

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

The front page of The Advance ten years ago was largely given over to what would have been placed on page 13 of a 12-page issue of the Christian Science Monitor, police court items and election news largely predominating. Police had made a spectacular series of raids on blindfolded and disorderly houses, with twenty-seven arrests made. Four young men had been placed under arrest for what was said to be a series of thefts from Eaton's Groceries extending back over a period of two years. Sam Bucovetsky's store at South Porcupine had been burglarized with considerable goods taken, though the thieves were disturbed in their work and dropped a part of their loot. On the better side of the court news was an item saying that the Ontario Government had appointed William King, Timmins, as a justice of the peace. The election news showed that Wm. McDermott headed the poll for councillor with the record of 2427 votes. The other councillors elected in the order of votes received were: Dr. Day, J. P. Bartleman, J. E. H. Chateaufort, A. Caron, J. Morrison. There were seven other candidates, the lowest vote being 350 for Thachuck. R. Richardson had been elected mayor by acclamation.

In Tisdale township C. V. Gallagher was elected reeve by good majority over Mrs. Thomas. The new council for Tisdale was composed of Dr. Harper, A. H. Cooke, Geo. Helmer, Wm. McInnis.

The Dec. 3rd issue of The Advance was printed and issued after the election returns were received, and was distributed free. The issue contained the announcement that The Advance would be issued semi-weekly until further notice.

Ten years ago Mr. Tom Nixon delighted the Shelter children by an exhibition of his remarkable magic given for their special benefit at the Shelter.

Wm. Nichols, a popular and respected employee of the Hollinger, died ten years ago from injuries received in a fall of rock at the mine. He was a native of England and was 43 years of age at the time of death. The funeral services were held at the Salvation Army hall, the Legion and the Royal Order of Moose taking part in the ceremonies.

Ten years ago the Ontario Government announced that Mac Lang, of Haileybury, had been appointed chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission.

Ten years ago big crowds turned out to see "The Arrival of Kitty," a play presented in the hall of the

Church of the Nativity under the auspices of the Timmins C. W. L.

A full page in The Advance ten years ago was allotted to giving "The Striking Story of Pioneering by Noah Timmins and Associates," as written by Wallace J. Laut, editor of "Gold," the bright magazine then known as the "Magazine of the North." The article was illustrated by many interesting pictures.

Ten years ago blasting and other operations in connection with the repair of the highway between Timmins and South Porcupine made it necessary to completely close the highway to traffic and have all traffic use the "Back Road" between Timmins and South Porcupine.

On Dec. 5th, 1944 the Kiwanis Club held a "Ladies Night" at the Legion hall, the catering done by Pete Lacroix of the Lady Laurier hotel next door. The Advance says that the evening was a pleasing one. Music by the Hawaiian Quartette and solos by Mrs. P. H. Carson added to the pleasure of the evening, while Tommy Nixon and his magic made a big hit. "The banquet served by Pete Lacroix and staff was another very pleasing feature," says The Advance ten years ago.

The Advance ten years ago announced the erection by the T. & N. O. of a modern stock pen at the station here for the loading and unloading of horses, cattle, sheep, etc.

There were several references in The Advance ten years ago to the agitators sentenced at Amos, Que., for their part in the riots and disorders in connection with the strike at Noranda. One man drew 18 months, another six months, while a woman who had visited Timmins, and who had been in the habit of giving her address as Timmins when landing in any trouble, was let go with a three months' term.

It was the sad duty of The Advance ten years ago to record the death of Cochrane of Samuel John Dempsay, a notable figure in the early days of the North. He had been on the Cochrane town council for several years, had been active in board of trade and other public bodies, and had served as police magistrate and as Crown Lands Agent for several years. Previous to coming to the North he had been an important figure in Renfrew County, being Sheriff of the County and Warden of the County, and holding other offices there.

The A. Y. P. A. at South Porcupine ten years ago put on a very enjoyable concert, the proceeds being for the building fund of St. Paul's Anglican church. Another entertainment at South End worthy of mention was the mock radio programme given by the girls of the South Porcupine High School basketball teams. Ruth Verner acted as announcer, and called to the mock mike other girls who had to respond to the names of so-called radio stars. The result was said by those who heard the entertainment to be much more impressive and interesting than if the actual stars had been giving the programme.

The Men's Club of the United Church at South Porcupine was inaugurated ten years ago at a banquet in the church hall, the Ladies' Guild providing the good things to eat. Mr. James Thomson, of the S. P. H. School staff, was the first president of the Men's Club; Mr. M. G. Clark, vice-president; and Mr. Russell Vokes, secretary.

At court at Cochrane ten years ago a man who was found guilty of rioting was sentenced to one year determinate and one year indeterminate. The sentence was imposed by Judge Caron after it was shown that the man had been the leader of a group of men who had attacked the police

while the latter were going about the performance of their duties.

The annual Christmas concert of the Timmins Central School ten years ago came in for special praise from The Advance. "Singing, dancing, humour, acting, pathos, melodrama, and all the other features of high-class entertainment were shown," The Advance reported said.

The first organized sale of Christmas Seals in Timmins was in charge of Mrs. H. W. Darling ten years ago. The Advance had the following reference to the matter, under a two-column heading in its issue of Dec. 6th 1934:—"Christmas seals will soon be available to the people of Timmins. The familiar stamps, the proceeds of the sale of which go to establish and support clinics for tuberculosis in the North are being offered here this year through the co-operation of the Gravenhurst Sanitarium. Formerly the money raised in this manner went to the Gravenhurst Sanitarium alone, but this year it will be set aside for the North. Timmins will be able to support its own extension of Haileybury Sanitarium in the form of a clinic established here as an experiment just one year ago. The work that has been accomplished here in that one year has shown the great need for a clinic, as many cases of tuberculosis have been discovered and immediate measures taken to prevent so far as possible, the spread of the disease. At the request of Dr. Moore, Medical Health Officer, Mrs. H. W. Darling has agreed to look after the sale of the Christmas Seals in Timmins and district. An announcement will be made in Monday's Advance as to how the sale will be carried through."

The Advance ten years ago had the pleasure of announcing substantial reduction in insurance rates in Timmins on all residences not within the business area of the town.

The members of the Schumacher Fire Brigade entertained their wives and some of their friends at a banquet in the Croatian hall ten years ago.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"W. Warrell, of Cochrane, was a Timmins visitor on Wednesday." "Two of the three men on the staff of the Cobalt liquor store were dismissed last week." "Miss Vera Robinson, who was taken to St. Mary's hospital last week with appendicitis, is making excellent progress to recovery this week." "Dr. Arnott, of Matheson, who was injured some weeks ago in a motor accident, is reported as making good progress to recovery. He is in a Toronto hospital." "Silas Cook, ice-maker at the Timmins curling rink, is busy these days making the ice ready for the season. If the weather keeps up as it has been doing, there will soon be curling for the enthusiasts who are even now 'farin' to go'."

"Last week The Advance noted flowers blooming in the Porcupine, with pansies to the front, but a North Bay lady reported picking a whole bunch of pansies for a bouquet to give her daughter to take to school."

Timmins Woman Acquitted on Abortion Charge

Mrs. Ida Soleski, one of the early residents of Timmins, and for many years acting as practical nurse in the town and district, was acquitted at the District Court at Cochrane last week on a charge under the criminal code of using an instrument with intent to commit an abortion. When the jury reported a verdict of not guilty, Judge R. A. Danis told the accused that she was fortunate as the jury might have brought in another verdict. The judge advised her that if she had been doing anything like she was accused of doing, to take the present case as a warning for the future. The 18-year-old girl, who was the main witness for the Crown, told the court that following illicit relations with the Chinese cook in the restaurant in Timmins in which she had been working she thought she was in the family way and was advised to go to the accused for an operation. The price of \$50 was agreed upon, the witness said, \$75 was secured from the Chinese cook, \$25 being retained by the girl, according to her story on the stand. The witness said that after the alleged operation, she remained at the Soleski house for six days, helping with the housework and in the renovation of a house on an adjacent street. At the trial it developed that the case arose from a complaint by the girl's mother that the girl had not been home. Detective Beacock traced the girl to a Timmins hotel where he found her in bed with another Chinese cook. When the girl was taken to the police station and warned about her conduct, she told the story about the case of the previous Chinese cook and the operation that she said had followed. Following this the Soleski home was searched and various medicines and instruments such as commonly used in abortions were found. In regard to the latter, evidence was given by Dr. G. S. Mackenzie, of Timmins and Prof. Joslyn Rogers, of the University of Toronto. Greg. Evans was counsel for the defence and brought out evidence to show that the girl had been taken into the Soleski home to break her connection with the undesirable people

that she had been associating with, and partly to help with the housework. Emphasis was placed on the fact that it was admitted that the girl had not stuck strictly to the truth in all her stories, and so her evidence could not be given full reliance. Explanation was made of the innocent use of the medicines and instruments found in the Soleski home. It was pointed out that the girl had changed her story three times in reference to the catheters.

Crown Attorney S. A. Caldwell stressed the fact that while all the instruments might be perfectly innocent in themselves as claimed, still they were exactly the articles that would be needed for an abortion. While the girl might be lacking in moral qualities she had consistently maintained the essential parts of her story and there did not seem to be any reason why she should make her report out of whole cloth when she had nothing to gain by doing so. The Crown Attorney also pointed to the suggestive evidence in a small account book in possession of Mrs. Soleski before her arrest. The accused claimed that the book was only a record of nursing work during the 1919 flu epidemic, or possibly in 1935, but the book had items for 1943 and 1944. These entries were explained by the accused as being payments by boarders. The petit jury was out less than two hours before returning the verdict of not guilty.

Soldiers Overseas Send Thanks for Cigarettes Sent

Keeping up the shipments of cigarettes to the men from this community who are serving overseas, the Timmins Legion and Community Fund continues to receive letters and cards of thanks from those on service overseas. Letters and cards acknowledging the receipt of cigarettes have been received recently from the following men serving overseas:—

Spr. A. Butterfield, Pte. J. H. Day, LAC A. S. Weller, Sgt. P. Blackman, Sgt. J. H. Milne, Cpl. T. Nelson, Gdsm. J. Frankow, Pte. W. C. Burwell, Spr. P. Loubert, Cpl. S. W. Calvert, Sgt. E. Spencer, Spr. D. Kinsey, SBA. A. Manzer, Sgt. G. R. Bickell, Sgt. S. Sarson, Sto. A. J. St. Jean, Capt. H. P. Andrews, Pte. R. J. Kennedy, Spr. R. A. Ferguson, Tpr. Y. Morin, Sgt. L. Mason, Gnr. R. Matheson, Spr. P. L. O'Gorman, L-Cpl. W. S. Brathy, LAC D. B. McKinnon, L-Cpl. A. Paradise, Cpl. J. E. White, Sgmn. A. F. Maxwell, Sgmn. J. M. Morrison, Cpl. A. Trudel, Sgt. A. G. Hawes, Bdr. G. Keeney, Cpl. H. Wharton, Pte. D. M. Henderson, Sgt. J. Moir, Pte. U. Laneville, Sto. E. S. Fertier, Gnr. W. J. Sherring, Sgt. A. C. Orr, Sto. W. J. Cotnam, Tpr. L. R. Giroux, Pte. S. Bilinski, Cpl. V. W. Thompson, Tpr. A. Mageau, Spr. E. R. Simpson, Tpr. C. F. Fuller, Spr. N. R. McKenzie, Gnr. E. Korri, Pte. Les Kitcher, Tpr. A. Miller, Spr. F. Shulko, CSM. J. W. Morrison, Tpr. J. Stanforth, SBA. A. W. Cooke, Spr. C. Seaward, Sgt. H. W. Picken, Cpl. A. Borutski, Pte. P. E. Abrahams, Pte. C. J. Black, Sgmn. W. G. Nurse, S-Sgt. A. Meecham, Cpl. B. C. MacDonald, Gnr. G. E. Marshall, Pte. E. J. Lachapelle, Sto. W. Cooke, LAC J. Forrester, Pte. J. Mills, Spr. L. A. Brown, Pte. J. N. McWhirter, Spr. G. W. Shanks. Prisoners of war:—Pte. J. A. Neame, Pte. F. I. Stephens.

Kapuskasig Tribune:—An authority on the upbringing of the young says "spanking generally misses its aim." Maybe he has been dealing with a strong child who squirms.



WITH THE BOY SCOUTS

Here it is time to write the column and what is on hand to tell you all! Last week the column made its first appearance in the local papers.

I suppose Moneta troop 5th Timmins, was kind of asking questions, why the news they brought in was not in the column. Well the truth was the news was all filled in and on the way to the press when the troop scribe called around. We are sorry but as mentioned to your Scouters the news must be in before 4.30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Most of the troops meet on Monday or Friday and with nothing to do all day Saturday, I am sure one of the troop should be able to drop in at "13, Helen St. or phone 1415J."

Will any person, or persons, who know of Scouts or Scouters who have recently joined the forces, kindly send or phone the names to the above number?

What is cooking in Scouts

7th Timmins Troop
The Scouts are well in the way for the hobby show now and some of the "gadgets" they have are really surprising to see.

Scouter Wheeler was telling the boys that he was going to insure the whole troop for accidents and that arrangements are going ahead.

Jack McLaughlin decided to see if they really would pay if he was in an accident. So 4' 5" Jack tried to run over 6' Al, with the result that Jack was the loser.

This Wednesday evening, the 3rd Timmins Troop is to visit the 7th troop and have the meeting under Scouter Wheeler. All the 7th troop is looking forward to this gathering. A few little questions and answers:—

Questions
1.—Does our sense of smell detect pleasant or unpleasant odors more readily.

2.—When you chew a piece of beef steak, do you exert 10, 50, 100, pounds pressure?

3.—What language is spoken by the largest number of people?

4.—Do dogs have the same number of teeth that people do, or more?

5.—The best way to break a bad habit is to drop it.

Answers

4.—They have more; 42 teeth.

3.—Chinese.

2.—Nearer 100 pounds.

1.—Unpleasant.

Cub News—7th Timmins Pack

This Pack is now reorganized. They hope to have all the boys back soon. This pack is now under the leadership of Akela McFarland with Badheera Osborn as assistant. Last week was the first time Akela McFarland was out to the Cubs and they sure did have a good meeting.

Judging by the program I saw, the meeting this week will be a big night for all. The meeting will start at a quarter to six and finish at a quarter to seven. So don't forget; let us all howl together for our new Akela. Oh yes, Baloo has a real story to tell you, so don't be late.

Good hunting to all.

—Scouter Wheeler.

THE GIFT OF WORDS

Pat had been hurt. It wasn't much more than a scratch, but his employer, with visions of being obliged to keep him for the rest of his life, sent him to a hospital for examination.

The doctor said: "A subcutaneous abrasion is not observable. I do not think there is any reason to apprehend permanent cicatrization of the wound."

"Ah!" said Pat in relief. "Ye took the very words out of my mouth!"—Globe and Mail.

District Men in Lists of Casualties in Past Week

Among the district men listed as casualties during the past week are the following, with name of Regt., next of kin, address, etc.:—

Harris, Albert Leslie, Pte.; Central Ontario Regt.; Temagami; killed in action; Mrs. Mary Harris (mother).
O'Gorman, Joseph Patrick, Philip, Corporal; Central Ontario Regt.; 38 Kent Avenue, Timmins; wounded; Mrs. Amy O'Gorman, Timmins (mother).

MacMillan, Evan Cameron, Trooper; Canadian Armoured Corps; New Liskeard; killed in action; Mrs. Agnes MacMillan (mother).

McCaw, Lorne Roberts, Sapper; Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers; 54 Bruce Avenue, South Porcupine; killed in action; John Allen McCaw (father).

McLean, Gilbert Allen, Gunner; Royal Canadian Artillery; died of wounds; Englehart; Mrs. Grace McLean (mother).

Edwards, Stanley James, Pte.; Central Ontario Regt.; 86 Middleton Ave., Timmins; wounded; Mrs. Kate Edwards (mother).

McCracken, Nelson Thomas, Rifleman; Central Ontario Regt.; 8 Leone Avenue, Timmins; dangerously wounded; Mrs. Eva McCracken (mother).

Duff, Donald Arthur, Rifleman; 118 Tuke street, Timmins; slightly wounded; Mrs. Violet E. Duff (wife).

Ogilvy, Alexander Glen, Pte. Central Ontario Regt.; Englehart; killed in action; Mrs. Margaret Ogilvy (wife).

Haley, Edward Philip Pte.; Central Ontario Regt.; Matheson; injured; Mrs. Dorothy Haley (mother).

Sweeney, Anthony William Perry, Pte. Central Ontario Regt.; 11½ James Ave., Timmins; died of injuries; Mrs. Agnes Sweeney (mother).

Sevigny, Allan Pte.; Central Ontario Regt.; 71 Birch street south, Timmins; wounded; Joseph Sevigny (father).

DISCOURAGING

Lady (at employment agency)—I want a good cook for my country place.

Manager—Miss Jones, have we anybody here who would like to spend a day or two in the country?—Exchange

APPROXIMATE PRICES UNLISTED SECURITIES

Abi R N	25-28	Eldr M	28-30	Marquet	4-5	Obaska	60-70
Alcan	12-14	Eldona	18-19	Mar Brd	6-7	Oklend	7-8
Am Kir	26-29	Geral L	3-4	Mar Mc	10-21	Olivet	9½-11
Am Lar	98-103	G Man	78-82	Marlon	10-12	Ogemisk	8-10
Annaque	4-6	Geldora	24-27	Mat Ch	27-29	Orpit	9-11
Anoki	25-28	Goodrock	6-8	Mate Y	29-31	Pascalis	34-37
Arntfd O	5-6	Gt L Ir	4-6	Metalor	5-6	Pelango	5-6
Arntfd New	23-25	Haves C	2½-3	Mica C	7-9	Pont C	21-24
Audley	31-33	Homer	17-19	Moffatt N	4-5	Poona	6-8
Aurora	20-24	Hosco	21-23	Mohawk	3-4	Porc Rf	14-16
Bar L N	5-6	Hoyle N	11-13	Murbell	17-19	Presdor	3½-4
Blondor	43-45	Hphg M	29-31	Myia N	15-18	Qu Man	39-42
Brig Rl	14-17	Kamlac	31-33	McCu Rl	9-11	Privat R	40-43
Brock	12-14	Kaynd	22-25	Nat Mal	35-37	Rambull	8½-10
Burley	3-5	Laguer	18-20	New Aug	17-19	Rand M	37-40
Calder	6-8	Lk Exp	26-29	Nib Yel	15-17	Rebair	48-52
Cn Man	6-8	Lar Add	5-7	Nicholson	6½-8	Redwood	10-11
Cock Rl	3½-4	Larder	9½-11	Nick O	140-160	Saga	100-140
Columb	16-19	Lavalle	10-12	New Mal	7½-9	Sheldon	21-23
Con Chi	1-12	Legador	5-7	Norbeau	70-80	Skyn Lk	4-5
De Snt N	13-16	Mag Ch	42-44	Norben	17-19	Stadaco	67-72
Dm Mal	17-19	Major O	28-30	Norseman	8½-10	Tiffany	18-20
E Amp	40-43	Manter	28-30	Nortyne	7-9	Yellowx	57-60
Eastwrd	21-23	Marben	15-18	Novelle	23-25	Y Dvds	33-36

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