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SAFETY AT THE RIVER

...... Recently The Advance urged the appointment again this year of a lifeguard at the river. Last year Oscar Robertson, serving as lifeguard, rescued a number from untimely death, and for this reason the town council was fully justified in rethe appointment has been justified by results-a life being saved from drowning yesterday. Even the saving of one life appears ample justification for the comparatively small expenditure entailed, for the lives and safety of the people should always be the chief concern of the authorities. With a lifeguard at the river there is a feeling of confidence that with the large number daily using the river for bathing purposes during the hot weather there will not be a sad roll of deaths by drowning. Already there have been six deaths by drowning in the district and it seems only right that every possible precaution should be taken to prevent any further deaths of this kind.

There still remains, however, a very serious menace to public safety at the river, and something should be done about it. This serious menace is the speeding of motor boats among the bathers. Last week one man had his head cut open by being struck by one of the motor boats among the swimmers. Lifeguard Robertson gave the injured man first aid, and then took steps to learn the identity of the owner of the motor boat that ran down the swimmer. The injured man commented that he was very lucky to escape with a split head. He was right in this, his escape from death being uncomfortably close. Later in the week a local lady swimming in the river had a very narrow escape from injury or death from another motor boat. This motor boat was speeding along and, looking towards shore, the driver did not see the swimmer, who was making strenuous efforts to avoid the boat. It is regrettable that these two cases are not isolated ones. Instead, it is a common thing to see swimmers have narrow escapes from the activity of the motor boats. With miles upon miles of river for the use of the motor boats, it seems only common sense that the boats should avoid the part of the river reserved for swimming. At the times when it is absolutely necessary for this part of the river to be used by motor boats, the latter should at least proceed very slowly and exercise the greatest care and watchfulness. Yet the fact seems to be that some motor boat operators confine their activities to the part of the river where the swimmers are congregated. Whether this is from thoughtlessness, or from a desire to be seen, the practice should be stopped. It should be stopped before some one is seriously injured or an unnecessary death occurs. Indeed, it is not too much to say that the practice is going to be stopped. The temper of the people using the river for swimming has been aroused, and either the danger to swimmers will be removed by the good sense of the motorboat operators, or public safety will be assured by rigorous application of the law. While they are at it the motor boat operators might well include the matter of unnecessary noise, and play fair with the public in this respect. While the senseless practice of running motor boats with mufflers wide open does not menace life, like the habit of speeding up and down among the swimmers, it certainly is an offence against good taste. The noise of the motor boats makes conversation almost impossible to others at the river. It would be easy for the motor boats to avoid this nuisance, and it would show a proper consideration for others. If those operating motor boats imagine that their noise or reckless speeding attracts any admiration, they are badly mistaken. Instead, the comments made are all most uncomplimentary and harsh. It is true that all motor boat owners do not offend in the ways indicated. Some show the greatest consideration and good judgment in their attitude towards others. These are the ones who are noted with admiration. Further, the careful motor boat operators show that they may enjoy much pleasure and recreation without endangering the lives of others or causing annoyance by unnecessary noise. Unless all motor boat drivers join this group of good fellows, there will be tragedy inevitable, and just as inevitably there will be punish- dead. ment for the offenders.

YOUTH AND EYESIGHT

The Ontario Department of Education for some time past has been paying special attention to the matter of the eyesight of school pupils, and earnestly seeking ways and means for the protection of the eyes of the young so far as that desired end may be accomplished in the schools. Recent reports are that the Ontario Department of Educa- of the quintuplets, but the anniversary of the baby years in the service. On is way north, some work with William Cody, North time for a few minutes, especially some tion has made considerable progress in the mat- brother would never have been featured in ter, and plans are under way for further effort for daily newspapers if he had not been the youngest what is termed "sight-saving." One of the mat- near relative of the famous five. ters that technical experts have stressed is that the glare of white chalk on blackboards may be injurious to children whose eyesight is deficient. costing the United States \$250,000 a day. If so, it left by motor on Saturday. Mr. Re- extended holiday for many years froms a few minutes and at a velocity seldom To overcome this, experiments are now being car- would seem that the United States could "save" mus will return to town some time to- his onerous duties with the Northern reached in these parts. Heavy rain fell ried on with different colour combinations with hundreds of its citizens for so many dollars daily, for an extended holiday in a few weeks, couple of months.

the idea of securing the most desirable combination for "blackboard" purposes. Lighting of rooms. position of books on desks and other similar matters are being given very careful study, while teachers are being encouraged to watch for signs of defective sight handicapping the child. It has been found that children once carelessly considered as slow or stupid, are in reality held back by. defective vision. It is possible that eventually the efforts of the Ontario Department of Education will result in some form of regular inspection and examination of the eyesight of all pupils.

Most thoughtful people will be inclined to praise the Department of Education for its special attention and consideration in the matter of eyesight. No one doubts the value of good eyesight. At the same time no one can easily believe that the eyesight of childrn of to-day is as good as it should be. Anyone noting the number of children wearing appointing Mr. Robertson as lifeguard, Already | glasses will be impressed with the need for attention to the eyesight of youth. It may be argued that the very fact that so many youngsters are wearing glasses is simply proof that more attention is being paid to good eyesight. It is an understood fact that thousands of children to-day are being benefitted by the use of proper glasses, while youngsters a generation ago had to suffer for need of these scientific aids to sight. To grant all this and to admit the full value of the use of glasses to aid eyesight, however, still leaves the fact that defective vision and poor eyes are all too common. What are the underlying causes for the general prevalence of defective eyesight? Is it the regular use of electric light? Or the motion picture habit? Is it the lack of protection on occasion from the sun's glare? Or the glare of snow? Is it due to wrong habits, or diet, or other general cause?

The Ontario Department of Education naturally must deal with conditions as they are and seek improvements and amelioration along the line of existing circumstances. It would be well, however, if the Department could extend its studies and experiments to determine whether something may not be done to remedy actual causes and origins in the matter of defective eyesight, so that future generations may enjoy the best possible measure of good eyesight by natural right.

At an inquest held last week at Kirkland Lake to enquire into the death of Mrs. Edna Row, of Barrie, who lost her life in an automobile accident on the Ferguson highway, the jury decided that the death was accidental and that no blame was attached to the driver of the car, the husband of the woman who lost her life in the mishap. In arriving at this verdict, the jury appeared to be largely influenced by the evidence of a mechanic employed at a garage near the scene of the accident. The testimony of the mechanic was to the effect that when he had examined the car after the accident he found the two front springs broken, the tie-rod buckled and the left front wheel jammed. In his opinion the rough road at that particular spot had probably bent the tie-rod and thrown the car H. B. Rigg, of 263 Maple street northout of control. He added that such a thing had a son happened to three other cars in that vicinity this year. In view of this carefully considered evidence, the jury seemed fully warranted in relieving the driver of the car from all blame. It might have been permissible for the jury to go further and charge neglect of the roadway with responsibility for the accident. If those responsible for road conditions causing fatal accidents were prosecuted ly left to-day on a holiday trip to Nova for manslaughter, there might be more attention | Scotia given to the roads. The day may come when governments may be called as closely to account for Dianne, and son, Carlyle, left on Fridangerous road conditions as section employees have been in the past for faults on railway tracks. In the meantime, there is also a lesson in the evi- Patricia, left by motor last week to visit dence for some in Timmins. If the bumping given that car on the rough road near Kirkland Lake would cause broken springs, bent tie-rod and Lindsay and other points south jammed wheel, would not the rougher bumping given so many cars in Timmins during the Old Home Week festivities tend to damage likely to cause serious accidents? With the condition of roads in the North causing damage to cars in ways liable to result in tragedy, it seems the sensible plan not to duplicate undesired conditions by wanton attack on cars. It may be answered that the "car bumpers" here had no thought of any serious consequences from their fun. The reply to that is that the government by the same token was without the slightest thought that neglect of the roads might lead to disaster and death.

"Is this Toronto?" a United States tourist is quoted as saying when he reached Grimsby, Ont. There was a time when Grimsby did not seem that

Mayor Bartleman is doing a little public howling real, who have been visiting Mr. about the alleged extravagance of the public school board, the intention, perhaps, being the hope of Matachewan before returning to their and Mr. and Mrs. Platts left during the diverting attention from expenditures for which home the mayor himself will be held responsible.

Now to the "wife of Bernard Shaw," and the 'husband of Mrs. Pankhurst' is added "the baby brother of the Quintuplets." Everybody has heard

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Miss Barbaar Aubert, of Englehart

Miss Myrtle Ellis is on a visit to he mother at Englehart

wo weeks' vacation to his family in

Mrs. John Knox left by motor on Saturday for her'summer cottage in

Mrs. Black and her two little daughters, Kathryn, and Marjorie, left on Friday or a holiday to Gravenhurst.

Mrs. C. T. Munn has returned from ner holiday to Madoc

Born-on July 9th, to Mr. and Mr.

Born-on July 9th to Mr. and Mr Leonard Dunn of 941/2 Preston avenue -a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Drew and family left by motor for their summer some a Port Bolster, Lake Simcoe, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Farnan and fam-

day to visit in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Carson and daughter

in Ottawa and points south. Mr. A. W. Pickering motored

oft by motor Saturday evening for two weeks' holiday in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton.

Timmins, left on Saturday by motor for West Lakevale, Nova Scotia, where they will spend the next two months on vacation.

Mrs. W. H. Griffin (formerly Mis-Edna Essa), and her two children, of Toronto, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Morris Daher, 15 Pine street south.

Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and young son, Gary, left on Sunday morning for Niagara Falls. Mr. Moore's mother, who has been ill for several months, is reported to be very critically ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerge Carson, of Mont-Mrs. Fred Wolno over Old Home W left this morning for Kirkland Lake and

J. A. Shangraw, Williamsport, Penn-Mrs. Walker for a few days. Mr. ed Saturday night from a two-weeks' buildings were shifted on their founda-Shangraw is an engineer on New York holiday spent in the North Bay district. I tions. Residents of Cobalt and North Central Railroad and when he finishes Mr. Boudreau visited Callander and saw Cobalt picnicking at the Old Mission this year, he will have completed 50 the Dionne Quintuplets as well as doing when the storm blew up had an anxious Mr. Shangraw attended the annual Bay game warden. Shriners' Convention in Detroit.

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MISCELLANEOUS

FOR RENT

275 Elm North.

CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION-GOOD homes desired for children, boys and girls, Catholic and Protestant, ages 4 to 14 years. Any home desiring to adopt a youngster should have their clergyman write A. G. Carson Supt. Children's Aid, Timmins, Ont

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That essential is SAFETY. Above everything, your home must be safe One of the great virtues of the Home be fire-proofed, or partially so at least Improvement Plan is that it can help by the use of fireproof insulating mayou to make it so.

been drawn to the attention of Canadians from almost every angle. The ex- of the house which no one visits, unthe Home Improvement Plan has been stressed. Numerous, reasons, and excellent reasons, for seizing this opportunity have been offered.

But until now no great emphasis has been laid on what is certainly one of the most, if not the most, urgent reasons for home survey, and if neessary. home repair and improvement. This reason is summarized in the single word "Safety."

Never before has the average citizen enjoyed a better opportunity to obwill reduce or eliminate fire hazards. be done, do it. The Home Improvement Under the terms of the Home Improve- Plan can help you. ment Plan, funds are available to the nomeowner which can be utilized to make the home safe against a menace which year after year exacts its tremendous toll in human lives and material wealth from this Dominion. You may think that there is little or no possibility of your home catching fire.

But do you know? It is well known that a portion of losses from fire may be traced to faulty construction. Obvious faults of design, inadequately protected electric wires and kindred mistakes contribute their share to this ghastly annual bonfire. But there is another factor which should be emphasized. It is the human element. People frequently ask their electric wiring to carry a higher load of current than it should. If the cord connecting the lamp or radio with the outlet is not long enough, they extend it. They may or may not do it properly, If not it, as well as the overloaded

wiring, is a fire hazard. Again, to illustrate, in some kitchens where coal and wood are burned the stovepipe leads to a fire hazard chimney, perchance balanced uncertainly on a wooden bracket. Or if the fuel for cooking is gas, the pipe joints, and burners in the stove may not have been checked for years. Chimneys may have never been cleaned or cleaned so rarely that they are a source of danger. Your home may be beautiful and comfortable, but is it safe? And, if not shouldnt it be made so?

Where does the Home Improvement Plan come into this picture? Well, in the first place, and on the proven principle that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," why not have competent electrical contractor go over your wiring and general installation? Tell him all about the apparatus you use-stove, heaters, lights, iron, toaster, etc. This will enable him to estimate the load you are carrying. If he suggests changes-the Home Improvement Plan stands ready to assist you in making them.

If you burn gas or coal, a similar inpection followed by necessary repair

Misses Jean and Annie McColeman week-end to spend a two weeks' holiday at Huntsville

Shirley Remus is holidaying at Wednesday, and sailed on Saturday for were several vivid flashes of lightning Golden Lake, near Pembroke, and will the Old Country. It is twenty-five close by, no damage from this source be joined by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Remus years since Mr. Faithful last visited the was reported. All loss was due to the and their other daughter, Joan, who land of his birth. This is also his first wind, which blew with cyclonic fury for day, but will go back to Golden Lake Ontario Power Co. He will be away a in some sections but only for a brief

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

FOR SALE-Four-roomed house at 125 Hollinger Lane. Cheap for cash. Apply J. Daly, 125 Hollinger Lane.

HOUSE FOR SALE-Eight rooms-2 apartments. Candy store and barber shop in front. Cement foundation. All conveniences. Apply at 169 Birch Street South, Timmins. -53-54p

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FOR SALE

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and improvements is in order. Your Timmins within the next few days for entire heating plant, including the three weeks training under government chimney, should be checked over, and summer is good time to do it. Faulty Orillia. Any person going South with chimneys have caused a lot of fires. And remember, if your contractor tells phone the High School, 299, for paryou repairs or improvements should be ticulars. made, it is no solution to shut your eyes and trust to luck. The real solution, in many cases, is the Home Improvement to bring one or more back please phone

Insulation is a real help. Homes can terials and shingles. If you look into The importance and real value of the matter you will find that many, home repairs and improvement has very many fires start in attics, or in that unfinished wooden loft at the top ceptional opportunity to make such re- less necessity drives them to it. They pairs and improvements opened up by start, no one knows why, but a fire in a dry attic means trouble, unless the And whispered "Peace be thine." attic is fire-proofed.

Fire sometimes starts in oily rags, By the valley of rest so fair, or among piles of papers. A fire-proof | Some time, some day, we know not storage closet for oil mops and such things is safety equipment. Installation | We will meet our loved one there. of fire-resisting material around or over the furnace eliminates another possible source of danger.

Check your home for fire hazards. Do it to-day. No truer maxim was ever written than "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." And retain improvements to his home which member, if you find work which must

Death and Damage in Storm at Ville Marie

the Ontario Side by Freak Storm.

Haileybury, July 12-(Special to The Advance)—One man was so seriously injured that he died the following day and heavy damage was done to property on the Quebec side of Lake Temiskaming in the freak storm which passed over the Ville Marie section of the district last Wednesday evening, according to reports brought here at the week-end by farmers attending the local market. James Doherty, of that area, stated that in his section eleven barns had been blown down and a big brick school at Ville Marie also seriously damaged. The dead man was named Plaunt, the reports stated, and apparently he had been fatally injured in the wreck of his barn. He died on Thursday, the correspondent was told, The steel framework supporting the roof of the school was twisted out of shape and a big skylight on the roof was blown off, Mr. Doherty related. Mr.

Doherty also told of the miraculous escape of one farm family whose home was struck by a piece of the roof from another barn blown with force against their place and within a few inches of where they were seated. This material had come a quarter of a mile on the wings of the gale, it was stated, and when it hit the other house it struck between the door and a window, beside which was set the table on which the family supper was laid. Members of the household were eating when the remnant of the roof hit, but nobody was hurt.

Some damage also was done on the Ontario side, with the buildings on the farm of A. J. Murphy, Latchford lumberman, suffering most. Mr. Murphy, whose farm is on the Silver Centre road, placed his loss at \$3,000. Approximately a quarter of the roof of one barn was ripped off, another barn about 25 by 40 feet in size, was moved sideways and so badly twisted it may have to be rebuilt, another was racked Phil Boudreau, game warden, return- by the wind and two or three smaller who chanced to be in boats when the gale broke.

Mr. J. W. Faithful left Timmins last | Strangely enough, although there period, and one dairyman of the dis-

WANTED TO RENT

WANTED TO RENT IN SCHUMACH-ER-Unfurnished apartment, flat, or small house, yearly lease, by married couple without children. Reply stating rent and conveniences to Box D. M. The Porcupine Advance, 53-54-55p

HELP WANTED

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TRANSPORTATION WANTED

Seven High School boys are leaving auspices at Lake Couchiching near room for one or more boys will please

The next week 5 boys will be returning from the same camp. Anyone able the High School.

IN MEMORIAM

BLACKMAN—In loving memory of our darling son, Alfie, who passed away July 13th, 1932, aged 14 years. God knew that he was suffering

That the hills were hard to climb. So He closed his weary eyelids Away in the beautiful hills of God,

—Sadly missed by Mother and Dad.

IN MEMORIAM

STEPHENS-In loving memory of our dear husband and father. Richard (Dick) Stephens, who passed away July 9th, 1932.

To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die. -Ever remembered by his wife and

rict said that all that descended, while it was welcome, did little more than re-Some Damage Also Done on fresh the crops. Apparently, the storm cut a fairly narrow swath as it tore across country after coming out of the west about six o'clock, but passengers on the train passing through here an hour later reported there had been rain encountered most of the time since leaving Porquis Junction.

> Hearken to the Evidence-H. Russell Wakefield-The eerie power of this story of murder, greed, sin and retribution gives it the terror and immediacy of a murder in the house next door

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