

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation/C.B.Q. Radio (Thunder Bay) fonds

1974-1988

93 reels of audio tapes

Administrative history

C.B.Q. (established in 1974) is the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's radio station in Thunder Bay serving the region of Northwestern Ontario.

Scope and Content

The C.B.C./C.B.Q. fonds is composed of interviews and documentaries from several different radio series, both local, such as *Radio Noon*, and national, such as *Ideas* and *Sunday Morning*. All of the programs concern aspects of Northwestern Ontario life as encompassed by the broadcast area of C.B.Q., and were broadcast on C.B.Q. between 1974 and 1988.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged according to the radio series or (if the series is unknown) the producer.

B 29/1. - Radio Noon. - 3 reels. - ca 1982-1983

Scope and Content

Programs originally broadcast on Radio Noon.

Series B 29/1/1. - YMCA. - 1 reel, 13:00 min. 1982

Documentary on the YM/YWCA on the occasion of it closing in 1982. Narrated by Lorne Saxberg. Covers the history of the organization locally since 1905, the role it played in the community, and the factors involved in its decision to close, such as lack of funds and the present deterioration of the facilities. Interviewees include Jimmy Thompson, Brian Kerr (Chairman of the Board), and Cal McDonald (Executive Director).

Series B 29/1/2. - The Silent Crisis. - 1 reel, 38:20 min. - ca. 1982

Documentary on the question of the adequacy of reforestation in Northwestern Ontario. Narrated by Arthur Black. Notes the need for a new look at reforestation and the need for public awareness. Questions the use of public funding for reforestation. Examines the way trees are currently removed and the possibilities for sustained yield and use, using the Gull Bay Indian forestry program as a model. Interviewees include Bill Kinnear (forester), George Merrick (forester), John Blair (professor of forestry), Ken Hernden (professor of forestry), William Beatty (Reed Paper), and Mr. and Mrs. Eaves (farmers).

Series B 29/1/3. - 100 Years of Woodside. - 1 reel, 20:30 min. - 1983

Documentary on the occasion of the centennial of the founding of Woodside's Foundry in Port Arthur in 1883. Narrated by Lorne Saxberg. Covers the current and past operations and procedures of the company including a narrated tour of the building. Ends with a discussion of the future of the business. Interviewees include Robert Newsome (owner), Jack Munn, and Mike Nazveski.

B 29/2. - Ideas. - 3 reels. - Feb. 1983

Scope and Content

Programs originally broadcast on Ideas series, C.B.C. national network.

Series B 29/2/1. - Under Attack. Indian Life at Grassy Narrows. - 3 reels. - 158 min. - 1 Feb. 1983

Documentary in four parts (last part missing). Narrated and prepared by Anastasia Shkilnyk.

Produced by Bernie Lucht. Tells of the social collapse of the Indian community of Grassy Narrows due to pressures exerted by the outside world on a traditional way of life and, in particular, the problems surrounding the mercury poisoning of the community's food and water supply. Recounts problems of violence, alcoholism and high suicide rates on the reserve and how the local Indians have attempted to cope. Interviewees include: Steve Fobister (chief of the band), Prof. Ky Erickson, Harry Valstra (district planner for Dept. of Indian Affairs), and various anthropologists, residents and journalists.

Notes

Physical condition: Original tapes show slight damage due to humidity in storage. Tape is sticking.

Alternate Form: Has been transferred to two cassette tapes for research use.

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B 29/3. - Sunday Morning. - 1 reel. - 1982

Scope and Content

Programs originally broadcast on Sunday Morning series, C.B.C. national network.

Series B 29/3/1. - The Vaudeville Mayor of Thunder Bay. - 1 reel, 11 min. - 1982

Documentary on the character and antics of 69-year-old Walter Assef, Mayor of Thunder Bay. Prepared and narrated by Rick Alexander. Discusses the mayor's behaviour during council meetings and the reasons for his antics. Details his youth as a vaudeville performer, his musical background and his political life. Notes his behaviour during the Royal Visit of 1973. Assesses Assef's chances in the elections coming up. Interviewees include Walter Assef, Don Smith (Alderman), Bill Morgan (former Alderman), and Cy Copps (newspaper editor).

Notes

Physical condition: Tape is sticking due to moisture build-up.

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B 29/4. - Jim Farrell. - 6 reels. - 1976

Scope and Content

These interviews, commentaries and documentaries were produced and narrated by Jim Farrell (freelance broadcaster) for broadcast on various series on C.B.Q. Thunder Bay radio. They are contained on six reels, with about 25 programs per reel. Most programs pertain to Northwestern Ontario, its people and its history.

Series B 29/4/1. - Reel 1. - 81:03 min. - 1976

1) *Christmas in July:* (2:08) Interview with Jennie Rooker, a Geraldton artist who designs Christmas cards.

2) *On Top of the River:* (2:20) Commentary on Dog River and childhood memories of walking on a frozen river.

3) *Jennie's Note Cards:* (2:51) Interview with Jennie Rooker of Geraldton on the design and sale of note cards of the local mine.

4) *Nipigon Nylons:* (2:38) Commentary on nicknames peculiar to Northwestern Ontario for household items.

5) *Anne Gowan's Crash Landing:* (3:43) Interview with Anne Gowans a nurse in Nakina region in the early days. Recounts many problems peculiar to nursing the bush country.

6) *Fort Kitchen:* (5:00) Documentary on the procedures followed at the Old Fort William Historic Park kitchen. Notes cooking methods and types of food cooked over the open fire. Interviews kitchen staff.

- 7) *Lindberg's Legacy*: (3:24) Commentary on Charles Lindberg and his legacy.
 - 8) *Mary Berglund and Ignace*: (2:31) Interview with Mary Berglund (nurse and paramedic) noting her feelings towards the early town of Ignace.
 - 9) *The Iron Horse*: (2:49) Commentary on the railways and locomotives of the past, especially from the child's point of view.
 - 10) *Nipigon Under Water*: (2:08) Commentary on Nipigon in prehistoric times -- glaciers, early human settlement, animals.
 - 11) *Superior Rocks (Destinations)*: (6:32) Interview with Mrs. Castagne on the manufacture of Amethyst, Jasper and Quartz jewellery and the types of materials and techniques used. Notes the use of amethyst and how the business started.
 - 12) *Marathon T.V.*: (2:55) Interview with Spence Bell who started the local television station in the town of Marathon. Discusses reasons for starting the station and how it operates.
 - 13) *Slop-Bucket Murder*: (2:53) Documentary on a tragic murder/suicide in Sioux Lookout in 1922.
 - 14) *Mary Berglund*: (3:11) Interview with Mary Berglund, nurse in community of Ignace after 1945. Recounts her activities in the community at a time when it had no doctor.
 - 15) *The Hidden Streets*: (2:21) Commentary on Thunder Bay's back lanes and how they are no longer used as they once were.
 - 16) *The Stone Computers*: (2:57) Commentary on ancient ways of calculating changes on seasons and of how primitive peoples have contributed to modern ideas and inventions.
 - 17) *The Winning Lie*: (5:36) Commentary on the Hot Air competition in Geraldton, a competition in story telling. Jim Farrell tells the story he presented in the competition.
 - 18) *Bombing Tourists*: (3:45) Story on tourists who neglect fire bans being bombed with water by fire officials to teach them a lesson.
 - 19) *Jim Farrell*: (3:00) Commentary on White River Clinic and the problems getting doctors to work in Northwestern Ontario.
 - 20) *Patricia Plaza Christmas*: (3:59) Documentary on bringing children and elderly together in Sioux Lookout to celebrate Christmas.
 - 21) *Children of the Bomb*: (3:23) Commentary on the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and of how its effects are still felt by the survivors.
 - 22) *No More Bones*: (2:49) Commentary on what the Indian peoples think of archaeologists who excavate Indian bones. Concludes that we have been violating graves.
 - 23) *Looking to Duluth*: (3:10) Commentary comparison of Duluth and Thunder Bay with regard to cultural facilities.
 - 24) *Laddie Cabbie (Destinations)*: (8:00) Interviews with cab drivers at Thunder Bay and their experiences with tourists.
- Series B 29/4/2. - Reel 2. - 72:40 min. - 1977**
- 1) *Destinations*: (5:02) Commentary on vacationing at home and Northwestern Ontario people's need to travel.
 - 2) *Happy Town Councillor*: (2:53) Interview with Dot Defio, town councillor in the town of Ignace. Recounts her activities on council.
 - 3) *Laddie Cabbie*: (3:38) Interviews with cab drivers (shortened version of B 29/4/1 program 24).
 - 4) *Sioux Lookout*: (3:04) Commentary on Sioux Lookout fire of 1918 and subsequent influenza epidemic.
 - 5) *CHAP Radio*: (4:37) Interview with Louis Masacot regarding operations at CHAP radio in Long Lac (a station run out of his home).
 - 6) *Alex Hailey's Slave Ship*: (3:51) Commentary on Alex Hailey just after he wrote "Roots".
 - 7) *The Family Way of Life*: (2:45) Interview with Lester and Inis McQuaig of Schreiber regarding the importance of family and neighbourliness in their life in the town.

- 8) *Historic Theatre*: (3:45) Documentary on the preparation of slide shows at the Thunder Bay Museum. Interviews with those producing them.
- 9) *Ode to a Crossing Guard*: (2:41) Commentary on the role of the crossing guard.
- 10) *A Credit to Dryden*: (2:47) Documentary on the creation of the Dryden Credit Union. Includes interviews with tellers.
- 11) *The Leland Safe*: (3:50) Commentary on a safe in Oddfellows hall in Thunder Bay which has not been opened in 50 years. Interviews with Ann and Rolly Truhn.
- 12) *The R.O.M. Responds*: (4:08) Commentary on the efforts of the Nipigon Museum to get the Royal Ontario Museum to return the Beardmore Relics to Nipigon. Reads letter from James Cruise, director of the R.O.M., regarding the artifacts.
- 13) *R.I.P.: Locomotive Fireman*: (2:07) Interview with Paul Lavoie regarding the early days of steam railway and the replacement of steam by diesel locomotives. Notes change in jobs on the railway.
- 14) *Sir George's Watch*: (2:50) Commentary on Sir George Simpson, 19th-century governor of the Hudson's Bay Co., and his mode of transportation across Lake Superior to Fort William.
- 15) *Docks: Walking Over Water*: (2:33) Commentary on docks and their use.
- 16) *The Only Horses in Town*: (2:06) Commentary on "Paddy's Place", the farm of a man in Hornepayne who kept horses and provided rides for the children of the time, c.1940s-1950s.
- 17) *Your Space Trip*: (3:15) Commentary on NASA's space program and how science fiction is becoming reality through progress made with the space shuttle.
- 18) *Dempsey vs. the Aurora*: (2:46) Commentary on the local broadcast of a Jack Dempsey boxing match with Jack Sharkey. The Port Arthur News Chronicle arranged to broadcast through a megaphone a blow-by-blow account of the fight to Port Arthur audiences but the aurora borealis disrupted the event.
- 19) *Father of the Trans-Canada*: (2:36) Commentary on an event on May 31, 1923 at which Dr. Perry Doolittle, President of the Canadian Automobile Association, spoke. He was known as the father of the Trans-Canada highway and proposed new ideas for highways across the country.
- 20) *Like Pulling Teeth*: (2:13) Interview with Anne Gowan, veteran nurse on the reserves in Northern Saskatchewan now retired in Nakina. Recounts experiences as a nurse.
- 21) *Kids and Artists: Being Brilliant*: (2:40) Interview with Roy Morris, an artist from Bearskin Lake. He talks about his art and how his children give him ideas for his paintings.
- 22) *Box-Car Drama*: (2:47) Commentary on the forest fires of White River in the spring of 1923 and how the people of the community coped by using box-cars to remove belongings.
- 23) *The Media Queen*: (3:46) Commentary on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth's 25th anniversary of her reign.

Series B 29/4/3. - Reel 3. - 69:00 min. - 1977

- 1) *Cold Snap of 1912*: (3:07) Commentary on how local citizens coped with cold weather in 1912.
- 2) *Filming Beavers*: (3:30) Interview with a photographer who spent time filming beavers. Discusses the techniques used and the fate of the beavers.
- 3) *The History Building*: (2:20) Commentary on the history of the Nipigon Museum -- when it was built and how it changed hands over the years.
- 4) *Dot's Lake*: (2:39) Interview with Dot Defio of Lake Agamak. Discusses the Lake and the history of its people.
- 5) *The Bass Buster*: (3:00) Commentary on a motor boat displayed at a recreation show and how such vessels have changed our concept of boating and recreation.
- 6) *Woodheat History*: (3:00) Commentary on the benefits of heating homes with wood today and in the past.
- 7) *Old Number One*: (3:06) Commentary on the history of a school in Pass Lake, built in 1926 and destroyed in 1950.

- 8) *Vermillion Bay Co-op*: (2:35) Interview with Sonny Ganglaw, the manager of the Vermillion Bay Co-op. Describes the store and discusses how it got started and how it operates.
 - 9) *Our Own Backyard*: (3:04) Commentary on pollution in Northwestern Ontario committed by local people.
 - 10) *Magic Light Sticks*: (5:47) Discussion between Jim Farrell and unidentified woman on how flashlights relate to history.
 - 11) *Rustic Furniture*: (3:43) Documentary on the Work Activity Project in Port Arthur where furniture is made. Interview with Ed. Heinz, director of the project.
 - 12) *Free Ride on the Treadmill*: (2:21) Commentary Thunder Bay City Council's decision to end free rides on Thunder Bay Transit for senior citizens.
 - 13) *Boy Will Be...*: (3:00) Commentary on houses of ill repute in Thunder Bay history, and in particular a story about two miners' visit to a bordello only to find their wives as inmates.
 - 14) *Bob Seed -- Daybreak*: (4:56) Interview with Bob Seed, announcer with C.B.Q. radio, about his experiences in his job as radio announcer. Concerns especially his problems with his visual impairment.
 - 15) *Pohjala Hall*: (2:58) Commentary on the community hall in Pohjala, a rural Northwestern Ontario community, built by Finnish Immigrants.
 - 16) *Northern Nursing*: (2:49) Interview with Karen Scott on the subject of nursing in the north, in Big Trout Lake.
 - 17) *Puckaskwa Legends*: (2:00) Interview with Bill Wyatt on the subject of legends of the Puckaskwa area.
 - 18) *Where Monsters Live*: (3:02) Story by Jim Farrell about children's monsters in the night.
 - 19) *Radio Nurse*: (2:37) Interview with Karen Scott about her use of the two-way radio in Big Trout Lake as an aid to nursing.
 - 20) *Quills!*: (3:32) Commentary on Jim Farrell's porcupine problem. Makes note of the nature of the animals.
 - 21) *P.A.L. & Kam Railway*: (3:05) Commentary on the day of the launching of the P.A.L. & Kam railway, May 4, 1878, and the celebration that occurred. Notes how the line was built and what happened to it.
 - 22) *Picking Harry's Brain*: (2:58) Interview with 90 year old Harry Stafford on inventions in the engineering business and of how he has never received benefits from the things he has invented.
- Series B 29/4/4. - Reel 4. - ca. 75:00 min. - 1977**
- 1) *The \$10,000 Train Set*: (5:13) Interview with unidentified man who has built a large model train set. Discusses the layout and equipment.
 - 2) *Artist in Winter*: (2:15) Interview with Hildegaard Whittle-Lint, artist. Discusses her work.
 - 3) *North Lake Station*: (4:28) Interview with unidentified man regarding the North Lake Railway Station of the old Port Arthur, Duluth and Western Railway. Notes attempts to convert the station into a community centre.
 - 4) *Finn Sugar and Square Can Openers*: (2:09) Interview with Buzz Lein regarding the Nipigon Museum and some of the odd artifacts there.
 - 5) *Rosspport: To Grow or not to Grow*: (2:29) Commentary on the town of Rosspport and how it seems to be dying.
 - 6) *White Man's Food*: (3:04) Interview with Karen Scott, nurse in Big Trout Lake, about the problems which "White Man's Food" has created for the Indian people.
 - 7) *Buzz's Bottles*: (2:26) Interview with Buzz Lein, of the Nipigon Museum, on the subject of old bottles and the people who collect them.
 - 8) *Broad Axe Logs*: (2:20) Interview with Buzz Lein, of the Nipigon museum, on the subject of broad axes. Describes how the axe is used.
 - 9) *Jim Farrell -- Puckaskwa*: (3:15) Interview with Bill Wyatt, Puckaskwa Park Naturalist, on the subject of the Puckaskwa Depot on the Puckaskwa River. Notes some of the history of the

park area.

10) *Identities: Finnish Christmas*: (4:34) Interview with unidentified woman about how Christmas is celebrated in Finland and among the Finnish people of Northwestern Ontario.

11) *Anne Gowans' Career*: (2:29) Interview with Anne Gowans on the subject of nursing in the Canadian north in the first part of the 20th century.

12) *Talk About Big Trout Lake*: (c.8:00) Interview with Jim Farrell on the subject of Big Trout Lake and how to get there. Discusses his experiences in the community, in particular about transportation.

13) *Destinations: Rosspport*: (5:09) Interview with Clem Downie on the history of the village of Rosspport and environs.

14) *Gico's Mine*: (2:02) Commentary on mining at the Gico mine, Manitowadge.

15) *Firth's Tiny Towns*: (2:57) Interview with Ken Firth on his hobby of creating a model of Caland Ore Mine.

16) *Loving the Town that Stinks*: (2:31) Interview with Dan Maltese on the subject of environmental problems caused by the pulp and paper mill at Dryden, Ontario.

17) *The Orpheum Theatre*: (2:58) Commentary on the description and history of the Orpheum.

18) *Hornepayne's Watersnake*: (2:12) Interview with Maxine Berry on the subject of Hornepayne's water works system, its description and history.

19) *Dinner By Candlelight*: (2:31) Interview with Maxine Berry on the subject of Hornepayne's electrical system.

20) *Retiring to Schreiber*: (2:13) Interview with Lester McQuaig about the life of the retired person in Schreiber.

21) *The 50 cent movie*: (2:31) Interview with old timer, George Dennis, about the Great Depression in Thunder Bay.

22) *Thunder Where?*: (3:02) Commentary on an advertisement from the USA expressing doubt as to the location of Thunder Bay.

23) *Following the Rabbits*: (2:46) Commentary on the subject of snowshoeing.

Series B/29/4/5. - Reel 5 . - ca.74:00 min.

1) *The Stainless Steel Way-Freight*: (2:40) Interview with George Dennis about the C.P.R.

2) *Smokey on Parade*: (2:10) Commentary on the subject of Hornepayne's winter carnival.

3) *CBLs on Air Time*: (6:24) Documentary on the subject of community radio at Sioux Lookout. Includes interviews with Norah McKenzie, Omar Barton, Edith Craig, Les Adams, and Richard Palmer.

4) *Farrell/Knudsen - Bugging Marsha*: (7:08) Documentary on the subject of how the media or others are able to manipulate the news by distorting the meaning of taped conversations.

5) *Breaking Gold Fever*: (3:32) Book review of Paddy Wilson's Gold Fever.

6) *So Far From Our Lake*: (2:39) Interview with Clem Downie on the subject of the Lake Superior shoreline near Rosspport.

7) *Canadian Steam*: (3:45) Interview with George Dennis of Terrace Bay on the subject of train whistles and their meaning.

8) *Paul Lavoie's Beer-to-be*: (5:21) Interview with Paul Lavoie about people who came to this area to work on the railways with some comments about the change from steam to diesel.

9) *Talking Mosquitoes*: (3:27) Commentary on an imagined conversation with a mosquito.

10) *About the Drought*: (2:55) Commentary on drought during a rainstorm.

11) *Buzz's Ax and Fork*: (2:15) Interview with Buzz Lein, curator of the Nipigon Museum on the subject of two artifacts in his collection.

12) *Pop-Tops, Big Macs and Beer*: (2:44) Commentary on the careless people who litter our environment.

13) *Stamps/CPR Man*: (6:00) Interview with Alex Dows, Superintendent of the Lakehead Division of the CPR, about the launching of a stamp commemorating CPR lake vessels,

Keewatin and Assiniboia.

14) *Story of a Silver Mine*: (2:21) Interview with Donna Mikeluk, producer of a film on Silver Islet, on the history of Silver Islet mine.

15) *Appreciating the Rocks*: (2:52) Interview about mining of amethyst in Northwestern Ontario.

16) *The Travellers*: (2:56) Commentary on the work of the voyageurs during the days of the fur trade.

17) *Street Corner History: Arthur and Cumberland*: (2:57) Commentary on the history of this street corner and the businesses that existed in the area -- the Northern Hotel and the Thomas Marks store.

18) *Napoleon's Last Days*: (4:04) Interview with Peggy Tapp about the private papers of her great grandfather who was Napoleon's guard at St. Helena. Recounts his impressions of Napoleon as a man and as a conquerer.

19) *A Montreal Monkey*: (3:47) Commentary on the monkey that escaped during Expo 67 and caused trouble.

20) *The Railroad Scenario*: (2:30) Commentary on the end of the railway era.

21) *Three Good Ideas*: (2:30) Commentary on three ideas adopted by municipalities in Northwestern Ontario: ploughing the driveways of senior citizens; organizing subscriber programs; and community radio, in Machin, Dryden and Sioux Lookout respectively.

Series B/29/4/6. - Reel 6 . - 48 min

1) *Blue Room Jazz*: (2:37) Commentary about a club in the intercity area of Thunder Bay specializing in the playing of jazz.

2) *Moveable Monuments*: (2:46) Interview with Patricia Vervoort, cataloguer of Lakehead buildings, on the subject of buildings which have been moved from their original sites. Deals also with the problem of identifying the original schoolhouse in Port Arthur.

3) *Old Fort William City Hall*: (3:24) Interview with Grace Taylor on her memories of the old city hall in Fort William.

4) *Ignace Nuclear Future*: (3:14) Interview with Dot Defio, town councillor, about the possibility of storing nuclear waste in the closed mines of the Ignace area.

5) *A Most Disagreeable Lake*: (2:36) Commentary about John McIntyre's trip up Lake Superior by canoe in the last century.

6) *Nuclear First Aid*: (4:17) Commentary about the problem of U.S. B-52 bombers flying over Canada.

7) *Raincoats*: (2:33) Commentary on the usefulness of plastic raincoats.

8) *Fort William Reserve History*: (3:15) Interview with Eva Legarde and Janice Bannon about a project designed to tape the stories of elders on the Fort William Indian Reserve.

9) *Lakehead Buildings*: (3:21) Interview with Pat Vervoort, professor at Lakehead University, on the subject of collecting information for a survey of old buildings and on the great mixture of architectural styles present in the city.

10) *Historic Brain Busters*: (7:48) Trivia quiz on the history of Thunder Bay and environs.

11) *Destinations: Sept. 3, 1977 -- Vacation Survival*: (7:52) Commentary on the way vacationers become over-cautious and take chances while boating in Northwestern Ontario.

12) *Treaty Pay Festival*: (c.4:00) Commentary on the paying of treaty money to the Indians of the region and the carnival-like atmosphere that surrounded the occasion.

Program/Producer: Jim Farrell, freelance broadcaster.

Notes

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B 29/5. - C.B.Q./Unspecified. - 7 Reels. - 1974-84

Scope and Content

Documentary programs produced by and broadcast on C.B.Q./Thunder Bay. Producers and radio series unidentified.

Series B 29/5/1. - Big Trout Lake Radio. - 1 reel. - 51 min. - 1974

Documentary on a day in the life of CFTL radio of Big Trout Lake. Discusses how the station was established, how it is run by using volunteer announcers and how it has helped the community of Big Trout Lake and the area by facilitating communications between the remote settlements in the region. Much of this tape records on-air activities of the station, 7 May 1974. Narrator: George Nothing. Interviews with George Nothing and Frank Paluso (technician).

Series B 29/5/2. - Asbestos Pollution in Lake Superior Drinking Water. - 1 reel. - 37:20 min. - ca.1975-1976

Documentary on the subject of asbestos pollution in Lake Superior created by the Reserve Mining Co. of Duluth, Minnesota, which dumped 67,000 tons of mining waste into the lake every day. In the 1970s a judge ordered the mine to close but his decision was overturned. Interviews are conducted regarding safe levels of asbestos consumption in human beings, the exact concentration of asbestos in the lake and what steps are being taken to remove the substance from the drinking water. Interviews with Elizabeth Kishkon, Dr. David Parkinson, Dr. Robert Ross, Don Wright, Alan McKenzie, Dr. John Lawrence, Dr. Philip Cook, Tom Fell, Dr. Epstein, and William Newman.

Series B 29/5/3. - Canada Games. - 4 reels. - ca.200 min. - 1981

Recording of the opening (2 reels) and closing (2 reels) ceremonies of the Canada Summer Games held in Thunder Bay in 1981. Records the speeches and music of the ceremonies and the entrance of the teams.

Series B 29/5/4. - Two Liberal Politicians. - 1 reel. - 34 min. - ca.1983-1984

Documentary comparing the lives and political philosophies of two elected Liberal MPs for Thunder Bay, Jack Masters and Paul McRae. Both are considered as representing different wings of the Liberal party. Short biographies of each are presented. Both are interviewed along with Douglas Fisher (newspaper columnist) and Ingolf Richter (newspaper editor) who assess the performance of each.

Notes

Physical condition: Slight sticking on original tapes.

Alternate Form: B 29/5/1-2 & 4 have been transferred to cassette tapes for research use. B29/5/3 exists only in original form.

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B 29/6. - Northwest Noon, Elders and Betters Club. - 73 reels. - 1986-88

Scope and Content

The Elders and Betters Club is a series of interviews produced by Fred Jones and broadcast Fridays on his Northwest Noon radio program. The interviews are usually with senior citizens who have lived in the community and discuss mainly their past experiences and memories. Most of the interviews pertain to Northwestern Ontario and its history. Originals are on reel to reel quarter-inch magnetic tape (one program per tape), and these have been transferred to cassette for research use.

Series B 29/6/1. - An Interview With Cecil Kamstra. - 4 reels. - 46 min. - 14 Nov.-5 Dec. 1986
Cecil Kamstra shares with Fred Jones, his experiences and memories from the time he first came to Canada from Holland in 1926. He describes life in a bush camp in those early years and the men of many different cultures that worked and lived there. He also explains how he was treated by his employers and co-workers when he first arrived there and the hardships he faced while

working there through the winter. How much people depended upon horses for travelling in those days is discussed as well as what people did if the animals became injured or sick. Cecil also recalls a rivalry developing among families from Hymers and South Gillies caused by the introduction of electricity, and he describes when and how electricity arrived in O'Connors.

Series B 29/6/2. - An Interview With Tina Parker. - 4 reels. - 45 min. - 12 Dec 1986-16 Jan. 1987

Tina Parker talks with Jacqueline Jaatinen about her life as a teacher in the rural township of Gillies. She recalls her childhood when she attended school and grew vegetables for school fairs. She talks of her time spent in teacher's college and the importance of Christmas concerts in establishing herself as a good teacher. The large numbers of students she had, the hot lunches that the government supplied for them and the kinds of shabby clothing the children wore are discussed, as well as how she would improvise when there was a paper shortage. In the final reel of the series Tina shares her memories of how the children got paid for doing janitorial work, the first time her students got immunized, and what happened when the school inspector paid a visit to her classroom.

Series B 29/6/3. - An Interview With Fred Sitch. - 1 reel. - 9 min. - 23 Jan 1987

Fred Sitch who is a resident of O'Connors talks to Jacqueline Jaatinen about the P.D. Railway in the 1920's and how it was used during that time. He describes the train system that was used between Port Arthur and Fort William and the train stations that existed in many of the townships in the surrounding area. He shares his memories of his family's first car that they purchased in 1920 and how they would go shopping in Fort William. He also describes how people had to switch from car to horse once winter had arrived.

Series B 29/6/4. - An Interview With Charles Robinson. - 5 reels. - 47 min. - 6 Feb.-6 March 1987

Fred Jones interviews Charles Robinson who at one time in his life was a bush pilot. He discusses how during the 1930s while he was flying he endured a plane crash and a fire on board while in flight and how he was rescued before his plane exploded. Charles recalls the time his engine failed and he was rescued by an Indian and his son and how he began to recite poems while flying his plane.

Series B 29/6/5. - An Interview With May Winters. - 3 reels. - 29 min. - 13 Mar.-27 Mar 1987

May Winters talks with Jacqueline Jaatinen about her life in rural Northwestern Ontario as a child. She discusses how her father had to move from sawmill to sawmill and defines some the terms that were used in that business. She discusses as well what the men did after these sawmills were permanently shut down. She recalls what children did to entertain themselves before television both in the winter and summertime. She describes dances, Christmas concerts and explains what a box social was. Finally, May shares her memories of having picnics in mine shafts and of how ice cream could be made in the summer when there were no freezers or even iceboxes.

Series B 29/6/6. - An Interview With Claude Garton. - 3 reels. - 37 min. - 3 Mar.-8 Apr. 1987

Claude Garton is a local naturalist and is world-renowned for his vast herbarium of plants of the boreal forest. In this series he talks with Fred Jones about how he came to the Lakehead area in order to teach. He discusses the salaries of teachers in the late 1920's and how he began to collect plants here in the 1940's. He talks about his favourite natural places in the region, the importance of our forests, his wild berry jams and jellies, and gives some amusing tales about bears he and his family have encountered in the wild. [tape 2 missing]

Series b 29/6/7. - An Interview With Colleen Hayward. - 4 reels. - 38 min. - 15 Apr. 15-5 May 1987

In this interview Jacqueline Jaatinen talks with Colleen Hayward about her life in South Gillies. Colleen begins the interview by discussing how her family settled a homestead in South Gillies and what life for her was like during the "dirty thirties". She discusses the hardships that the

poorer families had to face and how her mother dealt with bed bugs and other pests. She also shares her memories of how she and her siblings had to cope with only one change of clothing a year, and just how important it was in those days for people to take care of the things they owned.

Series B 29/6/8. - An Interview With Jimmy Chalmers. - 5 reels. - 53 min. - 12 June-10 July 1987

In this interview with Jacqueline Jaatinen, Jimmy Chalmers discusses what a "school car" was and his twelve years spent teaching on one. He shares his memories of his adventures with his family, of how he helped them through rough times and describes how people spent their leisure time. Mr. Chalmers also recalls the time he taught school in Harstone and the methods he used to teach his students.

Series B 29/6/9. - An Interview With Frank Sitch. - 3 reels. - 32 min. - 17 July-31 July 1987

In this interview by Jacqueline Jaatinen, Frank Sitch talks about his father coming to Canada in hopes of striking it rich in the Yukon gold rush but instead was attracted to the Lakehead area by the promise of cheap land for farming. Eventually his father developed his land into the Plum Grove Nursery which Frank and his family ran until 1975. Frank describes farmer's markets when he was a boy and what Port Arthur looked like in 1898. He recalls the first Algoma Valley Fair in 1911 which today is known as Lakehead Exhibition and he discusses some of the history of the Hymers Fall fair and his career as a judge there.

Series B/29/10. - An Interview with Betty Pogue. - 6 reels. - 61 min. - 11 Sept.-16 Oct.1987

Jacqueline Jaatinen conducts this interview with Betty Pogue, who in 1948 came to Canada from England with her husband. She shares her experiences as a child living in England during WWII and the jobs women had to take while many men were fighting in the war. She recalls stories of her father's experiences when he was a surveyor for the railroad in Canada during the late 1800s. Betty later shares the difficulties she and her husband faced when running a farm outside of Fort William. She also talks of her troubles adjusting to the Canadian way of life such as the long harsh winters as compared to England's mild ones. Finally Betty talks about the changes that occurred with the introduction of electricity -- troubles with installation and how it diminished neighbourliness.

Series B 29/6/11. - An Interview With John Chapple. - 4 reels. - 33 min. - 23 Oct.-20 Nov. 1987

John Chapple talks with Jacqueline Jaatinen about his family's dry goods store called Chapple's. He tells of how his father ran for mayor, lost, and of how, as a city planner, he developed Chapple's golf course. He discusses how he obtained and ran the only store in Geraldton in 1937 and how the local mines affected town politics and development. Afterwards John worked on his father's farm near Slate River and he shares his experiences of how farms were run during the 1940's. Then he goes on to talk of how he got involved in cattle breeding and obtained some of the finest dairy cattle in all of Canada.

Series B 29/6/12. - An Interview With Betty Arthur. - 4 reels. - 33 min. - 27 Nov.- 18 Dec. 1987

Jacqueline Jaatinen interviews Betty Arthur about her mother Kathleen (Adams) Burroughs. In it she discusses her mother's 35 years of teaching, unique discipline methods, and the problems she encountered when teaching in Ontario with a teaching certificate from Quebec. She also talks about Kathleen Burroughs' childhood in the United States, and ways of travelling in Northwestern Ontario during the 1930s and 1940s. Finally Mrs. Arthur discusses Christmas trees she had during her own childhood and the kinds of lights and decorations were used. End of last tape has interview with Bob Winters on the subject of Christmas in the 1920s.

B 29/6/13. - An interview With Bob Winters. - 6 reels. - 67 min. - 18 Dec. 1987- Feb. 1988

Fred Jones talks with Bob Winters who recalls much about what life was like at the Lakehead during the 1920s. He begins by discussing what occurred during Christmas concerts (see B 29/6/12). He goes on to talk about the prices of cars, mechanics (at the time a very new profession) and their wages. Bob tells a very interesting story of his early years when he would

bootleg alcohol across the border in order to pay for an auto mechanic course. He discusses the car business during the 1920s and 1930s, the taboo about working on Sundays, "building bees", and how sawmills worked. Finally he recalls how butter, buttermilk and vinegar were made, and how eggs were kept fresh for long periods of time. [tape 6 missing]

Series B 29/6/14. - An Interview With Vera Simpson. - 7 reels. - 58 min. - 11 Mar.-18 Mar.1988, 14 Oct. 1988, and 23 Dec. 1988-6 Jan. 1989

Jacqueline Jaatinen interviews Vera Simpson who discusses her life as a rural school teacher. However, she begins by talking about the times when, as a child, girls wore bloomers to play ice hockey, and some children got lumps of coal in their stockings at Christmas. She recalls all the chores she and her brothers and sisters would have to do so they could help their family farm and the kinds of presents children would buy or make for their parents. She talks about how her father joined the army to fight the Americans, who at that time were opposed to Britain and its colonies. Mrs. Simpson describes the kinds of foods that they ate on the farm and her twenty years as a teacher.

Series B 29/6/15. - An Interview With Ken Collins. - 6 reels. - 68 min. - 7 Apr.-13 May 1988

This six-part interview conducted by Fred Jones is with Ken Collins, a long time resident of Dryden. In it, Ken describes how he and his family emigrated from England and purchased a homestead outside of Dryden. The difficulties of running a homestead and the many jobs he had to take in order to get by are discussed. Ken tells of the costs involved in travelling during the twenties in Northwestern Ontario and he describes the paper mill of Dryden, his jobs there, the work conditions and the wages he received while employed there during the depression. Finally, Mr. Collins tells why he wrote his book about homestead life called Oatmeal and Eatons Catalogues, and how he is able to keep full of vigour and life at the age of 84.

Series B 29/6/16. - An Interview with Ida Richardson. - 1 reel. - 11 min. - 20 May 1988

In this interview by Fred Jones, Ida Richardson shares her experiences of how at the age of 19 she took a job at a resort on Sagnagaw Lake, 80 miles west of Thunder Bay. The resort was owned by Jock Richardson who later became Ida's husband. She recalls how they travelled in the winter across the frozen lake before they had snowmobiles and how they had to use a horse to haul logs to the sawmill. Finally, Ida shares how she learned to drive a dog sled team.

Series B 29/6/17. - An Interview With Tommy Jones. - 2 reels, 19 min.

In this interview Tommy Jones talks to Fred Jones about life in Northwestern Ontario during the late 1930s. He describes what the towns of Port Arthur and Fort William looked like back then and the challenges faced by residents of the area. Mr. Jones shares his experiences as manager of the Dryden Paper Mill and his time spent as Mayor of that town. He goes on to discuss aspects of the history of the pulp and paper industry and how forest fires were fought during the depression.

Series B29/6/18. - An Interview With Bill Franklin. - 5 reels. - ca.45 min. - 16 Sept.-21 Oct. 1988

Fred Jones interviews Bill Franklin who shares with him his memories and knowledge of his life in the lumber business. He recalls how forest fires were dealt with before water bombers were used and the pay he received while working in sawmills. He remembers teaching Indians, who could not speak a word of English, how to build log houses and to work in a sawmill. He goes on to talk about life in a bush camp near Onion Lake, and the various places they would stay at when they came into Port Arthur. Finally Bill talks about his present hobby of making tables. [tapes 1 & 6 missing]

Program/Producer: Fred Jones

Notes

Physical condition: All tapes are audible, however many of them are sticking. There are a number of reels missing in several of the series (as indicated). A few reels are missing

introductory and closing music. A couple of reels do not have the beginning of the interview.

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