

### Twenty Years Ago From The Porcupine Advance Files

The annual meeting of the Timmins Red Cross Society held twenty years ago in Timmins had an unusually large attendance, there being a big array of new members. One member brought in no less than nine new members for the meeting. The various annual reports were received and showed the society as doing the best of work and making the finest progress. The chief centre of interest was the election of officers, there being an interesting contest for the presidency of the society. In the vote Mrs. McInnis received 47 votes and Mrs. Meuche 21, the vote being the largest ever recorded in the history of the society up to that time. Mrs. McInnis had been president of the Red Cross from the time of its establishment in Timmins, and in this office had given unselfish and talented service, and winning thereby very general support. Mrs. F. C. H. Simms and Mrs. G. S. Lowe were elected supply secretaries; and Mrs. Digby Grimston was re-elected secretary; and Mrs. F. M. Burke was elected treasurer for the ensuing year.

The first annual meeting of the North Temiskaming Teachers' Institute was held on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 18th and 19th, 1918, at Iroquois Falls. Previous to this for a little time, the Temiskaming Teachers' Association was divided into two separate institutes, North and South, Timmins and district being in the North section.

Twenty years ago The Advance noted the death of Mrs. M. J. O'Brien, of Renfrew, wife of the well known millionaire, Senator O'Brien, who was largely interested in mining in Cobalt and other parts of the North. The late Mrs. O'Brien, who was a woman of fine character, was an aunt of Mrs. B. Durack, then of Timmins.

The Advance twenty years ago published the report of the amounts collected in this district for the Catholic Army Huts Fund. The town of Cochrane gave \$1029.10; Amos, Que., \$110.00; territory east of Cochrane, apart from Amos, \$249.00; settlers near Cochrane, \$51.45; Beaver Abitibi Timber Co., Frederick, \$51.95; Smooth Rock Falls, \$650.00; Jacksonboro, \$115.95; Hearst, \$85.85; Sioux Lookout, \$450.00; territory west of Cochrane, apart from the places specifically mentioned, \$997.00; Iroquois Falls, \$1060.00; Matheson, \$3.50; Timmins \$2146.40; total \$7,114.20.

Twenty years ago the Supreme Court of Canada gave judgement in the case of the Maple Leaf Lumber Co. and Reamsbottom & Edwards against Sheriff Caldwell. Judgement was in favour of the sheriff. The case dated back to 1916 and was for some logs sold at Barber's Bay the plaintiffs claiming that the sheriff acted beyond his authority

or against the wrong parties in the sale. The case was heard in Toronto in 1916. Sheriff Caldwell being upheld, and appeal being made to the Supreme Court the decision was again in favour of the sheriff in the matter.

In the issue of The Advance, 1928. The Advance had to make reference to Mr. T. F. King in deep regret, the news of his death being chronicled in that issue. "Twenty years ago the issue of The Advance had a reference to Mr. King that was gladly made,—the mention of the fact that he had been the fortunate winner of a handsome Chevrolet car given as a prize by the Bracebridge Red Cross. Walter Ecclestone and Gilbert Eldridge had sold tickets here, and the latter sold one of his to Mr. King, who was eventually declared the winner of the prize which was valued at \$1000.00.

Mr. Harry J. Lavery, well-known and popular in the Porcupine camp, died in St. Joseph's Hospital last week," said the Advance twenty years ago. "He was taken suddenly ill at the Nickel Range Hotel shortly after his arrival in Sudbury, and died after only three days' illness. At first he was suffering from Spanish influenza, and then developed acute spinal meningitis. The late Harry Lavery was a mining engineer and had spent some time at the Porcupine at his profession. In the early days he was at the Dome Mines, and his athletic ability won him general notice at the time."

It was the sad duty of The Advance twenty years ago to chronicle the death of several Timmins people. One of these obituary notices was that of Anthony Delesandra, one of the valued members of the Timmins Citizens' band, and for four years a popular and respected citizen of Timmins. He died in the Halsebury hospital, following an operation for appendicitis. In referring to the death The Advance said: "The late Anthony Delesandra was popular and respected by all who knew him and was an especial favourite with his fellow countrymen from Italy. When the remains reached here Thursday night a large number of the members of the Timmins Italian Society were present at the station and these, with other friends, formed a procession to follow the body from the station. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon and was very largely attended. The Timmins Band played funeral marches to the R. C. church and grave, and the Italian Society had over one hundred members in the cortege, all wearing the badge of the Society. Following the custom of their country, five young girls in white followed the hearse carrying flowers. The procession was in charge of Mr. Leo Mascioli, chief of the Italian Society, and a large silk British and Italian flags were carried at the head of the parade. Rev. Fr. Leduc conducted the services."

Seldom in the history of Timmins have the people in general been so deeply affected by the death of a single individual as they were by the death on October 13th, 1918, of George Muir Dewar. George and some friends were out on a duck shooting trip, when in some way or other George's gun was discharged in the canoe and a friend were using. The charge of duck shot

entered George's arm spreading as it penetrated and shattering the upper part of the arm. His companion gave all possible aid and the arm was dressed as well as conditions allowed. The injured man lost a considerable amount of blood. It was half-past six when the accident occurred, and though his companion worked with every energy of body and thought, they were so far away from town that it was after ten o'clock before it was possible to get the seriously injured man to medical aid. On the trip through the bush and in the journey down the river on that Friday of the accident, George Dewar's thought was not about his own suffering, though it was undoubtedly severe enough, but his only apparent worry was that he was inconveniencing his friends. As The Advance said at the time, "That was just like George Dewar." He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital here where all possible was done to help him, but medical skill and attention were unavailing, and he passed away on the Sunday following the accident.

### Former Resident Writes from China

Another Interesting Letter from Rev. E. Bruce Copland.

Writing from Sandy Falls, Mr. J. A. Caveney says:—"I am enclosing a letter received by me from Rev. E. Bruce Copland. Radio messages are being received here at Sandy Falls from China addressed to people in Toronto. The station here is VE3BB."

Rev. Mr. Copland was in the North while a student minister and lived for a time in Timmins. Previous letters from him since he has been in missionary work in China have been published in The Advance. The letter referred to by Mr. Caveney is published herewith in full:

Mr. Copland's Letter  
Hwalking, Honan, China,  
August 6th, 1938

Dear Friends: As you will see from the address I am back at the old stand. It is Saturday afternoon, and a glorious summer day. In Canada, if I were there, I should probably be at our summer home; on the first Saturday in August there is generally a regatta. In England I suppose it is August bank holiday week-end. As I look out of the window to-day, and see all the beauty of nature it is easy to imagine peaceful holiday scenes. Yet at intervals throughout the day and night I can hear the dull roar of heavy artillery, and now and again the quick taps of machine guns. In many ways life goes on quietly day by day, yet all our thinking and many actions are entirely determined by this war which comes so close to us.

About a month after I wrote you last from Kaifeng I was able to get away for a trip to Hwalking with Dr. McClure. We had a very difficult ride of over fifty miles by bike and some exciting experiences on the way. Soon after my arrival in Hwalking the military situation altered in such a way as to make

### SEA HARVEST SALESMEN MEET



Re-establishment of the fishing industry is the aim of the two men shown here as they met at dinner in Boston with Canadian and Cape Cod deep-sea fishermen. At the LEFT is Charles E. Jackson, deputy commissioner of the U.S. bureau of fisheries; at the RIGHT is Hon. J. E. Michaud, Dominion minister of fisheries.

my departure impossible for some time. I was able to experience the difficulties of my colleagues in carrying on here right in the middle of one of the most active war areas in North China. When I left I carried a letter asking the Canadian Church Mission to allow me to come back here as soon as possible.

During the spring I had some share in Kaifeng in helping to care for many thousands of wounded soldiers who passed through the city on their way to base hospitals. Our committee took the initiative in organizing a very complete service for wounded men as the hospital trains stopped at the railway station. As you can well imagine, I saw many pitiful cases. But on the whole they were wonderfully cheerful, and it was a privilege to do something to make them more comfortable. We helped to care for over forty thousand wounded Chinese soldiers before the advance of the invaders stopped traffic on the railway.

My return to Hwalking from Kaifeng involved a journey of over two thousand miles. By the direct route it is less than a hundred miles, but the rapidly changing military situation interfered with all my plans. By the time I was able to leave Kaifeng all fairly direct roads to Hwalking involved passing through very active military areas. As I had to travel alone I decided not to risk it. I therefore went south by train to Hankow. When I got there I expected to travel via Canton to Hong Kong, and thence up the coast. But Canton was being heavily bombed every day. I found that it was possible to reach Shanghai by taking steamer, train, bus, and then a river boat to a point on the sea coast some two hundred miles south of Shanghai. I had good luck on the journey and reached Shanghai without incident. So eventually my hundred miles from Kaifeng to Hwalking involved abandoning my bicycle, and visiting Hankow, Shanghai, Tientsin and Peking, not to mention many less familiar places.

I wonder how I can give you some idea of the way in which I spend my time these days. In the absence of my male colleagues I am temporarily in charge of many things about which I know very little. I am acting as superintendent of the hospital, which means that I am the one to conduct any business with the powers that be. I am also in charge of all the accounts and supplies of drugs not only for our hospital here but also for several branches. All our medical work is being subsidized by the International Red Cross, and I have to work out the basis for subsidy and try to get reports to Hankow. Some of our branches are in Chinese territory and some in Japanese controlled areas. Communications are quite a problem and the type of medical and relief work is different in each area.

Then I am acting as banker for our whole mission organization. We receive

money from merchants who are anxious to transfer funds to Tientsin or Shanghai. We give them cheques and I use the money realized to run a bank. All salaries have to be paid in cash, and all my missionary colleagues get cash from me. The book work in connection with the bank alone takes some time, and I have to take the risk of keeping several thousand dollars in cash in the house.

Just a few other little things are keeping an eye on the electric light plant, helping to keep some thirty or forty co-operative societies going, and seeing that there is sufficient food on hand for two to three hundred people just in case a crisis should come to us. And then I take my turn in leading morning devotions and taking Sunday services. It is an intensely interesting job, even if it often keeps me on the hop from about six in the morning till about eleven at night.

Every morning at prayers I see a bright little lad about seven years old. His right leg has been amputated above the knee. He was hit by a bomb fragment, and has been cared for in the hospital. He cannot go home because his village is under military occupation. Then we have in compound a dozen or more lively girls in their teens, whose homes are occupied by soldiers. While they are here they are being taught—school work, music and weaving. One of our branch hospitals is in an area flooded by the Yellow River. Thousands are destitute there. We plan to organize co-operative societies and lend these people money for rehabilitation and some we may be able to feed for a time. If you have sent money to the Red Cross or through the Church you are helping to care for people like these, and I am helping to administer your gifts.

We still get letters only occasionally. The last letter I had from my wife was written at the end of April and I got it at the end of May. Meantime I hear from Mother that we have a baby girl and you can imagine how anxious I am to know about her. Will you now write until further notice c-o Mr. Hugh MacKenzie, 53 Race Course Road, Tientsin. With all good wishes, I am,  
Sincerely yours,  
E. Bruce Copland.

### Pleasant Evening by the Merry Maids "500" Club

The Merry Maids 500 club met at the home of Mrs. Clegg, 308 Mountjoy St., on Thursday evening, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess and winners at 500 were: 1st, Mrs. Clegg; 2nd, Mrs. Carver; 3rd, Mrs. Wilkinson. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. McGarry, 57 Cherry St.

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J. A. McInnis, M.D., M.O.H.

### When Newspapers Brought Big Prices in the Klondike

(From "Grave Samples" in Northern Miner)

In view of the fact that the new air mail rates have been raised to a level which would require postage amounting to \$2.25 to deliver the annual number of The Northern Miner to Aklavik, N. W.T., the following yarn, spun by Robert Saunders in the Forest Hills (N.Y.) Post, carries a suggestion. Mr. Saunders, reminiscing on the early days in the Klondike, says:—

"While I was in Dawson a fellow from Seattle—a plain greenhorn—had a lot of tenderfoot trappings and a bundle of home-knit socks wrapped in a six-months-old copy of a Seattle newspaper. He had hardly got off the gang-plank, when one of the boys spotted that newspaper and grabbed the newcomer, pulling out his poke as he did so, and said: 'Give you \$25 for the paper!'"

"The new arrival thought the chap was drunk—which he probably was—unwrapped his bundle, and grabbed the \$25. A few of the boys gathered around the new owner and, after reading a little, one them offered the first buyer \$150 for the paper, which was promptly taken.

"The second man stood on a big packing case and read items from the paper, passed the hat, and soon had more than \$150 back, for there weren't any money denominations less than a dollar in use up there then.

"The next night the owner of the only newspaper from the States hired an empty dance hall and charged five dollars admission to hear the reading of that paper. The hall was so full that the readings went on for several days—at five dollars per listen."

### Liskeard Firm Shipping Machinery to Far Places

The following from The New Liskeard Speaker last week should be of general interest to all in the North:—

"Some time ago we gave information to the effect that The Wabi Iron Works, Limited, had shipped mining machinery to South African points for use in the mining industry of that part of the Empire. We have just been given information by Mr. McKay-Clements, president and managing director, to the effect that recent shipments have been made to Australia, South Africa and South America. These shipments have comprised mining equipment for which the Wabi Iron Works, Limited, have become famous. Nor does the above mentioned equipment close the connection of the New Liskeard firm with foreign mines as at the present time the Company has on its books and in course of manufacture refinery equipment for the Lakeview and Star Gold Mines, Limited, Western Australia, and refinery and other equipment for the La Luz Mines, Limited, Nicaragua, South America.

"We might also say that the Wabi Iron Works, Limited, plant at Noranda has been completed and is now in operation as planned. At this plant the major work will comprise the manufacturing of the grinding balls so necessary in the mines at Noranda. The new plant is the very latest in its line.

"The Wabi Iron Works, Ltd., and its management is to be heartily congratulated upon the successful contacts they have made in distant mining fields. May they continue to prosper and expand, because their success also means much to the community in which they are located."

### C. Earl Rodgers Retires as Manager of Sylvanite

Mr. C. Earl Rodgers, for the past fifteen years manager of the Sylvanite Mine at Kirkland Lake, has resigned that position to move to Toronto. He will continue as consultant engineer for the Sylvanite, and will make frequent visits to the mine in connection with his new duties. After Nov. 1st, he will have his offices in Toronto. Previous to being promoted to the management of the Sylvanite, Mr. Rodgers was superintendent at the mine. On the occasion of his retirement as general manager, the officers and directors of the Sylvanite, express their thanks for "his years of devotion to the course of Sylvanite and his untiring efforts on behalf of the company."

In addition to his services to the Sylvanite mine, Mr. Rodgers has been a valuable citizen of Kirkland Lake, taking interest and giving effort and talent to many public and semi-public activities for community advantage. He will be missed in Kirkland Lake for his services and interest.

Globe and Mail:—It is reassuring to know that art will be submerged in realism in the 1939 motor markets. We hope the divorce between the Department of Highways and that it considers art is permanent.



They Pay Their Way  
Because I have given much space to Scouts in this column I think it only fair to devote some to Wolf Cubs. Here is a story of the ingenuity of a Cub Pack with junk.

At the first International Wolf Cub Conference recently held at Gilwell Park in England there was a particularly interesting session on handicrafts. A paper and a demonstration were given by Miss McLean, an English lady Cubmaster who succeeds in extraordinarily difficult task of making her Pack pay its way on the money they earn, and at the same time finding plenty of opportunity for the full round of Cub activities.

The handicrafts they make they sell, and the material they use would usually be termed junk.

For example, Miss McLean showed amazingly good things made from cardboard, wallpaper, and paste. Odd bits of wallpaper and wallpaper patterns can be had for nothing. Paste can be made, and most people have cardboard to give away.

Such articles as blotters, paper d'oyley holders, boxes for Christmas packing covered with wallpaper, calendars, and match box holders were among the things displayed.

Talking of match boxes, Miss McLean demonstrated a remarkable series of dolls' furniture and other things made from empty match boxes covered with wallpaper.

A string jar made from a coconut was another interesting item. The three indentations which one finds on a coconut were drilled, boot buttons were wired into place in two of them and white circles were painted round the buttons to resemble eyes, while the mouth was used as the string holder. A triangular bandage was wrapped round the head, and it had every appearance of a startled dusky maiden.

Miss McLean also showed us how to turn used cotton-reels and tobacco tins into candlesticks and other saleable articles; how painted peanuts tied on twigs gave the impressions of really novel artificial flowers; and how even such domestic articles as rice and split-peas could be used to make quite attractive picture-frames and other ornaments.

I have given these things a fair amount of detail so that any Cubmaster who reads this column may devote serious attention to the use of materials which they now term junk.

To pay the expenses of a Pack on the sale of these articles is certainly an achievement, but if Miss McLean can do it, why not you?

In last week's column I overlooked two people who were very important to the success of our recent Apple Day. We extend our thanks to Messrs Brewster, who helped with the sale of surplus apples on Saturday evening, and McDowell who so kindly allowed us the use of the lot upon which we pitched our tent stand.

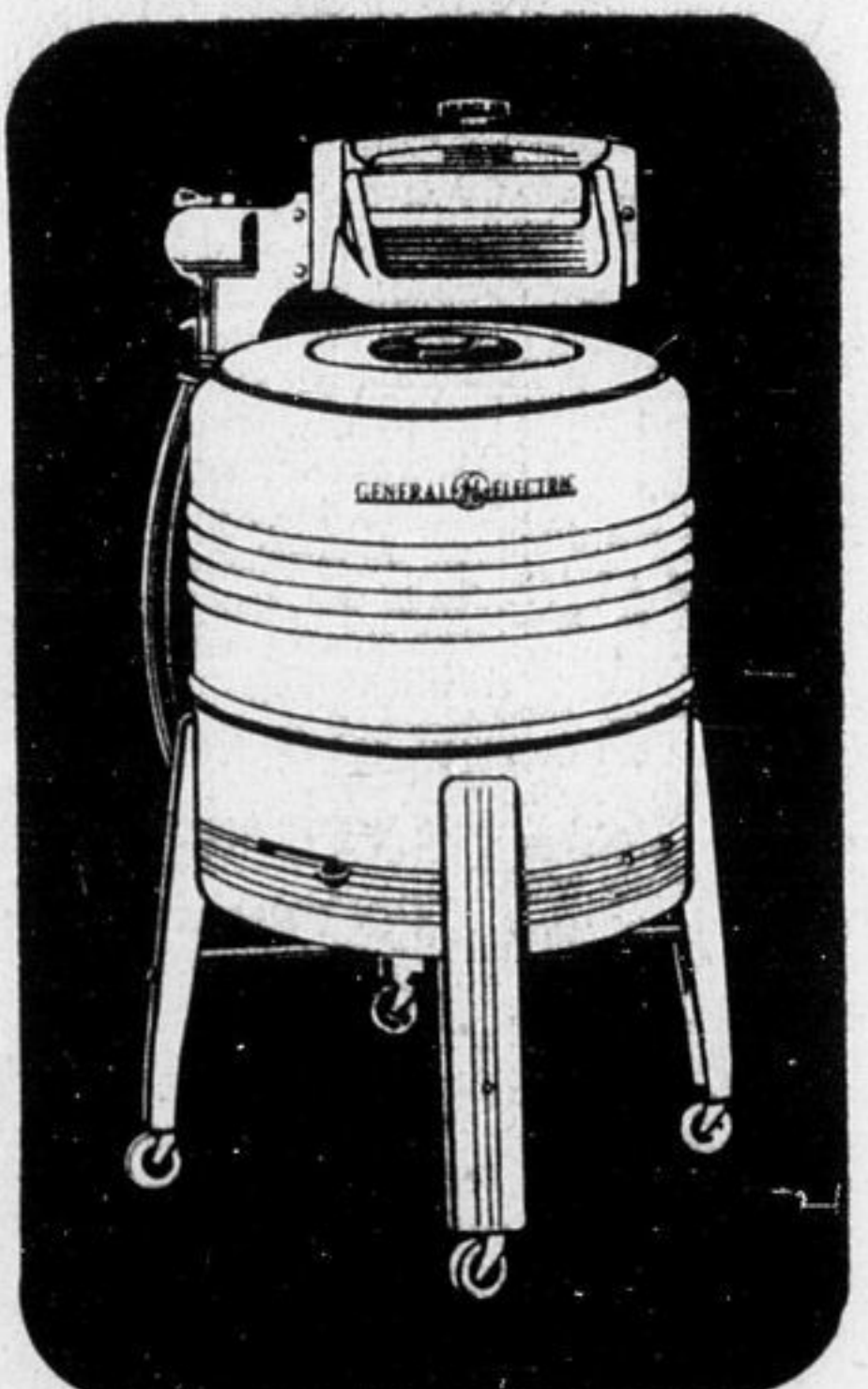
All adults interested in our movement are invited by the Timmins Boy Scout Association to attend the annual meeting of the association this evening (Monday) in the court room of the municipal building. All Leaders are requested to attend. The meeting commences at 8 p.m.

The Patrol Leaders' Training Course is scheduled to commence on Saturday evening, November 5th, at 7 p.m., and continue for four weeks until complete. The fee will be the same as the regular Troop fees. Texts and note books will be supplied. Plan to attend.  
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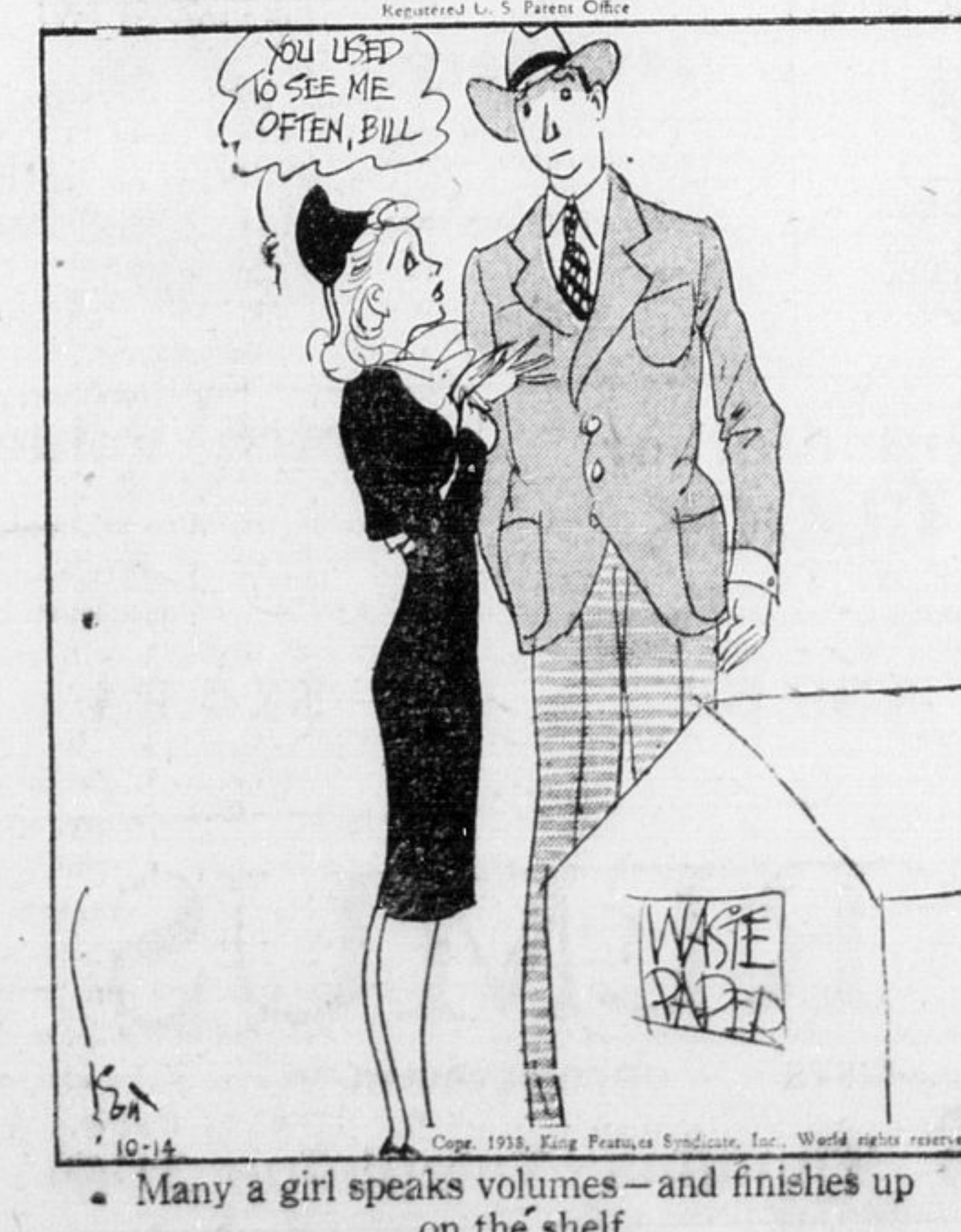
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