

NORTH COBALT HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting of the North Cobalt Home and School Association was held at the Public School Auditorium, Monday, November 11th, at 8 p.m.

Each member and guest was received at the door by Mrs. Nora Perry assisted by Mrs. Margaret Dwyer, and given lapel pins as they signed the guest book.

President Mrs. Sylvia Bolger called the meeting to order with the Home and School prayer and then led the reading of the Code of Ethics. After a short business discussion, roll call was taken sent.

Mrs. Jarvis teacher for grades three and four, was presented with the Home and School Banner and a check for a library book, for having the most points for parents and grandparents present.

Two minutes silence then was observed in honor of Remembrance Day, and followed by the National Anthem.

Program chairman Mrs. Jean Lafay introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Ray de Souza of Haileybury, reporter and photographer who was formerly from Kingston Jamaica. Mr. de Souza gave a very interesting and humorous talk on life in general and some history of Jamaica, also of the advantages and disadvantages of their education system. He also gave to the ladies a new recipe for cooking bananas. On behalf of the Home and School association, Mrs. Jarvis thanked the speaker, and expressed their wishes to be able to hear him again.

While the lunch committee was preparing lunch games were enjoyed by all, with Mrs. Joyce Gareau and Mr. Herb McGrath Mr. Ray de Souza and Mrs. S. Visser winning prizes, donated by Mrs. B. MacPherson.

A lovely lunch was enjoyed by candle-light. Our next meeting will be held, Monday, December 9th, at 8 p.m.

Any parents or grandparent who wishes to become a member, may contact Mr. Herb McGrath, treasurer, North Cobalt. The fee is fiftycents per year.

Streptomycin, first of the drugs to be found effective in the treatment of tuberculosis, went into use in 1947. It and other drugs subsequently discovered have made an enormous difference in the success of treatment of tuberculosis. Unfortunately prevention has not kept pace with advances in treatment. In Canada alone there are still 9,000 new cases annually.

BRIGADIER CASSIDY BLASTS EVERYONE

(Continued from Page 1) appointed to take charge of certain immediate tasks. A small fund was received from each town to cover our first year expenses, three-quarters of which is returnable from the Province and the Federal Government if spent in an approved way. I understand that some people on the councils felt that this whole thing was useless—it would be time enough to act when the bomb dropped. However, we got the money, some stationary and a phone. The second meeting was an eye-opener, since only slightly over half the committee attended. Despite this, we got a resources survey under way that time. There was a little improvement at the third meeting—some even turned in some results from the survey. The fourth meeting was planned to orient the medical people in the area to our problems, and a good programme was set up. We expected a half-a-dozen doctors and some 35 nurses. A total of sixteen attended, including two boys who were to assist in providing the films. There was one doctor, and NO nurses. Meanwhile we had been trying to get people to go on special courses so that we could learn to instruct ourselves. For many reasons, some traceable to the refusal of employers to let men go, we have yet to get one person on course. This fall, failing to get the male support we wanted, we went all out to interest women in the work, which in the probable role we would have in this area, would largely be what is called—Welfare—the handling of numerous evacuees from threatened centres, notable Toronto. The women did turn out fairly well, though there were important gaps in

the societies and organizations represented. To sum up, we have barely started, in fact it is doubtful whether we have accomplished very much at all in approximately a year. Why is this?

In talking to people about Civil Defence, I have found that it is possible to classify their reactions somewhat like this—a series of standard objections:

1. There will never be another war.
2. If there is, it won't be a thermonuclear war.
3. If there does happen to be one, it won't affect us (meaning Haileybury)
4. If it should affect us, it's the government's business to take care of it.
5. Even with the government's help, the problem is just too big to talk about, much less do anything about.

You can see the progression of thought, from wishful thinking to "let the devil take the hindmost" to utter defeatism. I wonder what the lads whose names we remember to-day

would think about it all.

Of course, it is human nature to blink away unpleasant facts, to clutch at any alternative to doing something about an unpleasant or dangerous situation. A few months ago, when the Canadian forces, including the militia, were told that henceforth they would train for civil defence in addition to their other training, there was a real danger that the citizens at large would at once halt what CD work had been started and leave it to the forces to handle. But any sort of sober thought on the matter must make even the dullest person realize that the job is a million times too big for any handful of specialists to undertake. There is no doubt that I hoped that the new policy for the militia could be nicely tied in with our own efforts. Unfortunately, at the moment, I am more than somewhat convinced that the militia in our own area, housed in the Haileybury Armouries, with a history of constant existence since the

first World War will soon be with us no longer. The process might have come in any case, I don't know, but I do know that it has been hastened and made almost certain by what I can only term a very short-sighted policy on the part of our municipal authorities. This is no place to debate the "Armouries" question, and I do not intend to do so, but I do think that to-day is a most appropriate day to consider the, to my mind, disturbing fact that the Department of National Defence now knows, on the best authority, that the town of Haileybury really doesn't care one way or another whether the Militia stays or goes. Some in print, were in fact hopeful that it might go and soon.

At a moment like this, I cannot help but give to you my personal concern about the possible loss to this area of a part of the Algonquin Regt. I served before, during and after the war, with this unit, and had the honour to be its second-in-command and commander. This

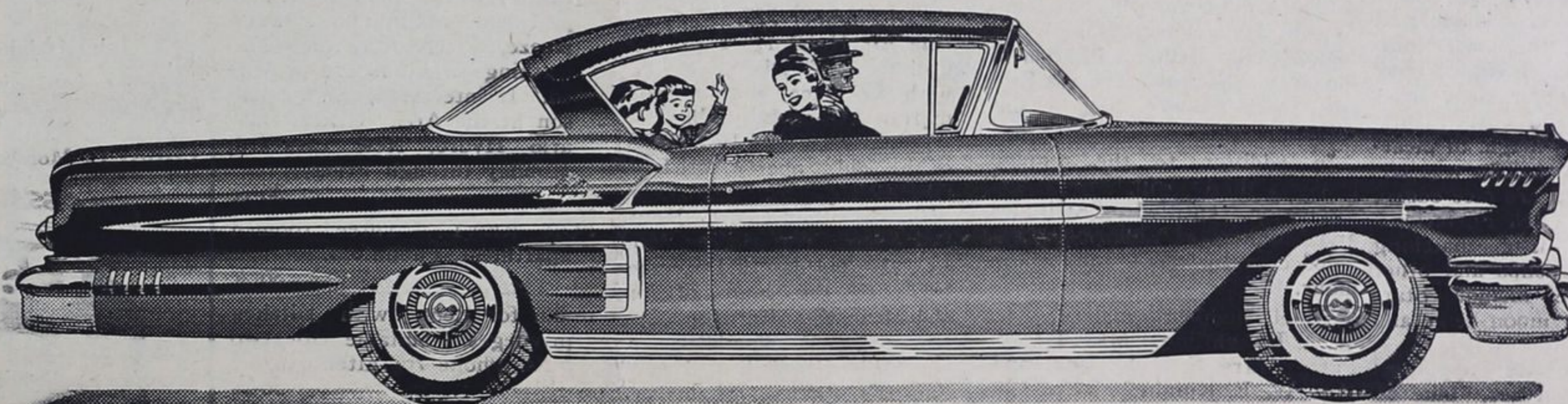
town has always been the true heartland of the Regiment, our Armouries are the best and most permanent in the regimental area. In fact, the present Commanding Officer has had plans prepared to make this Armouries the repository for all the Regimental historical property. The link has always been here—the militia with all its ups and downs, and there have been many such, has always done a workmanlike job. Its members past and present have learned to act like and to be true citizens... you have never had much trouble with them, nor are you apt to.

No matter what uniformed opinions there may be about our local militia—and I know there are people ignorant enough to proclaim these opinions—the fact is that the officers and men of the unit here have been faithful and hardworking—neat, tidy and law-abiding—true models of what they should be. And when I think back behind these present figures to those men we left overseas, from Caen to Wil-

helmshaven, 351 of them the gory payment of one infantry battalion for our safety and comfort and ease today—I cannot but believe that we here have been and are guilty of breaking faith, in selling down the river the unit whose badges they wore. I doubt that in any other town in this Dominion of ours would we find so badly and callously stated unconcern for the militia.

I hope I may be forgiven for getting down to such immediate and, I am afraid, such personal things. They are not, of course only personal things. They do affect everyone here to some extent. And I do most honestly and sincerely feel that I have not been out of place in bringing to your mind, instead of a host of platitudes, the very real and meaningful question: "Can we really pay an honest tribute to those who fell in defence of our lives and our way of life, if we say to them" we repudiate the duty you embraced voluntarily. We just don't want to be bothered."

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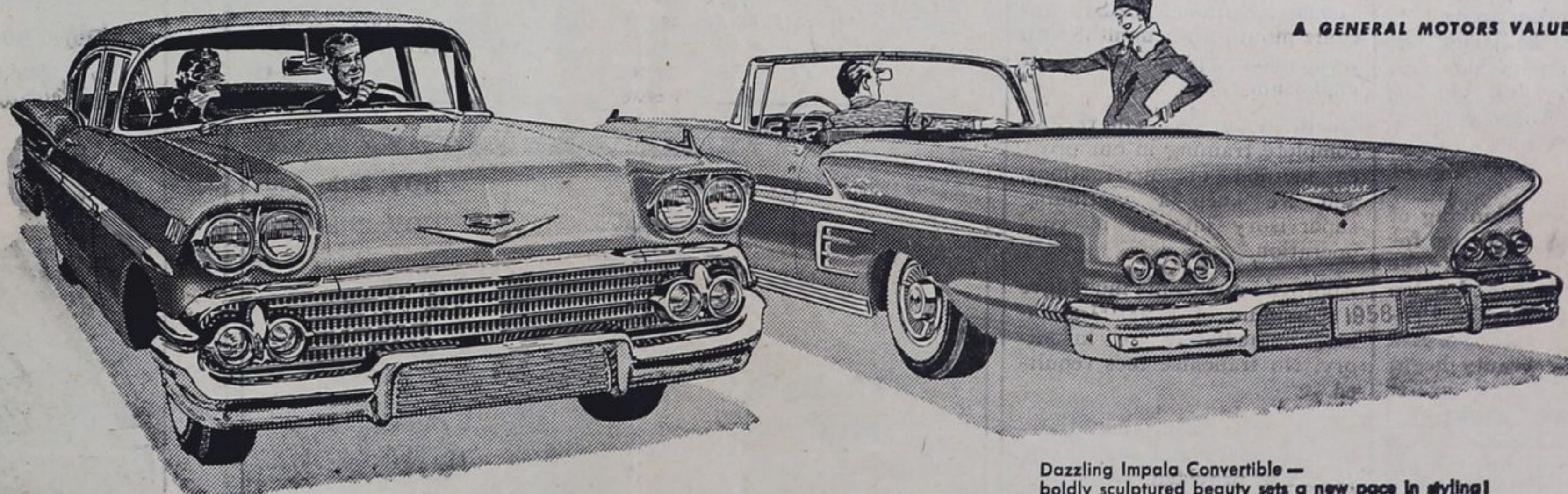
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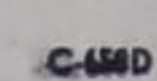
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