

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

"Success is attending the sessions of the Canadian Chautauquas now in progress in Timmins," said The Advance ten years ago. "The events given so far seem to prove that this is the best all-round Chautauquas programme yet presented in the North. Each programme is attracting larger attendances than previous Chautauquas here, this being largely due to the very efficient work of the directress, Miss Murphy, and the committee in charge. All attending find it well worth while and express delight at the outstanding entertainments offered by each succeeding programme, afternoon and evening. It may be noted, however, that for the guarantor to escape without loss, still larger attendance will be necessary for the remaining sessions, and to this it may be added that each of the programmes alone seems worth the price of a season's ticket, and as there are five programmes still available, the financial success may still be assured with satisfaction to all concerned."

Ten years ago the Timmins Kiwanis Club had the pleasure and honour of having Dr. Vilhelm Stefansson, the famous Canadian explorer, as their guest at luncheon. The address by Dr. Stefansson and the pleasure of meeting this distinguished Canadian will long be remembered here. Dr. Stefansson was here as one of the outstanding artists on the Chautauquas programme and his address at the Chautauquas was the big attraction of the programme. He had chosen no subject for his remarks at the Kiwanis Club luncheon but a question asked him before the meeting opened gave him the topic. "Is there any summer in the Arctic?" was the question. And Dr. Stefansson answered the question in most interesting and illuminating way, correcting a common error to the effect that the Arctic had little summer. The noted explorer showed that in the Far North there was a decided summer temperature that really increased as one went nearer the North.

In The Advance ten years ago: "Last week the local communists distributed literature at night advertising a demonstration on Saturday, August 1st, against war and capitalism and to uphold the Soviet. Circulars in French are objected to as particularly offensive. "Flight the War Danger, Onto the streets August 1st" was the heading of one piece of propaganda distributed. Mountjoy street and Fourth avenue was the meeting place designated, and thirty-five or forty male communists gathered on the rocks on the lot on the northwest corner, together with a number of women. All of them were apparently of foreign extraction. They also brought to the scene a truckload of children wearing red ribbons. These youngsters were placed at the front of the gathering on the rocks. Banners urging support of the Russian Soviet, denouncing capitalism and other things, and urging the social revolution were displayed. A crowd, attracted by the circulars distributed, gathered at the rocks on the other corner, but though objection was taken to the banners no interference was given. A couple of communists, however, were on the southwest corner and got into an argument with some of the loyal citizens there. One of these communists practically tore the shirt off one man's back in

grasping him. This communist was then shoved from the rocks. About this time attempt was made to address the crowd. Then eggs were thrown from the southeast corner and the communists responded by throwing rocks. With the children before them this was a fairly safe procedure, though some stones were thrown back. The disorder continued until police arrived on the scene and arrested five of the communists."

One of the most unfortunate accidents occurred ten years ago when Olga Moroz, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Moroz, 114 Tamarack street, Timmins, lost her life. In the shed of the house there was a rope fastened to a beam and used by the children as a swing. At the end of the rope there was a noose arranged for the feet to be placed in when the swing was used. Little Olga, who was only eighteen months old, was playing in the shed and it was thought that in her play she must have placed her head in the noose in the rope. Perhaps the rope twisted round quickly and the child became entangled before she could cry out. In any event, when the mother went to look for her, little Olga was found dead, hanging from the rope. Dr. Clifford Taylor was hurriedly summoned but nothing could be done to revive the baby's life.

Local items in The Advance ten years ago included: "Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Carson and Miss Patsy left last week for a holiday in the South and East, making the trip by motor." "Miss Marjorie Booker left last week for Temagami to spend a holiday visit at the camp of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Carson at Temagami." "Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bowie and family, accompanied by Mrs. Bowie's brother, Duncan Pearce, Coniston, Ont., left on Monday morning by motor for a two weeks' holiday at points south and west." "Mr. T. H. Torrance left on Sunday on a fishing trip north of Cochrane." "Mr. and Mrs. E. Grandbois are holidaying in Eastern Ontario and Quebec." "Mr. Jas. Armstrong, of Peterborough, is visiting friends in town."

"Mr. and Mrs. W. Bousquet, of North Bay, are Timmins visitors this week." "Mr. Jas. Todd spent a few days on a fishing trip this week north of Hearst." "Rev. Bruce Millar and Mrs. Millar are on a motor trip to Nova Scotia." "Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Leaman and son, Clem, are holidaying in the South." "Mr. and Mrs. A. Pitre and Miss Fernande Pitre are spending a vacation in Ottawa and vicinity." "Mrs. P. T. Moisy and two children returned this week from a vacation spent in Southern Ontario." "Mr. Billy Kendall, of Simcoe, is spending his holidays with his uncle, Dr. E. L. Roberts." "Miss Campbell, deaconess of the United Church, Timmins, left on Friday for a vacation in the South." "Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Longmore and son, Allen, returned last week from their vacation in the South." "Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Carson and family left on Saturday morning by motor for a holiday visit to Temagami." "Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dodge and family are on a holiday to the Southern States." "Miss Helen Forrester left for a six weeks' Toronto." "Mrs. J. H. Minn and Gerald O'Connor, of Sudbury, are visiting friends at Connaught and Timmins." "Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Dooley, left on Tuesday morning on a three weeks' vacation trip to Montreal, New York and Cleveland."

Hundreds of Children Helped in Past Year by District Children's Aid

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2. No. of office interviews re all children in care	532
3. No. of attendances on children:	
(a) Mental Health	67
(b) Medical	8
(c) Dental	9
4. No. of children in care contacted in office or on visit during year	638
5. No. of first placements of children	32
6. No. of replacements of children (one home to another home)	12
7. No. of children returned to the Shelter	9
8. No. of Foster Home investigations 47 involving 204 visits	2
9. No. of replacements shelter to foster home	29
10. No. of visits in search of foster homes	2

Industrial Schools:

No. of investigations for Industrial Schools:	
(a) Before commitment	13
(b) Before parole	46

Adoption:

No. of investigations for Final Adoption	23
No. of Final Adoption Orders Obtained	19

UNMARRIED PARENTS ACT

Statistics:	
Total No. of cases open on first of year	51
No. of new cases	48
No. of cases re-opened	7
No. of cases closed during year	42
Total No. of cases open at end of year	31
No. of children born out of wedlock made wards during year	1

Field Work:

1. No. of office interviews re agreements, court orders, maintenance and collections	236
2. No. of visits re above	163
3. No. of settlements obtained	5
4. No. of court cases attended (including all cases)	7
5. No. of court orders obtained	5
6. No. of office interviews re mother or child	92
7. No. of supervisory visits to mother or child	55
8. No. of attendances: (a) Mental Health	4

Meetings, Conferences and Addresses:

No. of meetings or conferences attended: (a) re C.A.S. Work in general	11
No. of addresses given	2

CHILD CARE AND PREVENTION BY MISS FRANCES MENZIES

During the past year, the Shelter has suffered a great loss in the death of our Matron, Mrs. Condie, who for 15 years extended to the needy children placed in her care, the love and attention they were entitled to. Since her passing, the Shelter has been run on an emergency basis, till a suitable matron could be found. As the placement of children in foster homes has been felt more desirable, the Shelter has assumed the roll of a "clearing house"—that is, giving temporary care to and clearing up the defects of children until suitable foster homes can be found for them. This is by no means an easy task, although the usual number of children at the Shelter is now quite small, for it means being constantly ready to admit a family of from 2 to 8 children, cleaning up dirty heads, outfitting new arrivals, caring for the physical needs of neglected children and re-training children who have been allowed to grow up by themselves on the streets. During the past year 30 different children have been cared for, a total of 2,563 days.

The most important and valuable child welfare work is not curative, but preventative—helping to maintain normal family life wherever possible and in so doing guarding the children's morals and teaching them to be useful citizens. It is in the home that the rough-edges of life are worn off, that the child grows up to be part of a community and that he learns the fundamentals of living with other people. When parents quarrel and separate, what a train of evil follows the breaking up of their home. Only the social worker, who is in the midst of it can fully understand the loss and suffering not only to the parties directly concerned, but to the entire community. The tragedy is happening over and over and the average citizen can hardly grasp the seriousness of it all. Here is a case that will perhaps illustrate the task of the Children's Aid in such a situation.

This case is that of a boy, whom his teacher described as having been "one of the best" although recently something had gone wrong with him. At once the worker came to the conclusion that "something" originated from the home surroundings, and in going into the matter, learned that the father was seldom at home, and that how he made a living was a mystery, since sometimes he had plenty of money and other times none. To make matters worse, he was sent to prison for a long term. The mother had to go to work, and the boy, left to himself from early morning to late at night, practically lived in the streets, mingling with bad boys older than himself. Knowing that the boy had proved himself "one of the best" in the past and that these good points were still there if given a chance, it was decided to get him into new surroundings. The mother did not wish to part with him but was persuaded to allow him to go to the home of a relative in another town. He is again "one of the best" and when his mother visited him, she was more than grateful for what had been done for her boy.

Children in Foster Homes:

During the past year we have had a family of 181 children placed in foster homes, both free and boarding, who have received constant supervision. New placements have been made, children entered school for the first time, others married. New placements, replacements, children returning to their own homes and children going from one home to another, medical and dental care, clothing, school problems, investigating new homes, finding jobs, interviewing prospective foster parents, difficulties of adjustment in the home and community—these all enter into the task of Supervising children in care. The visits, telephone calls, office interviews, letters and consultations with doctors, nurses, teachers, etc., have all one end in view, that of giving each individual child the best possible chance of overcoming the handicaps which have entered their lives and to develop into useful citizens of whom their community may be proud.

Adoption Probation:

The adoption work, which is entirely supported by private funds has increased remarkably during the past year. The number of children under supervision pending legal adoption, at the end of the year was 56, an increase of more than 100% over last year. It is interesting to note that of these children 30 are boys, 26 are girls, 92% are under 5 years of age. The increase in adoption is gratifying, not only because it is one of the most satisfying pieces of social service but also because it reflects the growth of confidence in the society's work. The public is learning to value and rely upon the painstaking efforts to remove as much as possible of the hazard from adoption. Considerable time and thought is spent in finding good adoption homes and the careful selection of a child which will fit into this particular home. Few adopting parents wish to take a child permanently into the circle of their family without some knowledge of the hereditary strengths and weaknesses which are likely to show in a child. When a child is in poor physical health or there is some doubt as to the family history we have kept this child under supervisory care till such time as we can recommend it for adoption.

British Child Guests:

One of the outstanding features of this year's work has been the excitement and enthusiasm of last summer due to the expected influx of a large number of British Child Guests. There was an amazing response from the community and invitations for them poured into the office from individuals, fraternal societies and professional groups. A special committee was set up under the able leadership of Mrs. H. W. Darling and a voluntary staff of workers who assisted in the investigation of 174 homes and in preparing and typing the records. When it became apparent that the movement of children had been postponed indefinitely, further investigations were not made. There have been 8 British Child Guests placed in our district who came under the government scheme and whom therefore we supervise. All were sent out to relatives or friends and are already feeling quite at home.

—Frances Menzies, Social Worker.

Unmarried Parents Act:

The administration of this Act entails considerable work. Records of all cases are kept and many investigations made. When possible the putative father is interviewed and an agreement entered into for the maintenance of the child, if he disputes his responsibility and there is sufficient corroboration the case is referred to the Judge for his consideration. In all cases the mother is given assistance in caring for her child. This year there was 48 new cases, 4 were re-opened, 5 agreements for maintenance obtained and 5 Court orders made.

Juvenile Court:

There has been a slight decrease in the number of juveniles before the Court. This year 95 were charged, of this number 12 were committed to Training Schools for an indefinite term. The assistance given by the Juvenile Court Committees of the Town of Timmins and Township of Tisdale has been of great help in investigating the homes and supervising the boys while on parole. As in the past the different police organizations throughout the district have assisted in dealing with juvenile delinquency.

Press and Radio:

The free publicity given by the press and radio has been of great value in keeping the public in touch with the work. During our campaigns for funds this service has been of great assistance, the space and time allotted being most generous.

In conclusion I wish to thank all those who have contributed to the work, in any manner, by donations of money, clothing and voluntary services. Special mention should be made of the free services given by the Dentists of the District to the children in our care. To our President, Mr. P. H. Laporte, the Directors and the Staff, I extend my sincere thanks for their co-operation throughout the year.

A. G. Carson,
Local Superintendent.

DESPERATE RISK

Mother—Now, Johnny, run and wash your face and hands before our company comes. Johnny—But suppose they don't come!—St. Mary's Journal—Argus.

Nothing Serious: The average man can do plenty of blowing without even getting his steam up.

Chatham News: The theory comes from New York that Hitler, unable to invade England, hopes to gain a victory over Russia, and make peace with Britain by presenting himself as a saviour of the western world from Bolshevism. If Hitler does save the world from Bolshevism, it will still be Great Britain's solemn duty to save the world from Hitlerism.

Airman Saw Number of Towns Before He Found the Right One

This is the fourth in a series of personal stories by former newspapermen who are now in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Mr. Palin was editor of the McGill Daily.

(By Kerle Palin)

These letters written in a pupil's log book for the first time mean to him an experience which is still unknown but which he is sure will be a great one. And it should be—Service Flying Training School is the final stage of training given to a pilot under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, and at the end of it, if he wins through, are wings.

The fellows that meet there to get their Wings come from far places and varied callings:—Australian sheepfarmers, Montreal school boys, Texan ranchers, Londoners who know what it's like to be bombed, and the assortment of accents you hear in the canteen is an education:—

"Ow many dies till pie die?"
"Ah don' know suh, but ah sho' could stan' it."
"Ay, some brass'd be a bit of all reight."

And the amazing thing is that they understand each other—thoroughly.

At Service Flying more time per day is spent in the air than at Elementary. When he arrives at his flight room the pupil immediately changes into flying kit and then waits for his flying orders. He may be going up dual (with his instructor) or solo to practice aerobatics, or on a cross-country, or on a mutual instruction period of instruments with another pupil. The last is a great chance to find out how one's flying compares with another's, and is a lot of fun. I remember I went up with another chap. I was doing the flying on instruments, he was captain of the aircraft. After nearly an hour's flying, turning this way and that for the sake of experience, he flipped back the hood and let me look out.

"Where are we?" he asked.
"Isn't that Smith's Falls over there with all the railroads?"
"Is it okay, fly this course for home."

I flew the given course until I was sure I saw Smith's Falls ahead. He saw it too and gave me another course. Well, when we'd seen two more Smith's Falls we decided we were lost and had better have a look at the emergency maps. So we took turns looking at the maps and flying, but neither could make out where we were—the weather was closing in and the gas was getting low so we decided we'd fly low over the next railway station and try to read the name. It proved to be surrounded with high tension wires, so we had to try the next, and this time we really came down. With our wings level with the station's roof I managed to read the name (it wasn't Smith's Falls) located it on the map and flew home to an angry ground crew who had to put off their lunch to wait for us.

Night flying gives quite a kick to most of the boys. Some nights the moon is so bright the main features—the field, the runway, and so on—can be made out almost as well as by day. But on the really black nights when you can only tell where you are by the position of the lights, that signal from the control tower telling you it really is all right to come in is a very comfortable thing. When all the lights are out, even in the cockpit, and the instruments are read only by the luminous paint on their hands, and the controls are only felt, you have a not unpleasant feeling of being very much alone and on your own.

Aerobatics and interest to everyone, especially the chaps that hope to be put on fighters, and at any time in the barracks there's sure to be some one talking them over. In fact I'd be willing to bet that flying and girls together make up about 98 per cent of the conversation. And there's always the exploits of the instructors to talk over—how so-and-so dove on the control tower, how another did a perfect vertical roll over the field on a test flight, and so on. There was one chap who had to make a precautionary landing with his pupil, and when the weather cleared it looked as if they wouldn't get out of the field, the pupil was certain they wouldn't. But he used full brake and full throttle, then let her go, and lifted her out. What was known as a Christian Science take-off—pure faith. The chaps appreciated a good bit of flying like that, whether it was spectacular or not.

Accidents are bound to happen, but Training Command issues regulations which are calculated to do away with as much risk as possible, and which the pupil is taught from the beginning to obey, for his own sake and that of others whom he is flying with. Fellows obey regulations which they might otherwise ignore because they know they were made for a purpose and that someone else might suffer if they did not. A thing that struck me was that one of the chief things that took the sting out of being "washed out," was the thought that if he'd continued in a job he was unsuited for, the pupil might have endangered other people's lives—and he'd have hated to do that. So he usually takes another job, one that he does well and in which he can really serve. A selfish lot?

Formation flying is all right, once you catch on to it, but at first each pilot is so busy watching the other and keeping in formation that he doesn't look where he's going, and that's another wonderful way to get lost. Also, funny things can happen. Once doing formation over Ottawa with another chap I got a taste of what the head-on attacks overseas must feel like. Everything was going serenely when I saw two yellow forms

slip by me going in the opposite direction. How they got past I don't know, they were so close, everything was over and I had broken into a gentle sweat by the time I realized what had happened—I just hadn't seen them coming head on, and the thought that they must have been equally dumb was only small consolation.

With all its tiring hours on Link Trainer, instrument flying, parading, going to classes, with all its successes and failures, its worries about passing the next test, Service Flying is something everyone will like to remember as the culmination of their flying training, when they were made pilots. Advanced training, specialization, will come later, but now they can fly, they're pilots, they have their wings.

Army Post Office Will Deliver Parcels Mailed

Although postal employees are required to possess almost super-natural gifts to deliver some of the poorly addressed mail received from time to time, they have not reached the stage when they can deliver articles which have not been mailed!

Hon. William P. Mulock, K.C., Postmaster General, who is always anxious to improve the system of handling military mails, states that actual investigation has revealed that a large number of the complaints from Overseas, respecting the non-delivery of cigarettes and tobacco parcels, are based on promises made in letters from persons in Canada who either forgot to order the cigarettes, or greatly delayed doing so.

The public are reminded that after orders have been placed for cigarettes for overseas it takes several days before the parcels are actually on the way. If mailers would refrain from mentioning in their letters that the gifts are being sent until the parcels have actually been despatched, much disappointment and many unnecessary complaints will be avoided.

There is no need to worry concerning the safe arrival of a parcel to a soldier or airman overseas, if it is properly packed, and addressed correctly and legibly. If the sender of a parcel completes his share of the transaction he can rely on the Army Postal Service (barring enemy action) to deliver the goods.

To Paddle Down Albany River for Over 600 Miles

Dr. W. N. Nusbaum and O. Householder, of Lancaster, Pa., and H. H. Buck, of Columbus, Ohio, with Archie Stevens and Jack Raye, of Skead, near Sudbury, acting as guides, left Savant Lake, 638 miles west of Sudbury, on Sunday for a trip down the Albany river, by canoe. They intend to go down to the mouth of the Albany river, the distance to be travelled by canoe to be

over 600 miles. From the mouth of the Albany they will proceed to Moose Factory where an Austin Airways plane will pick them up and bring them back on the return part of their programme. They are prompted to take the trip by the lure of fishing, the travellers say, but they will also take along motion picture camera and film and other cameras to record the journey. While in Sudbury last week they remarked on the difficulty of securing information on the planned journey from those knowing the country.

BRIEF BUT EFFECTIVE

Dictionary Salesman—Your wife will welcome the opportunity to use new and expressive words.
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