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**ANY MAIDEN RESCUE COURSE AT KNIGHT SCHOOL?**

WHY CAN A FELLA learn at Knight School? Maiden rescuing? Advanced Lancing? or maybe Armour Making for Beginners. Glancing through the Knight School text book here is Night School principal Maclaren Baxter who obligingly went along with the gag. The Georgetown Night School courses started this week with 360 enrolled in classes.

**Public Apathetic, Though Fluoride Proves Its Worth**

More than three quarters of Canada's 19,518,000 residents still are without fluoridation benefits despite steady increases in the number of communities adding the decay-reducing to their water supplies.

The Health League of Canada, which compiles fluoridation statistics from all communities across the nation, reports that a total of 4,377,395 Canadians were drinking fluoridated water by the end of 1964. Forty-one communities began adding fluoride to their water supplies during the year, making a national total of 306, the League says. Of these, 153 communities have fluoride provided by nature.

The Health League blames public apathy for the slow rate at which fluoridation is being adopted. Most people take dental decay for granted, the League says. They don't stop to consider the dollars they would save and misery they would avoid if fluoride were added to their water supplies.

The residents of one small Wisconsin city learned the hard way. The city council in Antigo voted for the resumption of fluoridation last month after a Wisconsin Board of Health survey showed that tooth decay had risen as much as 183 per cent among grade school children. A public referendum had ended 11 years of fluoridation in the city of 10,000 in 1960.

The Health League says Canadians spend an estimated \$120,000,000 (m) annually on dental treatment. In Montreal, the annual estimate is some \$17,500,000 (m). Torontonians were in the same financial plight because of dental bills before the fluoridation began in the city in September of 1963.

The Health League points out that these amounts would be cut drastically if fluoridation were adopted from coast to coast. dental decay, the League says, is Canada's most widespread chronic disease. And serious illness or even death can result if it is allowed to go unchecked.

League general director Dr. Gordon Bates says "dental caries

is an extremely serious and prevalent disease. It often is the source of various disorders of other parts of the human body. Dental decay results in loss of teeth and loss of teeth interferes with one of the important parts of the machinery of nutrition."

"But even more serious," he adds, "is the possibility of infection which may spread from teeth to eyes, ears, heart or any part of the human body — thus cutting lives short."

The Health League of Canada with the backing of virtually all qualified medical and dental bodies of the North American continent, is leading the campaign to bring the benefits of fluoridation to all Canadian communities. Informative literature pours out from the League regularly to schools, organizations and industry in an effort to educate everyone on the facts of fluoridation.

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**Nurses Say Two Year Course Lowers Professional Standard**

Georgetown & District Nurses' Organization held its first regular fall meeting Thursday, Sept. 23 in The Georgetown Hospital cafeteria. Mrs. Phyllis Warnock chaired the meeting.

Following reading of minutes and treasurer's report by Mrs. Mary Lawson, annual elections were discussed. Mrs. Sheila Ward and Mrs. Mary Simpson volunteered to act as a nominating committee.

Mentioned as a possibility for the October program was a tour of the cardio-vascular unit of a large Toronto hospital. Arrangements will be made and all nurses will be contacted by telephone.

The nurses were brought up to date on nursing. A letter from the R.N.A.O. was read on the subject of the Committee for the Advancement of Professional Nurses. Various subjects discussed included types of collective bargaining and the possibility of merging with other professions to obtain legislation, as opposed to an isolated Nurses Act or a company union approach.

Also discussed was the new 24 month nursing education recently announced by the minister of health. General opinion was that this will lead to lower nursing standards and that all girls intending to register in

the diploma course at this time should be given a clear picture of the diploma nurse in Ontario and other provinces.

A film was shown on mental health which traced the illness of a depressed patient through attempted suicide to complete recovery, and the effect of his illness on his business, wife and friends. It stressed that a mental institution, rather than being a place of internment is a successful treatment centre. All large cities now have mental health clinics and many general hospitals are able to treat mild cases of mental illness.

Harold Seckington, hospital accountant, operated the projector. The meeting closed with lunch, served by Mrs. Gertrude Edwards.

**Acton Funeral Service For Widow of Minister**

Widow of a former Acton minister, Mrs. H. L. Bennie, 70, died in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, on September 11th from injuries sustained in a motor accident the previous Tuesday.

Born in Toronto she was the former Letta Heveron, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Heveron. She married Mr. Bennie in Waterloo in 1916.

During her residence in Ac-

ton she was an active worker with Knox Women's Missionary Society. She enjoyed arts and crafts and oil painting as a hobby. Since moving to Terra Cotta she attended Union Presbyterian Church.

She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Robert Footitt (Jean) of Terra Cotta and Mrs. Robert Adams (Joyce) of Acton, one son Douglas of Terra Cotta, six grandchildren and a sister Mrs. P. McInloch, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Funeral service in Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, was conducted by Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Rev. E. A. Thompson,

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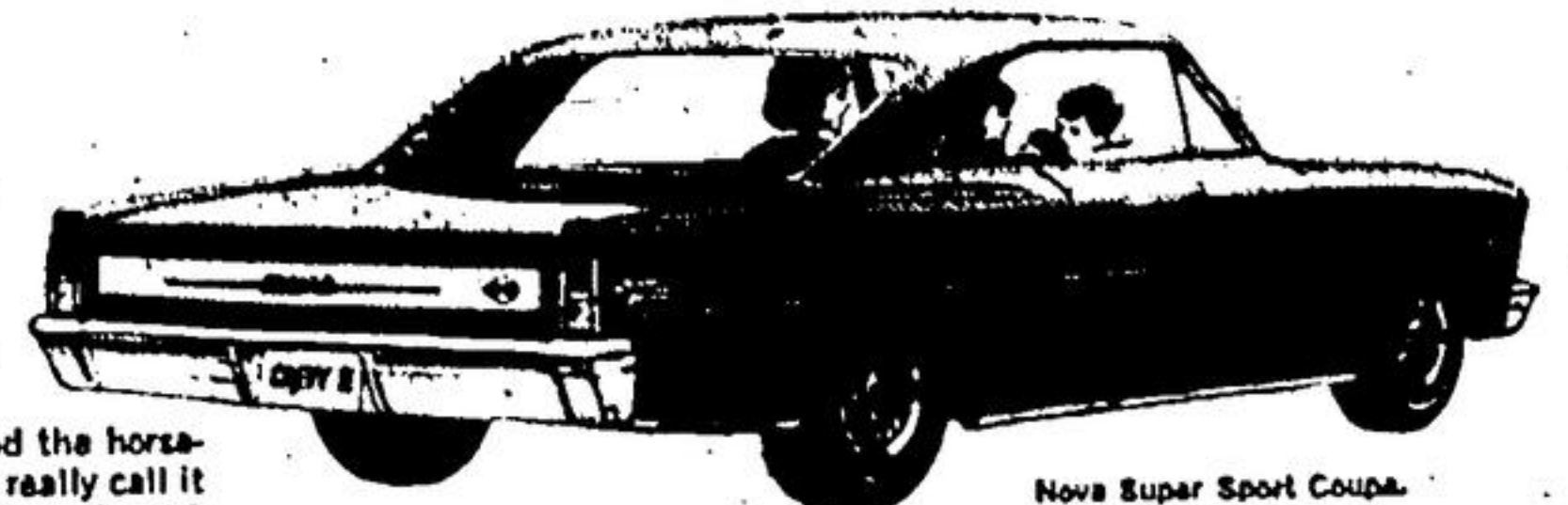


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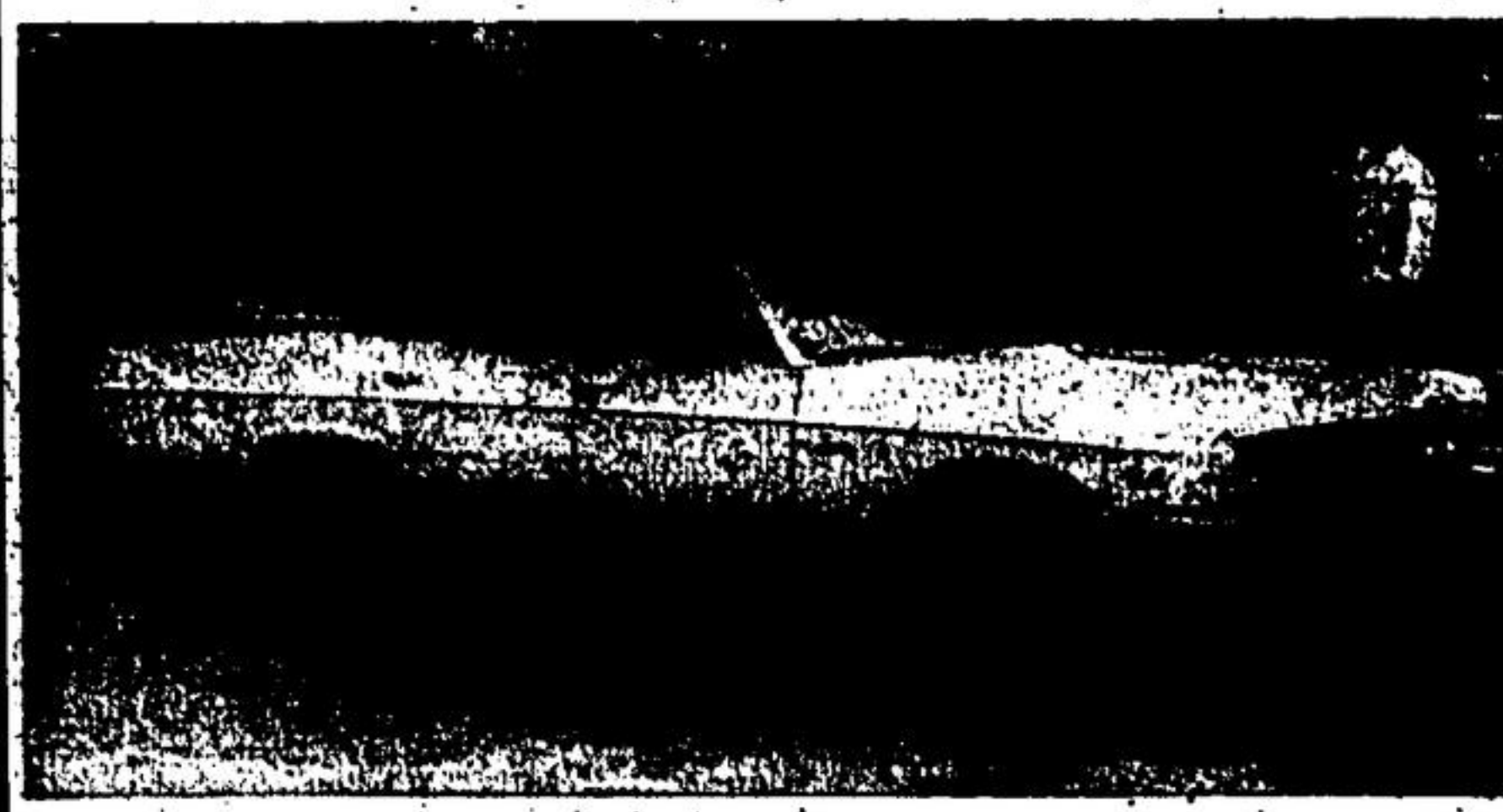


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