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UNITED CHURCH OF FERNIE — VICTORIA AVENUE

Calendar for Week Beginning Sunday, January 20, 1924.

Sunday—Combined Service at 11 a.m.
Children's Practice at 2.30 p.m.
Evening Service at 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday—Junior Aid at 7.30 p.m.
Thursday—Tutor Boys at 7.30 p.m.
Friday—Choir Practice at 7.30 p.m.
G. G. I. T. at 7.30 p.m.

The church began its working life on the day on which one young man said to another, "Come and see." — Charles E. Jefferson.

Life is a series of milestones, not goals.—Lyman Abbott.

Often the better way to correct your children is to correct the example you are setting them.

A man when he is dead will ask the pastor to hold a whole service just for him. Yet the same man while he is still alive will ignore several thousand perfectly good services that others would be glad to share with him.—John Andrew Holmes.

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THE ROTARY CARNIVAL

The Moccasin Dance and Dress Carnival, conducted under the supervision of the Rotary Club on Wednesday afternoon and evening, was not only an event to be long remembered, but was such that a repetition on a larger scale should be carried out another year.

The afternoon programme consisted of dog and ski races. Victoria had been carefully cleared of excess snow and was in prime condition for the races. The largest crowd which we have seen in Fernie since July 1st assembled to witness these contests. The canine-owning fraternity of boys with their steeds were on hand at the hour appointed. There were collies, hounds, etc., in this collection, but mostly "just dogs." The committee in charge had some difficulty in getting the entrants away to a good start. Some of the animals became suddenly possessed to go either east, west or south, instead of north, as the course called for. In the olden days, the grandfathers of these dogs were trained in the art of racing and well understood the desirability of traveling in the direction of the goal, but the present generation of dogs had never participated in a race before and were somewhat ignorant of the rules of the road. If races were conducted periodically, both boys and dogs would soon be able to give a good account of themselves.

The ski races for school boys were well contested. Such races on the level street can never prove exciting to spectators, but could not well be omitted from any winter sports programme.

The thrilling event of the afternoon was the ski-joring. The horses were well ridden and the ski-riders performed skillfully. One mishap occurred when one of the contestants came into contact with a telegraph pole, but we understand that no serious injury resulted. Should another such race be held in the future, it would be well, both for the convenience of those in charge and for the safety of the spectators, to have the two city blocks, where the people congregate, roped or wired in. During the intervals between the races, a little comedy was injected in the program by Jack Taylor on his favorite "steed-mule" and by the initial appearance of "Spark-plug."

The evening programme was more elaborate in plan and execution. At 7.30 p.m., a torch light procession started from the Scout Hall. This was led by two riders in white, then followed the Queen of the Carnival, accompanied by James Johnstone. Next came the Fernie Pipe Band followed by Scoutmaster Donaldson and his troop of Scouts, while Rotarians and citizens in general took up the rear. In front of the rink a large bonfire provided light and heat to those waiting for admission.

The ceremony of crowning the Carnival Queen was performed by "Sheik" Herchmer, president of the Rotary Club. The candidate elected for this honor being Miss Dorothy Corrie. Five girls were nominated by the High School, and election took place in the Public School with the choice falling to the lot of the one named. The Community Singing was ably conducted by Mr. T. Biggs. The races on slippery ice was a novelty to most of us. Negotiating the turns at high speed was a difficult task and occasionally a runner would go off at a tangent, but most of them reaching the goal. The crab race perhaps proved the source of most amusement. The North Pole Dance was one of the big features of the programme. Some sixteen girls, most tastefully dressed in costume, led by Miss Anderson, gave this exhibition.

No mere man could describe the costumes worn by the women, men and children. Many of these were "fearfully and wonderfully made." There were sheiks from the desert, eskimos from the frozen north and negroes from the sunny south; Chief Grizzly Claw and his squaw, the small-wristed lady of a past generation, the newly-weds, the victims of the Home Bank disaster, all mingled together. While we would like to say complimentary things about many of these which appealed most strongly to ourselves, yet we refrain for reasons which can be well understood and appreciated.

Dancing occupied the greater part of the evening. Dancing is common, but dancing on ice in moccasins is different. There is no dust and floor powder so commonly used is unnecessary.

LONG TIME BEFORE ANOTHER HOME BANK PAYMENT

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—It will be a long time before Home Bank depositors receive another payment from the estate of the bank, I. E. Weldon, associate liquidator, said here today. Nothing further can be secured for the depositors until mortgages held by the bank are in some way realized on. This will take a long time, Mr. Weldon stated. Large parts of the property which will eventually return some part of the defunct bank's loan are in British Columbia and cannot be satisfactorily dealt with in the near future.

THE NEW COUNCIL

The year 1924 stands alone in the history of the City of Fernie in regard to Civic Elections. Nomination day, last Monday, failed to bring out more candidates than were necessary to fill the vacancies for elective offices and consequently the Mayor, six Aldermen, Police Commissioner and School Trustees were declared elected by acclamation.

The only occasion on record since the City was incorporated when acclamation for all vacancies occurred was in 1914, but earlier that year there was an election which was declared void on account of some irregularity in the form of ballots used, and subsequently by a special act of legislature another election was arranged when those who had been elected at the previous election were returned unopposed.

The civic administration for 1924 as declared elected Monday last is as follows:

Mayor—G. G. Henderson (fifth consecutive term).

Aldermen—Joseph Aiello, J. S. Irvine, Andrew Lees, D. F. Markland, Wm. Robichaud and E. K. Stewart.

Police Commissioner, 1924-25—H. E. Douglas.

School Trustees, 1924-25—Dr. E. L. Gagner and W. H. Gates.

While there were some things which might be improved upon on another occasion, still the whole affair was a success and we trust may be the means of giving new impetus to winter sports.

A suggestion in closing. Next year no doubt the District Bouspiel will be held in Fernie. Why not combine with it a two-day Winter Carnival. Let the 'Spiel start, say Monday morning. In three days many rinks would be eliminated and the carnival could start Thursday and continue for two days. Even the prairie towns, which have so few facilities for winter sports, often have successful carnivals. Why could not Fernie, with all her resources in this line, carry out a successful programme.

The thanks of the Rotary Club is extended to all who helped to make the present affair a success, especially the Loyal Order of Moose and the Miners' Union, both of which endorsed this movement and gave it their support and patronage.

Following is a list of the prize winners of the races and at the rink: Single Dog Race—1st, Bob Williams; 2nd, Donald Harvie.

Double Dog Race—1st, Bob Williams; 2nd, Clement Mercer.

Consolation Dog Race—1st, Frank Hovan; 2nd, Steve Bella.

School Boys' handicap Ski Race—1st, Roswell Garner; 2nd, Arthur Rutledge; 3rd, Clarence Mangan.

Ski-joring Race—1st, Horace Buchanan, skis, Sydney Clayton, riding "Dixie"; 2nd, Leslie McIntyre, skis, L. A. Doree, rider; 3rd, George Auld, skis, Miss Dorothy Henderson, rider.

Events at the rink: Boys' Race—1st, Tommy Aitken; 2nd, Donald Harvie.

Girls' Race—1st, Grace Lowe; 2nd, Laura Neidig.

Crab Race—1st, George Corrie; 2nd, Donald Harvie.

Fancy Dress Costumes: Best dressed Lady—Mrs. Asseltine, "squaw"; best dressed Gent—Alfred Cummings, "buck Indian"; best dressed Girl—Miss Thalia Perry, "Winter"; best dressed Boy—Master Jack Connick, "the Sheik"; best clown, Mrs. Bertha Kirkpatrick; best Comic, Junior—Douglas Wallace and Lawrence Herchmer, "Maggie and Jiggs"; Adult—Mrs. Kastner and Mrs. Liphardt, "newlyweds."

A man who lives right and is right has more power in his silence than another has by his words.—Phillips Brooks.

CRANBROOK ELECTION

While Fernie was showing very little interest in Civic Elections, only bringing forward sufficient candidates to fill the vacant elective offices, our neighbors at Cranbrook were having a most spirited contest, with exactly double the number of candidates as there were offices vacant. A double slate contest between the forces of Alderman Balmert and Alderman J. H. Cameron resulted in a very peculiar situation. Ald. Balmert securing a majority of 79 votes over his opponent while the Cameron force selected four of their candidates for Aldermanic honors, Flowers and Brondson being the only Balmert supporters elected.

The following is the complete returns as announced at Cranbrook on Thursday evening: (Elected in heavy type).

For Mayor—	
Ald. A. J. Balmert	285
Ald. J. H. Cameron	206
For Aldermen—	
F. M. McPherson	263
J. P. Fink	259
W. J. Flowers	258
G. D. Carlyle	247
J. S. Dunlop	236
T. H. Brondson	233
A. E. Jones	214
J. E. Kennedy	214
J. Loucks	206
A. H. Bullock	194
W. J. Wilson	185
W. W. Kilby	171
For Police Commissioner—	
A. Shankland (re-elected)	275
J. R. Walkley	214
For School Trustees—	
Mrs. F. B. Miles (re-elected)	335
W. D. Gilroy	297
Mrs. J. J. Jackson	263
J. A. Genest	205
F. Heise	182
G. L. Ingram	163

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Following is the annual report of the Ladies' Benevolent Society for the year ending November 30, 1923:

During the year seven meetings were held and one executive meeting. The President, Mrs. Suddaby, presiding at five meetings and the executive:

Last Christmas, nine hampers were sent out to some needy families and same were gratefully received.

A great many visits were made by the Investigating Committee and distress was relieved wherever possible.

In one particular case, where the patient is an intense sufferer, special extras were provided in order to try and relieve her.

Government aid was procured for two families through Mr. Stenson, one a monthly allowance for a few months and the other case a few orders of groceries were all that was needed.

A donation of \$25.00 was sent to the Children's Aid Society, Vancouver, to assist in their work as there are always some Fernie children in the Home receiving care.

Owing to Victoria Hall changing hands after the fire, we were unable to replace our dishes for rental, hence our work has been much lighter. The income which we derived from the rent of the dishes helped considerably and we are now without this source of income.

Mrs. Watson very kindly donated half the proceeds of her Concert, held last Spring, amounting to \$87.50, for which the Society was very grateful.

The following is the financial report as presented by the auditor:

Receipts—	
Cash in Bank	\$133.70
Victory Bonds	\$400.00
Cash Donations	87.50
Dues	12.00
Rent, Dishes	38.97
Insurance, Dishes	200.00
Interest on Bonds	32.98
Sale of Bonds	200.00
	\$705.15
Disbursements—	
Groceries	\$118.85
Meat	2.80
Milk	4.00
Coal	16.50
Donations	28.00
Drugs	1.00
Laundry	19.70
Cash in Bank	\$14.30
Victory Bonds	\$200.00
	\$705.15
Assets—	
Cash in Bank	\$514.30

Victory Bonds 200.00

\$714.30

The election of officers for the year 1924 took place and the following were elected:

President—Mrs. Suddaby.
1st Vice President—Mr. O'Neill.
2nd Vice President—Mrs. Irvine.
Secretary—Mrs. Wallace.
Treasurer—Mrs. Stewart.

ADJOURN HOME BANK TRIAL FOR A MONTH

TORONTO, Jan. 14.—At the opening of the criminal assizes before Mr. Justice Riddell this afternoon, the trial of the ten directors and officials of the Home Bank charged with conspiracy was, upon the application of D. L. McCarthy, K.C., special crown prosecutor, adjourned for one month and the accused were re-admitted to bail in the same amounts as granted at the last assizes.

14TH CROW'S NEST 'SPIEL

(By J. S. K.)

Bonspiels. What thought that word brings from the treasure house of memory! One exciting battle is re-told only to be followed by the recounting of how some freak shot upset the best laid plans of skips and men. Never yet has a group of curlers gathered but somebody starts the happy circle of story telling moving, and the history of former bonspiels is opened for review. Not just the one last year, but back, back and still further back through the years. A good game of curling never fades from the minds of the men who waged the battle with broom and stones until the 12th end or possibly it was the 13th, decided who had the buck for that day.

Bonspiels are to the curlers what "world series" are to baseball.

Southern Alberta and South-eastern British Columbia have now for fourteen years held their annual bonspiel under the direction of officers of the Crow's Nest Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. The original members were Cranbrook, Fernie, Macleod and Lethbridge, and for those years the "spiel" has alternated between points in British Columbia and Southern Alberta. At Cranbrook, Fernie or Lethbridge the big 'spel has been staged without a break each year since formation. Last year it was at Cranbrook. This year Lethbridge is to act as host, and the curlers from the whole countryside are hardening up for the opening which has been set for Monday, February 4.

Long since have the original clubs forgotten the day of the 16- to 24-rink bonspiels. The high-water mark in entries was reached in 1921 when Fernie, with nine sheets of ice, entertained 42 rinks for the full week necessary to run off a real 'spiel.

This year the prediction is that 50 rinks will line up and get under way for the curlers' festival.

Entries are expected from the following clubs: Cranbrook, Fernie, Bull River, Blairmore, Coleman, Hillcrest, Pincher Creek, Macleod, Granum, Staveland, Claresholm, Vulcan, Blackie, Carmangay, Champion, Nanton, Taber, Bow Island and Lethbridge.

Old bonspielers who have curled everywhere the game is played have time and again expressed their opinion that the bonspiel staged by the Crow's Nest Curling Association as being the best little 'spiel in the world—keen competition, better fellowship and generally a happier get-together occasion than held anywhere in the whole world! You heard us the first time—I hope we said the whole world—and we mean it! The bigger 'spiels of Calgary, Edmonton or Winnipeg offer no better prizes, or open the way for any better time than the curlers in session at the annual "Crow 'Spiel." It simply is impossible to duplicate the get-together companionship and keen competition provided in this particular district.

Southern Alberta and South-eastern British Columbia curlers never look farther afield. It is no use.

This year Lethbridge expects to provide ten sheets of ice for the opening days of the 'spiel.

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OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday next, January 20—

At 11 a.m.—Topic: "The Boy in the Limelight." Five minute address to children. Junior choir.

At 2.30 p.m.—Sunday School.
At 7.30 p.m.—Topic: "An Old-Fashioned Conversion." Familiar hymns. Senior choir.