

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

The Advance ten years ago told of a big mining company that planned to spend \$750,000.00 in Whitney township to develop the Porcupine Creek Syndicate property in Whitney township. The chief interest in this property was held by G. A. Wood, of South Porcupine.

In an address to the Kiwanis Club on April, 1935, W. W. Tanner, then principal of the Timmins High and Vocational School, said that the High and Vocational school here cost much less than the average. In 1931 the average cost per pupil was \$168.38, but this had decreased to \$121.93 in 1934. Toronto's per pupil cost was given by Mr. Tanner as \$162.00 while the average for the province was \$137.32. The speaker also noted that the men teachers here received \$418 less than the average for the province. He reviewed the history of the school from its start in 1921 with an enrollment of 45, to 1935 when its enrollment was around 800. Mr. Tanner was introduced by Kiwanian P. T. Moisiey and thanked by Dr. S. L. Honey.

Announcement was made by the provincial government ten years ago that a township on the Missanable river had been named Rowlandson township in honour of John Rowlandson then Liberal member for South Cochrane. Another new township in the same area was named in honour of J. A. Habel, then Liberal member for North Cochrane.

Through the years The Advance has from time to time issued warnings against fooling with dynamite caps. There was such a warning in the issue ten years ago. Despite all the warnings youngsters and others seemed to persist in using the detonators without due respect for their power and as a consequence there were injuries and fatalities when the caps were found and investigated by the curious. The repeated warnings, however, did have some effect, as the number of accidents in this line have decreased from year to year.

In 1935 there were over 350 at the annual Vimy Ridge banquet under the auspices of Branch 88 of the Canadian Legion. Among the speakers proposing or responding to the toasts were: Dr. A. S. Porter, Austin Neame Mayor Richardson, Walter Greaves, W. Cotcher, Col. S. B. Sobell, Dr. J. B. McClinton, magistrates E. R. Tucker (of Cochrane), F. A. Burt, A. G. Irving. The event was held in St. Anthony's hall. The chair was occupied by Austin Neame, president of Branch 88. Mrs. Sheppard looked after the catering in most efficient style. A big feature of the evening was the skit "The Aches and Pains of Married Life" with W. Elphick as Mr. Ache, A. Bellamy as Mrs. Ache, F. Curtis as Mr. Pain, J. Cowan as Mrs. Pain, and other characters including W. A. Devine, J. Ormston, A. Pearce, A. Wilford, W. Stewart, J. O'Rourke, H. Nicholls, Geo. Nippers, B. Hammond, M. McIlroy, F. J. Wolno, J. Walker, Music by Joe Ormston, Gene Colombo, Tommy Stephens, W. Stewart, Pipers H. O'Neill and J. McLellan, A. Wilford and H. Hopkins also pleased the gathering, while a three-round boxing exhibition was put on as an extra on the programme.

Syd Parsons, who had been a resident of Timmins for a couple of years ten years ago was appointed chief of police of New Liskeard. Previously he had been chief of police at Cochrane for six years, as well as having other police experience.

"Tons of Money," a farce in three acts, was presented ten years ago by the Young People's Society of Timmins United Church, John Balestrari being the dramatic convener. It played to capacity houses for two nights. Among those in the cast were: Gerald A. Gordon, Miss Norma Taylor, Miss Edith Hill, Mrs. James S. Brown, William K. Bird, Roy Hardy, Miss Betty Paterson, James S. Brown, Walter H. Ramsay, Harold F. Burt and Dave Lamb. During the play Mrs. Faithful played piano solos, and there were violin solos by Mitchell Rose.

A car left without the brakes on ran down First avenue, Schumacher, ten years ago, crashing into the front of the Schumacher Bakery and doing \$55 damage. A man directly in the path of the runaway car would have been injured and perhaps killed had it not been for the warning called out to him by Grant Eddy traveller for Gamble-Robinson's.

The weather in 1935 was slightly different at this time of year to the weather this spring. Note was made that for twenty-four hours on April 11th the thermometer failed to go below zero.

The Porcupine Goldfields Band delighted a big audience at South Porcupine ten years ago with an excellent programme at the Mascola theatre. Milas Clark was chairman.

Police ten years ago cleared up a series of robberies here by the arrest of five boys who were charged with no less than 29 robberies. The lads were all about fourteen years of age. Magistrate Atkinson gave the boys an earnest warning against the path they had taken, but decided to give them another chance to become good citizens. Most of them took the opportunity and have never since been in any trouble to the authorities or themselves.

A lad of twelve years of age had a narrow escape from losing his eye ten years ago when he and some playmates placed firecrackers in a bottle in seeking to secure bigger and better explosions. When the big firecrackers exploded it blew the bottle into pieces and one of the pieces struck one lad just below the eye causing a very nasty cut.

Dan Newlands, for two years a store keeper at the McIntyre Mine, was found dead in his chair in the office of the Sylvanite Mine at Kirkland Lake ten years ago. The deceased had left the McIntyre to become chief accountant at the Sylvanite. He was very popular in Schumacher and district. At the time of death he was only 40 years of age.

Ten years ago work was commenced on the excavation for the Palace theatre. The opening of the work was marred by a sad accident, a large piece of an old cement wall that was being removed falling on Fredrico Marini, aged 55 of 5 Laidlaw street, Timmins. Marini died a few minutes after reaching the hospital.

"Apparently in fair health when she left her home on Saturday, Mrs. Ernest Blodgett, aged 53, died at the DeLuxe Beauty Parlor from heart trouble and complications," says The Advance ten years ago. "She had come down town with her husband about nine o'clock and was waiting in the beauty parlour, when she told a friend that she wasn't feeling well. Later she became worse and a doctor was called, he advised the proprietress of the beauty parlour that she could not be moved as it would endanger her life. She was made as comfortable as possible and every effort was made to relieve her distress, but to no avail. She passed away about ten o'clock. Mrs. Blodgett had been in ill-health for the past winter and had been out of doors very little. The funeral service was held this afternoon from the home, under the auspices of the Eastern Star Lodge, and the body entined for Durham Ontario, Mrs. Blodgett's birthplace and childhood home.

A complimentary luncheon was held in the parliamentary restaurant at Ottawa on April 10th, 1935, in honour of J. A. Bradette, M.P. for Cochrane riding. Mr. Bradette was presented with a handsome clock as a mark of appreciation and regard.

Arthur Paddon, Field Secretary of the Boy Scouts for Ontario, paid an official visit to Timmins ten years ago. He was given a great reception here and won more friends. On his part he praised the boys and the committee



THE LEGION COLUMN

On the evening of Wednesday April 4th. Branch 88 entertained members of St. Matthew's Men's Club in a return game of cribbage. Bill Forrester acted as M.C. for the evening. 12 games were played and St. Matthew's led by a margin until the last game and were finally defeated by 32 points. Those participating for St. Matthew's were: H. Woods; J. Morton; P. Bennetts; C. Lacy; Ed Robinson; S. Pritchard; S. Gadsby; S. Rodda; J. Jose; Price; McPadden; F. Melville. Representing Legion: Billy Bright; O. J. Maynard; Dave Maxwell; Art Saint; Art Jenkins; Bert Hazelwood; A. Fortin; Fuller; Finlayson; Al Wetmore; St. John.

Legion were a man short and Frank Melville—who is an interchangeable unit—was transferred to them from St. Matthews. Total score for St. Matthew's Men's Club 7821—for Legion 7855. To arrive at a final decision it will be necessary to carry the match into its third round. The first round was allotted to the men of St. Matthew's at their own club room. Stan Pritchard, Men's Club, and Bert Hazelwood, Legion, both achieved perfect scores of 7266 points apiece. An excellent lunch was served after the game and high scorers of both teams were presented with prizes donated by the Branch. Al Wetmore thanked the Club for coming over and from start to finish it was a very successful evening.

Al Wetmore presided at the Vimy Night celebrations held on Saturday. There was an exceptionally large turnout and the old premises were taxed to the limit. However, by dint of a good deal of squeezing and careful

for the notable progress made by Scouting in this town in the previous year.

Mrs. Tom Coulson ten years ago received the sad news of the death of her father James Guthrie, at his home in Glasgow, Scotland, at the age of 78 years. This was the second bereavement for Mrs. Coulson in a few months, her sister dying very suddenly about Christmas time.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago:—"Mr. Louis Berini, who has been employed for the past ten years with his brother, Joseph Berini Timmins, left this week with his family for Port Arthur to go into business with his brother Fred." "All will be pleased to know that Mrs. A. A. Rose is making excellent progress to recovery after an operation at St. Mary's hospital for appendicitis last week." "Rev. Fr. J. R. O'Gorman returned on Saturday from New York after a winter cruise of the Mediterranean. His series of letters, which have appeared in The Advance during recent weeks, have attracted wide attention and delighted all."

"Vincent Woodbury returned Thursday evening from his usual yearly visit to Texas. He said it was great to get back to Timmins as he thought there was no place like it. Mrs. Woodbury, whom all will be pleased to know is making excellent progress to restored health, will remain in Texas for a month or two longer." "Mrs. Les Mackay left on Tuesday on a visit to Mattawa." "Dorothy Edleston, who is a patient in St. Mary's hospital following an operation for appendicitis, is making excellent progress and expects to be home in a few days."

organization the boys were all accommodated to everybody's satisfaction. The lunch put on by the Ladies Auxiliary was really a splendid effort. Fred Wolno, with his little band of all-veteran musicians, started the ball rolling with a choice selection of snappy numbers calculated to put all the old-timers present, not to mention the young 'uns—in the mood. Mr. G. A. Macdonald, always a staunch supporter of the Legion, proposed a toast to Canada's Fighting Men. Like every true Scot Mac dearly loves a joke against a Scotchman—hence the one about the gent who was Russian by Birth, inclination and environment, and Scotch by contamination, that he unloaded upon the gathering. We always wondered why there were so many MacPhersons, MacGregors, and others of the same Heilan' persuasion, all as black as the ace of spades running at large in places as far away as Port Said.

Mr. Macdonald called attention to the Legion record in the present war and paid tribute to the fighting forces in general, not forgetting the Veterans Guard of Canada, noting the fact that every Jewish family in Timmins had contributed at least one member to the active forces. Definitely—not one Jew from Timmins was a Zombie Flying Officer Alec Kalyniuk, D.F.C. spoke in reply to Mr. Macdonald's address.

Mayor Emile Brunette proposed the toast to the Canadian Legion. Mr. Brunette said that the Legion had done a job in this war, not only for those still in the services but also for men and women who have been discharged. The Legion and other organizations face a bigger task in the near future. There must be no jobless discontented, hungry hordes of men as immediately after the last war. Canada is looking to the Legion to provide leadership and working in co-operation with the Legion to provide security for every returned man.

Mr. Brunette was followed by Comrade Mr. Austin Neame, Zone Commander for Zone 21, who replied to the toast to the Legion. Comrade Neame admitted that the years of usefulness of men who were veterans of the last war are about over but the Legion will continue to use every effort to assist men and help them in rehabilitation. 10,000 new members were enrolled into the Canadian Legion during 1944 and the increase will continue. Comrade Neame thanked both Mr. Macdonald and Mayor Brunette and said that the boys coming home are looking to the old timers for help and their experience is of great value, but the time is coming when the '39ers will be prepared to take over—not the Legion alone—but the affairs of the nation as well. The pick of Canada went overseas and the pick of Canada is coming back.

Mr. E. L. Longmore spoke briefly: "I, for one, can certainly appreciate the work of the Canadian Legion during past years. It would have been impossible to look after returned men without the co-operation and advice of the Legion and we look to the Legion in the future."

A number of men in uniform attended the celebration. Capt. Countryman; Jack Croft, Plt. Vet. Guard; Paddy Williams Plt. Vet. Guard; Jack Griffin, Vet. Guard; Plet Officer Larivee; Sapper J. J. P. Gaudreau; F. O. Matson; L.A.C. L. Robinson and Cpl. Len Spears. R.C.E. Louis Dickenson played the Last Post.

Comrade Dr. McClinton proposed a toast to the ladies and Mrs. Les Nicholson, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, made reply. Al Wetmore, in closing the opening ceremonies paid tribute to the work done by the Ladies Auxiliary, and the ladies can certainly lay claim to a splendid record. From Sept. 1933, until Oct. 1944, they raised as much as \$1,720 by their own efforts entirely. During that time they disbursed \$1,329. They sent parcels overseas monthly which are doubled at Christmas. A portion of their funds is derived among the following organizations: Prov. Command Union Station Fund; Can. Inst. for the Blind; Can. Red Cross; British Sailors League; Prov. Command Bombed Victims League; Navy League and Can. Legion.

Ron Jones and his orchestra helped to provide the entertainment and our old friend, Jimmie Ormston, who is too well known to need any comment, filled in wherever his talent was in demand, and that was often. Ron Jones did a swell job and so did Joe Glad and his Croatian Orchestra. Walter Greaves sang a little ditty that included rolling in the clover, for which the time is not yet ripe. Les Nicholson helped out in a big way as a song leader. Taking everything into consideration it was a very successful Vimy Celebration and the entertainment committee deserve a great deal of credit for a smooth bit of organization not to mention the amount of work involved.

South Porcupine Junior Catholic Women's League
South Porcupine, April 12th. Special to The Advance.
The annual meeting of the Junior Catholic Women's League was held

on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Hilton Miller. Mrs. See, District President from Timmins, was present at the meeting. Excellent reports of the year's work were given Miss Frances Hogan reading the general report, and Miss Rose Donlevy the Red Cross report.

The election of officers resulted in Mrs. Wm. O'Grady being appointed President; Mrs. Fedor, First Vice-President; Mrs. J. Kelly Second Vice-President; and Mrs. Rooney, Secretary-Treasurer.

Miss Donlevy was reappointed Red Cross Convener.

A delicious lunch was served. The draw for pillow cases and other linen was postponed till next meeting.

Present were Mrs. J. Carney, Mrs. William O'Grady, Mrs. R. Gallagher, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Rooney, Mrs. W. G. Woods, Mrs. H. Miller, Mrs. See and the Misses Lynch, Donlevy, Hogan, Smith, McKeown, and Stafford.

Committed for Trial Following Seizure of \$10,149 Gold Ore

Largest Seizure of Gold Ore Made by Police in Northern Ontario

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Phillipe Authier of Val D'Or was committed for trial by a higher court after preliminary hearing on a charge of illegal possession of high-grade ore. This seizure is one of the largest ever made by police in Northern Ontario—the exact value of the refined ore seized from Authier's possession being \$10,158.97.

Authier had as counsel Mr. Gregory T. Evans.
Constable Fulton gave his evidence. On duty on April 4th at around midnight on Highway 67 in Whitney township with Sgt. Thompson, they observed a car parked on the side of the road about half a mile from Pamour Gold Mines. The police were going east at the time.

As there were no lights on the car they almost ran into it. They saw the driver walking round the rear of the car with a screwdriver in his hand. It was Philippe Authier and there was no other person in the car. As they pulled up he told Authier he had no lights on. He said he was testing his tires. Police thought they should take the license number to see if it were correct registration.

They finally decided to search the car, as it had a Quebec license, and liquor might be found.

Authier stood by the front door as police searched. On the floor just in front of the seat they found a bag (exhibited) which contained four gold "buttons." Also was a slip of paper with record of weights of the buttons.

Authier was asked if he knew what the material was but he gave no explanation. Ownership of car recorded Lucille Paquette, of Val D'Or, as the owner. It was a Mercury Sedan No. 1D5806. They searched Authier's person and found 33 one hundred dollar bills, new, and of successive serial numbers. Also \$11 in small bills.

The Crown Attorney asked if there were any evidence that this money were connected with the charge, but police replied that there was none except that they were new bills and wrapped with a rubber band. (The car is still held by police).

Mr. Evans contended that there was nothing to show that the money was used in any illegal way and that it should be returned to accused.

The magistrate said that the car

might not be held as it was evidence but not an exhibit.

Sgt. Braney took the buttons to Mr. Firth assayer at the McIntyre, who tested them for value. One weighed 129.45 oz.; 2, 63.50 oz.; 3, 56.10 oz.; and 4, 42.70, aggregating 292.75 oz.—Value being \$10,149 in gold, and \$9.97 silver.

Former Soldier Pleads Guilty to Frauds by Cheque

Also to the Unauthorized Wearing of Military Medal. Other Charges May be Laid

When George Arthur Finlayson was charged in police court on Tuesday with wearing a Military Medal that was not his and that he had no right to wear, he promptly pleaded guilty. He did the same when he was charged with issuing a cheque on a Kirkland Lake bank branch on the fraudulent claim that he had an account there. This cheque was for \$20. "Then there was another charge over what is paragonically called issuing bum cheques. This third charge came from Halleybury, the cheque being for \$25.00. Again the accused pleaded guilty. The Crown Attorney asked for remnants of a week in these cases, as there were likely to be other charges laid.

The accused man came to Timmins wearing a Military Medal and appearing as a "crippled" soldier returning from the battle overseas. He carried one arm as if it were paralyzed or otherwise injured and wore a glove all the time on the hand of this arm. From accounts given since his arrest here it is surmised that he worked two camps, one of posing as a heroic soldier coming back injured from the war, and the other plan of cashing cheques. The one plan seemed to be made to support the other plan. He is said to have travelled recently from Moncton to the North, being teted sometimes by soldiers' organizations that accepted him at his own story. He pleaded guilty to passing a "bum cheque" at Halleybury as well as attempting to pass one here, so that it is not unfair to hold him to answer to any charges that may come from other places along the route.

He made a mistake, however, in coming to Timmins. He was not long here before it was decided to investigate him. Had he been all right he would likely have known nothing about it. When the police questioned him, however, doubt was raised in regard to the "crippled arm (which, by the way, he did not attempt to "wear" in court). The doctor who examined the arm could find nothing wrong with it, and then other facts came to light that resulted in the charges already laid and may lead to other charges before he is finally dealt with.

Report of "Murder" in Town Very Greatly Exaggerated

There was a report this week that there had been a murder in front of a local beverage room or nearby, or something. There was no murder or near murder or anything like that. The story seemed to be based on the fact that there was a fight on street in front of a local beverage room. Two men were charged in police court this week with disorderly conduct as a result of this fight. One of them was remanded for a week and the other fined \$10 and costs, which suggests that there was nothing serious about the matter.

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