

Monte Kaye Is Mayor By Narrowest Margin

The Matheson election was held December 8th, which resulted as follows: Mayor Monte Kaye, Councillors, C. O. McLean, heading the polls; Paul Doal, J. Kitts, P. Gauthier, J. McLaughlin, and R. S. Potter.

This year Dan Johnson was defeated by thirty votes. This sounds small to most people, but it is the biggest defeat Mr. Johnson has ever known. He has been a resident of Matheson since 1907 and has been mayor seventeen times. Only twice in all those years has Mr. Johnson known defeat, once by only one vote and the second time my two votes.

Although defeated Mr. Johnson will never abandon his interests in municipal politics. It is interesting to note how the oldtimers although defeated

at times, still take an active part in the affairs of the town, such as he case with F. Doal, George Abates, R. S. Potter and Mr. McChristie, who have won and lost time after time through the years that are gone. In the case of F. Gauthier, he is the son of Phillip Gauthier, another pioneer of Matheson.

Mr. Fred Harbridge Jr. has built a pasteurization plant in Matheson, moving the machinery from the farm of Mr. Bustard into town. Mr. Harbridge purchased the business from Mr. Bustard and is now serving the residents of Matheson with milk and cream.

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Residents Happy

Residents of Shillington are feeling elated over the results of the Black River Township Election, with Arthur Brightwell, a resident of Shillington since 1914, heading the polls. Those who know Arthur feel sure he will not betray the taxpayer for the trust they have put in him. Mr. Brightwell is another man who has made a success of his own business.

Another resident of Shillington was nominated for reeve, Mrs. N. Elms, and although declining in favour of Mr. Alarie, felt honoured that she should have been thought worthy of nomination for the highest municipal office in our community. However Mrs. Elms has recently been elected to the School Area and is trustee, to which office she pledges to fulfill to the best of her ability.

New Garage

The first business on the new highway at Matheson will be ready for opening shortly. This large garage was built entire of concrete blocks by Robert Potter of Matheson. These concrete blocks were made at Mr. Potter's modern block factory at his ranch, with sand and gravel from his own property nearby.

The garage is to be operated jointly by D. D. Patterson and Elmer Peters, who have the Ford Agency for Matheson.

Co-operation

United Church members, at Shillington put on a chicken supper recently. Proceeds were to be given towards repairs on the Anglican Church. This will be the first donation the United Church has given toward repairs on this building. The repairs will cost in the neighborhood of four hundred dollars and the United Church are going to assist the Diocese of the Church of England. Needless to say the supper was a success.

Accident Occurs

An odd accident occurred at the new Garage last week. Two youths were working on firewood, one chopping wood while the other lad was wheeling it away. The axe slipped when chopping and struck Allen Bruce across the hand while using the wheel-barrow. When Allen pulled his mitt off to show him how badly he was cut, he fainted. Allen was taken to the Doctor who found it necessary to apply twelve stitches to close the wound. Today it is reported that Allen's hand is very sore. Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bruce of Matheson.

Baby Christened

The Christening of Bonnie Eleanor Henderson, 9 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Henderson of Kirkland Lake, took place in St. Mark's Anglican Church, Matheson, by the Rector Reverend T. Mitten, Sunday, December 14 at the morning service. The Godparents were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCallum of Kirkland Lake. After the ceremony a Christening party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderson, the baby's grandparents. Those attending were, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Henderson, and daughters, Gail and Bonnie, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCallum and son Ronald, and Mrs. J. B. Smith, Bonnie's grandmother, all of Kirkland Lake.

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The friends of Mr. Bolton Smith of Kirkland Lake, will be glad to learn that he has now left the hospital after about three months stay. His condition is reported to be improved although he will not be able to work for some time.

H. V. Long staffe, Division Engineer, for the Department of Highways, New Liskeard and Mr. Patterson, assistant to Mr. Longstaffe, were visitors in Matheson and Timmins this week.

Morris Leavoy is reported to be on the sick list, it is hoped he has a rapid recovery as Santa Claus comes to Matheson the twenty-third of December and he won't want to miss him for sure.

Letter To The Editor

The Editor,
The Porcupine Advance,
Dear Sir:

The farmers of the Black River Township are faced with some of the greatest of problems at this moment. When subsidies on feed grains were removed, it placed us in a position where in many cases the feeding of livestock has become unprofitable.

We Canadian farmers have a great and heavy responsibility to our country and the people of the world, to see to it that there is enough food to relieve the hunger and misery of millions of people. The Canadian farmers cannot bear the whole burden alone. The removal of the subsidies on feed grain has benefited no one and has made it impossible for us farmers to run our businesses on a secure and sound basis.

Some people will disagree that this matter of high cost of feed and grain has anything to do with municipal politics, but it definitely has. Now that Mr. Alarie is elected, it is the earnest hope of all the farmers that he and his council will help the farmers get organized so that they will be able to get action in this matter. During the next year farmers will have to find ways and means of getting organized, in order to fight against the conditions that make it so difficult for us to make a living today.

Our reeve and councillors have used excellent judgment in repairs to our roads and bridges, which mean so much to most of the farmers. But the cost of living is hitting us below the belt, and it is hoped that we will be able to form a strong farmers organization in Black River so that we can fight back when we are hit.

With Mr. Alarie and the newly elected council, it is hoped they will fight along with the farmers and help us get some kind of security.

BLACK RIVER RESIDENT

Toronto, Ont.,
December 19, 1947

Editor,
Porcupine Advance,
Timmins, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

That was a poignant letter in your December 4th issue, in which "Old Resident" certainly delivers a lethal right to the heart (if any) of "free enterprise," in the following classic few lines: "As users of one pint of milk a day since my wife and myself have been alone, we have paid 10 cents a pint, while the price per quart was 17 cents. Now the price per quart is 19 cents, but do you know what they are charging for pint bottles? These are now selling at 11 cents; or, in other words, my wife and I are not paying 19 cents a quart, but 22 cents."

My opinion is that, while governments should keep pretty well out of the general trade scene, it is the specific business of the public authorities to see to it that there is an absolute minimum of unnecessary costs, price-tinkering, monopolistic control, and speculation in the half dozen, or so, basic foods of the people—bread, milk, meat, butter, vegetables, sugar, tea, coffee, fruit?

Let alcoholic beverages, cosmetics, automobiles, movies, jewelry and milk coats take care of themselves—on the basis of "all the traffic will bear"—but no one, either in Timmins or Toronto, should be permitted to cash-in on delivering the basic foods to the housewife's pantry; i.e., to tomorrow's Canadians. It is this humiliating exhibition of personal selfishness which has distinctly tarnished the Canadian scene since VE Day?

I agree heartily with your clarion call for "A Royal Commission on Joe Blow, the little man who pays for the things other people sell."

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1. Free Milk For School Children

Our children need milk. Milk consumption in the Porcupine has dropped 1/2 since the price went up. The British system of 1/2 pint daily of free milk has proven its worth. KEEP OUR CHILDREN HEALTHY.

2. Increased Revenue From Mines

The Timmins small-homeowner has the highest tax-rate in Ontario. This is because the mines do not pay their share. The 1948 Council must lead in the fight for a greater share in mines' taxes collected by the Dominion and Provincial governments. 35% of municipal taxes should come from the mines. TAKE THE TAX BURDEN OFF THE SMALL HOMEOWNER.

3. Beat Back Living Costs

The high cost of living is plaguing our citizens. The new council should give leadership to the community in the fight against inflation. Continued high living costs will bring another depression. WE DON'T WANT THE 1930'S BACK AGAIN.

4. New Industries For Timmins

The 1948 Council should take the lead in encouraging new industries in Timmins. Factories which use the products of our forest could be set up. This would offer wider employment to the people of Timmins. MAKE THIS A MULTIPLE INDUSTRY TOWN.

5. Abolish The Poll Tax

Taxation without representation is undemocratic in principle. Poll Tax without a vote is wrong in practise. STRENGTHEN MUNICIPAL DEMOCRACY.

A Man To GET Action!

"RAY" STEVENSON

- An energetic, young man. Married. Two children.
- Has lived in Northern Ontario since 1938.
- A miner for six years. An early member of the miners' union. Participated in the historic Kirkland Lake strike in 1941.
- In the Canadian Armored Corps for four years. Promoted from the rank of Trooper to that of Captain.



He Says:

"My only thought is for the welfare of the people who live in Northern Ontario. I think a healthier, happier and more secure community can be achieved."

"I stand four-square for the program outlined opposite. It is a program which can be won."

"I also stand, unconditionally, behind the efforts of organized labor for higher wages and better working conditions."

"Give myself, and others who will fight for these things, your support on election day and throughout the year."

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