



NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES: The largest church in Timmins and the Porcupine. It now serves 1,400 families. And this week, a sermon by its pastor, Rev. C. E. Theriault, explaining the origin and the present laws of Lent, will be found

on page four. But the Church of Notre Dame de Lourdes is derived from St. Anthony's Cathedral, as explained in the French article below, and verified by Rev. R. Mathieu, pastor of St. Anthony's Cathedral.

POLLUTED WATER IS DRUNK IN MOUNTJOY

THE NEEDIEST

CASE 14

Who Wants A Halfbreed?

Sunshine, 18, a full-blooded Indian, went through school in the Indian Reservation. She was granted permission to come to Timmins as a domestic. She did so. She got to know a boy; started going out and staying out late at night. It was decided that she would have to return to the Reservation. Before she could be collared she left her employer, lived with a friend, a part-Indian, met another boy and became pregnant and went to Toronto. She was put in a home for unmarried mothers. One day she packed a bag and left the home, abandoning the baby (of which the Timmins Society is now in charge, having come from this district). No one wants a half-breed. The Department of Indian Affairs may take it over. Otherwise the half-breed baby must be brought up by the Society for 15 years. There is no trace of Sunshine.

CASE 15

The Flush of Youth

Three Romeos and three snugglepuppies went out to a dance in one car with one forty-ounce crock of whiskey. They had a great time. They became pleasurable tight. Anything goes and anything went. It was a warm summer evening. On the way home George parked the car. In and around and not very far away the pristine flush of intoxicated youth gave way to madness and joy and Susan, 15, appealed to The Society four months later; Emma, 17, six; and Myrtle, 19, seven months later. Myrtle said: "What did God give it to me for?" The boys were found. Art and Charlie denied responsibility. Montgomery, a man, undertook to pay for the upkeep of one baby. The other two have been adopted.

(These cases are attested by the Children's Aid Society, now campaigning for eight thousand dollars; post office box number three, Timmins).

This water is used for cooking, washing and drinking. The water is carried from the river in buckets. In summertime the river stinks. In wintertime, today, the water is drawn from holes cut in the ice. There are several holes. Each has a beaten path leading to it. The water is pale yellow.

Hand Me That Axe

Do the holes freeze every night? "Yes," said Lloyd Rice, 12, of Park street. How does he open the hole in the morning? "With an axe," he explained. How long does the bucketful of water last his family? "One day," he said, "but it is a very big bucket. The Rice family lives very close to the river, a mere stone's throw, right down near the bridge. When Lloyd fetches the water does he walk straight to the river to draw it? He does not. He walks South, about half a mile, and around the bend, and there at a point well around the bend he draws the water. Why? Because the sewage of innumerable homes pollute the river within that half mile; and because the river flows from South to North at that section. Many outhouses border the riverbank. In many cases piles of unadulterated excrement rise above ground level. In the spring a great deal, and during rainstorms, much is washed into the river. In wintertime, today, at six feet distant, the stench is nauseating. Jodoin and Jodoin Leonard Jodoin, Ronald street, also fetches water in a bucket for his family. Does he mind getting it? "No," he said. "I don't mind." Does he mind drinking it? "No," he said. "It's good and cold." Mrs. Albert Jodoin (an aunt of Leonard's), Ronald street, does not use any water from the river at all, at least not directly. She draws her water from a well. Does it pump well? "Oul, il marche bien." Does it not freeze? "Non," she said. **One Well: \$800** Many residents have wells. Why do they not all have wells and thus avoid contaminated water? Because they are expensive, depending on the location and the type of soil beneath the property. One resident dug one hundred and twelve (112) feet, at a cost of eight hundred dollars (\$800)—in vain, for, when water was finally struck, it proved too mucky, full of clay, to be drawn up. This resident paid an additional twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) to partake of water pumped up from the river by an engine. Some "borrow" water from neighbours who have wells, until it gets too low, whereupon the well owner will say: "Sorry, that is all I can spare, you must go back to the river for water for a while again." Is the Mountjoy section of the river contaminated only by excrement from Mountjoy houses? No, it is further contaminated, just South of the bridge by the discharge of the sewage from the town of Timmins. This is the source of the stench of the river. **Of Intestinal Origin** The water of the Mattagami River according to The Porcupine Health Unit, is class "D" water. "Bacteria of intestinal origin present in numbers usually considered unsafe for drinking unless boiled or chlorinated," as defined by the Department of Health of Ontario. The Health Unit recommends chlorination of every bucketful drawn from the river. "We have told them and told them," Dr. G. B. Lane said. According to Mountjoy residents, they do not bother much. The Health Unit has also recently tested water from wells, and sand-points (a metal "spearhead" perforator) which is driven into the earth and affixed to a pipe, which functions as a well. Out of 62 tested, three disgorged class "D" water. No cases of disease contraction have yet been traced to this section of the river, avers J. Meenan, Health Unit official, though some have been traced to the section below the Timmins sewage outlet. "But," he adds, "all the water of the river is potentially dangerous."

L'histoire des églises les plus grandes de Timmins et le Porcupine

Cathédrale St-Antoine et Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes

Le premier appelé à faire du ministère sacerdotal à Timmins fut l'abbé A. Pelletier. Ce dévoué missionnaire bâtit en 1911 une modeste chapelle. Avec l'arrivée des Soeurs de la Providence, le 12 août 1912, Timmins connut son premier hôpital. Cette même année 1912, le 10 octobre, l'abbé C. E. Theriault devint le premier curé. Il agrandit la chapelle et, en 1914, il construisit le sous-bassement de la première église qui servit au culte jusqu'en 1922. Alors s'éleva sur ces bases un temple magnifique qui fut terminé pour la fête de Pâques de 1923. Puis vint la catastrophe du 29 janvier 1935, où tout fut réduit en cendre.

A cette occasion, Son Excellence Mgr. Rhéaume détacha de St-Antoine la moitié de son territoire environ pour fonder la paroisse de Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes. Sur les ruines de l'église incendiée, s'éleva pour s'élever au culte au cours de 1937 l'église actuelle en beau granite.

Elle reçut le titre de Cathédrale quand, en 1939, Monseigneur Rhéaume fixa à Timmins son siège épiscopal. C'est alors que M. Theriault devint curé de Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes et fut remplacé à St-Antoine par l'abbé Edras Whissel qui mourut le 22 janvier 1945.

L'abbé Laurent Morin lui succéda. En septembre 1948, l'abbé Rosaire Mathieu vint remplacer l'abbé Morin. Messieurs les abbés Pleyer, Brunette et Leblanc sont vicaires à la cathédrale alors que les abbés Clément Perron, Saul Dion et Marcel Paré remplissent cette fonction à l'église Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes. Les Soeurs de l'Assomption se dévouent infatigablement dans les écoles des deux paroisses. Elle arrivaient à Timmins en 1918.

School Leaders Will Explain New Courses

D. W. Carrière de T.H. & V.S., and R. C. Ellis of South Porcupine High School, will discuss courses available at their schools during a meeting to be held tomorrow night at Whitney School at 8.00.

Mr. Carrière will also speak on vocational guidance work. Eighth grade pupils will be present. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

George Joneseu Honours Timmins

George Joneseu, 16, of 115 Waterloo Road, Timmins, is one of 13 Ontario boys among a group of 50 from all parts of Canada who will visit Great Britain this summer as guests of W. Garfield Weston, the Y.M.C.A. announced here today.

A Booming Boy

George is a Grade Ten student at the Timmins High and Vocational School. He is President of the Junior Hi-Y club at the school, takes an active part in the Students' Government, and specializes in Basketball. Nominations from the Porcupine Community Y.M.C.A. for a boy to take this trip were made with the consideration and help of the Principals, and some staff members, of the Timmins High and Vocational School. Three boys were interviewed by a committee consisting of Mr. P. T. Moisiey, President of the Board of Directors of the Porcupine Community Y.M.C.A., Mr. W. Stanley, Chairman of the Program Committee of the Board, and Gower H. Markie,

Nice Going, Grandma!

Mrs. Jean Proulx, of Timmins, received a medal for being the youngest grandmother sweeping on the ice at the Haileybury bonspiel last week. Mrs. Proulx is a member of the district ladies team. Over 200 ladies took part in the bonspiel. "And next," said Mrs. Ledieot, president of the Haileybury Women's Curling Club, "I present this medal to the youngest grandmother sweeping on the ice—Mrs. Jean Proulx, of Timmins." Everybody laughed.

Well, it was certainly nice to get it, said Mrs. Proulx, fondling the medal, after returning to town this week.

Mrs. Proulx was a member of the "Colts," of South Porcupine, who came fourth and were comprised of the following: Mrs. Grace Murray (skip); Mrs. Mary White, (vice skip); Mrs. "Winnie" Brown, (second); and Mrs. Jean Proulx, (lead).

Mountjoy Taxes Zoom 400 Per Cent; Improvements

Taxes in Mountjoy have been doubled and tripled during the last five years. In one case, for instance, the house tax has increased from \$30 in 1945. The same house is now taxed \$130.

"The reason," explains J. W. Spooner, "is very simple to answer. Since 1945 \$30,000 a year have been spent on roads, taking children to school, and public health services, which includes immunization, baby clinics, and that sort of thing."

"The roads," he continued, "have taken the main part of expenditures. And we believe in spending money to transport children to school, for they would be all tuckered out and unable to concentrate properly, if transportation was not furnished."

With regard to the water situation in Mountjoy, Mr. Spooner said: "It is a question of whether or not we can afford a pumping station and water-works. It is a matter of whether the taxpayer can carry the load." "But," he added, "I know that if we did get a water works installed, there would be a tremendous building boom in Mountjoy."

YMCA Death of a Desk

A desk in the YMCA had been on its last legs through 1949 and nearly new year. It had tough legs. It had to. It gets pushed around and sat upon. Many youths' meetings are held around and about and upon it. And last week the old girl's legs gave out, she fell apart and collapsed. Hence it is that Gower Markie, YMCA secretary, now has no desk. Meanwhile he has secured a makeshift table.

Council Notes

The following motions were passed by the Town Council this week: (The first name is the proposer, the second, the seconder).

Del Villano — Bartleman

That the Town did sell to Amy Francoeur, the lands described in Parcel 1488 in the Register for Whitney and Tisdale, for the sum of \$476.88.

Del Villano — Bartleman

That the Town did sell to Amy Francoeur, the land described in the Register for Whitney and Tisdale for the sum of \$410.70.

Bartleman — Barkwell

That the Clerk be instructed to advertise inviting applications for the position of Town Manager for the Town of Timmins.

Bartleman — Del Villano

That the representatives of Calvert, Playfair, Tisdale, Whitney, Blackriver and Midontjoy (townships), and Cochrane, Iroquois Falls, Matheson and Timmins (towns) meet at the Timmins town hall tomorrow at 2.00 p.m., with the Northern Ontario Agriculture Development Commissioner, and others, and that this meeting investigate with regard to the unemployment situation, and the shortage of manpower on Cochrane district farms.

1. The problems of opening up new farm lands in the district.

2. What Government assistance is already being given.

3. How much more assistance would be required to settle Southern Ontario unemployed on Northern Ontario farms.

And that a committee be formed at this meeting to draw up a brief to be presented by Mr. Grummett, M.P., to the Ontario legislature for immediate discussion.

A Great Idea

"Those who came to Canada last year made many friends for Great Britain," said R. A. Robertson, president of George Weston Limited. "As a result, Mr. Weston decided to broaden the program to include trips to Great Britain for Canadian boys. They are being selected from all 10 provinces by a special committee of the Y.M.C.A. which is working with other boys' work groups."

Average age of the boys selected is 16. In the selection, emphasis was laid on such characteristics as broad interests, cooperation and enthusiasm for group activities. Travelling with the boys as leaders will be two Y.M.C.A. boys' work secretaries. Arrangements in Canada are being made by the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. and the Weston Organization. The group, while in Great Britain, will be under the supervision of the National Association of Boys' Clubs and the Weston Organization there.

Bibles for New Canadians

Fred DeCruyenaere brought to attention a plan that met with enthusiastic support and interest. He had a letter from a friend in the Fort Francis Kiwanis Club telling of the part that club was playing in the ceremony in regard to the granting of citizenship to New Canadians. The Fort Francis Kiwanis not only took

Kiwanis Achieve Much; Thanks Sent by Many

Public Not Invited—Yet

An outstanding feature at the open forum at the weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club at the Empire Hotel on Monday was the reading by Past President F. A. Woodbury of the achievement report for 1949. Although time would not allow reading the lengthy report in full, the excerpts given so impressed the members that, on motion of E.H. King seconded by H. G. Laidlaw, it was unanimously decided to make this report reading a special feature of each year, as early in the year as possible. Past President King commented on the good effect it should have on the morale of all members, as it gave striking proof of the many activities carried on.

After referring briefly to the valuable publicity received during the year and the kind co-operation of both the local newspapers and the radio, the immediate past president gave a concise review of the good work of the several committees during 1949. The programme and music committee came in for words of praise, while the value of such committees as those in charge of the Kiwanis Boy Scout, the Kiwanis Air Cadets, vocational guidance, juvenile court, the Kiwanis Safety Campaign, agriculture and conservation, public and business affairs, etc., were given due credit for notable work accomplished.

In addition to excellent music at all meetings and a run of specially attractive programmes, the music and program committee had sponsored the successful Kiwanis Minstrel Show last year, had carried two notable social evenings, and provided a silver trophy for the Porcupine Music Festival. **Notable Work for Children** The whole report was an impressive reminder that the Kiwanis Club here is fully justifying its existence. This is particularly true in regard to the work for underprivileged children, and especially for crippled children. During the year, milk had been supplied to an average of 65 children in needy families, at a monthly cost of approximately \$100.00 per month.

In addition to the sponsoring of the Easter Seal campaign and the clinics for crippled children, the committee had sent thirty-one children to Toronto for treatment, as well as seeing to the treatment of some locally. All of these children had benefitted, while some had been restored to normal health and usefulness.

Kiwanis Minstrel Show

Other reports of committees were submitted by Treasurer Nick Basciano, Major Majury, Rod Osborne, F. A. Woodbury (Support of Churches), and Dr. I. T. Brill. Speaking of the Minstrel Show to be held this year on March 30th and 31st, Dr. Brill promised it would be even better than last year. Any member who doubted this was invited to drop in at rehearsal Monday nights when they were sure to be convinced. Each member was given twenty tickets for the Kiwanis Minstrel Show to sell at the earliest possible date.

Meeting Tomorrow Night

The next meeting March 6th will be election night for the officers for the coming year. The following slate has been brought in by two nominating committees: President Andy Anderson, Vice Pres. Elvin Urquhart, Secretary Cliff Gibson, Treas. Handy Henderson; directors: Bill Long, Jim McClelland, Bill Taylor, Raph Harkness, Bert Sutherland and Jack Helper as Sgt. at Arms. Guests: Rotarian John Chalmers, Brownsburg, J. Smith, Noranda; G. W. Burnett, CKGB; Nore, Flynn, T.H. & V.S.

Meeting Hendy Henderson gave a report on the preparations for Ladies' Night and the first anniversary of the Club. This will be held in the Rainbow Room March 11.

Calling All Farmers

Meeting tomorrow night: town hall: 100 acres to be offered to experienced men, potential district farmers?

Peace: Rev. Theriault



"Real peace does not depend on the atomic bomb," avers Rev. C. E. Theriault. "It depends upon the good will of diplomats. It depends upon that elderly man, with arms extended, in Rome, who prays and cries for us all." (A sermon on "Lent," written by Rev. Theriault, will be found on page four).

"PINECREST" GOING UP

"Pinecrest," the new school off the end of Toke Street, is rapidly going up despite snow and high winds and low temperatures.

The red bricks of the first floor walls are now some twenty feet high. Mitted carpenters and bricklayers are hard at work at 8.00 p.m.

Since there is no floor as yet, snow must be shovelled from the entire floor surface, which is quite a job after a heavy fall.

Displaced Persons Involved But Not Blamed For Rioting

Recent publicity in connection with incidents that occurred in Winnipeg and Timmins placed entire responsibility for the brawls that ensued upon Displaced Persons. According to police reports this was not true. Arthur MacNamara, Deputy Minister of Labour, stated last week in Ottawa:

The following report has been released from Ottawa: "Posters, advertising a meeting at the Ukrainian Labor Temple, and inviting the public to attend appeared in numerous places in Timmins. Some 75 D.P.'s attempted to join the meeting. However, due to the screening policy of the Association, which evidently did not want more embarrassing questions asked, these people were not admitted, so they gathered outside the hall, crowding the doorway, and finally pushing in the door."

Evidently this action was expected by members at the meeting, as immediately 10 or 15 men retaliated by attacking the D.P.'s. The Timmins police arrived approximately three minutes after the fracas commenced and herded the D.P.'s down the street. Half an hour after the short battle, the street was cleared. One arrest was made and the individual concerned was subsequently fined \$10 on a minor charge of disorderly conduct. In Timmins, the report places the onus for the disturbance on members of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians, not on Displaced Persons.

The police investigation showed that the Displaced Persons cooperated fully while the members of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians, who were involved, failed to do so to such an extent that the police investigation was dropped. It appeared plain that the physical violence occurred was primarily precipitated by members and followers of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians and not by Displaced Persons.

Sixty-four veterans' hospitals and sanatoria are supplied with 8,000 free movie showings yearly by the Canadian Red Cross Society.

FREE BLOOD

Blood transfusion therapy shortens the period of hospitalization and thereby increases hospital capacity, according to the Canadian Red Cross free national Blood Transfusion service.