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BLACKOUT

According to our records on the October meeting of Council we read 'There was no dissenting voice as councillors passed a resolution to satisfactorily furnish proper illumination of streets.'

In our January report, the Mayor warned councillors of an impending increase in the cost of lights, but they agreed with one accord that the plan was urgent and they must go ahead regardless of an increase.

On Monday night, we understand from a discussion which ensued on the lighting plan, that the chairman of Fire and Light without any authority from Council, instructed the Hydro to cease work on the approved lighting plan in town.

This in itself is food for thought. But most startling of all was the opposition of the three Councillors present, Cam-sell, Millar and Gardner to the Mayor's suggestion that the procedure was out of order.

A great deal of discussion, preparation and precious time went into the overall plan for lighting this town last year. This year's chairman, next year's chairman and all chairmen to come will undoubtedly have different ideas on any project to be undertaken and they may be better or worse than the original.

It makes the whole democratic election of a representative council by the people's choice rather ridiculous. It sets a nasty precedent for others to follow.

FORWARD STEP

Elsewhere in this issue, readers will learn that Temiskaming is to have a Probation Officer. Ontario's major cities have had pro-

bation officers for several years and officers are being appointed now to cover many other counties and districts. The probation officer's duty is to act as guide, philosopher and friend to the probationer and yet to ensure that he is set well on the path to good citizenship.

The idea of releasing young first offenders on probation originated in the United States some sixty years ago. The system was soon put into effect in a limited form in Britain, and it was within the power of the courts to put the younger delinquents and criminals (who might well go from bad to worse after being associated with the hardened criminals they would meet in the prisons), 'on probation' for a stated length of time.

In time, the Government passed The Probation Act which provided for the appointment of full-time, trained probation officers who would be responsible for the supervision of not only juvenile offenders, but also of adults who, in the opinion of the courts, could be rehabilitated into worthwhile citizens.

The convicted person is put on probation and is expected to fulfill certain obligations which are clearly laid down at the onset of the probation period. He is expected to report regularly to his supervising officer at a stated and pre-arranged time, to keep absolutely clear of trouble and 'to lead a sober and industrious life.'

It should be realized that being

put 'on probation' is very far from being 'let off' and in the event of the probationer breaking any of the conditions of probation, or neglecting to make a genuine effort to justify the chance he has been given, the officer is empowered and expected to bring the probationer back before the court for disposal as the Judge or Magistrate may deem fit.

Probation must not be confused with parole. Parole only refers to persons who have been released from goal or penitentiary, possibly before the full sentence imposed upon them has been served on their own parole or promise of good behaviour, sometimes under the supervision of the parole officer. Probation, on the other hand, aims at keeping as many as possible out of gaol in the first place.

The officers are trained to deal with both adults and juveniles and in connection with family courts, to act as marriage counsellors. In Toronto, a special staff deal with this side of the work alone. In England, where probation is now widely used, one person out of every 1200 may expect to be sent to gaol each year. In Canada, where probation is still in its infancy, the rate is one out of 142—more than eight times as high.

Mr. Daniel Coughlan, Director of Probation Services in Ontario has stated that while a man put on probation costs the state fifty dollars a year and his chance of not breaking the law again are at least 70%, it costs \$1,500.00 a year to keep a man in the penitentiary and his chances of again becoming a useful citizen are at most 40%.

LIBRARY NOTES

The Eagle and the Rock, by Frances Winwar — Another life of Napoleon but not his biography as politician and soldier. Miss Winwar picks Napoleon up rather tenderly, as the poor, but fiery young son of a minor government official in Corsica and lays him finally to rest on the

rock of St. Helena. And, although the pages unroll a vast pageant of the French revolution, the beheading of Louis XIV and Marie Antoinette, the building of the Empire, his love for Josephine and her betrayal of him, what the novel tells most poignantly is his personal story.

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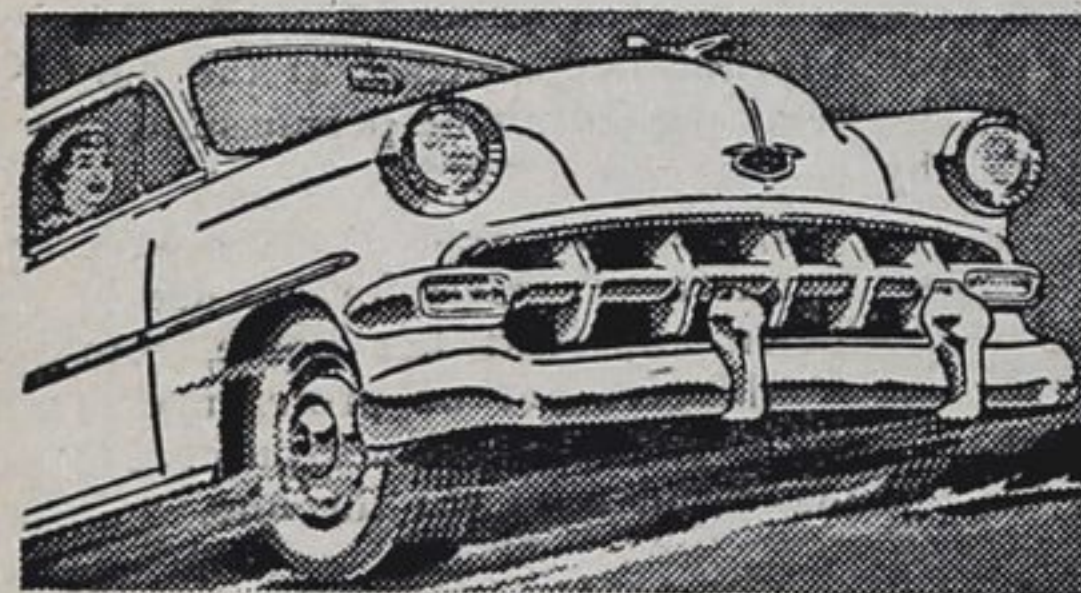
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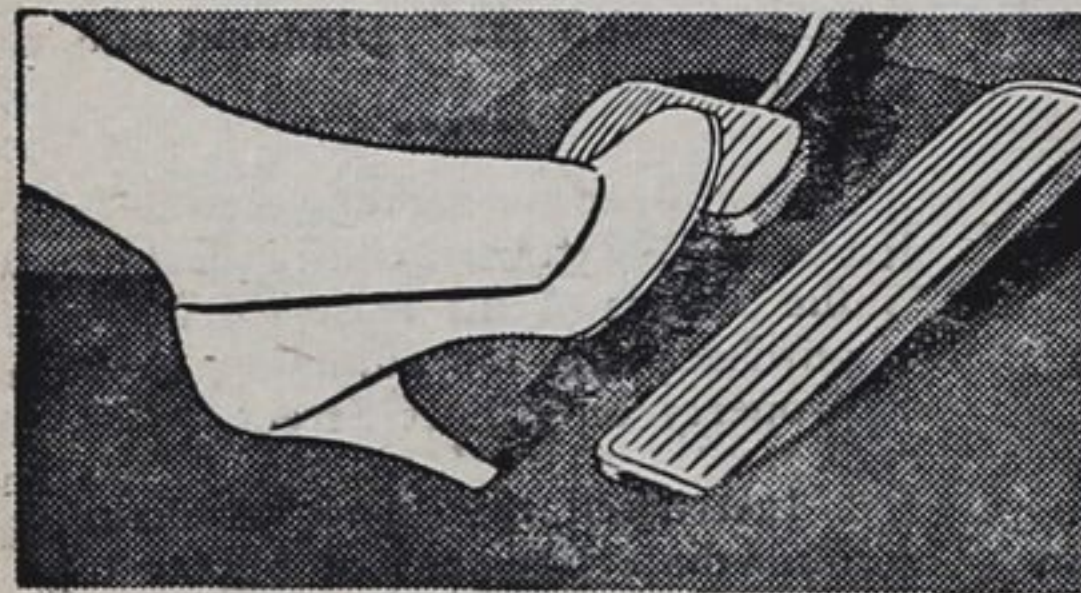
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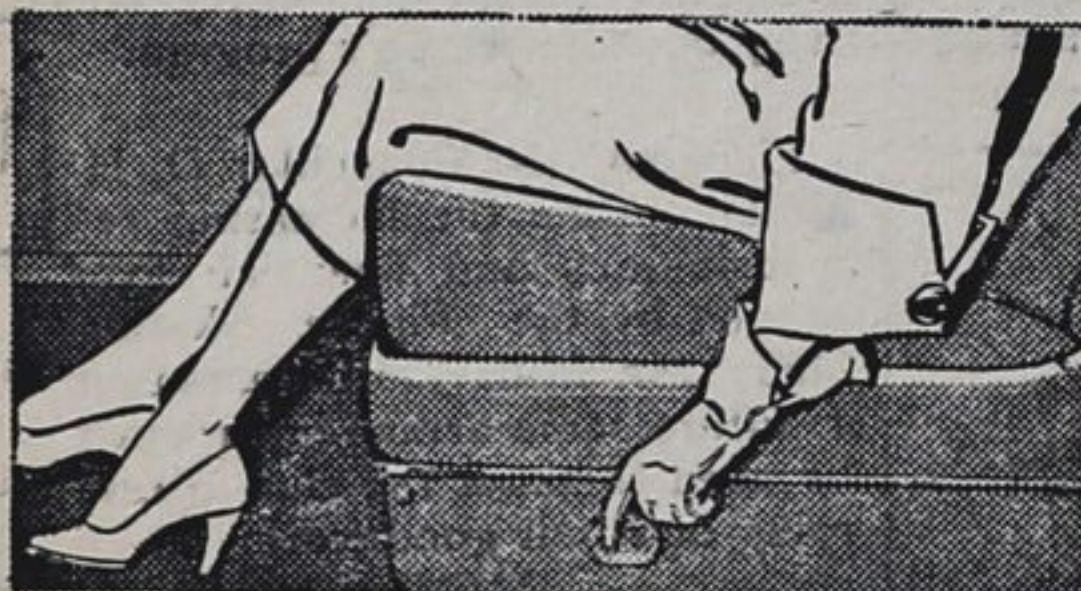
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