



The local drama club under the supervision of TCAC had an interesting week of study last week with Mr. James Dean of Toronto as director. Above are shown some of the zealous patrons of the dramatic arts hard at work making scenery flats. They are left to right, Mrs. Fred Miller, Schumacher, Margaret Cunningham, Mrs. Theriault, foreground, Patricia Coulas, with her back to the camera, Vita Linder and Mary Zudel. "A very enthusiastic group," said James Dean.

George Drew Best Bet Says William Grummatt

By Kenne h McQuiggan

"The fact that George Drew has delayed so long in getting down to business about an election shows that he is definitely still thinking about national leadership of the Conservative Party," said William Grummatt, CCF member for South Cochrane this week. "Constitutionally Drew is still premier of Ontario," said Mr. Grummatt, "but the people of Ontario have always liked to see their premier an elected member of the Legislature. Mr. Drew is no doubt looking for election to the national leadership to save him the bother of facing a by-election in Ontario."

has wanted for a long time," said Mr. Grummatt.

In looking over the field of possible leaders for the Ontario Conservative party if Mr. Drew should be elected national leader Mr. Grummatt named Leslie Frost as the best possible choice.

"I am speaking for the party when I say Mr. Frost, for he is a fine man and a good Conservative. I don't think that Leslie Blackwell would be a good Conservative leader for Ontario."

Local Conservatives weren't very divided in their thinking this week as the convention date September 30th drew nearer. The Daily Press laid down a propaganda barrage for John

Diefenbaker for a while then this week started beating the drums for Drew. But the general Conservative estimate in Timmins was that George Drew would take the election in Ottawa, "hands down."

The point of the matter comes down to just this. As a political leader everyone knows where George Drew stands. Diefenbaker is a political unknown as far as many people are concerned and hasn't any practice in party leadership. Too many are afraid that he puts a bit too much emphasis on "Progressive" and not enough on "Conservative."

Mr. Drew has always had the backing of the Ontario Conservatives, except in his own riding during the last election, and would no doubt be able to influence a larger number of Conservatives than could Mr. Diefenbaker.

At a meeting of the Timmins Con-

servative Association three delegates were elected to attend the Ottawa convention on September 30th. Mr. F. H. Bailey, Mrs. W. O. Langdon and Mr. Leo Charlebois were chosen to represent the district.

It is interesting to go back over the records and see what they say about Mr. Diefenbaker. It was at the 1942 convention in Winnipeg that Mr. Diefenbaker showed that he was an outstanding Conservative and not to be lightly shoved aside.

The 1942 convention was made necessary by several factors. In the first place, Hon. R. J. Manion suffered a personal defeat in the 1940 general election, and retired from the leadership of the party. The senator, the Right Hon. Arthur Meighan was asked to lead the party once more and resigned from the senate to do so, but failed of election in York South. He, accordingly, felt that a new leader should be chosen. In the meantime Hon. R. B. Hanson had acted as house leader from May 1940.

The national convention was called by Mr. Meighan in his capacity as national leader of the party, and Winnipeg was chosen as the convention city.

At the convention a change in practice was adopted. Up to this time the exclusive right to summon a national convention had been vested in the leader of the party, but at the 1942 convention, it was decided that the Party's national association should have this exclusive right.

For this reason J. M. Macdonnell, K.C., M.P., President of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada, will open the 1948 convention in Ottawa.

At the convention Arthur Meighan, in his speech, referred bitterly to the fact that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation refused to broadcast the proceedings of the convention on the ground that the CBS could air no political controversies over the radio in time of war. He charged that every speech made by a Liberal Cabinet minister over the air was loaded with controversial political material, of a partisan government in effect. At the evening session of the second day, Ivan Sabourin, K.C., presiding, the nominations for the leadership of the party were received.

John Bracken was the first to be nominated and John Diefenbaker was second. He was nominated by David James Walker of Toronto and seconded by R. D. Hanbridge of Kerrobert, Sask.

Murdock Alexander MacPherson of Regina was the next nomination and in the balloting that followed he was in second place. The voting resulted in Bracken receiving 420 ballots, MacPherson, 222 and Diefenbaker 120 ballots. Howard Green of Vancouver was fourth with 88 votes and the Hon. H. H. Stephens, Vancouver was fifth with 20 ballots.

In the final ballot Messrs Stephens and Green withdrew from the contest and John Bracken received 538; MacPherson 255 and Mr. Diefenbaker 79.

On a motion of Earl Lawson, Ontario, seconded by Col. Alan Cockeram, the name of the party was changed to that of Progressive Conservative Party. Of course John Diefenbaker has made many speeches since his advent to Ottawa but the Conservative die-hards consider them "light" and without much weight. Mr. Drew on the other hand has acquired "weight" by his many attacks on the CCF and the Reds.

"We know where George stands," said one doughty Conservative. "This other fellow, Diefenbaker, I never heard of him until just lately." And that is probably how the convention will go.

William Grummatt Suggests Strong Miners Union Like United Paper Workers

By Kenne h McQuiggan
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William J. Grummatt is optimistic about the outcome of the Timmins union struggle.

"I am on record in Hansard as saying that the miners of the Porcupine know how to handle their own affairs," said Mr. Grummatt, M.P., CCF member for South Cochrane, and House leader of his party during the last legislature.

"I hope this union, the Porcupine Mine Workers Union, will succeed in smashing the red gang and bring a strong union to the Porcupine. It is about time they had a strong union here. All the reds including Kennedy are only in Timmins to disrupt. They don't wish to make a strong union but just wish to keep others from doing so properly."

Mr. Grummatt was speaking from his Ansonville law office and said that the union at the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Mills had been established 27 years ago with the check-off and the union shop.

"There is no opposition on the part of management to the deduction of union dues," said Mr. Grummatt. "The bosses see that the men join the union and follow the union rules."

"And it is only fair too," he said, "when a man works for a plant where the wages have been established by the union he should have to contribute something to that union, and should be a member."

"There has been no labour strife at the Abitibi Plant in Iroquois Falls. The men are content and so are the bosses. Each respects the other and the union takes care of any slackers. I believe that such a union could be made to work in the Porcupine if they really got it started."

This week The Porcupine Mine Workers union settled down to try and work out their various problems. They knew that they had a tough fight on their hands even if the reds were expelled from the Porcupine. The mines would be no more willing to negotiate contracts with them than they had with previous unions, despite the tag of "company union" which the reds had played on them in desperation. Brothers Carlin, Ivan Vachon and organizer Buck Behie were sure that the fight was going to be a tough one.

but they decided that if they could contribute in any small way to the future of the union in the Porcupine that they are willing to work hard. And they will probably have to.

Canadian managers are continually trying to say that Canadian wages are on a par with those in the United States. This is misleading and won't do them any good as workers have been taught to read and it is surprising what they think when they read

that the average factory hand in the United States was making \$52.81 a week in June, an all-time record. The lowest average wage increase won was taken by the furniture workers who got 7.7 cents an hour hike. The highest for the year was the petroleum industry which gave 16 cents an hour. And then came John Lewis with an average of 14.3 cents an hour more. These figures are from the U. S. Department of Labour.

Br. Labour Government Still Active And Strong

By Kenneth C. Rathbone,
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Election prophets are beginning to forecast the prospects of the Labour and Conservative parties at the next general election, which is expected about May, 1950.

Those prophesying Labour losses point to the heavy Labour percentage in the Gallup Polls. But conflicting with this is the fact that by-elections since the 1945 general election. There are undoubtedly many people expressing dissatisfaction with the Labour Government for thousands of different reasons, some real but perhaps unavoidable, and others trivial or imaginary.

But many of the dissatisfied do not expect anything from the Conservatives either. Several times I have said to irate grumblers, "Well I suppose you will vote Conservative next time," and received the reply, "No, they would be a bloody sight worse than the Labour crowd!"

Some mistakes made by the Government or Ministers, and the inevitable hardships due to war destruction, are often remembered more than their good work. About 90 per cent of the newspapers are against the government and they constantly harp on the mistakes and hardships to inflame discontent, while playing down or suppressing news of the Government's achievements.

A campaign of this nature undoubtedly has some effect on the ordinary person with no deep political interest or firm conviction who relies on a

capitalist newspaper for his information and for many of his opinions as well. Such people will not read a Labour newspaper, or attend Labour meetings, so the Labour Party can only reply by free house to house distribution of leaflets as far as party funds permit.

When such things as the new social security schemes are introduced everyone appreciates says "Thank you," and then the scheme is taken for granted or forgotten. But the capitalist press sees it that the grumblers are kept alive daily.

Some people with short memories grumble when going on their holidays because the nationalized railways are overcrowded and trains sometimes run late because there are a large number of specials running to cope with the rush. They forget that the war has held up railway development needed to carry the extra traffic now that many people can afford holidays today which they could not afford before.

The 1950 general election will be one of the most bitter and hard fought elections which Britain has known for some time past. Both the Labour and Conservative parties are working up tremendous campaigns. The Conservatives have the advantage of vast funds to draw upon, but a Liberal leader has tartly described the Conservative campaign as "too much money chasing too few ideas."

New Stamp Honors 100 Yrs. Free Govt.

Postmaster General Bertrand announces that a special 4-cent postage stamp will be issued on Friday, 1st October, 1948, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the achievement of Responsible Government in Canada.

The over-all dimensions of the stamp will be approximately 1 1/2 x 1, or the same size and arrangement, as the pictorial issue of 1946. The stamp will bear the picture of the Canadian Parliament Buildings with the portrait of the late Queen Victoria, during whose reign Responsible Government in Canada was achieved, in the upper left hand corner, and that of His Majesty King George VI in the upper right hand corner. The colour will be blue gray. The stamps will be issued in sheets of 50.

Plans are being laid to have the stamp placed on sale at all the principal Canadian Post Offices on the 1st October, 1948. The stamp will also be on sale, by mail order, through the Philatelic Section, Postage Stamp Division, Post Office Department, in Ottawa, on and after the 1st October.

No First Day Cover Service will be provided by the Post Office Department.



Here are shown Mr. James Dean, Toronto dramatic coach imparting a few hints to his enthusiastic "drama" students. Last week the TCAC held drama classes which were "exceptionally well" attended. Left to right, Mr. James Dean, Toronto, Mrs. Alice Burt, Miss Adelia Pelezziari, seated, Miss Clara Zanchin, Donald Tanney, and Mrs. D. Rowe.

Kiwanis Discusses Plans For Community Chest

Monday's luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club at the Empire hotel was an "open forum," the guest speaker arranged for the day, Graham Dunlop, president of the Y's Men's Club, being unable to be present on account of an attack of flu.

Two questions called forth considerable discussion. One of these was the matter of the Kiwanis Club at Barber's Bay. President H. J. Quinn reported finding the camp broken into and some damage done. This was the fifth time this had happened this year. When W. O. Langdon asked if the Girl Guides could be guaranteed the use of the camp each year, with the idea of the Guides making some improvements, a general discussion ensued. The general opinion seemed to be that the most practical plan would be to lease or sell the camp.

The other topic of discussion was the Community Chest Plan. Kiwanian R. P. Kinkel, chairman pro tem of the committee for the Community Chest Plan, explained that at present effort is being made to educate all in the value of the plan, and a careful survey is being made to find how many favour it. It was estimated that if the plan were carried through, it would be necessary to raise between \$60,000 and \$65,000 a year. It was expected that the following would be the causes coming under the plan: the District Children's Aid, Salvation Army, Canadian Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Navy League, V. O. N., St. John Ambulance Brigade. It was suggested that to finance the cost of the survey and other preliminary work the several service clubs each give \$25.00 to \$50.00, according to their size, this amount to be returned later if the campaign were undertaken. On motion, the club voted \$50.00.

A general discussion followed, with many points of interest mentioned. Brian Shelton answered one question by emphasizing the fact that under the community chest plan a subscription could be earmarked for any one or more causes, that meaning that any subscriber did not have to have any of his donation go to any cause he did not wish to support. George Knowles commented on the value and convenience of payroll deductions and employers alike. Past President O. R. Kenne said the plan would not stop other calls and would not affect service clubs' methods of raising money.

Visitors for the day, introduced by Vice-President F. A. Woodbury, were: R. L. Ship, secretary of South Porcupine Kiwanis, and Gene Bondi, of Sudbury, Lions Club.

The special feature in the community singing, led by Dr. I. T. Brill,

with Secretary W. H. Wilson at the piano, was the conscription of Kiwanian Bob Harvey to sing, solo, "An Irish Lullaby."

Reporting for the agriculture committee, Chairman W. O. Langdon, mentioned the Kiwanis park at the entrance to the town, and noted that the committee intended to approach the Hollinger to see if the land might be transferred to the club on the understanding that the Kiwanis would maintain it from year to year as a place of beauty. Chairman Langdon also reported that plans were under way for farmers' forums in the district, but nothing further could be done about this until later in the fall when the farm rush would be over.

President Quinn announced that next Monday being Labour Day, and a public holiday, the regular luncheon would be on Tuesday, but there would be a round table conference at the usual time on Monday to accommodate visitors and to allow for making up of attendance.

Vice-President F. A. Woodbury reported having met this year's Dominion president of the Society for Crippled Children, who last year was president of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children.

President Quinn referred to the illness of Kiwanian Louis Halperin, who now was reported as improving, though visitors were not allowed. The secretary would let members know when visitors could see this very popular Kiwanian. Reference was also made to the illness of Kiwanian Frank Feldman, the president being glad to report that Frank was well on the way to recovery.

Landing Barges Move Horses to Camp

Seventeen horses belonging to the Mountjoy Timber Company left by landing barge for the lumber camps on Lake Kenogamissi. The horses were loaded on the Mountjoy Timber Co. barge at the Mattagami River beach and were taken by barge as far as the Wawaite power plant where they portaged for three miles to another point on the river.

Safely loaded on another landing barge they resumed their journey to the timber camps on Lake Kenogamissi. The landing barges in which the horses rode were the same type as those which the Canadians used on their August day at dawn to come in on the beaches at Dleppe.

Firemen's Sports Day Mon. Hollinger Park

The Porcupine Firemen's Association are holding a sports day at the Hollinger park on Labour Day. Along with firemen's events like "hose and ladder drill" and "hose wagon race" they will have some track and field events and children's races.

The baseball finals between Hollinger and Kirkland Lake will be held for the Ennis Cup. During the afternoon the Timmins Citizens Band will play band music at the band stand.

Following the day's festivities there will be a dance at the Melvire Community Centre with Ron Jones and his orchestra providing the music.

The long awaited new pumper for the Timmins Fire Department will be shipped by freight on the 10th of September. Chief William Stanley said today. This modern addition to the fire department is now in the paint shop at the LaFrance fire fighting equipment plant. It is expected to arrive here on the 14th and will be driven from the freight car to the Fire Hall where space has been readied for it.

Capacity tests will be made at Gillies lake on the 18th with an underwriter's inspector in attendance. This new piece of equipment will add greatly to the efficiency of the Fire Department and will get the firemen to the scene of a fire much more quickly. A cab over engine type or pumper it is guaranteed to deliver more water and without increasing the pressure on the town's water mains. It can in a pinch deliver water from a river or lake at adequate pressure on six different hose lines.

Chief William Stanley gave his regular fall warning this week in regard to clean stoves, stove pipes and chimneys.

"Make sure that the stove and pipes are far enough away from the chimney and stove pipes clean," the Chief said. "You can get better heat and save fuel and reduce the chances of having the house burn down."

"We like our work," the Chief said, "but we don't like seeing a place burn down when it can be prevented. Fire prevention rules are easy to follow and home owners should take the greatest care of their homes."

Spoons aren't medicine—Napier Moore, writing in The Financial Post about a holiday trip to Nova Scotia, reports that at a tiny roadside cafe on the Annapolis Valley highway he ate an excellently prepared lunch. But he ate it under a sign reading: "Knives, forks, spoons, ash trays and salt shakers are not a medicine. So please don't take them after meals."



The Timmins Community Activities Committee has been busy this summer on the beaches and on the playgrounds. Here are shown a group around TCAC Supervisor Bim Sturgeon at Hollinger Park where they were running off the playground tests last Saturday. Bim directed the crowd of kids from his microphone and the twins kept tab on him.



This may not be the olympics but to these youngsters these races are mighty important. Here are shown two of the long line of boys getting off to a good start in the 40 yard dash. This was part of the tests in the Playground Achievement Standards set by TCAC which supervises the playgrounds.