

## The Toronto Cornish Association The Middle Years, 1904-1961

*Items from the Toronto Newspapers describing TCA activities*

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| 1905<br>March    | Cornishmen Organize. A local association of Cornishmen is to be formed in the near future. Last night, a meeting was held in the Yonge Street Arcade, and a committee with Mr R.A.Rogers as Chairman was formed.  |
| 1905<br>July     | The Cornishmen held their monthly meeting at Williams Café, Yonge Street. Capt. Fugler tendered his resignation as President as he was leaving the city. Mr R.A Rogers was elected president. There were 22 members added to the roll, and their membership is 200. The principal business was arrangements for their first picnic to Oshawa on Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July. |
| 1905<br>December | The Cornishman's Choir sang yesterday for the patients at the Home for the Incurables. Tonight, they will sing on the steps of City Hall and a collection will be taken on behalf of the Sick Children's Hospital.  |
| 1907<br>February | Joseph H. Trengove died. He was an esteemed Cornishman, and although not a member of the Association, the members took steps to do what they could. They made arrangements for the burial at Mt Pleasant Cemetery, and the Choir will render sacred music.  |
| 1907<br>May      | More than 200 ladies and gentlemen attended the 3 <sup>rd</sup> annual banquet of the Cornishmen's Association and it was a very enjoyable affair. President John Thompson was in the chair. Secretary Mr A.J.Saunders read messages of regret from Mr E.B. Osler MP, Honorary President, Mayor Coatsworth and Councillor Hocken.   |
| 1907<br>July     | Mr J Hawkens, treasurer if the Cornishmen's Association has received a letter from Sir William Treloar, Lord Mayor of London, in which he consents to become a patron of the Association. The Association has grown to 200 members and will hold its annual picnic in Barrie on 20 <sup>th</sup> July.  |
| 1908             | <i>A want ad:</i> Cornish Society. Would some reader furnish the place and time of meeting, and the name and address of the secretary of the Cornish Society for a "Cornishman" who is anxious to join.   |
| 1909<br>January  | All members of the Cornishmen's Association are requested to attend the funeral of Bro. C. Ball. Signed A.J. Penberthy, President   |

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| 1909<br>June     | The Cornishmen's Association decided to join their fellow-countrymen at a reunion at Niagara Falls on July 17th   |
| 1909<br>December | The Cornishmen's Association presented Mr and Mrs A.J.Penberthy with a fine pair of field glasses on the eve of their departure for Cornwall to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr Penberthy is an ex-President of the Association.   |
| 1910<br>May      | The 5 <sup>th</sup> annual banquet will be held at William's Café of Yonge Street. An excellent program of Cornish songs, readings and music was given. Mr W.J. Cheeseworth, Past President was presented with a handsome jewel, President James Hawken was in the chair and Mr W.J. Tremear acted as toastmaster. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed during the evening from the more than 200 ladies and gentlemen from the "Duchy of Cornwall". |
| 1917<br>August   | At the regular monthly meeting of the Toronto Cornish Society the arrangements were made for the picnic on Centre Island.   |
| 1918             | At the TCA Annual Meeting in the SOE Hall, various reports were submitted and it was noted that 25 members were overseas.   |
| 1918<br>October  | The Cornish Society decided to meet on the first and third Tuesday's of each month.   |
| 1929             | At the Mimico Horticultural Society meeting, the Choir of the TCA gave several selections under the leadership of C.H.White, with solos by Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Boulden  |
| 1932             | At the English Societies Euchre, S.J Stephens of the Cornish Society was in charge of arrangements, along with the Birmingham Social Club, the Northumberland and Durham Society and the Staffordshire Club.  |
| 1937             | TCA members held their 33 <sup>rd</sup> birthday party. Mr Lewis Duncan was guest speaker with his "Memories of Cornwall" Mr J. Bullen of St Stephen's Church was guest soloist and sang old Cornish songs. President M. Menear presided.   |
| 1939             | 200 residents of Cornish birth or descent attended the Sunday Services at Donlands United Church. TCA President William Roberts read the lesson. A talk on Cornwall was given by H. Tomkin.   |
| 1940<br>May      | TCA Members made their annual visit to Westmoreland United Church. Rev Hunter told the members "A man is known by his loyalties and his ideals". On the platform were President A. R. Penprase and Harold Tomkin who read the lesson.   |

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| 1940<br>July     | The TCA Annual Picnic will be held at Centre Island. A cordial invitation to all Cornish people and friends has been issued by President A.J.Penprase. An excellent programme has been arranged.   |
| 1940<br>November | TCA members will hold a reunion at the IOOF Hall on College Street where a splendid entertainment has been arranged followed by a back-home hour which will serve to renew old acquaintances and form new ones with those who hold a common interest. Plans will be revealed for a consolidated effort on the part of all Cornish folk to assist the empire in this hour of need.  |
| 1941             | TCA Members elected Mr A. I. Penprase as President; Mr T. B. Hawke and Charles Stiles as Vice Presidents; S.J. Stevens as Secretary; William Roberts as Treasurer; P.J. Paull as Sentinel; J.Ede and T.H. Dennison as Auditors. Committee members were Mrs A. I. Penprase, Mrs T.B. Hawke, Mrs S.J. Stevens, Mrs M. L. Oates, Mrs William Roberts and Mrs P.J. Paull.<br>Mr T. H. Dennison reported on the success of the War Charities Fund, recently registered in Ottawa.   |
| 1941             | TCA Members held the 36 <sup>th</sup> annual birthday party at the IOOF Hall, College Street with Mr A.I. Penprase presiding.<br>Col Sydney Lambert, absent on military duties sent a message, and Mr Joseph Champion, Unionville, organizer of the Association spoke. Mrs F.H. Dennison was honoured with the appointment as Hon. Vice President.   |
| 1942             | TCA Members elected John Ede as Hon. President, Thomas Roberts and Thomas Dennison as Hon Vice Presidents; T.B. Hawke as President; P.J. Paull and S. Tremaine as Vice Presidents; Mrs S.J. Stevens as Recording Secretary; H.J. Trebilcock as Treasurer; S.J. Stevens as Sentinel. Committee members were Mrs T.B. Hawke, Mrs P.J Paull, Mrs F Routley, Mrs W. Roberts, Miss Webber and Mrs Clarkson.<br>The auditors reported a substantial balance in the Association and War Charities Funds. Since the latter fund was opened in November 1939, more than \$900 has been raised and donated to various charity funds. |
| 1942<br>May      | TCA Members held their 37 <sup>th</sup> annual birthday party at their Lodge Room. President T. Hawke welcomed 200 members and friends, also 4 members of the RAF recently arrived from Cornwall.<br>A musical program of community singing, duets and solos by Mrs W. Devitt and Miss L. McVeigh and magician G. Laidlaw was very   |

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|                  | <p>mush enjoyed. Harry Skitch sang the Floral Dance. Past President S.H.B. Tonlin introduced the guest speaker Rex Frost.</p> <p>Past President T.H. Dennison, chairman of the War Charities Committee presented a statement that \$1125 has been distributed and there is a balance in the bank of \$60. S.Tremaine handed mt Dennison a cheque for \$60, the proceeds of a rummage sale.</p> <p>President T. Hawke presented a handbag to Mrs C. Paull in appreciation of her service as pianist and work for the TCA.</p>  |
| 1942<br>April    | <p>Mr and Mrs R. Warne of the TCA held a euchre at their home in aid of the war efforts program. \$20 was received from the 50 members and guests present.</p>  |
| 1943             | <p>TCA Members elected R.J Paull as President, S. Tremaine and C.Bryant as Vice-presidents; Mrs S Stevens as Secretary; Mrs Paull as Treasurer. Committee members were Mrs T Hawke, Mrs A. Weller, Miss L. Webber, Mr and Mrs N. Dymond, Mrs Tremaine and the pianist was Mrs Paull.</p>  |
| 1943<br>December | <p>TCA Members held their annual Christmas Tree party at the IOOF Hall on College Street. Over 200 members and their children attended. Cheques totally \$400 were presented to war charities, which bring to \$3500 given to various war charities since the beginning of the war. Donations were made to the Canadian Red Cross Prisoner-of-War fund, the Navy league of Canada and the Salvation Army Red Shield Fund.</p> <p>The party was organised by P.J. Paull, T.H.Dennison, N.V. Dymond, Mrs S. Stevens and Mrs P.J. Paull.</p>   |
| 1944             | <p>TCA Members elected P.J. Paull as President; T.H. Dennison and N. Dymond as Vice Presidents; S. Stevens as Secretary; Mrs P.J.Paull as Treasurer</p> <p>Committee members were Mrs A.E.Weller, Mrs N. Dymond, Mrs D. Ward, Miss L.Weller, Mr and Mrs W Ford, and Mrs B. Tucker. A.E. Weller, W. Roberts and T.B. Hawke were Past Presidents.</p> <p>The financial report showed that \$1760 had been raised during the year with donations of \$1100 sent to various war charities. A total of 31 ditty bags were sent to the Navy league, three invalid chairs to navy amputation cases in Halifax, 167 parcels to Royal navy ratings as well as knitted articles given to the Merchant marine. Tribute was paid to Miss L Webber for her work as convenor of knitting.</p> |
| 1948             | <p>TCA Members elected Howard Trebilcock as President, K.S Sandercock and, R.T Stevens as Vice-Presidents; Mrs William Roberts as Secretary and Mrs S.P Woodhouse as Treasurer</p>  |

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| 1949             | John Ede died. This was reported by his daughter, Mrs Samuel Stevens.  |
| 1950<br>February | At the 45 <sup>th</sup> annual meeting, TCA Members elected Richard T. Stevens as President, J. I. Trebilcock as Past President; R.I. Stevens and G. Mitchell as Vice Presidents; Mrs S.P. Woodhouse as Treasurer and D.R. Ward as Secretary.<br>The treasurer's report revealed that substantial contributions would be made to the following list of charities: the Home for Incurable Children, the Scott Mission, the Yonge Street Mission, the Fred Victor Mission and the Canadian March of Dimes. |
| 1952             | TCA Members celebrated the Golden Wedding of Fred and Emma Routley. They were married in Marhamchurch, and came to Canada in 1910  |
| 1955             | Fred Pedler died, official of TCA, born 1887 in Cornwall   |
| 1959             | Frederick Routley died, past president TCA, father of Frederick, Frank, and grandchildren Donald and Norma   |
| 1959             | Thomas H Dennison died, past president of the TCA, born Bodmin in 1887 and came to Canada in 1907.   |
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