

The Joys Of A Bush Pilot 1923 - 1924

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Want to hear the story of Bill Weaver & G.J. the Avro seaplane that he dunked in Moose Lake, back in 1924. Anyway who got the job. Sure Joe again. So Maudy says you and "Tandy" Platts are going and he'll take us over in one of the Vikings "E U" I think and you get all the gear together and climb aboard, and

me I get the front cockpit and it's all nice and peaceful and maybe I'm nuts but those front cockpits were the just the place to be in on a nice day and flying at 75 to 80 miles an hour you get a better and closer view of the country.

So Maudy takes the water route down around Cedar Lake and suddenly there are thousands and thousands of birds, it's so as though the whole area comes alive when they hear the roar of the Rolls Royce engine and I'll never forget the sight as long as I live. All the way from Cedar to Moose

Lake it was a continuous movement on the swamp down below. And I guess there were Ducks, Geese, Mudhens, and Lord knows what else. Tell me is it true that all this country is going to be flooded by some Dam they are going to make at Grand Rapids?

You know all I remember of Grand Rapids is Sturgeon and a little old railway that was there long ago and I can't remember what for. It's in an old Aerial Map of mine that was produced in 1924 from photos taken by our guys. Surely it
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ALL THAT WE FOUND

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SUNDAY (Cont'd)

decision had been made by management. It was made last Thursday. However, not all CBC sections knew about the decision. When the CBC public relations Department was asked Monday morning why the program was not shown locally, the reply was that the film must have missed the aircraft. The HERALD then informed the CBC spokesman that the paper had been advised last Friday the program was "pulled". The PR man said he would have to look into it. The CBC called back two and a half hours later with the terse announcement.

All day Sunday during the TV schedule, announcements heard over the local station advised listeners to tune into Sunday at 10:00 P.M. This went on right up to 10:00 P.M. CBC spokesman at Winnipeg said it was not possible to pull the announcements because they were made and edited in Toronto.

The CBC was asked if local viewers would see 'Sunday' next Sunday which featured a panel of eight discussing the controversial sex scene. The reply was 'most likely'. Asked if there was any sense to watching a program that discussed a program that had been banned to local viewers, the CBC offered no comment.

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can't be true that all this country will be flooded, surely there could be dykes of some sort, because you'll never get over the loss, why even as far back as those days we used to drop wild rice just down the track from Cormorant.

I know the expression "God's Country" is awful corny, but it isn't to me, and you see I can remember far away back when, and I'd like to keep those memories.

Anyway sorry for the diversion, I was saying, we were taken to Moose Lake and there we were left. So you contact T. H. P. Lamb and get the use of a Boat and Barge, and Alf Sinclair the captain, and you get out on to the Lake and there she is (1) Just a wing tip showing above the surface, so you get a winch gone and a hook and sort of grapple until there's a bit of movement, but up comes the wing and you have to stop, and it blows for a day or more and you try again, and something holds, and the old kite slowly comes up (2) so you dismantle the tail and rudder and cut through the fuselage and keep pulling (3) all the time getting closer to shore until finally you make it, and somehow the four of you dismantle the Aircraft. You know what that hook had

grappled on to and taken all the weight? Just one of the radiator slants made of fairly thin aluminum.

You might ask who was feeding us all this time? No one else but Mrs. Lamb and I will remember those feeds. Anyway somehow or another you get all the bits and pieces loaded between a Canoe and Skiff I guess, and then you get going up Moose Creek and then through Summerberry River towards The Pas (4) and there is mosquitoes and mosquitoes. I never saw anything like them, especially the first night we pulled up to the bank, I know darned well that one was lifting up the sleeping bag so that the others could get in.

THIRTY DAYS (Cont'd)

kids will be looked after. What does all this prove? Nothing. In many countries of Europe, if a man is found drunk in the street, he is told to go home. Sometimes he even gets taken home. If he is found passed out in the gutter, he is picked up and put in gaol over night. The next morning, bright and early, without breakfast he is released. He is usually broke, and he goes home. He is free to make another try.

Easy way out! You go to gaol. You are told what to do in gaol. No thinking. No worries anymore. You have stopped caring. You vegetate. You may work in the outdoors but it gives you more of an appetite. You know that if you and

kind of crazy satisfaction out of finding you a job, maybe even relocating your family. Crazy guys. They'll stand on their heads to try and get you to take a job, or take some kind of a course. They'll even pay you to take the course if you'll show any genuine interest. They have a problem. They can't get enough men to work, and soon they will have to go over to Europe to bring

back men because of the manpower shortage here.

So let's try something new. So you got drunk last night. So what. You didn't cause any damage. Some of those other guys did, but they'll be assessed the damages.

That cell wasn't any fun. You walk out 6:30 a.m. Phew! Nothing to do but go home. The old lady should be home too. You hope the kids are all

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