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**SCHUMACHER**  
**Annual Boys Rally**

About 135 boys from the United Church Boys' Organization attended the Fourth Annual Boys' Rally held Saturday in Trinity United Church. Boys registered from Shillington, Matheson, Iroquois Falls, South Porcupine, Delnorte, Timmins and Schumacher.

The visitors were billeted over the weekend by the Timmins and Schumacher boys.

Special devotional service was held in the church Saturday morning. The Rev. W. Mustard, of Timmins, was the speaker.

Rev. R. J. Scott, South Porcupine, gave a special talk on "It Is Your

Move." Motion pictures were shown and then the boys enjoyed hockey and skating races at the McIntyre Arena. Lunch was served at the church by the Canadian Girls in Training. After church the boys went to the McIntyre Gymnasium where teams were drawn up and points given for individual contests.

A Finnish athletic group gave a demonstration of gymnastic work.

To close the day's activity a banquet was held in the McIntyre Auditorium.

Seated at the head table were Ken Jackson of Timmins, representative of the Boys' Parliament; Rev. Allan Smith of Matheson, Rev. J. R. Scott of South Porcupine, Mr. P. T. Moiseley, Timmins.

Ken Jackson gave a report on the Boys' Parliament held in Toronto during December. Rev. J. R. Scott gave a report on the finance campaign to raise funds to aid the boys' work. The Work Board has built a summer camp at Ice Chest Lake, north-east of Timmins, and the boys are looking forward to attending the camp this summer.

Presentation of the trophy to the winning hockey team was made by the donor, Mr. P. T. Moiseley, of Timmins. The winning team was First United Church Trail Rangers group, Timmins. The boys attended the services Sunday morning in Trinity United Church and during the day returned to their homes.

Mrs. G. Dupuis has returned to her home in Cochrane after spending a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Alex Rheault.



**GOGAMA'S "WOLF MAN"**

PICTURED here is colorful Joe Laflamme in the express car of a Canadian National Railway train on arrival at Central Station in Montreal. The internationally-famous wild animal trainer and guide is off on a tour with three of his big moose and a deer to sportsmen's shows in the Eastern United States. Two of the moose will go to Hollywood to break into pictures, according to the big trainer.

Self-designed Mayor of Gogama, Ont., a lumbering village on the C.N.R. line west of Sudbury, Joe has caused quite a stir since he began making exhibition tours. The big, towering more than six-foot tall "wolf man", as he is sometimes called, was a sensation in New York

**SOUTH PORCUPINE**  
**Girl Guide Notes**

Girl Guide week was recognized by South Porcupine Company on Friday evening, and a special enrollment meeting marked the occasion.

Present were Area Commissioner Madam B. H. Harper, Brown Owl Mrs. R. Stark, and members of the Girl Guide Committee who were invited specially.

Madam Harper was attired in full regalia for the enrollment and was given place of honour at the "Horse Shoe", and addressed the gathering, commenting favorably on their deportment and appearance. She gave a very beautiful talk on their Guide promise — to help others — and wove it into internationalism, in words that all could understand and appreciate.

The Enrollment Ceremony — put on with full dignity and procedure, colours flying, and company leader at the head of the group — was next in order. Each patrol leader led the initiate to be enrolled — who repeated her Guide promise, and had her Tenderfoot Badge pinned on by the Commissioner, and received the Company Salute.

Georgina Rodgers, Grace Cunningham, Noreen Anderson, Patsy Belisle, Carolyn Camley, Wendy Cross, and Katherine and Madeline Pocrnich were those enrolled.

Second Class Badges were received by Shirley Farrell and Anne Bennett, and Company Leader Nancy Cooper was presented with her first-class pin, and notified that she had qualified as acting Junior Lieutenant for her "highly successful work with the Company".

Proficiency badges were pinned on by Madam Commissioner to several very proud little guides — little house emblems to Nancy Cooper, Inga Vutanan and Wanda Paryznat.

These emblems signify badges gained as homemakers, hostess, laundress, needlewoman, cook and home nurse, and to our knowledge this company is the only one in the North who can boast of four guides who have earned them! Artist and Minstrel badge went to Nancy Wilder. Toymaker badge to Beth McLelland. Under the direction of Audrey Allen a group of girls with lighted candles portrayed the Guide Laws — a reverent ceremony both pleasing and touching.

Mrs. R. Stark presented Guide stationery to the "Little House" emblem winners; Captain Huggins gave Guide notebooks to the new second "Classers", and Guide Law Bookmarks were given to the new Tenderfoot Guides.

**SOUTH PORCUPINE**  
**Brownies Receive Badges**

The meeting of the first South Porcupine Brownies on Wednesday, February 19th was an especially happy one, as eight of the members of the pack were invested in a special ceremony with their Golden Bar Badges, making them Second Class Brownies.

One Brownie received her Golden Hand Badge, making her a first class Brownie.

The Brownies were presented their badges by Mrs. B. Haper, Area Commissioner who made the little people very happy by praising their great endeavour in winning their badges. The Pack was very happy to have their mothers and fathers present at the meeting.

Following the investiture Brownies went to their "Pow-Wow" circle where they were reminded of their daily good turn — and this being Guide and Scout Thinking week, remembered to think kindly of their sister Brownies and Guides the world over.

The meeting, the end of a very busy week for the Brownies, closed with their favourite good-night song, then, making a fairy tunnel, the Brownies vanished quietly.

The following were the Brownies presented with their Golden Bars: Elizabeth Atkinson, Joan Saules, Sue Bennett, Nancy Miner, Therese Spadafora, Marian Frankie, Barbara, Bowes, Dianne Bellanger — Sue Bennett also received her Golden Hand.

**SCHUMACHER**  
**Y. P. S. Trinity United**

The Young People's Union of Trinity United Church held their meeting Wednesday evening in the church hall. The meeting opened with the worship period conducted by Norma Killens, assisted by Shirley Studen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and a short business period was held. The Rev. J. A. Breckenridge led a very interesting discussion.

The members present were Sheila Bassett, Betty Gilbert, Frankie Morgan, Effie Monaghan, Shirley Studen, Norma Killens, Pat Innes, Ruby McCarthy, Bill Lafferty, Rev. J. A. Breckenridge.

**SOUTH PORCUPINE**  
**Curling Notes**

The 12th Annual Porcupine Bonspiel started on Monday at 5.30 p.m. with 84 rinks competing as against last year's 86 rinks.

The teams are competing on all rinks of the camp — Porcupine, Falmour, Dome and McIntyre.

Competition for the Marshall-Ecclestone Rosebowl Trophy is the main event of the 'spiel, with the George Taylor Hardware Trophy, Dome Curling Club Trophy, G. R. White trophy and Timmins Curling Club trophy also in competition.

This latter cup is awarded to the rink with the highest aggregate score. Finals will be played on Saturday at the McIntyre Rink — grand aggregate competitions also at the McIntyre on Sunday afternoon.

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# History Of Unions In Porcupine Reviewed

A review of unions progress in the Porcupine and the benefits unions had gained for industries elsewhere were outlined in the Empire Theatre on Sunday when I. Vachon, president of Local 241; Tom McNeil, former president and chief steward at the Hollinger, and Leo Behie, international union organizer made brief speeches on the progress of unions prior to the story of the Noranda strike told by Mr. T. F. McGuire.

Mr. Vachon, speaking in both English and French, outlined the conditions in the artificial silk mills in Cornwall prior to the organizing of a union in 1936.

"Workers were slaves and conditions fantastic," the president of Local 241 said. "And there was no legislation for union in those days. We organized, went on strike and finally compelled management to recognize labor. We were out nearly thirteen weeks but when we went back we had recognition increased wages and better conditions."

"The same thing happened in Sudbury. People said it was impossible to organize unions there. We did and today the miners are enjoying higher wages and standard of living, and much better working conditions."

Mr. McNeil gave a brief history of union progress in the Porcupine district.

"A cut was made in miners pay after the first Great War, a cut when prices had almost doubled. There was a semblance of an international union in the Porcupine in 1921 but it died out."

"In 1922 we organized a local Porcupine Miners Union and in 1923 asked for an increase equivalent to the cut put into effect in 1919. It was granted after the union voted to go on strike."

"In the next 13 years a variety of unions tried to start in the Porcupine — the W.W., the O.B.U., and the Mine Workers Union of Canada. They all failed and we realized our only hope of a strong union was to join an international one."

"In 1934 the price of gold went up from \$20.60 to \$35.00 an oz with a \$3 bonus. There was no talk of increase to miners."

"In 1936 we raised \$12 to join an International Union. To do it we had to use assumed names or forfeit our jobs. Even at that the mines hired stool pigeons to spy on us."

"One stool pigeon came up to work in the mine for several weeks, joined the union and then said he had received an inheritance from the old country. He signed up several members for us and was soon on the union executive. Then we accidentally found he was getting \$250 a month from mine operators. We didn't do anything for we couldn't show our hand; then fate intervened and the stool pigeon died several weeks later."

"In 1938 miners were granted a 5c an hour increase."

Briefly covering the Kirkland Lake strike the former president of Local 241 said that while the strike had been lost the unions gained by having legislation passed giving unions the right to bargain. The unions had won in principle which is often more important than money.

Leo Buck Behie opened with the statement that 67 miners who had worked in Porcupine mines for years were stricken with disease and breakdowns and couldn't draw compensation. One of the town fathers and a Timmins lawyer who had been trying to have compensation put through said finally that they could do no more but suggested to the stricken men that the union might, "It did in many cases," the international organizer said.

"People wonder where and what happens to union dues. The Canadian money is deposited in the Imperial Bank in Vancouver and periodical financial statements are open for any member to see. International organizers like myself and McGuire get our cheques from Chicago."

"Any member can vote as he pleases on any question," the organizer said.

He pointed out that 52 per cent of the men on the picket line at Nor-

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