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CASE FOR FLUORINATION

"We are faced with the problem of deciding whether it is wiser to try to train three times as many dentists as we have to care for all of the dental ills of the population or to adopt what means we can to prevent the decay of teeth," says Dr. Gordon Bates in an editorial in the current issue of Health Magazine. Dr. Bates is general director of the Health League of Canada which publishes the magazine.

"In Canada, the fact that our national dental bill is nearly fifty million dollars a year provides adequate evidence of the need for preserving teeth," writes Dr. Bates. "It is stated that in spite of the fact that there are approximately 5,300 dentists in Canada less than one-third of the population receive dental care.

"The total extent to which decayed teeth may affect the general health of the population cannot be definitely estimated but the known results of dental caries are serious enough to give thoughtful citizens some cause for concern. This alone is sufficient reason for the adoption of fluoridation of water supplies.

"A survey conducted by the Fluoridation Committee of the Health League of Canada was undertaken to discover the opinions of medical authorities in the Departments of Preventive Medicine in Universities of North America concerning the value of fluoridation of communal water supplies as a means of preventing caries in children's teeth. The result has been an overwhelming vote of confidence in fluoridation. We commend this article to our readers.

Attention has already been called to the fact that chlorination of water, pasteurization of milk, toxoid against diphtheria and fluoridation of water alike each of them in turn precipitated controversies. To public health authorities there has seemed to be little rhyme or reason in opposition to measures of this type. It is significant that leaders of such opposition have generally been ill informed persons who know little about the scientific basis of the opinion of health authorities.

An examination of the facts concerning fluoridation of water provides definite evidence of the fact that fluorine added to water supplies in proper quantities will prevent caries without damaging the human organism.

A. Fleury Finishes Ball Season with Top Batting Honor

Batting honors were tabulated this week for the Haileybury Softball League with the batting champion being Ab Fleury of North Cobalt; runner-up being Don Taylor of the Chemicals. In third place is Freddie Abraham of the Town team. To be eligible for batting honors a player must have taken part in eight games. The following are eligible: A. Fleury, North Cobalt ... 417 D. Taylor, Chemicals ... 408 F. Abraham, Town ... 405 E. Ramsay, West Road ... 388 W. Fleming, Town ... 355 Ted Bates, Chemicals ... 353 E. Huard, West Road ... 348 R. Fleming, Town ... 340 G. Ruddy, North Cobalt ... 333 L. Fleury, North Cobalt ... 313 P. Huard, West Road ... 311 T. Fleury North Cobalt ... 309 Gus Friday, Chemicals ... 300 D. Huff, West Road ... 283 T. Blanchard North Cobalt ... 280 D. Davidson North Cobalt ... 279 R. Blanchard, North Cobalt ... 279 M. Belanger, Chemicals ... 272 Bob Cole, Chemicals ... 267 M. MacDonald, Chemicals ... 266 K. Latham, North Cobalt ... 262 Hutching, Chemicals ... 261 L. Landry, North Cobalt ... 260 W. Grozelle, Town ... 258 L. Johnson, West Road ... 250 L. Mechefske, Chemicals ... 250 K. O'Grady Town ... 233 G. Johnson West Road ... 233 P. Labine, Town ... 233 C. Giddings, West Road ... 228 B. Ruddy, Town ... 209 J. Plaunt, West Road ... 207 D. Hargrave, Town ... 190 Geo. Weston, Town ... 167 R. Weiss, Town ... 149 L. Newberry, Chemicals ... 137

Fishermen Try Luck at C.N.E. Fishing Pool

Want to catch a juicy brook or rainbow trout—guaranteed to be at least eight inches long?

Don't head for the bush. Put down that rod and reel. The fishing is better at the Canadian National Exhibition, and not even hip boots are necessary.

A mammoth water tank, stocked with 1,000 of the very finest trout, has been installed in the Coliseum by the Berkshire Trout Farm, of Sheffield, Mass. Rods and flies are supplied, and the only restrictions on the part of the operators are that only three fish can be kept per person, and the time of fishing will be limited to about 15 minutes. Hooks and worms are outlawed.

The tank is 98 feet long and 18 feet wide. The water has a depth of two feet—so the occupants can't swim deep and out of range. The rest is up to the fisherman—if he doesn't mind casting with several hundred onlookers crowding at his elbow.

The idea for the portable fishing pool was conceived by Joan O. Holt, president of the Berkshire farm. They have met with wide success in the United States, but this is the first time one has ever been shown in Canada. Anglers have hailed it as perhaps the greatest fish story

since Jonah and the Whale. Tank trucks with fresh supplies of live trout from the Sheffield pools will roll in on scheduled days to replace the stock taken home by Ex visitors. So unlimber that casting arm. This time that big one won't get away.

N. O. H. A. PLANS MEETING NEXT MONTH IN NORTH BAY

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association will be held in the Empire Hotel, North Bay on September 25th at 2:30 p.m.

SCHOOL AHEAD DRIVE SLOWLY

You've seen the sign often enough and perhaps you do get a little tired of being constantly warned about your driving habits but the fact is that children will be skipping back to school next week—one hundred and eight, four less than last fall, for they were killed in traffic accidents in the Province last year. In addition, 4,487 Ontario children were injured in accidents on the streets and highways.

We have three schools situated on a highway and if the record is almost unblemished, still we cannot afford to relax our watch for one minute.

For the most part, our schools, and particularly our policemen, do an excellent job of teaching children the proper precautions in traffic. However, in the last analysis it is up to the motorist. The utmost precaution can spare even that youngster who bounded out and so they say "I never had a chance." But we don't really believe it because when it says Slow Down, School Area, you know that a snail's pace is not too slow for you—the minutes gained by speeding are a lifetime lost.

THE WAYFARER

In this day and age, Radio has to a certain extent, usurped the newspaper as "the authority." In my young days, anything we read in the newspaper we took as "gospel"—it was in cold print, so it must be right. Now, this mantle of infallibility has to a great degree been assumed by the radio. For that reason, it seems a pity that our smaller radio stations do not check the quality of their programmes a little more—and teach their announcers how to pronounce words of more than two syllables. During the past weeks I've heard several examples of this—The Prime Minister was in Madras—obviously meaning Madras (Madras to you); The composer Prokofieff was renamed by a struggling announcer "Proka-fafe" (rhymes with "Pokerface"), while even comparatively simple words like "disreputable" and "irregular" seem to be a source of trouble.

It's a pity, though, because children, listening to that authority the radio, might well get the idea that such pronunciations are correct. Its only fair to point out that CBC isn't an offender in this respect, even remembering the unfortunate newscaster who talked about "The Minister of Wealth and Hellfare" (possibly with his tongue in his cheek!)

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