

HIGH LOWDOWN

Happenings At T. H. & V. S.

By D. Hindson

Things I must admit are fairly quiet around the high school this time of year—at least they are this year.

People seem to be in a kind of quandry during this long drawn out exam period (not that they don't like it)—And I say they for the fifth formers are looking forward to a good Christmas holiday, that will be marred unfortunately by studying for exams that follow immediately after Christmas. Getting back to the subject on hand, people seem to be trying to curtail their week-end activities so as to have more time to study. The long period between exams, however does not seem threatening enough to curtail things completely. Consequently we have a sort of lull that results in a little bit of nothing.

Speaking of week-end events we might mention the combined services dance that was held at the Sea Cadet Barracks last Saturday night.

Those who attended had a very good time I'm sure. Approximately fifty couples attended, while half as many stags helped adorn the already much decorated barracks. Now that I think it over, I shall add fifteen or so more couples to the list for good measure. These along with the patrons for the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Moesette, M. and Mrs. W. Hitch, Mr. and Mrs. Howlett, Mr. and Mrs. D. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Birkenshaw, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. R. Enow made just a nice dancing crowd. The music for the evening was supplied by Mr. Ed Schulski and his orchestra. The evening was highlighted by the serving of a monster lunch around eleven o'clock. Several different kinds of sandwiches were served along with pop, chocolate and white cake, cookies and date squares. This lunch was that something that made the dance a success.

The barracks was decorated with navy, army and air force signal flags along with their respective ensigns. Rudolph the Red Nosed reindeer complete with lighted nose and all perched triumphantly atop of the baskets keeping watch on things throughout the evening.

The dance had a representation from all cadet corps with the navy being a bit more prominent (that's counting the stags). The army seemed to hold the majority as far as couples were concerned while there was a sprinkling of blue bobbing around every once in a while to represent the air cadets.

All in all the dance may be chalked up as a success as far as morale is concerned in any case.

Skiers Running on Hard Luck
The local members of the ski club seem to be running into predicament after predicament. After the loss of the local chalet the club went ahead and procured four small buildings to be erected in place of the former chalet. Two of these buildings, very generously donated by Mr. Wolfe of Wolfe Construction company, were temporarily erected last week-end.

The high winds during the week unfortunately blew the shacks down and broke several of the partitions in doing so. This work will have to be done over again this week so any willing workers will be much appreciated. The other two forementioned shacks have been snared somehow or other, by a land holder and will not be available for awhile so I guess we will just have to wait.

On top of that local weather conditions have kind of fringed things up—but we will hope for more snow in the near future so Christmas holiday skiing will be available. Don't forget the work party Sunday.

Struggle Between Girls and Teachers Comes to Head at Timmins High
Don't be alarmed people it is merely a volley ball game between the girls and the teachers of the school to see who is the better. Naturally the students will be pulling for the students, so we must offer a word of praise to the teachers. We think you are pretty good sports about the whole thing. May the best team win.

Students and staff of Timmins High and Vocational School would like to express their wishes for a speedy recovery of Mr. Rose, our principal. Mr. Rose has been confined to St. Mary's Hospital for a few weeks. Latest reports are that he is a lot better and hopes to return home Wednesday (that's yesterday). We are glad to hear you are doing so well sir and hope to see you back at school again soon.

Scraps of This and That
Final plans for the coming graduation at Timmins High are almost completed. The final meeting of graduates will be this Thursday at seven thirty—please attend. The commencement exercises will be held next Wednesday night in the auditorium of the High School. The dance as most students know will be the following night.

I guess the boys of the boys choir know now why Bob Kembal has attended boys choir practice so devotedly! Need more be said?

John Vintner is still waging his campaign for the donation of complimentary tickets to all school teachers. They tell me that John has been joined by a school teacher who shares the same views as he. A determined man is John.

We know how Bob Charrette froze his ears last week Kjeld but we can not figure out what happened to your eye.

No I wouldn't say a thing about who you are going to the grad dance with next week, Harold—incidentally nice dance at the MacIntyre last week wasn't it Louise, Betty and Nellie. Please don't get the idea that Harold took them all.

To emphasize the quietness around Timmins (except for the odd riot), we might mention Snow Owls, usually never seen except in scenes of deepest tranquility. Lately they have been seen perched atop of local chimney tops. The lull before the storm I presume.

That puts the lid on activities for this week so we will call it quits. Good Night.

Timmins Hockey Player Hot From Scottish Ice
Pat Savard, Timmins hockey player, came home on Monday night after playing for the Dunfermline Vikings—his last game—last week in Scotland. He played left wing for the first string with Nebby Thrasher at centre.

Scotch arenas are about the same size as the McIntyre, Pat says, and they are packed for every game which, in quality, is comparable to J.O.H.A.

"The people mob the players for autographs after every game," he remarked. "They give us food and eggs—eggs are hard to get over there—and they give us candy and parties." The Scotch are good. They are really good to us.

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OCTET CRACK-UP

By STEPHEN SCHOFIELD

Two Lithuanian brothers came from Germany to Timmins and secured jobs at Pamour Mines. One Sunday they dropped in to see Mrs. Jeanne Larcher, 13 Borden street, Timmins.

"They wanted to start a choir, Vladas said. Their voices were all right; but they had no knowledge of English and did not know anyone. (Vladas and Algis Simavicius). The following Sunday Mrs. Larcher went to Pamour and found 30 Lithuanian boys living in the bunkhouse, heard them sing—very fine voices—and undertook to train them as a choir.

"You Go"

She learned the language. On Sundays she went to the bunkhouse to practice with them.

"I am not going any more," she said to her husband after Christmas, "It is too much for me."

"No," retorted Mr. Larcher, "You go."
She went. Sometimes twice a week she journeyed to Pamour and practiced the Lithuanian music, sent from a friend in Germany. It was in the bunkhouse, exactly 12 months ago, that the first concert, including 26 singers, was presented.

Outside concerts followed. Some of the boys—lawyers, dentists, now all miners—had never been out of Pamour before. At the YMCA they sang for two hours on the evening of February 16, their hearts being in the clouds that night, for that is the anniversary of Lithuania's independence on February 16, 1918).

Trouble Brews

A choir of 26 was found too hard to handle. It was cut to eight, the following: Tenors: Tony Patasius, Leo Valekevicius, Vladas Simanavicius, Maurice Muravskas; Baritone: Jonas Nesukaitis, Paul Dambrauskas; Basses: Stanley Matutis, Algis Simanavicius.

The octette made its appearance at the music festival last May. They sang in English. They had never sung in English before. They sang "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean," and "I Hear a Voice in the Old Village Choir."

In June Jonas and Algis entered the music festival and won first prize. "Myself I did not sing very well," says Jonas, "there was another—he sang better than me."

Then Maurice underwent a serious stomach operation which impeded his singing. Leo broke his leg in the mine. Vladas and Algis left for Toronto.

Ipolalas Naras and A. Urbonas were chosen to replace the last two mentioned.

Encouragement From Germany

Meanwhile the boys had been writing to friends in Germany about the choir they comprised in Canada. Their musical friends include the Sagevicius Troupe, a well known group of singers and dancers, whose conductor had furnished the Canadian choir with scores.

Hence it was that Miss Alexandra, one of the members of the Troupe, writes to Mrs. Larcher in Timmins, in part as follows:

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Mr. Kean, Timmins representative, says he will try to keep all students well informed on all courses.

John Crysler, for instance, a local student still studying cost accounting with I.C.S., was a mill worker at Coniarum early this year, and has now secured a costs accounting job at a substantially increased salary with the Feldman Timber Company Timmins.

Obstetrical To Medical

The V.O.N. executive meeting was held on Tuesday evening in the municipal building. Jack Fulton presiding.

Mrs. E. Campbell, nurse-in-charge, reported that 84 new cases had been admitted in November; to date 70 home-confinements attended to this year and 6,057 visits made.

Bessie Seaman, national office supervisor, had inspected the routine of the Timmins branch, November 21 to 25 inclusive. Miss Seaman said that the V.O.N. service is changing

from a purely obstetrical program to a medical program, and that all the V.O.N. branches across Canada were trying to stress this to the public and to the medical profession, since the V.O.N. offers qualified nursing care in the home.

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