

Matheson And District News

By Mrs. G. R. Weir

Conservative Convention
The meeting opened with singing "O'Canada". The District President Don. Frisby of Kirkland Lake in the chair, Secretary J. Perry, Kirkland Lake President Frisby welcomed the gathering and in a few words expressed the hope that the enthusiasm displayed by the 600 people at the meeting could be carried out all over the riding, stressing the need for everybody to get one hundred per cent behind the Candidate regardless of who was chosen at the meeting.

Motion was carried to give the Candidates and nominators the allotted time to introduce and address the meeting.

Deputy Mayor H. Reid of Iroquois Falls gave a few words of welcome. While waiting for credentials ballots etc. two solos were rendered by Mr. Bud Saunders of Matheson, "Without a Song" and "Old Man River" which received a generous applause.

Nominations were in the following order, Messrs. Percy Boyce of Schumacher, Wm. O. Langdon, Timmins, Leo Charlebois, Timmins Don R. Frisby, Kirkland Lake, Frank R. Bailey, Timmins, Les Hornick, Kirkland Lake, Robt. Potter, Matheson. At the conclusion of nominations the last four named expressed their desire to have their names withdrawn. From the start of nominations it seemed evident the popular choice would be Mr. Percy Boyce of Schumacher. However all three men were similar in that they had all done outstanding work for their country in the Wars and they were actively interested in their communities. They all pledged their loyalty to Premier George Drew and to the Progressive Conservative Party, and promised to work untiringly to win in this riding.

Mr. Leo Charlebois and his nominators addressed the audience in English and briefly in French.

Mr. Langdon touched briefly on his desire to assist and improve many things such as better publicity and accommodation for tourists stating that Northern Ontario is a tourists paradise, Forestry, Agriculture and many other interesting topics.

Mr. Percy Boyce in his address congratulated President Frisby who has been the main spring of this convention. Whoever that is chosen will have to be

proved very educational and interesting. The National Anthem closed the meeting after which a free Dance was enjoyed by all present.

The regular monthly meeting of the Matheson Women's Institute was held in the Courtroom Thursday 6th of May. Five new members joined and several brought their small children. This is the reason that the meetings were changed from the home to the courtroom so that more young mothers with their new ones will be able to attend and the meeting was very successful in this regard. The Roll call "Three people I'd like to meet and why" was very well responded to and were very interesting. The favourite person mentioned were, Clare Wallace, Anthony Eiken, Ethelwyn Hobbs, Duke and Duchesne of Windsor Queen Elizabeth, Winston Churchill, Hon. George Drew, and Rt. Hon. L. MacKenzie King. Motions were passed to have the fee raised to fifty cents, that they make arrangements to put on a hobby and antique show, as soon as possible. A sick committee and flower fund was organized, also two members chosen for an amusement committee to act for one meeting only, every meeting two more will be chosen. The next meeting will be held in the Courtroom at 2:30 p.m. Thursday the 3rd of June, roll call. Exchange of potted plants.

The guest speaker was introduced by Dr. James B. McClinton of Timmins who said that Mr. John Jory had been born in England, served with the Spitfires during World War 2. He, like Winston Churchill was born of American parents who had moved to England and remained there.

Mr. Jory after a few complimentary remarks emphasized the necessity to get behind the candidate and send him to Toronto. Northern Ontario is an extremely wealthy country in Minerals, Agriculture, and for the tourists trade. The debt of the Hepburn government has been reduced by millions. Hospitalization and educational facilities have been improved greatly since the Drew Government went into force. Hydro for the rural farmers was promised and in this district we have the evidence, new lines are going in rapidly. We have built highways, improved others, opened the trans-Canada highway and a great many of the major highways are kept open winter and summer. There was sixty million dollars granted for new highways and extensions of new highways. National Health and Welfare has been taken care of, new hospitals have been built. We have been short of labour and people have been clamouring to come to Canada especially Ontario, seven thousand were flown over. The Old age pensions, the Government has raised to \$40.00 and the old age pensioner may earn more than before. It is the Old age pensioners have given much for their country. The debt incurred by hydro will ultimately refigure itself. We did not have enough current but we will have plenty in the future Mr. Jory stated these are very briefly outlined but that the present government should be re-elected to complete and carry out these and other plans. It is very necessary not only for you to vote Progressive Conservative but your relatives and friends vote for and elect the member for the South Cochrane Progressive Conservative party.

Results, ballots counted, Mr. Percy Boyce got the majority vote. Messrs. Bill Langdon and Leo Charlebois declared it would be a pleasure to work with MR. BOYCE THE CHOICE OF THE MAJORITY.

Meeting closed with "The King".

A very enjoyable evening was spent in Shillington when Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brightwell celebrated her fourteenth birthday Friday the 7th of May, and entertained her friends. Those attending and bringing many pretty gifts were, R. Edwards, Margaret and Gordon Elms, Grace and James McCall, Nina and Nora Humphries, Rose Lefebvre, Daisy and Shirley Rooksby, Jack Gregg, Tom Beaton. A delicious lunch with decorated birthday cake concluded the evening.

There were about fifty present at the C. C. F. Meeting held at Shillington Thursday, May 6th. Chairman, Reg Gregg, Pianist, Miss Margaret Elms, meeting opened with the singing of "O'Canada".

Mr. Harold Ranson introduced Reeve Leo Alarie who in a few well spoken words introduced the guests speaker, Mr. W. J. Grummett, M. P. The speaker described the procedure of Parliamentary business. How motions and acts were passed and states that after the speech from the throne is finished it is picked apart and criticized at great length thereby wasting a great deal of public funds and nothing is accomplished. At the conclusion of Mr. Grummett's address there was a question and answer period which

Friendship Circle Branch of the Women's Institute will hold a bazaar May 22nd in the Welcome Restaurant Matheson. Tea will also be served.

Members of the Hospital Aid are very pleased with the results of refreshments sold and the play "Here Comes Charlie" put on by teacher, pupils and board of the Carr Township school in Monteth. Proceeds were in aid of the Matheson Hospital and will be used to purchase a youths bed complete.

Mrs. Wm. Miles of Matheson spent a short holiday in Iroquois Falls visiting relatives.

Mrs. R. Tritton of Shillington visited friends in the Matheson district over the week-end.

Mrs. M. Guillemette and small son has taken up residence at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Craig of Matheson, and has accepted a position at Moores Grocery Store.

Friendship Circle Branch of the Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Price, Matheson. There were nine members and five visitors present. The District President, Mrs. F. J. Clark, Acting District Secretary, Mrs. E. Cline, Miss O. Clark of Shillington, Mrs. L. Hartford of Hoyle and Mrs. D. Johnson of Matheson visited. At the conclusion of the meeting a delicious lunch was served by the hostess. The District Directors also held their meeting at the conclusion of this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dodds of Thornloe Ontario have moved back to Matheson this week. Earl Dodds of Noranda also visited relatives and friends in Matheson over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hanlan have been busy moving by the first of May they have taken up temporary residence in the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lundy.

Mrs. Wm. Nicholls of Kapuskasing visited with relatives at Matheson over the week-end.

Miss Jean Haggerty of Matheson has accepted a position with the Kapuskasing Consumers Co-operative Store and will make her home at Kapuskasing.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Henderson and daughters Gail and Bonnie of Kirkland Lake spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Henderson of Matheson. While there, Gail had a birthday celebration with her grandparents and had Eunice Leaver her cousin, in to join the party. Many happy returns Gail!

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller and family have moved from Matheson to

News From SOUTH PORCUPINE

By Mrs. Maxwell Smith

The Lions Club held a party on May 1st, at the Porcupine Arena for all the children who had taken part in the recent Carnival.

Music for the evening was supplied by Darwin Aitken and a number of the small performers entertained by dancing and singing; Barbara Lebinson, Merle Wilson, Molly Komar, Fay Wilson, Sandra Cattarello, Marilyn and June Harvey were among those who performed. Games were played with prizes going to Shirley Brown, June Harvey, Marilyn Harvey, and Patsy Andrews; and moving pictures were shown.

Miss Joyce Kozinsky, who helped train the fancy skaters, was responsible for the program.

A nice lunch was served by Mrs. A. McPhate Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Harvey.

CUNNINGHAM — GIBLIN

The marriage of Catherine daughter of Mrs. Giblin and the late Mr. J. Giblin of St. Catharines, to Clifford Cunningham of South Porcupine, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham took place on April 17th in the manse of the United Church at St. Catharines with Rev. E. E. Ashley officiating. The bride wore a suit of blue garbadiene with black and white accessories, and a corsage of red roses.

She was attended by Miss Isobel Reece who was attired in a grey suit with green accessories and corsage of carnations.

Mr. D. Labraske was groomsmen. A reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's mother 14 Bucklands Ave., St. Catharines. Mrs. Giblin received in a brown and sand ensemble with white carnations. She was assisted by Mrs. James Cunningham of S. Porcupine mother of the groom who wore a black and white two-piece dress with black accessories and corsage of red carnations.

A full church welcomed the Mount-Joy Senior Choir's presentation of "The Ministers Aunt" a comedy produced again in the United Church here under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society on Monday evening.

Mrs. Wilkins, director of the play accompanied the cast, and furnished the music. The C. G. I. T. sold homemade candy during the intermission. The visitors were entertained after the performance by the ladies and refreshments were served. Hearty applause was given the cast for their efforts.

LOCALS

Several fire alarms have been turned in this week, grass fires, and chimney fires being the cause. No damage has resulted.

The second monthly contest for St. John Ambulance cadets was held on Tuesday evening 27th, April. Three teams were entered by girls and three by boys.

Sgt. John Newman of Ambulance Div. 108 prepared and judged the test. The boys No. 3 team hold the shield until the May contest. Gerald Oulette, Captain, with Gurnet Reid, Gino Fenato, Arnold McGuire and Edward

to the farm formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Sexsmith at Hookers Creek.

Mr. Vern Monohan of Burwash was home for the week-end at Matheson and while here went fishing, one of his favorite pastimes.

Mr. Jack Miller who resides about a mile from Matheson, finished seeding a field of oats by April 28th, this may not be a record for this country but it certainly is about six weeks earlier than 1947 seeding.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Draves of Kirkland Lake will be moving back to Matheson shortly and intend to take up residence in the upstairs apartment of Mr. J. Cole's residence.

Mrs. E. Broughton and family have taken up residence in Matheson. They moved from Iroquois Falls and will take up residence in the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed McDaniels now of Timmins.

The dance at Shillington held under the auspices of Northern Star Branch of the Women's Institute last week was well attended. The Girls' Club sold drinks and home made candy.

The fishing season has opened for 1948 and many tall fish stories will be told but few will equal one of the 1908 variety. At that time the Railroad had not been built past Matheson and four enthusiastic fishermen decided that to avoid much toting they would go to Sesekinaka to fish. They went down by train and as two were thirsty souls they took a rowboat, the other two took a canoe. The two in the canoe paddled away returning at half hour intervals. Each time the two men in the rowboat seemed to be approximately in the same spot, still rowing, resting the oars, pulling the lines in, then having another drink. Around the island paddled the two fishermen which took over an hour, upon their return the other two fishermen were repeating the performance, pulling in their lines and taking another swig. Unable to figure it out the two canoeists went back, there to discover that the men in the rowboat were marooned on a rock and had not moved all day, and didn't even notice it.

gained all of the badges necessary for Tyrrell also of Toronto is working with a first class Guide. Her Captain cannot speak too highly of this exemplary guide.

Nancy Wilder received her first Class Badge at this meeting. Her gift from the Company, her First Class Pin was presented to her by Lt. Nancy Cooper.

Friends of Mrs. Roach Sr. regret to learn that she broke her ankle this week and wish her speedy recovery.

Dr. and Mrs. McKittrick have returned from Toronto where Dr. McKittrick attended the funeral of his mother in that city.

Mrs. Williams of Winnipeg (Mamie Green) and two daughters are visiting her mother Mrs. Green of Cecil Ave., who is quite ill.

Mrs. Wm. Moore of Smooth Rock Falls and Mrs. Allan of Toronto are visiting their sister Mrs. R. Edgar of Strachan Ave.

Miss Smith of the Toronto Western Hospital is doing field work with Miss Pocock V. O. N. this month, and Miss



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