

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

An outstanding feature of the weekly luncheon ten years ago at the Empire hotel was the violin playing of Master David Gordon. This boy played selections on the violin that roused the keenest enthusiasm of the club members and he was very heartily encored on merit. Classical music was played by this lad with rare talent and skill. He handled the bow with a deftness and sureness of touch that would be remarkable in anyone twice his age. His tone was equally good, while he also put a feeling and expression into his playing that was remarkable in a lad of his years. There was a general feeling that this lad had the gifts that promise a very clever violinist. Masier Gordon was the second young boy to delight the Kiwanis in a short period of time by his talent. The previous week Master Fred Stonehouse had made an equally deep impression for outstanding talent by his recitations given with such cleverness, sympathy and talent. Dr. Honey explained that he had heard these talented boys at a concert in the Central public school, and had felt sure the Kiwanis would enjoy them. He said that there had been other notable talent at the school concert, and asked the club if they would like to hear others of the young artists. "If they are in the same class as David Gordon or Fred Stonehouse, we would be delighted," seemed to be the general opinion.

About fifty prospectors and claim owners gathered in the town hall ten years ago, November 30th, 1929, and decided to form an organization to stimulate interest in prospecting and to co-operate with the Government in such matters, bringing to the attention of the authorities the viewpoints of the prospectors and claim owners in regard to the development of the mining areas of the North Land. Dr. J. A. McInnis was elected temporary chairman and with despatch and efficiency officiated during the election of officers for the new association which it was decided to organize—the Northern Prospectors and Claim Owners' Association, Porcupine Branch. The officers elected were as follows: president, Ralph Dipaolo; vice-president, F. M. Wallingford; secretary-treasurer, Arch. Gillies; council—Val. English, Jos. Clouthier, Geo. C. Murphy, Jos. Theriault, John Power, Alf. White.

The regular meeting of the Young People's Society of the United Church was held in the church hall ten years ago and took the form of a welcome to the new minister of the church, the Rev. Bruce Millar, B.A., B.D., who won general friendship among the young people. Miss Campbell was in the chair and conducted the meeting with efficiency and despatch and all agreed that it was a particularly enjoyable event.

In the South Porcupine news ten years ago: "On Monday morning the report rapidly spread around town that a man had been killed by Train Number 50, the early morning train. It was only too true. At mileage 30½, just west of the overhead platform, it is said the engineer noticed something drag out into the snow. There was clear view and no one had been seen on the track but on stopping the train it proved to be a man very badly injured about the head. He was put on board and brought in to South Porcupine station and a doctor called but by the time the doctor arrived life was extinct and the man had never recovered consciousness.

Later the body was taken to S. T. Walker's undertaking parlor, Timmins, to await identification. It proved to be a man by the name of Joseph Paquette, a resident of Timmins. It was thought at first that the man might have stepped on the track from the side of the train opposite to that on which the engineer was sitting and suddenly lunged in front of the engine but the discovery later of the remains of a lunch on the platform under the edge of the boiler above the cow catcher has dispelled that belief and led to the idea that the man was trying to get a ride on the cow catcher, having to bably concealed himself there at Schumacher and as the train gained speed after leaving the station became dizzy and lost his hold."

There was a large attendance at the concert given ten years ago in the Masonic hall under the joint auspices of the Golden Beaver Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and Arbutus Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and it may be truly said that the event was worthy of the largest audience. All present were delighted with the programme as presented, every item being most pleasing. Perhaps the outstanding number on the programme was the war-time sketch presented by seven members of the Golden Beaver Lodge. This clever sketch gave a most realistic picture of life at the front, depicting the terrible strain on officers and men and the way that different types reacted. The "fed-up" feeling that inevitably came after month after month of irritating and irksome duty, often working in the dark and without apparent purpose, or with results that seemed sadly out of proportion to the desperate effort and the fearsome loss of life, were presented in most realistic way. Every actor in the cast took his part about perfectly, extra special mention being deserved by Messrs. Dougall, Richards, Ralph and Wright for notable delineation of the characters taken.

The directors of the Timmins Curling club, Limited, as elected ten years ago, met duly and officers and committees were selected for the year. I. A. Scammon was re-elected president of the club, while H. W. Hooker was also re-elected secretary. The following were the committees: Ice committee—A. E. Prout, A. W. Young, S. R. Walker; match committee—W. R. Rinn, J. L. Hunt, S. R. McCoy; property committee—R. Francis, H. E. Montgomery, D. Sutherland; house committee—W. R. Sullivan, J. Stokes, C. C. Dearden.

Despatches ten years ago from Cobalt told of another touching example of the faithfulness of a man's dog. Men coming to Cobalt at the time from Gowganda brought news of the sad fate that overtook Jim Fletcher, an old-timer of the Northern mining camps. He died in his little cabin at the Haultain mine, some 13 hours after Harold Parker, trapper, had discovered his unconscious form, racked by pneumonia, stretched on the bed. The only heat that kept going the fitful spark of life was that generated by his faithful dog, which was lying across the one blanket which covered the stricken frame. Parker gave temporary relief to the 57-year-old veteran of the Cobalt and Gowganda boom days, and hastened to the nearest telephone to summon Dr. G. R. Crann, at Gowganda, eight miles away. The doctor responded immediately, accompanied by Dr. Daniel Hellens, of the Castle Thretheway Mine, formerly of the North Cobalt. Hellens

and Parker remained with Fletcher after Dr. Crann had attended him but within a few hours the unfortunate man passed away.

Among the local items in The Advance ten years ago were: "Mrs. Ian Watt (formerly Miss Lella McCarthy) and little daughter, now of Toronto, are visiting Mrs. Watt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCarthy." "Mayor Fred Sullivan was re-elected mayor of Cobalt last week by acclamation." "Miss Grace Benedick, of Montreal, was guest of friends here last week." "Born—in Timmins, on Tuesday, Nov. 26th, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Starling, a son (Douglas Arthur)." "Mrs. M. J. Lawlor, now of Sudbury, is on a visit to Timmins, and is being warmly welcomed here by hosts of old friends." "A J. Duscharm arrived on Saturday evening from Flin Flon on a visit to Timmins." "Born—in Timmins, on Friday, Nov. 29th 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. P. H. O'Gorman, 105 Kirby Avenue—a son."

Her Fear

(From an Exchange)

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Not Painless

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Daylight Saving Defeated at Iroquois Falls by 17 Votes

F. Staples Elected Mayor by Record Vote.

Iroquois Falls, Dec. 6.—Special to The Advance.—The election here on Monday has followed the general prediction as to results and promises to be very satisfactory and popular. There were a number of particularly interesting features to the election. One of these was that Mr. Staples, who was elected mayor for the coming term with a sweeping majority, polled the largest vote ever given a candidate in the history of the town of Iroquois Falls.

Another point of interest was the fact that all the present members of council offering themselves for re-election were returned to office by good majorities. Mr. I. Foy headed the poll for councillors, having a very handsome vote to his credit.

Still another item of more than local interest was the defeat of the Daylight Saving by-law. The plan was defeated by 17 votes, and so in 1940 the town of Iroquois Falls will not be on Daylight Saving time. Iroquois Falls was one of the pioneers of Daylight Saving time in the North, being the first town to adopt the measure in this part of the North after the war-time law in this regard was repealed. Iroquois Falls also

followed Daylight Saving time when other towns up here observed Standard time. This led to some confusion, but Iroquois Falls for years remained true to the plan. Now, however, the people of the town by vote have expressed the opinion that Daylight Saving time is no longer desired.

The following are the members of the Iroquois Falls council board for 1940 and 1941 and perhaps for a further term or terms:—

Mayor—F. Staples.
Councillors—I. Foy, P. J. Redmond, H. Powers, C. S. Jessup, P. Walsh, W. Needham.

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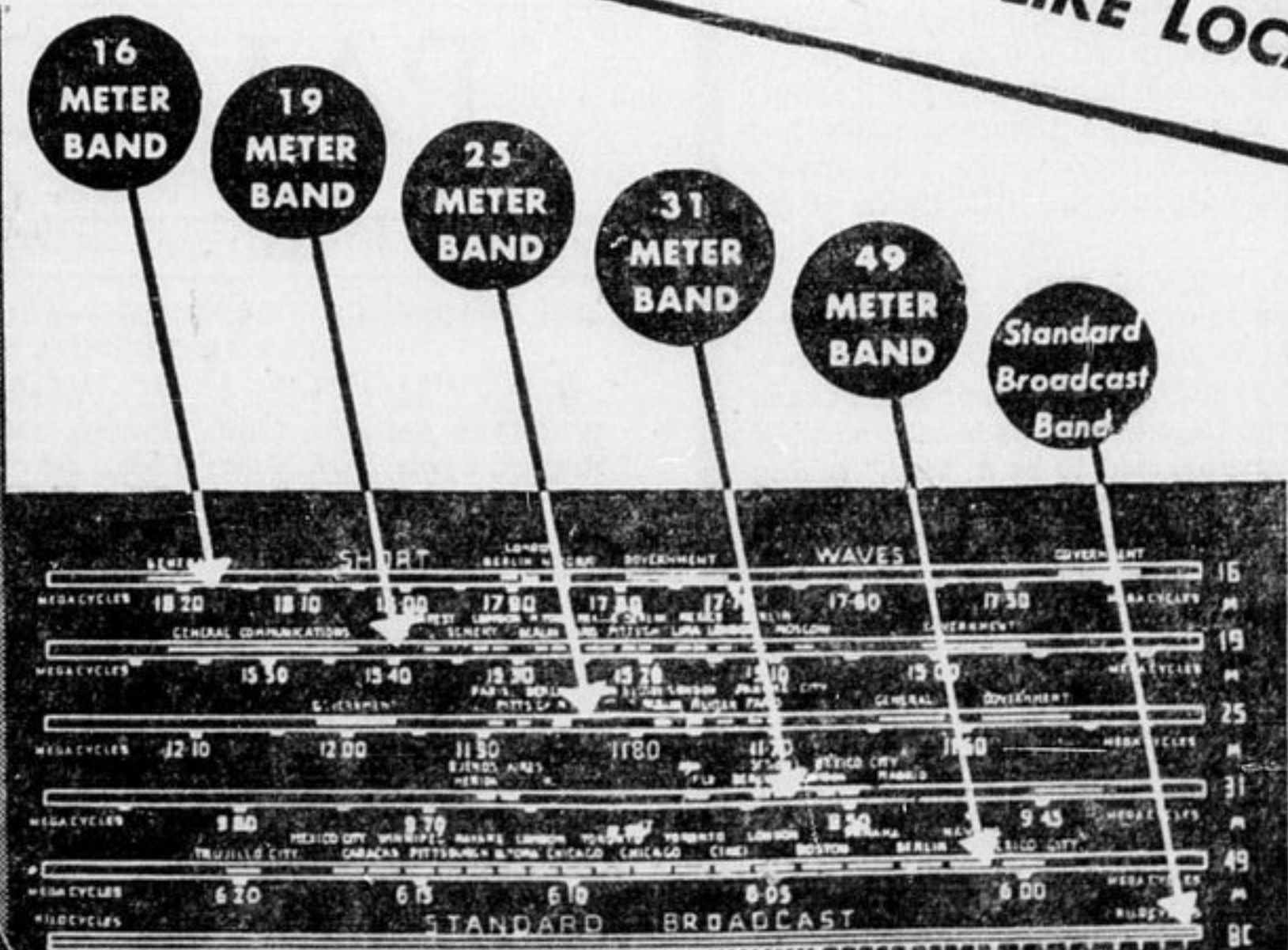
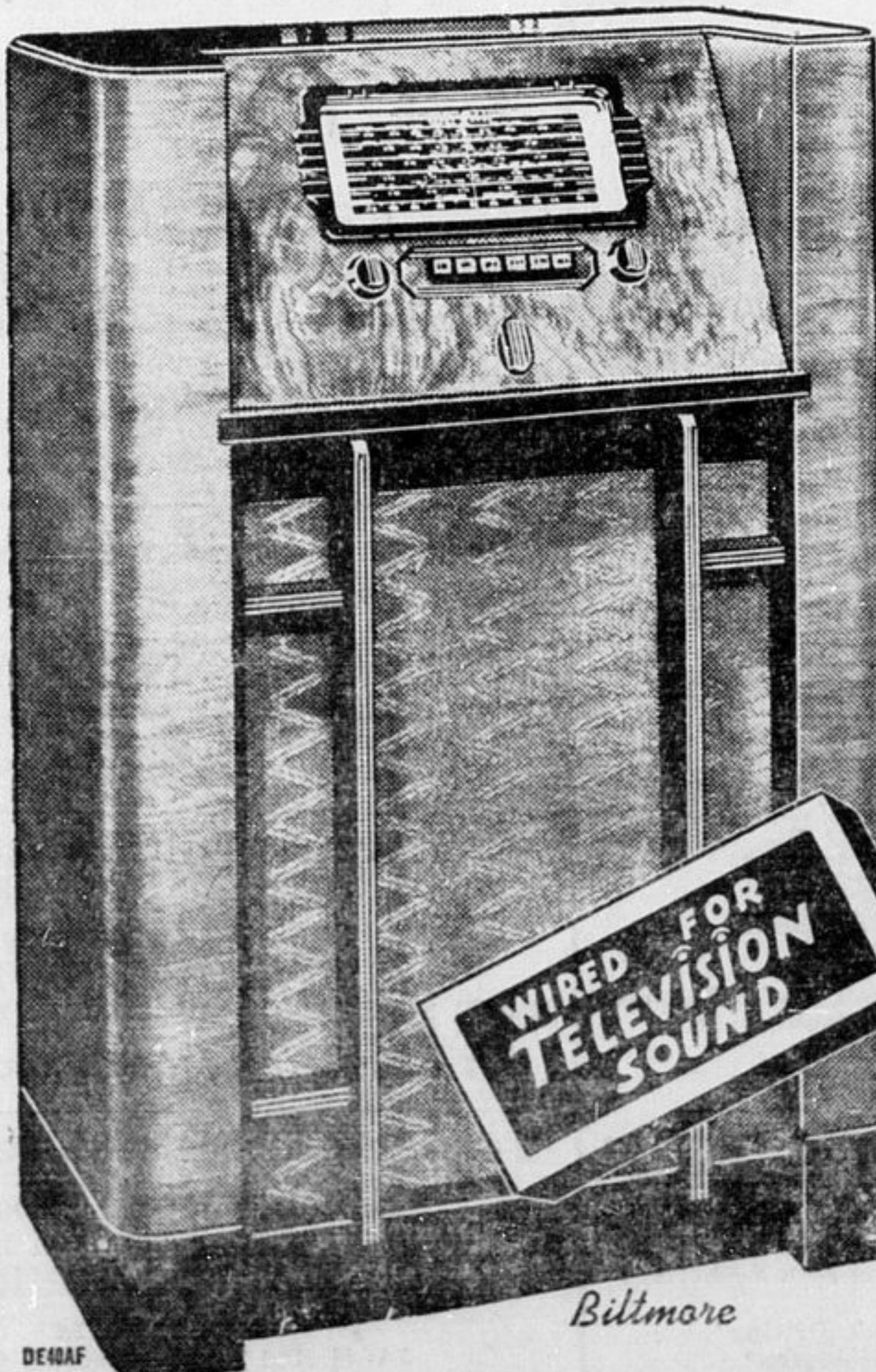
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