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### Parents and Teachers

Away back in 350 B.C., when good houses were as difficult to find in Athens as they are in Timmins today, there lived in a small mud hut a Greek philosopher named Diogenes. The smallness of his quarters did not affect the size of his brain, however, and Diogenes did as much sound thinking as any man in his time or ours.

Among the sound thoughts which he handed on for the guidance of posterity was this: "The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."

More than a century ago, Lord Brougham, who lived much more comfortably, but managed to get in some thinking, too, stated: "Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave."

And today, in an article designed to direct attention to Education Week, which commences on November 11th, Mr. Ross Beattie, principal of Mattagami public school, writes:

"Every teacher knows her attempts to develop her pupils physically, socially, emotionally, are helped or hindered by her partners—the home teachers. Every child brings his home to school. Parents cannot resign from their share of the child's education nor can the school take it over in its entirety."

"Therefore it is clear that to make the education of our children effective, parents and teachers must work together and discuss their difficulties together. One of the chief agencies in developing this essential co-operation between home and school is the Home and School Club, which now functions in many centres across the country."

The Porcupine Camp is fortunate in the growth of its Home and School Clubs. This growth could become even more vigorous if more parents became interested in the Clubs' activities. It is to secure added interest that Education Week is being held.

To play its part in the Education Week program, The Advance has gone to the students themselves with the suggestion that they help the program along by "tooting their own horn". The suggestion was readily agreed to, and the result is that much of this issue of The Advance has been written by the staffs of the various literary societies and school journals of the high schools in Timmins, Schumacher and South Porcupine.

We congratulate the students concerned on their effort—it testifies to the fact that they reserve every benefit, which home and school, parent and teacher, can bestow upon them.

### Buy a Poppy

In any plans for the welfare of large groups there are bound to be cases for which no adequate provision has been made. In planning for the many, the requirements of some individual cases are often by necessity overlooked.

Under this latter category come many veterans of this and the last war who, because of unusual circumstances, physical handicaps and disabilities, are unable entirely to take care of themselves and their families.

It is with the purpose of assisting these men that the annual Poppy Day is held. This year it falls on Saturday, November 10th, and is sponsored by the Canadian Legion. Their appeal should find a ready response in the hearts and minds of the people of this community. It is earnestly commended to your sympathetic consideration, with the confidence that you will give generously.

Buy a Poppy on Saturday—wear it through Remembrance Day, November 11th.

### The Forgotten Army

In the joy of welcoming the boys home, have we forgotten those to whom homecoming is still a far-off and distant dream? Now that the papers no longer carry the exciting news of war in progress, are we to ignore the lads to whom is allotted the dreary duty of manning the Canadian Army Occupational Forces?

It is the following letters, reprinted from the Canadian Army paper, "The Maple Leaf", represent the facts accurately, it would appear so. The authorities have evidently found it advisable to cut the number of cigarettes which soldiers may buy for themselves from 900 to 600 a month. It is presumed this was done because of the appearance of American, British and Canadian cigarettes on the black markets of Europe in general, and Germany in particular.

It is true that an occasional soldier may get more cigarettes than he requires and that these sometimes are disposed of illegally. Or a non-smoker may buy an allotment of smokes and trade them for a camera. But these are exceptions—and they do not justify the authorities in making the many pay for the sins of the few.

From bitter experience we know that 900 cigar-

ettes a month are not too much and that 600 a month are not enough. Most soldiers need their quota of 900 per month.

To all interested in the welfare of the men who are still "over there" we suggest spending the odd dollar to send smokes to soldiers who are no longer able to buy sufficient for themselves. To give added weight to this request, we commend to your attention the letters reprinted below:

"Editor, The Maple Leaf:

In the CAOF things are as bad as they ever were in the field. The food is horrible and entertainment we have yet to see. Now, we read that cigarettes are to be cut.

Surely they could leave us one luxury. We are heavy smokers (30 cigs per day per man). We plead that they will not let this happen. After all, the war is over and, if we could get 900 in war time, surely we should be able to get them now. Or, is the war still on?

So come on, Canada, there are a few thousand of us that will be here for some time yet. Get the old ball rolling.

How about rationing blanco? That's a CAOF dream."

### THE FOUR BLANCO KIDS

"We of the CAOF, facing a long stay in Europe, bitterly resent the action of the powers that be in cutting the cigarette quota to 600 per month."

There are very few forms of relaxation in the CAOF today. It is true that some entertainment is provided but life in Germany is, at the best, a grim picture, especially to men who have no desire to frat with their recent enemies. One of the few sources of consolation remaining is a smoke.

Every possible effort should be made to, at least, restore the quota to the 900 level. The end of the war should not be a signal to forget the requirements of the army. We may remain here a long time and, one thing that we must have is an adequate cigarette supply." J. W. P.

### Helping the Homeless

After reading the many articles which have been crowded into magazines, weekly and daily papers on the need of making adjustments on his return to home life, it must be a bit of a shock to many returning soldiers to find they have no home to return to.

Whether those who formulated the rehabilitation scheme realized it or not, the whole plan falls through if the veteran has not access to a dwelling place for himself and his family. While there are a few homes for sale, the down payment required is almost invariably high, and in any event a plan to provide a veteran with funds to establish himself in business, or to buy tools or equipment for his trade becomes useless when it is necessary for him to spend his money on the purchase of a home. It is small comfort for a veteran to know that he can have his old job back, if he has no place to sleep when his job is through for the day. He should not have to go homeless to prove he's a hero.

It is quite true that the conditions which have resulted in the present deplorable housing situation were forced on us by the necessities of war. It is also true that federal, provincial and more local governments have plans for remedying the housing shortage. It is true that the reason such plans were not made earlier is that no one could predict the war would end as suddenly as it did.

But it is just as true (and this is the truth that hurts) that the plans for providing homes for veterans and for civilians who were equally the victims of wartime de-housing are not now being put into effect with the urgency the situation demands.

To give the above criticism a local application is not difficult. There are still many houses boarded up in this district which could provide adequate temporary accommodation at least. There are a number of empty houses which cannot be bought or rented because the owner is hoping to sell the property for business purposes later on. There are houses for sale, the owners of which demand cash payments which are quite beyond a veteran's ability to pay.

Mayor Brunette and his Councillors are to be congratulated on their willingness to co-operate with the members of the Canadian Legion in their efforts to remedy the situation outlined in the above paragraph. They are also to be urged to give the fullest consideration to immediate action. They should receive the support of every employer, every merchant, every property owner—yes, every citizen in the Camp.

### Buy Another

Yes, there's time to buy another Bond before the campaign closes. And the reasons for buying another are just as strong as those which prompted you to buy your first one.

There is no better way of showing your appreciation of the work done by the men who spent so much time and energy in pushing the Ninth Victory Loan to its present peak, than to buy another Bond to ensure the complete success of the campaign.

These men have given much more than money in working on this campaign. Many of them have gladly neglected their personal and business affairs in the past weeks and the success of their efforts in the public service adds just one more reason why you should make the small added sacrifice of saving a little more money than you had planned. Call at the Victory Loan headquarters now—there are only a few days left.

### Fruit and Vegetable Shower is a Very Successful Affair

South Porcupine Nov. 7th. Special to The Advance.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Porcupine General Hospital give grateful thanks for the tremendous response to the fruit and vegetable shower for the hospital.

This affair of last Thursday afternoon left at the home of his sister-in-law at 75 Fourth Ave., Schumacher.

## MAYOR TO OPEN CHILDREN'S ANNUAL BOOK WEEK

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK  
The observance of Children's Book Week in Timmins will officially open Monday Nov. 12th, with a radio address to be given by Mayor J. E. Brunette, at 6:45 p.m. This is the third time that the public library, with the co-operation of the community, has celebrated this event.

Book Week was initiated 27 years ago to create an interest in children's books and to provide a point in the year when the services and facilities of children's libraries are brought to the attention of the parents and to the public. It is celebrated not only on this account but in most parts of the world.

The motto chosen last year, "United through books" is repeated this year. This means the unity through books, not only of families and friends but of the people of other countries. The end of the war makes the promotion of better understanding among all nations of the world of vital importance for the preservation of peace.

The children of to-day are the future citizens of the world and as they cannot travel to study and understand the people of other countries, they must read the books written about them.

The library places at their disposal the best books about the customs and traditions of these people, the reading of which will make them understand and respect their beliefs.

To encourage children to form the library habit, they must be made to feel that the library belongs to them and that they play an important part in its work.

This is done in several ways in the Timmins Public Library. A club made up of about 175 library helpers was formed. These helpers take turns at assisting the librarian during the rush hours after school.

They slip books, put them back in their proper places on the shelves, paste pockets and date slips in the new books and reinforce book jackets, thus giving the librarian more time to recommend books and supply reference work for their school mates.

The library has also introduced a very interesting method of reviewing the new books in the juvenile department. The boys and girls review these new additions and then these reviews are posted in the library and are printed periodically in the local newspapers.

One of the great advantages of this plan is that it popularizes the new books among boys and girls because they will more readily accept the verdict of their school mates than that of adults.

During story hour which is held at 10 a.m. every Saturday some of the children put the rugs on the floor and at the conclusion of the story hour they roll them up and put them away. Others act as policemen, letting the children out and see that the adults do not come in before 11 o'clock.

The librarian places the best books at the disposal of these boys and girls; books selected from recommended lists in library reviews and from those recommended by authorities on children's books.

Books not only assist in school studies, but also enliven the children's interests and imagination and thus assist the community in enriching their lives and curbing juvenile delinquency.

There has been a remarkable change in juvenile books in the last quarter century. New authors have contributed excellent works of creative imagination to children's literature.

During Book Week the public library will feature an outstanding display of some of these books, while others will be displayed in windows of some of the local stores.

It will be interesting to note that "The Little Pretty Pocket Book" was the first volume published for children, by John Newberry of London.

Of that edition, published June, 1744, no single copy has survived. The American edition was published by Isaiah Thomas in Worcester, Mass. in 1787.

The Public Library now has a facsimile from the copy in the New York Public Library, which was printed June 10, 1944, on the 200th anniversary of the book's first appearance.

noon, besides being a social event proved of great benefit to the larder of the hospital. We learn from Miss Morgan, Hospital Superintendent, that 49 quarts and 57 pints of preserves, fruit and pickles were brought in, and 145 tins of canned goods.

In addition to this a basket of carrots another of beets, and onions, and parsnips and turnips and heads of cabbage were also given.

This array was shown to the hospital board who were extremely pleased and surprised at the generosity of those who appreciate the fact that we have one of the finest hospitals in Northern Ontario in our part of the Porcupine Camp.

At the tea on Thursday afternoon, which was the focal point of the shower, and was held in the Nurses Residence.

Miss Morgan and Mrs. R. S. Raymer (President of Ladies Auxiliary) received the guests and Mrs. Ralph Ellis took the contributions.

Pouring tea at a daintily decked table were Mrs. M. Ludgate and Mrs. A. L. Sharp.

Sandwiches and fancy breads were served by a committee in charge of refreshments under the sponsorship of Mrs. C. E. Anderson and Mrs. Price (both of Pamour). The ladies serving were Mrs. Ed. McKittrick, Mrs. W. H. Atkinson, Mrs. G. M. Longworth and Miss A. Sullivan.

During Book Week the children's librarians will visit the schools, where they will give book talks and invite the classes to visit the library. For the public the following interesting program has been planned. There will be addresses broadcast each evening at 6:45.

On Monday the opening address given by Mayor J. E. Brunette will be followed by a story read by Miss Eileen Landers.

On Tuesday a group of boys and girls will take part in a book quiz. For the benefit of our French borrowers, a play entitled "Entre les roses et les lilas" by Claude Genes will be given by a group of French boys and girls on Wednesday.

This will be followed on Thursday by an address to be given by Mrs. A. A. Rose.

A short play based on a chapter of one of the children's popular books, "Mr. Popper's Penguins" will be given by another group of boys and girls on Friday. The final broadcast will be given by Miss C. MacKeracher, who is in charge of the children's library. Articles by members of the staff, library board and by some of the parents of our younger borrowers, and book reviews and essays written by the boys and girls will be printed in the local newspapers.

Alice Habib

Librarian

## Firemen Answer Call To Empty Buildings

South Porcupine, Nov. 7th. Special to The Advance.

A fire alarm was sounded on Sunday at 9:40 p.m. for a fire at the workshop buildings of the Caswell Construction Co. on Crawford, north of the highway.

These buildings have not been used for some time and when Mr. Mairs noticed smoke coming from one of them, he put in a telephone call to which the firemen made immediate response.

They forced entry and found two fires had been made—one had gone out, the other in a metal receptacle for old letter heads and waste paper, probably the work of boys or children. There was negligible damage to the building owing to the quick response of the firemen.

Chief Smith has recommended the boarding up of these buildings to prevent further mischief. Children have done considerable damage to the outside of these buildings, it is stated.

## Mattagami H. and S. Association Elects First Officers

As a result of a meeting of parents and teachers, the Mattagami Home and School Association was formed on Friday night.

Principal Ross Beattie acted as chairman and introduced Mrs. F. R. Harvey of Kitchener, vice-president of the Ontario Federation of Home and

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School Associations. She stressed the non-commercial, non-partisan, and non-sectarian clauses of the constitution, which was accepted on the motion of Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Wallingford.

The Association will meet at the school on the second Thursday of each month.

The following officers were elected—Mrs. W. Brewer, president; Mr. McRae, vice-president; Mr. Black, secretary; Mrs. Foster, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Taylor, Miss Thorburn, Mrs. Nankervis, Mrs. Surman, Mr. Bahm (form the program committee); Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Briggs, Mr. Elliott, Mrs. Humphries, and Mrs. Abramson are the membership committee. The social committee includes Mrs. Jeffries, Mrs. H. Wallingford, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Tesluk and Mr. Kidd.

It was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. C. Newell, whose brother had passed away suddenly.

## Sadie Hawkin's Day Celebrated By Schumacher Girls

Sadie Hawkin's Day

Ten couples from Schumacher High celebrated Sadie Hawkin's Day in the usual manner of a girl-treat-boy date. To the girls' surprise the boys turned the tables on them. Many pedestrians were amused by the sight of three girls pushing a car while the boys sat placidly in the back seat.

Other courtesies the girls had to perform were walking on the outside,

buying the theatre tickets, holding their escort's coats, ordering the taxis and holding the door while the boys entered.

After the show the couples, who included Shiela Moran and Butch Bragnola; Milly Verluk, Rod MacDonald; Mary Kirkland, Melville Hicks; Margo Kirkland, Angel Cimetia; Veronica Shantz, Burrell Small; Pat Lahey, Walter Pavlica; Marge Wharton, Matt Mesich; Betty Gilbert, John Grenko; Nancy McNeil, Luigi Battocchio; Jacky Byers and Gordon Hannigan went to the home of Shiela Moran, where a lunch was served.

Whether the girls walked the boys home or not still remains a mystery.



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## Spends 30-Day Leave In Schumacher

By Mary Miloknay

Hector Bombardier was born in the small village of La Forest, but was raised in Schumacher, it was learned in an interview this week. He joined up on June 17, 1940 at Vancouver, B. C. Pte. Bombardier, a member of the Algonquin Regiment, saw action in France, Belgium and Holland. Altogether he was in action for three months. As a Bren gunner in Holland he was wounded in the leg and foot by shrapnel.

His outfit took many prisoners, some of whom were the Hitler youth. Pte. Bombardier stated that most of them still believed in Hitler and on one occasion one of the boys saluted with the "Hell Hitler".

While in Europe he was entertained at many canteens in Brussels, Ghent, etc., most of which were big rest centres. Pte. Bombardier wears the 39-45 Star, The France and Germany Star, Defense Ribbon and the C.V.S.M.

He arrived back in Canada on the Ile de France for a 30-day leave. This he says was the experience he is least likely to forget in his five and one-half years in the Army. He is spending his