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In A Country Lane

By Lillian Collier Gray

The old public school primer has a poem that began, "Who has seen the wind? Neither you nor I. But when the trees bow down their heads the wind is passing by." The wind is most certainly passing by this morning. More than that, it passed by all night. It lingered around a good deal too, rattling windows and whistling wickerly around the corners. If you are allergic to noise, a rattling window can be the most annoying sound on earth. We had a high wind a couple of weeks ago which introduced to us the rattles in our windows. Before another hurricane blows, those noises are going to be eliminated, we told ourselves. It is a fairly easy matter to take the rattle out of a window, and also fairly easy to neglect to do so. We didn't get around to doing it. But last night we made a fresh resolve to not be kept awake another night with the witch-like noises we had to listen to while the wind blew ferociously around and over and around and over our otherwise peaceful domain.

There is something exhilarating about wind, just the same. I remember how much I liked to run with it as a child. I still like to watch an October wind playing with the leaves. I like to walk into a stiff breeze that isn't too biting cold. It clears away the cobwebs, makes you feel alive. There is a fascination in watching the wind pile great white mountains of water up against a rocky shore or breakwater. And the sky is never more interesting than it is when it is active with fast-moving clouds. Sometimes these clouds almost seem to be figures hurrying down a windy street. Yes, I like the wind, but not among the rattling window panes. I even like the sound of it driving snow before it into drifts when I happen to be listening from the warm, snug comfort of an easy chair, with a book on my knee or some chamber music coming in clearly on the radio.

Goodness, it's hard to get into the proper pre-Christmas mood when the weather still insists this is autumn not winter. First thing we know, it will be the night before Christmas and half the preparations still unprepared. No that I want the weather to change. No, I just want to be able to convince myself the time is not three weeks away. Well, just think, when December is gone, it will only be three months until we can begin to look for the bluebirds again. That is a lovely thought. Three months can't be so long when they have been preceded by autumn days such as we still are enjoying. They can be very long when winter starts early in November. That reminds me of something a friend once said, "It isn't any one big trouble that gets you down. It is the accumulation of small ones pling up one on top of the other that finally wears down your resistance." That is often true too. But it is also true that adversity gives strength and sometimes the accumulation of troubles builds character as impregnable as the rock of Gibraltar. People are different, same as the reasons are.

I saw an elderly man sitting in the sun the other day, so I stopped to chat with him. "I have a bad heart", he told me, "so I don't do much now. I just sit here. I've had my day. I take it easy now. I worked hard in my day though. I farmed. I made my money the hard way. But I take it easy now. My heart isn't good." We visited for quite a while, and he told me a lot of interesting things. "The biggest trouble with this world is greed," he said. "Yes, it's greed, with everybody trying to take all he can out of the other fellow. Greed is the worst thing we have in the world today." "I suspect that there is some truth in that statement," I said. I've been thinking about his words ever since. Undoubtedly, they are true. And yet, there is a lot of kindness in the world, too. People are kind to those they know and care for. Our greatest unkindnesses are to people with whom we have no personal contacts. We aren't imaginative enough to realize the results of our action or inaction on those for whom we feel no personal responsibility. The proper pre-Christmas spirit should be one of "peace and good-will." And I suspect, of an active peace and good-will. Too much of our good-will is merely passive, not very far removed from indifference. Well, the old man started quite a train of thought. But my space is filled so I'll go on thinking just to myself and not on paper.

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SLOW UP AT TWILIGHT ADVISE OFFICIALS

Contending that early darkness contributes to October's high toll of child traffic casualties in Ontario, officials of the Department of Highway urge drivers to take account of this factor and reduce speed at twilight.

October, they point out, is the worst month of the year for traffic fatalities among school age children. Darkness is beginning to settle when they start for home, and in the dusk they are less perceptible to the motorist. Less light requires less speed if accidents are to be avoided.

Children themselves, say the officials, should be taught to understand the early darkness makes them less visible to motorists, that themselves can see an approaching car seconds before the driver can spot them. Parents, teachers

and other influential persons, try to impress on children the need for crossing streets only at intersections and only when there is plenty of time to reach the other side before the traffic reaches them. Another good safety habit at night is to wear or carry something white, say the highway spokesmen.

The provincial drive on child traffic accidents, launched before school opening, is being continued throughout October. Press, radio schools, service clubs and many other public and private agencies are giving strong support to this enterprise and its slogan, "Ontario cannot afford to lose one child."

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A. E. ARMSTRONG, Chairman

COUNTY OF HALTON 1948 - LOCAL COURTS CALENDAR - 1948

Place of Sitting	Day of Sitting	Jan.	Mar.	May	June	Sept.	Nov.	Jan. 1949
1 Milton	Friday	9	5	7	25	10	5	7
2 Oakville	Tuesday	13	2	4	22	14	2	11
3 Georgetown	Wednesday	7	3	5	23	8	3	5
4 Acton	Thursday	8	4	6	24	6	4	9
6 Burlington	Monday	12	1	3	21	13	1	10

All Division Courts Open at 10 a.m. Standard Time

Names and Addresses of Clerks—1, C. Laundon, Milton; 2, John Chambers, Oakville; 3, Elmer Thompson, Georgetown; 4, Wilfred Coles, Acton; 6, C. D. Bull, Burlington.

County Court and General Sessions, Monday, 7th June, 1 p.m.; Monday, 6th December, 1 p.m.

Sittings of County Court without Jury, Monday, 5th April, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 4th October, at 10 a.m.

Audit of Criminal Justice and County Accounts, Tuesday, 6th January; Thursday, 8th April; Tuesday, 6th July; Thursday, 7th October.

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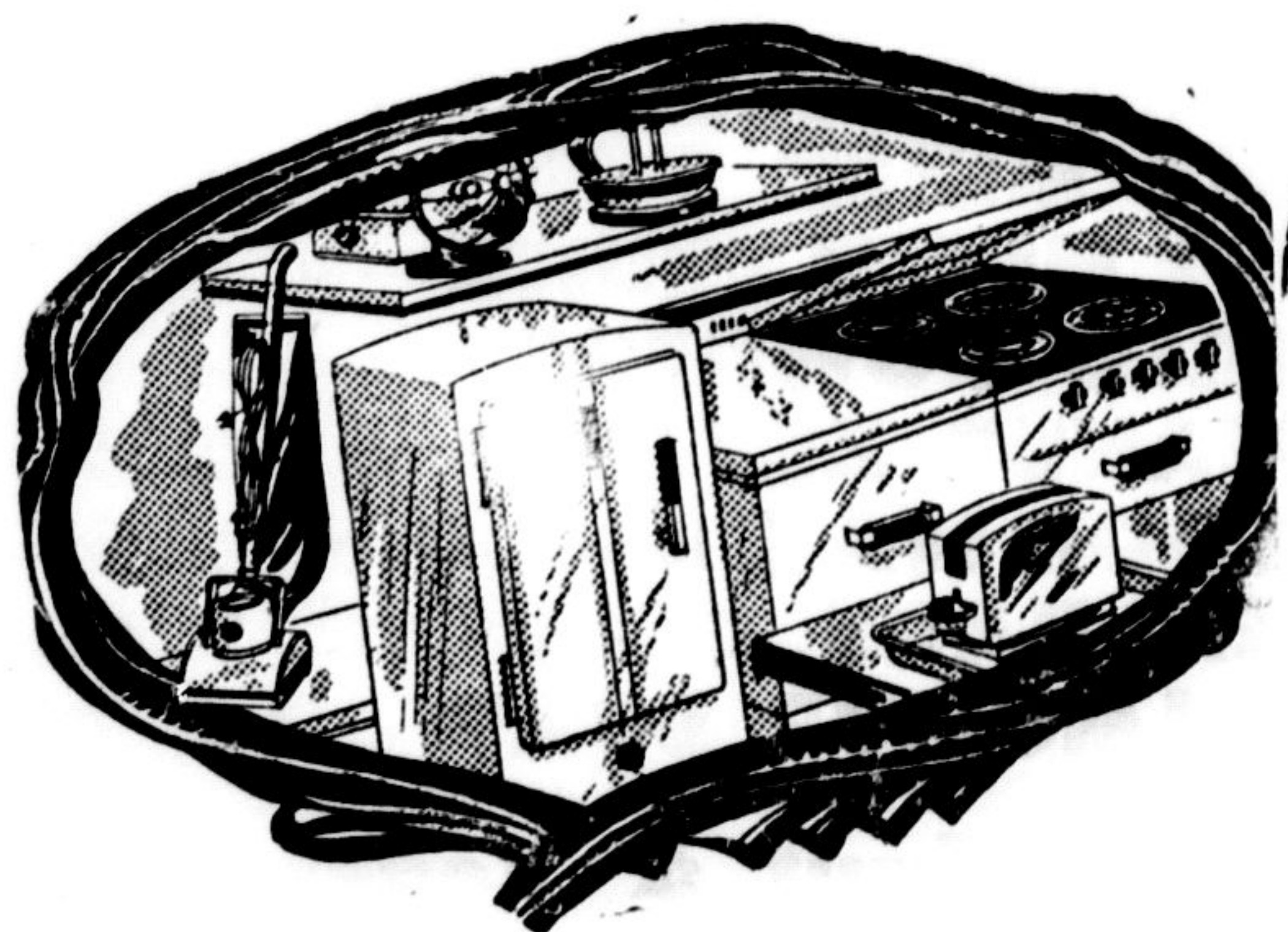
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