

ON THE SIDE

The folder produced by the Department of Travel and Publicity on the Parliament Building is a thing of beauty; but at the word "joy" we turn up. The map on the inside of the folder is a masterpiece of under-achievement in the impression that Fort Arthur and Fort William are the only two places above North Bay.

The Honourable Stuart S. Garson M.P., Minister of Justice will broadcast to-night to the nation on topics that have been discussed at this session of the House of Commons. Some mention as to the date of the forthcoming election may be given.

The Children's Aid Society of the District of Cochrane have set the date for their appeal for funds as Feb. 28th to March 14th. The objective for the campaign is \$14,000.00 for the whole district. The district is divided into nine focal points with a responsible organization in charge of each division. The campaign covers from Timmins to Hearst. This organization deserves your full support.

Those who have the Blue Cross Plan in force in their establishments have already received notice that the plan has been forced to increase their rates due to increase costs. If they have not received such notice the change is effective on March 15th.

The model aeroplane builder will be happy to earn that an engine has been invented and now in production and at a very reasonable price of \$7.95. It is called the "Infant Torpedo" and is readily adapted to model.

In the T. & N.O. Bonspiel last week it is related that at the completion of one "end" in a game there were 12 rocks on the rinks, with the other four "out in front", but there was no score, each team had a rock exactly the same distance from the "button" and the referee could not find a hair's breadth difference. The end was a blank.

The Annual Kiwanis Bonspiel for the Karl Eyre Trophy takes place at the Hayleybury Curling Club on Saturday, February 19th at 9:00 a.m. The host club for the event is the Cobalt Kiwanis Club, which will also sponsor an inter-club luncheon. It is expected that at least two rinks will represent the Timmins Kiwanis Club.

The Next meeting of the Porcupine Rod and Gun Club should prove to be very interesting. Representatives of the club attended the meeting of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters recently in Toronto. A report of the highlights will be given covering the discussion on the decline of the moose.



The team which will represent the T. & N.O. Curling Association in Kirkland Lake next Monday and Tuesday is shown above and from left to right are: Sparky Veil, second; Elmer Dick, vice skip; Jimmy Sutherland, skip and Hugh Calverley, lead. This rink plays against the winners of the Northern Ontario Curling Association (the Groom rink of Sudbury) and the Northwestern Ontario Curling Association in a double round robin series to earn the right to represent Northern Ontario in the Brier at Hamilton. Advance Photo

RULING ON ASSESSMENT ROLL STILL UNDER FIRE

Considerable action was witnessed at the special meeting of the council called yesterday afternoon to discuss the following letter from Messrs. Calbeck and Yates, the Town solicitors, who had sought and received the expert advice of Mr. H. E. Manning, K.C. on the validity of the judgement handed down by Judge R. A. Danis, in the Bartleman appeal.

The letter to the Town Council is printed in full below:

February 16, 1949
Town of Timmins
Timmins, Ont.

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with your instructions we obtained an opinion from Mr. H. E. Manning, K.C. with regards to the judgement delivered by Judge Danis in the recent appeals. Mr. Manning is clearly and emphatically of the opinion that the judge was without jurisdiction to set aside the whole assessment roll and grant a re-assessment and states that the effect of his judgement in finding that the lands were assessed at actual value is in reality a dismissal of the appeals.

He states also that there is no possible machinery under which a new assessment can be made as directed by the judge and that the roll as it stands now unaltered by him, is a valid assessment roll. Indeed Mr. Manning goes as far as to state that we could if we wished, ignore the judgement of Judge Danis and levy taxes on the roll as it now stands.

The only objection to this is that somewhat embarrassing position if he neglected to comply with Judge Danis' order. Also the town may be somewhat embarrassed due to the fact it would not be perhaps until a year or so until some proceedings were taken for the collection of taxes but the question would be definitely decided by a court and particularly since in a suit for taxes the amount might be within the jurisdiction of the district court and so the matter would come before Judge Danis again.

Mr. Manning therefore suggests that the town launch proceedings for an order of prohibition prohibiting the assessor from carrying out the judge's orders. The judge would be made a party to these proceedings. These proceedings are by way of motion and can be brought on reasonably quickly and there is done by affidavit.

We would be pleased to have your further instructions.

It would seem childish to have a lawyer give out pertinent information, arguments and cases that opinions are based upon, which would be used to win the case for the town. This in fact could give all the material for the appellants defense.

The motion was passed by a vote of 4 to 2 in favour of the motion with Councillors Aube, Aubry, Fay and Bailey for, and Councillors Bartleman and DeVillano against.

The discussion that arose before the passing of the motion was led by Mr. Bartleman stating, "I want to see some action taken immediately and to see that the taxpayer gets a fair deal and have the taxes collected this year."

Councillor DeVillano, "I do not understand this letter, why do we receive a letter from Calbeck and Yates, when Mr. Manning is giving the advice. Did not your Worship infer that the letter was coming from Mr. Manning?"

Mayor, "that is so, but it was our solicitor who wrote to Mr. Manning."

Bartleman, "again I say what is the situation? Is the assessment fair? It looks to me as if the councillors are trying to sustain the roll. Will the councillors make a statement? What is generally best for the taxpayers of Timmins?"

Aube, "we should have more discussion with the lawyer as to whether we should appeal the case or not."

Bartleman, "Why go back to these secret meetings, it is for the good of the general public to know about these things. Please do not regard me as an appellant, but as a councillor in this matter. I should warn you though, that if the judgement is appealed I know for a fact that the rotary bylaw will be attacked."

DeVillano, "What will an appeal cost, what will a private bill cost. We don't know where this is going to end get a private bill and relieve the ratepayers of this burden."

After the passing of the motion the councillors adjourned to the committee room to confer with the solicitor. It is expected that another special meeting will be called again to air the matter.

Public School Teachers Maximum Raised \$100

The Timmins Public School Board has announced an increase of \$100.00 in the maximum salary of all local public school teachers. The maximum for women now \$2500.00 which previously had been \$2400.00, while the men now reach a maximum of \$3000.00. The raise will not be effective until September 1st, 1949.

"The increase means that any teacher who is now entitled to the maximum salary will automatically receive the \$100.00 increase next Sept." stated Mr. Hardy, chairman of the school board.

The salary schedule for women teachers is from \$1600.00 the minimum to \$2500.00 the maximum, with the annual increment of \$100.00 until the maximum is reached. The men teachers schedule is from \$1900.00 to \$3000.00 as the maximum with the annual increment of \$100.00.

"It should also be mentioned," said Mr. Hardy, "that in addition, the Public School Board is paying a cost of living bonus of \$15.00 per month. This would bring the maximum for women to \$2680.00 and the maximum for men to \$3180.00 which in both cases is just slightly lower than the maximum for teachers of the same category in the Township of Tisdale." The maximums for the Township is \$2700.00 and \$3200.00 for women and men respectively.

"The cost of living bonus," said the

chairman, "is being paid as of the 1st of January, 1949, and the maximum salary rates as September 1st 1949."

No change has been made in the salary schedules for school principals.

Red Cross Appeal Need \$5,000,000. Begins March 1st

OTTAWA, February 17 - The Governor-General of Canada issued a statement today calling for "whole-hearted and generous support" of the forth-coming March appeal of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

"As long as distress and suffering exist in the world," said His Excellency, "as long as misfortune to large to cope with individually overtakes man, so long will the necessity exist for the world-wide humanitarian work of the Red Cross."

"The appeal of the Canadian Red Cross Society in March for \$5,000,000 to carry on its peacetime work gives each of us the opportunity to work together for the good of all, to work with, and for each other. In contributing generously to this work, we contribute to the health and well-being of our nation."

"The National Blood Transfusion Service, which plans to make blood freely available to all who may need it; the Outpost Hospital and Nursing Station which serve 75 isolated areas in our country; the continuing services of three wars, as well as the many other services all directed toward alleviating and improving the conditions under which we live, make the Society's cause worthy of whole-hearted and generous support."

"Care of the Teeth" Given Lions Club

Lion Ken Allen, the first speaker on the new weekly program arranged by the Lions Education chairman, was introduced by Scotty Andrews. "Care of the Teeth" was the subject of Dr. Allen's talk in which he stressed the need of proper dental care to ensure good health. "If in doubt at any time of any tooth, have it x-rayed," said Dr. Allen.

Radio station CKGB ran off a re-ording of "Opinion Please" during the meeting to be used on a future broadcast. Those participating in the program were Gil Chenier, Del Bannerman and Chas. Brown.

COUNCIL NOTES

Rice Motors requested the removal of snow from the entrances to their parking lot. A motion was passed to instruct the town engineer to carry out the snow removal.

In replying to a letter re-airport from the town, Mr. J. P. Bradette stated, that he resented the reference, by one of the councillors to the newspapers, that he did not make any "on the spot" investigations. This is not true, as I have on numerous occasions had the opportunity to look over these sites."

The V.O.N. in a letter to the Council submitted their annual budget of \$7000.00 for 1949, the matter was referred to the budget committee.

The decision of the council on the judgement of R. A. Danis on the Assessment appeal, after considerable discussion and kicking around, was deferred to a special meeting when more information would be available from the Town Solicitor.

The best offer for the old furnace, pipes, blower and accessories in the town garage, of \$75.00 was made by W. B. Brewer. The offer was accepted.

The Standard Hotel disputed their water bill and said that the water meter must be defective. Upon investigation and the placing of a test meter, the town inspector of plumbing found that a check valve on the

Porcupine Health Budget \$63,221.00

Dr. Graham B. Lane presented the 1949 budget for the Porcupine Health Unit at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of directors. Chairman was Reeve Victor Evans and members attending were J. Beattie, Mayor Karl Eyre and Alex Johnston.

The regular reports for January were presented and accepted along with the Financial and auditors report for 1948.

The budget for 1949 was set at \$63,221.00 and the unit will not be requesting any further increases of income from the municipalities. The budget was accepted by the board.

The application of Miss Mary Mac Donald was accepted and set to start when she graduates in Public Health in June. This position is filling a vacancy in the unit.

Dr. Lane stated, that he had applied for grants under the general Health Grant for \$15,200.00 to cover the following program in Staff Education, Education of the Public, Audio-Visual, Education, Special printing, Education of Parents of Infant and Pre-School Children, Tuberculosis, Dental Program and Veterinarian services.

Porkies Beat Macmen 6-1 in Play-off Opener

South End Porkies last night took a commanding lead in their best of three Semi Final Series with the McIntyre Macmen as they walked away with a very decisive 6-1 win. Jack Hepworth was the scoring leader of the evening as he gave forth with two beautiful markers. The winners were never headed as they scored two in the initial stanza, added a pair in the second and put on end to all McIntyre hopes with two more in the final frame. The game started off in very rough fashion as Clav Eckert of the Macmen ran into two penalties early in the game but it was kept well in hand by refs Sparky Veil and Barney Morris and only 6 sentences were dished out throughout, 4 to the losers, while the Porkies garnered the remaining pair.

Ed Day Captures Downhill Event

The Porcupine Ski Club ran off the Junior Downhill club event on Sunday afternoon. The course was set on the new trail, cut this fall, on the south side of Mt. Jamieson. With skiing conditions perfect and the snow lightning fast the juniors presented a fine display of downhill running which gave the onlookers many a thrill. The race consisted of two runs with total time to count. Top man in this event and with a fair margin to spare was Ed Day with 67.5 sec. for two runs.

Class "A"
Ed Day, 67.5; Ed Pare 76.

Class "B"
Garth Brillinger, 72; Norman Lillie, 73; Donald Hindson, 76.25; E. Kembal, 76.5; C. Stickley, 77.75; Ed Quessnel, 81.25.

Class "C"
Alex Rose, 72.5; B. Brewer, 73.75; J. MacElwee, 74; R. Anderson, 74.25; Hugh Smith, 77.5; L. Taylor, 78.75; L. Quessnel, 83.75.

This Friday two teams of Juniors will leave for Temiskaming to participate in the Northern Ontario Junior and Interscholastic Ski Championships on Saturday and Sunday. The teams will attempt to bring to Timmins the Timmins Lions Club Trophy and the Sudbury Kiwanis Club Trophy.

The Timmins Lions Club Trophy will be awarded to the school representative by the boy in Class "A" who scores the highest points in all events in accordance with the rules governing the Trophy. A miniature will be presented to the boy for his permanent possession.

The Sudbury Kiwanis Trophy will be awarded to the team of six competitors, two from each class, that accumulates the highest number of points in all events, as covered by the regulations for this cup. Individual awards will be made to each member of the team.

Mines Rescue Station Most Modern in Ontario

The Porcupine Mines Rescue Station was officially opened yesterday afternoon to the general public for inspection of the building and the various types of equipment used in mines rescue work. On hand to welcome visitors were Mr. A. K. Graham Superintendent of the rescue station, Mr. Percy Smith Inspector of Mine Rescue Training, Mr. Jerry Wilson, of the Kirkland Lake Mines Rescue Station and Mr. M. Upham and Mr. E. B. Weir of the Dept. of Mines.

The rescue station was designed by the engineering staff of the McIntyre Porcupine Mines Ltd., in conjunction with the staff of the Dept. of Mines. Erection of the building was carried out by the McIntyre Mines under the supervision of Mr. R. J. Ennis. The building is the property of the crown. Financial expenditures in connection

with the construction and the operation of the station are paid for by the Workman's Compensation Board through the regular assessments of the local mines.

The care of the equipment, the operation of the station, and the training of rescue men, are the responsibilities of the District Rescue Station Superintendent, A. K. Graham.

Two rescue sub-stations are maintained in conjunction with the rescue station, one at the Hallnor Mines and the other at the Dome Mines.

An international truck with a body suitably designed for carrying rescue equipment is on order for the station. The rescue station which is located on the Schumacher Highway on entering Schumacher in the most modern and up to date in the province.

Porcupine Mineworkers Local 100 - First Meeting

A capacity house was on hand last Sunday evening at the Empire Theatre for the first mass meeting of Local 100.

It was publicly announced by Pat Conroy Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Congress of Labour that the Congress was undertaking an organizational campaign to establish a bone fide union of the miners in the district. He appealed to all miners to support the campaign, commencing as of Sunday, February 13th. He warned, "that any person or persons who tried to obstruct this Porcupine Mineworkers Union Local 100 of Canadian Congress of Labour in any way whatsoever, the Union would 'Roll Over' them."

Mr. Conroy did not elaborate on his term "roll over" but his tone indicated that he meant it.

"The Mine Mill Union after ten years of attempted organization had utterly failed to organize the miners. They had left nothing but wreckage, confusion and despair in their wake," he said.

He stated "that the congress had on three different occasions in the last year offered to organize the camp into the Mine Mill Union, but the offer had been rejected by top officials of that union on the grounds that it would interfere with the autonomy and interna-

Roy Lafferty Wins McIntyre Trophy

Roy Lafferty skipped his rink to win over P. H. Carson to take the McIntyre Mines Trophy. The winning team was R. W. Lafferty skip, T. Godin vice skip, R. Lachapelle second, S. Dunn lead, while the losing team was composed of P. H. Carson skip, Dale Johnston vice skip, Lloyd Raney second, and G. M. Ross as lead.

Play gets under way for the S. A. Wookey shield and the Store House shield this week. Both events are for McIntyre employees only, with an extra event for those not employed at the McIntyre Mines.

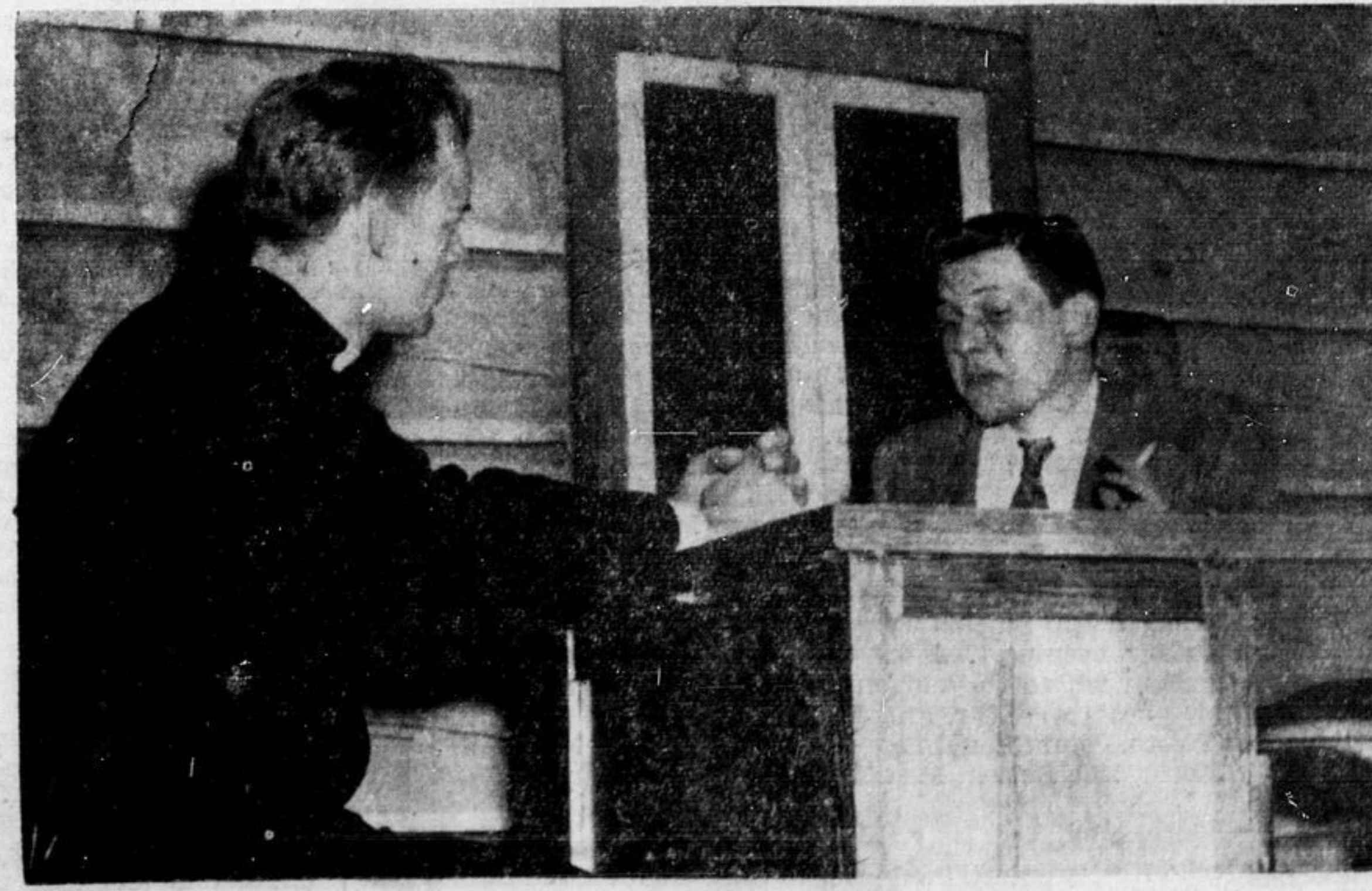
The week of the 21st of February is the Porcupine Bonspiel and to date twenty-two rinks have entered from the McIntyre Club. Entries for this event close on Friday February 18th.

The Henry Hudson rink of Ernie Olive, George Knowles and Nels Avery returned from the Manitoba Bonspiel held in Winnipeg last week with a great deal of respect for the western curlers and their curling ability. Some 400 rinks were entered in this hugespiel which is one of the largest in Canada.

Dr. Hudson who skipped the rink said, "the team had some very good games and that in six of the nine games they were tied on the last end." The team met some of the better rinks from the west and did very well but not well enough to come home with some of the prizes.

"Twenty curling rinks in the city of Winnipeg were utilized to run off the bonspiel. In the last year three new curling rinks have been constructed, which well indicated the growing popularity of curling in the west," said Dr. Hudson, "all ages curl, from the public school children to the grandmothers and grandfathers."

You won't convince an Irishman, but there are no snakes in Alaska.



Pictured above is an actual scene of the priest and convict from the English play "The Valiant" which won top honors in the Drama Festival held in the Finnish Hall on Tuesday evening. The priest portrayed by Francis Van Russell with Lawrence Solway as the convict was a masterpiece of acting. Of the youthful actors, Dixon P. Wagner, noted dramatic critic, said, "The play was brilliantly executed, it was near professional."