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## Reading For The North In Lending Libraries

The development of Canada's northland has resulted in some perplexing problems for new communities.

A common situation is the almost total lack of books, and it has prompted people in many new communities to establish small lending libraries, often in the face of extreme difficulties.

In spite of problems involved in obtaining sufficient numbers of books and trained personnel to handle them, many new communities have done outstanding and ingenious work in this connection, according to the Canadian Library Week Council.

An excellent example is Uranium City, located 500 miles from Edmonton in the north-west corner of Saskatchewan. A thriving community, Uranium now has some 2,500 people, two banks, barber shops, a school, taxi-cabs, two hotels, a variety of stores and two movie theatres. Until recently, it had only a small school library which was not open to the public.

The citizens of Uranium intended originally to establish a public library for the Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and other youth groups. Among the first books collected from around the town, however, were titles more suitable for adults. They included Dostoevsky's "Crime and Punishment", "The Ugly American" and a volume titled "Creative and Mental Growth".

The decision was made to include adults by charging a family registration fee of \$1.00 per year. Then came the difficult task of actually putting together a workable library.

The people of Uranium put their wholehearted support into the project by building shelves, cataloguing, donating and searching out books. Many of them acted as volunteer librarians. The D.N.R. Conservation Officer donated about half of his office to the new library.

When every available book had been placed on the shelves, the amateur librarians wrote to their friends "outside", asking them to send books. At this stage the library was too small to pay for new books and the necessary cost of shipping them by air.

Index cards were donated by local government and business offices. To make pockets for them, old Christmas cards were cut up and glued in the back of each book.

Libraries in the mining towns of Eldorado and Gunnar helped with advice, and are still sending their

duplicate books to the Uranium City library.

Further assistance came from the library in Prince Albert, more than 500 miles away, in the form of two cases of books. The travelling magistrate was able to bring them in by air, but it meant leaving his robe and luggage behind.

The Uranium City's new library went into operation in January, 1960, and by the end of February, thirty families were registered members. The library is open from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays and from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays with a volunteer mother and Girl Guide in attendance.

The people of Uranium City are hoping that a full-scale library will be established shortly, perhaps at the local High School, but until then the present library will continue to provide welcome, though limited, lending service to the community.

The experience of Uranium City is typical of activity in communities now growing up in the far places of Canada. Canadian Library Week, April 3 to 9, points up the need for more activity of this type, and reminds us that books are a necessary part of our way of life and future development.

## The Weather

Mr. J. Reavell who keeps the official weather records, reports that the month of March has been just about the coldest registered since 1894. The average mean temperature recorded for the month this year was 16.9, last year it was 22.8 and since 1894, 21.9.

The maximum temperature for this March was 43, on the 29th, last year it was 55, on the 25th and since 1894, it was 70.6 in 1905.

The minimum temperature registered this March was eleven below zero, on the 25th, last year it was fifteen below and in 1900 it was down to 33.8.

The lowest temperature registered for any March since 1894 was in 1900 when the reading was 11.4.

Week ending April 5.

	Max.	Min.
Wednesday .....	43	32
Thursday .....	27	19
Friday .....	41	23
Saturday .....	49	29
Sunday .....	45	37
Monday .....	41	33
Tuesday .....	33	21

## Marten River Is Popular Campsite

Marten River Park has an area of 765.5 acres and by the summer of 1961 extended facilities will be ready for the camping public. At present only 30 acres are in use, and, for the summer of 1959, services were offered to 13,746 campers. Visitors and picnickers amounted to 24,000 people so this Park for its small size played host to many people.

Its location being only 38 miles from North Bay and on a well travelled highway adds to its attractiveness, as well as access offered to many miles of sheltered waters where rough weather does not hinder fishermen from their sport or the sightseers from their trip.

With the coming of Spring and camping trips being planned at this early date, we extend a pleasant welcome to all visitors of our Parks in this District.



Skiers are still enjoying the snow covered slopes of the Northern Ski Club near Cobalt. With a little frost they expect to keep on for another week or two. Photographed last weekend Gary Campsall of New Liskeard was one of several enthusiasts. That spot in the background isn't a flyspeck, it's Gary's father Elgin whistling down the hill.

## Fiftieth Anniversary For Local Scout Troop

In connection with the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Boy Scout movement, it is interesting to note that the First Scout Troop in Haileybury was organized in 1910 also, and at that time, a Scout Master was employed to give full time instruction to the boys, in a short time numbered over ninety and who met in their own club room, over Myers' Jewellery Store on Main Street.

The Scout Master was Herbert Henshall, who now lives at Berlin, New Jersey.

In 1911, the Canadian government sent 160 Boy Scouts from all over Canada to London, England, to attend the Coronation of King George V. Of the 160, forty were from Ontario, with Haileybury sending King's Scout, Graham W. Hennessy and Mr. Henshall—who was one of the Scout Masters appointed to be in charge of the boys during the trip. Others in the early days who were active in Scouting were Eddie Holland and Mr. Kingsmill, who owned a group of buildings called the Kingsmill Bungalows, on Main Street.

## Art Show

Art lovers in the district will have a chance to enjoy a view of the recently chosen "best" paintings of Northern Ontario artists. The selection was made and is being exhibited by the Northern Ontario Art Association.

The pictures will be shown at the New Liskeard High School on April 9 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on April 10 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

## School Inspector At KL Workshop

M. C. Napper, Inspector of Public Schools for this area, was in Kirkland Lake last week-end to attend a Public School Trustees Workshop, in the Queen Elizabeth School. Mr. Napper was one of the special speakers with his subject being "Grants to Public Schools." One of the points that he stressed was the fact that every day a child does not attend school when he should, it means a drop in the grant to his school. Other speakers at the Workshop included J. Frank Lawless, Inspector of Public Schools of Kirkland Lake, Murray McQuaide, Maintenance Supervisor and J. M. Evans, Business Administrator, both of Teck TSA, and Mrs. Amy Branscombe, chairman of the Workshop.

## Humane Society

An organization meeting for a Tri-Town Humane Society will be held in the small banquet hall of the Community Memorial Hall in New Liskeard on April 14, commencing at 8 p.m.

Mr. Friend, manager of the Toronto Society will be on hand to speak to the group and assist with the organization of the district unit.

## Jeunesse Musicale To Have Convention

Jeunesse Musicale of Canada will hold its annual Convention in Haileybury, Ont., on April 9 and 10. Gilles Lefebvre, the national director, will preside the meetings.

Jeunesse Musicale is very proud of its director and founder in Canada, Gilles, a well-known and talented violinist of Three Rivers, Que., consecrated his whole life, since 1950, to the development of Music throughout Canada. He has faith in music, he has faith in Canadian youth and - he goes forward.

His presence will greatly honor and encourage all the delegates at this convention. They will return to their respective towns and villages prepared for a still better effort towards musical development.

J.M.C., now in its tenth year, has members across Canada and is also a world wide organization.

Welcome to all Congressmen! Everyone is cordially invited to a Musical Concert held at St. Mary's Academy Auditorium, in Haileybury, on April 9, at 8 p.m.

## North Bay Rinks Tops In Liskeard Mixed

Tom Farmer's rink from North Bay maintained its reputation for outstanding curling when it walked off with the top event in the New Liskeard Curling Club's Inter-Town Bonspiel last week-end.

A total of 56 rinks competed in the 'spiel, with four prizes being offered in each of the three events. Farmer's rink was composed of Tom, his wife, and Nick and Mrs. Sadick from North Bay.

Owen and Mrs. Staples from North Bay made up half of the second placed rink. The balance was comprised of Ivan and Arlie Smith from Englehart.

Third place in the first event was won by the Jim Sargeant

rink with wife Ev., Cliff and Myrtle Leroy assisting.

Cec. Bond's bonded rink, Audry, Pete and Carolyn were fourth placers, beaten in the semi-finals by the Staples quartette.

Vic Shave weathered a bad end in his tussle with Percy Grozelle for first place in the second fixture. Bill Mallett's Cobalt rink was third and Allan Kaye's rink fourth.

Top place in the third event went to veteran Taylor Pipe, who used his experience and rink knowledge to confound Barry Binkley. Arnold Wilder took the third spot and George Byles of Haileybury took the last set of prizes.



Claude St. Cyr was recently appointed as clerk-treasurer for the Township of Bucke. He replaces Miss Germain LaRocque who has joined the provincial government's welfare department.