

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

The Porcupine Advance Files

Miss Ruth Irene Brown, of Timmins, and Percy McDonald, of Rouyn, were married at the United Church manse ten years ago. Rev. Bruce Millar officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Warren, of the Dome, attended the couple.

Dr. S. L. Honey was announced as a candidate for Mayor for 1935.

Wide circles of friends in the town and district were shocked ten years ago to learn that Mrs. W. S. Craik, wife of W. S. Craik, then at the Conlaugum mine, but formerly sergeant of the Timmins police force, had passed away from injuries sustained in a fall down stairs at her home, 54 Maple Street, South. Mrs. Craik was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, of Schumacher, and was a popular member of the Northern Telephone staff for years.

The annual financial statement for the town of Timmins was published in The Advance ten years ago, showing the town's overdraft as \$125,000.00 as against \$15,000.00 in 1933. Total relief costs reached the staggering total of \$162,755.87 for the year, half of this amount to be borne by the Government.

Messrs. J. D. Brady and Bernard Sky, who were canvassing the business district in the campaign for funds for the District Children's Aid Society ten years ago, reported that they were almost finished with the work and were pleased with the generous response to the appeal.

The old bunkhouse at the Dome was pulled down ten years ago and rebuilt into a curling rink.

In an interview at Toronto ten years ago, Rev. J. C. Cochrane, superintendent of Northern missions of the United Church, was quoted as referring to the conditions of poverty among the families of land settlers in the North as being appalling. These families were taken from the relief rolls in the South and settled on land in the North, being given \$600, to start by the Henry government. Then with the change of government the settlers had become very depressed because of the uncertainty of their future, and with money run out in most cases, Rev. Mr. Cochrane said that many of these families had been existing for weeks on a diet composed almost entirely of bread and lard.

Another meeting was held in North Bay ten years ago to plan for the reunion of the 159th Battalion, scheduled to be held the next year.

Among the shows advertised in The Advance ten years ago were:—Miriam Hopkins, Frederick March and Gary Cooper in "Design for Living"; Norma Shearer, Charles Laughton and Frederic March in "Barretts of Mimpole Street"; Tim McCoy in "Man's Game"; Chester Morris and Marion Nixon in "Embarrassing Moments"; Sally Eilers

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When you draft a man usually he is needed to give actual service and not for the defense of any particular Province remote from the war theatre. I am an exception in being granted in on Province to stay out of actual fighting it should be granted to the others, as if all acted as one Province has acted where would the wonderful record of Canada be in this war? Fortunately there exists in Canada a deeper patriotism.

Much can be said on this subject. The opportunity is endless—but I'm only reminded what I've heard from time to time in the past about Quebec would welcome a closer association with the United States. Were such to be recorded, here are just a few things Quebec would lose: her native tongue, we have one universal language over here and it's English; there are no such things as "separate schools"—the schools are universal and not denominational. You can, however, attend a private school of Catholic faith and which has nothing to do with the tax payers money—that is something extra, and up to the family in question: if your Country is at war and conscription is the law of the Country—as it is—no State can exempt—all are treated alike, and all those who are conscripted or sign up of their own accord are sent where the Nation decides best.

Yours truly,
Vincent Woodbury

Legion Fighting for Better Pensions for Women in Services

Legion Argues that a Woman Disabled is as Badly Handicapped as a Man

(This is the sixth in a series of ten weekly articles especially written for The Advance by Richard Hale, chief pensions officer of the Canadian Legion, Ottawa headquarters.)

(By Richard Hale)

Ottawa, Nov. 23 (Special) - A considerable difference exists in the rates of pensions for members of the women's divisions and men in the active forces. Provision is made for the payment of pensions for disabilities resulting from injuries or disease and for dependents in case of death under the conditions as contained in the Pension Act for the men. There is also provision for pensions for dependent parents or children.

The difference in rate, however, is very marked. In the case of a lieutenant, and all the ranks below, only \$720 a year is payable as against \$900 a year awarded to men. In ranks above that of lieutenant the rate is proportionately lower also.

The Legion has been raising strong objections to this difference and has argued the case on the basis that a woman who is disabled is just as badly handicapped as a man who has suffered similar disability.

However, the argument advanced by the government is that the rates of pay are less between the services and therefore the pension rate is decreased accordingly.

Since the order-in-council was passed giving authority for pensions to the women's services the rates of pay have been raised and while they are still not equal to the rate received by a man, it would seem that some increase in the pension rate is indicated.

Legion believes that there can be little argument against equalization of pension rates as between men and women serving in the forces. Furthermore, should a woman lose her life on service and leave a dependent child, it is unfair that such child should receive less pension as an orphan, than is paid to the orphan child of a man.

In the latter case, the pension is \$360 per year, but only \$288, for the orphan child of a member of the women's divisions. The Legion will continue to press for complete equalization of pension for the women.

Tin Hats Concert Party to Make Tour of the Dominion

Ottawa, Nov. 22nd, (Special)—The "Tin Hats," the first army soldier concert party, produced by Frank Anders of the Canadian Legion War Services in behalf of the Canadian Legion, Y.C.A., Salvation Army, and the nights of Columbus, will in the near future arrive in Canada from England make a dominion-wide tour.

This concert party which consists of service personnel only was first organized by Frank C. Anders and his assistant, Stan Sheddin, in the summer of 1941. It has, during the past three years, proven itself to be one of the most successful shows that has yet appeared before the troops and their whole-hearted appreciation has been expressed in letters from officers in charge to the Canadian Legion.

The show was widely acclaimed by all service personnel throughout England. It carried its success still further when it toured the battlefronts of Italy and brought much needed enjoyment into the lives of our fighting men there. Arrangements were made to perform to the troops in Normandy when their ship was torpedoed in an encounter with the enemy, three of the party were killed and others injured.

Frank Anders, the producer, who is a native of Vancouver, B.C., is wholly responsible for the great success that the show has met during its many performances. Although seriously injured during the blackout in July 1943, the concert party continued under the direction of his assistant, Mr. Sheddin. He was released from the hospital in November and carried on the direction of his show from his wheel chair. It is his ingenuity and careful supervision that has made the "Tin Hats" concert party a "hit" amongst the service men today.

St. Matthew's Men's Club Has Lots of Fun at Crib

The Men's Club of St. Matthew's church had lots of fun at crib at the meeting of the club last week, and so far as the crib was concerned, "Lots of fun" was all they had, the firemen taking all the prizes but the one for consolation. First prize was won by Deputy Fire Chief Jas. Morton with a score of 1988. Volunteer Fireman Jack Hunt was a close second with 1081. Fireman Stanley Pritchard was third with 1065. Of course, the Deputy Chief explains that he was playing for the Men's Club, and so first honours go to the Men's Club, but the chances are that had he been playing for the Firemen he would have made the couple of extra points that would have given him a perfect score. In any case he claims to have missed those two points on account of being dazzled by the light shining in reflection from the highly polished dome of one of the players in attendance. When the prizes were named, one Men's Club member called out, "And what's the prize for the winner of the consolation?" The answer was given promptly, "That gentleman has to do the dishes." And it was the enquiring gentleman who had that chore to do for winning consolation. The players for St. Matthew's Men's Club were: J. Morton, M. K. Smith, S. Gadsby, E. Lacy, L. Hudson, E. Robinson, C. Lacy, J. Price, J. Melville. For Firemen the cribbers were: Jack Hunt, S. Pritchard, M. Ralph, J. Jose, D. Brockbank, N. Richen, O. Demers, C. Burton, Fred. Somers. In addition to the crib there was also a fierce dart tournament and a happy social time. Refreshments were served,

Twenty Years Ago

Twenty years ago the Timmins Football club went to Brantford to play in the finals of the Ontario Cup Series, and although they did not win the cup they put up a wonderful battle. In the nine games played in the series four were draws. President Dean of the O. F. A. ordered overt me to be played to decide the issue there and then. In the first half of the overtime the Brantford team scored a goal and then played strictly defensive, the Timmins team losing out. The Timmins team was made up of: A. Cadman, Haley, Hetherington, Geo. Cooper, F. Cadman, E. R. Stree, Dunn, Sathrang, Peterson, Berg, and Ford.

Messrs. J. A. Frobock, A. J. Atwell, H. A. Flanders and R. M. Davis, of Boston, Mass., visited the Paymaster Mine twenty years ago, following the news of a strike of high-grade ore at the 200-ft. level. Samples of the ore were taken back to Boston and from interviews given to newspapers there they were certainly very enthusiastic about the prospects of the Paymaster Mine and the Porcupine in general.

The Porcupine Chapter of the Eastern Star held their annual Armistice dance in the assembly hall of the South Porcupine high school on Nov. 15th, 1924.

Announcement was made twenty years ago that Albert Taylor had sold his interest in the George Taylor Hardware to his brothers, Wm. and Ralph. After concluding his connections in town, Albert Taylor left to take up residence in Toronto.

A notable celebration of Armistice Day at the Central Public School twenty years ago. The flags were at half-mast in memory of the 60,000 Canadians who did not return from the last war. Interesting and important facts were given to the 625 children present about the war, and inspiring addresses were given by Rev. J. D. Parks, Capt. Cornwaite and others.

One of the local police officers was charged with assaulting a man being arrested for drunkenness twenty years ago. Magistrate Atkinson committed the officer for trial before a judge, and the policeman was laid off duty until after trial.

The following officers were elected twenty years ago for the A. S. D. Club: A. E. Riddle, President; C. G. Pirie, vice-president; A. W. Pickering, secretary-treasurer; Misses Mary Boyd, Mary Gray, Rhoda MacLeod, and Belle Gowan, and Messrs. Harry Austin, J. K. Kennedy, J. Jacobs, E. A. Urquhart, and Past president R. Hogarth on the executive.

An odd accident was recorded in The Advance twenty years ago; when Mrs. John Costain was swung around in one of the dances at the Eastern Star dance, the heel of her shoe caught in the bottom of the trousers of one of the male dancers, throwing Mrs. Costain off her balance. She was thrown heavily to the floor, her back striking against one of the side benches, breaking one of her ribs and causing other minor injuries.

Two boys, 10 and 11 years old got themselves lost twenty years ago when they went to Craft's Creek rabbit hunting. Police and search parties were out looking for the two lads without success. Eventually the boys found their way back home themselves after a general good time enjoyed by all present. The Men's Club crib players say that they have not been extinguished by any means by the Firemen, and it is likely there will be another trail by combat in the line of crib before the winter is over; by the looks of things the early part of the week, before the winter really starts.

spending a couple of nights in the bush.

South Porcupine Curling Club was organized twenty years ago and they decided to go ahead with the erection of a new rink. The following officers were elected; Geo. E. Cole, president; F. Horne, first vice-president; F. C. Evans, secretary-treasurer; D. G. H. Wright, C. B. Morgan and A. Anderson on the executive.

Hon. (?) Wm. Lyon Mackenzie King, prime minister of Canada, visited Timmins twenty years ago. He addressed a large gathering here, overflow meetings being necessary to accommodate all. Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor of Timmins, one of the speakers, impressed upon the premier the need for a new post-office building here. Among the other speakers here for the evening were: Hon. Chas. Stewart, Minister of the Interior; Hon. Hal McGiven, Minister without portfolio; Hon. P. J. A. Cardin, Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Major Mac Lang, and others. C. V. Gallagher, the witty reve of Tisdale, acted as chairman for the evening.

Rev. R. S. Cushing officiated at the marriage twenty years ago of Miss Emmeline Millicent Pinder to Charles Gilbert Hallam. Mrs. T. Waddie and Mr. John Lawer were the couple's attendants.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance twenty years ago were the following: "R. R. Chardson returned this week from his annual hunting trip near North Bay. He reported deer as very scarce, and also that some were breaking all the laws there were in regard to the matter of hunting." "G. S. Lowe was a visitor to Toronto for the week-end." "Miss Edna O'Brien, of Cochrane, was the guest of Mrs. A. G. Carson, for the Thanksgiving holiday." "It is understood that Messrs. Leo Mascioli and P. M. Bardson have decided to add another storey to their big new hotel now in course of erection on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Spruce Street."

"Mr. John Krupka, father of Mrs. N. Blahy, of town, died on Friday afternoon last, after a very brief illness, being ill only five days. Death was due to pneumonia. At the time of death the late Mr. Krupka was 52 years of age. He was a native of Austria but had lived in Canada for twenty-two years, most of that time being a resident of Winnipeg. Over a year ago the family moved to Timmins, living here with Mr. and Mrs. Blahy. In addition to the bereaved widow four sons and two daughters survive. One of the daughters is Mrs. N. Blahy, the other being Miss Mary Krupka, at home.

Timmins Men in Casualty Lists During Past Week

Among the Timmins men listed in the official casualty lists issued in the past week were the following:—Larrett, Stanley Gerald, Rflm.; West-ern Ontario Regt.; 73 Way Ave., Timmins; wounded; Mrs. Larrett (mother) next of kin.

Rivett, Frederick Henry; Rifleman;

Hiring Extra Employees for the Christmas Rush

The hiring of extra workers by retail stores and the Post Office Department for the Christmas rush season has been simplified by a special Order signed by Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour, under National Selective Service Civilian Regulations, it was announced at Toronto by A. MacNamara, Director of National Selective Service.

From December 13 to January 3, 1945 retail businesses may engage without first securing National Selective Service permission—students and teachers on Christmas vacation, any woman, and any man who has passed his fifty-ninth birthday.

The Post Office Department may employ persons in the same categories without permit from December 1, 1944 to January 10, 1945.

If the employer—either a retail business or the Post Office Department—wishes to retain a temporary employee beyond the permit exemption period, it will be necessary to secure a Selective Service permit.

Mr. MacNamara pointed out that in relaxing the regulations to ease the Christmas rush, it is necessary to still maintain employment controls in general for the protection of essential industries.

Stidbury Star:—If the mosquitoes still bother you, just think of what they're doing to Berlin.

North Bay Nugget:—The happiest place in the world to live is within one's income.

Central Ontario Regt.; 163 Main St. South Porcupine; wounded; Mrs. Dorothy Rivett (mother).

Shumlak, Stanley Joseph, Pte.; Central Ontario Regt.; 165 Moore street, South Porcupine; wounded; Mrs. Victoria Shumlak (mother).

Kearney, Joseph Gerald, Pte.; Central Ontario Regt.; 52 Birch street south, Timmins; died of wounds; Mrs. Dorothy K. Kearney (wife).

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