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TO SUSPEND LICENSES OF ALL THE RECKLESS DRIVERS

In an address last week at a dinner given in Toronto by the Toronto and York road commission, Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Minister of Highways, said that suspension of the privilege of driving is apparently the only deterrent for reckless driving and as such it is to be applied ruthlessly by the Department of Highways. "Until such time," he said, "as our people generally become seized with the importance and responsibility placed on the driver, I think that we are going to have these accidents. But I am determined that the reckless driver will not continue to drive in this province."

In future, the minister proceeded, the tendency would be to suspend the convicted driver's driving permit rather than fine him. "Men have told me," he said, "that fines were part of the expense of running a car—something to be paid every month. I am going to get those fellows by depriving them of the privilege of driving cars. They think that to drive a car on the highway is their right. We will show them that it is their privilege—and their privilege only so long as they drive with care."

Mr. Henry also told his hearers, who included his fellow-members on the commission and city and county councillors, that the examiners who test applicants for driving permits were being checked this fall and that all incompetents would be displaced. He instanced a case of a rural examiner who had been issuing certificates without examination, thinking he knew all his applicants well enough to pass them. This man, Mr. Henry said, had been dismissed after he, the minister, had sent an officer to apply and the latter had passed without examination.

Clairmont (Alberta) Enterprise.—A correspondent of the Drumheller Mail perpetrates the following: "A couple of skulls an inch thick were recently unearthed at Rockyford and sent to Edmonton without the formality of an election."

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RECORD GATHERING OF THE KIWANIS AT BIGWIN INN

Nearly 600 Enjoy Annual Convention Sponsored by Barrie Club. A Notable Event Last Week

Several from Timmins attended the annual district convention of the Kiwanis at Bigwin Inn, Muskoka, and as there are several Kiwanis clubs in this North with large memberships, the event will be of more than passing importance. The Barrie club was the sponsor of the convention, and the following extracts from the excellent report by The Barrie Examiner should be of interest.

The Examiner says:—"Members of the Barrie Kiwanis Club returned home yesterday from Bigwin after staging what is described by those present as "the biggest and best convention in the history of the Ontario-Quebec-Maritime District." In the praise which was showered so freely upon the Barrie Club, the name of Dr. W. A. Lewis, convention chairman, whose splendid organizing ability and untiring efforts were the biggest factors in putting across the undertaking with such great success, stood out above all others. His work in this respect, as well as his many other contributions to the progress of Kiwanis was recognized by conferring upon him the high honour of Governor of the District. St. John N.B., was chosen as next year's convention city.

"This year's convention was the eleventh annual for the District and the first held outside the cities. When Barrie captured the 1929 convention last year, local delegates assured them that they would see a gathering at Bigwin that they would long remember. Both speakers and members as individuals declared at Bigwin this week that promises had been far more than fulfilled.

"Bigwin, than which there is no finer convention place in Ontario, was seen under the most favourable conditions, a lingering summer atmosphere making weather conditions ideal. The attendance—very close to the 600 mark—was by far the largest in the district. All the forty-one clubs were represented with the exception of Sydney, Cape Breton, delegates being present from Yarmouth, N.S., on the east to Windsor and Sault Ste. Marie on the west. Many interesting reports were presented and several excellent addresses heard. Included in the programme were a number of delightful social features. Many members also availed themselves of the fine facilities for golf, bowling, tennis, sailing, etc. The whole convention was marked by a fine spirit of cordiality and sociability so necessary to make such a gathering a complete success.

"The Barrie Horticultural and Town Improvement Society made a fine contribution to the convention by providing sufficient flowers to place a bouquet in every room—nearly four hundred altogether. Nearly one thousand spikes of gladioli alone were donated.

"The convention proper occupied all Monday and Tuesday. Preceding it a musicale was held Sunday evening in the rotunda. Led by the hotel orchestra, the gathering joined in singing familiar hymns. Two pleasing solos were contributed by Clifton Stewart of Orillia, a clever violinist. The address was made by Rabbi Isserman, who spoke on "The Place of Religion in the Making of a Nation." Dr. L. J. Simpson was in charge of the meeting.

"The convention delegates had two busy days. Business opened at 9:30 Monday morning, with District Governor Andrew G. Gaul, of Hamilton, presiding. Monday morning session continued till 12:30; the afternoon session commenced at 3 and continued till 5, and committee meetings were held between times.

"Tuesday the business sessions made still greater demands upon the time of the delegates, commencing at 8:30 a.m., and continuing with little intermission until 7:30 in the evening, dinner being delayed over an hour in order that the whole of the convention business might be disposed of.

"Fred C. W. Parker, International Secretary of Chicago, Ill., and Roe Fulkerson, of Washington, D. C., editor of the Kiwanis magazine, were present throughout the convention. Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Fulkerson also attended.

"President Gaul in his report stressed the importance of the work being done by every club for underprivileged children and also commented upon what had been done to promote closer relationship between town and country. While there had been no great growth in membership in the district, increased interest had been shown by the larger average attendance at the weekly meetings.

"W. R. Cockburn, Riverdale, in presenting the report on the Bowmanville Boys' Farm, testified to the scheme as one worthy of support, teaching the boys what is best suited to their individual needs.

"Much valuable information for members was given in the reports of the committees and addresses given at the various sessions. At the luncheon on Monday Dr. Roberts of St. John, N. B., spoke on the Maritimes; at the dinner on Monday Roe Fulkerson gave an address on "Catfish" containing much humour and many practical, helpful thoughts. Hon. E. C. Drury was the speaker at Tuesday's luncheon, his subject being "What Can Kiwanis do to Help Agriculture?"

"Great interest was taken in the election of officers which took place at the closing session. For the position of Governor, Isaac McNabb of Peterboro, J. Smyth Carter of Toronto and Dr. Lewis were named. Dr. R. E. Hipwell of Orillia and J. R. Dier of Barrie nominated Dr. Lewis, the former paying a warm tribute to the splendid work his nominee had done for the District. Smyth Carter withdrew. Dr. Lewis won on the first ballot and Mr. McNabb moved to make the election unanimous which was carried amid great applause.

"District Lieutenant-Governors are: Northern, Ralph Taylor, Cobalt; Maritime, James W. Brittain, Saint John, N.B.; Central, Frederick Moore, West Toronto; Eastern, Rev. Wm. J. Johnston, Montreal; Western, A. E. Willard, Galt. Representative to International, Rev. Captain C. E. Jenkins, Brantford; alternate, William Y. Mills, Kingston.

"Some fine exhibits showing the activities of the clubs were on display. That of Barrie emphasized the distribution of milk to undernourished children and the swimming and playground instruction. Orillia's exhibit was excellent. Its objective for 1929 is "to equip and maintain a children's ward in Orillia Hospital." No prizes are offered for these displays, but the judges placed the exhibits in following order of merit: Ottawa, Hamilton, New Liskeard, Kitchener, Brantford, London.

"Windsor and St. John, N.B., were the contestants for next year's convention. Windsor had nearly fifty in attendance and presented the claims of Windsor in a vigorous fashion. St. John, with a comparatively small number of delegates, asked support on the ground that the convention had never been held in the Maritimes, and that seven of the eleven conventions held had been in Ontario. With only four clubs in the Maritimes, and these widely separated, they were carrying on under difficulties. They believed the convention would be an inspiration to them and would be reflected in much Kiwanis expansion in their part of the district. Their plea prevailed with the delegates and so the 1930 gathering will be by the Bay of Fundy.

"At the banquet Tuesday night, the various trophies were presented to the winners and there were several other presentations. Mrs. Fred Parker and Mrs. Rose Fulkerson each received a handsome purse. Mrs. Parker, in replying said she quite lost her heart to Barrie when passing through the town and would long have pleasant memories of its people. A silver platter was presented to Mrs. J. R. Dier, convener of the women's committee and a leather bag to Mrs. Geo. Hubbard, vice-convener. Mrs. Dier, in extending thanks, testified to the excellent support she had received from members of the committee.

"Governor Gaul and Mrs. Gaul were the recipients of a very handsome silver tea service."

People Should Read the Press for Mining News

The following thoughtful and helpful editorial was published in The Perth Expositor last week. It is along the right lines though to many in the south the attitude will be a new one for a weekly newspaper to take. The editorial is well worth while alone for the one illuminating and pointed sentence, "The more money that is brought into our mining industry, the more abounding will be the opportunities for the employment of labour and for the profitable investment of savings." The Perth Expositor says:—

"If every grown-up person in Ontario took as keen an interest in the Province's wonderful mineral resources as do thousands of people living in the United States, in the United Kingdom and other countries, the development of those resources would today be in a much more advanced state. By taking a keen interest we do not mean reckless plunging into speculation in mining stocks. The great mass of our people ought, for their credit as citizens of this Province, to be far better informed about the results of prospecting and productive operations in our mining fields than they are. If they were better informed they would talk more about the yield of our mines and help to create an enthusiasm in investment circles in our own country and elsewhere. There is no lack of publicity given to our mining industry by the press. Competent newspapermen are employed to keep in touch with the mining centres and to report all that transpires there. As the time passes hundreds of millions of dollars of new capital will be applied to the mining of gold, silver, nickel and other minerals in Northern Ontario. It is hoped that deposits of high-grade iron ore will be stumbled on in that part of the Province in the not distant future. People should read what the newspapers publish about our mining region. They will find it highly educative to themselves and conducive to their usefulness as forwarders of Ontario's progress. The more money that is brought into our mining industry, the more abounding will be the opportunities for the employment of labour and for the profitable investment of savings. The people of all the Canadian Provinces must make the most of their natural industries. Happily they all have natural resources that are capable of immense development and of vast wealth production. It is to be regretted that the country has not a national policy that would enable workers who depend upon the manufacturing industries to earn the money expended by the mining and other natural industries of the country in the purchase of plant and equipment. Of this money a very great part is lost to Canada because of the successful competition of manufacturers in the United States, who are enabled to capture this market because of the lack of protection. The more millions that are applied to the mining industry of Ontario the greater will be the volume of expenditure upon mining equipment, supplies, etc. Canadian artisans ought to be the chief beneficiaries of this outlay. The bonus on iron ore, proposed by the Ferguson Government, should give a big boost to mining in this province."

In referring to a boxing bout to be held at Kirkland Lake to-morrow (Friday) evening, The Northern News says:—"Bud Laroque has been matched to meet Frenchy Morris, the fast Timmins boy. Both boys are well known as fast boxers and willing mixers and a good bout is assured." The feature bout for the evening will be one between Kid Williams, of Kirkland Lake, and Harold Upper, of St. Catharines, noted as a top-notch in the welter-weight class in Ontario.

Toronto Mail and Empire.—How are the mighty fallen! At Greta Green the civic service clubs have to invite couples to be married at the old forge where romance flouted irate parents in the by-gones. The kirk and law have spoiled the romances.

Sudbury Star.—A new cooling system installed in the Senate Chamber in Washington is as effective as the melting of 175 tons of ice daily. This should condense quite a lot of hot air.

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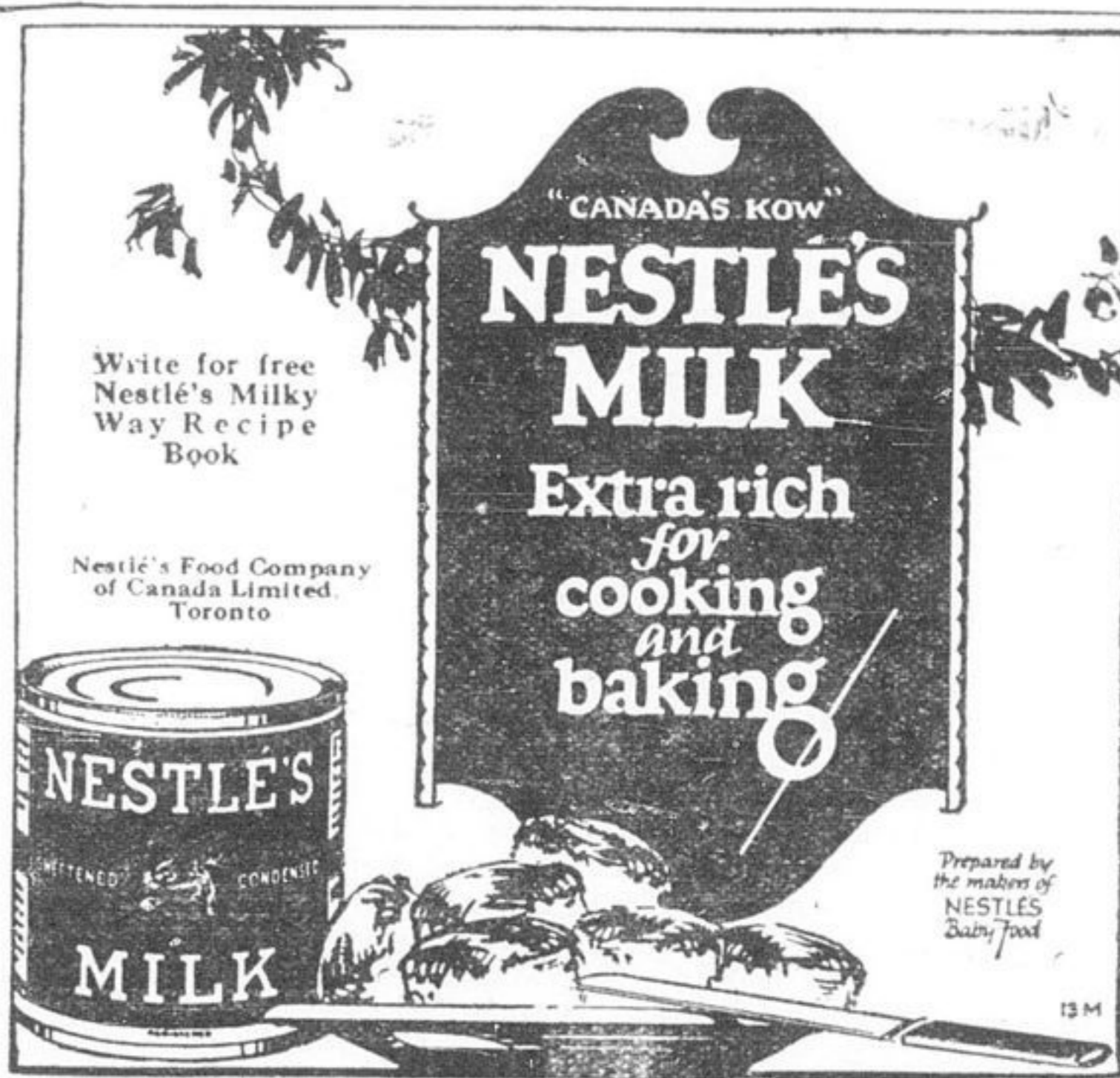
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