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Raising Children Not Instinctive Noted Psychologist States

Dr. W. E. Blatz, M.A., M.B., and Ph. D. gave his initial address on child psychology at a luncheon in the McIntyre on Monday sponsored by the Parent Education Committee of the Adult Education Council of the district. Miss Lois Kelly was chairman.

"I feel the most efficient method of bringing up children is in the family," the noted psychologist began, 'though many people have accused psychologists of trying to break up the family. They believe the state shouldn't have any affair in the raising of their children.

"Unfortunately many parents are too prone to believe what they read in books on the raising of children. They open the book at the page which appears to deal with their particular child problem, and immediately, without further research, put the plan into operation. After a week or so of negative results they assume they looked at the wrong diagnosis and take instructions from another page. One probably reads, "if a child cries pick him up," the other "if a child cries let him cry, don't touch him."

"Schools is the next place where the children should be tought child guidance. But unfortunately they learn little.

"In the first place, especially in the city schools, there is one teacher to about every 50 pupils, for efficiency and individual attention the ratio should be about 1 to 25. In the kindergarten it should be about 1-12. Thus you can see where the school's influence on the child can't compete against the home where the ratio is about 3 teachers for every 5 children. And state control couldn't compare with either.

"Our public school teachers get one year of normal school to qualify for the teaching profession, in which is included nothing of child psychology," Dr. Blatz continued.

"There is absolutely no way of telling whether the prospective teacher will be a success or not, or whether they have the required personality, an important attribute of a teacher. And you can't implant personality in a teacher, they must acquire it on their own.

"Some people are under the impression that parents don't have to know anything about the raising of children, that the whole thing is instinctive. It isn't. And many believe that the children inherit certain peculiarities and nothing can be done about it. That also is not true. It's the personality of the parents and environment in which the child is raised that counts most.

"Where do children get mental hy-

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Hockey Fan Receives Fatal Injuries In Car Accident

Reginald Boisvert, Kirkland Lake, driver of a car returning home early Saturday morning from a hockey game at the McIntyre Arena Friday night smashed into the rear of a parked timber truck near Hoyle and suffered injuries that resulted in his death in the South Porcupine hospital Monday morning.

Passengers in the car with the victim were Miss Bernice Jones, Mr. and Mrs. David Bauldry and Don Lawrie, all of Kirkland Lake. Miss Jones suffered a fractured nose and bruises; Mrs. Bauldry head bruises; David Bauldry a bruised arm, and Don Lawrie a shaking up.

Boisvert's remains were sent to Kirkland Lake Monday night. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Boisvert, are residents of Kirkland Lake.

Rec. Director's Report To C. A. C.

Basketball

Girls — 3 Senior, 11 Junior teams (schedule drawn up).

Boys — 100 boys to be graded into teams (High school teachers assisting).

Kennel Club

About 25 people have approached director about a kennel club. It will be formed shortly.

Drama Groups

A theatre group embracing drama clubs will be formed. However, a stage must be secured for rehearsals.

Fact-Finding Committee

A fact-finding committee to look after the budget is composed of J. Downey, H. Chateauvert and W. Brewer.

New York Rangers last night moved into third place in the National Hockey League with a 6-0 shut-out over Boston Bruins.

DOMINION PROSPECTORS

A meeting of the Porcupine Branch of the Dominion of Canada Prospectors' and Developers' Association will be held on Monday February 24th at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be the drafting of recommendations to go to the annual meeting of the Dominion Association which will be held in Toronto on March 10-11-12th.

All members and those interested are earnestly and cordially requested to attend.

BARBARA ANN SCOTT, world champion figure skater will highlight the 12th Annual Carnival of the Porcupine Skating Club April 10-11-12. Miss Scott, 18-year-old Canadian and North American champion, and the first skater to bring the world's championship to this side of the Atlantic, cabled her affirmative reply to the local club's request Tuesday. Barbara is well known in Timmins, having spent most of last summer training at the McIntyre Arena.

Appointments At Hollinger

Mr. E. L. Longmore, general manager of the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, announced today that Mr. T. E. Hawkins has been appointed superintendent of the Industrial Relations Department. He was formerly Assistant Superintendent.

Simultaneously the general manager announced that Mr. H. M. Ferguson was appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Industrial Relations Department. He was formerly foreman of the Training Division of the Department.

Child Study Groups Home & School Assn.

Inspired by the addresses and visit of Dr. Blatz child study groups are already getting under way at the Home and School Clubs.

Fifteen members have already joined the child study group of the Mattagami Home and School Assn. and it is expected many more will join in the near future. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. M. Abramson, 66½ Wilson Ave., at 8 p.m. Friday, February 21st. Everyone interested is invited to attend. For further details contact Mrs. W. Brewer, phone 667B.

Another group is being formed at the Central School under Mrs. A. A. Rose with the next meeting being held at the Central School at 8 p.m. Wednesday, February 26th. Everyone interested is invited. Mrs. Rose stated that it is hoped to form a series of study groups for parents with children of various age groups, such as preschool groups, kindergarten groups and others.

Public Meeting On Bus Transportation Feb. 27

A public meeting to discuss the advisibility of a municipal owned bus transportation for Timmins will be held in the council chambers of the municipal building on Thursday, February 27th, at 8 p.m. council decided at a special meeting.

This meeting is called at the suggestion of councillor Bartleman after council had received a request from the township of Tisdale asking that Timmins join them in a joint meeting on a muncipal owned bus system.

Councillor Bartleman pointed out at the last council meeting that the present bus rates are too high, and that school children were forced to take roundabout bus routes to school that took considerable time and cost the students two bus fares.

In addition councillor Chateauvert observed that miners were being packed on to buses like flies without regard for comfort or safety of the passengers.

YMCA Campaign Dinner On Monday

ATTENTION LIONS — KINSMEN — KIWANIS — Y'S MEN

Fellow Service Club Members:—

Please be reminded that your attendance at the Campaign Dinner in the McIntyre Gymnasium on Monday, Feb. 24th at 6.45 p.m. is urgently required in order that you may hear JUDGE R. S. HOSKING, general secretary of the YMCA for Canada, discuss the establishing of a YMCA in the Porcupine Camp.

Timmins Porcupine Community YMCA
P. T. Moisley, President.

Story Noranda Strike Will Be Told Sunday

Mr. T. F. McGuire, co-ordinator of district No. 8, who was in charge of the Noranda strike, and two executive members who served on the picket line, will address an open meeting on the story of the Noranda strike at the Empire Theatre at 8 p.m. Sunday night. I Vachon, president of Local 241, will act as chairman of the meeting.

Hollinger Win Evens Sr. Hockey Play-offs

Hollinger Greenshirts moved up to an even footing again in the Porcupine Mines Senior Hockey League's best of five playoff by defeating McIntyre Macmen 5-2 last night.

With their goalie, Porter, suffering from a second cut over the eye which hindered his vision, Macmen did not have the brilliant net work that was mainly responsible for their win Monday night when they defeated Hollinger 2-1. Brownlee, Hollinger goalie, played outstanding hockey.

Hollinger

Brownlie, Lallo, Izatt, Petrucci, Stewart, Cecchini, Glaister, Theriault, Pontello, Larmer, Marinacci, Gordon, Schwab.

McIntyre

Porter, Brklacich, Eckert, Clouthier, Ladds, Beauseigle, Lister, Wilson, Everett, F. Innarelli, D. Innarelli, Senyuk, G. LaBarr.

First Period

No score.

Second Period

1. Hollinger, Petrucci—Gordon 11.45
2. Hollinger, Izatt—Theriault 18.05
3. Hollinger, Petrucci — Pontello 19.59.

Third Period

4. Hollinger, Lallo 1.25
5. Hollinger, Stewart 7.27
6. McIntyre, Beauseigle — Eckert 10.24
7. McIntyre, Beauseigle 16.21

Local Man Escapes Gas Pump Explosion

Saved only by the fact that he remained conscious when an explosion occurred in the 10-foot square concrete building where he was pumping gasoline from a railroad tank car to a reservoir near the Mattagami river, Rolly Richer, 108 Spruce St. North, his clothes in flames, managed to stagger from the building and extinguish the flames by rolling himself in the snow. Fortunately the nearly full reservoir and tank car didn't explode.

Mr. Richer, driver of a gasoline truck for the Taylor Distributing Company handling Good Rich Oil Products, went to the pumping station about nine o'clock Tuesday night and started the machinery that pumped the gasoline from the railroad tank car to the reservoir. At 4.30 Wednesday morning he switched on the electric light in the pumphouse and the explosion occurred bursting the concrete walls and tossing the roof off.

A. Shank, watchman at the Feldman Timber Co. mill, heard the explosion, phoned the fire department, and rushed to Mr. Richer's assistance.

Mr. Richer was rushed to the St. Mary's Hospital where he is recuperating favourably.

Ed. note: The explosion was believed to have been caused by a spark from the electric switch, the same cause of explosions which was believed to have blown many four-engine Liberator bombers apart during the war. Gas fumes, sweating through the collapsible rubber gas tanks in the wings of the Liberator formed in the bomb bay of the bomber and when the electric hydraulic switch was thrown to open the bomb-bay doors it threw a spark which caused the fumes to explode and blew the bomber in two.

Capacity Audience Hear Famous Pianist

(By George Jenkin)

Last night, at the Palace Theatre, a capacity audience was treated to a magnificient display of the piano art. Sacha Gorodnitzki, the famous American pianist, more than upheld his great reputation holding a very appreciative audience spellbound through out a lengthy and varied program.

In reviewing his performance it is difficult to avoid the use of superlatives. All that he did, he did with such magnificent ease and in such a flawless manner that criticism becomes superfluous.

His first selection was "Sonata in B Minor" by Scarlatti, beautifully played with the clarity and tonal contrasts the work demands.

Brahms "Paganini Variations" is a gigantic composition which is seldom attempted by pianists, it is actually a technical "tour de force" calling for superb dynamics, and the difficult cross rhythms can only be successfully negotiated by a master — Mr. Gorodnitzki was really thrilling in his rendition.

A well chosen Chopin group followed, the "Impromtu in A Flat Major", the "Nocturne in E. Minor", the plaintive melody and accompaniment being in beautiful tonal balance. The "Waltz in E Minor" and "The Butterfly Etude" were gems of pur Chopin and the big "Polonaise in A Flat Major" at the end of the group brought a storm of applause and deservedly so.

To begin his third group, Mr. Gorodnitzki played the "Chorus of the Whirling Dervishes" by Beethoven-Saint-Saens. This is the first time any artist has performed this piece in Timmins, and the amazing dexterity of Mr. Gorodnitzki was clearly evidenced.

The "Prelude in G Major" by Rachmaninoff was also new to most of the audience, as was the "Contrabandist" by Schurann-Tausig.

Debussy's "Fireworks" was a revelation of the artist's power of interpretation, the tonal colors he produced will be something long remembered.

"Consolation D flat" by Franz Liszt was an entirely different composition, the artist wove the lovely melody into a pure work of art.

'La Campanella" an adaption by Liszt of a violin composition by Paganini brought the program to a close, the sheer brilliance of this performance defies my pen, it was wonderful plus any other adjective you can think of. Liszt is generally credited with being the greatest of pianists when he lived, I wish he could have heard Sacha Gorodnitzki last night.

The crowd gave Mr. Gorodnitzki a tremendous ovation and he generously responded with "The Flight of the Bumblebee" by Rimsky-Korsakov; The "Minute Waltz" by Chopin and then paid the audience a compliment to their taste and appreciation by playing the very difficult, and rarely performed "8th" Hungarian Rhapsody" by Liszt.

It is indeed difficult to write critically of each piece. Mr. Gorodnitzki is truly one of the world's greatest pianists. He possesses all of the attributes of the master, his marvelous interpretation and lyrical powers were in evidence in all he did, his technical abiliyt is amazing and his ability to paint tonal colors is something musicians dream about.

Salvation Army Needs Hostel To Give Service It Believes Necessary

TO INVESTIGATE DUST CONTROL

Arriving in Timmins yesterday to investigate dust control in the local mines were Dr. Evans, company doctor, and Mr. A. T. Burkhardt, company engineer, of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, of Lankford, Pennsylvania. It is believed that some of the district mines have more efficient dust control system than at present employed in the mines of the Lehigh Coal Company.

"To enable us to carry out our work properly we should have a hostel with at least a dozen beds, showers, cooking arrangements and a place for the boys to press their clothes and look respectable," Captain Doug Church of the Salvation Army said in an interview with the Advance.

The present Salvation Army Hall at 12 Birch Street South is not sufficiently large enough to add hostel accommodation, Mr. Church said, and an addition to the present building would be necessary if the desired services are to be carried out.

At present the Salvation Army provides accommodation and meals to unfortunate transients by giving them tickets for beds in local homes and meals in restaurants. These are paid by the Salvation Army.

Even at that the transients aren't given the opportunity to freshen up by means of a shower and have their clothes cleaned before going out to look for a new job.

Capt. Church said the number of transients calling at the Salvation Army Hall have been steadily increasing since the war. "This winter has been the heaviest season yet," he said. "The average is around eight a day with from 14 to 16 on week-ends."

The number on week-ends are heaviest because that is a time when lumber camps, stores and mines are closed and the men looking for work are forced to wait over until the beginning of the following week. As most of the men are short of funds they have to find some accommodation and meals to tide them over.

Capt. Church said most of the transients are good types and some have excellent training. The majority are city lads, and recently many gave their home addresses as Windsor and Toronto.

Some are sent to Timmins by the National Employment Service. On arrival they find it is necessary to pay their fares back and get the idea they are working for nothing. Some too, are not fitted for the only kind of work they can get up here — in mines and lumber camps; neither have they the proper clothes; so they quit and wire home for money, coming around to the Salvation Army for assistance until the money arrives.

One chap was sent up by the Employment Service to work on the power project at Iroquois Falls. On arrival he couldn't pass the necessary medical so he walked all the way to Timmins looking for work. "When he arrived here his feet were in terrible shape," Capt. Church said. "The man

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Public School Teachers Receive Salary Increase

51 public school teachers will benefit by the new salary schedule which gives them an average yearly increase of $225, effective February 1st, 1947. Principals, however, will not benefit. The Public School Board approved the increase because of the high cost of living.

The revised schedule is as follows:

Male Teachers

Minimum $1800 year (formerly $1700)
Maximum $2800 year (formerly $2700)

Women Teachers

Minimum $1500 year (formerly $1200)
Maximum $2300 year (formerly $2200)

This increase is just for the town of Timmins and will be borne entirely by the public school taxpayers of the town. The Government grant which was approx. $54,000 for 1946 will not be increased. In fact, the total grant for the province of Ontario will be the same as last year, and if there are more schools to divide the grant between the Timmins grant may be slightly smaller than last year. However, the Government grant last year to Timmins was increased from $8,000 to $54,000 so in any event the teachers' increase will indirectly be assisted by the Government.

IN HONOR OF BELL

Here is Canada's new four-cent stamp which honors inventor Alexander Graham Bell. The stamp shows Mr. Bell being crowned with a laurel wreath by a winged figure of a woman.

Kiwanis Observe Boy Scout Day

Monday was Boy Scout Day at the weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club at the Empire hotel. Community singing for the day was all from the Boy Scout song sheet, and was led by Kiwanian Nick Basciano, for many years an active leader in Boy Scout work in the community.

Four members of the Kiwanis Troop of the Boy Scouts were present as special guests of the club.

Jack Atkinson, field commissioner of the Boy Scouts in Ontario was a guest speaker, but, on account of the fact that he had to leave on the 1-15 train, his address was necessarily brief. However, he succeeded in inspiring his audience. Touching on the theory held by some, that there were too many different organizations for youth, he pointed out that boys and girls have different interests and ideas, and that what would appeal to one might have little attraction for others. For this, and other reasons, he felt that there were not too many organizations, but that there was room and need for all of them. As a matter of fact, he said, there were less than 40 per cent. of the youth of the country in all of the organizations combined. The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Canada numbered some 170,000, and so were of much importance. At the present time, the great need of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides was for enough competent, adult, leadership. He asked the Kiwanis to continue their active interest and support of the Boy Scouts and the Girl Guides.

President O. R. Kennie thanked the speaker on behalf of the club.

Another special feature of Monday's meeting was the motion picture film shown by Kiwanian Doug. Church. This depicted ski-ing activities in the Laurentians and the beauty of that area of Canada's wonderful winter scenic interest. Kiwanian

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Child Study Necessary As Arithmetic Algebra

Mrs. A. A. Rose director of the Home and School Assn. of Northern Ont. and chairman of the group interested in child study introduced Dr. Blatz to the meeting with a fitting introduction mentioning that his visit was the culmination of their efforts of over ten years of parent-child work in Timmins. It was a year since they had asked the Ontario Adult Education Board in Toronto for professional guidance.

Dr. Blatz said that child study began in Toronto nearly 25 years ago with a grant from the Rockefeller Institute to the University of Toronto. At present the St. George's Nurses School in Toronto has the only child study research laboratory in Canada. Five years ago the provincial government put up the budget of $15,000 for the school. This is the only money spent by the province for the study of children under five. From the age of five to the age of thirteen no research or study has been done.

"Now, for the first time in history $6,000 has been voted for the training of parents in child psychology, 'Dr.

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Classes For Expectant Mothers at Health Unit

The topic for the next class of expectant mothers will be "MEDICAL SUPERVISION DURING PREGNANCY" which will be held in the municipal building from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Monday February 24th.

The lecture on the subject will be "Why You Need to Visit the Doctor!" by a local Obstetrician; and a demonstration of maternal supprots will be given by a representative from the Health Unit.

Children of the mothers will be cared for at the municipal building by volunteer women members of St. Johns Ambulance, and tea will be served for the mothers by the Women's Institute.

This is one of a series of classes held each Monday under the direction of Public Health Nurses Miss Marjorie Hudson and Mrs. H. E. Watson. Expectant mothers are urged to attend.

Electrician Receives 12,000 Volt Shock

Accidentally touching a bushing of an oil breaker with a 12,000 volt connection in the Schumacher sub-station of the Hydro Mr. S. G. Hindson, electrician, was instantly knocked unconscious. Fellow workers applied instant resuscitation and brought Mr. Hindson around in from three to four minutes. He was removed to the General Hospital suffering from shock and severe burns on his left hand and right thigh.

Failure Main Cause Of Juvenile Deliquency

Advisory Planning Comm. Appointed

Following councillor Bartleman's report on the town planning conference which he attended in Toronto, and the need for more advanced town planning for Timmins, the following were appointed to the Timmins Advisory Planning Committee:

W. McDermott, A. G. Irving, A. Gillies, town engineer J. D. MacLean, and councillors J. P. Bartleman, J. E. H. Chateauvert and W. Roberts.

Curling Notes

W. Small's rink won the McIntyre Trophy by defeating Roy Lafferty's rink 10-5 in the curling competition which ended Sunday night.

The winning team was composed of: G. Fleminy, lead; Bill Laporte, second; A. Maki, vice-skip; and W. Small, skip.

The runners-up team were: P. G. Smith, lead; G. Whyte, second; E. Marcherio, vice-skip; and R. Lafferty, skip.

63 rinks were entered in the competition which began two weeks ago.

On Monday play began for the S. A. Wookey Shield and the Storehouse Shield, the interdepartment mine shields for the McIntyre Mine. A special event is being held for curlers who are not employees.

12th Annual Bonspiel

The 12th Annual Porcupine Bonspiel will get underway Monday, Feb. 24th with play for five events:

The Marshall-Ecclestone Trophy
Fairhurst Trophy
Dome Curling Club Trophy
G. R. White Trophy
Timmins Curling Club Trophy

The finals for the Bonspiel will be played March 1st and 2nd. All entries must be in by Friday, February 21st.

"Juvenile delinquency follows the stock market trend, high when the market is high, and low when the market is low," Dr. Blatz said to the meeting of social workers and police staff.

"The cause of juvenile delinquency arises from two main factors," the Doctor said. "First is failure, something a great many children meet at everything they try. The second is boredom.

"Our school requirements are such that 30 per cent of the children are bound to fail at least one grade. The requirements are set for the above-average child, not for the below-average. These children are seldom praised or approved by their teachers and parents, just classed as dumb. Our educational system doesn't provide for I.Q.'s under 100. Under the prseent set-up it's a wonder more children don't go wrong.

"Sports is the same. There can only be a few winners who are given all publicity making most of the children failures.

"Imagine if you were up against failure for ten steady years, you'd have a resentment against society too. A feeling of injustice is bound to arise against rules and regulations.

"The children we get in juvenile courts are sulky, resentful and suspicious because all they've ever had cast up to them is the failures they've been.

"The second main cause of child delinquency is boredom," the psychologist continued. "Children are not taught to make use of their leisure time in constructive and interesting ways. Eventually they'll act on impulse for the lack of something to do, and it usually ends in trouble.

The psychologist mentioned that children should be taught to train their smaller muscles, the eyes, tongue and hands, to learn carpentry, painting, sculpture, wood-working etc. These skills should be devel-

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