



SIGNING UP for the Milton Safety Council Driver Improvement Course is mayor S. G. Childs shown being enrolled by Pete Irwin. Mayor Childs urged citizens to take part in the course whether they were experienced or beginning drivers. "We can all learn more," he said.

LOWVILLE

Hospitalized After Accident Car Hit Ice Patch, Ditched

by Mrs. Keith Coulson
While returning home from a W.M.S. meeting at Port Credit Monday afternoon a car driven by Mrs. Jean Hunt and carrying four passengers was proceeding north on the Guelph Line. It came over a hill by Les Peer's place, hit a patch of ice and went into a spin. The car ended up against a fence in the ditch. Mrs. Olive Coulson suffered a broken pelvis and was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton. Mrs. Eleanor Coulter was taken to Milton District Hospital for observation. Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Gunn were badly bruised but were able to go home. The six month old baby of Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson is in Milton District Hospital. We hope

he will soon be recovered.
Missions Topic
The Young People's Union held their regular meeting at Lowville United Church last Sunday evening with 18 members present. Joanne McArthur was in charge of the meeting, the theme of which was Missions and World Outreach. Mary Jean Coulson gave the call to Worship, Dennis Sinclair read the scripture, Mary Jean Coulson read a story and led in prayer.
Mrs. Nancy Ramshaw gave a talk on the refugee girl that was adopted by the Evening W.M.S. and to which the Young People's Sunday School and Mission Band had contributed.
The group then divided into two groups to discuss Mission projects. The next meeting is to be at the home of Janet Hayward.

14 Piano Students Pass Examinations

The following is a list of successful candidates in examinations held recently by the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto in Milton, Ontario. The names are arranged in order of merit.
Grade VIII Piano: honors, Bruce Galbraith; pass, Lynn McKerr.
Grade VII Piano: First Class Honors, Jill Cannon.
Grade IV Piano: honors, Douglas Navler.
Grade III Piano: First Class Honors, Doreen Carney; pass, Joan Francis, Judy Hardy.
Grade II Piano: honors, Beverley Brandenburg, Marnie Hare (equal); pass, Kathryn Dolby.
Grade I Piano: First Class Honors, Susan Waters; honors, Gwen Francis, John Francis; pass, Charles Reed.

62 Applicants

Sixty-two applications for Canadian citizenship certificates will be heard before Judge W. Cory on February 8 at the Milton Court House.
Two applications will be from Milton. The applicants are Mrs. Vivanna Mauro, 376 Broadway Ave., and Mrs. Zofia (Sofia) Szejner, 39 Martin St.

A car which collided with a parked car at Norval Saturday caused \$150 damage.

Trafalgar council has opened committee meetings to the press and public.

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Tallow Candles, Coal Oil Lamps Preceded Today's Hydro Lighting

The electric current that flows through the hundreds of electrical lines in the Milton of today has wrought dramatic changes from the early days of this century.

Perhaps in National Electrical Week it is a good time to look back that the power of today may be more appreciated.

Coal Oil Lamps
"Halton's Pages of the Past" recorded that "citizens, having emerged from the period of homemade tallow candles to the luxury of coal oil lamps, had become light-conscious and thought it high time some means should be taken to illuminate their streets. . . . Eventually the town fathers took action and a number of coal oil lamps were installed on corner posts. A gentleman known as Tommy Turner was the lamplighter and just before nightfall he made his rounds, filling and lighting the lamps, which were then allowed to burn until the coal oil gave out. That is, on dark nights. On moonlight nights, lamps were not considered necessary at all." Milton eventually replaced its oil lamps with carbon lights mounted on extra high poles.

First Electric Plant
The town's first privately owned electric light plant was down below the hill on Victoria St. Later the plant was installed in a building at the rear of the present creamery. It was run as a private enterprise until January, 1906, when it was taken over as a municipal project.
At that time, a new building was built at a cost of \$8,000 and part of that building now serves as Milne's Sunoco service station on Main St. In those days the lights, or power, was turned off promptly at midnight during the

week and at 11 o'clock on Sundays.
But the municipal plant did not meet the needs of the town for very many years.

Seek Ontario Hydro
In 1912, with a population of 1,804, a September meeting of council approved a by-law calling for ratepayers to vote on obtaining a supply of hydro electric power from the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

Chief agitators for the action was the Milton Board of Trade. In May, a Mr. Yates of the H.E.P.C. discussed supplying power to Milton and there was a big turnout of members to hear him, the Champion of the day reports.
There was almost unanimous support for the establishment of the Hydro supply of power. In October, 1912, the results of the election on the question showed 185 in favor and four opposed to obtaining H.E.P.C. power.

Bright Future
Editor William Pantou wrote of the vote, "Plainly the electors realized that a defeat for the by-law would mean putting an end to the progress which the town has been making latterly. Without power, Milton's advantages of situation, water supply, fire protection, railway connections and shipping facilities would not make her the manner of the rear of the present creamery, which it is hoped she will become."

In October of 1912, it was reported that workmen were busy planting poles with a number already erected on Main St. In January of 1913, it was reported that the hydro electric power would be distributed from the P. L. Robertson factory "and when it comes there will be no more use for the town power house next the town hall, that is,

as a power house. It may be utilized as a fire hall."

Transformers Arrive
By February of 1913, the transformers had arrived and it was expected power to the P. L. Robertson plant would be turned on within 10 days.

In March, 1913, the Champion jubilantly reported, "The power was turned on last Thursday evening and since then the streets have been splendidly lighted. The house services are good but not yet at their best as they will be when certain adjustments have been made. P. L. Robertson Co. Ltd. has the extra power so long badly needed. It is hoped the town will soon secure new industries."

1914 Meeting
The Milton Hydro Electric Commission, as it presently exists, was formed for its first meeting in 1914. There have been many milestones on the path of providing the stream of electricity to Milton industries and homeowners.

In May of 1949, a new central distributing system was opened. By early 1955, all the homes and industries had been converted to 60 cycle power from the former 25 cycle.

Improvements in street lighting have been many and these have perhaps been the most evident illustration of the progress that electricity has brought to Milton.
Next week is National Electrical Week and a good time to remember the tremendous power that flows so quietly through the

miles of wires to Milton homeowners and industries.

—The crowd was mostly from Milton when over 200 celebrated Robbie Burn's birthday at a dance in Brampton Friday, sponsored by the Lorne Scots Pipes and Drums.

—The weather continues to stay cold.

A touch on the horn ring may warn another driver; but it may also frighten a young cyclist into a dangerous wobble. Always use restraint when encountering cyclists, asks the Ontario Safety League.

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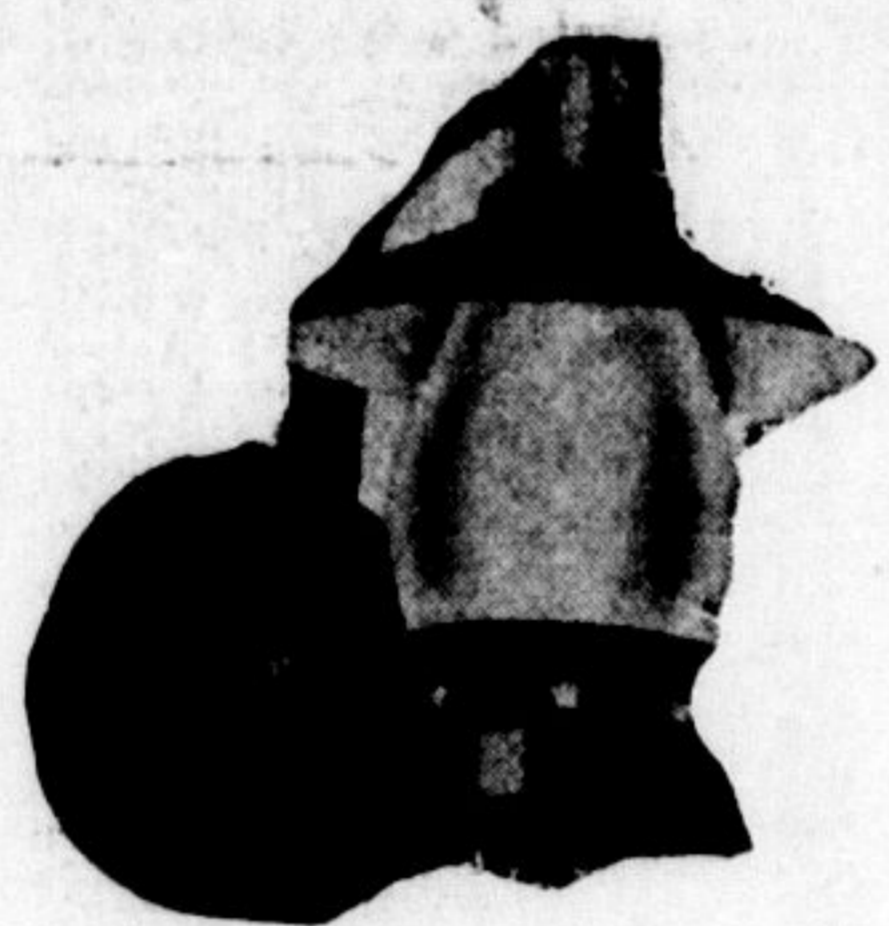
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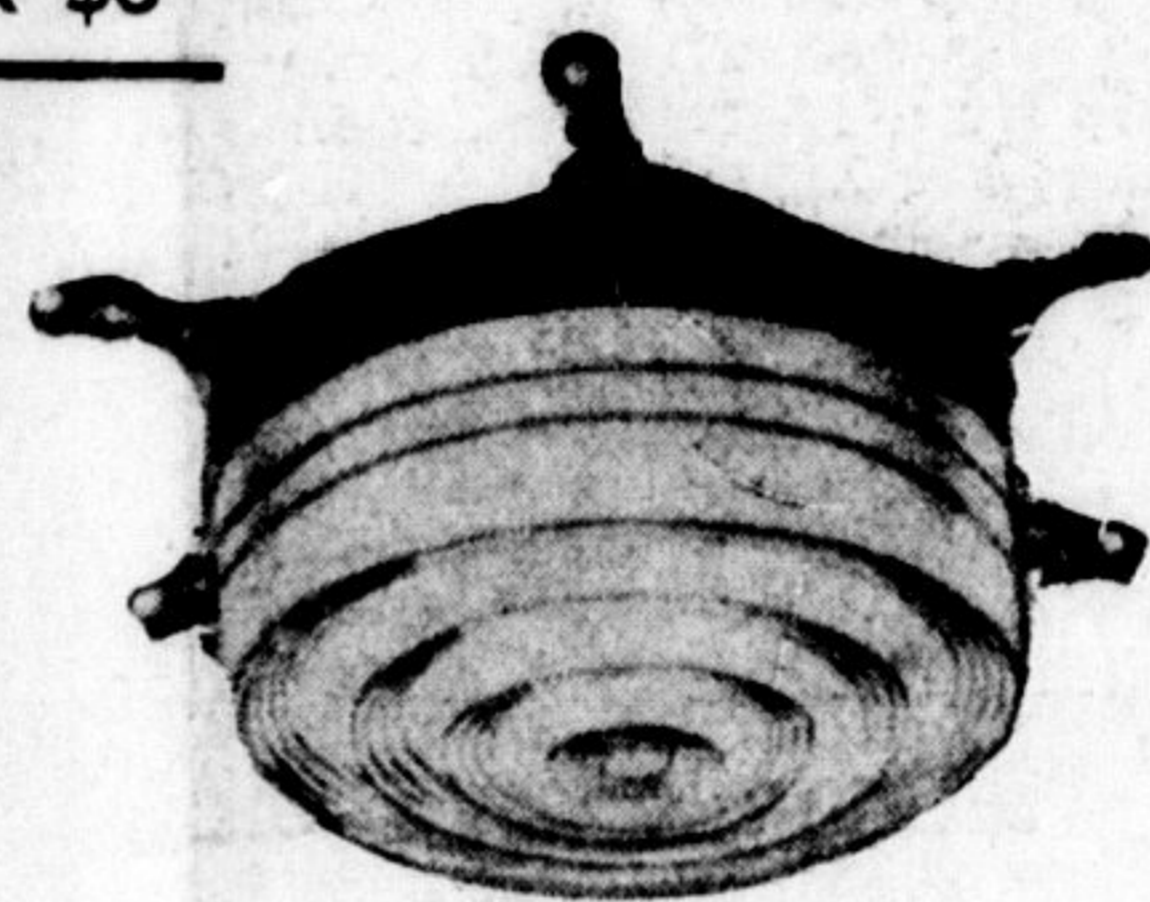
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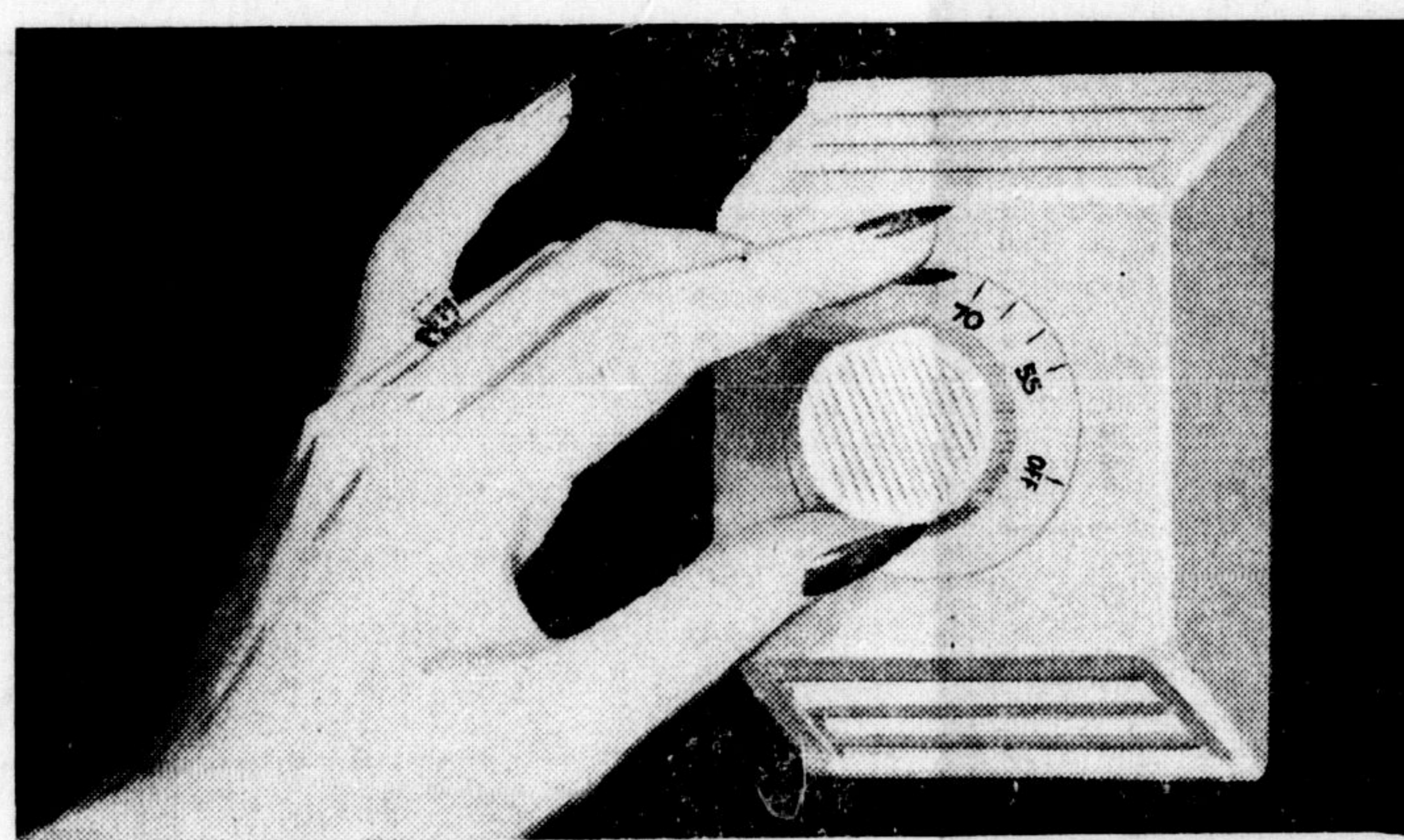
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