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Rotary Club of North Bay



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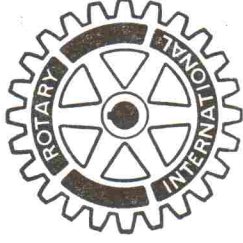


THE ROTARY CLUB
of North Bay, Ontario



Embodying
HISTORICAL SKETCH
of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BAY

by
HARTLEY TRUSSLER



OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

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The Rotary Club of North Bay



INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 701

Governor: SYDNEY J. MONEY



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY 1973 EXECUTIVE

President: Donald T. H. PAINE

Past President: HERBERT E. BROWN

Vice-President: FRANK B. TIPLER

Secretary: DOUGLAS MacMILLAN

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Directors:

JACK ADAMS	CLYDE LANSDELL
WILLIAM BEGY	BRUCE McCUBBIN
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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Some 35 years ago, during the depression, in Chicago, Illinois, a man became president of a company which was on the verge of bankruptcy. The man had given up a good job to take over the company because he had confidence it could succeed. The company made a good product, but so did its competitors. They also had more money to promote and advertise their goods.

So the man set out to develop the character, dependability and service-mindedness of his employees. As a guide to right thinking and a yardstick by which everyone in the company could measure their relations with others, he developed a simple, easily memorized test which asks these four questions:

- 1—Is it the TRUTH?
- 2—Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3—Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIP?
- 4—Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

These questions now form what is known 'round the world today as the "ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST."

The debt-ridden company was turned into a growing enterprise worth more than two million dollars.

Herbert J. Taylor, the man who saved the company and developed the "TEST," was elected president of Rotary International in 1954-1955 year, when he turned over to Rotary International the "FOUR-WAY TEST" that he had so successfully used in his business.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Service Above Self - He Profits Most Who Serves Best

1600 RIDGE AVENUE - EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201 - U.S.A.

ROY D. HICKMAN
President

1 February, 1973

To All Members of
The Rotary Club of North Bay, Ontario, Canada

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

As you observe your golden anniversary, I am pleased to have the opportunity to extend warm greetings to you.

A half century of "Service Above Self" is a very significant achievement. The Rotary Club of North Bay can be justly proud of its splendid accomplishments in all four avenues of Rotary service. I express hearty congratulations to all who shared in bringing Rotary to your community and in planning and conducting your club's activities throughout fifty eventful years.

In 1923, when your club was organized, there were 1,469 Rotary clubs in 29 countries. Today there are 15,518 Rotary clubs in 149 countries and geographical areas. Each of us has an ever-widening circle of fellowship in Rotary.

The celebration of your golden anniversary is a happy time for reviewing past successes, but more importantly it is a time to plan ahead. "Let's Take a New Look" is the theme of this Rotary year, and I invite you to look ahead to increased activities in carrying out the Object of Rotary.

Best wishes to all.

Sincerely,

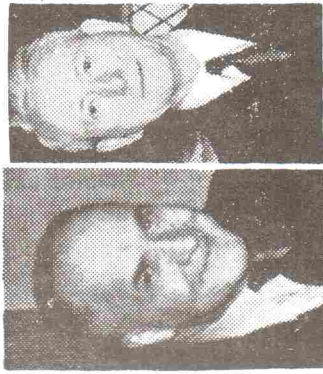
ROY D. HICKMAN,
President

Honor Veteran Rotary Members

Dr. B. F. Nott has been named an honorary life member of North Bay Rotary Club.

Other life members are: George W. Lee, Carl Sanders, Col. C. E. Reynolds and T. J. Patton, the latter a past district governor.

At the Monday meeting of the club, H. A. Blachford, president,



Dr. B. F. Nott

T. J. Patton

presented life membership cards to Dr. Nott and Mr. Patton the only two of the five who were present.

Dr. Nott expressed his thanks for the honor conferred on him and reminisced briefly about some incidents during his 15 years as treasurer of the club. He is succeeded in that office by A. N. McKinlay.

Dr. Nott besides expressing pride in his Rotary membership commented on his pleasure at a 40-year membership in the Shriners, another organization which did all it could in the interests of crippled children.



President's Letter

To be president of the Rotary Club of North Bay in this, its Fiftieth Anniversary year, is indeed a privilege and an honour. To look back in the shadow of so many past presidents of outstanding achievement leaves me overawed. In that 50 years, this club has climbed to a position of respect and affection in the community, not least for its performance in the establishment of facilities for helping crippled children. Camp Tillicum, developed by earlier members in their wisdom, is known to all in the area, and many further afield, for the magnificent and happy camp it is for youth. Many other aspects of the work and achievements of 50 years of membership by community-minded men and their Rotary-Anns have impressed the name "Rotary" on our people. Mention a name of a well-loved and respected citizen of the past 50 years, and the chances are it was that of a Rotarian. Many are still with us; others have, sadly, departed or moved on to greater effort in other places. One sometimes hears the comment that Rotary is "an old man's club." Our club endeavours, and succeeds in including youthful members willing to contribute part of their lives to community effort, international goodwill and fellowship. No such member, grown older and wiser in Rotary, is ever unwelcome. Herein lies the strength of Rotary. By our rules, the best and most successful people in each classification become eligible for membership.

I know that Rotary in North Bay will continue to serve and be successful, going forward in achievement with all that is best for our community. Onward to the Centennial!

DON PAINE

History—North Bay Rotary



FOREWORD

Churchill once said: "Ten years is a lot; twenty years is the horizon of most; fifty years is antiquity." He was quite right. Unless written records have been kept, the memories of men are rather fickle. There are only three of the original charter members living, and age has dulled their memories. In my researching the history, I can find little data of the early days, as the minutes and bulletins have been lost. The late Frank (F. D.) Wallace gave me his version of the formation and first years of the club, but from that time up to 1949 there isn't much to go on. So, I have endeavoured to compile what there is available into a running account of the principal happenings. Since 1949 I have kept all the Rotary Lodes, and they are bound in books which are deposited in the public library. There are four volumes now. They are available to any Rotarian.

A half century is a long period in any man's life, and although I have spent half of it in Rotary, I'm afraid there are many things you, as fellow Rotarians, will consider important which I have failed to record. However, I have done my best, and hope you will overlook my shortcomings.

HARTLEY TRUSSLER

SOME PAST PRESIDENTS



Top row: E. J. Pifher, T. M. Palmer, Reg Harris, Arne Blachford, Jack Stevenson, Kelly Gould, Stewart Mount
Sitting: Hartley Trussler, Fred S. Fosdick, Frank D. Wallace, Tom J. Patton, Walter Little, Lester Zufelt

NORTH BAY ROTARY HISTORY

Fifty years ago the need for community service was first felt in North Bay by a group of business and professional men who had the conviction that a service club should be organized. The question naturally arose, which of the several clubs then in existence would best suit the needs of the community. Early in 1923 an organizer of Kiwanis called a meeting of a number of local businessmen at the Pacific Hotel (now the St. Regis), but for some reason he failed to sell Kiwanis to the men assembled. As Frank Wallace said, "He was a big city man talking to a bunch of northern hicks." It happened that Bill Neal came to North Bay that year as general superintendent of the Algoma District of the C.P.R. Previous to coming here he was located in Toronto, and there he was a member of the Rotary Club. It was but natural, when he heard of the desire to form a service club, he told his friends about Rotary and did the missionary work that resulted in several Toronto Rotarians coming up to organize a Rotary Club in North Bay.

About fifteen met in the George Hughes Restaurant on McIntyre St. West, where Alfred's Tailor Shop is now, and it was decided to form a club. The Toronto members who were present did the spade work and took the responsibility of sponsoring the club. Things moved rapidly, and on June 6th, 1923, the charter was received and Rotary was established in North Bay. At the inaugural meeting there were 25 members, namely: Bobby Angus, Charlie Brown, Dr. Dunc Campbell, Charlie Coleman, Eb Doan, Dr. Rupert Dudley, Fred Fosdick, Jim Holmes, Charlie Knox, George Lee, S. J. Mason, Bill Milne, Tom Mulligan, Jack MacPherson, Jack McDonald, Maurice McGuinty, Jack McKerrow, Bill Neal, Father J. J. O'Leary, Tom Patton, Cecil Rorabeck, Carl Sanders, Jim Thomas, Harry Thompson and Frank Wallace.

Of these, only Charlie Brown, Jack McDonald and Carl Sanders are still living. They were a dedicated, enthusiastic group. I remember many of them, and will give a brief sketch of those I knew.

Bob Angus was a surveyor and civil engineer, one of the Angus family of contractors and builders who constructed the Pro-Cathedral and many other buildings in North Bay, and also built many of the big projects in the North. Bob was a quiet, unassuming man who shunned publicity.

Charlie Brown, at this time, was an assistant traffic manager with the Abitibi Paper Co., later a customs broker. He was appointed secretary of the club soon after it was formed, and held that position for over 40 years. He was given a testimonial dinner on his retirement and was known as Rotary's immortal secretary.

Dr. Dunc Campbell was one of North Bay's leading surgeons, known throughout the North for his brilliant work—a tall, handsome man with a very outgoing personality—a great doctor in the medical team of Campbell & McMurchy. He also built the Campbell Drug Store block on the corner of Main and Ferguson Streets, and operated the Campbell Drug Store for many years.

Charlie Coleman was a coal dealer. Originally it was Coleman & Prest, but when Prest died Charlie carried on the business. Charlie was one of those fine old-time gentlemen, always well dressed and soft-spoken. It was always said you got a 2,000-pound ton of coal when you got it from Charlie Coleman.



COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN DURING YEAR 1972-73

Front row, left to right: Sam Mercer, Charles McCulley, Al Moyer, Bruce Goulet, Doug McDonald, Peter Hudson.
Back row: Bruce McCubbin, Sam Trethewey, Bill Roynon, Arthur Bishop, Don Bushey, Alan Jackson, Lloyd Miller, Bob Snyder, Les "Rip" Barham, Richard "Dick" Tafel and Ralph Diegel.

Ed Doan was a grocer, who owned and operated Doan's Grocery on Main Street East, opposite the Ford Garage. E. A., as he was called, was a very modest man, but took his part in all the activities of the club and in the community.

Dr. Rupert Dudley, the first president, was one of North Bay's leading dentists. He was also prominent in public life, on the Collegiate Board, Board of Trade, Hospital Board, and many civic associations. Dr. Dudley was one of the most dedicated Rotarians I ever knew. I can remember having dental work done by him, and he was so enthused about Rotary he almost forgot what he was doing while he expounded the merits of Rotary. That was years before I ever thought of being a Rotarian, but his enthusiasm I never forgot.

Fred Fosdick was the book store man, who operated Fosdick's Book Store for a lifetime on Main Street West. Fred was one of the most endeared men of North Bay. Always the same—friendly, helpful, unassuming, but taking a leading part in all community affairs, such as Library Board, Boy Scouts, Board of Health, etc.—he was president of North Bay Rotary in 1931 and active in the club until he died. He was known by many as Fearless Fred for his unswerving devotion to principles.

J. E. Holmes was an insurance man whom I didn't know very well, and I believe was only in the club for a short time. I believe he is still alive, living in British Columbia.

C. J. (Barney) Knox was manager of the Bank of Commerce. Barney was a very active member and took a big part in all community affairs.

George Lee was one of North Bay's immortals, and was known throughout the North and all of Ontario as the super public relations chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission. Chapters could be written about George Lee, and his name is immortalized by Lee Park, which he donated to the city. George was mayor of North Bay in 1913 and 1914, president of the Board of Trade, chairman of the Collegiate Board, Master of Nipissing Masonic Lodge 1905, etc., etc. There were few boards and associations he wasn't connected with. Many crippled children were taken to Toronto for treatment in his private car, and nothing was too much trouble for George when people needed assistance.

S. J. Mason was only in Rotary a short time before he left North Bay, and I know very little about him.

W. H. (Colonel Bill) Milne was partner and executive manager of Wm. Milne & Sons Lumber Co., of Trout Mills originally, and in later years at Temagami. Bill was a handsome man with a military bearing. He was a member until he died about 1959.

T. M. (Tom) Mulligan was an insurance man, and one of the pioneer Mulligan family—an Irishman with that ready Irish wit. Tom was president in 1932.

J. M. (Jack) MacPherson was the leading plumber of North Bay, and in later years sort of a financier in the Northern Finance Co. and the Northern Oil Ltd.

J. H. McDonald was the lawyer in the club, and very prominent in civic affairs. Jack was mayor of North Bay in 1925 when it became a city, and thus became one of North Bay's immortal figures—the first mayor of our city. He was president in 1927, and a member until 1943, when he became a judge and was moved to the Soo.

Maurice McGuinty was the R.C. undertaker of North Bay for almost 50 years. Maurice was a great raconteur, with a smile you could never forget.

J. O. (Jack) McKerrow was the traffic manager for the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Co. He was the originator, I believe, of the unit train system. He was the second president of North Bay Rotary, and the only president who ever ran a sort of campaign to gain the position.

W. M. (Bill) Neal was the superintendent of the Algoma Division, C.P. Railway, later general superintendent of Eastern Lines. W. M. Neal was really THE FATHER OF THE CLUB. Through his efforts the club was formed, and his former club, Toronto, was the sponsor. He was a very brilliant, energetic man who steered the club through its formative years.

Monsignor J. J. O'Leary was the parish priest of the Pro-Cathedral. Father, as he was called, was a very outgoing priest, very public spirited—one of the gang. As the bishop said, "He was never in the background."

T. J. (Tom) Patton was Mr. Rotary of North Bay, who probably contributed more to the North Bay club than most men. President in 1929, district governor in 1947—"T. J." was in the forefront of all Rotary affairs from its formation until he passed away in 1957. He was mayor in 1917 and 1918, president of the Board of Trade, president of the Northern Ontario Chambers of Commerce Association, president of the Red Cross, Public Library, Home of the Aged, and numerous organizations. As was written in his obituary, "Wherever T. J. Patton could be persuaded to accept a chairmanship or presidency, or even a position on a committee, the organizations congratulated themselves, for they knew they would get 100 per cent effort from a capable, efficient executive. Such work was his life."

A. C. (Cecil) Rorabeck was owner of the Rorabeck Drug Store. One of the club's most dedicated workers, president in 1925 and active in every phase of Rotary—a man with an exceptionally fine personality—Cecil was one of Rotary's great men.

C. J. (Carl) Sanders was owner-manager of the Gamble-Robinson Co., wholesale fruit and provisions merchants. An American by birth, with a keen business head, he contributed much to the club in numerous ways. He moved to Toronto in the 1940's, where he still lives. Last year (1972) he donated \$250,000 to North Bay's Canadore College. He was president of North Bay Rotary in 1933.

J. A. (Jim) Thomas was owner of The Thomas Jewellery Store. Nobody would ever forget the Irish wit and the unequalled humour of Jim Thomas. He was the wit of the club, and when Rotary had their concerts and black-face shows Jim was generally the interlocutor. Jim was one of the club's immortals.

H. H. (Howard) Thompson was the owner of the Star Grocery, one of North Bay's biggest food stores. He moved to Toronto in the late thirties.

F. D. (Frank) Wallace is one of North Bay's immortals, and one of our club's great members. He was principal of the North Bay Collegiate Institute for over 40 years. There are few North Bay girls and boys whose lives were not enriched by having Frank as their teacher. He was president in 1926, and took a leading role in our club for over 40 years. For many years he conducted the induction of new members, and one of his favorite expressions was, "You must pull your weight. You only get out of Rotary what you put into it." He passed away in 1968.

At this time, early in 1973, there are but four living. Charlie Brown

is still a member of our club, and still working at his profession of customs broker with his company, Charles F. Brown Ltd. His wife, Rotary-Ann Ella, is still head of the Brown household. Charlie was the immortal secretary of our club for almost 40 years.

Jack McDonald lives in Sault Ste. Marie and is quite hale and hearty. Jack was appointed District Judge in the Soo about 1948, and has been a member of the Soo Rotary Club ever since.

Carl Sanders moved to Toronto in 1942, where he lives in retirement. J. E. Holmes, I believe, lives someplace in British Columbia—address unknown.

North Bay Rotary Club

In the early pioneering days in Northern Ontario every man was ready to help his neighbour. It was a way of life made necessary by the rigorous conditions of the time. The service rendered was intimate and personal. In this more complex world in which we now live, the spirit of that old-time personal service still survives, but it now finds expression in the Service Club. The services rendered are no less personal and humanitarian but, through organized effort, they are much more broadly based and they are continuous.

The need for community service was first felt in North Bay by a group of business and professional men who, in 1923, gathered in George Hughes' restaurant on McIntyre Street West to discuss the project. Bill Neal, Superintendent of the C.P.R. and a former member of the Toronto Rotary Club, assisted by several Rotarians from Toronto, convinced the meeting that the club to be formed should be Rotary and nothing less. As a result, and under the sponsorship of the Toronto Rotary Club, Charter Night took place on June 6th, 1923. Since that date, weekly meetings have been held at noon on Monday in various locations as the growth of the club required ever-increasing space. They are now held in the Empire Hotel.

In the first instance, the North Bay Rotary Club was in District 27, an area which embraced most of Ontario and the northern sections of New York and Pennsylvania. As population and clubs increased in number, the District, now No. 247, was reduced in area on several occasions, until today it includes clubs north of Gravenhurst and in Northern Ontario and Northern Quebec. Not only was the North Bay club active in its own area, but it also engaged in extension work. The clubs in Sudbury, Huntsville, Haileybury and Parry Sound were organized and sponsored by the North Bay Rotary Club. The club has been honoured by having two of its members, T. J. Patton, a charter member, and George McArthur, elected District Governor.

In the early days, when the club was finding its feet, its community service was largely devoted to the organization of adolescent sport. During the winter of 1924, two outdoor rinks were built and a hockey league for boys under 16 was organized. This was followed in the summer by the organization of a boys' baseball league. The members took an active interest in this work, which had considerable merit.

During 1925 and 1926 the club's work for crippled children, which since has been its chief concern, was started. The first Crippled Children's Clinic was held in the summer of 1926 and 40 crippled boys and girls were recommended for treatment. Since there were 40 members, each of them took over the responsibility for a child and saw to it that his ward received the recommended treatment and provided transportation,

when necessary, to Toronto. The heart of the club was warming up and the remedial results obtained made a deep impression on the community of North Bay. Funds to carry on the work were initially obtained by a direct contribution of \$1,200 by the members, and the work has been given the wholehearted support of the people of North Bay down through the years.

As a subsidiary activity, the North Bay Rotary Club now has its Camp Tillicum, a summer camp for under-privileged children. The camp site was originally owned by Canadian National Railways and it was used under various auspices from 1927 to 1947, when it was purchased by the North Bay Rotary Club.

The camp takes its name from the Indian word for "friendship" and the hundreds of children who have enjoyed its invigorating and happy environment make that name fully appropriate. To supplement the Rotary use of the camp, other groups, such as Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, religious and educational organizations, are permitted to use the camp for short periods during the outdoor months.

The camp is operated by the Camp Tillicum Board under a provincial charter. It is located on the south shore of Lake Nipissing and the property contains approximately 164 acres, of which five have been developed for camp use. This area will be extended as the need arises and, in the meantime, the property has been made an object lesson in conservation for the campers by planting it with pine trees. The camp has two safe sand beaches for bathing and a diving tower. There are two boats for patrolling the aquatic activities.

Camp Tillicum has accommodation for 100 persons, including staff, and included in the structures are a main dining hall and kitchen, nine cabins, camp infirmary and nurses' quarters, and a crafts and hobbies centre. It all adds up to a happy summer outing under friendly and health-giving conditions for hundreds of needy boys and girls, and it is a source of great satisfaction for all the members of the North Bay Rotary Club.

The constantly broadening activities of the club have called for ever-increasing expenditures. To defray these costs, the club has not resorted to additional appeals for public support but the public, nonetheless, has played a vital role in the latest annual money-raising event, the Rotary Spring Fair held in May. Although inaugurated in 1955, the success of this undertaking has been such that it has become a welcome fixture in the community life. It is the family fair of the North and the Rotary Anns, with their refreshment booth, have made the Rotary families fully operative.

The Spring Fair was held in the fine new Memorial Gardens, North Bay's hockey arena, and its surrounding grounds. Within the building were displays by local businessmen and local and national industries. In the grounds, cars and trailers were on display and there were various types of rides and entertainment for the children. The Nipissing Soil and Crop Improvement Association, under the direction of the Agricultural Representative, also had a varied display to lend rural co-operation.

One of the most colourful features of the Fair with a northern flavour was the square dancing competitions, open to children of school age drawn from the whole Nipissing District.

The club can now look back on a half century of useful community service. It is firmly established on a basis of good works for those who need it most. It is honoured in the community and, within its own ranks, it keeps brightly alight, the torch of friendly intercourse which inspires all of its acts.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

From T. J. PATTON—July 22, 1939

Your election spells confidence of club members and means also that the welfare of the organization has been placed directly upon your shoulders. This being true, you can see how important it is that you are thoroughly familiar with your duties. You can perform your best work for the organization by, first of all, being thoroughly familiar with the duties of your position and, as well, the duties of the secretary, the treasurer, and the plan of operation of all your committees.

You will find in ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, one of your finest allies; they stand ready at all times to not only co-operate, but to go the second mile to enable you to have a successful year. I commend for your consideration, study of the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International set forth in the general provisions under which the Rotary Club, as a member of Rotary International, is to function.

The by-laws of your own club contain the provisions for making effective the policies set forth in the standard club constitution. Familiarity with all four of these documents will be of considerable value to both club president and club secretary. Each Rotary club holds a charter as a member of Rotary International upon terms of conformity to the constitution of Rotary International. The obligation of each club to Rotary International is set forth in the by-laws of Rotary International. Therein one ascertains, among other things (1) the relation of the club with the various constituent parts of the administrative organization of Rotary International; (2) the Club is autonomous in its activities within the limits set forth in the standard club constitution; (3) certain periodic payments, reports and returns are required.

I would suggest to you a study of pamphlet 17, entitled Membership in Rotary. Knowledge of this pamphlet you will find to be of great value and as well as making a thorough study of the Outline of Classifications, published by Rotary International. A knowledge of this phase of your work will save you many a headache; unless a Rotary Club is made a cross-section of the community, the plan of Rotary will fall short, just to the extent that you keep following out the classification idea; as a matter of fact, it is fundamental to the successful working of any Rotary Club.

I have found a great deal of confusion in the minds of some Rotary Clubs as to the duties of, say, the Aims and Objects Committee; the Club Service Committee, and the Board of Directors. It should be thoroughly understood that the Board of Directors has full authority in carrying out the policy of Rotary.

The Aims and Objects Committee, of whom the president is, by virtue of his office, the president, is the committee that formulates or co-ordinates the plan.

The Board of Directors approve or disapprove (invariably they approve) of the recommendations of the Aims and Objects Committee and then, in turn, the sub-committees, composed as you know of Club Service, International Service and Vocational Service, assume their obligations in carrying out the plan for the year as formulated by the Aims and Objects Committee, approved of by the Board of Directors.



CLUB EXECUTIVE — FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY, 1972-73

Front row, left to right: Doug McMillan, Secretary; Dr. Donald Paine, President; Frank Tipler, Vice-President. Back row: W. C. "Wib" Elliott, Assistant Secretary; Wm. "Bill" Begy, Director; Jack Adams, Director; Rev. Clyde Lansdell, Director; Bruce McCubbin, Director, and Jas. "Jim" Sherry, Treasurer. Absent when photo taken: H. E. "Herb" Brown, Immediate Past President, and Larry Edwards, Director.

In closing, I urge every president—in fact, every member—of a Rotary Club that where it is humanly possible, he attend the International Convention and certainly the District Conference.

To my mind, the District Conference is a more intimate gathering of Rotarians; on the other hand, the Rotary International Convention, where are gathered men—and women, too—from the four corners of the earth, cannot help but give you a great inspiration and help to make you realize what a marvellous organization it really is. Just think, gentlemen, that Rotarians travel as far as 20,000 miles, at their own expense, to attend International Conventions, for bear in mind, each year Australia sends her quota.

See to it that your secretary dispatches his attendance report to his District Governor to reach that official not later than the 8th of each month, and will you please make certain that the semi-annual report to Rotary International is dispatched in good time; only by the completion of these reports, especially the latter one, can Rotary International have a real knowledge of the activities of your own local club.

Make sure, also, that your club assemblies meet at least once a quarter.

(Signed) T. J. (Tom) PATTON

From November 23, 1950—President's Message:

"Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. We cannot undo a single act we performed. All the money in the world cannot bring it back.

Yesterday is gone.

Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or masked by clouds, but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow.

For it is still unborn.

This leaves only one day—today. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities—yesterday and tomorrow—that we break down."

"Rotary is truly wonderful. You don't realize what it is until you sit here and think of just what it means to each and every one of us to meet each other every Monday, eat together, talk together, sing together, listen and think together—all mingled in a common desire—
Service above self."

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From March 29, 1951, Bulletin—A request (I wish had been fulfilled) quote from President's Message:

"Again I would ask that every member, especially the older members, search your memory and jot down any story, event or anecdote pertaining to our club that you think would be of interest to the Historical Issue we hope to compile.

"We in Rotary are fortunate and rich in the wealth of knowledge we receive, listening to the splendid speakers and classification talks each meeting. Rotary provides a veritable university of learning."

THE PAST PRESIDENTS

The Past Presidents are important people in the annals of the club and it may be interesting to know something of their lives and personalities. Each one made a contribution to the club in his own way and added to the success and greatness of it during his year.

The first president was DR. (RUPERT) LORNE DUDLEY, one of the leading pioneer dentists of North Bay. He was also a business man, and he and George Leach built the block in which the North Bay Garage, the original General Motors dealer, operated for almost 40 years. A very dedicated, public-spirited man who served as president of the Board of Trade, Collegiate Board, Hospital Board and many community enterprises. Died during the forties.

1924—(JACK) O. McKERROW was the freight traffic man of the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Co. who originated the system of unit trains to handle newsprint. It is said he was the one and only president who campaigned for the position. He was transferred from North Bay in the 1940's and passed away about 1950.

1925—(CECIL) A. C. RORABECK was the owner of the Rorabeck Drug Store, which for many years was the leading drug store in the North Country. He originated the famous cough remedy—"110"—which, by the way, was his business phone number. Cecil was quite an amateur actor and was always in the forefront in the Rotary theatricals they put on in the early days. He had a very pleasing personality and was liked by everybody. Was an active member until he died in the early forties.

1926—(FRANK) F. D. WALLACE, Mr. North Bay Collegiate, one of North Bay's immortals, was principal of the North Bay Collegiate Institute, later the North Bay Collegiate Institute and Vocational School, for over 40 years. He was active in the club until he died in 1968, and was revered by all. He was given a doctorate by Queen's University for his outstanding contribution to education. When he retired in 1950 he was elected to city council and headed the polls for some years. He will always be remembered for the masterly manner in which he handled the induction ceremony. He always said: "You will only get out of Rotary what you put into it, and you must pull your weight." "Doctor F. D." made a great contribution to Rotary.

1927—(JACK) J. H. (JUDGE) McDONALD was one of North Bay's outstanding lawyers, who later was appointed a judge of the District Court at the Soo. When North Bay became a city in 1925, Jack was its first mayor. He was very active in all civic affairs—three years as mayor, president of the Board of Trade 1929-30, and on many civic boards and associations. He is living in Sault Ste. Marie, now retired, but still a Rotarian.

1928—(NORM) N. J. McCUBBIN, owner of McCubbin's Men's Wear on Main Street, joined the club soon after it was formed and was active until he passed away. The business passed to his son, Bruce, who carried on until 1972. Norm was an inveterate Scotsman and was always a leader at any Scottish affairs. He was also a famous singer, and wherever there was singing, Norm was in the forefront.

1929—(TOM) T. J. PATTON was Mr. Rotary, and probably contributed more to the North Bay club than any other man. He was the first North Bay District Governor of District 27. District 27 was an International District, comprising most of Ontario and the northern part of New York

and Pennsylvania, and included the cities of Toronto, Rochester and many large metropolitan clubs. Tom took an active part in Rotary during his whole life.

1930—(DR. (EGERTON) W. E. GEORGE was a medical doctor, for years chairman of the North Bay Board of Health. He left North Bay in the early thirties, but during his membership he was a great worker.

1931—(FRED) F. S. FOSDICK was owner of the Fosdick Book Store, which was the one and only book store in North Bay for almost half a century. Fred was one of those great men who left a heritage of memories which live forever.

"His life was gentle; and the elements

So mix'd in him that Nature might stand up

And say to all the world, 'This was a man!'"

1932—(TOM) T. M. MULLIGAN was an insurance man, one of the Mulligans who were pioneers of the town—a rotund, friendly man with the typical wit and humour of the Irish.

1933—(CARL) C. J. SANDERS was an American who owned and operated the wholesale fruit and food business of Gamble-Robinson Ltd. Carl was a tall, handsome man, rather austere but very friendly when you knew him. A typical keen business tycoon who became very wealthy and in 1972 donated a quarter of a million dollars to the North Bay Canadore College.

1934—(BRODIE) L. B. CHRISTIE, a lumberman, owner of the L. B. Christie Lumber Co., of Callander, was a tall, big man with a voice you would never forget.

1935—(ROSS) R. E. YOUNG, the Canadian Oil man—White Rose, the pioneer of the gasoline era—was really the first big oil and gas distributor of the North, and put White Rose gasoline on the map.

1936—(ED) E. J. PIFHER joined the club soon after it was formed and has been an active Rotarian during its entire history—the only second-year member who is still quite active and attends quite regularly. Ed was the Dominion Sugar district manager for years, up until he retired in the late sixties. He was very active in municipal affairs—was on city council 1944 to 1947, on many civic and community boards, president of the Board of Trade, 1938, and a valued member of the North Bay and District Board of Health for almost 30 years. Ed, we believe, is the oldest of the living past presidents, a member revered by all, one of the club's fine Rotarians.

1937—(BILL) W. K. P. KENNEDY, "Mr. North Bay," is another of North Bay's immortals. His book, "North Bay," will ever be one of the most valued histories of our city. He was a partner in the firm of Patton & Kennedy, Insurance and Real Estate. It would take a whole page to record all of his contributions to the community. He was on city council in 1908, 09 and 10, and again in 1913-14, a director of the Board of Trade and many other things. On the day he died in 1961 a tablet was unveiled naming an island in the French River in his honour, with the inscription—

"Kennedy Island—named in honour of W. K. P.

(Bill) Kennedy, whose friendship and hospitality

has become a legend on the French River."

And we would add, "to all who knew him."

1938—(REG) R. S. HARRIS, the leading druggist of North Bay, bought the Rorabeck Drug Store when Cecil died. Reg's brother, Dr. R. Harris,

who was head doctor in the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital, looked after all the crippled children sent to Toronto for treatment by the Rotary Club. Reg was a leader in many community efforts and his name is legendary in the Chamber of Commerce as the one who promoted the airport in North Bay.

1939—(FRANK) F. E. RICHENS was the local manager of the Canadian Pacific Telegraph office. Like many railroad employees, he was moved in the early forties to Ottawa, where he still lives in retirement.

1940—(TOM) T. M. PALMER is another "Mr. Rotary" of our club, and also one of North Bay's great men. There are few civic and community affairs in which T.M. has not given leadership. He was mayor in 1950-51, ran for Member of Parliament for the Conservative party in 1953 and 1957, was District Governor of District 701 in 1961. He was the campaign chairman of the New Civic Hospital, Lt.-Governor of Ontario Boys' Parliament, and a leader of many boys' church groups; first treasurer of the Huntington University, and still on the board of governors; president of the Red Cross Society. Without doubt, T.M. has served in more community enterprises during the past 30 years than any other man in our city.

1941—(JACK) HALLIDAY at this time was manager of the Cochrane Hardware; later he owned and operated J. Halliday Hardware Store on Main Street. Jack was also a very public-spirited man and served on many boards and associations. He served on the Collegiate Board for 14 years.

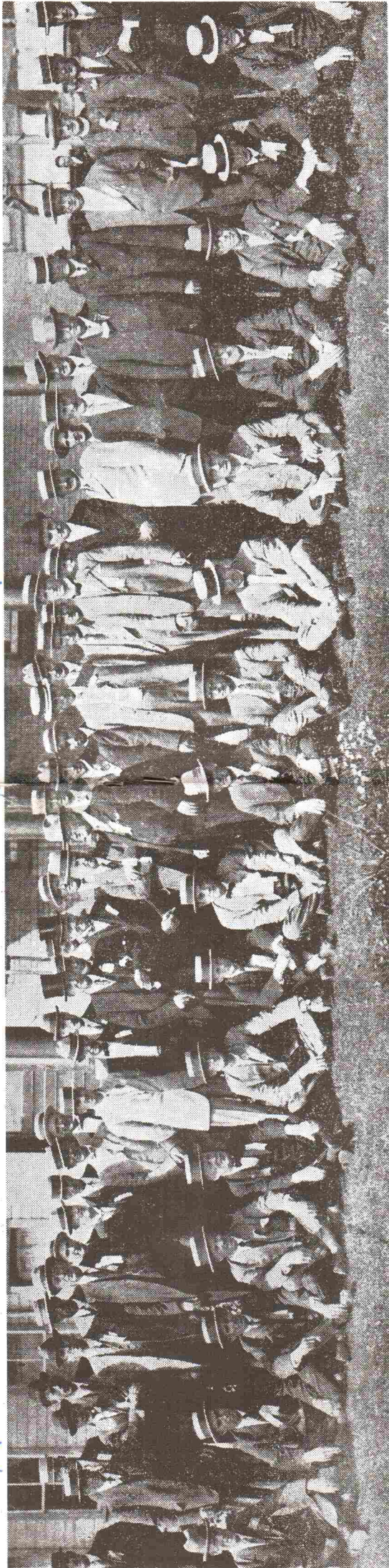
1942—(JACK) J. A. ALLAN was a big, affable man. He was a stock broker before the depression and a promoter of many local enterprises—Northern Oil Co., Northern Finance Corp., etc. In later years he was local manager of a life insurance company. He was also an alderman from 1936 to 1944 and a leader in the Conservative party in Nipissing District for many years.

1943—(KELLY) M. G. GOULD was one of North Bay's leading lawyers—a partner in McDonald & Gould, Gould & Little, and Birnie & Gould, all of whom became presidents of Rotary. Kelly was appointed a judge in the early sixties and moved to Sault Ste. Marie, where he still lives. Nobody would ever forget his Rotary Ann (Dorothy), who, in her response to the toast to the ladies on Ladies' Night, was superb. Kelly was also on many civic bodies, and served on the Collegiate Board for ten years.

1944—(HARRY) H. P. CHARLTON was an insurance man, and very active in community projects such as Board of Trade, Motor League, etc. He moved to British Columbia in the forties.

1944 saw two presidents—(JIM) GILBERT and (WALTER) LITTLE. Jim was manager of the local T. Eaton Store and was transferred during his year. Walter Little was unanimously chosen to succeed him. Walter was a lawyer and at this time was the legal counsel for the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, a position in which he showed great ability. Lately he has become very prominent for his skill in arbitration of labor-management disputes. One of the largest and most memorable meetings in 1970 was when we had Walter as guest speaker and had the Rotary Anns and friends as guests.

1946—(JACK) J. G. A. STEVENSON was manager of the Canadian Longyear Co., and during his tenure it grew from a small shop to one of the largest diamond drilling and manufacturing plants in Canada. Jack was also active in civic affairs—an alderman in 1949 and 1950, president of the Chamber of Commerce 1946, on the Collegiate Board and numerous



When the Rotarians Played Hosts on the day North Bay Became a City—August 3, 1925

Just as Saturday of this week will be a big day for all Canada—the country's 100th birthday—so was August 3, 1925, a big day for North Bay. It was on that date that the community became a city, and there were many celebrations to mark the event. The Rotary Club did its share by playing hosts to visiting dignitaries and other guests at a banquet in the old Pacific Hotel, site of the present St. Regis. This photo, taken at the side of the Pacific, shows the Rotarians and their guests on that memorable occasion. Some of those seated in front are William Dreany, Bert Johnson, R. Y. Angus, E. J. Pifer, T. M. Mulligan, Col. William Milne, W. K. P. Kennedy, E. J. Roche, A. C. Rorabeck (president of the Rotary Club in 1925), Johnston Elliott, N. J.

other boards and associations. His efficient, quiet manner added prestige to the club. He has been an active member for almost 30 years; now retired.

1947—(SLIM) GEORGE C. SPENCER, manager of Bannon Bros. furniture store for many years, transferred to Sudbury in the late fifties and died in Sudbury about 10 years ago. Slim was one of those effervescent characters who livened up anything in which he participated. He will always be remembered for his witty repartee.

1948—(CHARLIE) C. A. WASHBURN was a coal salesman, known as "Pocahontas Charlie." Charlie could always see the funny side of things. I remember one day there were only he and Secretary Charlie, the speaker and the introducer at the head table and he commented: "What's the matter with you fellows—have we B.O. or something?" Charlie passed away a few years after his tenure as president.

1949—(STEWART) F. S. MOUNT was district manager of the Sun Life Insurance Co., a quiet but intimate man with an infectious smile and a subtle way of getting others to work. He was moved to Montreal in 1956 and become president of the Montreal West Rotary Club in 1967. He

McCubbin, James McCluskey and W. E. Mason. Among those standing are Robert Rowe, Dr. J. B. MacDougall, J. O. McKerrrow, Dr. Duncan Campbell, J. J. Doucet, Dr. A. E. Ranney, Jack MacPherson, John Ferguson (North Bay's founder and chairman of the 1925 Old Home Week, at which the city's charter was presented), J. A. Thomas, Hon. Charles McCrea (Ontario Minister of Mines, who presented the charter), F. D. Wallace, George W. Lee, Leslie Saunders, Robert Rankin, T. J. Patton, J. H. McDonald (North Bay's mayor in 1925, who received the charter from the hands of Mr. McCrea in the ceremony at Memorial Park), C. F. Brown, Michael Brennan, Harry Morel (MPP for Nipissing in 1925), Charles R. Harrison, Dr. W. E. George, Rev. Gilbert Oliver, Homer Stockdale and Thomas Begg.

retired in 1972 and still lives in Montreal. All Rotarians of that time will remember his wife, Rotary Ann Bunty, with her keen interest in everything.

1950—HARTLEY TRUSSLER was an automobile dealer, a partner of Don Sutherland in the North Bay Garage, the local General Motors dealer. What can I say about myself? At that time we didn't have a vice and second vice-president, and presidents were conscripted, more or less. At a memorable meeting of the directors in Lester Hume's office, I was named president. I was president of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Collegiate Board that same year, so I'm afraid Rotary suffered somewhat. During that year, the traditional car raffle was discontinued and July 1st as Rotary Day, ended. Hartley became the historian of the club and has been bulletin editor almost continuously since joining Rotary in 1946. Was on city council for eight years.

1951—(LESTER) L. G. ZUFELT was manager of the local branch of the National Grocers, a position he held until retirement in 1972. Lester's slow, deliberate way of talking and his spontaneous chuckle will never be forgotten. He served on the North Bay Collegiate Board and the District Board of Health for many years and was active in many community affairs.

Lester was a native North Bayite, having been born and raised and lived here all of his life, and is still a valued member of the club.

1951—(ARNE) H. ARNOLD BLACHFORD, local business manager of the Bell Telephone, was a comparatively new member, but his ability and leadership were soon apparent and he was made president only a few years after joining. Rotary was a business to Arne, and he kept a complete filing system on all club affairs during his year, which became a pattern for succeeding presidents. The president of R.I.—Spain visited our club during his year.

1953—(WHACK) W. J. HOTRUM, the one and only Canadian National Railway superintendent, was a big, burly man with a lot of drive. During his tenure, and while he was chairman of the Membership Committee, he set an objective to raise the membership 25%, which was accomplished in 1953. He also was instrumental in making "Stoodla Pumpa" our club song. Whack was transferred soon after being president, and when retired moved to Barrie, where he passed away in the late fifties.

1954—(GEORGE) G. E. McARTHUR was manager of Gamble-Robinson Ltd., wholesale fruit and vegetable brokers. He became governor of District 701 in 1956. During his year the Rotary Spring Fair plans were finalized and the Spring Fair became the big event of our club. Our club prospered during George's year and became the leading club in the district. George moved to Woodstock and later to Toronto, where he still lives.

1955—(ROLLIE) H. R. D. GRAHAM was the manager of the North-eastern Region of Ontario Hydro. He came to North Bay when the regional office was formed and held the position until he died. Rollie was a quiet, reserved gentleman and took his job seriously. During his year the Rotary Spring Fair became a reality and was probably the biggest thing in the long history of our club.

1956—(ROSS) W. R. PARKER was manager of the local Walker Store, a small, dapper, well-dressed man, always smiling and good-humoured. Nobody could ever forget Ross' good-natured kidding and his witty repartee. He was transferred to Toronto the following year and died soon after.

1957—(VERN) V. R. ANDREWS held the classification of Automotive Parts—Wholesale and had been manager of the Keyes Supply Co. for many years. Vern was the serious type who adhered religiously to the constitution and operated the club as a business. He continued as an active member until his death in 1970.

1958—(BILL) W. A. HILL was the office manager of the North Bay Hydro, a position he held for many years. He retired in 1971, but has been far from retired in Rotary affairs. His unique laugh will always be remembered. You could always tell when he and Paul Birnie were present by their hearty laughter. Bill is still a very active and valuable member of our club, and has been chairman of nearly every committee.

1959—(BILL) W. J. SAYA was a partner in the firm of Sayafuels Ltd., a wholesale fuel oil distributor. Bill's slogan was "Communicate better," and he was quite successful. During his term the various committees became more involved in the general activity of the club. Bill quit the fuel oil business in 1970 and joined the Retarded Children's Educational Dept. and moved to Thunder Bay.



SOME PAST PRESIDENTS IN THE CLUB

Front Row, left to right: T. M. "Tom" Palmer1940
W. A. "Bill" Hill1958
Lester G. Zufelt1951
Larry Labrick1961

Back Row, left to right: Ian McKellar1966
Thos. E. "Tom" Elliott1962
Alan Jackson1970
Chas. E. "Chuck" Olmsted 1969
Ralph Diegel1967

1960—(PAUL) P. C. BIRNIE was a lawyer, partner in the law firm of Gould & Birnie. When "Kelly" was made a judge Paul found it impossible to keep up his attendance and resigned from the club.

This brings us up to modern times, to where most members know the past presidents in person. However, for the record, we list the past presidents up to date.

1961—M. P. (LARRY) LABRICK—District Director of Veterans' Affairs, North Bay; still an active member.

1962—T. E. (TOMMY) ELLIOTT—Chief Health Officer, Area Health Unit. Tommy is the wit of our club.

1963—R. J. (JACK) BROAD—Optometrist. Chief Heckler of heckler gang.

1964—C. R. (CULLEY) CULLEN—District Director of Veterans' Affairs, District Office, North Bay. Died in 1966.

1965—R. J. (REG) MINOGUE—Owner-Manager of former Packsack Drill Co.

1966—I. C. (IAN) McKELLAR—Corrugated Pipe Mfg. Ian was also known as "Scotty," due to his accent. Nominated for governor in 1971, but resigned due to ill health.

1967—R. J. (RALPH) DIEGEL—Manager of Deegan Shoe Store. The musician of the club.

1968—A. B. (AB) HAYMAN—Regional Manager of Ontario Hydro until retired in 1970. The club's songster.

1969—C. E. (CHUCK) OLMSTED—of Steds Ltd., building contractors. Ladies' Night organizer.

1970—A. W. (AL) JACKSON—Manager of Thorne, Gunn & Co., Chartered Accountants.

1971—H. E. (HERBIE) BROWN—Owner, H. E. Brown Auto Supply Co.

1972—DONALD H. (DON) PAINE—Medical Doctor—Urology.

History of Early Days FROM FORMER MEMBERS

From Jack McDonald, President 1927:

North Bay has been well served—

By Rotary—chartered in the community in June, 1923

By Lions—chartered in March, 1925

By Kinsmen—chartered in February, 1939

And Kiwanis—chartered in July, 1946.

A check of the charter members, and of officers and members through the years, would give you the names of men whose purposes and efforts are generously reflected in the North Bay of today.

During the early 1920's there had been some preliminary agitation about formation of a service club in North Bay, but some direct effort and influence on the part of Bill Neal, then General Superintendent of the C.P.R. Lake Superior Division at North Bay, and later President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, assisted by concentrated enthusiastic urging from groups from The Toronto Rotary Club resulted in further preliminary meetings and then Charter Night in 1923.

The first presidents in succession were Dr. Lorne Dudley, Jack McKerrrow, Cecil Rorabeck and Frank Wallace. They laid the foundation well. They developed a friendliness in the club membership which has carried on through 50 years.

Most of the charter members were characters in their own right. It is easy to see their influence even in the community of today. Almost without exception the original charter members could be made the subjects of fulsome, appreciative comment. I have been around when many of these men have finished their courses.

Appreciation could not have been more finely expressed than when Archbishop Carter, in Father John O'Leary's old church at Sault Ste. Marie, said: "I am of opinion that, with Father John O'Leary up there, Heaven will be a livelier place, but also a place even more serene and happy."

Howard Thompson, a charter member, was a distinctive character. As an aggressive merchandiser he was one of the first to get away from the early village store with its central large wood stove surrounded by much discussion with open cracker barrels and leaky molasses faucets. But in his service to his customers and profit to himself and his employees, he did show that profits went along with service. Howard was a most efficient merchandiser and a quiet but quick-acting philanthropist.

Harry Shepherd was an early member in the club. He had an unbelievable ability to agree with people and yet hold his own opinion. He could say "Yes, yes," quicker than anyone else in the club. He had much to do with making North Bay an attractive centre for commercial men travellers and tourists.

Carl Sanders was a modern merchandiser, a bit before his time in North Bay. His exceptional generosity to some Canadian educational institutions is now a matter of record.

He found relaxation and friendliness in Rotary. He did enjoy hunting, fishing and playing bridge with the boys. He was a very active president of the Chamber of Commerce in North Bay in the late 1920's.

Carl had a proper appreciation of his own varied accomplishments, and also a well-earned pride in the accomplishment of his wife Lyla, who

These are some of the men who helped to make Rotary a power for good in the life in North Bay.

Tom Hambley was another early member. He was a railway man's man. He rose from the ranks and climbed to the top as General Superintendent of Lake Superior Division of C.P.R. after Bill Neal and Jasper Humphrey filled that position.

During the difficult war years Tom Hambley and Jack McKerrrow made names for themselves in the handling of what seemed to be impossible transportation problems in Northern Ontario.

Lorne Dudley was never one to admit lack of success in anything. When he took hold of anything, he wouldn't let go if success was at all possible. He was the right man in the right place as president of the new club, with all the problems that a new club might bring. He was keen after new members, and all members took assignments that club progress demanded.

Cecil Rorabeck as president had a relaxing sense of humour. There were bizarre actions at times, but always a saving kindness.

Frank Wallace was a natural progressionist. Hilarity had to be toned down a bit. Frank was an intellectual, but Lulu kept him fairly human.

George Lee was more than a character. He was a personality. No one person has left more of an impression in the life and development of Northern Ontario than has George Lee.

J. H. "JACK" McDONALD, Charter Member

From Frank Richens, President 1939:

Memories are very fresh of the North Bay Rotary Club. What a wonderful group of people there were in the club! I think of Tom Patton and his contribution. Tom used to say that no man had the right to shove his elbow in any boy's eye, and he made a great contribution to community welfare. I remember that he talked me into making my first speech to his Convention in Buffalo—he gave me the title, "My Plea for the Children of Crippledom." We were very active in crippled children's work in those days, mainly, I think, because we were so personally involved in it. We heard of cases mainly through the Women's Institutes and we went to see the families and talked them into letting us try to do something with these crippled children. We provided transportation to the clinics, which were mainly run by Dr. Bob Harris (Reg's brother) and in many cases we accompanied them to Toronto Sick Children's. I think it is not done that way today—the club provides the leadership in collecting the money. The interviewing is arranged by the Society's nurses, and so there is not that close association with the kids. And while there is a tremendous amount of good work done, it seems to me that it is mainly a case of case numbers. I remember one pretty little girl I went to look up in the back roads west of Powassan. I think Ed Roche was with me. She had had some pelvic operation and was strapped to a board, lying on a bare table in a log cabin in a clearing in the bush. It was a very graphic example of the necessity for the work to continue.

I think of all the people who made the Rotary Club work, the Frank Wallaces, Carl Sanders, Joe Doucet, T. M. Palmer, Benny Nott, Reg Harris, Ed Roche, Ed Pifer, Norm McCubbin, Charlie Brown, Fred Fosdick—what was the shoe man up Klock Avenue, Angelo Something-or-other (Caranci)—the General Superintendent of the C.P.R., Tom Someone—Jasper Humphrey before him. They were great days and their association enriched our lives.

Boy, do I remember when they put me on the Canadian Advisory Committee (I think Tom Patton engineered that one) and at the dance on the final night of the conference I found that Lydia and I were to lead the grand parade, ahead of the District Governors and other lesser lights. That was some thrill for a raw country boy, let me tell you. I remember that I had taken my tux, but had forgotten to pack my dancing shoes, with the result that I was decked out in my nice tux with a pair of black clod-hoppers cavoring around the ballroom.

I really don't know what I could contribute in the way of historical items. I do remember that Owen Herity, of Belleville, was our District Governor, and he and I thought it would be a great thing for the club if we could hold an Inter-City, and after much weighing and deciding we decided to go ahead, and it turned out to be a great affair—one of the highlights of my year as president, the youngest, I believe, in the history of the club up to that time.

Well, anyway, I'll think about it. Do you still have the North Bay Lode—the weekly sheet of the N.B. Rotary Club that was designed when I was running the Bulletin? Ye gods, what a time I had with that! We had no mimeograph machine available and I used to sneak upstairs and use the one in the Railway General Superintendent's office after hours because Walter Duff wouldn't contribute the paper to me. I got away with it for several months until one time I left the stencil on with the drum upside down and all the ink ran all over the machine. Duff lowered the boom on me then, despite the fact that I denied that I would ever do such a thing.

FRANK RICHENS

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Tom Elliott wrote in the May 31, 1951, Bulletin:

"Hey, you guys, we are slipping. . . . Attendance Monday's meeting, even adding make-ups . . . 78.26%."

Tom Elliott, Lester Zufelt, George McArthur and Tom Patton wrote some good Bulletins in those years.

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"Round the Table" used to be an interesting item in the Bulletin in the early days. Quote a few:

Bob (Express) Ritchie to Kelly (Judge) Gould: "Where's your pipe, Kelly?" Kelly: "Oh, I quit smoking." Bob replied: "Joined the N.A." "What's N.A.?" asked Kelly. "Why, Nicotine Anonymous."

Lester (ONR) Hume to Red (Lands & Forests) Ward: "Red, can you tell me why in Hades the doctor gave me a shot of penicillin in my posterior when it was pyhorrea I had?" Red replied: "Where's Doc Bill Butler? He might tell you."

The three railroaders, Fred (C.P.R.) Donegan, Whack (C.N.R.) Hotrum and Archie (O.N.R.) Freeman, reminiscing about the big steamers now becoming but a memory. Fred: "C.P.R. had the biggest." Whack: "C.N.R. had the fastest." Archie: "O.N.R. had the strongest."

Don (G.M.) Sutherland to Frank (N.B.C.I.) Wallace: "I feel I'm getting old. I'm Grandpa to another grandson."

PROJECTS OF THE CLUB

During the first few years of the club, before they got into Crippled Children's work, boys' work was the chief activity. They organized and sponsored juvenile sports—baseball, hockey, etc. Many stories could be told about the times they had acting as umpires in baseball games and referees in hockey wars. As the late "F.D." Wallace often said, "We didn't know as much about the rules as some of the players, but our word was law and we had to make it stick." During these years a few teams were sponsored and known as Rotary teams.

About 1926, largely through the recommendation of the Toronto Rotary Club, they plunged wholeheartedly into CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S WORK. At that time rickets was a common disease and there were many kids with club feet and badly bent limbs, so there was a great need for assistance. Methods of straightening limbs had just recently been found and one of the specialists in the Sick Children's Hospital was Dr. R. Harris, brother of North Bay Rotarian Reg Harris. This gave the club a valuable connection which was capitalized on for years. The kids were sent to Toronto and Dr. Harris took almost full responsibility for their care and treatment. Scores of children were treated by this great doctor through the efforts of the Rotary Club. Some of the cures were almost miraculous; they went to Toronto twisted and bent, and after treatment came back straight and strong, as normal, healthy children.

For many years, the Buddy System was used. It turned out that there were about the same number of crippled children as Rotarians, so a child was assigned to each member as a buddy. In this way it was the personal responsibility of each member to look after his buddy. The work done by some of the Rotarians during those days was wonderful.

They kept in close contact with the child and parents, and often clothed the child and gave financial aid so that the child was fed properly. They also took them in their own cars to Toronto for treatment, or paid for transportation out of their own pockets. Many who were badly crippled were taken in the luxury of George Lee's private railway car without charge and treated as V.I.Ps.

The North Bay club became greatly involved in the Ontario Society for Crippled Children and quite a few members became directors—to name some: Bob Murray, Hartley Trussler, Culley Cullen, Frank Tipler, Tom Palmer, Red Ward, Bill Butler, etc. About 1951 a move was made to have a branch office of the O.S.F.C.C. placed in North Bay, and a year later an office was opened with a secretary and a trained nurse. Soon after this the Children's Clinics were organized, and the children of the whole area were brought in by Rotarians to the Civic Hospital, where specialists from the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital examined each one individually and recommended treatment. This has become an annual event in which the Rotary Anns are involved as much as the Rotarians. They look after the children, babysit, provide refreshments and entertainment, and do much of the clerical work. Children's diseases have changed a lot since the early days. Rickets, which was the principal malady when Crippled Children's Work began, has all but disappeared. Now it is genetical disorders, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis and such diseases. At the first clinic there were about 60 kids; now there are close to 300—and it is growing each year.

One of the projects now long since demolished was the ROTARY WATER FOUNTAIN at the entrance to the old City of North Bay. It was constructed in 1925 to commemorate the birth of North Bay as a city. The location was in front of the North Bay Gateway Arch which, by the way, was erected the same year by the A.C.T. (Associated Canadian Travellers). When the entrance off Lakeshore Drive was changed, it was demolished.

For many years DOMINION DAY—JULY FIRST was ROTARY DAY. They organized the parades, the sports tournaments, and in general put on the celebration. It was the culmination of the ticket-selling raffle for the Oldsmobile donated at cost by Don Sutherland and Hartley Trussler, of the North Bay Garage. This for years was the money-making project of the club. It was also the day when the Rotarians ran their games of chance and acted as barkers, drawing the crowds to their booths. Many, many stories could be told about those glorious Dominion Day celebrations. July first is also shadfly season, and years ago they were far worse than now. I can remember one year we had our booths and refreshment stands set up where Loblaw's store and Metz Furniture store are now (that was all a vacant lot then). At night, when the lights were turned on, the flies came in hordes, so thick you could hardly see. Around each light it looked like a swarm of bees, and they fell in heaps under the street lights, making it so slippery it was dangerous to walk and drive. It was impossible to carry on and we had to close up shop. Another night we had a baseball tournament with the Sons of David (the bearded fellows) versus local teams at Amelia Park under the lights. Well, the shades were so thick they got into the Sons' beards and clustered around the floodlights so thick the light bulbs blew out, leaving us in darkness. After the car raffle was discontinued, Rotary Dominion Day was no more. That was around 1952. However, for almost 20 years, Dominion Day was proudly celebrated under the auspices of the Rotary Club.

ROSE DAY is probably the oldest and most consistent of Rotary projects. It started over 25 years ago in "Slim" Spencer's year, and has been a great source of revenue for the Crippled Children's Fund. Rose Day has given the club many thousands of dollars—a fair estimate would be \$30,000.00—over the years. Some of the outstanding rose sellers have been Jim Mitchell, Hartley Trussler, Billy Bee, Ralph Diegel and Bill Hill.

EASTER SEALS is another project which started in 1948 and has continued as one of the principal money-making projects ever since. I believe the first chairman of the Easter Seal Campaign was Ernie Abbott, manager of the Royal Bank. (Note, from April, 1949, Bulletin, Ernie reported \$1,043.00 had been collected that year.) Over the many years some of our finest Rotarians have headed the Easter Seal Committee. As most Rotarians know, half of the net proceeds go direct to the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. The many forms of advertising of the campaigns would make a very interesting history. The news media—The Nugget, Radio Station CFCH and TV stations have given thousands of dollars' free advertising to the Easter Seal project. Last year over \$7,000.00 was raised.

The WEEKLY MYSTERY DRAW began during Hartley's year—1950—and has remained a part of the weekly meetings ever since. It hasn't changed since its inception. Prior to it there was a mild form of fining

members for various reasons, which never went over very big in our club, and the Mystery Draw took its place.

ROTARY SPRING FAIR began in 1955. After the car raffle was discontinued, the club didn't have a big money-making scheme, and the Ways and Means Committee cast about for a community project that would be profitable and still give full value to everybody. Largely through the promotion of Sam Jacks, North Bay's Rec. Director, and George McArthur, the scheme was formulated and it proved a great success. It was held in the Memorial Gardens around the first of May each year. Admission was \$1.00 and workers were admitted free. At that time square dancing was the big thing in North Bay and the main attraction of the fair was the square dancing competitions. There were dozens of sets taking part and each night there were competitions in which points were won, then, on the last night, the winners performed for the grand prizes. It was a great attraction for a few years, but the popularity of square dancing waned and other shows had to be procured, many of the best Canadian Television stars, such as Gordie Tapp, Tommy Hunter, Rhythm Pals, Juliette, Hames Sisters, Dave Proudfoot, Joyce Hahn, Joan Fairfax, Tommy Common, Doc Williams, etc., etc., were obtained and performed in the ensuing years.

It was also an exhibition of merchandise and crafts, etc. Space was sold around the arena, and exhibitors built booths to show their wares in every available space. But the fairest part of the fair was the HUB, which the Rotary Anns managed. Here, in the centre of the arena, a big refreshment booth was set up, with all the equipment of a fast-serve restaurant, and they made and sold all kinds of food and drinks. Much of it was home-made, such as pies, cookies, sandwiches, cakes, etc., made by themselves. Thousands of bottles of soft drinks, hundreds of gallons of ice cream, thousands of candy bars, and tons of hamburgers, french fries and Rotopups were consumed.

The name Rotopup, I believe, originated at the Rotary Spring Fair and became very popular. They were ordinary hotdogs, dipped in a batter and fried in deep fat, and served either on a stick or on a bun. The girls all wore bright green smocks, and when they were all flitting around in the booth like butterflies, The Hub was truly a colorful centrepiece for the whole show. They organized and operated it entirely on their own, and it was a revelation to see how smoothly and well they did it. Never in the history of Rotary did Rotary Anns do so much for so little and get a kick out of doing it.

The fair was so successful that the Arena Commission promoted a Spring Exhibition of Hardware and Merchandise just prior to our Spring Fair, which drew the exhibitors and interested people away from the Rotary Spring Fair. Attendance dwindled and profits decreased, and in 1967 it was dropped. However, during the first years of its existence it was one of North Bay's greatest annual events.

The year following, a rodeo was held at the Sunnydale Race Track, on Highway 17, which proved a dismal failure. Many schemes have been tried since, but none have gone over as big as the Spring Fair did for the first five years it was held.

BURSARIES AND STUDENT ASSISTANCE—The North Bay Rotary Club for many years has donated bursaries and grants to needy students of the secondary schools. It started away back in the early forties and has

grown into a major project. The majority of the recipients have become a real credit to the club by their achievements.

ADVENTURE IN CITIZENSHIP—North Bay Rotary has also participated in the Adventure in Citizenship each year from its inception. This is a project of the Ottawa Rotary Club in which students from all across Canada get a free trip to Ottawa, where they are billeted and given three days of educational involvement in parliamentary procedure, lectures, banquets and fun. Each year the North Bay club chooses one of the best students from the secondary schools and sends him or her on the trip. In turn, they address the club at a subsequent meeting and tell about their trip. The two main purposes of this project are:

First—To get those young people to know Canadian boys and girls from other areas.

Second—to enable them to meet the leaders and members of the federal Parliament in Ottawa to obtain a knowledge of how democracy works in Canada.

They also receive a Canadian Citizenship Certificate.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE—When the Group Study Exchange was taken up by District 701, our club took a leading part in it. Our member, Art Bishop, who had recently retired from the principalship of Chippewa Collegiate, was given the task of organizing the program, and he accompanied the group from District 701 to Australia and programmed the itinerary of the Australians when they came to Canada. A young man, Mr. Wallace, from North Bay, was one of the group in the study exchange. Art Bishop made a great contribution to the success of the project. This year we are hosting a group from India, and next year we are sending a group to that country in exchange, and again Art is the leader.

CAMP TILlicum

The history of Camp Tillicum is really an integral part of the history of Rotary in North Bay. Soon after the club was formed they started an underprivileged boys' camp and leased Camp Tillicum each year for it. This was carried on until 1954, when not enough underprivileged boys could be found to make it worthwhile.

The property was originally owned by the Canadian Northern Railway, who bought it with the expectation of making it a tourist resort. It lay idle for years, and about 1927 Jim Nightingale, head of the Boy Scouts in North Bay, acquired it for a Scout Camp. The Scouts cleared the brush and trees off the playing field and cleaned up the beach. A large frame building, which is still used, was built for a recreation and dining hall. When the Rotary Club got into Crippled Children's care, they recognized the need for care of the underprivileged boys. So, in 1927 they started the annual summer camp for them. In the meantime, the camp was used by the Boy Scouts and many boys' church groups each year. Hundreds of North Bay boys, now elderly men, have fond memories of camping at Camp Tillicum.

During the first years, the Buddy system was used; each Rotarian had one or two boys whom he adopted and personally looked after. They got consent of the parents, took them to camp in their own cars, and often

provided suitable clothing and equipment for them. They also hired women to act as camp mothers and to cook good meals, and recruited competent counsellors and leaders. Banquets and dinners were held with the kids, and many famous speakers addressed the groups. Concerts and humorous skits organized and put on by the Rotarians were regular nightly affairs which were enjoyed by the members as much as the kids. Jim Thomas, Cecil Rorabeck, Barney Knox, Frank Wallace and Father O'Leary were natural comedians and very accomplished actors.

Under the sponsorship of Rotary, the camp grew and prospered, and many improvements were made. A house was built for the women alongside of the recreation hall, a double cabin for a sort of camp hospital, and each year more sleeping cabins were built around the perimeter of the grounds. Most of these improvements were made by the Rotary Club and it became almost entirely Rotary's Camp Tillicum.

So, on May 16, 1949, the property was bought by North Bay Rotary's Camp Tillicum Corp. from James Francis Nightingale and Edith Annie (Mrs. T. M.) Palmer. However, previous to this, the Corporation of Rotary's Camp Tillicum was legally constituted. Letters patent and all necessary documents were completed and signed the eighth day of December, 1947. It was signed by: Thomas Merton Palmer, Jeweller; Maitland Goldwin Gould, Barrister; Norman John McCubbin, Merchant; Thomas Joseph Patton, Realtor; Edward Joseph Roche, Contractor, and William Basil Bevan, Railway Employee. It was also specified any others who have become subscribers to the Memorandum of the Agreement, and persons who hereafter become members thereof, a corporation without share capital. It was signed by Daniel Roland Michener, Provincial Secretary of the Province of Ontario.

The purposes and objects stipulated were:

- "(a) To operate a camp for boys and girls.
- (b) To provide facilities for the encouragement of clean living and interest in healthful recreation.
- (c) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects."

Among the Memoranda of the Corporation were:

"The Corporation shall consist of the first members, and the Corporation shall consist of the subscribers and of those who shall hereafter be duly elected as members in accordance with the by-laws.

"The Directors shall constitute the Committee of Management of the Corporation.

"And it is hereby ordained and declared that the said Corporation shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members and that any profits or other accretions to the Corporation shall be used in promoting its objects."

The roster of members at this time (1948-49) were: Ernie Abbott, of the Royal Bank; Jack Allen, Insurance; Arne Blachford, Bell Telephone; Fred Broad, Lawyer; Charlie Brown, Customs Broker; George Buscemi, Baker; Dr. Bill Butler; Albert Caranci, Shoe Repairer; Phil Charron, Saleman; Don Cockburn, Lumberman; Pat Collins, Salesman; Fred Donegan, C.P.R. Superintendent; Ted Elliott, Government Employee; Fred Fosdick, Book Store; Archie Freeman, O.N.R. Manager; Jim Gibson, Traveller; Kelly Gold, Lawyer;

Rollie Graham, Hydro Manager; Reg Harris, Drug Store; Jack Halliday, Store Manager; Irish Johnston and Tom Johnston, Postal Service; Mike Kelly, Freight Agent; Bill Kennedy, Realtor; Walter Little, Barrister; Norm MacDonald, Bottler; Vic Martin, Bonfield Merchant; Ken Metcalfe; Bill Milne, Lumberman; Stew Mount, Sun Life Insurance; George McArthur, Gamble Robinson Wholesale; Hugh McEwen, Rahn Metals Manager; Pat McKinley, Banker; Charles Napier, Plumbing Salesman; Benny Nott, Dentist; Ed Paquette, Cochrane Hardware Manager; Tom Palmer, Jeweller; Cliff Pickrem, CFCH Radio; Bob Ritchie, Express Manager; Ed Roche, Contractor; Jim Rose, Electrical; Stew Rosseter, C.P.R. Telegraphs; Jack Shaw, Bottler; George (Slim) Spencer, Bannon Bros. Furniture; Jack Stevenson, Canadian Longyear; Bill Stewart, North Bay Hydro; Harold Stibbards, Baptist Minister; Stan Sutherland, North Bay Garage; Bill Taylor, Government Employee; Stan Thomson, CFCH Radio; Hartley Trussler, North Bay Garage; Sol Waiser, Men's Wear; F. D. (Frank) Wallace, Collegiate Principal; Red Ward, Ontario Dept. Lands & Forests; Charlie Washburn, Coal Salesman; Ross Watt, Imperial Oil; Alec Weatherston, Salesman-Musician; Jim Wilder, Major, Salvation Army; Lester Zufelt, National Grocers Manager.

T. M. (Tom) Palmer was appointed Chairman or President of the Corporation, and Kelly Gould secretary, and continued as such for many years. In the January 19, 1948, minutes: "Deep regret expressed on death of Norm McCubbin. Ernie Abbott appointed to replace him." Ernie was made treasurer. At this meeting it was decided to purchase the Camp Tillicum property and the following resolution was passed: "That Camp Tillicum, Parcel 1591 in the register of Parry Sound, North Section, be purchased from James F. Nightingale and Mrs. Edith A. Palmer for \$100.00. An agreement providing that the Corporation will convey a right-of-way across said land to those owners of land who have been promised such right-of-way; providing that the right-of-way is satisfactory to the directors of the Corporation." It was also stated in the agreement that "The property will only be used for a boys' and girls' camp." J. J. Aussem was given a contract to build two additional cabins and do various improvements at a price of \$1,800.00. At a meeting in 1949, five new members were added: Bill Davis, C.N.R. Freight Agent; Stan Purvis, City Engineer; Len Reilly, International Harvester Manager; Harold Thomas, Keyes Supply Manager, and Stu Walkinshaw, Manager North Bay Hydro. At that time there were 63 members plus three Honorary Life Members.

The description of the property can be found under Transfer 29403, Parcel 5166, District of Parry Sound, Vol. 24, North Section—recently part of Parcel 1591, it is part of Lot 26 in Concession 28 of North Himsworth Township, containing by measurement 70 acres more or less. The description is a lengthy document which can be seen in the volume of 1949-50 of Rotary Lodge, which is in the North Bay Public Library.

The property along the south shore of Nipissing in the 1920's was almost entirely uninhabited and valued at a few hundred dollars an acre. Now, in 1973, it is practically all built up with expensive cottages and lake frontage sells from \$100 to \$200 a foot. When the Ontario Society for Crippled Children were negotiating for a site to build their Crippled Children's Camp in the North, some of the Rotarians wanted to sell or give part of the property to them, but the majority of the club were not in favour.

During the early years, the under-privileged boys' camp, which was entirely a Rotary Club affair, was the big annual camp, but as people

became more affluent there were fewer and fewer applicants until in 1955 there were not enough to make a camp worth while, and it was discontinued. The Boy Scouts also used it for a month in the summer at the start, but they acquired camp sites of their own. In later years the Girl Guides and Brownies have camping periods. Now, in the 1970's, most of the camping months are taken by the Retarded Children Association, who rent the camp and run it entirely on their own. A few church groups also still use it. It is arranged now so that two groups can use it at the same time. For a few years there were a few weeks of the summer in which it wasn't fully occupied and it appeared as if Camp Tillicum was not fulfilling its purpose. However, it has picked up and during the past couple of years has been almost 100% filled.

Many improvements have been made since the club acquired it in 1949. Almost every year a few cabins have been built and the old ones renovated and moved to the perimeter of the playing area. A new, spacious, all-steel building was constructed in 1955 at a cost of about \$15,000, for a dining hall, with modern kitchen equipment—walk-in refrigerator, gas and electric stoves, etc. A good house was built at the entrance to the premises for a caretaker, and a full-time caretaker is employed. The plumbing and water supply has been completely modernized, so that now it has an A-1 rating by the government camp site inspectors.

From August 22nd, 1949, Bulletin—Quote:

"Rotary Boys' Camp for 1949 is now part of our club's history. It was a grand week—the weather perfect, the food excellent, and the boys good. There could have been some improvement in the organization, but those in charge did nobly with what they had. The first few days there was an epidemic of homesickness, but it soon passed and there were few who would not have gladly enjoyed another week.

The ball game on Friday night gave as much fun to the old boys as it did the youngsters. Some are still enjoying(?) the effects, but stiff muscles and sore joints will soon pass. It was really amazing to see the old fellows play. Irish (Rube Waddell) on the mound displayed real class. Lester (Dickey) behind the bat and a-hold of the bat proved he was no bush leaguer; Charlie (Corrigan) (the Wrong-Way Corrigan) got all turned around at the initial sack and gave way to Whack (Gehrig) who gobbled everything that came near. Whack is a great C. National Leaguer. Stewart (Evers), on second base, played a brilliant game. Almost made a double play, only five seconds late. (Irwin) the Dark Horse did some neat fielding at short. Kelly (Magistrate) as steady as a rock on the boulder at the hot corner. Hartley (Ty Cobb), out among the brambles, covered the water-front. Ernie (Babe Ruth) patrolled the back fories like a bird dog. George (DiMaggio) and Albert (Rizzuto) alternated between the cow pasture and the shade trees on the back concession. Irish (Mathewson) kept the batters handcuffed and the outfielders had little to do anyway. Mike (McCarthy) complained he needed snowshoes to get through the sand and Irish foundered at home place like the old war horse he is.

The score is under enquiry. Kelly Magistrate says it can only be decided by a jury of our peers. There was some glaring forgetfulness by Umpire-in-Chief Governor T.M. Jim (Fluent Gibson) claimed he should not have been struck out because he was talking to the coach on the third

strike. After the game, Red Ward showed a number of excellent films in technicolor, and the kids, led by Irish Johnston and Jim Wilder, sang camp songs with an enthusiasm that put our weekly singing to shame."

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Golf Day, August, 1952—"IN THE LOCKER ROOM":

That's where you see the sights. Those old chaps are really proud of their girlish figures. They should join the nudist colony. Not that they are so pulchritudinous, but they have many interesting features and they would surely attract a great deal of attention. If some were entirely covered with hair their ancestors in the jungles would take them to their next to Godliness, but? and Ernie interjected, "It's impossible at the North Bay Golf Club."

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In the same Bulletin, quote:

"A rather sad announcement was made by President (Arne) Blachford when he stated there would not be a Rotary Boys' Camp this year due to the lack of leaders. Steve voiced the general feeling of the club when he said: "Surely there's something we can do to get leaders. It seems too bad to drop our Boys' Camp when we have all the facilities at Tillicum."

However, it has been decided, and for 1952 there will be no Boys' Camp sponsored by Rotary.

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Quote: "The past presidents, Frank, Tom, Jack, Kelly, Steve, Walter, Stew, Lester and Hartley sang No. 2 on the sheet (The Pink Sheet) and for an encore . . . What was it? In the supreme effort I forget."

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"Ed, our beloved Sergeant-at-Arms, passing the little bowl for the draw, when Lester O.N.R. said 'Ed, don't miss the Reverends, they never have the pleasure of making it clink.'" Note: Ed Roche was Sergeant-at-Arms for years. 7

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"Bob, the Plumber, evidently talking football to Watty, the Salesman—kicking the table leg."

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"Ernie (C.N.R. Lavery) to Don (G.M. Sutherland): 'A vacation is just a succession of 2's. It's 2 weeks which are 2 short; afterward you are 2 tired 2 return 2 work and 2 broke not 2'."

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"Lester (O.N.R.) to Mike (C.P.R.): 'You fellows are gophers. You "go for" this and you "go for" that—go for anything.' (Go-fors)

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"Overheard some slowpoke say: 'You've got to be quick on the draw when "Chaplain Jim" (Simple) says grace.' (Remember that, fellows.)"

"Thanks to the editor for this opportunity to put the Bull in Bulletin," said P.P. Stewart Mount, February, 1953.

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"Ken Stuebing, boss of Ways and Means Committee, called upon his associates to get together for a job on the ROTARY TIE SALES project."

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"Did you ever think the day would come when Rotary members would be giving public demonstrations in the art, science and technique of square dancing? This is now happening, and probably should be brought to the attention of the less agile among us. Wipe off your chin! Pull down your vest! Dance with the one you love the best! Life is a bowl of cherries, Hartley," wrote Stewart Mount.

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December 22, 1952:

A letter was received from the Hinwick Hall Boys' School, Wellingsborough Northnays, England, thanking the club for the financial assistance given over the past years. Note: This was an underprivileged boys' school which our club assisted for some years.

Bulletin writers at this time were Jack Bradford, Larry Shatford, Henry Wiseman, Ab Hayman, Jim Keenan, Mike Zaversenuke, and Hartley.

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Bill Hill wrote, July, 1953:

"I suggest a new slogan for our meetings: 'The Bell Means Silence.' Remember the old Scottish saying, 'He hears most who keeps his mouth shut.'"

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In August, 1953, Bulletin, by Judge Walter Little:

"You've been out 24 hours and haven't reached a verdict yet. If you still haven't reached one by 6 p.m. I'll have 12 dinners sent in."

Jury Foreman: "Make it 11 dinners and a gallon of oats."

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September 28th, 1953:

The following Rotarians and wives attended the conference at Sudbury: Lester and Mrs. Zufelt, Mike and Mrs. Zaversenuke, Mike and Mrs. Kelly, Fred and Mrs. Donegan, Ed and Mrs. Pifher, Ed Roche, Jim Semple, Rolly and Mrs. Graham, Bill McLean, Stewart and Mrs. Mount, Jack Stevenson, Howard Eaton, T. M. and Mrs. Palmer, George and Mrs. Feldcamp, Don and Mrs. Sutherland, Vern and Mrs. Andrews, Walter and Mrs. Little, Jim Gibson, Dan and Mrs. Hanneson, Frank (F. D.) and Mrs. Wallace, Hartley and Mrs. Trussler. Of the 60 clubs in District 247, 47 were represented. In attendance were 249 Rotarians and 199 Rotary Anns. Lester Zufelt complimented Walter Little, Jim Semple, T. M. Palmer, Mike Zaversenuke, George Feldcamp, Jim Gibson and Ed Roche for the quality

"Jack Stevenson broke the news that we won't make any money mining the property at Camp Tillicum. Apparently others staked claims and our deed does not allow us any mineral rights." This was during the uranium staking boom in 1953.

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Ab Hayman, writing The Lode, March, 1953, commented: "I noticed that heads were up and all eyes to the head table for singing The Queen, and I could see that our pianist, Ann Dicker, was pleased. Keep it up, fellows."

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And in the same Bulletin Ab wrote: "We hear that our struggling author, Hartley, at last has become famous. One of his articles on 'How to Read the Rotarian from Kiver to Kiver, or, The Rotarian as Compared to Eaton's Catalogue in the John' was published in the R.I. Clip Sheet, which contains famous words from Bulletins all over the world. It was entitled 'Reading the Rotarian from Kiver to Kiver'."

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There are many, many interesting stories and anecdotes in the Bulletins of old, but space and time do not permit more.

As Told to Me by the Late F. D. (Frank) Wallace

For the first few years the 25 members of the club held their noon meeting in George Hughes' Restaurant. There, around one big table, they all sat down to a plain, shanty-style meal. It was sort of a smorgasbord, but smorgasbord wasn't in their vocabulary then. The food was served in large dishes which were passed around and you helped yourself. When Hughes closed his restaurant, they moved to the Pacific Hotel, which was operated by Charlie Brown (not Immortal Charlie). The Pacific was later named the St. Regis Hotel. They stayed there until 1947, when they moved to the Empire, where we still meet. Monday noon has always been Rotary Day, as far as I know. The Bulletin was named the Rotary Lode since its inception, I believe.

Gems of Yesteryears

From the Bulletin—"Rotary Lode"

The archives of the club, up until Hartley T. saved all the Bulletins, is rather meagre, and most of the history is from memory. There are a few Bulletins someplace, written during the thirties. They were mostly the work of Dick Railton, an artist-photographer who embellished them with his artistry. Since 1949 every Bulletin has been bound into books and there are now four of them in the Archives Department of the Public Library. The following are quotes from the Rotary Lode of 20 and more years ago, which may bring back fond memories to the older members.

From October, 1950—After a visit to our club, J. H. McDonald, of New Liskeard, wrote:

"The friendly spirit of the gang,
The way they joked, and laughed and sang;
Your Jimmy (Gibson) in his quiet way,
It seems has quite a lot to say;
He ribs Scotch Charlie quite a lot
About the plate of food he got,
Quotes Kipling, in an off-hand style,
As he describes his trip the while.
We wish to thank the fellows there,
Who listened to our poems with care;
Also to thank you for the dinner,
It would satisfy both saint and sinner.
We hope to meet you all again,
But cannot tell you when.
Tho' not among the needy poor,
Still, just to keep our jobs secure,
We have to punch the clock each day,
To keep the howling wolf at bay.
We wish your work complete success
And now will say, 'So long, God bless.'"

ROTARIANS HONOUR MEMBERS

WHO FOUNDED CLUB IN '23

(Reprinted from The North Bay Nugget, June 9, 1953)

Charter members of North Bay Rotary Club were honoured at a dinner meeting of the club in the Empire Hotel, Monday.

They are: T. J. Patton, Fred Fosdick, F. D. Wallace and George W. Lee, who joined the club at its institution in 1923, 30 years ago.

Two other charter members who were unable to attend were Charles F. Brown, secretary, and Col. W. H. Milne.

Each of the four present was presented by President H. A. Blachford with a boutonniere.

Monday was the date of the meeting nearest to the date of actual charter night, June 6, 1923.

T. J. Patton, a past district governor, speaking on behalf of the charter members, thanked the club for its thoughtfulness. The club had advanced a long distance since its institution and was to be congratulated on the success it had achieved.

Three men were formally inducted into membership in the club. They were: Lloyd Gordon, Willard Richardson and Baden Barker.

Past President Lester Zufelt was in charge of the induction. The four services of the club were explained by four members. They were: Club service, by W. J. Hotrum; vocational service, by Ross Parker; community service, by George McArthur; international service, by Rev. H. H. Eaton.

Lapel pins, copies of the Code of Ethics and of the Rotary by-laws were presented to the new members by President Blachford.

O. C. Elliott won the mystery draw.

H. R. D. Graham, chairman of the program committee, announced that at the meeting on Monday, June 15, Sam Jacks, city recreational director, would discuss the summer recreational program in North Bay.

George Feldcamp, chairman of the Rose Day Committee, stated he could not give a full report of Saturday's activities, but would have a full report for the next meeting.

Both he and J. G. Gibson thanked those who assisted in packaging and delivering the roses Saturday. The work was completed about 11:30 p.m. Mr. Feldcamp suggested that in future years those who planned to pick up the roses they ordered supply a destination with the order so they could be delivered in case the purchaser was unable to do so.

President Blachford complimented Mr. Feldcamp for "an excellent job well done."

George McArthur announced that on July 1 the club would sponsor a fastball game between Fisher Mercurys and a team of stars of yesterday. There would be a variety of other events at Memorial Stadium in the afternoon and a monster bingo at night. Included in the afternoon program would be a one-mile relay race.

Song leaders were: E. L. Shatford, Charles Weston, E. L. Ward and Ab Hayman. Miss Ann Dicker was accompanist.

There was one visiting Rotarian at the meeting, George Boudreau, of Oakville.

Other visitors were: Howard Belfry and Jack Redpath, Toronto, introduced by George Feldcamp; Paul C. Birnie, B.A., a graduate of University of Toronto, introduced by M. G. Gould as the latter's new partner in his law practice; Charles Henderson, Toronto, introduced by Vern Andrews; N. Hubert, Toronto, introduced by E. J. Roche.

ROTARY CLUB REVIEWS WORK DONE DURING PAST 12 MONTHS

(Reprinted from The North Bay Nugget, July 2, 1952)

Funds collected by North Bay Rotary Club from the public for various Rotary humanitarian projects went 100 per cent to those efforts in the year that closed at the end of June.

In addition, considerable sums of the club's funds went also into the projects which the club supports and sponsors.

Those facts were stressed when a club meeting Monday, in the Empire Hotel, marking the end of another Rotary year, heard reports from its various committees.

The final feature of the meeting was the turning over of the gavel, emblematic of the presidential office, by President Lester Zufelt to President-elect H. A. Blachford and presentation by the latter of a past-president's lapel button to Mr. Zufelt.

The Attendance Committee report, presented by F. S. Mount for the chairman, J. L. Pond, stated that Fred Fosdick and J. G. Gibson had perfect attendance records in the year closing. The next three, with 97.8% attendance were Jack Bradford, Rev. H. H. Eaton and E. J. Roche.

J. A. Allen, reporting for the Membership Committee, of which H. R. D. Graham was chairman, announced that the club started the year last June with 71 members, lost eight, mainly by transfers of men to other centres, and took in nine new members to make a total gain of one for the 12 months.

O. C. Elliott, chairman of the Public Information Committee, stated his committee had done considerable work in compiling a history of the club and he hoped to be associated with the completion of the project during the coming year.

George McArthur, reporting for the Ways and Means Committee, and telling about the results of various money-raising projects, announced that the Rotary Tag Day would be Saturday, August 2.

For the Crippled Children Committee, Hartley Trussler, chairman, announced that the committee had spent \$695 during the past 12 months. He thought the committee's budget, not all spent that year, should be doubled for the next 12 months.

No needy case had been refused. Train service to Toronto had been provided in seven cases. Hospital accounts had been paid for six, various braces and boots supplied for five, and wheel chairs for two.

Discussing Camp Tillicum operations, the chairman of the committee concerned, T. M. Palmer, stated that camp had provided holiday accommodation last year for 376 juveniles and other accommodation for various adult groups comprising about 275 persons.

Discussing the fact that the Easter Seal campaign produced a total of about \$2,724, F. S. Mount said that half that sum went to the Ontario Society for Crippled Children and the balance was spent locally. It was the best return from any such campaign in the history of the club.

E. J. Pifher, chairman of the Inter-City, Rural-Urban Committee, told of the presentation by the club of a trophy for the East Nipissing plowmen's competitions.

Reports from other committees came from W. J. Hotrum, Mike Zaversenueke, Dan Hanneson, Lester Zufelt, Hartley Trussler, H. A. Blachford, Rev. H. H. Eaton and Lester Hume.

Before relinquishing the presidential chair, Mr. Zufelt expressed his appreciation of the co-operation extended to him by all members of the club during the past year. He was particularly appreciative of the facts that no member had ever declined to take on a task offered to him and that there had been such excellent attendances at the 16 directors' meetings held during the past 12 months. He bespoke the same co-operation for the incoming president.

Mr. Zufelt also paid tribute to the work and zeal of the secretary, C. F. Brown, who he said was one of the best directors of any Rotary Club throughout District 247.

When he accepted the presidential gavel, Mr. Blachford stated he would carry on in the best traditions of Rotary. He hoped that, with the assistance of an active directorate and an equally active membership, the ensuing year would be one of Rotary progress and achievement in North Bay.

Mr. Zufelt thanked Ed Roche, sergeant-at-arms, for a "job well done" in the past 12 months.

Mr. Elliott told the meeting that Rotary had received over 1,100 column-inches of newspaper publicity in North Bay in the past 12 months.

Various speakers expressed thanks to Ivor Bowen, club reporter, and Britt Jessup and Rolly Ethier for their publicity efforts on behalf of the club's undertakings.

Members of other Rotary Clubs attending the meeting were: James A. Cook, Martin's Ferry, Ohio; Ray Barner, Brownsville, Pennsylvania; Arthur Hampson, Shawville, Quebec; Stu Cudlipp and Abbott W. Clark, Kenmore, N.Y.; James R. Thomson, Perth; Fred Grierson, Lindsay; Harold Chambers, Windsor, and James F. Stranch, Greenwood, South Carolina.

Mr. Thomson, principal of the Perth Collegiate Institute and a former member of the staff of North Bay Collegiate Institute and Vocational School, had as his guest Thomas R. Foster, of the North Bay Collegiate staff.

Another former Bayite, a guest at the dinner-meeting, was Wilfred Stone, a former member of the teaching staff of Harvey Street Public School, now a teacher in the Normal School at Weston, who was a guest of Fred Fosdick.

Stu Cudlipp, song leader at his home club at Kenmore, N.Y., assisted Gordon Burnett in directing the singing at the meeting. Miss Ann Dicker was pianist. Rev. H. H. Eaton was pianist for the singing of "O Canada" at the close of the meeting.

ROMANTIC NORTH BAY

The Gateway of the North

When the traveller from the South steps off the train at North Bay and draws the tonic air into his lungs, he is at once conscious that he has entered a new environment. The immediate scene may present no novelty but his general sense of well-being, if he is of an inquiring mind, prompts him to investigate. The friendly taxi-driver, loquacious as he may be, can tell him little; nor can the hotel clerk. However, should he be fortunate enough to rub shoulders with one of the old-timers, for whom North Bay is at once a legend and a bright hope for the future, he will learn its story from the dawn of its recorded history in 1610.

The scroll before that date is dimly illuminated. Only some cryptic paintings on the rocks at the French River, across Lake Nipissing, and artifacts excavated at Frank's Bay remain. In 1610, Etienne Brulé, a roistering blade who met what was probably a well-deserved death at the hands of the Hurons 23 years later, was the first white man to view Lake Nipissing. Although still only a youth, he was familiar with the Indians along the Ottawa River route and spoke their language. He was therefore a useful guide and interpreter for Samuel de Champlain when, in 1615, that great explorer made his first journey to the country and continued on to the country of the Hurons.

Even in those early days the area became something of a gateway, but it was to the south and west that men's eyes turned: south because the warlike Iroquois had barred the easier route by way of the St. Lawrence and Lake Ontario, and west because of the lure of the great unknown and the wealth of fur which every fresh advance disclosed. Once again it was Brulé who pioneered the western route, and he became the first white man to view Lake Superior. All through the French regime, and for long after the conquest of Canada by the British in 1693, fleets of canoes made the passage of Lake Nipissing, deeply laden with furs from the west. The French voyageurs were succeeded by the men of the North West Company and the great canoe route continued to be used until construction of ships and canals made the Great Lakes a more feasible route.

There is no record of an established settlement on the present site of North Bay, but there can be little doubt that it was at least a well-known staging camp. One of the portages over the height of land between Trout Lake and Lake Nipissing terminated somewhere in the vicinity of the present location of the North Bay dock. The other, now referred to as the Champlain Trail, reached Lake Nipissing at the mouth of La Vase Creek, where the Hudson's Bay Company maintained a trading post until about 1850.

From about 1825, when the great canoe route was finally abandoned, for about 60 years there was little sign of life on the north shore of Lake Nipissing. Colonization roads were built from the south and east, but these terminated at Nipissing Village on the South River and at Mattawa on the Ottawa. North Bay was still without a habitation or a name. However, a newer and better medium of transportation, on which all progress depends, was about to thrust through the country. In 1881 the Canada Central Railway, being built west from Ottawa, reached Mattawa. In the same year this railway was acquired by the Canadian Pacific Railway as part of its transcontinental line designed to make Confederation a reality. By 1882, steel was skirting the shore of Lake Nipissing.

Legend has it that the new townsite, which was selected as a divisional point by the C.P.R., acquired its name by pure accident. A keg of nails was purchased at some point along the shore and instructions were given to deliver it at the north bay. This rather vague description of the sweeping, sandy beach of Lake Nipissing was apparently definite enough and the name so casually tossed out stuck to the new settlement.

Crews to man the station, the yards and the shops settled at North Bay, and with them came a few storekeepers and tradesmen. Among the first buildings were a log cabin constructed by John Ferguson and a log school presided over by James Agnew. Martin Brennan opened the first hotel, the North Bay House, and the Rev. Silas Huntington was the first minister. Justice was administered by Magistrate James Worthington and mercy by Dr. A. McMurchy. The first storekeepers were Jim Mulligan and William McDonald. Many of these names still persist, and all have an honoured place in the record of North Bay.

As evidence of its vitality, it may be said that the settlement was incorporated as a village in 1882, as a town in 1891, and North Bay became a city in 1925. Its very existence and its continued growth were due to railway construction. In November, 1886, the first Grand Trunk Railway train reached North Bay from the south. This was highly beneficial to the young community, since traffic from the industrial South could then move to the West over an all-Canadian route on which North Bay was an important junction point. This line also gave ready access to the Southern Ontario market for lumber and other forest products on which Northern Ontario industry was centred. It is probable, too, that after that year the population of North Bay, which had been drawn almost exclusively from the Ottawa Valley, began to receive some infusion of Southern Ontario blood.

The District of Nipissing, of which North Bay became the capital and judicial seat, not without a very colourful election, returned its first Member of Parliament, John Loughrin, in 1889. A Board of Trade was formed in 1894, of which D. Purvis was president, and in 1902 the thriving town could boast a high school with the eminent and much-beloved J. B. MacDougall as principal.

It was in the latter year that the town was entitled to adopt its slogan, "Gateway to the North." In October, 1902, construction began on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, which was destined to reach James Bay in 1932. This railway, owned by the people of Ontario through the provincial government, has always been very much North Bay's own railway. It was designed as a development railway and, as the result of its construction, the silver of the Cobalt and Gowganda areas, the gold of the Porcupine and Kirkland Lake, the asbestos of Matheson, and the pulp and paper from Kapuskasing, Smooth Rock Falls and Iroquois Falls have been funnelled through North Bay. All of this activity to the north had a direct influence on the growth and prosperity of the city, which became a main source of supply. Secondary industries associated with the mines were established in North Bay to add to its population and its wealth.

As if three major railways were not enough, a fourth, the Canadian Northern Railway, was constructed through the city and its trains began to operate in 1915 to give a connection with Canadian Northern's main line at Capreol. This railway system was afterwards incorporated with the Grand Trunk Railway into the transcontinental system of Canadian National Railways.

Although the railways pioneered the country and made its development

possible, the motor vehicle was not to be denied. In 1927 the Ferguson Highway was completed between North Bay and Timmins, and this road has been extended and improved to provide an excellent route west through Cochrane to Fort William and beyond. Another highway, of similar quality, runs east and west through North Bay from Montreal to Sault Ste. Marie and a choice of routes to Toronto is afforded by several first-class highways.

In 1938 North Bay was selected as a port in the Trans-Canada Airways system and an airfield was constructed on the high ground overlooking the city at the north. This field has been greatly extended and, apart from its civilian use, it is now the base for two of the all-weather fighter squadrons of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Although North Bay is primarily a transportation centre of high importance, it is also a thriving business community and a beautiful residential city. With Lake Nipissing on its doorstep, it has an air of spaciousness and the range of hills to the north and west, an offshoot of the Laurentians, holds it in a warm embrace, accentuated in October by the vivid contrast of flaming maples and sombre pines. North Bay is not only a city of homes, it is also the centre of a lovely area of homes-from-home. It is a lodestone which draws summer visitors from near and far. The cottagers in their thousands on Lake Nipissing and the French River, on Trout Lake and innumerable lakes and streams all the way to Temagami look to North Bay as their home port.

For all its bustling business activity, North Bay still has time for play. It has its hockey, football, soccer, softball and basketball teams. There is fishing unexcelled, for pickerel in Lake Nipissing and for ouananiche in Trout Lake. There are moose, deer and bear in its immediate environs, and partridge and ducks are not far to seek. It is a city of curlers and skiers, with a library, concerts and theatres for the more sedentary. North Bay is a good place in which to live.

The people of North Bay, while cosmopolitan in origin, have welded themselves into a homogenous community. It may be that the predominance of railway employment has given them a common interest unusual in cities of comparable size. It is employment which in many instances has persisted through three generations, and there are few of the older inhabitants who have not some connection with a railway. Failing that, they stem from lumbermen or some other denizen of the surrounding forests. They were sound people of pioneer stock, and much of the basic courage and initiative still remains.

Lake Nipissing and the Ottawa River system form a line of demarcation between the North and the South, and the people of North Bay take pride in their Northern heritage. Although North Bay is the hub of transportation lines reaching to the great metropolitan centres of Canada, it still remembers the day when canoe, snowshoe and toboggan were essential tools, not playthings. The people are akin to the forests and the mines which have made Northern Ontario great, and this gives a distinctive flavour to community life.

From a straggling hamlet of log huts in 1882, North Bay has developed into a fine, modern city and suburban area of over 50,000 people. With confidence it looks ahead to a rapidly expanding economy which will enhance its importance and its prosperity without changing its essential character. Conscious of its destiny, North Bay is inspired with a sense of civic pride and its people have a warm-hearted welcome for all comers to "The Gateway to the North."

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