



# PLEASANT HOMES

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## COFFEE RATIONING FOCUSES ATTENTION ON COFFEE TABLES.

The Low Long Table is Social Center of Informal Living—Developed in America from Our Hospitality Habits Revolving About Coffee Drinking.

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Coffee rationing may deprive many of us of our usual quota of the precious brew, but it can't erase the jaunty informal habits of hospitality that coffee has inspired in this country, which by the way consumes more of the world's supply of coffee than any other nation. Just as tea influenced the social life of England, so has coffee put its own stimulating mark on our own customs.

For a Coffee-Drinking Nation Coffee is directly responsible for many of our household ways and furnishings, notably the low, broad, sociable coffee table which is one piece of furniture that has been developed in our own time to fulfill a particular need in our coffee-drinking society. In an almost maidless world, the coffee table enables a hostess to serve informal refreshments gracefully and casually without bobbing in and out of the room. Even in the housewife with servants, the coffee table is the center of the informal friendly sort of entertaining that people prefer these days. Though the name of this useful table comes from its service of after-dinner coffee, actually the coffee table is used to serve every sort of beverage with incidental habits, and it has come to be the center of interest in most living rooms and a focal point in such modern decorations.

This long low table has grown in size by leaps and bounds as its uses have increased till now it is to be found in as many versions as the tea table in 18th century England. There are coffee tables in every period design, many of them merely short legged copies of tea tables and parlor tables. Among the smartest adaptations of the old are those long low Chinese benches that have an almost modern feeling.

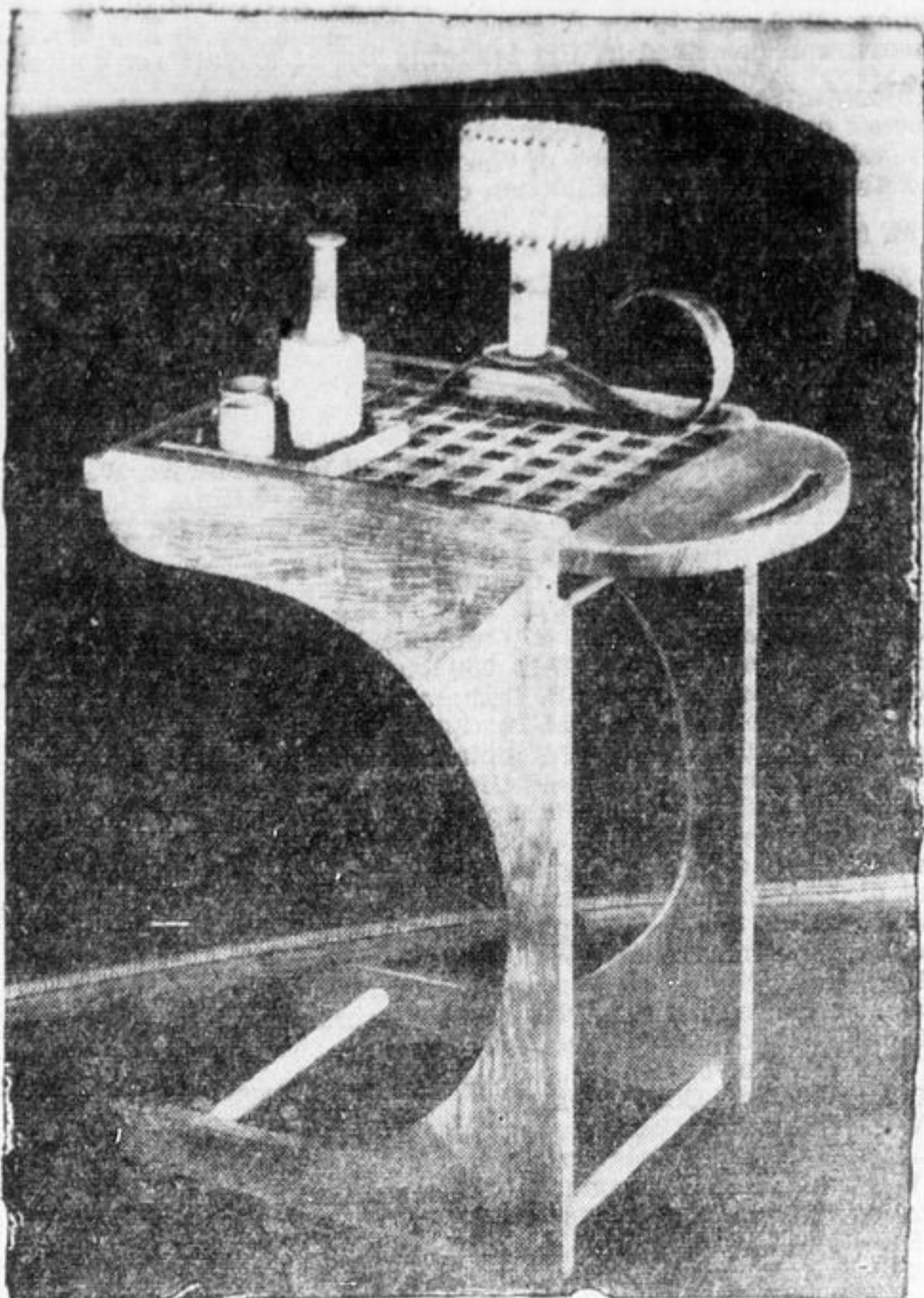
Some of the most interesting coffee tables are merely old tables with their legs cut down. Others are made of sections of old columns and capitals rescued from wreckers of colonnaded houses. With table toys added, these serve the purpose with distinction. A fragment of a massive old carved bedpost sometimes makes a debonaire coffee table base too, especially interesting when it is bleached and picked and used with a round top of bleached wood or plate glass or marble. Ornate old picture frames can be made into coffee tables too by adding legs. Sometimes they're used with a shadow box under the glass for displaying small treasures.

Combination Tables Every sort of material has turned up in coffee tables of modern design including mirror, plate glass, plastics, marble and composition stone. And every modern designer has contributed interesting ideas to our repertoire of coffee tables. There are many combination tables with compartments underneath for books and magazines, for radio, for beverage trays, for plants. Miniature models of old grand pianos and old flat top desks have been made into unusual coffee tables too with small drawers or storage compartments below. And a huge overscale book model was the design for the top of a coffee table designed for a library.

But, the latest thing in a coffee table is called a coffee sleigh—it's a bright idea of Paul Bry who has designed this coffee table on the principle of the hospital bed-table with support at one end only. So the table pushes over the seat of the sofa. With a tile top and interesting modern lines, this table suggests something really new.

This is not the only time in the history of the brew that coffee has played the starring role in conversation. Two legends report its discovery—one that it was found by a wise Persian who cured his ailments by brewing water and a peculiar berry together. He liked the stuff, took some of the berries home and planted them. The other and more widely accepted legend, says that Abyssinian sheep were the first to discover it, and oddly enough the first to suffer from sleepless nights because of it. Their shepherds wondered at this strange sheep insomnia, investigated the grazing lands, found the coffee bean and decided they liked it themselves.

Not Respectable England discovered coffee in the 17th century—but decided that its tongue-freeing qualities were not quite respectable. As a matter of fact, for many years coffee drinking in the "literary" taverns of the day was frowned upon.



This coffee-sleigh slides over the sofa-seat, keeps your knees free, so that you can get up, without spilling things or hurting your knees at the coffee table. Designed by Paul Bry.

by the upper crust, and Charles J. even tried to close the coffee shops because they were "the resorts of persons who spread scandalous reports." Garulou gossip over the tea cups in the homes of the nobility was accepted but political talk over the more robust coffee bar was not to be born!

In the early 18th century coffee was brought to South America and hence into our own country and into our way of life. Giant pots bubbled over the fires behind the chuck wagons on the prairies. Different cuts in the art of coffee brewing developed with the attendant controversy. The universal American breakfast, no matter how simple or elaborate the menu, is not complete without coffee. Thousands of counter-service roadside stands and "dinners" offer the steaming up to travellers—and bus drivers.

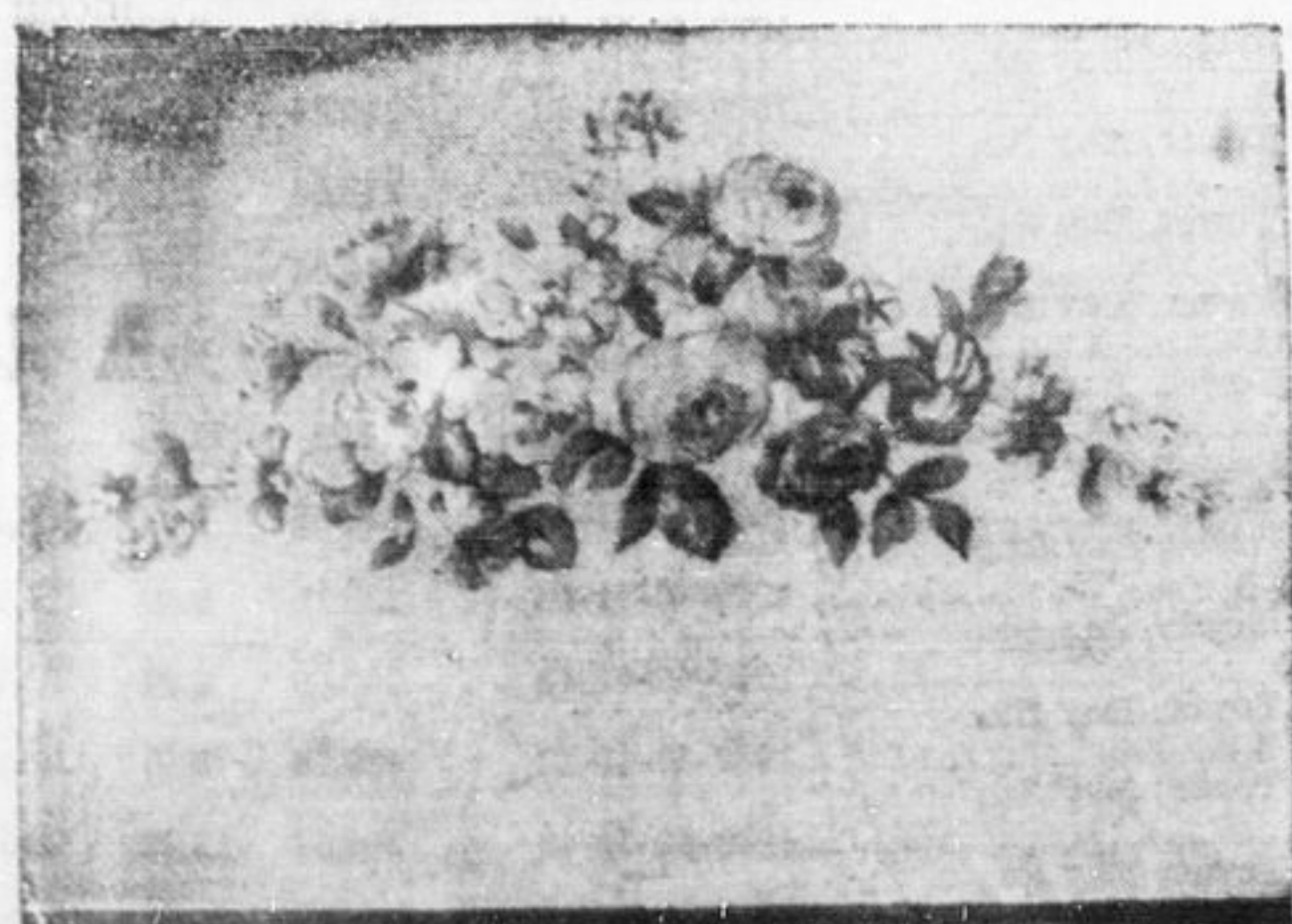
Beautiful and noble coffee services, in silver and fine china, in pewter and informal pottery... outside cups and saucers for serious addicts now available in "his" and "her" sets but ironically too large for rationed one cup a day! are now offered along with fragile lovely demi-tasse cups in china or lacquer with doll-size spoons... hearty thick cups for the joints were news; paper men hang out... many have been the services developed for the service of this national beverage. Coffee has also inspired the perfection of a whole galaxy of glamorous foods—coffee cake, Swedish pastry, Vienna rolls and pastry and maybe even our own American apple pie.

Good alk Coffee has also probably inspired some of the best talk in the world—good solid talk and much laughter and many enduring friendships. And no one could write a realistic novel of our times without mention of the fragrance of perking coffee, or its strong piquant flavour. So much a part of our American life is it that advice given to our troops on "how to get along with the English" warned them not to be too carping about the way our ally makes coffee, remind them we don't make such a hot cup of tea!

Though the coffee table has always been used for many other beverages besides coffee, and this will be more true than ever during these war times, still and all the coffee table in the living room stands there, useful as always, but throughout the duration reminding us of just one more "peace aim" to hope for... the return of those times when all Americans could enjoy evenings at home, the fire glowing brightly, a bottomless coffee pot to stimulate conversation and good fellowship.

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## Twenty Years Ago

From the Porcupine Advance Files

The Grand Concert and Social Evening held in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Timmins, Saturday evening, December 30th, 1923, under the auspices of the Timmins Cornishmen's Society, proved a most successful and enjoyable event. There were about two hundred present, including the members of the recently organized Cornishmen's Society, their wives, friends, etc. All present had a very pleasant time. The programme was one of outstanding excellence, the ladies who had charge of the refreshments, "did themselves proud" indeed, and in every way the evening was a delightful success. The only handicap was the fact that there was not enough room for the big crowd assembling, but one and all good humoredly made the best of this single drawback and the evening was without question or restriction, one of all-round pleasure and enjoyment.

Wednesday evening, December 27th, 1923, the evening of St. John the Evangelist, the officers for the ensuing year were duly installed at Golden Beaver Lodge A.F. & A.M. The Installing Officer was W. Bro. N. J. McAulay, P.D.D.G.M., of Haliburton. The following is the list of officers installed and invested:—W.M.—W. Bro. G. S. Lowe; I.P.—M. W. Bro. B. E. Martin; S.W.—Bro. W. R. Rinn; J. W.—Bro. G. F. Bailey; Chaplain—Bro. J. Morrison; Treasurer—Bro. R. O. Udall; Secretary—Bro. A. G. Irving; S. D.—Bro. G. Murphy; J. D.—Bro. H. E. Waddle; S.S.—Bro. J. Riley; D. of C.—V. W. Bro. H. Webb; Organist—Bro. H. M. Martin; I.G.—Bro. A. Borland, Jr.; Tyler—Bro. Chas. Ramsay. After the installation, the members and their ladies and visitors enjoyed a pleasing banquet prepared by the ladies.

The rink was crowded twenty years ago for the N.O.H.A. Senior match and all attending felt they got more than their money's worth in fast and exciting hockey. It took overtime to decide the game, Timmins finishing strong with the win and the score 7 to 6. The crowd from the Falls was small, but what they lacked in numbers, being under the century mark, they made up in enthusiasm for their team.

In view of the Mayor and Council

being elected by acclamation for the Town of Timmins for 1923, there was no election Jan. 1st, 1923, but there was voting on the by-law to authorize the agreement between the Town and the Helliger whereby the Mine installed water pumping station and a twenty-inch main to supply all water required by municipality at cost. A synopsis of the provisions of the by-law had been published in several previous issues of The Advance. So far as could be figured out the agreement was all to the advantage of the Town. This was the view taken by the electors, most of whom, however, left it to others to express by votes. That Monday there were only 27 votes polled. Of this number 26 were in favour of the by-law, and one solitary vote against the measure.

Twenty years ago The Advance had the following article in its issue:—"On the hockey special last Friday evening it was reported that a murder had been committed at Connaught station during the day, the injured man passed away toward evening. This report, while not true in detail, has some foundation. There was a small row in the Chinese restaurant at Connaught in which some bushmen, some of them said to be under the influence of liquor, took a wild part. One man had his head beaten in by a chair and at first it was feared that he was seriously injured. He is, however, making good progress to recovery and is not likely to pass out now from the injuries received. In the meantime three men alleged to be concerned in the row are under arrest and the Provincial Police are after a fourth alleged to be implicated."

Twenty years ago, Reeve Gallagher was elected in Tisdale by acclamation, and that voting day gave him Messrs. O'Neill, Boyle, St. Paul and Coady as Councilors for 1923. Apparently the fact of three candidates running from Schumacher worked against any of the three being elected, the Schumacher vote being split and the other sections giving only a small support to any of the Schumacher candidates. The total votes polled were as follows:—J. P. O'Neill, Dome Mines, 306; J. E. Poyle, South Porcupine, 259; J. J. St. Paul, South Porcupine, 228; Simon J. Coady, Moneta, 175. The above were the councillors duly elected. The other totals were as follows:—P. E. Cooper, 131; David G. Kerr, 119; David Craig, 67. These three were all resident of Schumacher.

The annual banquet, twenty years ago of the National Grocers Limited was held at North Bay, with a representative gathering of the managers and members of the staffs of the various branches of the wholesale concern. Mr. P. Dougall, manager of the Timmins branch, was the representative from this immediate district and Cochrane, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay were also represented. There were twenty-five in all present at the gathering. In his address the President and General Manager, Mr. Foster, showed that each succeeding month of 1922 had reflected increased trading to improve industrial conditions, the year eclipsing all previous ones.

Twenty years ago, the following local and personal items were in The Advance:—"Mr. and Mrs. Ryan of Timmins are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Willars, parents of Mrs. Ryan." "Mr. Geo. Carson returned on Monday from a visit in Toronto." "Mr. John Riley returned on Monday from a week's visit to his home in Toronto." "Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gilman of Hamilton were visitors to the Camp last week." "Mr. Archie McDonald, a mem-

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they are attending Normal School." "Miss Edith Richardson returned home on Monday evening after spending the week-end visiting friends in North Bay and Burk's Falls."

## Some of the Special Openings in the R.C.A.F. (W.D.)

A letter from Squadron Leader T. G. Holley, Commanding Officer, No. 7 Recruiting Centre, R.C.A.F., North Bay, refers to a number of very interesting openings for special talents in the Women's Division. Squadron Leader Holley's letter reads, in part, as follows:—

Are you a camera enthusiast who has been forced to give up your hobby for the duration because you feel that the boys "over there" need that type of equipment more than you do? Perhaps you never thought that this hobby of yours might some day help you take your place in the Service in which these boys are giving their all.

The Royal Canadian Air Force (Women's Division) has need of girls like you—girls to join the thousands of women in Air Force blue. All over Canada boys are doing jobs that, although they are vital to Canada's war effort, may be done just as well by women and thus release these boys for flying. One of these vital jobs is photography.

Glance through the newspapers. The hundreds of pictures you see day after day are the work of the Air Force photographers who are striving to make the public realize the work of this important branch of the Service.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 40, have high school entrance and practical experience with cameras, filters, lenses, printing and developing, you will be considered for this trade.

Tailoresses are also needed immediately in the R.C.A.F. (Women's Division). Candidates should be able to operate and adjust a sewing machine and understand the use of attachments. They should have experience in hand sewing, buttonhole stitching, hand darning, pressing and cleaning, and be able to identify standard types of textiles.

There's another trade that has just recently been opened to women—the trade of Bandwoman. Many girls with musical ability will soon be marching at the head of Canada's men and women in uniform, proud of their part in Canada's war effort.

Drop around to your local Recruiting Office and have a chat with a recruiting officer. She will be only too pleased to give you the information you desire.

### HAD THE EVIDENCE

He staggered up the walk with a silly grin and faltering step. She saw him a block away. Wife—Henry, you're drunk again. Husband—Well, if I ain't, I've spent ten bucks for nothing.—Globe and Mail.

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## TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

The Kiwanis Club's weekly luncheon at the Empire hotel ten years ago was the first meeting of the new year of 1933, and so had many special features. One of these features was the installation of the officers for the year. Dr. H. H. Moore, president for 1932, introduced the new president, Reg. Smith, who then took the chair and carried on the meeting. Dr. Moore spoke of the responsibility he had felt on assuming the presidency, and he thanked the members for their generous help and co-operation which had made the year a successful and pleasant one. He particularly appreciated the assistance of Reg. Smith, vice-president for 1932, who had so often carried on the meeting when the doctor's duties held him late for the weekly gathering or prevented him from being present at all. In his response, President Reg. Smith asked the same co-operation and interest that had been given the officers in 1932. The new president made fitting reference to the work accomplished by the club in the previous year.

Wide circles of friends and acquaintances in Timmins and district heard ten years ago with the deepest regret of the death of Mrs. W. L. Hogarth. Mrs. Hogarth had been ill only twelve days, and though her condition was serious enough to require her removal to St. Mary's hospital some days before, the news of her death came as a decided shock to all who knew her. The sad event occurred on Tuesday morning, January 3rd, 1932, about two o'clock, death being due to pneumonia.

Deep regret was expressed at the death ten years ago of an old and respected citizen of the town in the person of Regis Rivet, 9 Elm street south, Timmins, who died on Friday, Dec. 30th, 1932, at St. Mary's Hospital. The late Mr. Rivet was born at Maniwaki, Quebec, and at the time of death was 42 years of age. He came to Timmins twenty-one years before and worked at the Hollinger Mine for nineteen years, until October, 1931, when he had to give up work on account of ill-health. In addition to a host of friends he left to mourn his loss his widow and four children, Oscar, Yvette, Jacqueline and Jean Paul.

The funeral of Fred Orr, the twenty-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyman W. Orr, who died ten years ago at St. Mary's Hospital from complications setting in after an operation for appendicitis, was held from the family home at 61 1/2 Wilson avenue to the United Church and thence to the Timmins cemetery for interment. Service was conducted at both the house and the United Church by Rev. Bruce Millar. There was an unusually large attendance at the funeral, there being very general and sincere sympathy with the bereaved parents and brothers and the bride of a few months in their sad loss.

The 1933 council for the town of Timmins held its inaugural meeting ten years ago, the mayor and councillors being duly sworn in by H. E. Montgomery, town clerk. Mayor Geo. S. Drew then took his place in the chair, all six members at the council table, being R. Richardson, Dr. S. L. Honey,

J. K. Massie, Geo. W. Parson, J. Morrison and Moise Maltais. Councillors R. Richardson, Dr. Honey and J. Morrison were appointed the committee to strike the various standing committees for the year. The committee retired to the clerk's office where the several committees were selected by them after which they returned to the council board to report of their findings. On motion the report of the striking committee was adopted and consequently the following was the standing committees of the council for the year 1933:—Finance Committee—Dr. S. L. Honey, chairman; R. Richardson, J. K. Massie; Public Works Committee—R. Richardson, chairman; J. Morrison, M. Maltais; Fire and Light—Geo. S. Parsons, chairman; M. Maltais, R. Richardson; Police Committee—J. K. Massie, chairman; Dr. S. L. Honey, Geo. W. Parsons; Waterworks Committee—Moise Maltais, chairman; Dr. Honey, J. Morrison; Contingencies Committee—J. Morrison, chairman; Geo. W. Parsons, J. K. Massie.

About thirty members of the Timmins Kiwanis Club were out ten years ago interviewing all employers of labour in town to secure the co-operation of all firms and all employees in the "One Day's Pay" plan whereby all those in steady employment would help the less fortunate by contributing a day's pay to the Timmins Relief Fund to supplement the relief work of the town. The canvassers were leaving cards for employers to sign supporting the plan and there were other cards for employees. The canvassers reported very favourable reception on all sides to the plan which was proving very popular. Cards explaining the plans and purposes were issued the week before and there seemed to be very general endorsement of the plan. It may be added that the investigation committee of the Timmins Relief Fund was also energetically at work and a number of cases had been investigated. It was the intention that every case should have the most careful investigation with the double idea of really helping each case and at the same time guarding the expenditures of the Timmins Relief Fund.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"A. S. Stevens, of Cobalt, spent Christmas at Timmins, with his daughters, Mrs. W. H. Banks and Mrs. J. O. Robinson." "Mr. and Mrs. John W. Fogg leave this weekend for their usual vacation in Florida." "Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Johnston, of Guelph, Ont., were visitors to friends at Timmins during the holidays." The many friends of Miss Margaret McGee of the Hollinger Staffhouse will regret to hear she is confined to her room with a severe attack of the flu." "Mr. and Mrs. Lacasse, of Timmins, are spending New Year's as guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lacasse in Detroit, Michigan." "Dr. and Mrs. I. T. Brill of Timmins, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas, 238 First avenue east, North Bay, for the holiday weekend." "Misses Mabel Richardson and Margaret Beadman returned on Monday of this week to North Bay, where

## Five Births Registered at Timmins Last Week

Born—On Dec. 20th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Dorius St. Denis, 5 Middleton avenue—a son (Denis Rodolphe Joseph).  
Born—On Nov. 25th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rouillard, South Porcupine, at St. Mary's Hospital—a son (Donoza Jean Marie).  
Mrs. Born—On Dec. 16th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. William Muir Twaddle, 63 Elm street, south, a son (William Thomas Muir).  
Born—On Dec. 12th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund W. Perrault, 85 Commercial avenue—a son (Joseph Georges Real).  
Born—On Nov. 27th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley John Dundas, 147 Commercial avenue—a daughter (Barbara Louise).

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1 1/2 cups flour; 4 tsp. Magic Baking Powder; 1/2 tsp. salt; 3 tsp. shortening; 1 cup diced potato; 1/2 cup milk (more or less) sufficient to make soft dough. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Cut in shortening and lightly mix in cooled diced potato. Add cold liquid. Turn out on floured board; lightly roll or pat out, and cut out. Bake on greased pan. Oven 400° F.



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