

ACTON

Many friends in Acton and district learned with deep regret of the sudden death of James Algie of Brampton. Mr. Algie passed away on Sunday at his summer home at Sundridge, Ont. A talented musician and solo cornetist, he was known to every lover of music here.

After falling to the ground from a hay wagon upon which he was loading, Joseph Zajac of Wellington St., Acton, died last Monday in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph from the injuries he received in the accident which occurred on Saturday.

At the time of the accident, Mr. Zajac, who was an employee of Beardmore & Co. Ltd., was helping a friend, Mr. Carl Rosley of R. R. No. 1, Acton, with the haying on the latter's farm which lies about four miles west of the town. It is believed that Mr. Zajac, who was on top of the load, took a large forkful of hay as it came from the hay loader, lost his balance and fell to the field.

Sale is announced this week of another Acton business. Mr. G. W. Benton has sold his meat market to Mr. Clifford Bradley of Erin.

Mr. Roy Arnott reports seeing a black bear in the berry patch near Speyside while picking berries on Monday.—Free Press.

Clean out your furnace and chimney during the summer to avoid waste of heat and danger of fire next winter.

BURLINGTON

Following a ball practice of the Jr. Lions Club on Tuesday evening, Constable and Mrs. Hall entertained the boys to a social evening at their home.

Many friends from Toronto, Hamilton, Carlisle and the town called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hicklin, Water Street, last Friday evening to honor the occasion of their golden wedding.

Beautiful weather, a good entry list and hundreds of spectators combined to make the Burlington Yacht Club's second annual swimming and aquatic meet a huge success. This year the meet was held on Civic Holiday.

The fire department responded to 2 alarms on Saturday. The first call came from Harry Gray's blacksmith shop at Freeman where a tractor owned by Victor Jessop, Queen Elizabeth Way, Appleby, broke out in flames.

The Burlington Horticultural Society membership has reached 470, and as a result the society has received a government grant of \$300, the largest in the history of the society. The Horticultural Society has done much to beautify the town since its organization in 1917.—Gazette.

Enough iron and steel to build two battleships are used every year by the Canadian heating industry in the production of furnaces and stoves.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th, 1947

STRAIGHT THINKING ABOUT DRINKING

Golden Text.—Be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit. Eph. 5: 18.

Lesson Text.—Prov. 20: 1; 23: 19-21, 29-35. Read also Eccl. 10: 17.

Exposition.—I. Drink Creates Poverty, 20: 1; 23: 19-21.

In this chapter we are told that "Wine is a mocker": wine makes sport of those who use it. It leads the one who uses it to make sport of every noble and holy thing, to sneer at and despise the purest sentiments and affections, to laugh at God and heaven and the atoning love of Christ. Wine is responsible for a very large part of the infidelity and mockery and blasphemies that fill the earth.

Wine takes away understanding (Hos. 4: 11). It makes fools and scoffers of the strongest, brainiest and most promising men (Isa. 28: 7). While "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging" (a brawler) (ch. 20: 1), it makes men noisy, quarrelsome, vicious. It turns the tender-hearted father and mother into inhuman brutes, it makes the man of peace a man of constant quarrels. In police court, two words are constantly coupled together, "drunk and disorderly."

Strong drink also leads astray (ch. 20: 1). Some say that there are men who use wine and yet never go astray by its influence; of course, some go further astray than others, but all users of intoxicants go astray to some extent. The mean of the figure in the passage just referred to is that wine is a fascinating but perilous companion, who leads the one who accompanies her out of the right way.

This figure is not only expressive, but exact. The number that this wicked woman has led out of the right path into paths of perdition are countless. Whosoever yields to her fascinations and goes astray with her "is not wise." That is a very gentle way of putting it, and all the more forceful by its very gentleness. No truly wise man will keep company with one who he sees leads all her companions astray, and any man who keeps his eyes open can see that wine does that. If they are "not wise," then they must be foolish. Many who count themselves as very wise allow themselves to be led astray by this fair but foul companion. If one has already been led astray, there is deliverance for him in Christ (Jno. 8: 36). All this goes to show the wisdom of the exhortations of verses 19 and 20, "Hear thou, my son, and be wise, guide thine heart in the way. Be not among the winebibbers." If our hearts would be guided in the right way, the way of life, we must avoid the way of the winebibber. We must not be among them.

The god of both the drunkard and the glutton is their own belly; and the end of both is destruction (Phil. 3: 18, 19). The glutton has no more right to consider himself a saved man than has the drunkard. If we do not keep the body under, we shall be castaways, even though we have preached to others (1 Cor. 9: 27). Both the drunkard and the glutton are travelling toward "poverty" (v. 21). Almost all of present-day poverty comes from one of these sources. The drunkard will come not only to temporal poverty, but to eternal poverty (1 Cor. 6: 10). Laziness is here associated with drunkenness and gluttony as a cause of poverty. This too is a cause of much poverty. Laziness or "drowsiness" is itself caused by drunkenness and gluttony. It is a good and merciful thing that drunkenness, gluttony and laziness bring one to poverty. If a man won't work, he should be allowed to go hungry (2 Thes. 3: 10).

II. Source of Misery, 23: 29-35. The Hebrew for woe, in v. 29, is "oh," i. e., the cry of sharp pain; the Hebrew for "sorrow" is "Alas," i. e., the groan of deep-seated and continuous grief. Tarrying long at wine, and seeking out mixed wine, causes both of these. They cause also three other evils: "contentions," "complaining," "wounds without cause." What else causes as much contention as the use of alcoholic liquors? Who else is such an inveterate grumbler as the man who has ruined the coatings of his stomach by the prolonged use of wine? Everywhere do we see the bloodshot eyes cause by continuing long at the wine. They are the outward index of the inflamed brain and passions and disordered nerves within. This is true of those who "tarry long at the wine." Yes, but the one who uses wine at all will soon, in all probability, be tarrying long at it. Who can tell just how much is necessary to inflame all that is worst in man or woman?

Those who plot the ruin of boys and girls use the wine cup as their chief ally. What then is the safe thing to do about wine? Verse 31 is the answer. How the foolish ones will hold up the cup before their eyes and inflame their appetite by its fascinating color. Don't look at it. Why not? Is it not pleasant to the taste? Does it not stir the blood and quicken the fancy? Yes. Why not then look at it? Because "at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Those are meaningful words, "at the last." The fool looks only at the beginning, the wise man looks at the end. How many men we see who are at that point, "at the last." Are they at the last, after all? Another evil result, "thine eyes shall behold

strange things"—delirium tremens. "Thine heart shall utter forward things"—how awful are the utterances of an intoxicated heart! Verse 34 describes the staggering of the brain and the peril of the one overcome by strong drink. In the opening of v. 35 we have the insensibility of the drunken man. His nerves cease their work of warning him of danger—he is stricken but not sensibly hurt, he is beaten but feels it not (until afterward, and then many fold). The poor enslaved drunkard learns no wisdom from his many miseries. Who does not know that the use of wine has all these evil effects upon millions who when they began its use had no intention of using it immoderately? What then does ordinary common sense bid us do? Leave it utterly alone.

50th BIRTHDAY OF THE TATE GALLERY

The Tate Gallery, Britain's great national art collection in London, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. To-day, the Tate's collection of British paintings numbers about 3,000 works, while there are more than 500 works of modern painting and sculpture from other countries.

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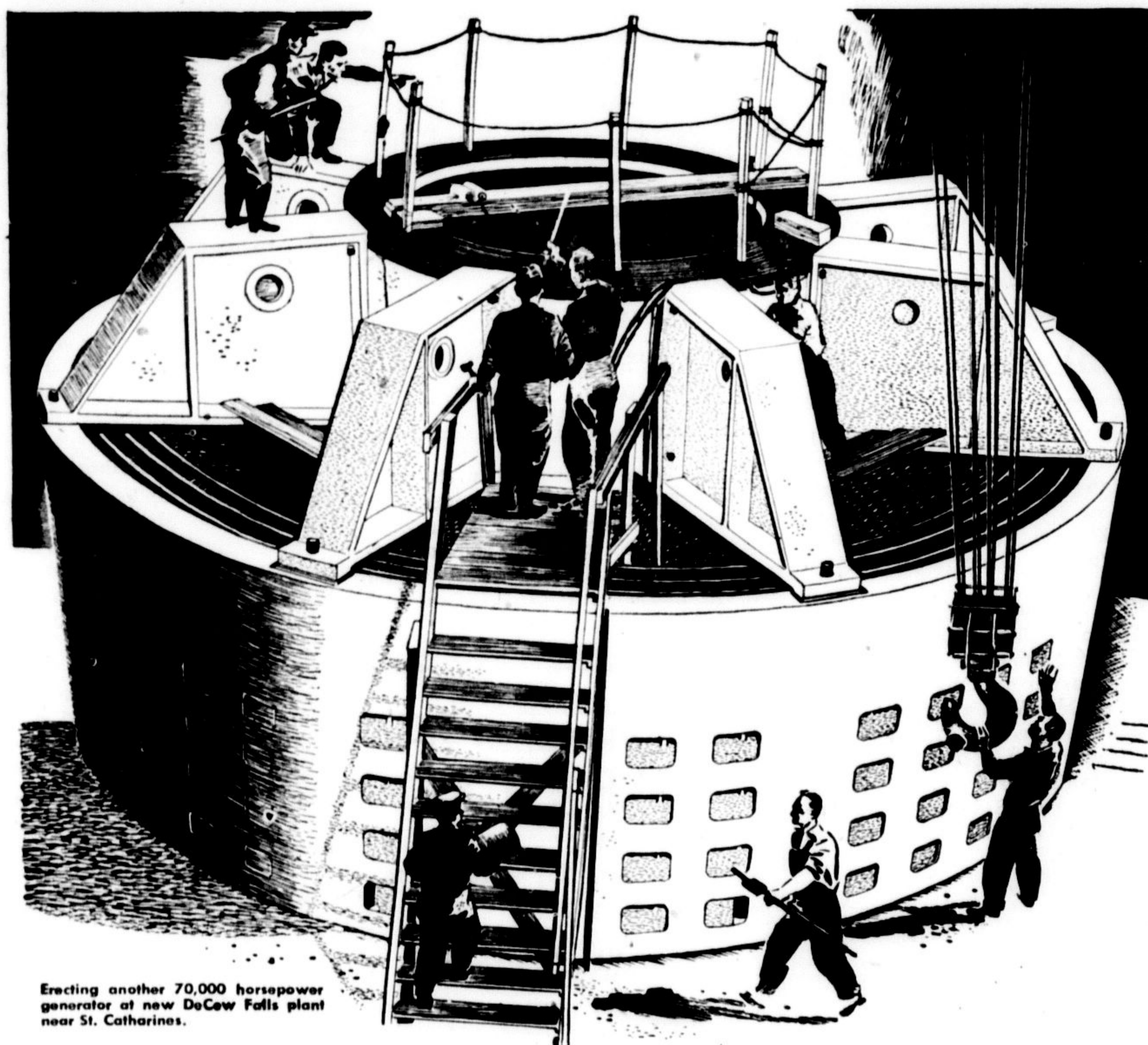
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Two other larger plants in eastern Ontario, now under construction, will deliver 81,000 horsepower next year and 360,000 horsepower by 1951. These two major developments, with the DeCew Falls addition, will provide Ontario with a further badly needed half-million horsepower.

The growing output of Ontario's industries and farms benefits everyone but calls for more and more electricity. Even now that the war is over, the demand has not slackened but continues to mount. Hydro's peak load increased by more than 500,000 horsepower over the highest wartime demand, an increase of 25%. Generating plants take a long time to build and could not be started during the war.

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