NEWS & VIEWS OF T.H.&V.

(By Edgar Roy)

Nore Flynn

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER

Never expecting to be working as a lumber-jack, it was a new experience to find myself in a pointer, with six other fellows, crossing Abitibi Lake with an electric storm in hot pursuit of our little boat. Our job was that of taking logs that had escaped the spring drive off the shores of the lake.

Luckily we did not realize the danger we were in. To us, the spray breaking into the boat was fun and the four foot waves added that hint of danger that teen-aged boys love. We laughed and sang and the boatman looked at us as if we were crazy. Now and then he would glance worriedly over his shoulder at the terrible storm chasing us across the water.

Soon we sighted a spot of white that nestled in a bay on an island. Bernie Shea, of Iroquois Falls, had told us that our camp would have bunk houses, waitresses and many other luxuries. From where we saw it, our camp looked as though it were composed of tents. We were due for a great deal of disappointments and a few pleasant surprises.

The surprises came thick and fast when we landed — a short hundred yards ahead of the storm. There on the beach were a group of Toronto High School seniors and college men. And they were playing rugby.

Extremely friendly, the tall Torontonians (all but two of them were over six feet tall) escorted us to our camp. We were almost floored.

No waitresses or bunk-houses here. Nor was the camp even on dry land. It was on a scow approximately sixty feet long and thirty feet wide. There were two tents for the "sweepers" to sleep in, the cook tent, and the office tent. These accomodations housed twenty-six men. The barge was unbellevably crowded.

We did not eat at a table. Our meals were served cafeteria style and eaten while seated on our bunks. The camp looked rather rugged that first night but we were too excited to worry about it.

Narrow Escapes

Luke Grenier, formerly of Timmins narrowly escaped drowning when he took a cramp while swimming. Luckily Tony Duncan, Montreal, and Bill Waite, North Bay, were near enough to rescue him. This was the only near-tragedy to occur outside of our working hours.

During our day's work, however, we were in danger often. Storms would whip up on the lake very suddenly and often we were caught in the open either on shore or in the open boat. Many times, to escape the swamping boat, we would have to jump from the pitching bow of our pointer, to the deck of the boom tug I think our foreman, Albert Grenier, suffered more than we did, thinking that one of us would miss.

On shore, during storms, we were in danger from lightning. Perhaps it was coincidence but on two occasions the lightning hit uncomfortably close. Once a jagged fork passed over two groups' heads and hit a tree close to where we stood. Another time the lightning hit the lake about twenty-five fee from us. The shock, or fright, sprawled men on the ground both times.

When working in swamps (up to our necks) continual watch was kept so that no-one would sink in the oozy bottom. Added to this was the discomfort of stinking, green-slimed water, sunken roots, snakes and blood-suckers of various kinds. We did not like the swamp very much.

Minor accidents occurred every day. At night someone was always bandaging a picaroon wound, limping or rubbing a bruise. Ted Mann and Gordon Holmes, both of Toronto, had to go out to Iroquois Falls for treatment of very deep wounds. Mann had a picaroon point imbedded between his toes. Holmes had stepped on a nail, driving it through his foot. To give the Toronto men credit, they sure were tough.

Excellent Food

Our food was very good although much the same from day to day. Breakfast was a heavy meal of dry and wet cereals, bacon and eggs, toast and canned plums or prunes. The choice in beverges was tea and coffee at all meals.

Dinner was composed of mashed potatoes, peas or corn, several canned or fresh meats and two kinds of pie and cake.

Supper was exactly the same as the dinner. We ate very heavily and everyone gained weight.

Our amusements were reading, swimming and games of Hares and Hounds on the island. And every night, on the deck of the L. R. Wilson, boom tug, we had bull sessions on every topic on earth. The days were surprisingly full and August zoomed by.

The month that I worked with the Abitibi was very enjoyable and filled with memories of good comradeship and fun.

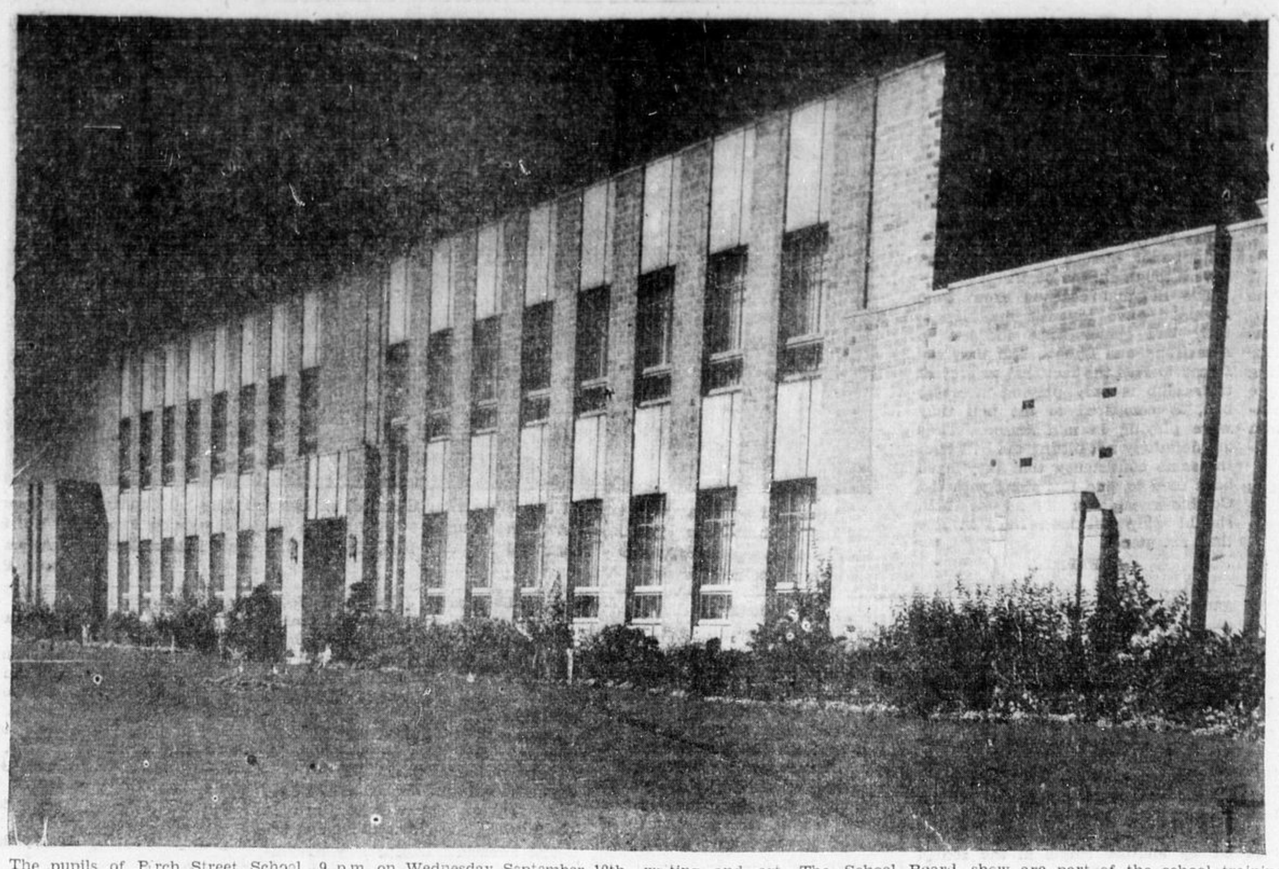
Returning to Timmins, I was quite surprised at the changes in our town. There are many eye-sores removed and many new shops open. This is a welcome change.

Another surprise, to me, is the eager anticipation with which my friends are looking forward to school.

Local 241 Donation To The Cripps Fund

At a members meeting of Local 241, I. U. M. M. and S. W. (C. I. O.) unanimously decided to make a donation to the Cripps fund. No amount was set, but one official is stated that it will not be less than $25, and it is expected that several members will add to the sum donated from the union fund.

The Womens Auxiliary of the Union shipped their monthly parcel to the value of $50 to Christie St. Hospital, and it included many items suggested by the war veteran patients.



The pupils of Birch Street School, under the supervision of their teachers, will stage an exhibition of their work in the south playroom between 7 and 9 p.m. on Wednesday September 10th. The exhibition, the 3rd annual will include flowers vegetables baking, and sewing besides woodwork, crafts, writing and art. The School Board supplies the prize money and former exhibits have been highly commended. A large percentage of the articles on show are part of the school training program. All are cordially invited to attend.

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THE LEGION COLUMN

Friday evening turned out to be an extraordinary evening, a large attendance and the Orphans in good form, that ivory tickler John Tessier got things going as he usually does, the Orphans Choir were composed of W. Bright, W. Trarise, Gerry Harris, J. Shaw, Les Nicholson, Len Spears and Gig Carswell.

Comrade Jack Brady introduced a visitor to the members in the middle of the sing song he was, Luis Martin, Chief Chef to the House of Commons and by appointment to the King and Queen and over and above that he had a good voice to which he gave proof when he sang a duet with Len Spears which was really good. Len also gave us a solo in his usual manner, also pleasing the audience. We hope Gig had his little book with him and has Len's name on top of the list for our future smokers and one or two others. Perhaps he noted also the trio at the centre table, Bill Jack and Gerry who were certainly giving their best. We sincerely hope that Mr. Martin enjoyed our company as we certainly did his. Bill moves that the Club supply a movie camera, he thinks that a few pictures should be taken of the boy's in action, I did see some making funny faces in an attempt to reach the higher notes. It would be a nice picture to show some quite evening.

Saturday: many of our members and those of the Dart league will be sorry to see Bob Brand leaving our midst as he has left for Chatham where he is to reside in the future. Bob will be missed by many especially those who gave him a trimming and got away with it, we sincerely hope in his new place that when he picks up his darts to have a game he will think of us up here in Timmins, incidently, he left his darts with me and just like a Scotsman's trick, they were moth eaten, anyway Bob we all wish you the best in whatever you do.

On Monday we had a visitor from Branch '87' Kirkland Lake, comrade John McPhail who expressed regret at the cancelled trip of the Kirkland Lake Dart Players and he promised a later date.

Many of those who took in the last trip to Kirkland want another one, so we will arrange one for Saturday Sept. 27th. Dart players and Cribbage players and maybe a few supporters, so get your names down.

Col. W. Rhodes D. S. O., M. C. was a visitor this week in Timmins, he is Director of the Soldiers Aid Commission and interviewed those service men who had appointments. Comrade Frank McDowell and M. Belanger were chosen as delegates from Branch '28' attending the Provincial Command convention this month at Windsor.

Another discharge button was picked up and handed in, the number is 459 170 this adds to our collection, some have been picked up by the owners seeing this column and there is still a few left so if anyone has lost a button call in it may be here.

The Legion Skunk Torphy for Aug. was eventually won by comrade George Bowie with a one stripe lead over comrade M. O'Brien. They have already started on the September issue and Bill Pennington is off with a one stripe lead over C. Wheeler, V. Bourke and J. Williams. Vern gave Bill all his. Gig Carswell is calling for you bowlers again for the Legion league there is a list on the notice board for your names so get them down.

To our sick members in out of town Hospitals, comrades A. Loader and L. Lynsey in Christie St. Toronto, E. Barker in Dividale Con. Leeside, A. Sinclair in Gravenhurst and H. Bird in Essex county San Windsor we wish them a speedy recovery.

To those at home, comrades Bob Russel, D. Cotcher, R. Wilson, G. Morris, J. McFarland, Bill Hogg and B. Pinkerton we also wish them the best and hope to see them around soon. To our service men still serving overseas and those late of Timmins and Branch '88' and residing there, comrades, F. Curtiss, J. Fortin, J. Law, K. Hulme, J. Fairnie and Bill Aston to them we send our weekly greetings. Any one knowing the fellow who lost that roll of exposed film at the Hall two weeks ago and is still here, they might let him know so that he can pick it up.

Things to remember this month: Empire Theatre every alternate Wednesday and bring your friends, the next dates are Wednesday Sept. 3rd and 17th General meeting Sept. 30th, 7.30 p.m. and all applications for membership will be accepted at this meeting, all those who have not yet joined especially those who like to frequent the club and not members now is the time to get in. Join the Legion in your Region.

Till next week:
J. Gordon

Rainy Days Can Be A Problem

Children are a problem on rainy days when they cannot play outside. If they show an inclination to stray from the playroom, have you ever thought that maybe the color scheme isn't attractive to them?

According to color experts, children first learn to distinguish between black and white, next between red and blue, and later between green and yellow, but it is usually somewhat difficult for them to distinguish between orange and yellow.

Pastel shades which delight the eye of the grown-up usually have little or no appeal for small children. It is therefore evident that he ues of fairly strong colors in reasonable amounts is permissible and in fact desirable in a nursery or child's playroom. This does not mean that the walls and ceilings should be vivid. Too much strong color is nerve-racking, even to a child.

The furniture in the children's room is important. Many people furnish these other rooms. That is all right, of course, provided this furniture is dressed up in cheerful colors. With a child, nothing develops nerves and take temper faster than being forced to live and play among the unadorned discards of the older generation.

The walls and ceilings of nurseries and playrooms should be washable and sanitary-- that means the use of paints, the most practical and economical way of achieving the desired results.

The colors should be clear-cut and of a cheerful variety. A deep cream ceiling would look good when complemented by walls of soft light blue, with animals and birds stencilled in red, black and deep blue. The floor of such a room could have a rug of deep blue, and the curtains could be white with light blue or red dots. The furniture should be sturdy, possibly painted French grey decorated with red. A novel touch can be achieved by substituting alphabetical blocks for the regular drawer knobs. Abedspread of blue tufted in red would complete the effect.

Another room which appeals to children has the ceiling and upper walls painted buff, the lower walls deep rose, the floor grey with the furniture nile green. The rug is red and buff, the curtains are white with red dots and ruffles.

Those are only a couple of suggestions. The shape of the room, the amount of available light and personal preference will probably suggest variations. But whatever the color scheme, it should be planned with the taste of the child in mind. A room of their own helps keep children contented until the weather clears--particularly if it is colorfully and appealingly decorated.

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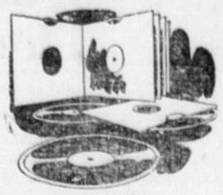
A Branch Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9th, 1947, at 8.00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the McIntyre Community Building, Schumacher Ontario.



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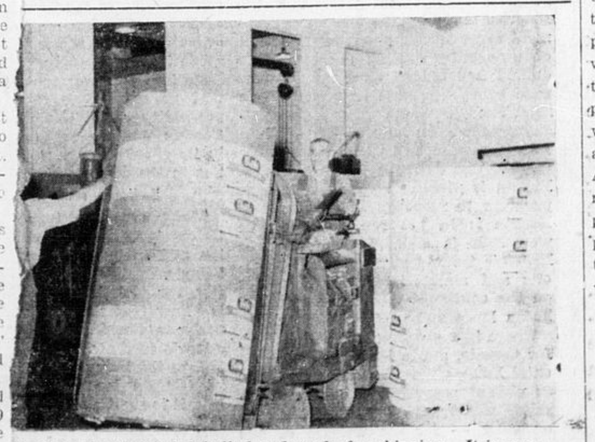

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