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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

The partially disrobed body of Mrs. Senik was found near the Hollinger mine ten years ago this week. She was a Russian by birth and was well known to the police from frequent visits to her home. There was evidence that she had been under the influence of liquor just before she died. In conducting the investigation into the death, police found that Mrs. Senik had been at a rather boisterous party where there were a number of drunken men and women. She had been last seen in the company of one man who had been seeing her home from the party. The taxi hired by this man was dismissed by him before reaching Mrs. Senik's home and the couple had last been seen walking toward the mine, though that was not the direction in which her home lay. There were no marks on the body to indicate that the woman had been struck down though there was some blood close by the body. Police believed that this blood might have come as a result of injuries received in a fall.

The appointment of A. C. Burrows as provincial geologist was of profound interest in the North Country of ten years ago. He was promoted from a junior position in the Department of Mines and at the time the appointment was made, the general feeling all over the North was that he would fill his new position well. He was a graduate of Queen's University and was a medalist in both mineralogy and geology and was at one time provincial assayer.

Predictions of a brighter future for the Dome mine were made at the annual meeting of that mine ten years ago. There had been in the previous year a movement to change the directorate but in 1925, all opposition disappeared as the mine was put on a sound basis. J. S. Bauche and his entire directorate were returned to office. H. P. Pencier, general manager, expressed himself as being much more encouraged

North Bay was after a road to Callander and the delegates from that city were informed that of the \$5,000,000 appropriated for colonization roads, there would be some apportioned to the North Bay Callander strip.

The year 1924 set up a new record for the T. and N. O. business of hauling produce, building materials and other things to the Northern mining towns. During the year, they moved just 502, 176 tons of freight up the line. Coal was a big item—295,000 tons.

"The Hottentot" was the name of a play presented at the Goldfields theatre ten years ago by the Cochrane District Children's Aid Society and under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Barrett. The play was a comedy whose plot involved a man with a fear of horses and a girl who admired good riders. Those on the cast were J. R. Walker, Mrs. Ed. Loney, Frank Rodger, Mrs. Keene, Mrs. Rosalind Barrett, Jos. Jackson, Ernie Portin, Joe Weston, Maurice Belanger and Jack Kennedy. A fashion parade and a number of specialty acts between scenes of the play made the two evenings of the entertainment very satisfying ones, both to the general public and to the Children's Aid Society.

Ten years ago this week, the Timmins Golf Club held its election of officers at the club house. The directors elected for the year were A. F. Brigham, R. J. Ennis, J. Knox, C. G. Williams, and Dr. H. H. Moore. J. H. Bacon was elected captain and W. H. Wylie vice captain. Membership dues for men were increased \$10, total to \$35 a year. It was also decided to admit ten more ladies as members and ten more men, bringing the total membership to 135 men and 85 ladies. Affiliations with the O.A.G.A. and the G.L.G.U. were favoured.

A referees' association was suggested by B. C. Lambie, in an address to the annual meeting of the Porcupine District Football Association ten years ago. He claimed that an organization of that kind would do away with the difficulties they had experienced in getting officials to handle games. The league had been a great success, he thought except for the fact that the games did not begin promptly as advertised.

Timmins was the home of two champion canines ten years ago. "Pinneridge Sweet Mary," a beautiful collie owned by J. N. Levine took the class colours at the Toronto Kennel Show. Two firsts and a special were awarded. "Northern Queen," a cocker spaniel owned by J. Massie, of Timmins, was the other prize winner, taking three firsts and the ribbon for the best cocker spaniel in the show.

Four new aeroplanes were added to the fleet of 15 maintained by the provincial forestry department ten years ago. They had been purchased second hand for 4,000 each, but according to H. N. James Lyon, "were to intents and purposes, new."

A man in Cochrane Supreme Court sessions ten years ago was charged with murder and attempt to maim. He had shot his wife and another man with whom he had found her. Such a good fight did the attorney appointed by the court put up that he was sentenced to spend one month in jail. The murder charge was dropped.

Executive night at the Caledonian society was a great event. Among those who contributed to the success of the evening were D. Mackie; Misses May Moore, Margaret Gell and Maisie Roberts; Mrs. A. Roberts; Mrs. W. D. Matt; J. Lidde; A. Roberts; G. Ritchie; J. M. Nicolson; G. A. Macdonald; G. Hale J. T. Bridges and A. Gordon.

The McIntyre Athletic Club held its initial meeting ten years ago this week. The first officers were, R. J. Ennis, J. P. Biekel, Mac Lang, honorary presidents; I. A. Solomon, president; W. R. Sullivan, first vice-president; M. Campbell, second vice-president; J. Campbell, coach; V. Reynolds, secretary-treasurer.

A concert given by the senior pupils of the Central public school attracted widespread favourable comment ten

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Tells House of the North's Radio Needs

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their wave length from 840 to 960 k.c. they are hopelessly heterodyned. According to comment in the press, even in Toronto itself CRCT is received only with a bad whistle in the background.

"I may say it is absolutely impossible to receive CRCT properly in the daytime in northern Ontario.

"CRCM, the Montreal Canadian radio station is also seldom heard free of interference. CKAC comes in fairly well after dark until about 11 p.m. when it is ruined by a Mexican station.

"CFRB, the Rogers station in Toronto is really the only Canadian station on the broadcast band that comes in Northern Ontario with any consistency or clarity. Unfortunately it is on a frequency of 690 k.c. while WLW, the Crossley station at Cincinnati, is 700 and have a very bad habit of swinging on their frequency at times, bad enough to drown out CFRB altogether.

Furthermore WLW will shortly put in steady operation if they have not already done so their new 5000 watt transmitter, the most powerful in the world, and it appears to me that once they do this it will be almost impossible to listen to CFRB as long as the two stations remain on the adjacent frequency channels of 700 and 690 k.c. respectively.

"As far as the regular broadcast band is concerned we will still get very little daylight reception. Timmins of course and a very limited area do come audibly, although weakly, under favourable conditions, CFRB and WLW.

"I am of the opinion, that the solution of adequate Canadian radio coverage of the north at reasonable cost lies in short wave transmission. The Canadian radio commission deserves a great deal of credit for reopening station VEGGW 49.22 metres at Bowmanville, and through this station we do hear many of the commissions programs in daylight. Under most conditions VEGGW comes in fairly well from early morning until about 10 p.m. when it is on the air. Also, there's the rub; several days a week VEGGW does not go on the air till noon. They should be on every day including Sunday from 8 a.m. on. Furthermore, once the United States 49 metres stations get going, VEGGW is crowded and it is very difficult to listen to them without W3XAL Boundbrook butting in. I would recommend that if at all possible they use more than one frequency simultaneously, and if a channel can be obtained, one between 50 and 60 metres.

"There is a great deal of room for improvement in the international allocation of short wave frequencies for broadcast purposes. For instance, GSA at Daventry, England comes in quite well after dark but is drowned out by W3XAU, Philadelphia or W1XAL, Boston if either is on the air. The Boston station is particularly bad, as their programs are of the cheapest commercial type, advertising cut rate clothing stores, etc., of interest only if at all, to listeners in Boston. Short wave reception is world wide, and the programs should be arranged accordingly.

"In connection with the very good reception during daylight from VEGGW, except for interference late in the afternoon and the evening from the United States station, one point should be brought home very forcibly is the comparative cost of perating one or more of these short wave transmitters, to give adequate coverage to northern Canada and the cost of broadcast band transmitters.

"VEGW is only 400 watts. CFRB is 5,000 watts or more. Plenty of United States stations use anywhere from 50, 000 watts to 500,000 yet no broadcast band 000 watts to 500,000 yet no broadcast band station ever comes up in our section, in daylight, with one-quarter of the volume of VEGGW.

"I think I am safe in stating that the Canadian radio commission could operate four or five short wave transmitters of the same power as VEGGW for less than the cost of one 5,000 watt station on the broadcast band, and secure excellent reception all day and most of the evening. These short wave transmitters should be located so that each section of Canada would be able to hear at least two, and the programs of course should be different. Under some conditions 25, 31 or even 19 metre wave lengths transmit better, and if possible each station should transmit simultaneously on more than one short wave frequency, the same as the British Broadcasting Company do now with their English programs."

Mr. Bradette in referring to the collection of radio licenses stressed the fact that taxation without service was as bad as taxation with out representation.

In concluding, Mr. Bradette said:—

We were astounded a few weeks ago to be told that no consideration had been given the erection of high powered stations in the north. On the other hand I am told, and believe my information is correct, that it is the intention of the radio commission to increase the power of the Toronto station. It must be remembered, however, that Timmins is nearly five hundred miles from Toronto and no matter how much you increase the power of the Toronto station it will not give the north the service to which it is entitled. The only way to afford proper reception in our section of the country is to erect a high powered station or relay station, and I leave it to the commission to decide which it should be.

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Northern Members Should Work for Govt. Station

The following is an editorial note in The Rouyn-Noranda Press last week:—

"The Porcupine Advance thinks well of the suggestion made two weeks ago in The Press that Hon. W. A. Gordon, J. A. Bradette and Chas. Belec, representing the northern federal constituencies in the House of Commons, should cooperate in an effort to convince the Canadian Radio Commission that something must be done to give radio service to the north. Mr. Gordon as a member of the government is in a most favourable position to bring pressure to bear in this connection, and with the assistance of his fellow members from the north in demanding that this district be given more than make-shift consideration should unquestionably be able to get results."

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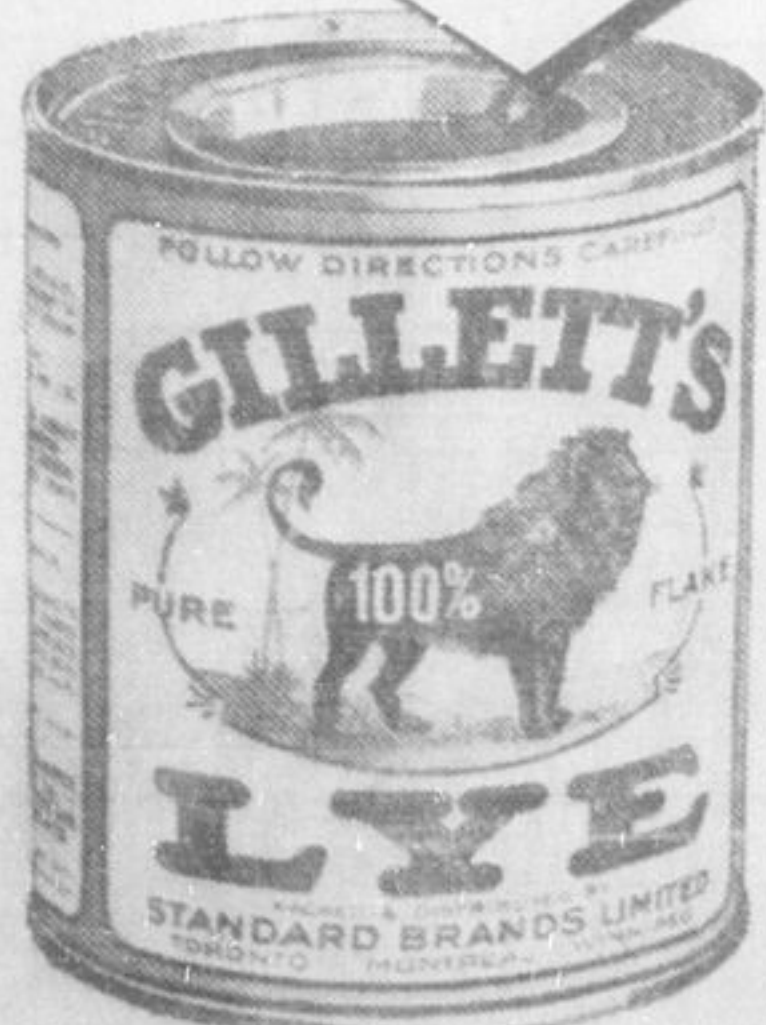
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News and Notes of Timmins Girl Guides

Capt. Naish and Lieut. Donaldson, of South Porcupine, Visitors Here at Meeting Last Week.

The weekly meeting of the Timmins Girl Guides was held on Friday evening. Inspection was taken by Captain Naish of the South Porcupine Guides. Horse-shoe was formed and the flag was raised by Betsy Dodge assisted by Patricia Jones and Hilda Tomlinson. Captain Naish gave the girls who had passed their Sick Nurse Badge their badges. Lieutenant Donaldson, also of the South Porcupine Guides, took a game. After this the girls were separated into groups. Captain Cranston took badge work; Lieutenant Donaldson took some First Aid Work, and Captain Naish took the remaining girls.

The Guides went to their Patrol Corners after this, where they were inspected by Captain Naish and Lieutenant Donaldson.

A circle was formed for Campfire. The songs were submitted by the Pimpernel Patrol.

All Guides will please notice that there will be no meeting next Friday as it is good Friday. We wish to say that the Girl Guides are open to girls of all religions.

The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of "Teach Us To Love."

North Bay Nugget:—Remember the good old days, when the people used to support the government, and not vice versa?