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## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding ✿ that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified ✿ that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them ✿ that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses ✿ that the true spirit of this Christmas Season — its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith — may live among us ✿ that the blessings of peace be ours — the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.



*May Happiness Abound for  
You and Yours at Christmas  
and throughout the Coming Year*

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## Christmas In Sudbury, 1883

At sunset of July 1, 1883, a lumber wagon carrying two people and their household furnishings joggled over the bumpy stretches of the corduroy tote road leading to Sudbury from the East, crossed the shaky little bridge over the creek where Memorial Park is now, and climbed the hill between the Anglican Rectory and St. Andrew's Church. When the tired horse finally came to a stop the bruised and shaken passengers who alighted were Dr. Howey, the first C.P.R. Company doctor to be stationed in the three-month-old settlement, and his wife, Florence R. Howey.

Six months later Dr. and Mrs. Howey spent their first Christmas in Sudbury, and, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross and family at the Hudson Bay Company Post on Whitefish Lake, attended a dance

at the nearby Indian Village on New Year's Eve. Readers of the Triangle will enjoy Mrs. Howey's interesting description of the occasion, taken from her book, "Pioneering on the C.P.R." It follows:

December now, and Christmas in the offing. The track (Canadian Pacific Railway) had reached here in November and more luxuries were available, at least what seemed luxuries after our long subsistence on absolute necessities, therefore we decided to give a party. To our delight Dr. Girdwood had sent up turkeys for us and the patients in the hospital. Then the question arose, whom shall we invite. The engineers whose homes were in Canada had gone to spend Christmas with their families. Mr. Wiley (of the cold baths) and Mr. Shaw, the big Scotsman, whose homes were across the sea had left, but there were several nice fellows who could not leave and were looking kind of homesick, so our list was made up. Gough and Harry Fairman, book-

keeper and clerk in the Company's store, Francis Fulford, Draftsman Pierre, Muller, Commissariat for the boarding cars, and Mr. Thompson who was in charge of the supply store, his little boy was with him. They had expected to go home but were unable to do so. We must ask Miss Horrigan, the only girl available. These and ourselves counted up made eleven. Our table accommodated eight comfortably but we thought that by distributing the fat and the lean guests judiciously, and by sitting very close together on the benches we might manage four on each side. I would have one Windsor chair at the head of the table, and with Doctor on a box at the foot, and little Billy Thompson on a box at the corner, by his father, we might manage.

So they were all invited and all came. Miss Horrigan came the previous day and she and Pierre undertook the decorations, and made a woodland bower of our little room, with cedar and balsam boughs. They prided themselves

on a "Merry Christmas" done with cedar which extended nearly the length of one log on one side of the room. It was very much admired. Until little Billy, in a rather loud whisper, said to his father, "Pa, see that S". We all looked at that "S" and discovered for the first time that it was hind side before. Then as usual, pride had a fall.

When dinner was ready there was a discussion as to who should sit where. Someone suggested measuring each guest to determine the amount of bench space they would require, and then space off the benches accordingly. However, that idea was not carried out. Imagine us then, I in our one chair at the head, Doctor on a box at the foot and our guests rubbing elbows at each side. There was not room on the table for the turkey, so Pierre volunteered to carve it in the kitchen, but after we were seated he brought it in carrying the platter high and marched solemnly around the table, pro-

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## Joe Dancisin

Joe Dancisin has retired on disability pension from the casting building at Copper Cliff, with Inco service dating from 1933. He worked many years in the Orford building before transferring to the casting building in 1950. He was a crusherman helper.

Coming from Czechoslovakia in 1928 Joe's first job was on the railroad into Flin Flon. That same year he went to Port Colborne and worked with Fraser Brace, who were building an addition at the



Mr. and Mrs. Dancisin

Nickel Refinery. Then in 1930 he turned up in Copper Cliff but couldn't land a job at the plant so worked for the town, putting in sewers.

Then he was off to Arvida, Quebec, where he remained until returning to Copper Cliff in 1933.

Mary Diky and Joe were married in 1925 and they have a very comfortable home in Sudbury. Their grounds are a rose lover's paradise and Joe's wife even grows rose bushes indoors during the winter so has bloom almost all year 'round.

The Dancisins made a trip back to the Old Country four years ago and may make another trip next year if Joe's health improves.

## Art Morin

Art Morin was born in Copper Cliff 64 years ago. "All my mother's people, the Martels, come from Copper Cliff," he said. Art was raised there and in Sudbury. During recent months his health hasn't been the best so he is now relaxing on a disability pension. He had been a sandplant boss at Frood since 1958 and previously worked at Creighton and Levack.

Prior to the First War Art worked in and around Pembroke and after his discharge from the army in 1919 went to work in a paper mill at the Soo. He came to Creighton in 1923 and worked in



Mr. and Mrs. Morin

the mechanical department until 1929. "I quit to work on the new bridge across the Detroit river," Art said, "but that month the stock market crashed and so did jobs at the bridge."

In 1930, however, Art was back working at Creighton and in 1940 was sent to Levack to look after the steel shop. "I enjoyed living and working at Levack," he said.

A widower, Art remarried in 1930

## Glittering Social Event Was Annual Charity Ball of Memorial Hospital



Legion Memorial Hall auditorium was transformed into a carnival scene for the annual Charity Ball given by the board of governors of Sudbury Memorial Hospital. Focal point of the dazzling decorative motif was a carousel in the centre of the floor from which Con Di Salle's orchestra dispensed its smooth stylings. Pure white Christmas trees ornamented the stage where an enjoyable floor show was given under the direction of Mrs. Marcia Ironstone. At midnight the guests helped themselves at an elaborate dinner buffet in the Dieppe Room. Many Inco people were among the 135 couples attending this gala formal event of the social season. Proceeds will be used to purchase new equipment for the hospital.

taking Agnes Foisey, sister of another new Inco pensioner Adelarde Foisey, as his wife. Art has three daughters by his first marriage, Betty (Mrs. Ed. Kauppinen of Levack, Jean (Mrs. G. McCauley) of Hardy, June (Mrs. R. Lowe) of Toronto and 12 grandchildren.

With a marked improvement in his health of late Art hopes to be a good deal more active by next spring.

## Laurent Lafreniere

Laurent Lafreniere was born in Quebec in 1897 and, he like many others on leaving school, went to work for the International Paper Company in the bush cutting pulp wood. Coming to Port Colborne in 1943 he started with Inco and for 20 years has worked in the electrolytic department at various



Mr. and Mrs. Lafreniere

jobs. Laurent said, "I am going to keep busy. I am going to paint my house and work in the garden, and find other jobs. I want to stay young."

Rosalie Moran became Laurent's wife in 1918. They have four daughters and two sons, Helene (Mrs. Wilfrid Samure), Marie (Mrs. Germain Cote), Rea and Linda; Raymond, an Incoite with 15 years' service who works in the anode department, and Roma at home. Eighteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren complete the Lafreniere family.

At a gathering in the electrolytic department Laurent received a

purse of money from his fellow workers. Bert Lindenas spoke of his faithful service and James Walter expressed the management's thanks and good wishes to him and Mrs. Lafreniere.

### FAIR WARNING

Seven-year old to his teacher:

"I don't want to scare you, but my pop says if I don't get better grades, somebody's gonna get a spanking."

## Handsome High Fidelity Set Shows Joe Steele's Skill

As beautifully finished a hi-fi set as you could hope to own is the one Thompson electrical superintendent Joe Steele made himself. The 64-inch cabinet, which took him three months of odd evenings to complete, is made of ¾-inch plywood faced with wood-grained formica. It took another month to assemble and instal the high fidelity record player and speakers, but when he was through Joe really had something to be proud of. His woodworking hobby grew out of his shop training at school in Mission City, B.C. He was born at Rock-glen, Sask., married Greta Faddick of Copper Cliff, and has one son, Robbie, 9.







**The Inco Window** International Nickel's lovely Christmas window, in the new President Motor Hotel where the Sudbury and District Chamber of Commerce offices are to be located, was previewed by Inco president J. Roy Gordon and vice-president James C. Parlee. They are shown above with general manager T. M. Gaetz and Chamber of Commerce president Syd Stephens, admiring the magnificent presentation designed and produced by Harry Despard and his creative artists. The Twelve Days of Christmas, as immortalized in the traditional

English ballad, are depicted in framed tableaux inset in three richly adorned revolving carousels. The little figures portraying the characters in each picture box are attired in gay period costumes. A decorated Christmas tree and a collection of gifts completes the romantically beautiful presentation which will be viewed with delight by thousands of Sudbury and district people. The new Inco Window near the corner of Lorne and Elm is just up the street from its old location in the Loblaw building.

## "For Many Years to Come"

In his address to the fall dinner meeting of Sudbury District Chamber of Commerce, Inco president J. Roy Gordon discussed political and economic conditions in Europe as he had observed them during a recent tour, and reported the healthy condition of the nickel business both there and in the United States, but it was to his remarks on the future of Inco's operations that his audience gave its keenest attention and spontaneous applause, and finally a standing ovation. In this connection Mr. Gordon said:

"We as a nickel company have two separate sources of nickel now, one at Sudbury and the other at Thompson, and possibly some remarks I made on the occasion of a Quarter Century Club meeting seven or eight years ago would bear repeating.

"I said at that time that the

discovery of the Manitoba deposits was a most important event in our history, because not only did it permit us to expand our production to a capacity of 400,000,000 pounds or more, but of even greater importance it relieved us of the necessity of expanding production from this area to a level which might seriously shorten the life of these deposits.

"It is interesting now to assess the foregoing remarks after the passage of seven or eight years. The goal of bringing the Sudbury production down to a safe and stable level has been reached. In fact it has been brought lower than that. And the great expansion projects of nickel production which have taken place in the past in this area, insofar as our Company is concerned, are not likely to be called for in the future.

"However I would like to confirm

and amplify a statement made in Sudbury some three months ago by our chairman, Mr. Wingate. He indicated that by September, 1964, there would be a noticeable increase in our payroll. In other words, some of the men on layoff would have been called back to work by that time. Events of the past three months since Mr. Wingate made that remark would tend to lay emphasis on what he said. Our sales in that period have been higher than we had expected, and I think one can almost predict that his prediction will come true sooner than he had indicated in September.

"We look forward to operating at a high level of capacity for many years to come. I have said, and I repeat, that in the years following the war, in the period of (nickel) shortage, we operated at a higher level than we would normally like to have done. Now we are in a position to return to a stable level, and while it will be higher than it is at present, never-

theless it will not get back to the peak years of 1957, '58, '59, and '60.

"On the other hand, and this is very important, we are confident that there will be continued substantial capital expenditures for programs of modernization and for many changes in the processes used, and I feel that this is a true index of industrial health. You have witnessed the erection of our modern Iron Ore Plant, which has just recently reached its rated capacity of some 750,000 gross tons of iron pellets per year. There are numerous other process changes in the making which will lead, we confidently expect, to wider and more diversified markets for our nickel products, as well as for the recovery of our important by-products.

"It is a remarkable fact that after more than 75 years of operation, and a production of over 375,000,000 tons of nickel-copper ore from the Sudbury district, one can still describe the situation as  
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PRESIDENT GORDON came to Sudbury to address the fall dinner of the Chamber of Commerce, an impressive audience of 300 industrial leaders and businessmen. He was introduced by the chamber's second vice-president, Alex Godfrey, and thanked by the first vice-president, Morey Spiegel, who presented him with a handsome ash tray (first picture, above). "It's the first

time I've ever been paid for making a speech," joked Mr. Gordon. In the centre picture he is congratulated on his address by Bill Kuryliv and on the right shares a laugh with Chamber of Commerce secretary-manager Bob Hollywood.

## Sudbury 1883

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claiming about St. Nicholas and a turkey, until the company protested that they would rather eat it than hear about it.

Despite the many makeshifts, which we did not mind at all, it was a real Christmas dinner with most of the eatments and drinkments which custom and tradition have made almost necessities. All were in good spirits although we were a little bunch of strangers gathered from every direction, away back in the wilderness, hundreds of miles from any of our kin or friends. One would not feel so isolated now where distance is annihilated by planes and fast trains. If any one had spoken of travelling by air it would have been a joke too silly to laugh at. Before our guests departed we sang Auld Lang Syne. I think everyone, as we sang, visioned a different group of old acquaintances, and it seemed to cast just a little shade of sadness, which soon passed and as they said "good night" everyone agreed that we'd had a very Merry Christmas.

For New Year's about the same party was invited to the Hudson Bay Company post and a dance at the Indian village New Year's Eve. As the Branch was abandoned there was no traffic on the tote road so Mr. Ross came for me with a dog team and the men snowshoed. There were three dogs, two Indians, and Mr. Ross in command. Cushions were strapped on the toboggan. I was rolled up in a blanket and strapped on to it,



### Golden Wedding

Joe Zoporynuik married Mary Kowaluk on November 23, 1913 in the village of Onut in the Ukraine. They celebrated the golden anniversary of that happy event in the Greek Orthodox church on Baker Street in Sudbury, when hundreds of their friends feted them at a gala party. Their only daughter Doris, who is married to Walter Sturby of Frood, made the presentation to her mother of a pair of gold earrings and to her father, a gold watch. Flowers, traditional gifts plus congratulatory messages from Canada's Governor-General, prime minister and other national and civic dignitaries, were also received.

Joe was a Frood man from 1926 until his retirement on service pension early in 1954. In good health he and his wife live comfortably in Sudbury's North end.



### Winter Fun

Learning to skate in the backyard rink at their Juniper Drive home in Thompson is fun for Gary and Robert Benson, and falling is half the fun. These healthy young rascals are five and four years old respectively and their daddy, Gary senior, is an electrician at the Thompson plant. Winter and snow are joyfully welcomed by the small fry at Thompson. Here Scott, 5, and Chris, 3½, enjoy a tandem sleigh ride near their home on Elm Street. A miner at Thompson since last January, their father Jack Mifflin came from the Sudbury area and had previously worked three years at Levack.

ropes attached to each side at the back of the toboggan were held by the Indians to steady my craft going down hill, and prevent it rolling over with me on the tippy places. Dr. Howey and the boys, Fairman, Mueller, Fulford were to follow on snow shoes like a sort of body guard.

The flag was flying when we arrived, and the children rushed out, each trying to be the first to say a "Happy New Year". Supper was ready for us and we were ready for it. Then a smoke and a rest for the men as they were tired after a twelve mile snow shoe, and did not feel just like starting out at once for another two mile tramp down the lake to the Indian village. However, the Indians do not wait until the night is half gone before they begin to dance, and we were expected to be on hand at "early candlelight". I suppose the time was given that way because of the scarcity of clocks and watches among them. Early candlelight is pretty early in January so we could not rest too long. While we were getting into our wraps and bundling up the children, for all hands were going, I heard Mrs. Ross say "Simon, tackle the ox". I did not know what she meant, but found that a young ox which was used to draw wood, was to draw us too, at least the women and children. So the ox was "tackled" to the wood sleigh with rope harness and lines, blankets and cushions were in demand again and we all piled on. Mrs. Ross and the baby, Simon the driver, George, Robert, Arthur (Art Ross of the Boston "Bruins", I am his Godmother) Charlie, Alexander, Roderick, Colin, Donald and Sybil (the only daughter) Miss Horrigan and myself. Simon did not spare the whip, so away we went, the ox on the full gallop. It was a wild ride, but good fun.

On our arrival Mr. Ross insisted on the usual New Year's ceremony being observed. On that special date every man was expected to kiss every woman in the Company. Our boys were a little dubious about the old women, and their

kisses were like a touch of a butterfly's wing, but when it came to the young girls' turn they did their duty manfully. After that the orchestra began tuning up its fiddle, it consisted of one man by the name of Martin, and soon the strains of the Fisher's Hornpipe were floating on the air. The girls were squatted on the floor around the walls with small bright Scotch plaid shawls over their heads, the braves stood in a group about the door, as I have sometimes seen more civilized braves do at parties. They were shy about starting to dance, but when "Money Musk" started up, it brought some of them to the middle of the floor, from where they chose their partners by crooking a finger at the girl they wanted; as they were seated rather close together, they were sometimes uncertain as to the one who seemed to be chosen and would look up and ask "Nur?" (me) and if so, he said, "Kagat", (it is true) then she would get up and go to him.

They danced no round dances, nor square dances but most wonderful step dances and jigs. They danced facing each other and back to back, and round and round each other, but never touching. As the evening wore on they got more confidence and the older people feeling the urge, joined in and the dancing became fast and furious, now and then we had a sample of their war whoop. Mr. and Mrs. Ross danced with them, the latter vying with the girls for light feet, but our boys would not enter. About ten o'clock a large basket of sweet biscuits, which Mrs. Ross had provided, was passed around and greatly appreciated. It was the only refreshment served. Then the ox was "tackled" again, and we went back to watch for 1884. When it arrived greetings were exchanged, "and so to bed."

Next day, being New Year's Day, Mrs. Ross gave us a typical Hudson Bay post dinner. Minue Mouflie soup, made from dried moose nose, venison and beaver tail, the latter considered a great delicacy and very good, if you like

that sort of thing, potatoes, and plum pudding, even a wee bit o'Scotch to toast the New Year, and then the return, as we had come, having enjoyed it all beyond words.

### Wes a Crack Shot



Terry Hancey

Out hunting in Nairn township with his son Kerry, 6, crack shot Wes Burden of Lively brought down two timber wolves they spotted scurrying across country about 75 yards away. The bounty, \$25 per wolf, will come in handy for Christmas gifts. Wes works in the electrical department at Copper Cliff.



Harold Elves, who became an Inco 25-year man in 1959, and Pat Ogilvie, who qualified for membership in 1961, reminisce with vice-president Parlee at the Toronto dinner of the QC Club.

## Old Inco Friends Meet at Toronto

At the annual dinner of the Toronto branch of the Inco Quarter Century Club a hearty welcome was extended by the chairman, vice-president James C. Parlee, to two members transferred from the Copper Cliff branch, H. C. Elves and P. I. Ogilvie.

The pleasant reunion was thoroughly enjoyed by a gathering of 90 which filled the Royal York Hotel's Quebec Room to capacity.

Following dinner and the chairman's remarks and good wishes, the guests were entertained by charming Toronto chanteuse Shirley Harmer. The get-together then continued informally for an hour before farewells were said.



Mrs. Hector Poirier and Austin Smith were among the 90 guests, the majority of whom previously lived in the Sudbury district and now have their homes in or near Toronto.



1. The waiter is encountering no opposition as he serves a generous portion to Lloyd Martin, Froot electrician who retired on pension last year; on the



right is Mrs. J. E. Totton. 2. Mrs. H. F. Mowat had G. Nurisso as a dinner companion. 3. Mrs. H. A. Waern and Dr. Trevor Beckett.



1. Mrs. Felix Noblet of New York, whose husband is treasurer of the Company, accompanied him to Toronto for the dinner. 2. Bill Rogers and Mrs. Henry

Latinville. 3. Mrs. P. I. Ogilvie, 4. L. E. Kitchener, and 5. Mrs. James C. Parlee and Gerry Marsh, assistant treasurer and office manager, Toronto.

### William Crabbe

Forty-one years is a long time in any man's life but William Crabbe has completed that many years in the electrical department at Port Colborne and is now retiring on service pension.

His service dates back to 1922, the year he came out from Scotland.

Born and raised in Dundee, he served his apprenticeship with the Caledon Shipbuilding and Engineering Company. He also served four years during the First War with the Royal Engineers and saw active service in France for over three years.

Bill Crabbe's first and only job in Canada has been with Inco. He started as an electrician helper, later worked as maintenance elec-

trician and inspector. For the past 10 years he has been electrician boss. Alex Zahavich, electrical superintendent, had this to say about Bill: "He was a conscientious and faithful worker, diligent and careful, and in 41 years never had



Mr. and Mrs. Crabbe

a lost-time accident job. We hope Bill will enjoy his retirement as much as we have enjoyed working with him."

In 1924 William married Rose Webber, who died in 1961. He was married to Louisa Cawley in 1963. One son, William Jr., is a machinist and an Incoite with 20 years' service. Two daughters, Gladys (Mrs. Douglas Hanham) whose husband is assistant superintendent of the precious metals department, and Margaret (Mrs. Steven Franklin). Six grandchildren complete the Crabbe family.

Bill was presented with a gift of luggage by J. H. Walter on behalf of his fellow workers as a token of their esteem and respect. Mr. Walter spoke of Bill's sterling qualities of dependability and workmanship in thanking him for a life's work well done. Mrs. Crabbe

was presented with a bouquet of roses.

### TOUGH NEW FAMILY

Among modern super-steels, some of the toughest and strongest have been named maraging steel because of the simple aging treatment involved in their production. Developed in the laboratories of the International Nickel Company, this family of steels has a yield strength of up to 300,000 pounds per square inch and is being evaluated for use in such equipment as rocket-engine cases, helicopter rotor shafts and landing gear on aircraft.

You are thoroughly broad-minded; your friend has a few prejudices; your enemy is so narrow-minded his ears touch.



## Howard James

Howard James went straight into the army from school. "That was in 1915," he told the Triangle, "and I joined at the Soo with the old 119th Battalion." He served overseas three years and picked up shrapnel wounds that hospitalized him another year. On his return to the Soo he joined the fire department where he worked until 1929 before deciding to give Sudbury a go.

Retired now on full service pension Howard looks back on his Inco years at Copper Cliff with pride and satisfaction. The blast furnaces was where he started in 1929 but as soon as the new roasters went into operation he was one of the first men there. "That was a good place to work and they were good guys to work with," he declared.

Ida Fraser became Mrs. James in 1919 and their family includes Manford, a bricklayer at Copper Cliff, Esther, whose husband Firmin Zuiani works with the fitters, Albert of Sudbury, Marjorie (Mrs. P. Kennedy) of North Bay,



Mr. and Mrs. James

Bob in Calgary, Bill at Halifax, and 11 grandchildren.

Originally from the Ottawa Valley, where he was born at Almonte in 1898, Howard plans on moving back to that part of the country next year. The past dozen years he has lived comfortably in a small home perched high over the eastern end of Lake Ramsey, with his son Albert located right next door.

In good health, and with an appreciation of life's blessings and pleasures, Howard is a man well content with his lot.

## Steve Kurpas

Another topnotch Copper Refinery man has retired on full service pension. Steve Kurpas, an inspector the past seven years and a tankhouse employee since 1930, will be missed in that department where his quiet, dependable ability was long established.



Steve Kurpas

Jobs were hard to get in 1930 when Steve came to Sudbury. "I waited outside the gate many days," he recalled. "Then one day I just walked over to Mr. Koth's office in the tankhouse and he gave me a job. Mr. Benard came along and said okay. And I've worked there ever since."

Steve had a small business in his native Czechoslovakia, where he was born in 1898, but in the

## "At the Going Down of the Sun and in the Morning . . . . We Shall Remember Them"



Men and women who gave their lives for their country in two world wars were solemnly honored in the annual Remembrance Day services in Sudbury on November 11. Picture shows the scene at the memorial cenotaph as Sudbury mayor William Ellis and Copper Cliff mayor Richard Dow paused in tribute after placing wreaths on behalf of their municipalities. The cenotaph ceremonies followed Sudbury's first inter-denominational Remembrance service, held in the Arena, in which Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergy participated. Many groups, military and civilian, took part in the Remembrance Day parade.



The various Nickel Belt communities surrounding Sudbury held their own services of Remembrance on Sunday, November 10. In this picture, taken at the Royal Canadian Legion hall in Copper Cliff, the flags are dipped in tribute during two minutes' silence in memory of the fallen. Legion comrade Bob Kelly read the immortal lines, "They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning . . . we shall remember them."

early twenties business failed and he came to Canada in 1926. He worked in the Sarnia-Windsor area before coming to Sudbury.

For many years Steve played violin in a local orchestra. He still plays occasionally and this, along

with reading — he has a library of over 800 books — walking and visiting with friends makes the days pass all too quickly. He is also a keen soccer fan, having played the game some 30 years ago.

Steve's wife has remained in the old land where they were married 40 years ago. Their only daughter died in 1948. Steve may make a trip back next year but only for a visit. "This is my home now," he said.



## Jack Rogerson Leaves Coniston

Coniston's jolly Jack Rogerson was surprised and delighted when a group of his plant friends converged on his laboratory at Coniston, on his last shift before retirement, and presented him with the most modern of weather forecasting instruments. "Only thing it can't do is change the weather," quipped plant metallurgist Bill Armstrong, who is shown making the presentation to Jack. Others in the above group from the left are Roy Snitch, Wib Job, Herb Fitzgerald, Fred Murphy, Jack Lilley, Harry Benn, Fred Cresswell, Gordon Adams, Ray Bouchard, Verdel Price, Willard Conlon, Herb Goodspeed, Snell Blake, Fred Leclair, and kneeling, Bob Johnston, Reg MacNeil, Dorland Kidd, Bill Johnson, Ian Laing and Alf Dube.

Jack Rogerson's service with the Company dates away back to 1929, the year Mond Nickel was merged with Inco. Born in Birkenhead, England, he graduated from the School of Pharmacy in Liverpool, then spent several years in India with a pharmaceutical company. In Canada he worked briefly for Deloro Smelting and Refining Company before joining International Nickel.

He was a member of the Coniston public school board for 30 years and a leader in Boy Scout work.

He was married first to Mary Smith, who died in 1945; their son Jack is with the Department of Highways at North Bay and their daughter Janet is Mrs. Frank Parker of Toronto. In 1951 Mr. Rogerson married Gertrude Schroeder, a widow with three children, one of whom, Hans, resides with them in their new home in London, Ont.

A dedicated hobbyist, Jack Rogerson is a real student of entomology and photography. He has a very fine collection of local butterflies, every specimen caught and catalogued by himself. He is also interested in oil painting, and reads a great deal.

The main thing wrong with the younger generation is, a lot of us don't belong to it any more.

## Kuzma Yurchuk

Enjoying excellent health and a full, busy day Kuzma Yurchuk is a happy pensioner indeed. He misses the gang at Creighton where he had worked since 1941, but figures this new life is just great.



Kuzma Yurchuk

Born in a small village in the Ukraine he worked on the farm and served in the army before coming to Canada in 1927. Apart from a year out west he has been in the Sudbury area since that time.

He worked for the contractors during construction of the surface buildings at Frood then got a job in the timber yard and also worked underground. He broke his service briefly in 1940 but the following year he was rehired at Creighton no. 6 shaft. After helping sink that shaft he worked as a miner until 1945, then went as pipefitter at no. 5 shaft, the job he held until retirement.

Kuzma has two daughters, Allie (Mrs. J. Oystreich) with whom he lives, Judy (Mrs. B. Rain) also of Sudbury, and two grandchildren.

In summer Kuzma likes to spend most of his time at his son-in-law's Fairbank Lake camp.

## Adelarde Foisey

Adelarde Foisey's continuous service with the Company dates back to 1923 but he actually began work eight years earlier. "I started in the old no. 2 mine at Copper Cliff," recounted this jovial pensioner, "but it closed down the next year." Retired now from the mill at Copper Cliff on early service pension he is very much enjoying the life of ease.

He was born and raised at Copper Cliff but his family moved to a farm near Wahnapiatae in 1913. Adelarde used this as a base and when a job ended he always went back to the farm. "I worked at O'Donnell in 1917," he said, "and in 1918 I was on the charge floor at Copper Cliff." Laid off in 1919 he worked a time for the Mond in Coniston in 1921, then in 1923, was rehired at Coniston and stayed. "I started in the old test plant," he said, "and in 1931 was sent to the new mill at Copper Cliff." For many years on the rod mill pumps he was also dam boss and of late years worked in the pump stations.

Caroline Gatte became Mrs. Foisey in 1924. Their son Frank and daughter Ann (Mrs. V.

Phillipps) both live in Sudbury, Felix works at the Iron Ore Plant, and Margaret's husband Mike Trypus is with Inco at Copper Cliff. They have seven grandchildren.

Adelarde enjoys hunting and



Mr. and Mrs. Foisey

fishing but since breaking his foot a while back has had to curtail these pleasures. Visiting with family, neighbors and friends adds much to his enjoyment of life and he is also one of the better TV fans.

## OR THE CRAWL

"What's this fly doing in my soup?" inquired the businessman who was getting more irritated by the minute.

The waiter came behind the table, stood a minute looking into the soup bowl: "Looks like the back stroke to me."

## Thompson's Christmas Greeting

Sending out cheery Season's Greetings on behalf of everybody at the Thompson plant are Ena Leach, receptionist, Enzo Graffi of the refinery, Neville Menard of the mine, Herb Blais of the smelter, Dmitro Herman of the mill, and Manitoba division general manager Foster Todd. The same to you, Thompson, and many of them!





## Change of Command In 33 Tech Squadron



When Major E. C. "Ted" Harber, commanding officer of the 33rd Technical Squadron, RCME, for the past seven years, retired recently from that post, a large gathering of the Sudbury garrison and friends attended a mess dinner honoring his service.

Cassio's Rainbow Room was ablaze with dress uniforms for the auspicious occasion.

Commanding officer for the central Ontario area, Brigadier H. E. Brown, OBE, ED, CD, was guest speaker for the evening and briefly discussed the role and commitments of Canada's army in the world today. He also officiated at the change-of-command sword ceremony.

In the above picture Brigadier Brown receives the sword from

Major Harber before presenting it to Major L. M. Ramsey, the new commanding officer, standing next to the brigadier. Also shown are Captain Fern Dionne, Major G. O. Machum, who was the squadron's commanding officer from 1953 to 1956, and mess president Captain R. S. Godwin. Major Harber has served over 27 years with the regular army and militia.

## Bob Faddis

One of the best rockhouse men ever to cuss a blocked crusher, and a peer among local speckled trout fishermen, Bob Faddis is now enjoying an early service pension. He has left the running of Stobie rockhouse to younger hands that he has trained.

Bob came to Inco in 1929 after working 14 years in Scottish coal mines. "Never lost a shift either," he said proudly. Mrs. Faddis, who was Annie Barre before she and Bob married in 1925, has no such fond recollections of those early coal mining days. "Come home filthy every night," she declared. "And we had to scrape the clay off you before you could wash off the dirt."



Mr. and Mrs. Faddis

Bob remembers waiting outside the gate at Frood for many days for a job. "Then one day Whitehead called for a mine timberman, and he got one. Me!" smiled Bob. He worked underground about two years, then came up to the rockhouse to work for Rube Cook. In 1937 he was given a supervisory post.

Over the years his skill and knowledge have served every Inco mine in the district when tricky rockhouse installations or problems arose. He looked after no. 2 crushing plant at the Open Pit for a number of years and then in 1947 took charge of the Stobie rockhouse.

A fisherman from his youth in

Scotland, Bob initiated Rube Cook into the solemn rites of fishing speckleds and in later years this pair were regular fishing companions.

Trout fishing is a way of life to Bob and while he does fish pike, pickerel and bass, he admits that his heart is not really in it. Familiar with more creeks and ponds in the district than most fishermen Bob stocked his own streams for many years. "I always knew where I could get fish," he said, and the fact is that while he may not have caught the largest trout in the area he could always guarantee a panful each time out.

Mrs. Faddis often accompanies her husband and knows the wily trout well too. They have a camp on Highway 69 at Rock Lake where they spend considerable time. Their twin sons, Tom and George, both work for the Hydro as does young Robert. Their daughter Cathy is the wife of Frood's Edgar Lachance, and Ann is still at home. They have 11 grandchildren and as Mrs. Faddis expressed it, "we love 'em all."

Bob was born in Ayrshire in 1900 and began work in a coal mine when he was 14 years old.

Right now he is enjoying every moment of his retirement leisure, planning next year's trout fishing campaign and toying with the idea of building a home on some highway property he owns. A very happy couple are Bob and Annie Faddis.

## Luka Kovacevic

When Louie Kovacevic came to Canada in 1928 his first job was in the Nickel Refinery at Port Colborne. "I worked on the stripping floor," he related, "and when they moved the Orford process to Copper Cliff in 1931 I came up too." However a short delay occurred before Louie could get started here so he took off with a friend for Kirkland Lake and didn't rejoin Inco until 1942.

Retired on service pension and in

good health, Louie regrets that break in his service but as he philosophically explained, "I saw a lot of country and had some interesting experiences."

Kirkland Lake was good only for odd jobs during the depression so Louie moved on to a paper mill at

Temiskaming. Three years later he was on the night club circuit in Montreal playing guitar with an all-string orchestra. Two years of that and then one night their rooming house burned down, taking music, instruments and clothes.

Louie headed for Port Arthur, worked the grain elevators in summer and tended bar in winter. He came to Sudbury in 1941 and helped Nordale erect the head-frame and surface buildings at Murray.

Returning to the smelter in 1942 he spent a few years on the reverbs



Mr. and Mrs. Kovacevic

then went punching and skimming on the converters.

He married Mrs. Malick in 1948 and is very happy with his two stepdaughters, Mary (Mrs. C. Pfister) of Sudbury and Ethel who married Dr. Yakasovich, a dentist at the Soo.

A very happy couple Louie and his wife both enjoy gardening and regular visits with their family.

## \$1,000 Suggestion Plan Cheque Caught Up with Him a Year Later



Little did Len Duffy realize, when he was laid off at Creighton in October 1962, that an idea he had submitted to the Employees' Suggestion Plan would be paying off handsomely more than a year later. "I can hardly believe it even now," he exclaimed taking another quick look at the \$1,000 cheque he had just turned over to his wife. "Thanks a million — well a thousand anyway."

An industrious couple who know and appreciate the value of money, the Duffys agreed that despite the temptations of Christmas the place for this windfall was on the mortgage on their home. And in the above picture William Stedman, savings bank manager of the Royal Bank in downtown Sudbury, is shown transacting this very satisfying bit of business with them.

Len and his wife Elsie came from New Brunswick in 1960 and he soon was at work at Creighton. When the layoff came he went right out and hustled himself another job. "We had started to buy this house and I didn't want to let it go," he said. "That \$1,000 cheque sure gave us a lift."

Mrs. Duffy is supply teacher at Waters Township school a couple of days monthly. Their home is in Waters Township just off Highway 17. They have three children, David, 9, Michael, 6, and Susan, 3.

Len's comparatively simple suggestion concerned the disposition of belt scrapings at Creighton 5 shaft rockhouse where he was working at the time. He had entered a couple of suggestions earlier but did not hit paydirt until he pulled down the jackpot.



When the picture below was taken in June 1948 George Smith worked in the Monel shop then operated at the Port Colborne plant. Now he's assistant safety supervisor of the Nickel Refinery, and his family has also shown a lot of progress. Barry, then 7, is now a school teacher; Richard, then 5, is learning the business in an accounting office, and Douglas, then 2, is in grade 13. As for George and his wife Gert, they're better looking then ever. May they have their Happiest Christmas Ever.



Young Tommy, 6, wasn't on the scene when the Jim Forestell family of Coniston first appeared in the Triangle early in 1948. Today Maureen, who was just like a little doll in the early picture, is a charming young high school miss who was 17 on November 27. Terry, now 19, also attends high school and older brother Dan works at North Bay. Well it's nice seeing them again, and a Merry Christmas to them from all the Inco family!



## THE FAMILY ALBUM

# THEN... and Now

From the Triangle's treasured Inco Family Album comes another group of pictures taken in earlier days, to compare with photos of the same families as they are now. As can be easily seen, the intervening years have been kind to all. Many readers have told us how much they enjoy this annual Christmas feature. So do we. Everybody takes pleasure in the growth and development of a family under the warm influence of a good home, good living, and a closely knit relationship. What more satisfying or enduring value is there in this topsy turvy world?



Linda was 5 and Nancy 15 months, both very serious young ladies, when the Jim Rutherford family of Copper Cliff appeared in the Family Album in October 1948. Today Linda is at Teachers' College at North Bay, Nancy is in grade 12, and Mother and Dad look as young as ever. Yuletide Joy to them all!



Make the welkin ring with Christmas Greetings for Sam and Marion Pridham, who have been joined by Ralph, 9, and Kathy, 7, since their family was photographed in 1949. Sandra is now 18, Linda, 15, and Sam jr., 14. Previously an electrician at Murray, their dad is now at the Iron Ore Plant. They live in the Trout Lake area of Sudbury.



Salutations of the Season to Frood shift boss Jack and Mrs. Kunto. Phyllis a wee tyke with a big doll in 1948, is now Mrs. Eric Gifford, Stanley is in his final year at Laurentian University, Ronald works in Sudbury, and Margaret, who joined the clan after that first picture was taken, is now a younglady of 15.



Here's hoping All is Calm, All is Bright, for the Larry Jones family of Creighton on Christmas, although with 11 grandchildren now on the scene "calm" may be out of the question. Above is how they looked in March 1948, and below shows them today, a fine big grown-up family. The girls are Doris (Mrs. M. Morissette) of Creighton, Frances, whose husband John Dutrisac works at Creighton, and Ruth, who married a Levack man, Andre Marier. The six sons are Lawrence, Tom, Ken and Richard, who all work at Creighton, Ray of the Iron Ore Plant, and Leo of Sudbury.



The Gordon Armstrongs lived in Sudbury, and Bill was 9 and David 4, when the above picture was taken in December 1948. Now they live in Thompson where Gordon is chief mine engineer and David is employed in the mechanical department; Bill is married and teaches school in Roseville, California.



Copper Refinery's Jim Bryson and his wife Patricia had just two children when they were photographed for the Family Album early in 1949, but how things have changed since then! Their tribe makes a handsome group in the above picture, in which young Jim, 15, is on the left and the other children are Debra, 9, John, 10, Valerie, 11, Cheryl, 17, and Donald, 13. May their Christmas be a happy one.





# It Took Five Years But They Got Their 100,000 Safe Shifts and Are Still Going Strong



Peter Latta's flue dust gang at the Copper Cliff smelter have 100,000 good reasons for looking happy. On August 20, 1963 they had worked more than 100,000 consecutive safe shifts, and for a gang whose roster is seldom more than 50 men, this takes a bit of doing. Starting back in June of 1958 this safety-conscious crew have now worked better than five accident-free years. Copper Cliff assistant safety engineer George Brake, on the right, congratulated the men and helped shift boss Latta, extreme left, distribute pocket

knives in recognition of their achievement. Still safety "champ of champs" of course, is Copper Cliff roaster shift boss Angus McNeil who is daily adding to a record that is now almost into orbit. At the end of October he was credited with 268,588 safe shifts, a record that began in June, 1948. Another roaster shift boss with a fine record is Russ Brown who had piled up 139,520 safe shifts on the same date.

## George Hardy

George Hardy was born at Cache Bay in 1901. "That was a big, busy place when I was growing up," he said. "We had three big sawmills and I started working in one when I was 14. Got nine cents an hour for a 10-hour day." Today, a chipper 62 years young, George is enjoying an early service pension.

An electrician all his Inco years George first worked at Copper Cliff in 1925 when he came north from Toronto. "J. B. McCarthy hired me," he recalled, "and my first job was installing meters in the houses at Copper Cliff." Later he went into the smelter and



Mrs. Hardy

when Frood's great no. 3 shaft started sinking operations late in 1926, he was sent there to assist Stewart McKenzie.

"I quit in 1929," George related. "My wife didn't like it too well here at that time." He was back at Frood the following year, however, and worked there or at Stobie until his retirement. "I worked on the sinking of 3, 4 and 6 shafts at Frood and 7 and 8 shafts at Stobie," he said.

George would like to have been an electrical engineer. "I'd sure get more education if I were doing it all over again," he stated. He studied electricity at night school in Toronto while working as an eight dollar a week stockboy during the day.

In 1927 Miriam Thomas became Mrs. Hardy and their family include Frederick and Dorothy (Mrs. I. Fraser) of Sudbury, Nancy, a music teacher at Fort William, Patricia (Mrs. W. Tomlinson) of Ottawa, Joselyn, whose husband

George Millard is a missionary in northern Manitoba, and eight grandchildren.

George and his wife have moved to Beeton, Ontario. "That's a good place to live," he declared. "There's lots of activity in the village and I've plenty of room to garden." Fellow pensioner Lloyd Martin is within short visiting distance too.

Honored by his many friends at a party recently George received a model of an underground electric cable car and also a wallet of money.

## Aarne Malinen

A miner for more than 35 years, Aarne Malinen has retired on early service pension. A big man and a happy one, he liked his work. For the past 15 years he has been at Murray, a mine he ranked high among the good places to work.

Aarne came from Finland in 1926 and headed straight for Cobalt. "I couldn't get a job in the mine though," he said, "so I worked for about a year in the bush." He came down to Garson in 1927, worked there 18 months, then got a job at the Frood.



Mr. and Mrs. Malinen

He first drove raises on 2400 level, then worked on several other levels at Frood before transferring to the Open Pit in 1946. Two years later he moved over to Murray and stayed.

Aarne and Aino Huotari were married 41 years ago. They have a son Armas at Falconbridge and another, Vic, at the Copper Refinery; their daughter Ina is married to

Al Belliveau of Creighton. They have five grandchildren.

Right now Aarne is enjoying himself hunting for a suitable site to build a summer camp. "I've got plenty of time so I'll look till I get the right one," he said. His other plans include the possibility of spending some of this winter in the South, and a visit to Finland next year. Relaxing in the fine reclining chair his family gave him, Aarne figures this new life is tops.

## Steve Dochak

Along with hundreds of his countrymen Steve Dochak came to Canada from the Ukraine in 1928. On pension now after spending over 28 years at Inco, Steve deeply appreciates his adopted home.

During World War I he served in the Austrian army and was a prisoner in Italy for two years.

A smelterman since 1935, Steve worked 12 years at Coniston before

transferring to Copper Cliff. He punched on both nickel and copper converters, before and after the installation of automatic tuyeres, and found the job much to his liking.



Steve Dochak

During his early years in Canada he helped build a power plant at Seven Sisters' Falls in Manitoba, tried jobs at Cobalt and Vancouver, and spent several years in the bush around Kapuskasing.

His wife Mary Dzubos, whom he married in 1923, died in 1953. Their son Mike is a welder at Copper Cliff and lives with his father in Sudbury.

Owning and operating a small billiard establishment in Sudbury guarantees this new pensioner a pretty full day and that's the way he likes it. Steve meets many of his old friends there too.



At the retirement party staged for him by his Frood-Stobie electrical department buddies George Hardy holds the model of an underground cable car presented to him as a farewell gift. Some of the gang gathered around him for this picture: front, Leo Hamilton and Stewart McKenzie; middle, Albert Beach and Jack Buchanan; back, Ken Flake, Frank Graham, Clarence Marsh.



## Special Music For Christmas

On Christmas Day from 11 to 12 a.m., The International Nickel Company will sponsor a broadcast over CKSO of highlights of the concert given by Sudbury Philharmonic Society to a capacity audience in Sudbury High School auditorium on December 11. Anne Stephenson, Toronto soprano, Jim LeCain, Capreol tenor, and Jack Davidson, Sudbury bass-baritone, backed by a splendid chorus and orchestra, were the featured soloists of a well-balanced program that was rich in beauty and brilliant musicianship. Picture shows the Philharmonic's distinguished founder-director Eric Woodward, as he led the opening number.

More Inco-sponsored music for Christmas Day will be heard over CHNO from 1 to 2 p.m. when Jim Miller brings to his devoted radio audience another program in the widely popular Inco Concert Hour series.

## Greetings from Johnny

Johnny McDonnell, who was pensioned from Creighton in 1960 with 33 years' service, sends cheery Christmas greetings from Calgary, where he now makes his home. "Enjoying my pension, thanks to Inco. It's sure nice to turn off the alarm in the morning, roll over, and go back to sleep!"

## Years to Come

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stabilized at a long range level for the future.

"Referring to the production of ore, the 375,000,000 tons from this district during the 75-year period, I doubt very much if statistics are available that would indicate the total amount of payroll dollars that have accrued. However, in the 10 years from 1953 through 1962, the payroll figure for Inco Sudbury district operations is well over three quarters of a billion dollars. To be exact, 756 million, 705 thousand, 357 dollars and a few odd cents.

"It is a very safe forecast that in the 10 years hence, starting with 1963, there will be an even greater total."

## Bangle's 2600 Level Boys First Winners of Dave Lennie's Trophy



This past summer the Garson Mine Athletic Association revived their shift softball league and everyone was mighty happy with the results. Four teams were entered and after the dust settled and the hollering eased off, the Bangle shift 2600 level boys were champs.

They are pictured here receiving the new Dave Lennie trophy from

the donor. Front row left to right shows Jeff Laprairie, Garson mine superintendent B. T. King, Bill Kyryluk, team captain Gerry Clyke, Leo Geavreau, assistant mine superintendent Dave Lennie, Blakey Johnson, Ken Lindsay.

In the middle row are Joe Melanson, Ken Glibbery, Jack McDonald, Merle Currie, Carl Manthorne, and in the back Wally Byers and Fern

Henri. The boys are sporting the smart new jackets and crests they won.

Other teams in the league were Surface, 2200 and 2400 levels, with the champion 2600 level boys actually finishing in the basement in regular league play.

There's little doubt that next year this league will be bigger and possibly even noisier.

## Allan McChesney

Retired now on disability pension Allan McChesney worked at Creighton since starting with Inco in 1936. For the past couple of years he was a skiptender at 5 and 6 shafts; previously he worked with tramming crews and in stopes and pillars.



Allan McChesney

Born in 1905 he was raised near New Liskeard where his people farmed for many years. "I worked on the farm, in the bush and on construction until I came to Inco," he said. Allan recently bought a nine-room house located on 11 city lots in the town of Cobalt and that is where he is now living. "I like gardening," he said, "and I've plenty of room for it there." He also finds living less expensive.

Married in 1941 to Earth Bruce, he has a son Barry living in the Sudbury area.

"I'll have to take things easy for a bit," he declared. "But next year I hope to spend more time hunting and fishing."

## Correction

In our November issue the new appointment of Dean D. Ramstad was incorrectly reported. Mr. Ramstad has been elected an Assistant Vice-President of the Company.

## GETTING THE LAST DROP

Production capacity of nearly-

## \$1,000 for a Christmas Surprise . . . . WOW!!!

"That's one of the nicest Christmas presents I've ever received," Holden Villemere beamed as he accepted the \$1,000 suggestion award cheque. "I figured my suggestion was a pretty good one but I didn't dare hope I'd rate the top."

Holden's payoff idea concerned an improvement on the flash furnace screw conveyors. In the photograph he is shown (centre) explaining the details to Fred Burchell (left), mechanical superintendent, and Robert Saddington, manager of reduction works, who formally presented him with the \$1,000 jackpot.

He has worked in the flash furnace department as a maintenance mechanic leader since 1958 and has been with the mechanics at Copper Cliff for more than 25 years.

"I guess we'll use some of this money for a little extra Christmas shopping," Holden grinned, "but the rest is going into the bank. It'll come in darn handy next July when we go on vacation."

The Villemeres have been residents of Lively for seven years.



They have two sons, Martin, working underground at Levack, and Gerald, at Lively High School, and one daughter, Brenda, who is 8. A local boy, Holden was born in Sudbury in 1914, and recalls his dad building the first house on what is now Riverside Drive in Sudbury.

For recreation Holden enjoys tinkering with his own or any car — "did my own ring and valve job last fall" — and also likes to hunt and fish, especially with his sons.

He previously won a nominal award for a suggestion and has recently submitted two more that he hopes will be winners.

dry oil wells can be greatly increased by pumping brine into the wells and thus driving remaining oil into nearby producing wells.

Huge pumps, cast of nickel-containing ductile iron and weighing more than 7,500 pounds each, are used to pump the corrosive brine.



## 260 at Warehouse Shindig

The Sudbury Caruso Club was jumping with joy and jive the night that members of the purchasing and stores department entertained their wives and guests at their fourth annual social and shindig.

In a "Green Door" nightclub setting a happy crowd of 260 enjoyed the smooth beat of the Commodores and, at midnight, dug into platters of delicious chicken and spaghetti.

Susan Mann, 12-year-old tap and acrobatic dancer, and Peter Kusinskis, the young accordionist with the Dick Contino style, drew enthusiastic applause. Jerry Mahon, the warehouse's Shelley Ber- man, fired off another broadside of his original side-splitters.

Larry Cavanaugh and Joe Gauthier worked with Jerry on the arrangements for the big party.







Head table guests at the Emblin-Baker retirement dinner are shown above: back row, Grant Bertrim, Wilf Moore, Tom Mulligan, Earl Mumford, Archie Massey, and Bert McCormick; front, Bob Brown, Alf Emblin, Jack Pigott and Grant Baker. Presentation gifts in the foreground include a scale model of a slusher and a sculptured figure of a driller done by Charles Paxy, Creighton's gifted artist with wood.

driller with an unmistakable jutting jaw, and a set of luggage for the world cruise he and his wife are now enjoying.

### Vladir Stonis

With arthritis giving him a pretty rough time of late Vladir Stonis finally agreed that a disability pension was the best thing for him. "I live pretty good on my pension," he declared, "I've got all I need and more."



Vladir Stonis

Vladir worked in the converter building the past 20 years and has been an Inco man since 1931. Actually he had worked in the smelter a few months the previous year but was laid off. Starting with the transportation department he transferred to the reverbs in 1934 as roofman. In the converters he punched five years and then worked on the crusher.

A happy man who finds plenty to interest him and occupy his days, Vladir is also a bachelor and is not quite sure now if "single blessedness" is really so wonderful. "When I was younger I was too busy to get married," he grinned.

He was born 60 years ago in Lithuania and came to Canada in 1928. In 1929 he worked on the construction of the new smelter and the following year got a permanent job there.

## Two Veteran Miners Given Great Sendoff

There was a great round-up of Creighton men, joined for the occasion by old buddies of the guests of honor from other mines, when Alf Emblin and Grant Baker were hailed and farewelled at a joint retirement dinner at Legion Memorial Hall, Sudbury.

Assistant to the superintendent of mines Bob Brown was chairman, and soon got the ball rolling with humorous references and anecdotes concerning the two veteran Inco miners. Creighton superintendent Earl Mumford reviewed Alf Emblin's 37-plus years with Inco, during which he rose from drill helper to divisional foreman, saying he was regarded as one of the best development men in the business. Assistant superintendent Archie Massey paid tribute to Grant Baker for his operation of the school stope and his ability to take over as relief for supervision in any department of the mine. Grant's credited service was just one month short of 35 years.

More tributes and enjoyable reminiscences were given by assistant general manager Jack Pigott, 3 shaft underground superintendent Wilf Moore, 5 shaft underground superintendent Grant Bertrim, and former mine clerk Tom Mulligan, who welcomed Alf and Grant to the ranks of the Inco pensioners.

A skilfully constructed model of a slusher, made by Creighton's miner-artist Charles Paxy, was presented to Alf Emblin along with a transistor radio. Grant Baker received one of Paxy's celebrated sculptures depicting a powerful



Two who enjoyed every minute of the reunion with old Creighton pals were George Curry of Levack and pensioner Jack Treasure; on the right are Jack Parry, Denis Yawney, Leo MacDonald and Walter Sokoloski.



ABOVE: On the left, George Murphy, Tony Schriml, Danny Locke; on the right, George Friel, Saul Sherbanuk, Bill Callingham, and Albert Collins. RIGHT: Murray mine superintendent Harry Smith; paymaster Syd Gemmell, Copper Cliff; industrial relations manager Norman Wadge, Copper Cliff, former superintendent of Garson mine where Grant Baker worked from 1942 to 1956; George Sullivan and Harvey Bangle of Garson.



*And dolefulle dumps the mynde opresse,  
There musicke with her silver sound  
With spede his wont to send redresse.  
— A Song to the Lute.*

Jo and Charlie Bridges of Port Colborne with the amazing collection of music boxes they have gathered during 20 years of searching the high-ways and byways in Canada, the United States and Europe. Their collection is the finest in Canada.



## Port Colborne Boasts Canada's Finest Collection of Music Boxes

In Charlie Bridges' home at Port Colborne there's a happy tune at your finger-tips almost anywhere you sit, a gay, pure, unsophisticated little tune that shames sham and banishes dull care.

It may come from any one of 27 music boxes in Canada's finest collection of these exquisitely fashioned instruments that delighted courtier and commoner alike a hundred years ago.

It was back in 1942, shortly after their marriage in England, that Charlie and Jo Bridges got interested in collecting music boxes. He was a captain in the Royal Canadian Engineers and she a

nursing sister in the Medical Corps, and on their leaves they often went searching in out-of-the-way places for an authentic antique music box. Jo said she would like as a souvenir of England. They've been searching ever since, not because they couldn't find that first one but because it developed into a hobby from which they both get great pleasure.

"I really like the music too," said Charlie. "It's so simple and pleasant and genuine. If I'm feeling grumpy in the morning there's nothing cheers me up faster than a tune or two from one of the boxes while I'm having my breakfast. I often think music has a much bigger influence on people's lives than they realize. We should use it more."

The modern musical box, he explained to the Triangle, is an elaboration of the elegant toy musical snuffbox in vogue during the 18th century. The notes or musical sounds are produced by the vibration of steel teeth or springs cut in a comb or flat plate of steel, reinforced by the harmonics generated in the solid steel back of the comb. The teeth are acted upon, and musical vibrations produced, by the revolution of a brass cylinder studded with projecting pins, all hand set, which, as they move round, raise and release the proper teeth at due intervals according to the nature of the music. The revolving motion of the cylinder is effected by a spring and clockwork,

and the rate is governed by a fly regulator.

Gathered in one spot for the above photograph, the Bridges' collection made an imposing sight.

The big glass dome is known as an "automaton". It combines a small music box with mechanical movement of all types. This one has a farmyard scene in which, while the music plays, the windmill turns, the horses in the barn move around in a circle, a small dog chases his tail, a bird turns on top of the barn, two rabbits frolic about, and the chickens scratch for food.

The watch chimes and strikes the hour. The tower clock plays four bars of Home, Sweet Home on the hour, and one, two or three bars on the quarter hours. A blue-bird pops out of the lid of the tiny snuff box and sings very realistically while it turns from side to side, flutters its wings, and opens and closes its beak. There are more than 1,000 separate pieces in this very complicated mechanism.

The bisque figures in the picture music box are those of King Edward VII and his Consort. This box plays God Save the King and Rule Britannia.

The tall cabinet between the Bridges is the forerunner of the modern juke box. It produces music from 15½-inch punched steel disks, and has a tremendous repertoire ranging from funeral marches to grand opera.

Gus Macorrito

The birds in the gilded cage sing soulfully to one another. Mechanical singing birds, invented by Pierre Jaquet-Droz in 1752, almost brought about his death. He made such wonderful automata for the King of Spain that he was in danger of being condemned as a sorcerer.

The costumed figures in the "Musique Automatique" dance merrily if you "Mettez 10 Centimes".

One of the rarest and most-sought-after boxes in the Bridges' collection is one of the smaller



The Bridges' little grandson, Michael Slugoski, 3½, never tires of listening to the pretty tunes.



It's hard to say what emotion the singing birds arouse in Max, the family pug, but he's a very attentive audience.

ones, a Nicole-Freres key-wind made about 1815. The tone is superb, very clear, distinct, and true. Second from the front on the right is one of Charlie's favorites, a Conchon box which has a two-piece comb and a 22-inch cylinder. Made about 1850 it plays 10 tunes in a very mellow and most pleasing tone. His wife's favorite is the small doll box; it has a tiny bird in a cage which the doll is teaching to sing.

But Charlie's pride and joy is his latest acquisition, a musical grandfather clock certified by the British Antique Dealers Association. Manufactured in 1770 by Eardley Norton, St. John Street, London, it is a very rare collector's item carrying official records from the Clock-makers' Guild of London. There is one like it in Windsor Castle. It gives its owner the choice of six different tunes to signal the hour.

For sentimental attachment, though, Charlie has to give the nod to the smaller box with the silver plaque which was presented to him by a group of Dutch officers in gratitude for his help in their secret assignment during the war.

In the beautiful cases rosewood is the most used, although some are of white oak, mahogany, walnut or cherrywood, often delicately inlaid with mother-of-pearl. They are gems of the cabinet-making art.

Where do they come from? "Antique stores and auction sales are the main source of supply," Charlie says. "Some have been found by overhearing chance remarks or getting tips from people who know you are interested. Last winter I found one in Toronto that had been given up by an antique dealer as being beyond repair. So I was able to pick it up for a song. I am having the cylinder repaired by an old gent in Switzerland who still does this work and when it is finished it will be a real gem. It takes a year or more to get such a job done, however. In fact most of our boxes have needed restoration work after lying in attics or basements for so many years. George Bidden of Barrington, Rhode Island, is the expert who does most of this work for me."

In the past few years Jo and her irrepressible hubby have travelled over 20,000 miles, much of it with their own aircraft, just trying to

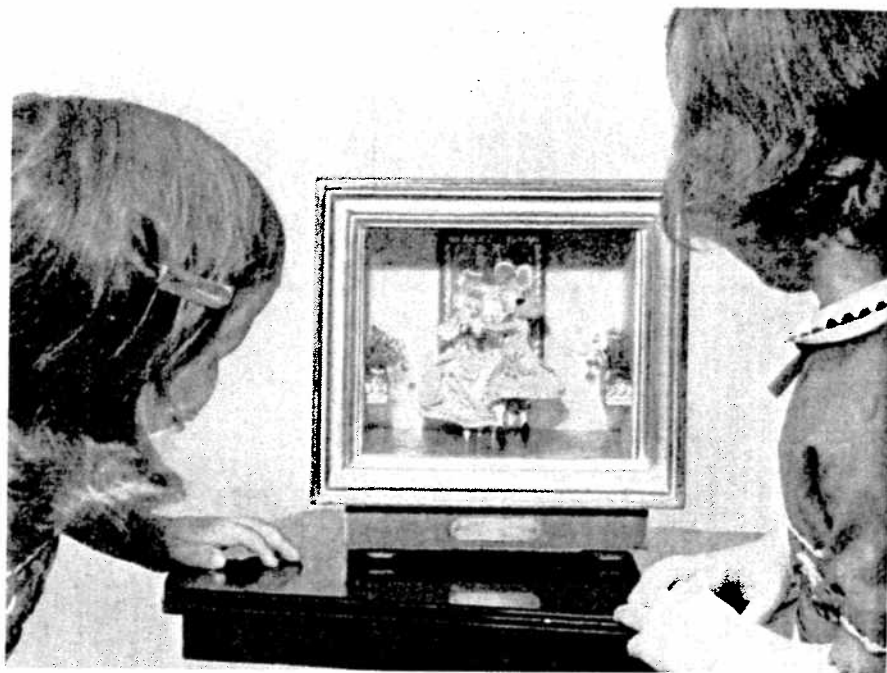
The Bridges' granddaughters Kim and Kelly, identical twins aged 2, are fascinated by the beautifully costumed figures whirling to the tune of a minuet in this delicately fashioned picture box.

locate good music boxes. Last year Mrs. Bridges also searched England, Scotland and Ireland during a touring vacation, and found two that were up to the high standard of their collection. One plays Scottish tunes, including Annie Laurie and Bonnie Dundee.

In an article in Nickel News, the Inco-Mond employees magazine, Charlie read of John Clark, 79, one of the few remaining musical-box experts in Britain, and they have since corresponded frequently. Many valuable and famous musical boxes, including treasures of the Russian Tsars, have passed through his delicate hands. "He cleaned and restored the singing bird snuff box for me," said Charlie. "He has given me a lot of help in acquiring knowledge of music boxes."

Has he ever had all his music boxes going at once, Charlie was asked. It was the wrong question to put to a serious young musical-box lover. "I can't stand having more than one playing at a time," he said in mild reproof at the facetious suggestion.

Charlie Bridges is superintendent of shearing, shipping and yard at Inco's Port Colborne plant. His wife, who was Jo Munton before their marriage in 1941, came from Edmonton.



### The Front Cover

The happy sequence of events leading up to our Christmas cover picture started in January 1960 when Wyman Merrifield of the Copper Cliff electrical department took a holiday trip to Mexico City. There, through some mutual friends from Montreal, he met a dark-eyed little beauty named Maria-Luisa de Villa, and suddenly it was Spring.

They were married in Mexico City in February 1961, honeymooned at the lovely resort city of Cuernavaca, and then came north to Copper Cliff. Recently they moved into a fine new home

in the Mikkola subdivision off Highway 17 West.

Pretty twin daughters, Monica and Carmen, arrived on the scene 20 months ago, and then last July they were joined by Jose Anthony, the cute little fellow who is smiling so happily at his adoring mother in our Christmas theme photograph.

Looking after her three very lively little ones keeps Marie-Luisa Merrifield busy indeed, but she finds time to give private lessons in Spanish and also to conduct the Spanish lab at Laurentian University on Saturday mornings. She is also fluent in the German language, which she studied during an extended European holiday with her parents.

Her husband, an 11-year Inco man, is a son of Tony Merrifield, well-known Copper Cliff pensioner.

### 1130 Pensioner Visits In Christmas Season

Carrying on a Yuletide tradition, representatives of the Company have recently been engaged in the pleasant task of calling on the Inco pensioners to extend greetings of the Season and present a Christmas cheque for \$25.

Those who cannot be visited in person receive a Christmas letter from general manager T. M. Gaetz.

More than 850 pensioners or their beneficiaries in the Sudbury district are being visited this year by a team composed of R. G. Dow, J. H. Cullen of North Bay, A. Crossgrove, C. A. Young, T. H. Peters, Earl Gilchrist, Earl Mumford, Ernest Rabeau, and Fred Murphy. Another 300 have been contacted by mail.

At Port Colborne 272 pensioner visits are being made and another 33 reached by mail. Bringing the Company's greetings and good wishes at Port Colborne are James Walter, Charles Ott, Howard Houser, W. J. Freeman, Harry Roe, Alex McNay and George Brown.

One pensioner residing in Thompson will be visited by a representative of the Company's Manitoba division.



Jo Bridges likes the sombre beauty of this familiar London scene by night. Big Ben plays "Home, Sweet Home," possibly in tribute to the new prime minister.

Charlie's latest and most exciting acquisition is this venerable grandfather clock, made in 1770. It plays six different tunes.







## Santa Came to Town in High Style

Driving his eight prancing reindeer and filling the air with his hearty chuckles, jolly old Santa Claus rode in state through the streets of downtown Sudbury on November 23 accepting the homage and tribute of thousands of his subjects.

Escorting him on his triumphal tour was just about the finest parade the Sudbury Jaycees have organized yet. Santa's float itself was a majestic creation worthy of His Highness the King of All Hearts, and with it one after another came 15 other floats, seven bands, eight cheerleader groups, three majorette groups, and a sprinkling of wonderfully wacky clowns. Even Yogi Bear was all dolled up in a Santa suit for the tremendous occasion. A special attraction was Zenon Goudreau's beautiful team of huskies from Chelmsford.

Santa waved like the wonderful old guy that he is, and the youngsters screamed with delight and waved back, and the grown-ups smiled and felt the glow of the Christmas Season quicken in their hearts.



Harold Gathercole stands proudly front and centre with gifts presented to him at his retirement dinner, and in the group behind him are Charlie Young, George Norman, Walter Curlook, Wib Job, Ernie Cornford, Fred Burchell, Alan Harcourt and Alex Illis.



## "You Dream It, I'll Make It" Code of Master Machinist Harold Gathercole

Many men have "know how." But Harold Gathercole has "somehow."

A rare mechanical genius who could, from basic suggestion or even just vague idea, create and make a working model of almost anything, Harold Gathercole has now taken his leave from the research department at Copper Cliff after 25 fruitful Inco years and has retired on service pension.

While Harold's skill at model making is familiar to many, relatively few are aware of his contribution to many improved processes Inco has introduced over the years. His knack for somehow producing a working model of equipment needed to test an idea, theory or process was uncanny, and along with his skill as a master craftsman, earned him the respect of all who knew him.

A simple sample of his wizardry is a sparking apparatus on the spectograph. This device permits the feeding of powdered samples directly into the arc which was not possible before. Harold made this intricate addition using among other things, an electric razor as a vibrator and a piece of 35 mm film for a conveyor. His superb skill as a machinist was shown typically in the working model of a Pierce-Smith converter that was put on display in the Inco Window in Sudbury.

A machinist who served his apprenticeship in England, Harold came to Canada in 1924 but almost returned the following year when he couldn't find a steady job. A brother-in-law, Bill Chaulk, brought him to Copper Cliff where

he took a medical and got a job. "I worked one day in the shop," Harold recalled, "and the next day they let me go because of poor eyesight." For nearly a year he poked along at odd jobs, then hired with the British American at Murray. "They told me to report for work next morning," he grinned, "but that day at 5 o'clock the whole plant shut down for good."

Preparing to return to England he decided to give the nickel industry one more chance. Wangling another medical this time he passed and went to work in the machine shop at Copper Cliff. When the research department opened in 1937 he became personal machinist to the idea men there, the job he held until retirement.

Harold was born 65 years ago in England and began his apprenticeship at 13. Enlisting in the army in 1915 he was given a trade test and sent to work on aircraft engines. When called up to his regiment a couple of years later, a medical board discharged him as unfit. "I went to work for an outfit that manufactured machine

tools," Harold said, "and stayed there until I came over to Canada."

A boyhood dream he never realized was the desire to become an automotive designer. "There was an automotive plant near where I grew up," he recalled, "and that work fascinated me. Everything was custom-made then, the bodies made by hand and the panelling all wood. I had a feeling that work was for me." He did apply and was accepted as an automotive design apprentice, provided he could provide his own instruments. "Well my family didn't have money for anything like that," he said. "There were seven of us kids and there was never any money to spare."

Harold married Annie Chaulk in 1916 and they have two sons, two daughters and six grandchildren. Son Doug was skip of last season's Northern Ontario Brier team, Rita (Mrs. G. Roon), and Tom both live in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Harold and his wife plan to settle, and Betty is Mrs. H. Ferguson of Toronto. Mrs. Gathercole has been an active worker with the local Red Cross Society for many years and was recently awarded a citation honoring her 25 years of service.

An active curler for many years Harold will be missed at the curl-

ing rink. A model train, some time now in the building, is one of many projects this new pensioner hopes to complete. "I'd like to see a model engineering club formed here," he said. "They are very popular in Europe."

The boys held a rousing party for Harold at the Idylwyld Golf Club where the guest of honor surprised many of his friends by his eloquence in replying to the compliments paid him. "I took a Dale Carnegie course once," he grinned, "but most people don't know that." He was presented with a clock, an ash tray with a sample of flash furnace feed attached, in recognition of his contribution to that development of smelting, and finally an 8 mm movie projector.

## Osias Brosseau

Osias Brosseau is a real oldtimer in the Sudbury district. He was born at Chelmsford 67 years ago and raised on a farm on Vermillion Lake. As early as 1914 he helped sink the old no. 1 shaft at Levack. He left there in 1916 to join the army and didn't return to mining until 1943.

Osias is retired now from Levack on service pension and is busy



Osias Brosseau

getting his 80 acre farm near Larchwood back in shape. "I've been neglecting it," he said. "I want to raise cattle now. Beef cattle."

As a young man Osias spent a year in the Cobalt camp, and after the war teamed up with the CPR at Cartier. In 1929 he bought the farm at Larchwood and worked it until his return to Levack in 1943. He worked five years with the track gang and spent the remainder of his service as a dryman.

Amy Faubert and Osias were married in 1922 but 30 years later Mrs. Brosseau died leaving 11 sons and daughters. Raymond, Russell, and Ronald all work for the CPR, Rene is at Murray, Eddie at Levack, and Roger and Fernand at home. Lawrence, Aura and Hortense all married members of the Belanger Clan of Azilda, and Pauline is Mrs. H. Daoust of Larchwood.

In good health, Osias is really enjoying his retirement and his family and 15 grandchildren.



## 263 Inco Years

There's 263 years of Inco service represented in this group snapped at the annual Copper Refinery pensioners party held at the Caruso Club. Leading off in the front row is Andy Brugos with 33 years, then Frank Szekrenyes with 30, Steve Kurpas (retired), 33, Mike Cupor (retired), 29, Joe Hughes (retired), 25, and Jack Smith with 12. In the back row it's Carl O'Grady with 10 years, John Juhas, 28, George Furchner (retired), 33, and Mel Luck, assistant to the manager, 30 years. As usual when Copper Refinery men get together there wasn't a sad face in the place, and the evening ended all too soon.



DIVISIONAL FOREMAN BILL CUSHING, a popular supervisor at Frood for many years, was a mighty proud man one day recently when Frood-Stobie mine superintendent S. J. Sheehan presented him with a special shield for "safe foremanship." And well deserved it was too as on November 30, 1963 Bill and his men had worked over 200,000 shifts without a lost-time

injury, a feat that only one other mine foreman has duplicated. That was Roy Hamill of Creighton. In the above picture Bill is pictured with a gang of his men in the no. 3 shaft collarhouse as superintendent Sheehan makes the presentation. This record started on October 25, 1959 and at press time was going strong with Bill and his men determined to keep it going indefinitely.

## Frood-Stobie in Safety Spotlight With Big Score

In the picture on the right, posed in front of Frood's familiar outdoor safety sign are a representative group of men and supervision at Frood-Stobie mine who, in large measure, are responsible for the very impressive looking safety statistics noted on the board. In the back row is Frood-Stobie safety engineer J. E. Flanagan, Frood assistant superintendent G. Strasser, Frood-Stobie mine superintendent S. J. Sheehan, Stobie assistant superintendent A. P. Olive and assistant safety engineer G. Inkster. And in front are a group of oldtimers at Frood-Stobie whose combined service exceeds 142 years and who, in all that time, have never had a lost-time injury. From the left they are Adelarde Roy with 40 years, Albert Phaland 35 years, John Sagonich 33 years and Aattu Orrenmaa 34 years. "That's the kind of men we train at Frood-Stobie," superintendent Sheehan stated. "And we're mighty proud of them."

No stranger to safety records, in fact they have been making and breaking them for years now, the Frood-Stobie gang again crashed the 200,000 safe shift barrier on December 4, and at time of writing, December 12, had a total of 213,835 safe shifts worked. This is the second time that Frood-Stobie has passed the 200,000 mark, their previous record being set last year when they operated from April 10 to August, 7 1962, a total of 212,120 shifts and 119 days, without a lost-time injury. Their present record-breaking effort dates back to July 18 this year. Right now their sights are set on the all-time Inco record held by

Creighton who, in 1960, racked up a whopping 242,503 shifts. Frood-Stobie's present rate of an average 2100 shifts per working day puts them in position to better this great record by January 4, 1964 and at Frood, that's target date!

Just prior to gaining their second 200,000 safe shifts award the Frood-Stobie boys broke another of their own records that has been standing for 17 years. This gave them as much satisfaction as the big award. On November 26, 1963 they completed working 130 days without a lost time injury, the previous record of 130 days being set in 1946. As the arrow in the picture indicates a new record is now being set every day at Frood-Stobie.

Superintendent Sheehan pays high tribute to the men who are even more interested in safety and safety records than supervision. He emphasized that the fine safety results are the results of teamwork. "And that's the only way it can be done," he added. An intensified safety program with emphasis on visual aids, better job demonstrations and more constructive lunchtime talks, plus the efforts and interest of men at all levels, is the mixture that has produced these fine records, he said.

During 1963 Frood-Stobie won the 100,000 safe shift award three times.

## Geologists Hit Solid Sulphides in Bonspiel

Here and there it was hard to tell the norite from the gabbro, and occasionally there were definite traces of thermal metamorphism in the post-olivine diabase, but on the whole the brand of curling in the annual geological department bonspiel at Copper Cliff left little to be desired, and the fellowship was solid sulphides.

Ron Morissette, with Gus Leask, Bud Savage, and Darwin Anderson giving him airtight support, skipped



to victory in the main event for the Mid-West trophy. The Heath & Sherwood event was won by Freeman Marshall (skip), John Mullock, Norm Armstrong, and Ray Parisotto, and the Morissette

event by Walter Saftic (skip), Norm Anderson, Carl Gorley and Tom Osborne.

The biggest entry yet, 24 rinks, took part with Karl McIntosh as drawmaster.