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FIGHTING TALK

Harold A. Wills of Cochrane president of the Northern Associated Boards of Trade last week accused his fellow-members of a lack of "business sense and acumen", and asked for a stronger, more representative executive for 1946.

That Mr. Wills was not altogether right, was proven when his fellow-members displayed their wisdom by returning him to office for another term, gave him the type of executive he sought, and brought forward plans for a more active year.

All of which goes to show, of course, that a little fighting talk pays off when there is an audience that knows how to take it. Probably Mr. Wills drafted his address with this knowledge in mind.

The Boards of Trade have not been active in the past few years, and there are good and obvious reasons for this condition. Their activities have had to be subordinated to the more urgent demands of war. New roads, the encouragement of tourist travel and of new industries had no part in government planning.

Today the situation is changed. The accent is now placed on a speedy resumption of peacetime activity so that those who have been employed in production for war uses may find new employment.

While the Boards of Trade cannot, in themselves, give employment to many, they can have a great deal to do in creating conditions more favourable to increased employment. In doing this they have today a greater part to play than ever before, due to the huge back-log of things left undone in the past six years.

To organize the Boards for this purpose and to awaken them to its importance, President Wills has played the necessary, though not always popular, role of an alarm clock. Now awakened, we must get to work.

A FORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE

Timmins' Board of Trade president is also a member of its town council. In this it is fortunate — there is a great need for both the board and the Council to understand each other in order that the fullest co-operation may be achieved. If Councillor Wm. J. Doran and Wm. J. Doran, president of the Board of Trade, can work together, the possibility of successful action by both bodies is increased.

Mr. Doran is well qualified to act as liaison officer and has received the confidence of the business men and of the public at large. Obviously, he will be a busy man. Obviously, too, he deserves the strongest support that can be mustered.

Every business man in Timmins should be a supporter of the Timmins Board of Trade, both for reasons of self-interest and for the common good. There is much to be done and, as it was pointed out at the meeting last week, it cannot all be done by writing letters. Or editorials!

THE SCHOOL IN THE COMMUNITY

There would seem to be considerable support for the suggestion that schools be used to some extent as community centres, and that new school buildings be designed with this plan in mind. In this respect, the letter written last week by Wendel B. Brewer has started something.

This week we have been favoured by a letter from Mr. J. W. Spooner, voicing approval of Mr. Brewer's suggestion, and urging others to do the same. To those interested in the matter there is the satisfaction that the idea of schools as community centres is not confined to Timmins.

Quoted below are extracts from an editorial appearing last week in the Huntingdon Gleaner, which shows that the idea has found favour in several other centres:

"John McLeish, Principal of the Gault Institute in Valleyfield, Que., struck a note that has often been argued here in Huntingdon. We quote a paragraph in his address as follows:

"Let us take the schools and make of them the community centres they ought to be. Let 'the lighted schoolhouse' be the power-house of democracy where the citizens irrespective of race, religion or other discrimination, can come together in the evenings to participate

in programs of discussion and practical community projects in the home community."

"In Huntingdon we have a fine school equipped with an auditorium and other facilities that could be turned to such use as Mr. McLeish outlines. Not only this, but such use of the schools has been advocated for years. We do not advocate the use of the school for purely entertainment purposes as has been suggested by some, and here again we quote from Mr. McLeish's address:

"Mr. McLeish expressed his conviction that less time should be devoted to pure entertainment in order to divert youth from delinquency and idleness and much more to the constructive possibilities of citizenship training."

"We are all proud of our school and we are proud it is such a splendid edifice, but as Mr. McLeish points out, why cannot such a building be a community centre? It belongs to the people of this community and not alone to the trustees of the school board or to the staff of teachers."

"We believe in discretion as to whom the use of the school should be allowed and for what purpose, and we also believe that rules and regulations are required in order to control the behaviour of those using the school. But when it is known that the persons responsible will see that the building is properly looked after and proper supervision maintained, then the school should be opened for such projects.

"Adult study and discussion clubs might profitably be organized and their meetings held at the school, and if necessary such clubs could be split up into groups and held in the various classrooms. Such a building could be made more use of and form the centre of the community and the meeting-place of all seeking to develop the spirit of democracy.

"With the equipment of the Domestic Science Room and the Manual Training, there is no reason why groups of persons interested in such could not avail themselves of instruction in these arts at evening classes. There is no reason why other groups could not be formed who would be interested in musical training, instrumental and vocal, and take classes in the theory and practical end of these arts. Amateur theatricals might be practiced and plays staged from time to time for the amusement of all in the community.

"Yes, there is a greater use of our school than just that to which it is put at the present time. It is a structure that will not deteriorate very easily through use and there is no reason to believe that the people will purposely cause destruction of the building or its contents, or should they try to do so then there are remedies for that.

"More interest by the people in these public properties will bring about a better sense of what they really mean to the public and quash the sense that they are to be used only as designated by the trustees or the staff.

"The trustees are the servants of the ratepayers even though they may not receive remuneration for their services. They are elected according to law and must carry out the responsibilities entailed by their election and acceptance of office. The staff of the school are paid representatives of the people, engaged to carry out the duties assigned to them as per their contract.

"The ratepayers are the ones who have the final say when matters are not conducted to their satisfaction. This is our way of democratic life and which gives rights to all people that must be jealously guarded at all times. Why not take up the cry of Mr. McLeish and make our schools the community centres they should be."

FEDERAL HOUSING SURVEY

An official of Wartime Housing Ltd., a federal government project, has been instructed to inquire into and report upon the housing situation in the north country. His orders came from Ottawa, he says. Just what works Ottawa up, and what, if any, action the federal government may take, the official was not in a position to state.

Nevertheless, such a display of interest in the housing problems of the northern centres of population is very welcome. The situation of these centres is far different from that of the cities and towns in other sections. While they were expanding with the war years, the government aided them in erecting the housing to shelter the persons engaged in such expansion.

In this the northern centres of this province did not participate. Instead of increasing, the population dwindled. Now the tide has turned in this respect. The mines are active, with prospects of becoming even more so. As producer of the larger centres lessens with the stoppage of war contracts, more and more people are looking elsewhere for work.

It is in the national interest that these folk find employment away from the larger centres and to make this possible a larger building program in northern communities is imperative this spring.

It is to be hoped Timmins will be in a position to take advantage of it when the time comes.

World News in Review

In London, Ontario, the shooting of a bread delivery man has been traced to an eleven-year-old girl. The shooting is described as "accidental" -- but the victim is just as dead as if it had intentional. It's another warning that those souvenir weapons should be locked up or rendered useless.

Over the radio, Philip Murray, president of CIO, stated American industry had deliberately provoked the steel strike and that the 750,000 workers who quit on Sunday will remain idle until union wage demands are met. Obviously, Mr. Murray's salary continues, whether the workers' pay envelopes are received or not.

Ottawa is happy this week about our almost strike-less Dominion -- but doubtful whether the condition will continue in view of the situation in the U.S.

Fear of political action is reported to have closed up all "bookies" in Montreal this week.

Iran has complained to UNO about Russia. Russia has countered with suggestions that the situation in Greece and Indonesia be studied. Just one big, happy family.

CCF Leader Coldwell stated this week that the atomic bomb presents a new challenge to the Christian church. We were wondering who it would be passed to next.

The Earl of Halifax, Britain's ambassador to the U. S. plans to resign next May, it is stated.

Insurance Company's Business Is Spread Over A Wide Field

In its 59th annual report the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company reports that the first time in its history new business has passed the hundred million dollar mark, the actual figure being \$107 1/2 million.

The Company transacts business over a wide-spread area, as is evidenced by the distribution of its new business 40% of which was written in Canada and Newfoundland, 27% in the United States and 33% in fields abroad.

Business in force now amounts to over \$853 million, held under 328,000 policies. Assets under administration for the fulfilment of these contracts aggregate \$295 million.

During the year, over \$17 1/2 million was paid to beneficiaries and policyholders in death claims, matured endowments, annuity payments and other policy benefits.

Mrs. V. Potvin To Be Buried Here Friday

Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning for Mrs. Victorine Potvin, who died at her home, 62B Main Ave., Timmins, on Wednesday morning. Mrs. Potvin was 83 years of age and had been a resident of Timmins for a period of 16 months, coming here from L'Orignal, Ont.

Mrs. Potvin was born at L'Isle Perreault, Que. Twice married, her second husband predeceased her in 1926. Surviving besides her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Beaulieu, with whom she had made her home, are two sons, Alphonse Page of L'Orignal, and Ferdinand Page of Ottawa; one brother, Ferdinand of Ottawa; two sisters, Mrs. A. Lavigne of Montreal, and Mrs. T. Carriere of Vanleek Hill. Thirteen grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren also survive the deceased.

The body is resting at 62B Main Ave., and funeral services will be held on Friday morning at 9 o'clock at Notre Dame de Lourdes church. Funeral services are being directed by Cheniers Funeral Home.

High Ladies Single Bowling Score: 297

Wearing the laurels for high singles and high triples in the Ladies Bowling league, are M. Kennedy and M. Clark. Miss Kennedy copped the honours last week with a high single of 297, and a high triple average of 723.

This week the crown is being worn by M. Clark, with a high single average of 285, and a high triple of 743. Prizes are given each week to the ladies chalking up the highest single and triple averages.

ments of the Victorian era and exerted a far-reaching influence on the thought of his day. He was a calm seer and a prophet of things to come. He foresaw the two great World Wars. He "dipped into the future, far as human eye could see," and he saw "the airy navies grappling in the central blue."

"Till the war-drum throbbed no longer and the battle flags were furled

In the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World."

That poet's vision of a hundred years ago has been partially realized, and we are looking hopefully for its fulfilment in the United Nations Organization. The poets have always dreamed of a Golden Age, usually in the remote past, and by their travail and song they have been weaving the pattern of that which is to come.

"In these hard times we should put a bride on our appetites."

"I would rather put a bit in my mouth."

From Frankfurt in Germany comes word that the first free elections in 13 years have brought out a 90% voter. And neither Stalin nor Eisenhower were candidates.

The Ontario Mining Ass'n has stated that about a million dollars worth of gold is stolen from Ontario mines each year. And they say crime does not pay!

D. C. Draper, long-time police chief of Toronto, has resigned this week.

The British proposal to allow immigration of 15,000 Jews monthly into Palestine has been turned down by the Arabs.

What is left of the German fleet will be divided between Britain, U. S. and Russia. France has been offered part of Britain's share.

Rumor stated General De Gaulle may travel to Canada next week.

The statement that Russia is interfering in Iran is described as "fantastic" by Moscow radio. Other sources have other descriptions of Russia's actions.

General Charles De Gaulle has resigned irrevocably again. This time it is in protest against cuts in money appropriations for his army. The general is becoming a very resigned person.

Union officials in Chicago are reported to be much opposed to the U.S. government plan to take over the entire U. S. meat industry.

Mrs. Wuori Honored By Many Friends On Her 60th Birthday

After the regular Finnish Sunday evening service of worship at the home of Rev. A. I. Heinenon, 53 Rea St. South, the usual fellowship hour became a surprise party in honour of Mrs. Fanny Wuori, whose sixtieth birthday was on Saturday, Jan. 19.

Rev. Heinenon spoke briefly on behalf of fellow-members and friends of Mrs. Wuori, who has been a faithful worker in the local Finnish United Church during the past twenty years. On behalf of fellow-members and friends, Rev. Heinenon also presented to Mrs. Wuori some valuable and useful gifts.

Mrs. Wuori, who was taken completely by surprise, replied in a few suitable and well chosen words, thanking her fellow-members and friends for the birthday gifts.

The evening was spent in singing favorite hymns. Mrs. Toivo Kallio presided at the organ. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. A. I. Heinenon, Leivo P. Punkari and Mrs. Rachel Leivo, assisted by Misses Leah and Vera Heinenon. Those present and those who contributed the birthday gifts, although unable to be present, included: Mrs. Anna Peterson, Ruben Peterson, Mrs. Rachel Leivo, Mr. and Mrs. Eino Laamanen, Miss Laura Laamanen, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Punkari, Mervyn L. Punkari, Kenneth P. Punkari, Sgt. Tauno J. Flink, Mrs. Flink, Lois Flink.

Gnr. Kauko A. P. Heinenon, Miss Elie T. A. Heinenon, Mr. and Mrs. Nestor Utrianen and children, Mr. and Mrs. Toivo Kallio, Mrs. E. Pyyntonen, Mr. and Mrs. Veljo Ryhanen, Miss Hilja Ryhanen, Henry Ryhanen, Mrs. Sanna Kuusisto, Mrs. Aune Rimmis, Mrs. Filja West.

Mrs. Ellen Halonen, Mrs. Armas Hill, Mrs. I. Laurila, Mrs. T. Seppa, Mr. and Mrs. August Lehtinen, Linda and Waldo Maki, Hannah and Uno Erkkila and children, Helmi and J. Lehto, Mrs. Alina Lehtinen, Mrs. Helen Savela, Mrs. Anne Kaitanen.

Sam Luhtanen, Hilda Jarvi, Sam Maki, Hilda Miettinen, Martha and Vern Ellison, Hannah and A. Maki, Mr. and Mrs. A. Koskela and children, Mary and Victor Taskinen, Ida and William Vaisanen, Emmi Ruotsala, Hilma Waldon, Mr. and Mrs. Wuorela

NOTES TO YOU

While we have been at all times ready to admit the mastery of la morgue litteraire" which has placed the writer of this column among the hierarchy of the republic of letters, we were nevertheless more than a little surprised to find our efforts had been subject to discussion in an English class in the Timmins high school.

Seems our belles-lettres" anent Dwyer's Art Galleries provoked thoughtful comment by the teacher.

This, we think, is perfectly splendid. 's even good. It serves to illustrate once more the advantages which the students of today enjoy, and of which their parents knew nothing.

Our mind goes back to our own school days. How well we remember the crowded, one-room school heated by its round-bellied stove, and filled with the clatter of eight different grades, all going through their studies at the same time. Here was education in the raw -- no gymnasiums, no manual training rooms, no "Notes To You".

It was pretty tough.

Perhaps both teachers and students will join with us in the sorrow which we report that following our description of Dwyer's Art Gallery, no less than two calendars have been stolen.

This is vandalism of the worst sort. It was two of the very best calendars that were taken, one of the bus drivers said, paying unconscious tribute to the good taste of the thief.

Now, what we want to know is: how is the loss to be made good? What action do the police contemplate? Are the firms who contributed the calendars willing to send out duplicates? Are we, as citizens of the Camp, to stand idly by while the best of our art falls prey to this foul pillager, this despoiler of culture? Are we? Eh?

Are we? In the event of no correct answer being received the nearest to correct will be accepted. Members of the firm and their families may not compete. We have enough trouble, as it is.

We have found a possible explanation for the concealed look on the face of the guy who louses up the other side of this page... it's the mail he receives.

On his desk this week is a pamphlet from the government of Brazil, evidently anxious to keep him informed on the volume of guarana processing; a pamphlet called The Canadian Arab

and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Kosti Joki, Armas Joki, Aino Oja, Helma and Andrew Heino, Edward Heino, Emma Waijenius Aino Valve, Mrs. Viitasari, K. Kallio, Mrs. Anna Kyllonen and children, Mrs. Tynne Maki, Miss Leah C. Heinenon, Miss Vera M. Heinenon, Rev. A. I. Heinenon and Mrs. Heinenon.

Two Permits Listed For House Building

Three building permits have been issued during the past week.

On Jan. 18 Vincent Carleton of 321 Tamarack St. was given permission to undertake the construction of a dwelling. Estimated cost of the venture is set at \$1,900. Two permits were issued on Jan. 21.

Leon Nink of 6 O'Neil Ave. received permission to construct a dwelling. The cost of same set at an estimated \$2,000. Permission was also given to Mike Klim of 222 Spruce St. North for the construction of a cement cellar and repairs to the house, with the estimated cost of the venture set at \$500.

United Church W. M. S. Plan Valentine Tea

A Valentine tea, under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society of the First United Church, will be held on February 16 in the church basement. There will be home-baking, apron and novelty tables.

explaining the Arab position in Palestine; one from the Canadian Palestine committee, explaining the Jewish position in Palestine, and the spring catalogue of Tobe's Treery, who claim to have scooped the nation with a new midget watermelon.

With mail from such varied sources reaching his desk each day, soliciting his support and good will, he has become confirmed in the belief that his opinion means something. Now he won't eat with the rest of the staff. He goes home for lunch, taking the bus both ways.

Several weeks have passed since the publication of the King's New Year's honours list, and we have yet to hear any satisfactory explanation of why our name has been omitted.

We can, on the other hand, think of any number of reasons for awarding us the British Empire Medal. Chief of these reasons, of course, is the role we played in Operation Paperclips in World War II. While the story is not known among the rank and file, many of those who played leading roles in the recent conflict look upon Operation Paperclips as a turning point in the war.

Soldiers of World War I may not appreciate the significance of the thing at all -- but in their war, we would point out, everything was done in duplicate and paper clips were almost unnecessary.

This war was different. Everything had to be done in a minimum of six copies, and without paper clips the whole thing would soon have bogged down. England might have been invaded, and Hitler might be in Canada today, looking for rooms.

That is what paper clips meant.

And who had the paper clips? That is the question we would ask those who type out the New Year's honours list. Just before Dieppe, who came through with three boxes of the large, No. 1 size, and a box, only recently opened, of the smaller, No. 3 size.

Disregard, if you will, the two typewriter ribbons which we located in Aldershot just before D-day. Forget, if you must, that eraser we found in Guildford. Overlook, in your ignorance, that filing cabinet we dragged from Luc-sur-Mer to Antwerp. True, the drawers were missing when we arrived, but the spirit was there.

Forget all these things, we say... but remember those paper clips! And remember us, next New Year's.

"Literary style it says here, but maybe they're kidding.

"Polite literature. Don't know where we'd be without this dictionary. ***But of course the spirit situation was different in Belgium than it is in Ontario.

Leafs Score 12-2 Win In Midget League

The Maple Leafs white-washed the Bruins, 12-2 in Monday night's game of the high school's midget National Hockey League.

In the first period, the Maple Leaf forwards cut up the Bruin's defence with neat passing plays, McLaughlin and Towers getting through nearly every time. Skehan and Petroni did their best to break up the rushes, but didn't quite click.

McLaughlin and Kirk each scored twice; Whitford once, and Towers chalked up two assists for the Leafs. Penalties were given to Digillo and McCullough.

In the second period the Leafs tried their best and managed to get one goal, on a Petroni from Sanderelli play, but their defence continued to be inadequate against the Leafs' superior passing. Towers, Kirk and Stoudor scored, with assists going to Heino and Whitford.

Fast play featured the third session. Goals were scored by Towers, Heino, Torione and Whitford for the Leafs, assisted by McLaughlin. Skehan got credit for the Bruins second and final tally.

Referees were: Auger, Sicoli and Porco.

Line-ups
Maple Leafs: Cadieux, Towers, McLaughlin, Kirk, McCullough, Digillo, Didone, Torione, J. McLaughlin, Whitford, Tait, Heino, Stoudor.
Boston Bruins: Winsa, Sanderelli, Skehan, Petroni, Crak, Hawkias, Warren, McLeod, Filippino, Robitaille, Trumble, Capidoccio, De Marchi, Campbell, Schulsk.

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TO THE EDITOR

January 16th, 1946.

The Editor
Porcupine Advance
Timmins, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

The members of the Schumacher Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society have instructed me to express to you and to your staff, their gratitude for your kind assistance during the past year.

Your excellent co-operation in the publication of messages and news items concerning the Schumacher Branch has been most gratifying and we wish to thank you for your assistance in furthering the work of this branch.

Yours very truly,
ANNE JAKSIC
Secretary.

January 17, 1946

The Editor
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TIMMINS, Ontario

Dear Sir:

May I take this opportunity of expressing my personal appreciation of the interest which has been taken by W. B. Brewer in the matter of a Community Centre as evidenced by his letter which appeared in the local press a few days ago.

Like Mr. Brewer, I am also of the

opinion that we could make much better and more complete use of the facilities which we have than we are making at the present time. I heartily agree with him that school buildings could be used much more than just for the teaching of the three R's.

I think that the idea brought out by Mr. Brewer is very important and I would respectfully suggest that citizens generally might express their opinions on the subject through the medium of the local press.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I am
Yours sincerely,
J. W. SPOONER

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A POETICAL PILGRIMAGE

BY LEWIS MULLIGAN

Poets are generally supposed to live in the realm of imagination remote from the mundane affairs of everyday life, and it must be admitted that many of our greatest poets have spent much of their time in that ethereal region. Homer, Virgil, Dante and Shakespeare, although they based their narratives upon historic characters and events, wove a magic spell around them which spiritualized material and commonplace things and clothed mortals with immortality.

We know little or nothing of the personal life of Homer, but he evidently had a wide experience of military and governmental affairs. Virgil was a man of property, which he lost during a civil war, and spent the rest of his days farming, when he wrote several books on the art of husbandry and the blessings of country life.

Dante was a soldier and a politician, as well as a scholar. At the age of 35 he was chief magistrate of Florence. In some civic strife he was expelled from the city, his property was confiscated, and the remainder of his life was spent in bitter exile.

Shakespeare was the son of a tanner in the small town of Stratford. He could have had little more than an elementary education, for he was married at the age of 18 to a farmer's daughter eight years older than him-

self, by whom he had a family. In his early twenties he left Stratford and went to London where he did some menial jobs at the G-obe Theatre, became an actor, wrote plays and eventually was a shareholder in several theatres.

It will thus be seen that each of these great poets had to wrestle with the hard realities of life. Had they not known human life in its various aspects they would never have been able to write about it as they did, for their imagination and gift of expression would have been limited in range and quality. They learned by experience that which they gave to the world in poetry.

Milton, who was perhaps the most ethereal of modern poets, did not live a cloistered life, but passed through and took an active part in one of the greatest political upheavals in the history of England. He engaged in the political and religious controversies of his time with vigorous enthusiasm and he served as secretary to Oliver Cromwell under the Commonwealth.

He started to write Paradise Lost at the age of fifty, and that great work of creative imagination was inspired not only by religious zeal, but was stimulated and enriched by the turbulent experience through which he had passed.

Wordsworth is known as a placid,

philosophical poet who lived the greater part of his life in seclusion amid the hills and lakes of Cumberland. But he could never have written Tintern Abbey and the Excursion if he had not as a young man travelled in France at the time of the Revolution. He was smitten with the Republican fever, which, however, very soon spent itself upon the rise of Napoleon.

His friend, Coleridge, the mystical poet, was also for a time an enthusiastic political rebel and had planned to migrate with Southey and other literary friends to the American colonies, there to establish a utopian colony somewhat along communistic lines. The scheme was abandoned in disgust as the result of the French Revolution, and he remained at home to write The Ancient Mariner and talk metaphysics.

Byron, Keats, Shelley and Burns all lived brief and troubled lives. They were born into different social spheres. Byron was the son of the nobility, Keats was the son of a livery-stable keeper, Shelley's father was a landed proprietor, and Burns was a son of the soil.

Tennyson was born in a vicarage and he lived for the most part a shielded and ideal poetical life. But he came into a great literary and philosophical inheritance and profited by the experiences of the poets who went before him.

He took an intense interest in the social, scientific, and religious move-