

Centennial Moment #5

The latest fad:

From her ongoing research in the Examiner archives of 1921, the year our Club was founded, Frances discovered an article about the latest fad:

The Pogo stick!!

"Pogo stick jumping is the newest fad," wrote the Examiner. It was popular in London & Paris, where adults and children were doing it, and was sure to spread into North America.

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An excerpt from *The Evening Examiner*, Peterborough, Tuesday, November 15, 1921. Written by F.H. Dobbin, who joined our club on May 1, 1921, one month after its founding.

What is a "peptomist"?

Mr. Tom Best, from Hamilton, a speaker at our Club's Nov. 14, 1921, lunch meeting, defined a pessimist as one who "knocks and drudges", and an optimist as one "who ran ahead of facts and even responsibilities, and while hopeful, put no discretion on his urgings". In contrast to these two, is the "peptomist": one "who put some spirit and hopefulness into practical work, who makes his service to the community count."

Mr. Best said Rotarians were, by and large, peptomists. However, he knew of some Rotary clubs who did not "rotate", meaning they did little but attend the weekly luncheons.

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From *The Evening Examiner*, Peterborough, Tuesday, September 13, 1921:

WISE AND OTHERWISE:

Poems Penned in the Pen:

A Clerk I was.
But now in jail
For ringing up
Too oft: "NO SALE."

Phonograph disks (records) can be used as pie plates. This is the most satisfactory use to which many of them can be put.

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From *The Evening Examiner*, Peterborough, Wednesday, December 21, 1921:

WISE & UNWISE

Getting the family a car makes the Christmas spirit and expense last through the year.

We wonder at times how a grouch would manage to enjoy life if all the undesirable people were killed.

The engine chokes when the car goes too slow. What we need is an appliance to choke the driver when he goes too fast.