

ON THE SIDE

There should be more businessmen on the public platform, putting the case of free enterprise, after all, they are the people who know most about this system, and they should be the ones to take the lead in explaining it to their fellow citizens.

Your Easter Seals have reached you through the mails and the Timmins Kiwanis Club wish to use them through the mail by affixing one seal to the back of each letter. Place in the addressed envelope a donation from \$1 to \$5. Drop in the nearest post office or mail box. A receipt will be sent.

Everyone should know that high prices and prosperity go along together. We have prosperity when wages are high, when producers get good prices for what they grow. That means a lot of money in circulation. In turn, people buy more and that's what makes the high prices - competition for the goods and services offered.

Snow Removal Costs Up This Year

The weatherman has made no indication that spring is just around the corner and the recent heavy snow fall is another few inches to add to the five year record of snow.

Yesterday and today the town has been busy plowing the streets and carrying out snow removal. The cost last year for snow removal in the Town of Timmins was \$7179.76 for the streets and \$1669.32 for the sidewalks. The budget set aside for this work last year was \$10,000.00 for the streets and \$3100.00 for the sidewalks. The reason for the low cost last year was the very light snow fall in November and December.

The snow removal costs to date this year has been \$4678.30 for the streets and \$1601.76 and all indications according to the record snowfall the costs will be considerably higher.

Major Cassidy Conducts Art Course

A two day art course will be conducted this weekend by Major George Cassidy, D. S. O. of Cobalt. He is a high school teacher and the Author and illustrator of the "Warpath" a history of the Algonquin Regiment in World War 2.

Major Cassidy will be giving the two day course at the Masonic Hall Saturday and Sunday March 26th and 27th. The course will consist of a complete review of all the elementary phases of oil and water colors.

On Saturday from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. there will be a review of the principles of tools and composition. A lecture and blackboard demonstration will be used for this part of the course. A demonstration of the principles at work including minor technical hints will follow the lecture. Sunday, the course will feature a lesson in composition and criticism of the work of the class and a general question period.

The art course is sponsored by the TCAC through the help of the Community Programmes. The arrangements are in the hands of the Porcupine Art Club.



"JOE THE ESKIMO" cuts a picturesque figure as he casually strolls the streets of South Porcupine these days. He also is the man of the hour with doctors, nurses and patients alike in the South Porcupine General Hospital. Joe was flown here by plane six or more weeks ago to be treated for an old gunshot wound in his right arm. His home is an igloo in far away Fort Harrison. At first the white man's ways were most confusing to him, but now, he enjoys all the attention he gets and the strange food which is given him. He even has tried to learn some English, however, he has not got very far beyond O.K., O.K., but as he says it his smile is something to see. Frank, the orderly at the hospital has taken upon himself the pleasure of showing Joe the town and is rather busy because if ever a person "likes" he shows" its Joe. When a plane is available, Joe will be flown home again. It would be interesting to know just what Joe will have to say about this world of ours.

A. R. Mosher C.C.L. President Here Saturday

Leo A. (Buck) Behie, Vice Chairman of the Organizing Committee made a press release last Monday, that the Porcupine Mine Workers Union, Local 100, of the Canadian Congress of Labour made application to the Ontario Labour Relations Board for certification on behalf of the hourly rated employees of the Conlaum and Preston East Dome Mines.

Mr. A. R. Mosher president of the Canadian Congress of Labour will be in Timmins over the weekend. This is the third official of the C.C.L. to visit Timmins in the past month since the reorganizing of the Porcupine Miners Union. Mr. Mosher will arrive on Saturday afternoon and will be feted at a banquet in the Goldfields Hotel for the Stewards of Local 100 and their wives, where he will be the guest speaker.

He will speak at a membership meeting on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at the Union Hall. The wind up of his speaking tour will be on Sunday evening at the Empire Theatre at 8 p.m. and the general public are invited to attend.

PLEASE... NO DEPRESSION!

A midwestern school superintendent on a recent journey fell into conversation with a nice old lady who shared his seat. Among the many things they discussed was the likelihood of another depression.

"I do hope there won't be another the old lady remarked. "The last one was terrible, and it came at such a bad time... when so many people were out of work."

Firemen Receive Third False Alarm

On Monday evening at 8:57 p.m. a call was answered from fire box 35 on the corner of Elm and Fifth ave. When the fire truck arrived there was no one on the scene. This is the third false alarm that has been turned in this year.

The Fire Chief has made stern warning on each occasion that this practice must cease and that there is a \$25.00 reward for information on the culprits turning in these alarms.

During the week the firemen were required to attend nine calls four of them were chimney fires. Two of the calls were due to the overflowing of oil stoves when the oil ignited; the firemen stood by until the fire had burned itself out, and another call was for an overheated stove.

The most serious fire of the week occurred on Monday. A call was received from J. Roy of 209 Cedar St. S. and the department found that a ash can containing hot ashes had been placed too close to the building and the wall had just started to catch fire.

Table Tennis School Well Attended

The Table Tennis School which is being conducted at the Porcupine Community YMCA three afternoons a week, after school, by Mr. John Lillie, has been so well received by the young players, that registrations are no longer being accepted for this group, but a waiting list has been established for the next group which will be forming soon. The first group of 21 players has been divided into two sections to enable better instruction and practice.



Above is Andre Ouellette, director of the St. Charles Credit Union and Mr. E. Denis, general manager of the Regional Credit Unions of Northern Ontario, pictured prior to the annual meeting held recently in the Cartier Theatre.

Firemen Receive Wage Boost

The Board of Arbitration presented their findings after hearing both sides of the wage dispute between the Town of Timmins and the Timmins Firemen. Sitting on the Board of arbitration were Judge B. J. Robinson of Temiskaming, the neutral chairman appointed, with Gregory T. Evans representing the firemen and Tom McNeil for the Town of Timmins.

The board agreed to the following findings, which brings the wage rate of the Timmins Fire Department up to within \$5.00 across the board, of the Timmins Police Department.

New Wage Rate	
First six months (probation)	\$170.00
Start of first year	\$180.00
Start of second year	\$190.00
Start of third year	\$200.00
Start of fourth year	\$205.00
Start of fifth year	\$215.00
Start of sixth year	\$225.00

Mechanics of which the department has none at present came in for a raise and is now given a trades pay of \$10. per month. The officers of the department came in for wage boosts also and are as follows: Lieutenants \$245.00 per month; Captains \$260.00 per month; Deputy Fire Chief \$300.00 per month; Fire Chief \$350.00 per month. The above schedule of wages are retroactive to January 1st 1949 and the salary rate is based on a 48 hour week. The present regulations regarding vacations, uniforms, etc., shall remain in effect.

Seventeenth of Ireland Observed by Kiwanis

Monday was "Irish Day" at the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club at the Empire Hotel, the event having been postponed from last week. Among the special Irish touches on Monday were the green decorations on the tables, with green candles in Irish "murphies" for candlesticks.

The address by the guest speaker, Rev. Father H.J. Martindale of Timmins was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Wit and humour added to the effectiveness of the way he presented the case for Ireland.

The Irish songs presented by Mrs. Charles Caron and Frank Bolvin were among the many other happy features of the occasion. Mrs. Rene Barrette was kind enough to act as piano accompanist, in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Jean Larcher through illness.

In introducing these artists, Past President H. J. Quinn suggested that all would do well to attend the concert on April 5th at the Palace Theatre by the French Quartette, which would include the visiting artists.

Much appreciation was shown for Mrs. Caron's presentation of the Irish numbers, "I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen," and "Peggy O'Neil," while Mr. Bolvin was equally successful in his selections, "Danny Boy," and "Mickey." Mrs. Caron and Mr. Bolvin won much applause for their duet number, "My Wild Irish Rose."

Another musical feature of the day was the enthusiastic singing of Irish songs by the large Irish Chorus, during the community singing, led by Ted Bartlett, with Secretary W. H. Wilson at the piano.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CONSULT MUNICIPALITIES

More Money for Mining Municipalities—Shipley

Mayor Ken Buffan of Cobalt thanked the association for allowing them to be a member of the Mining Municipalities of Northern Ontario and as a new member would be entitled to receive a grant from the provincial government.

In reply, Reeve Anne Shipley of the Township of Teck said, "that there is a little extra in the pot this year for the mining municipalities according to my information from Mr. Frost. This does not mean that there is an extra amount for the municipalities already receiving a grant, but it is for the assistance of those mining municipalities which can qualify as such a municipality and require the grant."

"I cannot see why you should not receive it as Geraldton and Larder Lake received such assistance last year," she added.

"May I ask that a letter be sent to the minister by the association stating our request," said Mr. Buffan.

It was moved by Anne Shipley and seconded by Karl Eyre that a letter be sent from the Association on behalf of the Town of Cobalt that they be eligible to secure a grant as a bone fide mining municipality. The membership of the Ontario Municipal Association was discussed. "I might suggest," said Mr. Bartleman, "that a central office be established in Toronto to keep in contact with the government by this representation. We would have to pay a high salary man to look after our interests and it would bring results in the long run. As it is now we have two organizations and one of the head representatives lives in Kingston, now

this man is doing an excellent job but it would be much better to have him in Toronto where the government is situated."

"I agree with Mr. Bartleman 100%," said Reeve Shipley, "we should cut out one of the Organizations, either the OMA or the Association of Reeves and Mayors and have one head office and one association. This will be brought up at the annual meeting of the Reeves and Mayors Association and it should be a good time as I'm vice president of both organizations this year."

The membership to the O.M.A. was renewed. A resolution was passed to seek greater protection for the volunteer firemen under the workmen's Compensation act. The petition is to increase the wage rate of the volunteer firemen from \$1500.00 to the \$2500.00 bracket. This was moved by Mayor Karl Eyre and seconded by Reeve Anne Shipley.

The Township of Whitney presented a resolution seeking permission, that the township have the same authority as an urban municipality in the licensing of buses. At present they have no authority.

The final piece of business was submitted by Reeve Evans in which he proposed amendments to the assessment act. "It is too late," he said "to have it brought before the present sitting of the House so I suggest that you take copies with you and read them very carefully and bring your recommendations and changes to the next meeting."

Graham Deering Pres. Jr. Chamber

The Junior Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Meeting and election of officers at their regular monthly meeting in the dining room of the Goldfields Hotel.

Graham Deering was elected president for the ensuing year. Last year Mr. Deering was president also but only for a part term as the former Bob Harvey left town to take up a new job in North Bay. The other members elected to office were, Wynman Brewer as first vice president; Ken Passmore, second vice president; Larry Laeroche, treasurer; and Gerald Doughty the secretary.

The new executive will take office officially on April 1st and plans are already underway to bring back the already underway to bring back the June. A new committee has been set up to take care of all publicity of the club. The meetings of the Junior Chamber take place every third Sunday of the month.

Main Items of Budget In Brief

Budget features two-way income tax relief — higher exemptions and lower rates; both retroactive to Jan. 1. Basic income tax exemptions boosted from \$750 to \$1,000 for single persons and \$1,500 to \$2,000 married.

Exemptions raised from \$100 to \$150 for each dependent child under 16 and \$300 to \$400 for other dependents. Higher exemptions will take 750,000 present taxpayers off income tax rolls. Under new low rates three-quarters of remaining tax-payers will pay an average of 15 per cent on taxable income.

Employers authorized to stop deductions immediately for employees now tax-exempt; refunds to be made as soon as possible. New low deductions for remaining taxpayers expected to be in general effect by April 30.

Other minor reductions and concessions in income tax also announced. Price ceilings removed from flour, bread, butter, sugar, molasses and certain fruits and vegetables—effective Wednesday.

No over-all price increases expected to result from price-ceiling removals. Price ceilings remain on citrus fruits, canned citrus fruit juices, cabbage, carrots, imported new potatoes and imported grapes.

Subsidy of 46½ cents a bushel on wheat used for domestic consumption being withdrawn tomorrow; bread price future uncertain.

Retail purchase tax of 25 per cent on jewelry and similar articles reduced immediately to 10 per cent at manufacturers' level, instead of present retail level.

Tax on cosmetics and toilet preparations (25 per cent) reduced to 10 per cent immediately. No changes in succession duties, liquor taxes, tobacco taxes, general sales tax.

Soft drink tax (25 per cent, plus 1 cent per bottle) repealed immediately. Candy and chewing gum tax (30 per cent) repealed immediately.

The main item of the meeting in Tisdale of the Association of Mining Municipalities of Northern Ontario was the report of Reeve Anne Shipley on Bill 107, the Fire Department Act 1949 and Bill 108, the Police Act 1949. These acts are now before the government and have had their second reading. All municipalities have made strong objection to these acts and have made representation to the government regarding their feelings on the matter.

In her report Reeve Shipley stated, "the municipalities were promised that no vital changes would be made in the legislation until the officers of the Municipal Association were approached. It is quite evident that this did not happen. Many people are under the impression that the City of Toronto was responsible for the change in legislation which is not true. When notice was received that this new legislation was coming up before the House a meeting was called of the Mayors and Reeves Association and over 40 members, some as far away as Port Arthur were on hand with only a 48 hour notice.

The committee were not successful in seeing the Premier because he was ill at the time, but they did have a meeting with the sponsor of the Bills, the Honourable Mr. Blackwell. We asked what yardstick would be used to give the second half of the grant and that there was great concern in many municipalities over the fire department grants. Mr. Blackwell did admit that amendments would be made to the bills to take care of these matters.

The municipalities at one time were able and had the right to levy income tax and which was replaced by the one mill subsidy method given by the province. Then, this is taken away and the new proposal was forwarded and with so many strings attached that the municipalities do not know what they will receive as the strings are not clearly defined. On the surface it looks as though the towns would receive greater assistance, but this is not the case.

There was a definite feeling among the members that some good was achieved by meeting with the government. I'm firmly convinced that the government will not make such a move again without approaching or consulting the municipalities."

Sutherland Rink

A gentleman of considerable curling skill and who has been more than just a spectator at the Dominion Curling Club since the past two years, paid a full compliment to Jim-O my Sutherland and his rink from Schumacher. He said that during the recent curling classic held in Hamilton, he thought the Northern Ontario foursome were the pick of the squad to humble the Manitobans. He spoke very highly of the curling of the rink which finished in third spot.

Excellent coloured movies, taken by himself in the Timmins locality, of particular interest were the pictures of winter scenes and sports.

Reeve Victor Evans Re-Appointed Chairman

Club Richelieu Hear Concert Report

The regular meeting of the Richelieu Club was held in the lounge of the Goldfields Hotel with Edmonde Aube presiding in the absence of the President Leo Lalonde.

Guests of the meeting were Dr. Robert Gauthier, director of french courses in the schools of Ontario and Mr. W. R. Stewart, director of teaching in bi-lingual schools. Both men are from the Department of Education on tour of the north. Other guests were M. Raymond Maurice, inspector for primary separate schools and Mr. Hector Ayoite of Timmins.

Mr. Vincent Gauthier, chairman of the programmes committee gave a report on the sale of tickets for the forthcoming concert of Les Gais Lurons to take place at the Palace Theatre on Tuesday April 5th. Ticket sales to date are very encouraging. All proceeds from the concert are in aid of the Children's Aid Society.

Public Schools To Hold Concert On March 30

Timmins Public Schools will hold their Spring Concert in the Legion Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, March 30, at 8 p.m. Proceeds will be used for the purchase of instruments for school orchestras.

Attending the meeting of the Association of Mining Municipalities of Northern Ontario were some thirty-five delegates representing seven municipalities of the North. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Township of Tisdale at 2:00 p.m. yesterday afternoon.

Presiding over the meeting was Victor Evans, reeve of the Township of Tisdale and the secretary was Pat Murphy clerk of the township. Both men were reappointed at the close of the meeting to carry out the same duties again this year. This met with the full approval of the delegates.

Following the lengthy meeting a dinner was held at the Airport Hotel where the delegates from Mattachewan and Cobalt, new members in the association had a chance to meet the representatives of the other members of the organization.

Representatives from Mattachewan were Fred Hunter, Clerk; Joseph C. Bergeon, reeve; and Donald White, councillor; with Ken Buffman, mayor; Bob Hubert, councillor and Cyril Veizna, clerk of Cobalt; Walter Gigg, clerk and Alex Johnson acting reeve of Whitney; John Grainger, Albert Emond, councillors; A. A. Howard, mayor and Bolton Tolby, clerk of Larder Lake; Reeve Victor Evans, Pat Murphy, clerk and Frank Wills, assessor Councillors Wm. Shields, Wm. Smith Lloyd Hunkin and J. G. Malkin of the Township of Tisdale; Reeve Anne Shipley, Councillors M. T. (Mickey) McGuire, and Larry Des Grosseillers, and John McBain, clerks of Kirkland Lake; Mayor Karl Eyre Councillors Aube, Bailey, Fay and Aubry, Vic Salomaa clerk, and John McDonald treasurer of the Town of Timmins.