

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

At a special meeting of the town council held ten years ago to deal with the matter of the applications asked for the position of fire chief for the town of Timmins. There were four applications received. It was moved by A. Belec, seconded by J. E. Chateaufort that Pete Jeffrey be appointed fire chief at the salary of \$165.00 per month and the hour free, he to supply his own fuel and light and water and duties to begin at once. The motion was carried, J. P. Bartleman asking to be recorded as voting against the motion.

Much of the evidence brought out at the enquiry conducted by Armand Racine into T. & N.O. affairs ten years ago left an impression unfavorable to the railway and that may have had a tendency to be prejudicial to the North and its future development. The many references to the cost of the railway, the suggestion that there had been a deficit each year, and other points that seemed to be stressed in one way or another at the enquiry, had left the T. & N.O. open to misjudgment as to its value not only to the North but to all Ontario. A volunteer witness however, proved very thoroughly and conclusively that the T. & N.O. Railway had a real value to Ontario as a whole, entirely apart from any operating profit. This volunteer witness was E. L. Longmore former mayor of Timmins, and for over twenty years active and prominent in the life of the North. Mr. Longmore made it plain that the North was favourably disposed to any enquiry or effort that would increase the efficiency of the T. & N.O., effect any economy, or remove any faults that might have figured in the

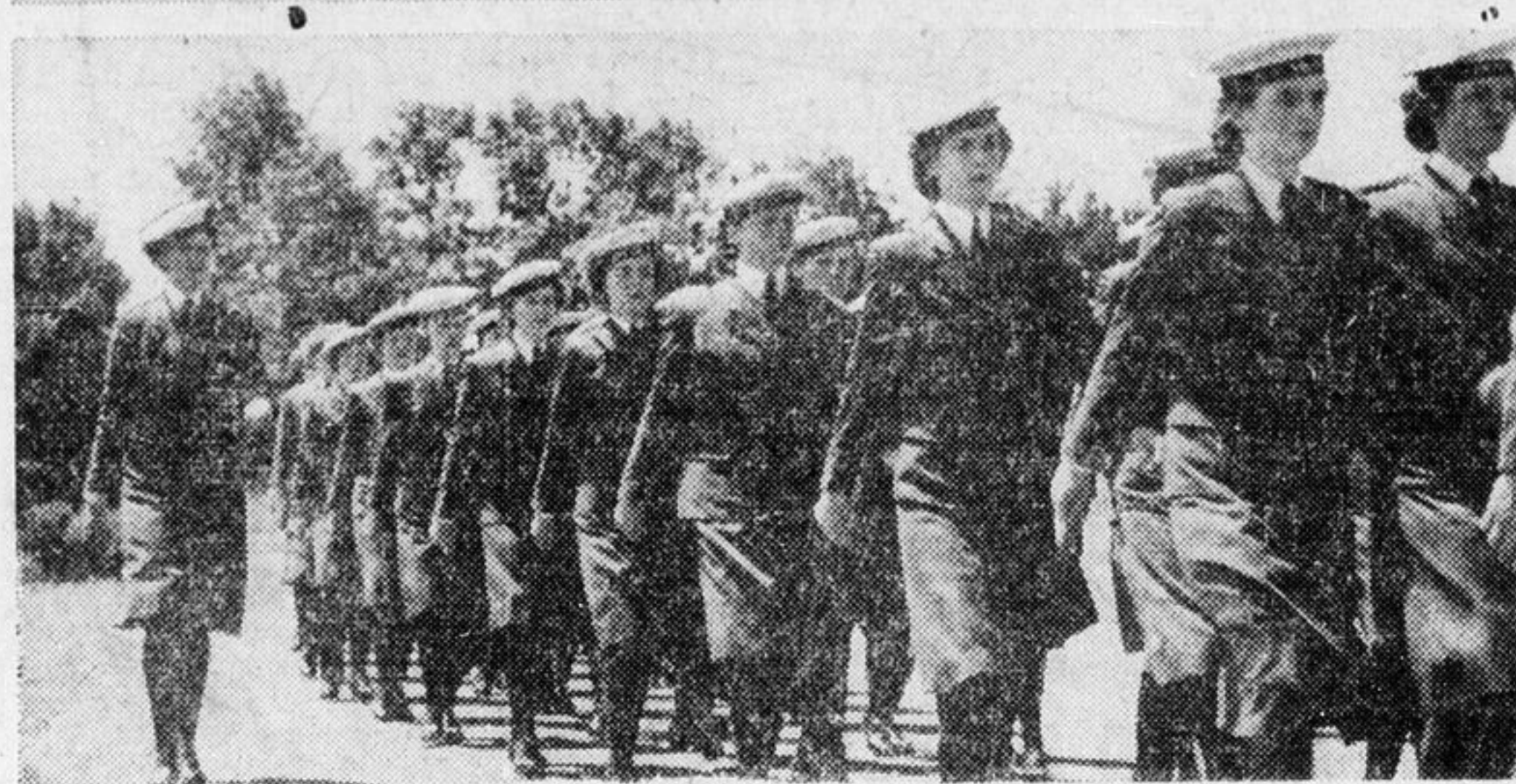
administration or operation of the railway, but that the point should not be overlooked that the greatest value of the T. & N.O. was its certain contribution to the benefit of the North and to the advantage of the North as a whole.

The following appeared in The Advance ten years ago:—"Taxes to the extent of over \$98,000.00 have been paid into the town tax collection department since Sept. 1st. There has been a big rush to pay taxes before the penalty goes into effect. While the date for the penalty is Sept. 5th, a few days grace are usually allowed and ratepayers are taking the benefit of this. Taxes have been coming in this year in satisfactory way, collections to date being a little better than last year. The August collections this year were well ahead of last year and this month will likely hold its own."

A. W. Lang, one of the popular business men of the town, was rather badly injured in a car accident ten years ago but was able to come home from the hospital shortly afterwards and made the best of progress to recovery at his home. Mr. Lang had been in Kirkland Lake and was driving home to Timmins with George Humphries and Ken Newton who were coming home from Kirkland Lake for the week-end. Mr. Humphries was driving the car. The washboard condition of the road together with a foggy condition of the weather made driving difficult, the depressions in the road being difficult to note on account of the weather conditions. The car was proceeding at about twenty miles per hour when a little north of Monteith the front wheel struck one of the washboard hollows and crashed for the ditch, the car turned over on its side in the ditch. The two in the front seat escaped injury but Mr. Lang in the back was thrown with much force and his forehead struck the inside handle of the door.

The tenth annual exhibition of flowers and vegetables ten years ago at the Timmins curling rink, under the auspices of the Timmins Horticultural Society proved a splendid success. "An outstanding exhibition" was the description given of the event by F. E. Sillifant, of Toronto, judge for the horticultural branch of the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture. The show was formally declared open by Dr. S. L. Honey who spoke briefly but inspiringly on gardens and flowers and their community and personal value. F. E. Sillifant, who was the judge for the garden competition and for the show expressing both surprise and pleasure at the notable displays of excellent flowers and vegetables after all the bad weather. Geo. Hogg, secretary of the Timmins Horticultural Society, thanked Dr. Honey and Mr. Sillifant for their addresses. The speakers were introduced by Geo. Corless, president of the Timmins

WRENS COMPLETE TWO YEARS OF ACTIVE DUTY



Upper: Probationary Wrens, 1942, through their pages by a W.R.C.N.S. Petty Officer. Lower: Wrens 1944 in summer "blues" swing smartly along after morning Divisions accompanied by a Leading Wren

Horticultural Society. Among the local and personal items appearing in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. John Knox, of the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Mr. Russell Caylor, on Saturday, August 25th, at Houghton, Michigan." "Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Rogers and daughter, Helen returned this week after holidaying in Detroit and Toronto for the past two weeks." "Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Wheeler returned to Timmins on Wednesday after spending a vacation in Toronto." "Mrs. John W. Fogg arrived home last week after a visit by motor to her home in Portland, Maine." "Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dye and family motored to Florida last week owing to the illness of Mr. Dye's father." "Miss Hilda Lowe, Mrs. Schuck and daughter, Marjorie, of Toronto, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lowe, Hemlock St." "Dr. Stahl arrived back on Wednesday from Detroit where he was called owing to the illness and death of his brother." "Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Olson and family accompanied by W. E. Neary and Abner Sinclair, left by motor for Toronto, and other points East." "Born—at St. Mary's Hospital, Timmins, on Monday, Sept. 3rd, 1934, to Mr. and Mrs. Denis Reynolds—a son, Francis Joseph." "Messrs. Lake, Dr. Taylor, Laidlaw and Ashton visited the Kirkland Lake golf course last week to battle with Messrs. Grisdale, Hunt, Tuck and Roydon for the Moore Cup Trophy, winning three points and losing 5." "H. Fuke, now of Oshawa, Ont., but for several years the popular accountant at the Timmins branch of the Bank of Commerce, is spending a few days in town visiting friends and renewing acquaintances here." "Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Urquhart and family left last week for their home in Sault Ste. Marie after a visit to Timmins where they have always been popular. Mr. Urquhart was formerly manager of the T. Eaton Co., grocer here, as well as previously being manager of other groceries in town." "Mr. and Mrs. V. Poirier, of Detroit, Mich., spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, James avenue. Mrs. Poirier is a sister of Mrs. Kennedy."

Pioneers of Temiskaming Have Formed Association

At the recent picnic of the Pioneers of Temiskaming District, held at New Liskeard Beach, it was decided to make this picnic an annual event. Those present formed the Temiskaming Pioneers Association. The first president is Mr. Wilfred G. Tucker, who came to the North nearly 49 years ago Angus A. McKelvie, who has been in the North almost as long as Mr. Tucker, is vice-president. The secretary is Mrs. Lorne Jenkins. The directors include: Mrs. C. McFayden, Mrs. T. C. Grills, Mrs. Wes. McKnight, Mrs. W. G. Tucker, W. A. Taylor and Harry Parker. Earliest date in the registry book at the picnic was 1889, given by S. C. MacDonald, who explained that though he had not come to live in the district at that time he had previous visits to Temiskaming on business. Prizes awarded during the picnic included one for the oldest pioneer present, who was Hugh Keais, now resident at Elk Lake, and formerly of the White River area. Mr. Keais is over ninety years of age. The oldest woman pioneer, judged on time of arrival, was considered to be Mrs. John Spence, now of Toronto, but formerly of Ville Marie and Dawson's Point, who came to Temiskaming in 1892. Prize for the man who was first in the country and present at the picnic went to S. C. Smylie, whose date of arrival was given in the registry as September 30, 1893.

Sudbury Star—We trust the inscrutable Russians have something special sewed up, too, in the way of a summer,

A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa
Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada
(By JIM GREENBLAT)

Government injunctions to conserve gasoline by curtailing non-essential driving of motor vehicles is no idle talk as there exists a critical shortage in the light of war necessities. It is well to know that Canada's greatest source of crude oil, the Alberta Turner Valley field is producing 4000 barrels less daily than a year ago. Sixty per cent of our imported crude oil has to come by ocean tanker. The needs of aviation gas, for example, jumped from 5.5 million gallons in 1939 to 176 million gallons for the year ending March, 1944. Our Royal Canadian Navy uses 2 million gallons of oil a week; it takes 10,000 gallons to move an armoured corps five miles, and on top of this, just realize the needs of industry and agriculture; truly a staggering amount when totalled. So plain joy riding is not justified.

To save time, and movement through various channels an employer, addressing enquiries to the Armed Forces for the services of men and women who are about to be discharged, should know that the enquiry eventually gets to National Selective Service. So it would be better to send it direct in the first instance. At the present time N.S.S. has special officers at the discharge points to facilitate the rehabilitation of men and women being discharged from the Forces.

Here's a word to prospective parents on obtaining a baby's ration book. Time was when a book could not be obtained without presenting the baby's baptismal or birth certificate to the local ration board. Now, according to the latest word from the Consumer Branch, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, the signature of the attending physician or the superintendent of the hospital or maternity home on a statutory declaration, is all that is needed. Local Ration Boards will issue the baby's ration book when the declaration is presented. Incidentally, evaporated milk coupons are not included in the new book but will be supplied on special request in areas where coupons are required for this product.

Coinciding with the date of the outbreak of this war, September 3rd was observed throughout Canada as a day of prayer, and similar observances will be held throughout the Empire.

There is no scarcity of binder twine, despite manpower problems and increased cost of raw materials, thanks to controls, and farmers are getting it at nine cents a pound, same price since 1940. Contrast that with the fourth year of the last war when the wholesale price of binder twine was 25 cents a pound. In a harvesting season about 65,000,000 pounds of twine are used and an increase of even one cent a pound would run into an increased cost of \$650,000 a year to our farmers. Present quality is the best that can be obtained from wartime materials.

The first intimation relatives get when a Canadian becomes a casualty

is the official notification from Ottawa. Communications from the front are necessarily very busy. The Casualty Section of the Directorate of Records at Ottawa now has a new medium to allay anxiety of next-of-kin by the institution of the Canadian Army Casualty Post Card, a personal message from the injured soldier, routed through the Post Office with high priority rating. From wherever Canadians are in action these messages are flown to the Canadian Records Office, London, checked and within a few hours the card is speeding to Canada. Authorities advise that the words "In Hospital" added after the address will speed up a return letter to the soldier, but care should be taken that this coincides with his stay there; otherwise delivery will be delayed.

In the urgent appeal to nurses engaged in other occupations to return to nursing in hospitals, where a serious shortage exists, a certain policy has been laid down by National Selective Service. Nurses willing to return to hospitals will be entitled to reinstatement in their present employment when the emergency passes; supplementary allowances in the way of temporary advances for living expenses and uniforms will be granted; transportation to and from position without cost to the nurse and payment for the time lost in travelling; extra compensation for suffering any loss in earnings in rejoining the profession. Other information can be obtained from Selective Service offices.

Britain has to eat, war or no war, and Canada is helping by sending her food. Our beef agreement calls for delivery of a minimum of 100 million pounds of beef, equivalent to 225,000 cattle, in 1944-45. The bulk of this will be shipped from the prairie provinces, Ontario and Quebec, but the Meat Board is also prepared to accept surplus quantities of cow beef from British Columbia at such times in the fear as that province has a surplus over domestic needs. Since the Board started export operations in November, 1943, purchases for overseas shipments went more than 60,000,000 pounds, equivalent of 138,000 cattle. In the five pre-war years 1935-39, export of live cattle from Canada averaged about 164,000 head annually.

Six hundred carloads of supplies have been produced in the factories of a prisoner-of-war internment camp near Montreal in the past 12 months. The articles produced, including stretcher carriers, hospital chairs, naval lockers, doctors' gowns and masks, hospital pyjamas, etc., are all products not used directly in the prosecution of the war. In the boot repairing shop, shoes are repaired—a quantity of which, ironically enough, will go overseas to countries occupied by the Allies. The internees are chiefly German seamen captured by Canadian naval units.

The need for heavy ammunition is really greater than ever, according to the Department of Munitions and Supply, and firms manufacturing shells estimate that before the end of the year 7,000 women and 3,000 men will be needed to produce current requirements.

POOR SPEAKER
The chairman rose to introduce Mr. Wise, the lecturer. He found it necessary to mention that during the preceding year the membership of the society had fallen off considerably. This, he continued, had resulted in a depleted treasury, making it necessary to depart from their usual high standard and secure a very much inferior type of speaker for the current year. "The first of whom," beamed the chairman, innocently, "I now have great pleasure in introducing."—Globe and Mail.

THE LEGION COLUMN

The General Meeting held on Wednesday, August 30th, was brimful of business and fireworks. Comrades Russell and Harris, both hardy veterans with years of unselfish devotion to the cause to lend added weight to their words, went on record wholeheartedly on behalf of principle and precedent. AND HOW! Fur flew for a while and although Jerry eventually copped a few points Bob stuck to his rigidity to the end.

This—taking it by and large—is a very healthy sign, although the opinions of both comrades differed materially from the majority. One cannot expect an organization consisting of hundreds of men to be unanimous in thought and opinion, and it is a democratic right to differ if the occasion warrants it. Although the comrades were voted down they should really be commended for their outspoken criticism. An executive can work to much better advantage when it is able to keep in touch with the feeling of the comrade who make up the rank and file of the branch.

Representation at the District Meeting to be held at Sudbury on Sept. 17th, was another major problem under discussion. Sudbury is a long distance from Timmins and the comrades of Branch 888 are very much in favour of splitting the district so that District Command will be more localized. The cost of sending delegates to Sudbury is almost prohibitive except for urgent reasons. Splitting the district is one of the issues to be raised at the District Meeting and it is very important that this branch be properly represented. To relieve the branch of this expenditure Comrades Quinn and McDowell stepped into the breach and very kindly volunteered to represent the branch at their own expense entirely.

It was decided unanimously that the Legion would cancel their bingo and all activities that might conflict with the carnival being staged for the whole week commencing Monday, Sept. 4th, out of regard for the aims and actual work done by the Federation of Local Charities.

Speaking of RED TAPE—which, of course, we weren't—sometimes it is an obstruction hard to surmount, sometimes it works with unbelievable speed. It seems that a certain soldier, in the active army Pte. Hazlewood, whose wife resides in Schumacher, disappeared during the process of transfer from one unit to another, and was reported A.W.O.L. His wife and children were immediately deprived of assigned pay and all separation allowances without any attempt being made to investigate the cause of his disappearance.

Mrs. Hazlewood is of the opinion that her husband's disappearance might be due to reasons beyond his control. He was always a regular correspondent and very fond of his children and there seems to be every reason to believe that he would have communicated with her except, as might be possible, he were incapacitated by some unknown cause from so doing. In the meantime Mrs. Hazlewood has been left practically destitute.

When Bert placed the radio in its new position he failed to provide for everybody. He is requested to go a bit further and build a stool for Bill and George so that they can reach high enough to do their own tuning. Our sporting firemen have taken up darts and are learning fast. Would it be possible, in the near future, to arrange a match between the firemen and a Legion team?

J. G. had a letter from Comrade Pope and there is an open invitation to any member to look him up when visiting Toronto. He has a spare room.

Deer that Crashed Into Automobile Disappears

From Halleybury comes the story of a deer that suddenly appeared in the path of an automobile on the highway and just as suddenly disappeared after crashing with the car. The car did not escape damage in the collision and it is certain that the deer also must have suffered injury. However, when the driver of the car looked for the injured animal after the car was brought to a stop following the collision, he was unable to catch even a glimpse of the deer so swiftly did it make for the cover of the neighbouring woods. The story of the incident is told as follows by The Halleyburlian last week:

"When a deer appeared suddenly in front of his car on the main highway, 10 miles south of Martin River, late on Tuesday night Sergt. V. T. Reed of provincial police headquarters here was unable to avoid hitting the animal, and the result was a badly damaged car and considerable delay before the sergeant could complete the trip home. The animal disappeared before the driver could bring the vehicle to a stop and could not be found, but Mr. Reed said it must have been badly injured.

"The impact bent the left front fender of the car and drove the mudguard down on the tire breaking the headlight, and it took considerable time before the vehicle was fit to be driven. Some help was secured from passing motorists and the damaged mudguard was pried clear of the tire but the trip home had to be made at slow speed. With Sergt. Reed were Mrs. Reed and their two boys and Mrs. G. McKay of Toronto, an aunt of Mrs. Reed whom they met in North Bay on a trip to Halleybury. The party left North Bay at 10 o'clock, but it was four the next morning before they reached home."

A QUEER ARTICLE
Clipped from the Lost-and-Found:—"Found—bird or hat which flew or blew into Murphy's Service Station. It's sort of round with green and red feathers or quills in it. If you've lost a bird or a hat, or even if you haven't, drive by and see it; it's worth the trip."—Globe and Mail.

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