Prevention Comes First

There is at present a good deal of interest over the discovery of various drugs cal--culated to cure alcoholics by making them sick when they drink. No one will discount the importance of rescuing the unfortunate alcoholic - one of the most pathetic figures in modern society. Yet it reveals a bizarre situation. It is said that alcoholism is increasing by leaps and bounds. Some people say that nothing can be done about it. Surely an amazing solecism.

If the present generation drink more than their forefathers is it not in order to wonder why? True, alcohol was popular even long before Horace sang of "rich Falerian wine." Yet excesses bred moderation and fifty years ago temperance societies were so effective in their educational activities that prohibition came into effect largely because public opinion was opposed to drinking. Prohibition, however, was evidently not the

But where, oh where, are the temperance societies of yesterday? Thousands of valiant souls who in better days would have become members of the Royal Templars (anon a badge of good citizenship) or the W.C.T.U. have far too often become tipplers themselves.

The result of a series of accidents (of which Prohibition was perhaps the most serious) has been that people have forgotten that the real solution of alcoholism is not cure but prevention. The way to avoid becoming an alcoholic is not to drink. It is as simple as that. But who has the courage to say so, or to take active steps to promote the campaigns against drinking which our respectable ancestors thought sane, natural and in the public interest? The word respectable is used advisedly in describing our immediate forebears, because little more than a generation ago they thought it was not respectable to drink .-- Health Magazine.

Of Things Ahead

An engineering report on the road and street needs throughout the whole Province of Ontario has been prepared by the Planning and Design Branch of the Highways Department, and was tabled recently in the Legislature by Highways Minister Fred M.

The report outlines the road and street problems faced by the Provincial Government and the municipalities, and the measures needed to cope with them. It deals not only with present needs, but with those of the next 20 years.

The study is supplementary to one published in early 1957 titled "A Plan for Ontario Highways." That previous report covered needs on the King's Highways and secondary highways, the principal findings of which have been re-appraised, condensed and carried forward in the new report.

It is estimated that the grand total cost of the next 20 years; programme will be approximately \$7.2 billion.

According to the report, Ontario's population is expected to rise to 8.8 million and

the number of motor vehicles to 4.3 million in the next two decades. The outcome will be an almost incredible 40 billion miles of travel per year -21/2 times that of today. These factors, plus the dependence of the Province's economy on highway transportation, combine to demand a first-class Province-

wide highway and street network.

At the present time, more and more traffic is pouring onto all parts of the highway and street systems. Many miles demand more lanes and greater strength because of the volumes carried and the growing numbers of heavy truck transports. In the past, the various highway jurisdictions, numbering 1,187, have often faced difficulties, yet succeeded in constructing and maintaining 83,800 miles of highway and street systems that have served the public well. But, the report concludes, the accumulation of facilities needed today and the needs of the future require closer co-operation of all highway road and street authorities, and improved administrative, financing and planning pro-

Why Nothing Gets Done

Alphabetical Shortage

This is an age replete with organizations and meetings.

There are so many, in fact, that jaded individuals sometimes wonder if something couldn't be done to reduce the time wasting aspects.

If, however, you are wedded to the idea of getting together to discuss things and leaving them unsolved, as so many meetings do, an editorial writer has evolved an excellent program for spending time to achieve nothing Here it is:

1. Profess not to have the answer. This lets you out of having any.

2. Say that we must not move too rapidly. This avoids the necessity of getting start-

3 Say that the problem can't be separated from all other problems. Therefore, it can't be solved until all other problems have been solved.

So many organizations are now known

by their initials only that an alphabetical

shortage seems to be developing. This is in

spite of the fact that there are 676 different

two-letter combinations possible, to take care

of everything from Alcoholics Anonymous to

the Zany Zebras, and possible three-letter

combinations gets cut down because many

organizations wish to begin their names with

the word Canadian and end them with As-

sociation or Society Duplication of initials

then becomes almost unavoidable. Both the

Canadian Manufacturers Association and the

Canadiari Medical Association, for example,

The duplication probably does not re-

In this country the number of practical

arrangements total 17,576

claim the initials C.M.A.

4. For every proposal set up an opposite one and conclude that the "middle ground" (no motion whatever) represents the wisest

5. Discover that there are all kinds of "dangers" in any specific formula of a con-

6. Appoint a committee.

Wait until an expert can be consulted. 8. State in conclusion that you have all clarified your thinking. This obscures the

9. Point out that the deepest minds have struggled with the same problem. This implies that it does you credit even to have

10. In closing the meeting, thank the problem. It has stimulated discussion, opened new vistas, challenged our inventiveness, shown us the way. Municipal World.

news story revealed that the charge had

been laid against police constables and not

The Calgary Herald administered a sim-

ilar shock recently by heading an editorial

THE PR SYSTEM MUST BE JUNKED Wonder

as to what the paper had against Public Re-

lations was dispelled by reading the editor-

ial, which was a criticism of the Proportional

Representation system by which Calgary had

elected its city council since 1916. Incidental-

ly, the system has now been junked

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the toast of the folks at home. Unthought of it. able to assimilate the carnage of the front lines, the public imagination fastened on this gallant. dashing knight of the air, forever tackling insuperable odds, running up his score of kills, and generally presenting a romantic picture

All this adulation was

A newspaper article suggests

that, in view of the changing needs

of national defence, the Canadian

fighter pilot will soon be dead as

the dodo, as extinct as a sailmak-

If it is true, and I suppose it

is, I'm glad. The Canadian fight-

er pilot had a brief but glorious,

history in two wars. It is better

, for the species to vanish with

its glamor intact than to degen-

erate, with the rapid change in

-erial warfare, into a mere ad-

A peculiar breed, the fighter

pilot was spawned, almost by ac-

cident, during World War I. Pilots

doing reconnaissance patrols

other with revolvers. Next thing

you know, the sky was full of

death-or-glory types fighting in-

credible duels, creating fantastic

It was about this time that

the lighter pilot began thinking

he was a hot-shot. With the Poor

Bloody Infantry bogged in the

mud and being slaughtered by

the thousands, the newspapers of

the day looked around for some-

thing colorful to relieve the grim-

Suddenly the fighter pilot found

himself the darling of the press.

reality, of the annih.lation.

started taking pot shots at each

junct to a push-bulton.

er's apprentice.

Sugar and Spice. sought by the pilots. They were fighting men, sought the company brave, but not braver than the but no more so than a good artilleryman. But they were young. and human. Placed in the lanelight, they adopted a certain swagger, a consciously casual dress, a slightly swashbuckling air, and gradually, the opinion that they were an elite among the uniformed hordes They never got over it

"Young Angler's Paradise"

The whole business was accentnated, between the two big wars. by a great deal of remainter tripe written about them, and eagerly devotred by schoolboys, of whom I was one. Ah, it was heady stuff: the white silk scarf; the brandy bottoms-up, the empty glass dashed into the fireplace; the gallant Little Spad climbing into the dawn to meet the Hun

So, when the next war came along, every Canadian youth worth his weight in War Aces or Wings, wanted to be a fighter pilot The very small proportion to make the grade naturally assumed that they were The Chosen They believed, without any evidence, that they write very special people, a cut above a lamilier prior, three cuts above a naval officer, and at least six cuts above a pongo, or arroy of-

This attitude was infuriating to, others, but, like all snobbery, rather pleasant f you were one of there doing the stabling. Fighter pilots were a cheeking company, despate the fact, that they were widely scattered They kept lans on their friends through the constant changing of squadron persomet They fixed alsof from other

of pone but their own. They had next man. They were skillful, their own private tanguage, almost meomprehensible to others

-- Photo by Esther Taylor

They even looked alike. Top button undone, no buttons polished, hair worn long, hats bashed in uniforms slightly shabby. and a moustache, if possible, the begger the better. They affected sifk scarves while flying, and wore half - Wellington boots Their interests were flying, beer and women, in that order.

Looking back, they were a collection of rather foolish young men with little to recommend them except a certain skill at guiding a few hurtling tons of metal through the air, and the ability to aim and fire guns at objects in the air and on the ground

Yet they WERE, romantic, however realistically we look at them They had a flair for Lying They had the dash and spirit of cavality. Laconic Cossacks, they were And they were likely the last tighting men the world will see, to seek out the enemy and engage han in single combat

They were not braver than other men, but they had a great pride Typically, even their deaths, and they died in their hundreds, were dramatic, tumbling down in a ball of fire, blown to bits in midair, cleaving deep and straight into the cold sea, smashing hard, and true

If the Canadian fighter pilot is on the way out, let's not shed any to its over him Let's just be glad he was around when he was And if that stoutish halding fel-Lex purbing 40, happens to tell you that he was a fighter priof mont feel some for him He had he day and it was a good one

OBITUARY

L. W. Mickie Dies Threshed in District

. A Glen Williams resident for 20 years, Leonard William Mickie it of an Sun fay April 12 at the Action and home of Mrs. John Haris where he had lived in falling to presence the 5th of February

11. h. 74th visit Born of Speakade the son of Colone on a James Markin, he mayat a thores presents to Knotenbull es . After and there recoved his active to With the death of his a char and father in 19.06 Mr. Maka harama a Glan W. Lons, and the factor of the first file. god Mes Jose Hours, M.s. Hours is

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F . 17 ... M. Make wis in load at Glen Apple Products mages, to that did threshing for Act in a strait farmers. He had not tiern well since suffering a broken le kle in a fall early this winter. His only surviving relatives are Mes House and another cousin, I'm Micke of Seetch Block

Functil service was held at the Bumby-Shoemaker fineral home n Thestay April 14 Rev G Adame of Action United church officand d Interment was in Fairview Committee V

lick Best Dixon, John Wagstaffe, He was a member of Knox

The pullbearers were Bert Bul-

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1909

Taken from the laste of the Free Press, Thursday, May 6, 1989.

Acton's population increased by .30 according to the assessment roll last year. With Beardmore Crescent, our population may now be counted as well over 2,000

The new executive for the Halton-Peel baseball league was formed Monday evening during a meeting in Georgetown with delegates from clubs from Acton, Georgetown and Milton present. Officers elected for the year included Ed Ryder as secretary - treasurer and Neil Patterson as director, both from Acton.

During the council meeting Monday evening, the finance committee gave their ninth report accounts amounting to \$100-44. The municipal officer returned the assessment roll for 1909, which was found to be quite satisfactory and showed a considerable increase. the aggregate being \$422,254.44.

It is evident that council are in carnest in repairing Mill and Church Street roadways since they instructed the chairman of streets and walks committee to order a carload each of coarse and medium broken stone. He was also instructed to have the roller repaired ready to be put into operation when the stone arrived. During one of the recent heavy

thunderstorms, the lightning struck G. Edgewick's windmill in Nassagaweya, ran down into the well, completely destroying it, tearing out the stones and filling up the well. Mr. Edgewick said it would be cheaper to dig a new well than to attempt to clean out the old one.

Citizens on Mill Street complain that half a score of men - some macried and some single -- made the night hideous with drunken orgies and foul and profane language last Friday night. This disgraceful conduct was kept up until midnight. It was reported but there was evidently no effort on the part of the police officers to keep the peace.

The balloon "Illinois", one of eight to start from Chicago on Saturday night in the international balloon race, passed over Acton between seven and eight o'clock on Sunday morning Mr. Alex Ramshaw saw the monster passing. It was floating along at a good pace about six or eight hundred feet above the ground

Back in 1939.

Taken from the issue of the Free

Press, Thursday, May 4, 1839. On Wednesday, evening of this week, the Acton Tanners hockey team were entertained by the members of the Holy Name Society at a smoker in the parish hall of St. Joseph's church. It was a most enjoyable event and the thoughtfulness and effort put forth by the Society and Rev. Father - McBride was appreciated by the boys.

A full evening of entertainment was supplied for the hockey team in the form of an amateur show. At the conclusion of the show, lunch was served and Father McBride conducted an informal period when interested members of the executive were given an opportunity to say a few words to the hockey champions

Champions are coming fast to Acton groups these days. A team from the Force Electric Products, Acton, has been bowling in the Commercial five pin league in Guelph this winter and Tuesday night romped home with the championship.

During the council meeting last Thursday, members discussed the honor bestowed on the town of Acton by the Tanners winning the championship and approved a motion for the clerk to contact various organizations to attend a public meeting to make arrangements to honor the team. Council by motion approved a grant to purchase windbreakers for each team play-

Acton schools brought many awards home from the Halton Music Festival held in Oakville last Wednesday Competing in choirs, duets and solo classes, the Acton children won four trophies, two shields and many individual awards during the day-long affair.

At a public meeting on Tuesday of this week, a committee was formed to make plans for a celebration to honor the Acton Tanners hockey team. The general feeling of those present was to hold a banquet, at which time trophies, crests and windbreakers would be presented. It was also agreed to hold a street dance after the banquet

The Acton Intermediate hockey club is being entertained tonight with a banquet by Col. A. O. T. Bi ardmore and Mr. S. G. Bennett, at the Station Hotel.

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sult in more than momentary confusion, but THIS SUNDAY'S it does give an occasional shock to headlineskimmers. There was a headline a few weeks CHURCH CALENDAR ago that announced PCs CHARGED WITH BURGLARY. That may have brought joy into many a Liberal heart until reading of the

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