

Lions Asked to Help in Solving Youth's Problem

Principal Purdy, of South Porcupine High School, Speaker at Educational Week Meeting of Timmins Lions Club. Touched on the Serious Problem Before Youth of To-day

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a report of the Education Week meeting of the Lions Club at Timmins. The guest speaker for the evening was Frank Purdy, principal of South Porcupine High School, and his address was as follows:—

Mr. President and members of the Lions Club of Timmins and district: I want first of all to thank you for the courtesy extended to the teachers of this district in permitting one of us to place before you tonight what is considered to be some of the problems of our present-day educational efforts.

This is Education Week in the Do-

minion of Canada. Education Week was inaugurated for the two-fold purpose of making the people of Canada "Education Conscious" and of seeking the three-fold co-operation of parent, teacher and ratepayers in investigating and seeking a solution for the problems confronting the youth of our day. This movement was inaugurated by the Canadian Teachers' Federation and endorsed by such leading organizations as the Lions' Club, the Kiwanis International, the Canadian Radio Commission, the various church organizations and the Department of Education. In 1931 it was heartily endorsed by the then

Minister of Education, Hon. Geo. S. Henry as follows:—The progress of our education system rests upon the support of teachers, trustees and ratepayers and the united efforts must be irresistible. Co-operation in all organized movements is essential and the record of Ontario Education proves this to have been the outstanding factor in its advancement. In 1936 we have the Gov. General of Canada opening Education Week over a nation-wide hookup of Canadian stations. Its importance is thus assured and I congratulate your club for identifying itself with such movement.

I have stated that the purpose of Education Week is to have a co-operation effort made to investigate and find if possible a solution to the problems confronting the youth of our day. What then shall we consider the problem of major importance?

Go back with me for approximately 25 years to definition of Education to Canada's period of prosperity. The life sequence of the normal person at that time as follows:—Till the age

of 16 the boy was at school. Between 16 and 18 years of age the adolescent entered upon his first period of care-free spending because he had entered upon his first gainful employment. Between 18 and 24 he married and became the thoughtful and sober-minded thrifty adult of his community. Later there followed the period of family life when it became forcibly impressed on his mind that if the existing standards of Canadian culture and civilization were to be maintained or made progress he must do his share by the purposeful direction of the new youth. That is your position today.

The lapse of time between school attendance and adolescent employment would average less than a year at that time. Compare that with the situation as it exists today. The lapse of time between school attendance and the first period of gainful employment now averages nearly five years. Herein lies the problem with respect to our modern youth. What effect will this lapse of time have upon the youth himself and later upon the next generation when

present youth becomes the guardian of our Canadian standards of living. This lapse of time is referred to by Brig-Gen. Draper as the dilemma of modern youth.

There are, let me emphasize, over 200,000 adolescent Canadian boys who through no fault of their own are unable to find employment. Our problem then becomes how are they to spend their time. There are only two solutions to this problem. Either we must accept the situation as it exists and direct the youth during that period of time or we must look upon the situation as an unnatural phenomenon and take immediate steps to greatly reduce the period of adolescent unemployment.

Undoubtedly the permanent solution to the situation as it exists in Canada today immediately takes upon itself a Dominion-wide scope and is of national character. The causes of this longer period of adolescent unemployment will be found if investigated to be more than of a local nature. I am personally of the opinion that there are three main causes. The growth in the efficiency

of machinery has not been accompanied by legislation that would make the working hours in the inverse ratio of that same machinery efficiency. Secondly there was not formerly the problem of female employment and thirdly from kindergarten to university we have given both boys and girls the same education exactly. This is interlocked with the second. The results of these three, I will not discuss at length but leave with you as food for thought.

However, until such time as a permanent solution is found, what of the present. For this district there is the immediate question of how is the unemployed youth spending his time. This period is referred to by the Ontario Welfare Council as the leisure period of youth which also includes the time out of school hours of his earlier boyhood.

Do you realize that this is a very critical period in the existence of any youth. The last two sequences of the ordinary life circle have been forcibly postponed. How the boy spends that adolescent period of unemployment will have a real effect upon the moral, social and physical standards of the rising generation. For very surely the present adolescent will constitute the responsible portion of a near future generation of adults. What of that boy's outlook of life? His present moral standards will be his future moral standards, his present social outlook will determine his adult viewpoint. This therefore must be carefully guarded and purposefully directed by the adult responsible portion of our present population.

I am not tonight going to attempt a solution for you of this problem as it affects our district. I want, however, for you to feel that there is a real problem at present facing this Dominion with respect to its youth and that it is our responsibility to study the problem and work out our own solution to the question: "How is the youth spending his leisure time?"

What is education? Many definitions have been given for this effort but underlying them all is the conception that it devotes an attempt on the part of the adult members of a human society to shape the development of the coming generation in accordance with its own ideals of life—to bring the young to the standards of culture of the adult and beyond, in the interests of progress.

Any slackening of this responsibility on the part of the adult portion of any human society is immediately accompanied by a consequent increase in juvenile delinquency. In Toronto alone within three years this has increased by nearly 100 per cent, certainly an alarming proportion. I do not know the figures for this camp. Certainly the ones to whom Society should look for the direction of the efforts of youth are the parents in the home since we find many instances of reluctance to accept such a responsibility with a consequent problem to the community of finding organized ways and means of directing the leisure periods of youth.

All public-spirited citizens desire continuously higher standards of community life. In an attempt to accomplish this there have been organized during the past two years such splendid organizations as the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides, the C.G.I.T. and other organizations. The schools have sponsored many extra curriculum activities. In the case of the Secondary Schools the boy is already past his most plastic and impressionable age. The other organizations reach and influence far too few of those of adolescent age. A united sustained and consistent effort must now be made to solve this problem of how the unemployed youth spends his time. It behoves every intelligent and responsible adult to assume an enthusiastic leadership, whatever the cost, for we simply cannot afford to leave the problem unsolved. Ours must be a life or service and responsibility for the rising generation so that when after a useful life we reach the age when the present youth will take our place and we have made his life easier, nobler, of higher character it may be said of us:—

An old man going a lone highway Came at the evening cold and gray To a chasm, vast and deep and wide, Through which was flowing the sullen tide. The old man crossed in the twilight dim. The sullen stream had no fears for him. But he turned when safe on the other side And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old Man" said a fellow pilgrim near, "You are wasting strength with building here; Your journey will end with the ending day. You never again must pass this way. You have crossed the chasm deep and wide. Why build you a bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head, "Good friend, in the path I have come," he said, "There followeth after me today A youth whose feet must pass this way. This chasm which has been nought to me To that fair-haired youth may a pit-fall be. He too must cross in the twilight dim. Good friend I am building the bridge for him."

HORSE STILL PROVING VERY USEFUL IN BARRIE AREA
Barrie Examiner—"Old Dobbin," bravely bucking the huge drifts of snow as he provides the only available means of transportation, has come into his own again this winter with a vengeance. The use of sleighs and cutters is more general than for many years on account of the severity of the season and the vast amount of "the beautiful" which has fallen. Despite the onrush of the automobile, the horse and cutter still have their distinctive place in the scheme of things.

Philadelphia Enquirer—"Just what Mrs. Huey Long will stand for in the United States Senate is undetermined, but this department will lay 500 to one that, being a woman, she will never be heard advocating the "Every man a king!" movement.

St. David's Banquet to be Held To-night

Notable Event This Evening Under the Auspices of the Porcupine Welsh Miners' Choir.

The programme issued for the annual St. David's Day banquet to be held in the Legion hall this (Monday) evening, under the auspices of the Porcupine Welsh Miners' Choir, is a very interesting one. The printed programme issued for the banquet is adorned with mottoes and other material in the Welsh language, this adding to the interest and value of the programmes as souvenirs.

The programme gives the menu for the evening as follows:—

- Soup
- Celery Pickles
- Creamed peas and carrots
- Turkey Potatoes
- Beets
- Apple pie—whipped cream
- Tea Coffee
- Cake

The president of the Welsh Miners' Choir will preside for the evening and the following is the toast list and programme as given:—

- O Canada
- "The King," proposed by G. Nippers
- "St. David," proposed by J. Thomas. Piano solo, by Ron Purchase.
- Response to toast by A. Neame.
- Solo, by T. Williams.
- "Canada, the Land of Our Adoption," proposed by A. G. Bellamy.
- Response by His Worship Mayor J. P. Bartleman.
- Selection, "The Storm," by the Choir.
- "Our Guests," proposed by G. Hale.
- Welsh solo, by G. Hale.
- Toast to "The Ladies," by G. A. Macdonald.
- Selection by the Choir.
- God Save the King
- Geo. Hale is the director of the Choir, and Ron Purchase, A.L.C.M., the accompanist.

The following are the officers of the Porcupine Welsh Miners' Choir as given on the programme:—

- Honorary presidents:—John Knox, R. J. Emms, R. E. Dye, A. Wohlrab, J. W. Dougherty, J. Thomas, G. A. Macdonald
- President—H. Hopkins
- Vice-president—G. Nippers
- Secretary—A. G. Bellamy
- Treasurer—H. Jones

It is interesting to note that all tickets for the St. David's Day banquet have been sold to the limit of the capacity of the hall.

Ansonville Cubs Have Big Lead in District Loop

Ansonville Cubs trip into this territory at the end of last week increased their lead in the district juvenile series. They defeated Schumacher boys 4-2 and won against South Porcupine 5-1. Seven postponed games have yet to be played in the league.

Laflammes Win the Commercial League

Score on Round is 14 to 7, as Marshalls Defeated in Second Frame of Final Series.

Laflammes took the Commercial league championship in the wind-up game of the schedule, when they defeated the Marshall-Ecclestone team 8-5 at the Arena last night. The game was sponsored by the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

After taking a four-goal lead in the first game of the two-game-total-goal series Laflammes didn't sit tight but went on to add three more to take the round 14-7. The winners now have the option of accepting the Kirkland Lake challenge that was hurled at the league leaders or hanging up their skates for the season.

Play was fact at the start and before long Laflammes began to establish a lead that was not to be overtaken. The first period saw Wallingford and Marinacci score for Laflammes. Penalties in the first were handed out to Grant, Mowbray, Bob Kennedy and Gillan.

The second period saw Laflammes knock in three fast ones before Marshalls retaliated. Bob Kennedy got two of them and Spence scored the other one before Marshalls broke into the score column. Chelest scored two for the losers to wind up the second period scoring. Penalties were handed out to Bob Kennedy, Grant, Marinacci and Charlebois.

Marshalls continued their scoring streak in the third when Mowbray and Fortin counted before the Laflamme boys got organized. Carbonneau dented the twine for Laflammes to stop Marshalls' spurt momentarily. Jack Fortin worked in on Lejambé alone to count Marshall's last goal. Spence scored one more and Wallingford wound up the scoring toward the end. Penalties came a little faster in the last canto when "bad feeling" was evident. The bad boys were Elties, Spence, Fortin (2), Charlebois and Wallingford.

Laflammes:—goal, Lejambé; defence, Wallingford and Renaud; centre, Spence; forwards, Carbonneau and Bob Kennedy; subs, Marinacci, Kalenchuk and Elties.

Marshalls: goal, White; defence, Grant and Chelest; centre, Marshall; forwards, Russ Kennedy and Mowbray; subs, Fortin, Gillan, Charlebois and Seguin.

Referee—Jennings Shea.



LOOK! MOM! Important NEWS

GREAT CLEARANCE OF CHILDREN'S WEAR

Tues. to Sat. March 3 to 7

How often have you wished for a real sale of Children's Wear? Here it is! For 5 whole days Shaheen's Children's Wear Section are offering sensational savings. We have gone through the department from one end to the other reducing prices, in many cases actually below cost, on clothing your children need right now. Don't pass up this rare event!

FOUR BIG HEADLINE FEATURES! SAVE!

LITTLE BOYS' Tweed SHORTS

39c

Well tailored long wearing Tweed Shorts in favoured shades for little boys. Small sizes. Shop early for these at this low price

GIRLS' SERGE School SKIRTS

69c

All wool navy blue serge pleated Skirts with white cotton top. Very practical with sweater for school. Sizes 8 to 14. Limited quantity shop early.

GIRLS' ONE-PIECE Ski Suits

Regular \$10.95

\$5.89

Good shades and smartly styled all-wool blanket cloth ski suits for girls ages 8 to 14 years. Reduced to below cost for quick clearance. Be on hand early for yours!

CHILDREN'S Strap SLIPPERS

89c

Hewetson good fitting sturdy Strap Slippers for children. Sizes 8 to 10 1/2. Black shade only. Will give good wear. Be here early Tuesday for these.

BOYS' WEAR ECONOMIES! CLEARANCE OF Boys' Suits

Regular Values to \$12.00

\$4.95

Here's a real chance to save money on Boys' Suits! Sizes 2 to 17 years in the lot in good wearing tweeds that sold as high as \$12.00. Group contains suits with 2 longs and also little boys' coats with cap to match. See these at once.

BOYS' WOOL PULLOVERS

Monarch Knit all wool Pullover Sweaters in plain shades. Regular \$1.00. Boys' sizes 3 to 8. Extra specially low priced for clearance.

59c

BOYS' BLOUSES

35c

3 for \$1.00

Striped and plain shade broadcloth blouses in all sizes 3 to 6 years. Buy several at this price.

BOYS' BOW TIES

Regular 25c

15c

Smart colours and patterns to please boys and match suits.

BOYS' MITTS

19c

Heavy Muleskin Pull-on style. Very low priced at 19c. Regular 29c.

BOYS' GOLF SOX

19c

Grey and fawn heather shades with fancy cuffs. Long wearing. All sizes.

BOYS' CAPS

49c

Tweed Caps that are so popular with the boys. Regular 75c. All sizes.

BOYS' COMBS

89c

Mercury brand. Medium weight knit. Very comfortable. Sizes 24 to 32.

BOYS' LONG TWEED PANTS \$1.19

Well made smart appearing Tweed Long Pants for boys in sizes 26 to 34. Very low priced and a real bargain at pair

Extra Special Sale! NEW SHIPMENT! GIRL'S Crepe Dresses \$1.98

Smartly styled silk crepe dresses in sizes 8 to 14 years. All new and popular shades in latest fashions neatly trimmed. Well made and very low priced as an added attraction.

Children's Hose All Sizes

Camel and sand heather shades in the famous Allan A brand. Good wearing 1-1 rib in all sizes. Very low priced at pair

22c

AN EXTRAORDINARY BARGAIN! LIMITED QUANTITY TINY TOTS Winter Coats \$2.98

Regular values to \$7.95



INFANTS' Sweaters 89c

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Smart collection of fine quality fur trimmed winter coats for children aged 2 to 6 years. All popular shades in pure wool materials. Priced below cost to clear them out. Don't miss this chance to save!

WOOL JERSEY DRESSES

Sizes 2 to 6

Pure wool twotone Jersey Dresses for tots from 2 to 6 years. One piece styles so popular with mothers. Shades are camel, green, blue, navy and red. See these!

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Neatly styled firmly woven Cotton Panty Frocks in very pleasing shades, either plain or with small floral designs. Smartly trimmed. Sizes 2 to 6 years. Buy several.

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69c

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Sizes 8 to 14 years in a big collection of varied styles, colours and knits. To see these is to buy them. Be on hand early for best selection

79c

FLANNELETTE SLEEPERS

Sizes 2 to 6

Warm and comfortable good weight striped Flannelette Sleepers in sizes 2 to 6 years. Will wash well and give long wear. Very low priced for quick clearance. Buy at least 2 of these.

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2 for \$1.00

GIRLS' RAYON VESTS AND BLOOMERS

White, peach and pink shades in well made Rayon Vests and Bloomers for girls. All sizes 8 to 14 years

Each **33c**

Extra! Infant Strap Slippers

Regular 95c pair

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59c

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