

## POLICE CLAIM MINERS BETTER PAID

### Advance Gets Blast From Timmins Cops

In interviews this week various Timmins police constables protested that the Advance was in error when it declared in an editorial that the wage of the average police constable was in excess of that of the average miner.

The Advance's editorial commented on a request by members of the police department for a \$20 a month cost of living bonus. The Advance opposed the bonus with the argument that the increased cost of living of municipal employees (all 200 of whom would have to be given the \$20 a month bonus if the police obtained their request — a payroll increase of \$48,000, or between three and four mills on the tax rate) should not be borne by taxpayers who themselves received less than municipal employees.

"Your figures are cock-eyed," one constable said bluntly. "With the recent cost of living bonus the average miner is making more money than the average constable."

He pointed out that the experienced miner receives \$7.33 per day under the recently announced cost-of-living bonus for the mines. This amounts to 91.0 cents per hour for an eight hour day, or \$190.58 for a 26 day month.

At the present time a first class constable on the Timmins force is paid \$185 per month.

Town constables start at \$160 a month and after six months are boosted to \$175 per month. Under a salary schedule introduced in 1945, policemen obtain annual increases of \$5 per month with every year of service, till a maximum of \$200 per month is reached.

At the present time no constable is being paid the latter figure despite the fact that many have been employed by the town for a considerable number of years. All were graded at the \$175 figure when the salary schedule was set up.

"As far as myself and the other senior officers of the force are concerned, I don't believe we need a cost of living bonus. We are not trying to put a load on the taxpayers' necks," said Police Chief Albert Lepic. "But the men who pound the beat and who have homes to keep up and families to support are in actual need of it. A smaller bonus might also be given the police sergeants, who also require the money to live properly."

He stated that in his belief pay for policemen should be slightly upgraded over pay for miners in order to keep good constables interested in their jobs.

"It is unreasonable to ask a man to shoulder the responsibilities of police work for less money than he can make underground," he said.

### Council Looks With Favor On 1948 Campaign Meeting

Len Bradley, president of the local CCF club, passed on to council at this week's meeting a resolution made at a pre-election campaign meeting sponsored by the CCF in December. The resolution asked that the 1948 council sponsor a public election meeting during the coming year.

"This is a good suggestion," said Councillor Les Bailey. "I think this council should be in favor." He suggested that a town theatre be rented for the purpose.

### Faludi Handed \$300 per

At its regular meeting this week Timmins town council authorized the extension for six months of the town's contract with Dr. Faludi, town planning consultant, at a salary of \$300 per month, plus travelling expenses. Mr. Faludi's expenses in the past have varied between \$75 and \$90 per trip to Timmins.

The planning consultant usually visits Timmins once a month for a few days. He acts in an advisory capacity to the local town planning board.

Last week it was proposed by Councillor Les Bailey, chairman of the property and planning committee, upon the recommendation of the town planning board, that Mr. Faludi's contract be extended for the rest of 1948. This would have authorized that the planning consultant be paid for nine months, as apparently Dr. Faludi does not work during the Summer.

"I have changed my mind about hiring Dr. Faludi for the rest of 1948," Mr. Bailey told council. "I do not think we should hire him for more than another six months in any case."

He explained that the town planner's service might not even be required for six months and that Dr. Faludi was content to quit as soon as it became evident that his services were no longer needed.

New appointments for 1948 to the Timmins Community Activities Committee made at Council's meeting this week were Archie Dillon and Councillors Fred Quesnel and Urbain Aubry.

### WHO CARES ABOUT WEATHER?



BRRR!! Seen above are four of the members of the Cochrane Polar Bear Club, a group of gents who think nothing of going for a swim in sub-zero weather. According to club

members, cutting a hole in the ice and diving in is just the thing to tone up one's circulation on these dull winter days. Above, standing, are M. D. Dubin and C. M. Benson. In the water

are A. E. Wicks and Douglas Turner. This photo was taken at Mr. Wicks' lumber camp seven miles south of Cochrane. (photo by DeJoseph Studio, Cochrane.)

### Office Workers Get Bonus

Most office workers in the mines of the Porcupine will receive the cost of living bonus recently announced for miners of the camp, the Advance was informed this week. Announcements to this effect were posted in most mines last Friday and Saturday.

However, with McIntyre mine, the announcement that office workers would also benefit was incorporated in the original announcement, when it was stated that all employees would receive the bonus.

Up to the time of writing, Hollinger had not officially advised its office employees that they would receive the bonus. However, a Hollinger spokesman said that plans for this phase of the bonus system were now being worked out.

"Top executives will not get the bonus, but the average office worker will," the Hollinger representative said.

### Schumacher Firemen Name Their Officers

Members of the Schumacher Fire Department held their annual meeting Saturday evening January 31st in the club room at the Fire Hall.

Election of officers was held and Fire Chief Charles Jucksch starts his 28th year as Fire Chief.

Officers elected were: Honorary chief, R. J. Ennis; Chief, Charles Jucksch; Deputy Chief, Malcolm MacMillan; Captain, James Dillon; 1st Lieutenant, Frank Corris; 2nd Lieut-

enant, Fred Webbar; Secretary, Jack Marshall; Chairman, Bill Mansfield; Treasurer, John Monaghan; Chairman of Sports Committee, Johnny Anderson.

After the business session a lunch and refreshments were served. Cribbage and 500 were played and community singing was enjoyed, with Hugh Calverley and Herb Miller presiding at the piano.

### Red Cross Members Give Britain Aid

Schumacher branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society continued its good work last week when another shipment of articles manufactured by the members left for Toronto en route to the underprivileged overseas.

A total of 98 sewn garments and 69 knitted garments were in the shipment. They were 66 elderdown bath robes for small boys; 32 pairs of boys' pajamas; four children's Navy wool scarves; 25 pairs of children's socks; eight pairs of boys' mitts; two babies' wool jackets; one baby's wool mitts; 23 babies' wool shirts and six crocheted shoulder shawls.

### Firemen Won't Be Used To Flood Rinks In Town.

It appears that the TCAC will have to continue flooding town rinks without the aid of town firemen. At this week's meeting of council Recreation Director R. E. Sturgeon asked that firemen be permitted to handle flooding the rinks in their spare time.

Fire Chief Bill Stanley pointed out that town hydrants could not be used for the purpose unless the town's public works department followed firemen to flush out and drain hydrants, which would otherwise freeze up in the cold weather.

### False Alarms Serious, Fire Chief Emphasizes

Rewards for the apprehension of persons who place false alarms to the fire department were broached again at this week's meeting of council. Fire Chief Stanley said that rewards of \$15 or \$25 would probably lead to the elimination of false alarms.

"We have had a whole series of false alarms," the fire chief said. "It would be a grave matter if we were out on one of these calls and an alarm to a serious fire came in."

### Genuine Work Of Charity Underway In Mountjoy

A real work of charity is going on in the Improvement District of Mountjoy these days, as the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Dominique's Roman Catholic church collects and distributes the necessities of life to the underprivileged families of Mountjoy.

Undertaken originally just prior to Christmas in order to bring a happy Yuletide to needy residents, the work of the society has proven such a success that it will conduct a year-round campaign. Administrator is Chief of Police Leo Gagnon, under the supervision of Rev. Father L. Brouillard, parish priest. The work is also actively supported by Secretary Treasurer J. W. Spooner of Mountjoy.

"We have had a surprising response from the general public," chief Gagnon said. "Everybody had pitched in and helped us in every way."

He said that to date more than 35 families — of all denominations, for there is no religious discrimination in the society's work — had been almost completely outfitted with cast-offs from more prosperous residents of the Porcupine. "And these cast-offs are by no means rags," the chief said. "They are perfectly good clothing of which people have grown tired or which children have outgrown."

The society does not restrict its collections to clothing, but puts to good use every type of household goods. For example, a recent donation was 20 mattresses from the Empire Hotel. Many of these have already been distributed; the chief is now searching for other kind citizens to donate bed-spreads and springs to go with them.

"We are looking for furniture of every kind and in any condition," Chief Gagnon said. "The men of the parish will repair it to suitable condition."

The material is collected by Chief Gagnon himself in his automobile. It is brought to the parish house and distributed twice a week, on Tuesdays

### Station Would Sell Time To Timmins In Wholesale Lots

An effort to sell the town of Timmins advertising in wholesale lots was made at this week's meeting of Council, by radio station CKGB. Harvey Freeman, station manager, offered special rates for radio spot announcements over 52 in number.

Town fathers ordered Vic Salmona town clerk to ascertain how much had been spent last year on radio time.

### WANT TOWN'S SCRAP

Dundas Brothers, local salvage dealers, offered 50 cents a ton for scrap metal at the town's dump at this week's meeting of Timmins council. The salvage firm offered to keep a man at the dump and guaranteed they would handle the contract efficiently. The matter was referred to Councillor Philip Fay, chairman of the public works committee.

and Thursdays at 2 p.m. It is estimated that more than \$2,000 worth of second-hand goods has been distributed up to the present.

"The people we are trying to help are all deserving cases," Chief Gagnon emphasized. "They are people with families of six, eight, ten and twelve children. They are people who find it impossible to provide properly for their children at today's cost of living."

So, Mr. or Mrs. Reader, if you have clothing or furniture of any kind about your home which you are not going to put to use again, phone Chief Gagnon at 1832. He'll be around to pick it up and see that it gets into the hands of persons who need it.

### Andy Clark Heard In New Radio Show

Yes, it's our old friend, Andy Clarke, "Mayor of the Little Places," and Andy's many admirers are glad they now hear him twice a week — on his regular Sunday morning broadcast of "Neighborhood News," and in a new series he began this month, for the Blue Cross Plan for Hospital Care. Appropriately enough, Andy's new program is called "MAYOR OF THE LITTLE PLACES," and is heard each Saturday evening over CBL Toronto, CBO Ottawa, CFPL London, CFCO Chatham, CKLW Windsor, CHML Hamilton, and each Sunday over CPCH North Bay.

Andy Clark's a veteran newspaperman who started off his ink-stained career with the old Toronto World, then moved on to the Toronto Mail and Empire, the London Advertiser,



ANDY CLARK

fact, it was with the Toronto Globe that he started his radio career back in 1926 when he became one of the first newsmen to broadcast direct from a newsroom.

A staunch champion of "those important parts of Ontario that lie outside the cities," Andy is honorary mayor of several Ontario towns, and a celebrated guest-of-honour at many a centennial and reunion. Andy's fan-mail is likely to include such items as live caterpillars of unusual markings

### Wilbur's Wacky Poems Get Debut Over The Ether

The fame of the Advance's Wilbur is spreading. Last week Andy Clark, radio voice of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association recited for the benefit of hundreds of thousands of listeners the little ex-scribe's poem concerning the hibernating proclivities of the bears of the district.

Wilbur's poem "The Bear" is one of a series of poems he is writing concerning the animal residents of the North. The runt has assured the editor that, spurred by this honor, he will continue to turn out his screwball poetry at infinitum, or if necessary at nauseam. So reader beware!

and the Toronto Globe. Matter of oddly-coloured butterflies, violets grown in December, peaches weighing a pound or more and fossilized remains dug up in someone's garden. If he mentions a prize pumpkin, he's almost sure to get a letter telling him of one even bigger and better.

In his new radio series for the Blue Cross Plan for Hospital Care, Andy's going to pay tribute to different Ontario towns each week, tell lively human-interest stories and reflections gathered during his extensive newspaper and radio career, and include those homey "Andyisms" for which he is so famous. What's more, Andy Clark's just as 'hepped up' about his new assignment as if he'd landed his first newspaper job.

### NO NEW CAR

The town's welfare department will not receive a new automobile during 1948. This was decided at this week's council meeting after Councillor Leo Del Villano recommended that the present vehicle be repaired. Estimated cost of repairing the old car, \$485.

## ALLOCATION OF HYDRO POWER

Abitibi, Timiskaming, Sudbury and Nipissing Districts

It has become necessary, due to the low supply of water for generation of electricity, to issue the following notice to municipalities and direct customers of the Commission in the above districts.

"Effective February 1, 1948, and continuing until further notice, the monthly consumption of kilowatt-hours shall be restricted to a maximum of 85% of the total kilowatt-hours used in the month of November 1947."

This is a temporary emergency arising from a subnormal rainfall and this restriction will be lifted just as soon as circumstances warrant.

In the meantime, the regulations made under the Power Commission Act which went into effect on November 10, 1947, restricting the use of electricity for sign and show window lighting and other purposes are suspended in Abitibi, Timiskaming, Sudbury and Nipissing Districts as from February 1, 1948 until further notice.

If the specified reduction in consumption of electricity is not obtained on a voluntary basis it will be necessary to cut off the supply of electricity entirely for definite intervals of time each day wherever the specified consumption of electricity is being exceeded

THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO