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**Thompson New Chairman
Blind Advisory Council**

The Halton Advisory Council of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind held a dinner meeting January 13th, at the United Church Milton. After dinner, prepared and served by the Mr. and Mrs. Club of the church, J. E. Whitlock, president of the Council called on Wesley Stanley, District Organizer. Mr. Stanley expressed the appreciation of the Council to J. E. Whitlock and G. Elliott for the capable and efficient management of the affairs of the Council during the past eight years. These gentlemen in replying stated that it has been a pleasure to work with the Council and only the pressure of business forced them to reluctantly resign their offices.

The election of an executive for 1954 resulted as follows: Chairman, G. F. Thompson, Milton; first vice-chairman, R. R. Lucas, Georgetown; second vice-chairman, H. G. McKillop, Oakville; third vice-chairman, H. J. Tier, Burlington; secretary, G. H. Riddolls, Milton; treasurer, H. H. Hill, Milton. Active members: Mrs. J. A. M. Bell, Mrs. E. Davis, Mrs. H. Iyrie, S. G. Fearman of Oakville, Mrs. E. M. Bush, Mrs. W. Fraser of Burlington, Mrs. J. F. Gillis, Mrs. Percy Leslie, Jack Runham of Georgetown, Mrs. A. R. Long, G. A. Oeder of Acton, Mrs. M. E. Gowland, K. Y. Dick of Milton and E. D. Lucas of Port Nelson. Honorary members elected were: Mrs. H. J. Heatly, H.-R. Force of Acton, Hughes Cleaver, G. Harris of Burlington, John D. Kelly, M. H. Kentner of Georgetown, Lady Hallie, F. Pullen of Oakville, Dr. C. A. Martin, J. E. Whitlock and G. Elliott of Milton.

Mr. Thompson called upon A. W. Sparks, Supervisor of Field Services for Ontario, who in his address traced the development of the work for the blind in Europe and later in Canada. He emphasized that what the blind need is not charity but an opportunity to rehabilitate themselves provided by a sympathetic public. Mr. Sparks pointed out that people of all ages need the services of the C.N.I.B. Children and their parents require help and advice; those of middle age should be given the opportunity of learning occupations while

elderly people who sometimes live under trying conditions need companionship, a home, and recreation. Some areas in Canada have buildings where those deprived of sight live, where occupations are taught and recreation provided. The offices and shops in Toronto have become woefully inadequate so the C.N.I.B. propose to erect suitable buildings to carry out a greatly expanded program on ten acres which have been purchased just south of Sunnybrook Hospital. To provide funds for this project a campaign will be carried on in April. If it is to be successful the co-operation of all interested will be needed.

Mr. Reid explained how the campaign would be organized. Georgetown was represented by Mayor Jack Armstrong, Reeve Stan Allen; Esqueping by Reeve Wilfrid Bird; Nassagaweya by Reeve Archie Service; Milton by Mayor Dr. C. H. Heslop, Reeve Dr. C. A. Martin; Nelson by Reeve G. E. Brenholtz; Oakville by Mayor Lachlan McArthur, Reeve Wm. Anderson; The Ontario Government was represented by Stan Hall, M.P.P.

The representatives of the various communities spoke briefly expressing their appreciation of the excellent work done by the C.N.I.B. and pledged their support in the coming campaign.

**CHURCH GROUP HOLDS
DUTCH TREAT DINNER**

Members of the Daughters of St. George's sponsored a "Dutch Treat" dinner in the Anglican church basement on Thursday. Cold meat cuts, provided by the J. M. Schneider Co., Kitchener, were augmented by other delicacies prepared by the club ladies. Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson welcomed the guests and introduced Bob Bowman, a company representative, who briefly named the various meats used at the dinner, then showed a coloured movie depicting a trip through the company's plant, and a Bermuda travelogue. Jean Engley sang a solo, with Miss Dorothy Parkinson playing piano accompaniment.

When in the market for printing, try the Herald.

**"Effective Praying"
St. John Sermon Subject**

On Sunday morning at St. John's United Church, Rev. J. M. Smith chose for the theme of the service, "Effective Praying." He used for his text, James 5: 16, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," or as has been translated, "The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effect."

It has been said that one with God is a majority, and while that is true, it is also true that many with God, who will pray and work with Him, can be a great power in their effect on the world and on God's Kingdom here.

Most will agree that we should pray more than we do and use prayer more as a force, with God, in accomplishing so much yet to be done for the upward lift of our world. Nor need we look back and think of the good old days, for there has never been such an age of blessings as the one in which we live, of having everything, comfort, food, clothing; almost every blessing; Canada where they have everything. And cleverness of every kind, science and knowledge; equipment and material to accomplish almost anything we set our hands to. We should do much for our world if we can only keep ourselves set in the right direction and use the power of prayer which too, has been given us. True all these goodnesses bring greater responsibility, equally true the opportunity to fulfil is placed constantly before us, we should have no excuses. However we need to be willing to do our full share, and also to realize where our blessings have all come from. Surely there are few who would not agree that they have come from God, our wise and loving sustainer and provider.

One of our needs is to learn to commune with Him in prayer; to receive added power for good in our lives, and to receive right direction for our power; to make sure we are fitting in with His will and purpose. Prayer is really talking things over with God. It should not be selfish wishful thinking, and anticipating. Nor should it be of a bargaining nature, that we offer to do something for God if He will do such and such for us. He has done His share; our doing for Him should be in gratitude. Our prayers should be on a high level, an intercession for others, as was that of the Indian picked-up waif boy as told by Mr. Smith to the boys and girls. He had been brought up in the mission, and later when it came to his turn to lead in the school prayer, he suddenly remembered his exams and added, "Please God let me pass." That didn't sound fair, so, a hesitation, then, "Please God let all the boys pass." Even that didn't suit him, so, another hesitation, then, "Please God let the whole world pass." He had the right spirit.

Then prayer to have its highest power and effect, must be like that of Jesus, that is, with unconditional surrender to God's will, able to take no as an answer if that be God's way, trusting that as being the best for God's plans and purpose, and so for us too. Prayer like that means you are a friend of God who can seek His guidance confidentially, and talk things over with Him. So when you pray, think of who it is you are speaking with—the God of love, power, wisdom, forgiveness—and that should bring adoration from you. And remembering His blessings, give Him thanks. Knowing His holiness, confess your shortcomings, and seek His forgiveness. Then make your effectual prayer of intercession for others—for your friend, your foe, for the whole world that it may become Christ-like, with all sharing the knowledge and blessings of God. Do it anytime, anywhere; in your church alone, or in congregation; in your closet; at your set time, or whenever and wherever it will help God's plan. Pray until it helps. And even in silence your prayer could come from your soul and still be heard by God.

Keep silence, friend, for some have come To cast their care on God today; And some to praise from thankful hearts; And some "Thy Kingdom Come" to pray; Keep silence, let Him speak anew, To every heart—perhaps to you.

The senior choir's anthem was "The Lord is in His Holy Temple." The Junior Choir sang "Spirit of God."

At the evening service Rev. John M. Smith spoke on "The Protestant and the Church." He showed the church to be a fellowship of christian believers, a world-wide fellowship with a long and great heritage, and with a great and worthy function, that of spreading a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, as God's Son, the world over.

Miss Doreen Warwick was at the piano.

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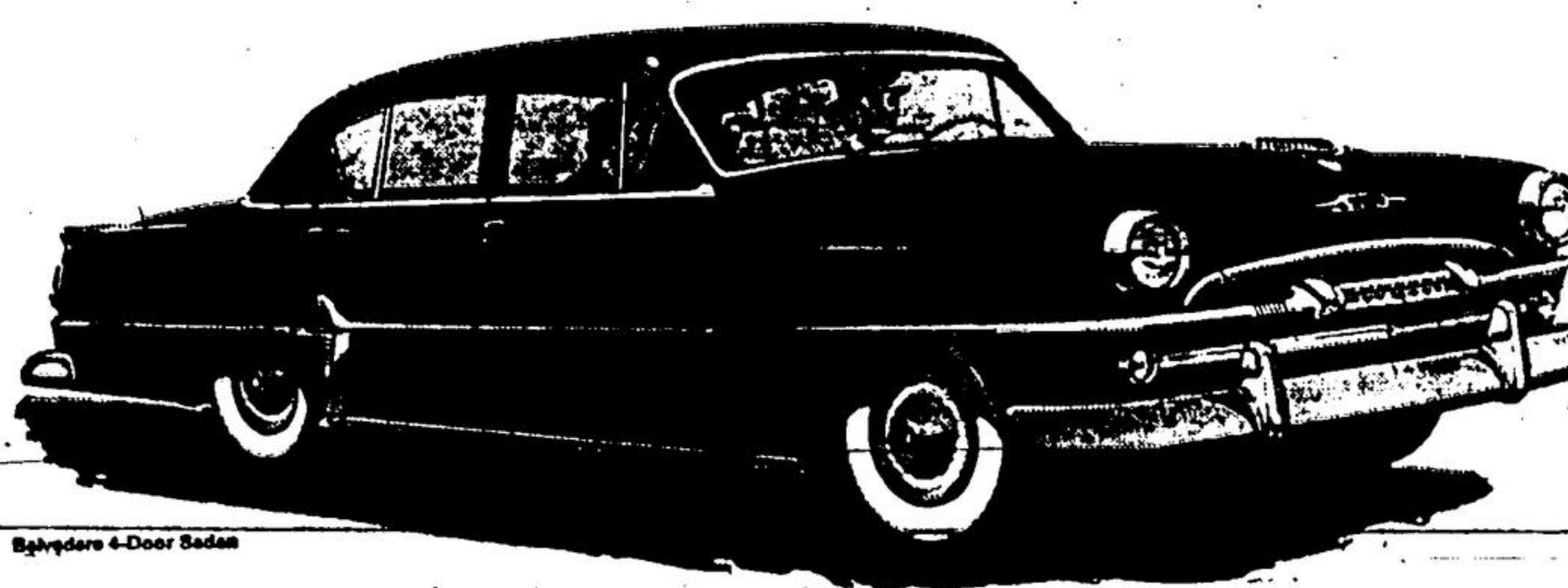
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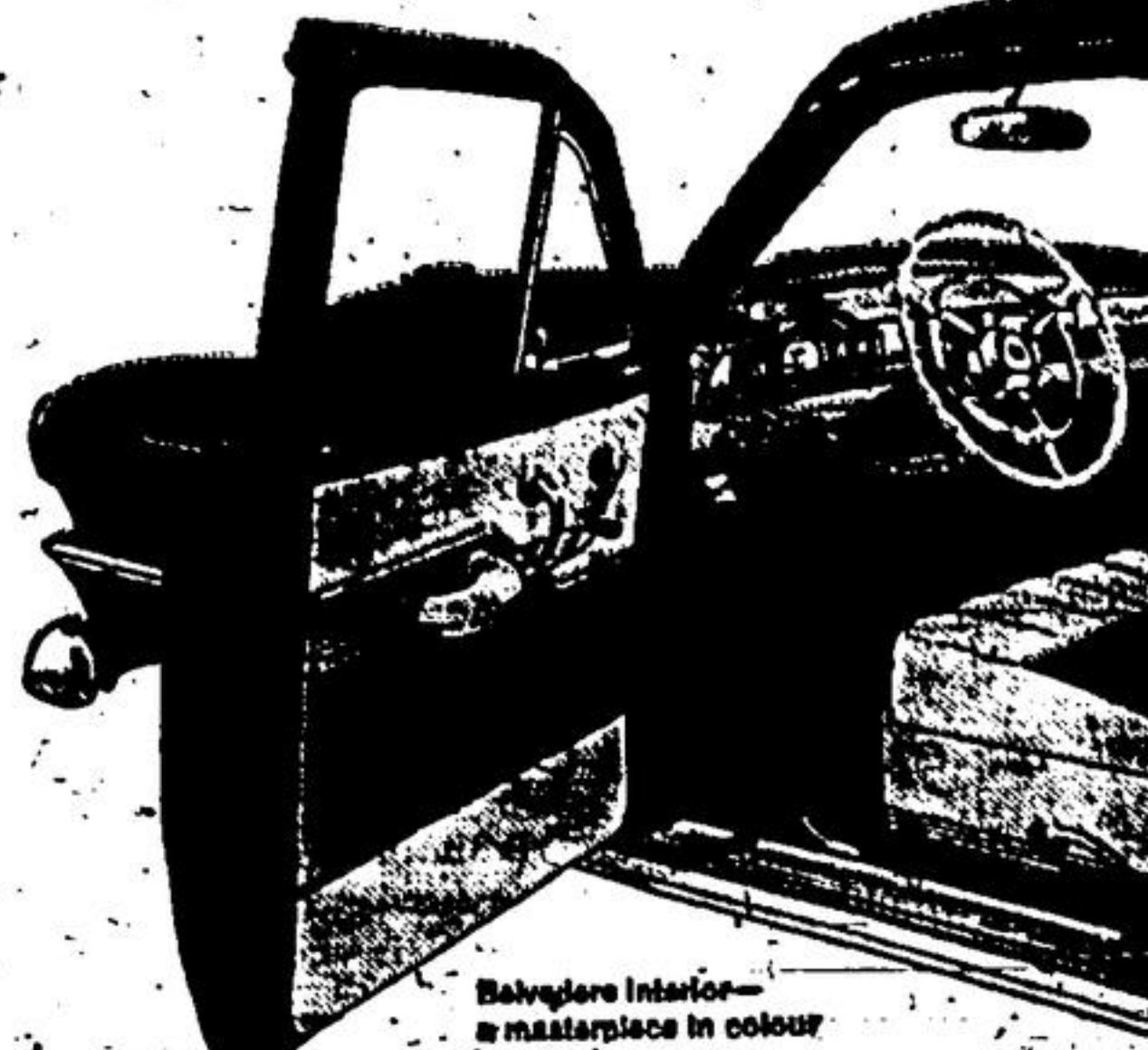


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