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By Lillian O'Donnell

Twenty-two years ago the first meeting of Arbutus Chapter, No. 123, Order of the Eastern Star, was held. To celebrate the momentous occasion 75 members and friends gathered recently to enjoy a delightfully arranged birthday party. The Chapter members, which included Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. White, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Easton and Mr. Pritchard, were introduced after which each star point officer in turn read an appropriate verse and was presented with a ribbon the color of her station. As each officer returned to her place the strains of "Happy Birthday" could be heard. Mrs. Smiley a visitor to Arbutus Chapter playing the selection. Before being escorted to the East, the conductress pinned on the breast of each Chapter member the nosegay of ribbons. At this point Mrs. M. McCulloch and Mrs. Smiley sang very effectively "Star of the East".

The happy occasion was also marked by the presentation of a Life Membership to Mr. and Mrs. W. Pritchard, highly esteemed members of the Order. Both held the positions of Past Matron and Past Patron in Arbutus Chapter. In making the presentation to Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. White spoke highly of the work accomplished by Mrs. Pritchard and of how she fulfilled her obligations to the Order, faithfully and well. Much regret was expressed over the impending departure of the prominent couple who have been long time residents of the Porcupine. In accepting the honor conferred upon her, Mrs. Pritchard told sister members of the happiness she had experienced of being amongst them and of the many pleasant memories she would always have of her sojourn in Timmings and of the friends she had made here.

Mrs. P. Anderson, who presented the Life Membership to Mr. Pritchard, spoke of the couple's co-operative, kindly way that had always been an inspiration to their friends. Mr. Pritchard extended the thanks of he and his wife for the honor bestowed upon them and also extended a cordial invitation to any who might be in the vicinity of their new home to come and visit with them as they "would be lonesome for the many friendly faces." Following, the officers, looking smart in their white floor-length gowns, sang in unison "God Be With You Till We Meet Again". Lunch was then served, the table festive with lighted candles and flowers and centred with a large birthday cake. The fruit cake was the gift of Worthy Matron Mrs. Nessie Coulson. After lunch, Mrs. Anderson was presented with an electric kettle. Mrs. Anderson making the presentation on behalf of the Chapter.

Before the happy evening ended, Mrs. Coulson, also presented each Chapter member with a gift booklet, a personal gift from herself, and thus an evening which will be remembered by all present was brought to a close.

Many and varied were the parting gifts and teas, dinners and bridge have been the order of the day for Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard. Recently, the employees of Hollinger Mine presented Mr. Pritchard with a framed picture showing all the groups and crews of employees that have been working under his supervision. The presentation was made on behalf of the employees by G. Sharp, who was introduced by J. Gunnell. Mr. Sharp claims the distinction of having worked more years with Mr. Pritchard than any man on the property.

Many other teas, dinner and bridge parties coupled with presentations have been given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, who left last night for Kingston. Among the many who have entertained are Mrs. H. G. Skavlen, McIntyre Property who held a delightful afternoon tea and whose guests included many of the "old-timers" of the Porcupine and from the "good old Cobalt days". Mrs. W. Rinn a dinner party and social evening, and on another occasion about 30 members, who way back in 1916 formed what is now known as "the old bowling league" gathered again at the home of Mrs. Rinn, held a jolly party and presented Mrs. Pritchard with a lovely bridge set composed of table and four chairs.

Mrs. F. C. H. Simms entertained at a dinner party and social evening, Mrs. George Drew, a dinner party, the W. A. of St. Matthew's Anglican Church an afternoon tea and presentation. Mrs. Howse an afternoon tea, the W. A. of St. Paul's Church, South Porcupine held a tea and presentation, the Rebekah Lodge, Timmings, a party and presented Mrs. Pritchard with a beautiful gold filled pin in the shape of a heart, then again, the Captains of the Hollinger Mines and their wives and friends gathered at the Hollinger Lodge, held a dinner party and social evening and presented Mrs. Pritchard with a lovely pin made from a gold nugget from the mine. Mr. Pritchard received a beautiful plaque, of solid silver gleamed from Hollinger holdings and encased in one corner of the plaque was a large nugget also from the mine. Inscribed in fine old English script were the words "To W. H. "Bill" Pritchard, from the Hollinger Staff, 1913-47". "For the Days of Auld Lang Syne".

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard first resided in Cobalt and 34 years ago decided, along with many of our prominent residents to make their home in the Porcupine. Here they remained to become the vanguard of the social, church and lodge life of the community. In speaking with Mrs. Pritchard, we learned that although I regret very much to leave my friends and Timmings, having watched it grow from wilderness to a thriving community centre, I have naught but the most beautiful memories to take away with me, memories of good times, good friends and a life well spent — and that we think speaks volumes.

Another highly esteemed couple, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jardine, left on Wednesday to make their home in Toronto. Prior to departure Mrs. Jardine was entertained by members of Arbutus Chapter of the Esarth Star and was presented with two lovely pictures as a parting gift, and on Friday evening both Mr. and Mrs. Jardine were honored at a delightfully arranged dinner and social evening, by the First United Church Choir.

Hollyhocks, snapdragons and lighted candles in low holders graced the dining table and special guests included Rev. W. Mustard, Mrs. Mustard, Miss Louise Mayowna, Mrs. J. Laitner, Mrs. H. McCulloch, Mrs. W. Roberts, and Mr. Welin. Mr. J. Doughly, president of the choir spoke of the regret felt at the departure of so highly valued church members but also, expressed the wishes of all that Mr. and Mrs. Jardine would find every happiness in their new home.

Mrs. K. Cambridge then presented Mrs. Jardine with a lovely black evening purse trimmed with gold sequins. The guest of honor spoke briefly and extended sincere thanks for the lovely token. Following, a program of entertainment was presented with Mrs. J. Doughly acting as chairman. Mrs. H. McCulloch very effectively rendered "Annie Laurie" and Mrs. E. Stevens and Mrs. T. Gay presented a humorous duet "Where Are You Going My Pretty Maid", much to the delight of the audience. Community singing was enjoyed with Mr. Herbert Treener at the piano. The delightful evening was brought to a close with all singing in unison "Auld Lang Syne" and "They Are Jolly Good Fellows". Contributing to the gift but unable to attend the party were Mrs. P. H. Carson, Mrs. G. Drew, and Mrs. Milne.

A corsage of gardenias to Mrs. Alfred Quemy, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Marriott, Timmings. Mrs. Quemy assisted by Miss Roxyna Phillips directed a play entitled "Trial by Jury" from the operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan which has attracted much attention and the praise of all Bracebridge. It was the first concert ever held under the auspices of the Bracebridge Choral Society and the play in its entirety held the audience spellbound with the wealth of talent that was brought to light. In appreciation of their efforts Mrs. Quemy and Miss Phillips were presented with corsages of American Beauty roses.

Mrs. George Aiken Duncan announces the marriage of her daughter Helen Patricia to Paul Herbert McCloskey on Wednesday April 16. The wedding took place in North Bay and the many friends of the young

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Spring No Not Quite

(By Lillian O'Donnell)

There'll come a day, just you wait and see and it can happen any time now — when, between snows and lowering rains the miracle will begin. The breeze, travelling like the trade winds sweeping in from the south and west will caress our cheek and in that first unaccustomed moment it will be difficult to identify. We will gaze up at the sky and we will discover it has a richer depth, the white clouds, too, will show a third dimension, the good brown earth, relenting perhaps a little, will throw off a deep sweet smell, and suddenly the tall pines will be noisy with crows and robin redbreast will chirp his roundelay as gay as a red day. It won't be Spring, no not quite, but it will be the promise of it — and that, to any inhabitant of this world, is sufficient cause for rejoicing any day, any year.

Each of us has, and perhaps to a greater extent than we realize, an inner dependence on Spring. Take from us the annual experience of the slow mounting rhythm of the season, and something very important would be sadly missing in our lives. There just has to be Spring to give a person that feeling of beginning again.

This sense of renewal is as old as time itself. Centuries ago the happy pagans celebrated Spring in elaborate rites. And when our country was still unnamed wilderness it was the first sign of Spring that drew the early explorers from their poor and miserable huts and gave courage to their flagging spirits for the trip upstream. Always upstream, you remember and the rivers they travelled and the valley's upon which their tired eyes gazed are still the best

places to observe Spring and its subtle progression.

The streaking up of the ice followed by the release of water, the slow delicate change in the colors of vegetation on the slopes of our great rivers and the fields and valley's carpeted with clover, dandelions and buttercups — these are natural phenomena nonetheless memorable because they recur with the same regularity as the lifting of the sun's path.

Anyone who has grown up near the majestic bend of the old Bonnechere River or the old Gatineau with their roaring falls and white spume flying and riding the wind can never, never lose the glorious experience of Spring "in the valley".

We can think back too, to other Springs along the St. Lawrence in the great hills of Montreal and old Quebec where generations of wild ducks make the hazardous trip year by year on the great ice floes, folding their tired grey-white wings before resuming their skyward route northward.

First Annual Police Ball Highlights Social Season

Highlighting the social season was the First Annual Ball of the Timmings Police Department. Held on Friday evening in the McIntyre Gymnasium more than 900 persons danced to the tunes of Jack Bridges and his "Convicts".

Russ Titus, one of Canada's top radio baritone, provided some very splendid vocals during the evening including such outstanding numbers as "Heartaches", "For Sentimental Reasons", "The Anniversary Song", "April Showers" and many other modern day selections.

Glimpsed among the dancing throng were, Chief Lepic, Miss Leroux, Inspector George Archambault and Mrs. Archambault, Detective Gordon Beacock and Mrs. Beacock, Constable Angus Greaves and Mrs. Greaves, Constable Craig and Mrs. Craig, Constable Grandbois and Mrs. Grandbois, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Salomaa, Provincial Police Sergeant Herbert Braney and Mrs. Braney, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gurevitch, Miss Ella MacKenzie, Richard Bouter, Miss Vera Stevens, Don MacKenzie, Miss Mary Hodson, Mike Kuly, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bowie, Constable Guolla and Mrs. Guolla, Mr. and Mrs. C. Beatune, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Young, Miss Helen Rochefort, Ted Veizina, Miss Louella Mongeon, Fred Robb, Miss Marie Rochefort, Mike Zurranski, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burgoyne.

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Miss Vivien Pierce, Gordon Godfrey, Miss Olga Bernyk, Vic Niemi, Miss Betty McInnis, Gordon Eyre, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barringer, Mr. and Mrs. O. Wurm, Mr. and Mrs. Culhane, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nora, Provincial Constable Paul Laperriere and Mrs. Laperriere, Mr. and Mrs. J. Banning, Miss Rita McCarthy, Ralph Orlando, Miss Edith Hill, P. J. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gordon and many others.

Barbara Ann Scott Opens Campaign For British Relief

(By Bernice Kaye)

Toronto May 1-47 (Special to The Advance, Timmings) — Barbara Ann Scott a familiar figure in Timmings and vicinity, officiously opened the Ontario British Flood Relief Campaign today at a special meeting of the Cabinet in Queen's Park. The campaign continues to May 15.

Premier George A. Drew, Russell T. Kelley, Minister of Health, Members of the Cabinet and Mayor Robert Saunders were present to officially open the campaign with Barbara Ann.

Despite the heavy pressure of her many duties and obligations, Barbara Ann was anxious to do her utmost to promote the campaign, which is being launched throughout Ontario by local mayors and reeves. In Timmings, F. Bailey is chairman of the local campaign.

Barbara Ann says she understands the severe shortages in clothing and food that the people of Britain must go through, having been in England a short time ago, while on her way to win the world figure skating championship.

The British Flood Relief Campaign aims to secure one article of clothing from every point in Ontario, which should mean about four million garments. It is the duty of each person to rummage through their clothes closets and find wearable articles that can be spared. Complete suits, coats, trousers, sweaters, dresses, blouses, skirts, headwear, socks, blankets and shoes are suggestions for your own private hunt for clothes to help these less fortunate than we in Canada. Your local committee will collect sort and pack the donations and send them to centrally located warehouses in the province.

At Queen's Park the Cabinet Chambers held an air of expectancy before Barbara Ann's arrival. Stenographers and Clerks lined the halls to get a fleeting glimpse of the famous Miss Barbara Ann, entered the chambers with her mother, Mrs. Clyde Scott, smiling and fresh looking, following her appearance last night in Maple Leaf Gardens on behalf of the British Flood Relief Campaign.

Attractive in her navy tailored coat, white gloves, open-toed navy leather shoes and carrying her white straw halo hat, Barbara Ann was still the demure young lady that the people of the Porcupine have grown to love and admire.

While Barbara Ann was busy having her picture taken for the various papers, giving the first bundle of clothing for Britain, her mother, Mrs. Scott, was speaking to your reporter. Mrs. Scott maintains that if people realized the number of engagements that her daughter keeps a day, they would be staggered. She said that Barbara Ann looks forward to the summer months, when she can slow down the pace in Schumacher.

Mrs. Scott spoke many words of praise for Mr. Innis of the McIntyre. She said that in a recent interview over the C.B.C., Barbara Ann was asked what she did in her summer months, to which the reply was "Skate". On being asked where she spent the warmer months, Barbara Ann proudly said "Schumacher". Her interviewer asked what on earth they had up in that neck of the woods to attract her, to which her reply was "Have you never heard of the fairy God-father up there, he is Mr. Ennis, the manager of the McIntyre Mine." She went on to tell about the wonderful Community Building there was in Schumacher which was built expressly for the miners and their families. Barbara Ann particularly asked to be remembered to the people of the Porcupine. She said with a sincere smile, "Give them all my love and tell them that I will be seeing them in the summer and am looking forward to going back".

NO VACANCIES—KITTEN IN DOG HOUSE



"Where do you think you're going?" says Herman the duchshund to an optimistic kitten, who tries to enter his home and that of Lew Fleuh, a Siamese cat. They are quite contented in their "dog house" at the Humane society, in New York city, as the pin-up picture of the cat testifies. Herman and Lew love their neighbors, but there seems to be a housing shortage in the animal world, too.

couple who are well known in the district extend best wishes and congratulations.

And — congratulations to Mary Hodson and Mike Kuly, popular Schumacher couple who have announced their engagement. Wedding plans are as yet indefinite. Mary is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hodson of Gold Centre and Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kuly, Boundary Lane, Schumacher.

What promises to be a gala affair and one that is always looked forward to is the dance sponsored by members of the Princess Alice Club. The place — Riverside Pavilion — the date — May 9. Music will be supplied by Henry Kelnack and his orchestra and Helen Synos local songbird will do the vocals.

Births

MARTEL — To Mr. and Mrs. E. Martel, 44 Sixth avenue, in St. Mary's Hospital, on March 14, a daughter, Marie Suzanne Lorraine.

McCORD — To Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCord, 57 1/2 Balsam street S., in St. Mary's Hospital on March 14, twin sons, Richard Earl, and James Barry.

McGILL — To Mr. and Mrs. O. McGill, 111 Poplar street in St. Mary's Hospital on March 15, a daughter, Carole Arlene.

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Girl Guides Association To Hold "Cookie Day"

"Cookie Day" will be observed by all branches of the local Girl Guide Association. Scheduled for this Saturday afternoon the affair will be held in various church halls and in the St. John Ambulance Hall.

SOUTH PORCUPINE LOCALS

SANDRIN — To Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Sandrin of 155 Commercial Avenue, South Porcupine, a son, on April 23rd.

BABIN — To Mr. and Mrs. Irene Babin of 56 Dome St. April 28th, a daughter.

ADAMSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Adamson of 133 Bloor Avenue on April 29th, a daughter.

Alvon Kavanagh who has been playing hockey with Assumption College, Windsor, is home for the summer. Teddy Romanick is home from Ajax where he has been attending university.

Births in Porcupine General Hospital HUNTON — To Mr. and Mrs. William Hunton of Dome Extension, a son, on April 23rd.

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