Of the 4,001 adult non-fiction circulated 1,078 were unbound periodicals.

The decrease in circulation is attributed to the opening of the Schumacher Memorial Public Library in 1945. According to the librarian this accounts for at least one-third of the decrease in the English adult circulation.

Circulation of French reading dropped during the months in which no new books were added. When new books appeared on the shelves circulation immediately began to rise.

The decrease in the number of books issued to English juveniles (29.15% of grand total) was attributed by Miss MacKeracher to several reasons. First, the schools now have larger collections of books in their libraries, especially on history and geography. Second, the juvenile appropriation is still not high enough to purchase more than one copy of the more popular books. To increase the circulation the librarian recommends that each child be allowed to borrow three books instead of two.

The increase in social and recreational activities since the end of the war also affects the circulation.

The librarian recommends that people going on summer holidays be allowed to borrow more than the four books allowed at present.

The total number of books in the library at December 31, 1946 was 23,070 volumes compared with 21,838 in 1945. They are divided as follows:

6,747 English adult non-fiction; 6,361 English adult fiction; 4,463 English juvenile; and 6,499 French books. There were 1,932 new English books and 1,147 new French books added to the stock in 1946. A total of 1,897 books were withdrawn and sent to country schools people in isolated districts and to Indian Missions. Some went to the township of Whitney Public Library.

Registration  
3,481 members were registered at the library December 31, 1946. Adult members totalled 5,051; 3,944 in the English department and 1,107 in the French. Juvenile readers totalled 4,430; 2,365 French and 2,065 English. The first three persons who registered as members when the Public Library first opened are still active borrowers.

Repairs were made in the library to 2,278 books. New books were catalogued and stock checked. 75 volumes of adult fiction and 16 juvenile fiction books disappeared from the shelves during 1945 and 1946.

In an attempt to induce children to use the library 92 school classes were visitors, 69 English classes from the Public and Separate Schools, and 32 French classes from the Separate Schools.

The story hour held Saturday morning attracted 901 French and 1,468 English children. There were 33 French story hours and 45 English. Since the children's program at the Broadway theatre the attendance of English children at the story hours has decreased, French children's attendance increased.

As an added service to the public a picture collection was started. 469 pictures were mounted and catalogued before the budget was spent. Borrowers are allowed to take 10 pictures in addition to books. A total of 1,723 circulated in the last four months of the year. Teachers and pupils found them very useful.

Children's Book Week, held in November, proved a very successful event.

A manufacturer of women's plastic purses has found they sell better if impregnated with the perfume of wild fern. This seems to disprove the adage that a sow's ear by any other name would smell as sweet.

**SOUTH PORCUPINE  
Rebekah Past Grands' Club**

The Rebekah Past Grands' Club met on Wednesday last at the home of Mrs. C. H. Libby at Dome Extension. After routine business bridge was played prizes being won by Mrs. Libby and Mrs. C. Meville. A delicious lunch was served. Members present were: Mesdames Jay, Farrell, Mitchell, Stanlake, Webb, Libby, Meville and Beard.

**SOUTH PORCUPINE  
Women Teachers Federation**

Members of the Women Teachers Federation held a luncheon at the McIntyre Community Hall on Saturday Feb. 8th.

President Miss Ida Cole conducted the business session and in a quite humorous fashion introduced members of the executive.

Newcomers to the various school staffs were introduced by the key teachers from Schumacher, South Porcupine, Timmins, Dome, Buffalo-Ankerite and Porcupine.

Guest-speaker was Miss Nora Chatwin who is on exchange staff from England and is now teaching at Central School in Timmins.

Her address on education, proved to be, like herself, interesting and friendly.

Miss Chatwin was introduced by Miss Mildred Tackaberry and a vote of thanks was extended by Miss Margaret Kenny.

Over sixty members were present.

**SOUTH PORCUPINE  
LOCALS**

A Valentines Tea (annual) is being held tomorrow, in the Masonic Hall by the Order of Eastern Star ladies. There will also be a sale of novelties, and home baking, and the sponsors would welcome a large attendance.

Miss Claire Hicks of Timmins and Windsor was a guest at the home of Mrs. Maxwell-Smith over the week end.

Mr. Steve Hynes who has been quite ill in the Gold Range Hotel was removed to St. Mary's Hospital on Monday.

Mr. Fred Thompson of New Liskeard was a visitor in town this week.

There is quite an epidemic of mumps among adults in town. Many have been quite sick.

Miss Bertha Shaw is now enjoying the sunshine of Florida, having left last week with Mr. and Mrs. Heath of Kirkland Lake, for a month.

Mrs. Frank Findley of New Liskeard visited many friends in the Porcupine over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mills of Noranda were the guests of Mr. James Hancock over the week-end.

TULFINSKI — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Tulfinski of Hoyle a daughter on Feb. 9th, in Porcupine General Hospital.

DUNN — To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunn of 63 Elm St. S. Timmins, a daughter on Feb. 9th, in Porcupine General Hospital.

MEDVE — To Mr. and Mrs. A. Medve of 119 Cherry St. Timmins, in Porcupine General Hospital on Feb. 5th, a daughter.

**Nick Sivulan**

Funeral services were held on Sunday in Harmony Hall for Mr. Nick Sivulan, pioneer resident of the district. Rev. A. I. Heinonen conducted the service.

Mr. Sivulan passed away in Gravenhurst Sanatorium last Thursday, his remains being brought to Walker's Funeral Parlors in Timmins until the funeral service.

As the funeral procession entered the hall the Timmins Citizens Band played "The Dead March in Saul." After Rev. Heinonen had conducted the service the Consumers Co-op choir sang two hymns in Finnish.

Mr. Sivulan came to this country in 1904 from Karvia Sara, district of Turun Laani, Finland. He first worked on railway construction at Port Arthur, came to Cobalt in 1916 and to Timmins in 1918.

He worked at the Consumers Co-Op store for many years where his kindness and courtesy was appreciated by all the patrons. He was also a very active member of the Timmins Citizens Band since 1933.

He was 65 years of age.

**SCHUMACHER  
Firemen Elect Officers  
For 1947, C. Jucksch Chief**

The Schumacher firemen held their annual meeting Saturday evening in the club rooms at the fire hall. Election of officers was held and the following were elected:

Honorary Chief, R. J. Ennis; Chief, Charles Jucksch; Deputy Chief, Mac McMillan; Captain, Jim Dillon; 1st Lieutenant, Frank Corris; 2nd Lieutenant, Fred Webbar; Secretary, Reg. Stewart; Treasurer, John Monaghan; Chairman, Bill Mansfield; Sports Chairman, Johnny Anderson.

After the business session a buffet lunch was served. A social evening was held and cards and refreshments were enjoyed. During the party the fire men received a call at 11.55 P.M. to a chimney fire at 20 Fourth Ave. The fire was soon extinguished, no damage done, and the firemen returned to the club-rooms to resume their party.

The sergeant-major had the reputation of never being at a loss for an answer. A young officer made a bet with a brother officer that in less than 24 hours he would ask the sergeant-major a question that would baffle him.

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